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Collingwood Forges to the Front
New Post Office Opens at Joyce Road
P. Burns & Co. See Districts Prospects

Development in the Joyce Road district, Collingwood, during the past fortnight marks a mile stone in the progress of South Vancouver. Largely through the public spiritedness of Mr. A. M. Beattie, a new post office has been opened at the terminus of Kingsway.

The new post office will be named "Joyce," after Mr. Joyce, an old and highly respected citizen of the community.

Mr. Beattie has been appointed post master and he has fitted up an office for the handling of the business of the Federal post office department which is a credit to the municipality. One hundred postal boxes with automatic locks have been installed, together with a big and expensive safe which will no doubt offer security against marauders.

The store in which Mr. Beattie has placed Joyce post office has been remodelled and stocked with an expensive line of stationery much to the convenience of the residents of the section and to the 800 school children who pass that point several times a day.

Captain James McLean, well known throughout South Vancouver, has been placed in charge as Deputy Post Master.

Mr. A. M. Beattie is a heavy property owner in the district and has done in the past a great deal for Collingwood's development. He owns six fine stores near the Joyce post office and adjoining the new government station. P. Burns and Company have leased one of the stores and will put in a complete line of meats of the first class which will be retailed—and Collingwood people will welcome this fact—at Vancouver prices.

Collingwood Notes and Comments

Mrs. Robert Telford, Wellington Avenue West, entertained a lawn croquet party on Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were Miss Draper, of Patterson, Miss Bessie Todrick, Miss Margaret Reid, Miss Dorothy Bowman, Mrs. Boe, of North Vancouver, Mrs. T. Toddrick, Miss Clark, Mrs. C. Bailey and Miss Telford. Ice cream and light refreshments were served on the verandah.

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Members of the executive of the Women's Institute, Central Park, met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Bell, Patterson, on Tuesday evening to make arrangements for exhibiting at the autumn fairs.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, 46th Avenue, recently entertained a few friends to cards and refreshments.

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Miss L. Scarlette, who has been training in the General Hospital for several months, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Monday evening.

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Mr. J. H. Bowman, of Collingwood, was successful in having his design for a new school in North Burnaby elected by the board at their meeting this week. There were in all 37 competitive plans submitted. Mr. Giles, supervisor of school buildings for the Vancouver School Board, assisted the board in making a choice. Mr. Bowman's design provided for a school to be built in separate units, each unit representing a finished building of the Elizabethan style. The plans were considered on merits only, the names of the architects being unknown until the board had arrived at a final decision.

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The "mothers" meetings, which have been discontinued for the season, were very successful. Great interest was manifest at these meetings and those attending expressed their regret at their discontinuance. One hundred persons attended the closing meeting, when a first class concert was given. Among the subjects taken up during the season, a competent person speaking on each occasion, were: "School Law," "Comparison of Canadian and English schools," "Health," "Girlhood" and "Boyhood."

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Mrs. Hiram Staley is visiting relations in Bellingham.

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Mr. Richard Rodgers and his sister, Miss Rodgers, have taken a home and are moving in this week.

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Members of the Relief Committee of the Kingsway Auxiliary are collecting clothes to make over for children.

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Mrs. J. E. Shearer of School and Joyce Streets entertained a card party of young people on Tuesday evening. Music and light refreshments mixed with the entertainment.

BEACONSFIELD

The anniversary services of the Beaconsfield Methodist Church were held last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Sipprel preaching in the morning and Rev. Mr. Stapleford in the evening. On Monday evening a concert and excellent numbers was given and a supper was supplied by the Ladies' Aid.

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Mrs. H. A. Bell is receiving a visit from her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Kyle, of Arlington, Washington.

The Girls' Club recently celebrated their annual closing by a banquet when they were entertained by Mrs. Jacks, Kingsway, a number of young men were guests of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Alberta are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, of 22nd Avenue.

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The many friends of Mr. Charles Cameron will be pleased to learn that he is improving rapidly in health.

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Mr. Ernest Snow and Mrs. Snow will move into their new residence, corner of Thirty-ninth Avenue and Main Street, which they bought from the Alert Realty Company about the middle of the month. Mr. Snow is a boss carpenter on the C. P. R. hotel in Vancouver.

Ex-Reeve Kerr Speaks Before Gathering of Ward 1 Electors

"I consider my Previous Experience will be of Material Assistance to the Present Council; I intend to Work in Harmony With Them," He said.

Ex-Reeve Kerr spoke at the meeting of Ward I Ratepayers' in Carleton Hall on Wednesday evening. He gave reasons why he was in the field, saying in part. "I was defeated at the last election by misrepresentation, emanating principally from my opponent, Ex-councillor Gold. I consider my previous experience will be of material advantage to the present council. My intention is to help the present council to work in harmony in transacting the business of the municipality. My policy is the same as outlined in the early part of the year. I do not believe in entire retrenchment. Necessary work should be done in the municipality, which needs both improvements and work for the working men." In criticising his opponent, Mr. Gold, Mr. Kerr referred to him as having caused opposition during the past ten months and having made many misrepresentations, and said that he had no doubt that many people voted against himself because they believed statements of Mr. Gold. With reference to attempts to break the Main Street Contract he said, "I would like to ask Mr. Gold if it is true, as reported, that he has offered the representative of another paving company part of the paving of Main Street if he would assist him in breaking the contract, which led to the famous dictaphone report of Ex-Councillor Third's alleged statement. With regard to Mr. Gold's attack on the last council accusing them of crooked work in connection with the reduction of the water rates, according to figures given out by the water department of 1914, the revenue from water is paying all expenses and half the interest and sinking fund and I think it is only fair that ratepayers, who are owners of vacant property, should pay a part of the interest and sinking fund. I believe these commodities should be given to citizens as cheaply as possible and that we should not work for the classes but the masses." In closing, Mr. Kerr said that if he was elected, as he expected to be, he would serve the best interests of the municipality.

Councillor Rutledge, one of the delegation that asked the Bank of Commerce on Wednesday to continue the draining on Main from Bodwell south, reported favorably at this meeting.

CANDIDATES—ATTENTION!

The publishers of the "Chinook" hereby extend to the candidates in the present reeveship contest, and the candidates in Ward Five, any space they may desire in the next issue of the paper, which will be printed on the evening of May 13, for discussion of the various issues before the people at this time. The copy must be supplied by the candidates or their friends and must be in the hands of the printer by noon Tuesday. It is hoped to place a copy of next week's paper in the hands of every South Vancouver voter. This offer is being made with the hope that the municipality will benefit from a vote on May 16 based absolutely on the merits of the policies of the various candidates.

Annexation Looms Large On The Municipal Horizon

South Vancouver and Point Grey along with City Discuss Ways and Means of Bringing About "Greater Vancouver"

Several times the people of South Vancouver have unanimously expressed themselves to the Government of British Columbia as being desirous of annexation to Vancouver. The people of Vancouver have agreeable to an amalgamation.

Premier McBride and his government have repeatedly refused to grant the wishes of the people of South Vancouver and the city. They have set at defiance the wishes of the people. Several times have they refused to even consider the desires of the Greater Vancouver in this connection. In doing this they have established a new order in the matter of responsible government—an order where the will of the people counts for nothing.

All the bitterness, quarelling, waste and nonsense which South Vancouver has suffered in the past two or three years might have been avoided had the government wisely granted annexation. The present degrading conditions of affairs can be blamed almost directly upon the Provincial Government.

Annexation would, at the present time, be a panacea for many of the ills South Vancouver, as a community, is suffering.

A subject that is looming up large on the municipal horizon at the present time, is that of annexation, in the carrying out of the Greater Vancouver idea. The Point Grey council have an annexation committee, whose duty it is to carefully study this question, in order to arrange for terms that will be suitable to the inhabitants of the municipality, and to see that while joining hands with the City of Vancouver the interests of Point Grey are duly protected.

This committee have had several meetings, at which the subject was threshed out in detail; the South Vancouver council have been consulted, and a conference has been held with the city council. The subject has, therefore, advanced into the region of practical politics, and it is considered likely, that favorable terms having been arranged, annexation would, in all probability, be accomplished next year.

The problem of annexation has also been discussed at several of the local ratepayers' associations, where the general opinion has been expressed, that it is time the council took the ratepayers into their confidence, and explained the idea upon which it is considered that annexation should take place, and also to find out the feeling of the electors upon the matter. As yet, it has simply been taken for granted that annexation is a desirable thing to achieve, but no one can say for certain what really is the opinion of the electorate in Point Grey.

Everyone must admit that the scheme to bring about a Greater Vancouver is a splendid one, but whether this should take the form of annexation, and all the communities within the specified area come under one head, is quite another thing. Is it a certainty that a centralized government would be the best for the community? That is a question which ought to be dealt with very carefully, and every phase of it gone into thoroughly. Can terms be arranged under which the whole of the interests of the municipalities would be fully protected, or is there a chance that in bringing about the amalgamation loop-holes will be left that may in the future prove a source of endless conflict?

The Point Grey "Gazette" says: It seems to us that a better plan in bringing about a Greater Vancouver, would be to carry it through on the county council basis. Let each municipality govern its own local affairs, and also let matters of common interest be dealt with by the central governing body. In other words, the plan would be similar to that in vogue in governing the Dominion of Canada. Under that system the provinces look after their own internal affairs, the Dominion Parliament legislating upon matters of common interest to the whole country.

Councillor Wells has long been an advocate of the County Council scheme, holding that while in favor of the Greater Vancouver idea it could be brought about better under this system than by means of annexation. This is a subject of great importance to the whole community, and should be dealt with in a calm and dispassionate manner, for once the step is taken there is no backing out of it again.

Sentiment, we think, plays a great part in the Greater Vancouver idea. Its very magnitude appeals to one, and it can easily be seen that there is much to commend it. But the question arises, can not the very same advantages and benefits be obtained under the County Council scheme, without any of its disadvantages? It seems to us to be very doubtful whether the outlying parts of such a huge area will at all times get the same consideration as would be the case if they were still being governed as separate communities

Under the plan we have sketched, all local matters would be carried on as at present by the respective municipal councils, only those appertaining to the general community being subject to the central body. Such things as main roads, the water and sewerage systems, the floatation of loans, waterways, transportation services, and any similar matters that affect the community as a whole, would of course, be dealt with by the central body, but purely local subjects would still be governed by the respective municipal councils as at present.

One great argument in favor of annexation is that better terms would be obtained in the borrowing of money, and that is naturally a very great consideration. But would not the same result be achieved under the County Council scheme? Under that loans would be floated by the County Council upon the security of the whole area, so that it would really come to the same thing in the end. Each municipality would send in its list of loans that it would require, the amount necessary for general purposes would be submitted by the central body, and when the money was raised it would be parcelled out according to the list previously prepared.

In this way no difficulty would be experienced. It would simply be a case of pooling the security of the whole in order to obtain better terms in floating the loans, and when the money had been raised each unit would get the amount placed against its name on the list. The Greater Vancouver idea would be brought to pass, without making the government of the community unwieldy to handle easily, having the respective municipalities having their own affairs in their own hands, no discrimination against any part need be apprehended, as might be the case under the annexation method.

As to the election of representatives for the various bodies, these would be conducted on the same plan as at present in regard to the municipal councils, the people of each one electing their own representatives, while the councillors for the County Council would be elected by the general electorate. It might also be provided that no one should be allowed to sit on a municipal council and on the county council at the same time, which, we think, would be an advantage.

As regards expense, this no doubt, would be somewhat greater than if the whole area were governed by a single council, but against this there is the advantage of better government, without a clashing of interests, or the fear of the outlying portions of the area thinking they were not getting a fair deal. That is where we fear trouble ahead in the event of annexation. The community would be altogether too unwieldy, and there would be a tendency to pay more attention to the needs of the centre than of the less populated parts.

There is no doubt that the time is ripe for some change, and the question to consider is what would be the most beneficial change to make. The subject is too important to allow of sentiment to govern us in deciding it. It should be dealt with in a calm and level-headed manner. But sentiment can even play an important part in the County council scheme, because that will also bring about what we all ardently desire to see accomplished—a Greater Vancouver.

Progress Still Marks Work On Main Street Paving

Employment of South Vancouver Citizens on Job Reflects itself On Increased Business Already Being Done by Merchants

This week marks the completion of much of the excavating on the preliminary work on the Main Street paving contract. Over 150 men have been employed on the work daily since the first order to proceed was given by the Municipal council and the benefit of the immense payroll which has been brought into existence has been felt to the furthermost ends of the municipality.

It now rests with the British Columbia Electric Company to go ahead with the permanent double tracking of the street and the actual laying of the pavement from Sixteenth Avenue to Bodwell Road will be gone on with.

The opening up of paving operations on Main Street has been warmly welcomed by the merchants along the street. Several have expressed to the "Chinook" the fact that before the work was under way two days a change could be felt in the daily business.

The work is being done under the personal supervision of Messrs. Harvey, of the Dominion Creosoting Company, whose ambition is to make the Main Street work stand out as a splendid example of creosoted block pavement.

Associated with the Dominion Creosoting Company in the work are Messrs. McAdam, authorities on the science of laying block pavement.

Since the work started on Main Street the impression has grown that in the interests of the whole municipality, the council would be well advised to proceed with issuing orders for the speedy completion of the street through to the Fraser River.

To support this policy such facts may be considered as the present condition of the labor market. The completion of the work this summer will mean tiding over a critical point in the interests of the hundreds of workingmen who, if work cannot be supplied them at this time, will be forced by conditions to probably leave the municipality.

Mr. Sullivan, superintendent of construction, states that the contractor's office has been besieged by men seeking employment every morning during the past two weeks. It is stated that some of the stories told by applicants for work in the trenches are far from cheerful.

LOCAL SNAP SHOTS

Constable S. P. Bliss after a week's sickness, has returned to his work.

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A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Ontario street, on April 30th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Grant and family of Main St., left on Wednesday for the district north of Edmonton where they are taking up a homestead.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Patriquin and family left on Wednesday for the country north of Edmonton for the purpose of homesteading.

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Milton Lavin, son of Mrs. A. Lavin, has returned from the hospital in Seattle where he passed through a successful operation for appendicitis.

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Mr. G. Currie arrived home on Monday from McBride, B.C.

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The Maple Leaf chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge will meet in Oddfellows Hall, corner 30th Avenue and Main Street, on the evening of Wednesday, May 13th.

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Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Lytton, B.C., preached in St. Mary's Church, Sunday morning, his subject being "Missionary work among the Indians of Lytton." Mr. Baldwin also addressed the Sunday School in the afternoon on the same subject.

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An up-to-date meat market has been opened up by Mr. W. A. West in the shop lately occupied by Street's Market, No. 4556 Main Street, between 29th and 30th Avenues. Mr. West's shop is noticeably clean and everything is kept on ice, only enough cutting being done for the supply. He will carry all kinds of meat, fish, butter and eggs.

The Ladies' Missionary society of Westminster Church, held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. Mrs. E. Campbell, president, was in the chair and about 20 members were present. There was a very interesting report from the treasurer. The sum of $20.60 has been taken for the foreign mission fund. Mrs. E. Harvey read a very interesting paper on Missions. After a discussion on the Indian work, a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Furness, convener, Mrs. C. Street and Mrs. Esselmont to collect funds.

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On the morning of May 1, at the Ruth Morton Memorial Church, Miss Jane Burn, neice of Mrs. Amos Godfrey, 756 29th Avenue East, was united in marriage to Mr. Stephen Trkulja, of Vancouver, Rev. J. Willard Litch tieing the nuptial knot. Miss Ethel Pender, cousin of the bride was bridesmaid and Mr. R. Storey Burn, brother of the bride supported the groom. The bride wore her travelling suit. Only the immediate friends were present. The happy couple left for a trip to the American coast cities and on their return will reside in Vancouver.

TROUBLE OVER MAIN ST. CHINESE LAUNDRY

Mr. A. J. B. Mellish, of Vancouver, came before the South Vancouver Council on Wednesday with regard to the issuing of a license for a Chinese laundry at 4260 Main Street. After Mr. Mellish had spoken of the money spent on the building by his client, etc., the council pointed out to him that they were unable to grant a license as the residents in that vicinity were opposed to the idea of a laundry being there. Several other reasons why the license could not be granted were given.

Ex-Councillor Gold Speaks At Municipal Hall

"I will be No Jellyfish; If You Return Me As Reeve of Your Municipality I Will Hold the Reins—Tight," He Declares

At a representative meeting of ratepayers of the municipality, held on Monday evening at the Municipal Hall, Ex-Councillor Edward Gold was enthusiastically received as a candidate for the reeveship, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Dickie.

The Ex-Councillor refused to make a statement at the meeting in response to the flattering reception given him by his supporters further than to say, "Elect me to the reeve's chair and I will hold the reins and the people of South Vancouver will learn that Edward Gold is no jelly fish. At the meeting Thursday night nearly 2,000 people packed Kalenberg Hall and heard Councillor Gold deliver the hottest and bitterest campaign speech ever delivered in South Vancouver.

The Chinooks Win Their First Game

The Chinooks Baseball team defeated the Vancouver Fire Dept. on Tuesday, May 5, in their first game of the season in the Federal League at the Athletic Park with a score of 8-7. The feature of the game was the base stealing of the Chinooks which was the puzzle of the Firemen. Both pitchers hurled very good ball, Wood allowing 4 hits and Sullivan 6.

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Chinooks	8	6	4
Firemen	7	4	5

Batteries: Wood and Ross, Sullivan and Foley.

The Chinooks will play Godfrey's at the Athletic Park on Thursday, May 14, and from the way these teams are shaping up it will be well worth patronizing them and their is no doubt but what you will get full value for your money for the excitement that goes with these games is something fierce.

Junior Baseball Club

A junior baseball club was organized by the young men of Ruth Morton Memorial Church on Tuesday last. The officers appointed were Leonard Wilson, president; Carl Davidson, secretary; and Roy Atkins, treasurer. Tom Swires was appointed captain and Jerome Hester, vice-captain.

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Items of Local Interest Should be Addressed to the "Labor Editor"

The Worker and the Reeveship

It is understood that the council will this week decide on the date of the election of a new reeve in place of Dickie, resigned.

As workers it is our duty to take a part in this proceeding, and while at almost any time it matters little which of the candidates are elected, they nearly all coming from a class which do not represent labor—yet we feel that in this election there is something which the workers should take cognizance of and act accordingly.

The Main Street Paving Contract was the titbit of the last election and it was the weapon which helped to turn the former reeve out of office.

Since that time many of the workers have been educated along the starvation line through the work being tied up.

Now our position is this. We hold the municipalities at this time should do all in their power to provide their citizens with work. Everyone admits these are abnormal times and the money spent at this juncture in permanent work will be money well spent in that it will help out the ordinary laborer whose other channels of employment are cut off at present, thereby benefitting the shopkeeping class who are at their wits end to keep out of the hands of the receiver.

While not canvassing for votes for any candidate we hope the workers will make themselves heard at the ensuing election and demand that the entire contract be proceeded with.

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The Board appointed under the Industrial Investigation Act to enquire into the interpretation of various clauses of the agreement signed up by the B. C. E. R. and the Street Railwaymen's Union held its final session last week.

Judge MacDonald was chairman; Mr. Glover represented the company, while J. H. McVety, of the Machinist's Union, represented the union.

The Board are expected to give their findings in the course of this week, although it will have to be submitted to the department of labor first.

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At the last meeting of the Typographical Union R. P. Pettipiece and J. E. Wilton were nominated as delegates to the Providence Convention. Election takes place on May 27.

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We'd Sooner Have the Eggs Yet

Official returns of Chinese immigration into British Columbia for the year closing March, 1914, are now available:

From April, 1912 to March, 1913, there entered British Columbia 5,719 Chinese.

From April, 1913, to March, 1914, there entered British Columbia 3,425, a decrease of 2,294 for this year as compared with last.

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What Labor Representation Does

Jimmie Simpson has not allowed the grass to grow under his feet since he was elected member of the Toronto Board of Control. He has succeeded in raising the minimum wage of all unskilled workmen employed by the city to $15 per week, in spite of vigorous opposition from the rest of the board, who had to climb down in face of the agitation put up by Simpson. This change will effect 1,181 homes and will add $39,000 to the laborers' payroll.

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Soldiers of the King—Sometimes

When the army officers in Ireland decided to resign rather than carry out orders to preserve peace in Ulster, they were so blinded by class and political feeling that they could not see their argument was two-edged. Oothers quickly saw it and seized it with glee. The following taken from the Daily "Herald," London, England, sums the situation in a nutshell:

"To the men in the British army: We appeal to you to watch carefully the doings and saying of your officers in connection with the Home Rule question. At least 100 of them are reported as declining to serve against the men of Ulster who may rebel. We don't want you to judge the rights or wrongs of the Ulster dispute, but we bid you remember that officers have claimed and exercised the right to choose when they will or will not obey orders. We ask you with all sincerity to consider your own position toward your brothers and sisters who are locked out on strike. Often you are called upon to fire on unarmed, defenceless crowds of men and women. You are asked to do so in order that your own flesh and blood may be bought and sold cheap that others may be rich. We therefore ask you now to resolve that from this day forward you will never fire a shot against your own class, that you will follow the example of the generals and other officials in Ireland who have refused to take risks against their class interests. In your case it is much more important than theirs, for you are first workers, and one day will come back to the class you belong to, and will have all the same dread struggle for life as the members of that class endure. So we bid you when called upon to fire on your brothers fighting for freedom to 'ground arms' and refuse any longer to be the tools of the possessing classes. Your officers have shown you what class solidarity means; it is for you to organize yourselves together so that when the days comes you may one and all take as your motto, 'Don't shoot!'"

Pressmen's Conference

The three locals of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union have begun the work of forming a Northwest Conference of Pressmen and Assistants along the lines already undertaken by the Typographical Union. Suggestions for by-laws have been drawn up and will be submitted for referendum vote to the locals in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. The Pressmen are strong for "closer affiliation" and hope ultimately to see union between their conference and that of the Typographical Union, to the end that all the printing trades work in harmony on all questions affecting the craft in general.—Seattle "Union Record."

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Nearly Every Union Has

A calamity howler.
One or two "stool pigeons."
Half a dozen bosses' men.
A fellow with a disease called Roberts' Rules.
A few rounders who would vote to strike the best job in the country.
An executive board which is always trying to find out how its news leaks.
A few members who believe their per capita is spent by the national officers for wine and cigars.
A bunch that's sore on the organizer, composed of men he beat for office, and former scabs he forced to join the local.
A handful of never-will-be mechanics who stand on the corner and wonder why they don't get started.
A whole lot of good fellows who stay away from union meetings and let the union go to ——.

Snapshots of South Vancouver

In order to consider the steps necessary for annexation a joint meeting of South Vancouver, represented by Councillors Stevens, Rutledge and Winram, Point Grey and Vancouver took place on Friday. The reeves of South Vancouver, Point Grey and Burnaby, together with Mayor Baxter will interview the Provincial Government on the matter.

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The police have been notified by Mr. J. H. Robinson, of 28th Avenue and Fraser Street, of the disappearance of his daughter, aged 14, who has been missing since the evening of May 2. The girl is described as 5 feet 7 inches in height, dark brown hair and weighing about 130 pounds.

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Magistrate Johnston on Saturday fined George W. Tarrant, Collingwood, $50 and costs or three months imprisonment. The crime was stealing four cords of wood, the property of A. L. Watson. Tarrant, who was given seven days to raise the money, was also commanded to make restitution to the owner.

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The success of the first whist drive and dance given by the South Hill Ancient Order of Forresters has led to plans for holding a series of the same in the near future.

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At the fourth anniversary of the Ferris Road Methodist Church, celebrated on Sunday, Rev. S. Manuel, of Cedar Cottage, preached at the morning service on "The Progressiveness of the Kingdom of God" and Rev. Dr. Chown had charge of the evening service, preaching on "Holiness." The choir rendered special anthems and Mrs. Gavet and Mrs. Young sang solos. Large congregations were present at each service and collections amounting to about $90 were taken. The following stewards were elected at the annual business meeting of Saturday: Messrs. W. A. Ward, J. D. Millar, John Cuthbert, R. C. Thompson, Caleb Manuel, Richard Manuel and D. Gavet. Other church officials elected were: Messrs. J. T. Reid, Sunday School superintendent; J. Penn, president of Wideawake Bible Class; John Cuthbert, president of senior Bible Class; Mrs. Gavet, president Ladies' Aid; Miss Maggie Manuel, president of Epworth League and D. Gavet, choir leader.

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Mrs. J. P. Betts left on Monday for Chilliwack, where she has gone as a delegate to the Women's Missionary Society of B. C., which is in session there this week.

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Quite an interest is being taken, especially among the Scottish people, in the coming Scottish concert, an event of next Tuesday evening. It promises to be the most popular concert yet put on by Westminster Church. The following artists are on the programme:

Violin solo, Mr. J. Howat; song, Miss Gladys Wallace; quartette (mixed), Mrs. Maben, Miss Rae, Messrs. Miller and Maben; recitation, Mr. W. Crann; song, Mr. A. Wallace; duet, Misses N. and M. Harvie; song, Mr. Evans; humorous recitation, Miss G. Anley; song, Miss M. Harvie; quartette, Messrs. Campbell, Miller, Wallace and Maben; song, Miss Gladys Wallace; humorous recitation, Miss G. Anley; song, Mr. Evans; violin solo, Mr. J. Howat; song, Miss M. Harvie; recitation, Mr. W. Cram; song, Mr. A. Wallace; duet, Misses N. and G. Harvie.

There has been already a large sale of seats.

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Mrs. S. H. Horning of Nanaimo, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. McAndrews, 810 22nd Avenue.

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The first child, a baby girl, arrived in the home of Motorman McAndrews on Sunday morning.

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Mr. Harry Grant, the newly appointed president of the Epworth League of Mountain View Church, and who with his father's family is moving to Mission, took charge of the service for the last time on Monday evening. A large number were present to extend their goodbyes to Mr. Grant.

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A grand concert will be given in St. David's Presbyterian Church, corner Windsor Street and 34th Avenue, on Thursday, May 14, at 8 p.m. The affair is under the direction of Mr. W. W. Robertson, solo violinist and the following high class artists will appear: Mr. H. W. Bell, baritone; Mr. W. W. Robertson, solo-violinist; Mr. H. B. McKelvie, elocutionist; Mr. F. E. Dean, entertainer; Mr. W. McClelland Moore, humorist; Mrs. R. Stirling, soprano; Mrs. M. Rearden, soprano; Mrs. W. W. Robertson, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. L. J. Raby, contralto; Mr. James Hall, tenor; and Mrs. J. F. Paterson, pianist and accompanist. The object of the concert is to aid the building fund.

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The departmental estimates passed at Monday's council meeting require a slight increase in the assessed value of the municipality as well as an increase in the tax rate. The rate of 17.50 mills has been fixed for improved land and 27.50 mills for wild land.. The collector was instructed to hold a tax sale for the purpose of securing arrears in taxes from the years 1900 to 1911 inclusive, which at the first of the year amounted to some $50,000. This sale will not effect arrears of a later date, although they represent a much greater sum, but will save still further raising the tax. There is a decrease of $870,515 in the value of wild land, partly accounted for by recent subdivisions, but there is an increase in the value of improved land of $1,181,074.

The assessed value of wild land for 1914 is $4,764,389 and of improved land $29,614,695, a total of $34,379,084.

Owing to a slight error the assessment for the years 1913 and 1914 on improved lands was reversed, in the first announcement, but was corrected at Monday's meeting. Provision is made in the estimates for $19,561 more for school maintenance this year than last, the total being $163,148. A Greater Vancouver sewerage board levy of $8,334 and a Kingsway paving levy of $3,542 must also be paid. New fire equipment will cost over $40,000 for the Gamewell fire alarm system and for two new hose wagons. A grant of $7500 is to be made to the North Arm Harbor Board. There will also be an additional sum for street lighting, so that altogether what has been saved in the reduction of staff does not by any means offset the additional demands for administration for 1914.

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At the congregational meeting of the Ferris Road Methodist Church on Monday evening, Pastor and Mrs. Pye, who expect to sever their connection with the church at the end of the month, were presented with a purse of gold and the following address: "We the members and friends of your congregation are desirous of showing the deep regard and high esteem in which we hold you. We shall ever be indebted to you for the many members you have gathered together for our church and we may also say we thoroughly appreciate your many acts of kindness and kind words you have bestowed upon us during your four years pastorate, and of this slight token of remembrance and of the bond of friendship which now unites us, we beg of you to accept this purse of gold and we trust that in the future your pleasing presence shall many times brighten both our homes and our church. May God's choicest blessing rest upon you and yours in wherever may be your new field of labor." The address was presented by Mr. Rhalph, retiring Sunday School superintendent. Miss Annetta Pye was then presented with a gold set from her young companions, accompanied by a neat speech from Miss Edith Findlay.

A brief sketch of the history of the church during his pastorate of four years, including the few months previous to his coming was given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Pye. The church, he said, was really a branch of Mountain View Methodist and the first services in South Hill were conducted by Rev. Mr. Whittaker, the meetings being held in the home of Mrs. Green. The church was dedicated on the first Sunday in May, 1910. The pastor began work the first Sunday of June. The Sunday School now having an enrollment of 207 had at the beginning only 20 names. The church now has 100 communicants, increasing its membership by six during the past year in spite of the vicissitude of the present time, when so many have left the place. The various church societies, including the Ladies' Aid and the Epworth League, of which there are two branches, a senior and junion, have accomplished faithful work.

The program of the evening included: piano solos, Miss May Van Wyck; solo, Mrs. Stanley Foster; solo, Mr. W. Drake; violin solo, Miss Mabel Hawthorne, accompanied by Miss Olive Batchelor; and piano duet, Mrs. K. Smith and Master Leslie Gavet. The closing number was given by the Sunday School orchestra. Refreshments were served.

A series of very popular "thimble teas" are being given by the Ladies' Aid of the church. The last one was held at the home of Mrs. Baker, Ferris Road. About 30 ladies participated in the sewing, music and refreshments.

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To the great delight of the neighborhood children, the roller coaster on Commercial street opened the season on Saturday evening. The noise of the gaily painted cars as they sped up and down, and in and out on their thrilling journey, and the excited shouts of the happy occupants, indicated that a rushing business was being done.

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At the home of Mrs. Jeffries, last week, the Ladies' Guild of St. Margaret's Parish held their regular monthly meeting, at which the usual routine business of the society was transacted, and various money-making plans discussed in order to raise funds for the work of the church. An interesting feature of this meeting was the presentation made to two departing members—Mrs. Corrill, goes East for the summer, and who as one of the guild members who will be sadly missed, was presented with a handsome fountain pen, while Mrs. Mason, who will in a short while leave for her new home in Westminster, and who has also been a faithful and untiring worker in the cause, was given a beautiful gold pencil. There were appropriate presentation speeches, and answering remarks of appreciation made by the favored ladies, after which the meeting adjourned to enjoy Mrs. Jeffries hospitality in a cup of tea. Mrs. Jones will entertain the ladies in the church on the occasion of the next monthly meeting.

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Since Cedar Cottage has advanced a step in municipal politics by having her councillor, Mr. G. A. Stevens, made acting reeve, this district would be glad to see another move in the right direction by having one of her worthy citizens made reeve. It is the opinion that civic honors should be passed around in a more impartial manner than has heretofore prevailed, and that it is about time a resident of this community he called upon to occupy the executive chair.

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Mrs. James Caldwell, of Nanaimo, visited Mrs. Leighton, of Welwyn Street, last week.

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If Dr. Storrs is properly rewarded for the energy displayed by him during the past few days, mushrooms will not be lacking in Cedar Cottage.

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From 3 to 6, on Wednesday, the ladies of St. Margaret's Guild held a successful social tea. The church was made attractive with floral decorations, while from tea tables spread with dainty linen and graced with bouquets of lovely flowers, tea was poured and light refreshments served. The attendance was good, and music and social intercourse made the afternoon a delightful one, while the collection taken was very generous.

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Cedar Cottage Loyal Orange Lodge, along with other Orange Lodges of South Vancouver, received the unanimous sanction of Vancouver County L. O. L. No. 1, to form a new county lodge in South Vancouver. Owing to the large increase of members in the various lodges, this step was found necessary.

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For the benefit of the Presbyterian Church, and under the auspices of its various societies, the Rev Dr. Pidgeon has consented to give a lecture in the church at an early date, which will be announced later.

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The annual meeting of the Robson Memorial Church Sunday School was held last week and the following officers elected for the coming year: Mr. C. Gray, superintendent, Mrs. E. Manuel, assistant superintendent; Miss McPhie, secretary; Miss Whelan, assistant secretary; Mrs. McPhie, treasurer; Miss Manuel, organist; Mr. C. Jackson, assistant organist. Mr. Nesbitt, the retiring superintendent, who declined further election, was accorded much praise for his work during the past year, and that of his faithful teachers, in bringing the Sunday School up to its present high standard of excellence, and the splendid increase in the membership rolls, on which there are 290 names, with a regular attendance of over 200 scholars. Under the leadership of Mr. Gray, the new officer, and efficient teachers look forward with enthusiasm to another year of good work, and greater prosperity.

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Renouncing the little cares and worries incident to every day life, Mrs. Keith and Miss Chambers joined a party of congenial souls one day last week on a trip to Sperling, on piscatorial pleasure bent. They reported a splendid outing, and great loss of numbers to the finny tribe.

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Judging from the numerous posters of the I. O. O. F. it seems likely that another fraternal order is being organized in Cedar Cottage.

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Mr. C. F. Broadhurst has recently perfected arrangements whereby he will demonstrate at Spencer's store his patent stove pipe elbow cleaning door. All who have used this invention of Mr. Broadhurst's busy brain, and found it possible to thoroughly clean their stove pipes without taking them down are quite willing to vote our genial citizen a benefactor to the race and will be pleased to hear that the public are to become more familiar with this ingenious device.

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On Wednesday, the 29th, the Quarterly Official Board of the Robson Memorial Church held their annual meeting, and those interested were much gratified to learn of the splendid work done by the church, and all the societies connected with the church, during the year just closed. While from every quarter the cry of hard times is heard, the work of the church has nevertheless gone steadily on, and in all departments shown excellent progress, all the more pleasing because scarcely expected. A cause for special rejoicing among the trustees and managers, is the fact that every financial obligation has been met, and the church treasury has still a satisfying nest-egg with which to start the coming year.

The High Cost of Living

The rise in the price of commodities as measured against gold is an almost world-wide phenomenon. There are no doubt variations as between one country and another, but the rise is general and seems to be most pronounced in those countries which are considered to be the most highly developed. The rise is probably due to the joint operation of several causes. Experts differ as to which is the most important. Some attribute the rise to the enormous increase in the output of gold in the last ten years, some to the using up and relative shrinkage of the world's virgin areas, with the consequent increase in the cost of production. Others lay stress on the rise in the standard of living among races at a relatively low level in this respect, and still others on the operations of Trusts and Combines, particularly in those businesses producing on a large scale to meet a large and constant demand.

If we consider some of these causes in detail it seems, in the first place, difficult to draw any safe conclusion about the effect of the increase in the supply of gold. It is quite true that the general rise in the prices of commodities of the last ten years has coincided with a very large increase in the output of gold, but on the other hand, during the second half of the nineteenth century, the fall in the prices of commodities was steady and continuous, while at the same time the annual production of gold was almost stationary during the whole period. The connection here seems too obscure for one to dogmatise with any confidence. On the other hand, there can scarcely be any doubt about the influence of the change of habits of living. Japan has apparently begun a process of change from a rice diet to a wheat diet, leading to an increased demand for the latter, with a consequent rise in price. The United States annually absorbs large numbers of Slavs, Italians, Greeks, etc., whose standard of living is relatively low. Observers in the States say that their standard of living soon changes, and a demand arises for food and other commodities of a different character altogether to that which formerly satisfied them. So great is the influence of this that the export of food stuffs from the United States is steadily falling, and, indeed, a movement in the opposite direction has already commenced, large shipments of meat and cattle to the United States from the Argentine having taken place during the last two years. Such increased demand must be operative in a rise of prices. In this connection it should not be overlooked that the recent remission of tariff charges on meat and other foods in Germany and the United States is likely to divert some supplies to these markets and cause a corresponding rise of price here.

One factor, however, operating in the Old Country is often overlooked, viz., the financial requirements of the legislation of the last ten years. If we take the expenditure of the Imperial Government and the expenditure of the Municipalities and other local governing bodies of the United Kingdom we shall find that the annual sum is about £90,000,000 more than it was ten years ago, and this is a recurring charge. It is a very large sum. It amounts to an additional tax of £2 per head per annum for every man, woman and child in the British Islands, or expressed otherwise it means that, on the average, an extra sum of between £8 and £9 is required from every family in the country as compared with what was demanded ten years ago. It is true that much of the expenditure is prompted by the best of intentions. We have old age pensions, almost universal insurance against sickness, more ample provision for education, and a general improvement in municipal services. But there is generally little consideration given to the source whence this wealth is drawn. Politicians in Parliament make elaborate provision to ensure that part, at any rate, of the sum required shall be raised by higher taxes on higher incomes, by increased taxes on luxuries, or by requiring definite contributions from employers as under the Insurance Act. And it is maintained that the more favored classes are thus compelled to contribute towards better services for the lower orders of the community on whose behalf the bulk of the expenditure referred to is professedly made. The experience of the last few years must make one doubt whether such a consummation has been reached, and unless it can be shown that in the aggregate the receivers of the higher incomes enjoy smaller net incomes than before, or are compelled to a diminution in their luxuries, or that the employing classes do, in effect, pay the Insurance Act contributions, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the whole of the sums we are considering are furnished by the community as a whole in the form of higher prices. The general higher level of prices yields a larger gross return, and from the larger gross return the required amount is, by taxation, directly obtained. Thus, as ever, the burden falls mainly on the wages of the workers, and no one need be surprised that the workers are beginning to resent the complaint of the benevolent-minded politician that they are not sufficiently grateful for what the Government has done for them, and are beginning to insist on the fact that whatever is done for them is paid for by themselves.

What remedy is there for this evil state of affairs? If the rise of prices be due to a relative shortage of production, obviously production must be stimulated. If the rise be in any part due to the "passing-on" of taxation to the consumer, the incidence of taxation must be changed so as to avoid this. Of all the taxes that have ever been suggested for the purpose of raising revenue, there is only one that cannot be in some form or other be "passed on." The tax that possesses this supreme merit, from the worker's point of view, is the tax based on the value of land. All economists of repute agree that the incidence of such a tax cannot be changed. It must be paid by the person who enjoys the proprietary interest in the land, and cannot be transferred to anyone else. If the monies required for public services were raised by a tax on land values, the great mass of the workers could be certain that they could not be made to pay the share of the more favored section of the community, as is often the case at present.

But the tax would have a far greater effect than this. If all land had to contribute annually to the rates (or taxes), whether it were used or not, a sum based upon its capital value, the necessity for obtaining an income from the land in order to get the money to meet this annual charge, would act as a steady pressure, compelling the owner to make good use of it. The millions of acres of idle land, or only partially used land, to be found in this country today would be forced into use. There would be a great demand for labor to effect this, a demand which would in itself tend to raise wages, and with this new development there would be such an increase of production of the common necessities of life as would undoubtedly check the tendency of prices to rise, and if carried sufficiently far would bring about a movement in the opposite direction.

Rev. J. W. Davidson returned from his trip to Kamloops in time to preach at the morning service on Sunday. The evening service was taken by Rev. T. A. Osborne, a minister in the British Columbia Methodist conference who served in the hospital corps of the British Army under General Buller at Natal and Lord Roberts, in the Boer War.

The tennis club of Westminster Church, organized last year, has been granted the privilege of one of the courts in Robson Park, corner of 14th Avenue and Kingsway, which it will occupy on Tuesday evenings from 6 o'clock. Playing may be indulged on any afternoon. On Saturdays and holidays the club can take its turn with others. The club in re-opening for the year will extend the membership to include 30 persons. Would-be members may leave their names with Mr. H. S. Halifax, Prowse Apartments, Main Street.

The marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, South Vancouver, on Saturday, April 25, between Miss M. J. Neve, of Playden, Sussex, England, and Mr. W. H. Bays, of South Vancouver, formerly of Rye, Sussex, England. The Rev. Caffin officiated.

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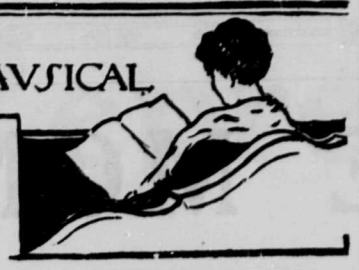

Empress Theatre

Messrs. Lawrence and Sandusky have selected as next week's attraction at the Empress, the famous English dramatic sensation, "A Butterfly on the Wheel."

This noted play is the joint work of two members of Parliament, E. G. Hemmerde and Francis Neilson, and was first produced in London by the well-known English actor, Lewis Waller. There it at once attained marked success. Later Mr. Waller made a tour of America with the piece and flashed a new star on the public in the person of Madge Titherage, whose splendid work in the role of Peggy Admaston is a matter of recent stage history. The story is briefly. Roderick Collingwood, Lord Ellerdine, Lady Atwill, and Peggy the wife of George Admaston, M.P., set out on a tour to Switzerland. To Peggy's surprise, however, she presently finds herself in a hotel in Paris, whither Collingwood has brought her under the pretense of having taken a wrong train. Collingwood makes love to Peggy, but she repulses him. In the morning Lord Ellerdine arrives in pursuit, along with Lady Atwill. Soon Admaston appears, having been summoned to Paris, it presently develops, by an anonymous letter, accusing Peggy and Collingwood. Lord Ellerdine is caught in a contradiction in his effort to save Peggy, and Admaston, judging wholly by appearances, is led to believe the worst.

Now follows the "breaking of the butterfly on the wheel." Peggy Admaston's trial and condemnation in the divorce court—one of the most powerfully dramatic court scenes ever staged. After the divorce has been pronounced, however, the repentant Collingwood forces Lady Atwill to join him in confessing to Admaston that she had aided in the Paris escapade, and had sent the anonymous letter to Admaston—her motive being to win the latter for herself, once Peggy was out of the way. With this disclosure Admaston becomes convinced of his wife's innocence, and these two, who had been all but put asunder, are reunited.

The cast at the Empress will be the strongest possible with Miss Maude Leone in the highly emotional role of Peggy Admaston. Quite a different Peggy from the Peg of "Peg O' My Heart" and serving well to illustrate Miss Leone's versatility. Mr. Del. Lawrence will have the leading male role of George Admaston and the supporting cast will comprise the full strength of the Lawrence Company with some additions. The scenic investment, especially the staging of the famous court room scene of the third act, will be notable even among Empress productions. As Miss Leone will at the end of the next week withdraw from the Lawrence Company for a much needed vacation of about six week, "A Butterfly On the Wheel" will present the last opportunity of seeing this charming actress until her return, so crowded houses will doubtless prevail and seat reservations should be booked early.

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Orpheum Theatre

"A riot in clothes" possibly describes Valeska Suratt who is to appear at the Orpheum theatre next week. A fantasy by George Baldwin entitled "Black Crepe and Diamonds" is the production with which she will appear. The staging for this is remarkably handsome and the costuming lavish to a degree. There are several other members to the cast, notably the dancing Higgins, a man and girl, who have won more or less distinction and are said to be really fine. Another attraction will undoubtedly be Irene Timmons. She is said to be strikingly pretty and possesses a splendid reputation as a vaudeville performer. She has always been associated with the best in vaudeville work.

James H. Cullen, who is always known as "the man from the west" will appear next week in his fifteenth Orpheum circuit tour. He is a monogolist of the broadly humorous type and has made a decided hit in Winnipeg on more than one occasion.

Song hits from "The Campus" will be attractively rendered by Walter de Leon and "Muggins" Davies. The production referred to is one in which they both starred not long since. They are both accomplished in song, dance and comedy skits and will afford entertainment of an optimistic character.

A character singer of repute in the person of Aileen Stanley will make her first appearance on a Winnipeg vaudeville stage next week. This young lady comes warmly recommended. Refinement and daintiness are characteristics of her portion of the bill and it has been said of her "that she knows how to choose her raiment."

Stelling and Revell, comedy acrobats from London, with a splendid reputation, will complete an attractive bill. The motion pictures will be interesting as usual and coupled with the orchestral selections will prove a feature.

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Globe Theatre

"The Merchant of Venice" will be the showing at the Globe Theatre next week beginning Monday. This engagement should be one of the most notable that has been shown at this handsome house since it was opened last fall.

The story of this wonderful Shakespearean play is so well known that it will need no further introduction to the motion picture lovers who go to the Globe for the high class entertainment furnished there. Those who have seen Miss Iois Weber in any of the roles that she has portrayed in the past during her experience as a Universal star will be pleased to learn that she portrayed the role of Portia before the camera. Her work will doubtless be watched with great interest by all patrons of the Allen.

Of equal importance is the announcement that Phillip Smalley portrayed the role of Shylock and as the grasping usurer has achieved what is regarded as the greatest work of his notable career.

The other roles, those of Antonio, Tubal, Bassanio, Jessica, and the others have been chosen with rare care so that "The Merchant of Venice" will doubtless be regarded as the educational and entertainment feature of the season.

:: Funniosities ::

A New Jersey teacher who had been greatly annoyed by revelry in the hotel where she had spent part of her last vacation, took the precaution this time, in writing to another hotel which had been recommended to her, to inquire whether it had a bar. She received the following reply: "No, we haven't any bar, and if that is the sort of woman you are we don't want you. The place for you is at Yardley's, farther up the road."

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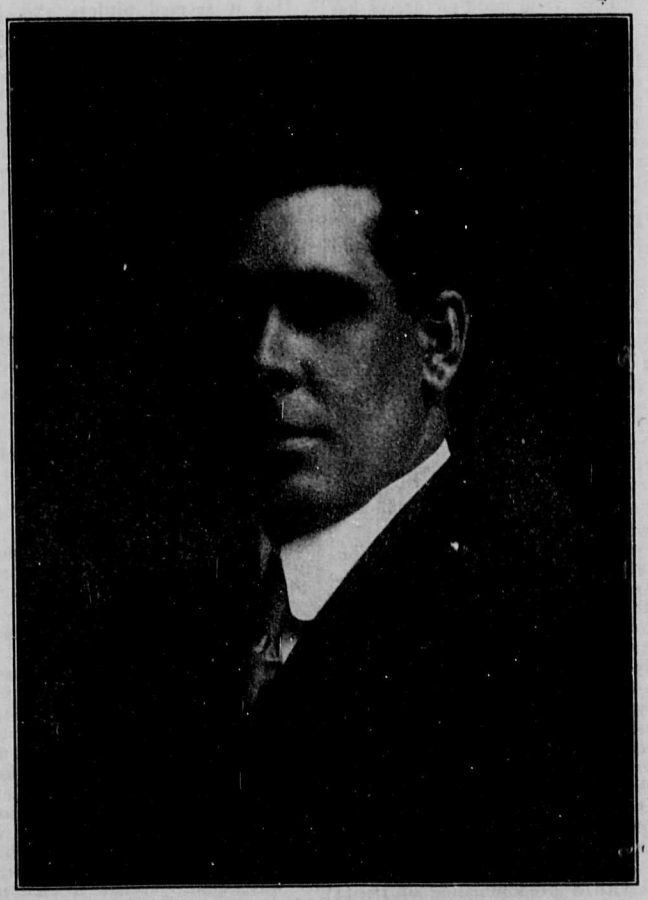

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THE BY-ELECTIONS

WHILE a healthy interest in public affairs is greatly to be desired, there is just the possibility that a certain section of the ratepayers of South Vancouver are exceeding the limit in their intense application to municipal questions.

Conservative property owners and business men in South Vancouver will not view the coming by-election with great favor. These periodical upheavals are not helping South Vancouver, nor British Columbia for that matter.

May the best man in this reeveship contest win. And then South Vancouver will have to get down to business or call in a mediator.

VACANT LOTS AND IDLE MEN

IN South Vancouver we have, probably, fifty lots to every idle man at the present time. One business man has brought forward the suggestion that the municipality undertake to force the clearing of all property within the district with the double-fold idea in mind of furnishing worthy men employment and beautifying the community.

There are vacant lots and idle men in Victoria and the energetic Victoria "News" has the following policy to offer:

"We urge upon our readers who are the owners of vacant lots to make some effort to put them to productive use. There are hundreds of deserving men in the city who cannot find work. If owners of vacant lots would have fences erected and the ground seeded down in garden truck a demand for labor would be established which would have an immediate effect upon the congested labor market. In our view it is a sin against heaven to allow all the grass now growing upon vacant land within the city limits to go to waste. It is a sin to buy dust laden prairie hay when nature has provided us abundantly with a superior article at home. This waste of natural resources side by side with unemployment and want presents one of the most distressful problems of the time. It is certainly the duty of every man who is able, to see that all land in his possession is put to profitable use and thus to help relieve unemployment, increase the supply of garden truck, and decrease the present high cost of living. Whilst there are starving men in our midst—and there are—it is the bounden duty of every citizen to do everything possible to find work for the unemployed. Mrs. Field, of the Strangers' Rest, will be glad to hear from readers who can give work, however temporary, to needy men."

THE VALUE OF SELF-CONTROL

ONE of the greatest personal assets is self-control—that all-round temperance which the Apostle to the Gentiles included in his category of virtues.

Self-control is essential to character; and the developing of that quality is the task of every person who would live on a moral plane higher than that occupied by brute creation. Without that self-control, which places the lower nature in subjection to the higher, human beings are like a ship trying to navigate the sea of life without ballast and rudder, blown hither and thither by every wind of passion and always in danger of capsizing and shipwreck.

It is want of self-control that leaves minds open to the appeal of vice and crime—the anger that has never been restrained; the malice that has been allowed to fester in the heart; the covetousness that has never been checked; the imperious demands of the lower nature that have never been denied. It is these undammed streams of evil that in their mad course, sweep on most men, who close their misspent lives on the gallows or in the penitentiaries.

It is because of the disciplining influences of the wisely administered home and school that the boy or girl, who has not been brought up under those influences, has missed so much, and goes out into the world morally undeveloped. Some of those handicapped youths receive in the hard school of experience the disciplining they missed in earlier years, but it is obtained at a tremendous price—hard knocks, cruel crushings, and often failures that cannot be retrieved. Not all, however, learn the lesson, for it is not a lesson easily learned after the foundations of character have been laid and the period of plastic youth has passed. "As the twig inclineth, so is the tree bent"; and once the tree has taken shape it is difficult, often impossible to alter it.

These things should be borne in mind in dealing wit juvenile offenders. During the past few years the tendency has been wholly towards what is falsely called mercy; but probably the pendulum has reached its full swing in that direction; and hereafter the tendency will be, not so much to suspend punishment, as to ensure placing the young delinquent under influences that will assure disciplining, and, as far as possible, the development of self-control.

When a child with a home, proven guilty of offences bordering on crime, or even of positive crime, stands before the officer of the law, what prospect of reform can the officer reasonably count upon when, with warning and advice, he returns the offender to his home? That the home has failed in its duty is in most cases proved by the fact that the youth was brought into court, for had the home influence been wise and adequate the young offender would not have been developed.

What such a case requires is discipline; and treatment that does not provide discipline is the reverse of mercy.

Institutions where the disciplining influences of the true home and the wise school prevail—where self-control will be developed—these are the proper places for the delinquent youth who has no home, or whose home has failed in its duty.—Montreal "Standard."

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

"WATERFRONT Development" will form the theme of discussion at one session of the International Conference on City Planning to be held at Toronto on May 25-27 next. Mr. R. S. Gourlay, representative of the Board of Trade on the Toronto Harbor Commission, will give an address on this subject, which should be of interest, not only to citizens of Toronto, but to the whole country. Our harbors are national gateways, and the Dominion Government is expected to contribute over $6,000,000 to this particular project.

The works now in progress at Toronto should prove of national importance in another respect also, namely, by putting before other cities an example of what may be done by systematic planning for waterfront development. The works proposed are of three kinds: (1) Industrial development. (2) Commercial and dock development. (3) Park and boulevard improvements. They involve the filling in of Ashbridge bay and the establishment there of a model industrial district with first class railway and lake transport facilities; the deepening of the inner harbor and building of new docks; and the construction of a beautiful 12-mile driveway, extending along the entire waterfront, with a protected channel for small craft for the whole distance, lagoons, parks, islands, amusement grounds, bathing beaches, and everything that could be desired for summer pleasure. It is expected that the entire project will be completed in 1920 and at an estimated cost of upwards of $19,000,000. When completed, it should place Toronto in an enviable position, giving it one of the finest harbors on the Great Lakes, stimulating its industrial and commercial expansion, and providing its people with unrivalled recreation facilities at their very doors.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ON GOVERNMENT

THE legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg. If it be said, his testimony in a court of justice cannot be relied on, reject it then, and be the stigma on him. Constraint may make him worse by making him a hypocrite, but it will never make him a truer man. It may fix him obstinately in his errors, but will not cure them. Reason and free inquiry are the only effectual agents against error. Give a loose to them, they will support the true religion by bringing every false one to their tribunal, to the test of their investigation. They are the natural enemies of error and of error only. Had not the Roman Government permitted free inquiry, Christianity could never have been introduced. Had not free inquiry been indulged at the era of the Reformation, the corruptions of Christianity could not have been purged away. If it be restrained now, the present corruptions will be protected, and new ones encouraged.

BY THE WAY

THE MUNICIPAL HALL is an Opera House where every man must play his part. Mr. Dickie's part has been a sad one.

THE CIVIC WATERLOO will be fought May 16. The Little Corsican will win the day unless Wellington receives the support of a Blucher at the crucical moment.

MR. DAVID BELASCO, of New York, the great actor-manager, is the son of a Cariboo prospector, and is an old Victoria boy. The B. C. Manufacturers' Association should seek Mr. Belasco out and brand upon him, "Made in B. C."

IT HAS BEEN sugested that a small collection be charged at all the meetings being held this week and next by Mr. Gold, the proceeds to go to charity.

MR. KERR TAKES the spot-light again this week. The fact that the old-timers are flocking to his standard in greater numbers than ever points to a nerve-racking contest.

AT THE MEETINGS, or "meets" this week, only love taps will be exchanged. Next week, the piliminies being over, the main bouts will take place and it is promised that the blood and dust will be flying very profusely.

THE BIGGEST dam in the world is said to be located at Bassano, Alta., is owned by the C. P. R., whose president inspected it the other day. The second biggest was uttered in South Vancouver last week when it was learned that Reeve Dickie and Councillor Gold had resigned.

MR. J. B. TODRICK, of Central Park, is in the running for the reeveship. Friends say that he will toddle into the office with little effort.

WHILE THE CHALLENGER designed and built by Sir Thomas Lipton may be some boat, it isn't in it with some of the South Vancouver challengers which are also propelled to a more or less extent by the winds.

IF IT WEREN'T for Ulster, Mexico and South Vancouver, where would the daily papers find material for their columns.

CONSIDERING THE length of time that the Fraser has been passing through the municipalities of the Valley, New Westminster, Richmond, Burnaby, South Vancouver and Point Grey, the old river must have quite a story to tell about municipal politics about the time it strikes the Gulf of Georgia. Sometimes it must be very glad to have the privilege of speedily passing on its way.

THE PEOPLE of New Westminster love the people of Vancouver about as much as Carson likes John Redmond, or as the City Editor of the "Western Death" likes Candidate Gold.

FOLLOWING ELECTION Day, the services of the South Vancouver Branch of the Victoria Order of Nurses will likely be required to nurse the wounded and maimed.

NOT SATISFIED with the titles of Candidate, Councillor, Ex-Councillor, Councillor, Ex-Councillor and Candidate again, Mr. Gold now endeavors to annex the position of Reeve. An opportunity to be addressed "Your Worship" is not to be taken lightly.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED to the man who used to say, "Give me the good old plug every time. I can't get no satisfaction out of that new-fangled fine cut?"

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL credits John Webster, M.P., for Brockville, with supplying the oratorical titbit of the session: "If the heavens were a blackboard and the Rocky Mountains were chalk, no man could write upon it the history of this country."

In delivering this gem of oratory, the Brockville member no doubt webstered the hand.

SPEAKING OF parliamentarians. There's a certain M. P. from British Columbia who recently delivered an empire-quaking speech condemning Oriental immigration. Not so many moons back this parliamentarian ran a real estate office. Some days his little office resembled in odor and scenery a stall in a Calcutta bazaar. The dusky Hindoos were faithful clients and put many a thousand dollars into the pockets of the man who now has such pronounced ideas on the subject of Oriental immigration.

TO THE COMING of the Stratford Players to the Avenue Theatre this week, the "News-Advertiser" devoted a half column editorial in the Sunday issue. That journal paid no attention to the arrival in British Columbia of another Stratford man. The Stratford Players will interpret Shakespeare for the intellectual nourishment of the people of Vancouver while the Stratford (Ontario) man will demonstrate the possibilities of British Columbia as a dairying country for the physical nourishment of the people who today are blindly sending millions annually to New Zealand and the ends of the earth to purchase dairy produce. Mr. A. F. MacLaren's factory is now opened at Clayburn, in the Fraser Valley. Mac's presence with us is of mighty sight—or as G. B. Shaw would say a bloody sight—greater importance to the average citizen than that of the cultured thespians.

The Highgraders' Corner

We Are
Toronto Star

They are counting on a record-breaking wheat crop in the northwest, and we all hope that they are good counters.

So Are We
Chicago Tribune

The chewing-gum face is so distressingly in evidence that we are thinking of wearing blinders while traversing the streets of the town.

We Use the Red for Scenery Only
Toronto News

Some enthusiasts are already bathing in the lake, but safe and sane citizens will use it merely as scenery for some weeks to come.

Not At All—Not a Tall!
Montreal Daily Mail

Water rushed into the S. S. Olympic at sea and swamped the dining-room. Sometimes there are disadvantages in not being seasick.

Sad
Vancouver Sun

The London Times has been reduced to a penny a copy in order that it may continue to be within the reach of the dukes and others who have been impoverished by Lloyd-George.

The Boastful Drumhellerites
Vancouver Province

The citizens of Drumheller, a bustling little town in Alberta, visited Calgary in a body when railway communication was inaugurated with that city. We would imagine from the name that the Drumhellerites are natural born boosters.

Much Good Might Result
Edmonton Journal

Rev. John McNeill, of Toronto, says the only time when a church attendant's face is radiant is at the end of a sermon. If every clergyman would keep watch and note these little indications, a great deal of good might result.

Home Influence
Calgary Albertan

A Chicago woman and her husband had a fight at the polls. Getting the home influence into the ballot, as it were.

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Rev. J. Richmond Craig will deliver the third of his series of popular lectures in the church tomorrow, Sunday, evening. Subject, "Inside the cup." A cordial invitation is extended to all. Strangers are especially welcome.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL

Empress Theatre

Messrs. Lawrence and Sandusky have selected as next week's attraction at the Empress, the famous English dramatic sensation, "A Butterfly on the Wheel."

This noted play is the joint work of two members of Parliament, E. G. Hemmerde and Francis Neilson, and was first produced in London by the well-known English actor, Lewis Waller. There it at once attained marked success. Later Mr. Waller made a tour of America with the piece and flashed a new star on the public in the person of Madge Titherage, whose splendid work in the role of Peggy Admaston is a matter of recent stage history. The story is briefly. Roderick Collingwood, Lord Ellerdine, Lady Atwill, and Peggy the wife of George Admaston, M.P., set out on a tour to Switzerland. To Peggy's surprise, however, she presently finds herself in a hotel in Paris, whither Collingwood has brought her under the pretense of having taken a wrong train. Collingwood makes love to Peggy, but she repulses him. In the morning Lord Ellerdine arrives in pursuit, along with Lady Atwill. Soon Admaston appears, having been summoned to Paris, it presently develops, by an anonymous letter, accusing Peggy and Collingwood. Lord Ellerdine is caught in a contradiction in his effort to save Peggy, and Admaston, judging wholly by appearances, is led to believe the worst.

Now follows the "breaking of the butterfly on the wheel." Peggy Admaston's trial and condemnation in the divorce court—one of the most powerfully dramatic court scenes ever staged. After the divorce has been pronounced, however, the repentant Collingwood forces Lady Atwill to join him in confessing to Admaston that she had aided in the Paris escapade, and had sent the anonymous letter to Admaston—her motive being to win the latter for herself, once Peggy was out of the way. With this disclosure Admaston becomes convinced of his wife's innocence, and these two, who had been all but put asunder, are reunited.

The cast at the Empress will be the strongest possible with Miss Maude Leone in the highly emotional role of Peggy Admaston. Quite a different Peggy from the Peg of "Peg O' My Heart" and serving well to illustrate Miss Leone's versatility. Mr. Del. Lawrence will have the leading male role of George Admaston and the supporting cast will comprise the full strength of the Lawrence Company with some additions. The scenic investment, especially the staging of the famous court room scene of the third act, will be notable even among Empress productions. As Miss Leone will at the end of the next week withdraw from the Lawrence Company for a much needed vacation of about six week, "A Butterfly On the Wheel" will present the last opportunity of seeing this charming actress until her return, so crowded houses will doubtless prevail and seat reservations should be booked early.

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Orpheum Theatre

"A riot in clothes" possibly describes Valeska Suratt who is to appear at the Orpheum theatre next week. A fantasy by George Baldwin entitled "Black Crepe and Diamonds" is the production with which she will appear. The staging for this is remarkably handsome and the costuming lavish to a degree. There are several other members to the cast, notably the dancing Higgins, a man and girl, who have won more or less distinction and are said to be really fine. Another attraction will undoubtedly be Irene Timmons. She is said to be strikingly pretty and possesses a splendid reputation as a vaudeville performer. She has always been associated with the best in vaudeville work.

James H. Cullen, who is always known as "the man from the west" will appear next week in his fifteenth Orpheum circuit tour. He is a monogolist of the broadly humorous type and has made a decided hit in Winnipeg on more than one occasion.

Song hits from "The Campus" will be attractively rendered by Walter de Leon and "Muggins" Davies. The production referred to is one in which they both starred not long since. They are both accomplished in song, dance and comedy skits and will afford entertainment of an optimistic character.

A character singer of repute in the person of Aileen Stanley will make her first appearance on a Winnipeg vaudeville stage next week. This young lady comes warmly recommended. Refinement and daintiness are characteristics of her portion of the bill and it has been said of her "that she knows how to choose her raiment."

Stelling and Revell, comedy acrobats from London, with a splendid reputation, will complete an attractive bill. The motion pictures will be interesting as usual and coupled with the orchestral selections will prove a feature.

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Globe Theatre

"The Merchant of Venice" will be the showing at the Globe Theatre next week beginning Monday. This engagement should be one of the most notable that has been shown at this handsome house since it was opened last fall.

The story of this wonderful Shakespearean play is so well known that it will need no further introduction to the motion picture lovers who go to the Globe for the high class entertainment furnished there. Those who have seen Miss Lois Weber in any of the roles that she has portrayed in the past during her experience as a Universal star will be pleased to learn that she portrayed the role of Portia before the camera. Her work will doubtless be watched with great interest by all patrons of the Allen.

Of equal importance is the announcement that Phillip Smalley portrayed the role of Shylock and as the grasping usurer has achieved what is regarded as the greatest work of his notable career.

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THE BY-ELECTIONS

WHILE a healthy interest in public affairs is greatly to be desired, there is just the possibility that a certain section of the ratepayers of South Vancouver are exceeding the limit in their intense application to municipal questions.

Conservative property owners and business men in South Vancouver will not view the coming by-election with great favor. These periodical upheavals are not helping South Vancouver, nor British Columbia for that matter.

May the best man in this reeveship contest win. And then South Vancouver will have to get down to business or call in a mediator.

VACANT LOTS AND IDLE MEN

IN South Vancouver we have, probably, fifty lots to every idle man at the present time. One business man has brought forward the suggestion that the municipality undertake to force the clearing of all property within the district with the double-fold idea in mind of furnishing worthy men employment and beautifying the community.

There are vacant lots and idle men in Victoria and the energetic Victoria "News" has the following policy to offer:

"We urge upon our readers who are the owners of vacant lots to make some effort to put them to productive use. There are hundreds of deserving men in the city who cannot find work. If owners of vacant lots would have fences erected and the ground seeded down in garden truck a demand for labor would be established which would have an immediate effect upon the congested labor market. In our view it is a sin against heaven to allow all the grass now growing upon vacant land within the city limits to go to waste. It is a sin to buy dust laden prairie hay when nature has provided us abundantly with a superior article at home. This waste of natural resources side by side with unemployment and want presents one of the most distressful problems of the time. It is certainly the duty of every man who is able, to see that all land in his possession is put to profitable use and thus to help relieve unemployment, increase the supply of garden truck, and decrease the present high cost of living. Whilst there are starving men in our midst—and there are—it is the bounden duty of every citizen to do everything possible to find work for the unemployed. Mrs. Field, of the Strangers' Rest, will be glad to hear from readers who can give work, however temporary, to needy men."

THE VALUE OF SELF-CONTROL

ONE of the greatest personal assets is self-control—that all-round temperance which the Apostle to the Gentiles included in his category of virtues.

Self-control is essential to character; and the developing of that quality is the task of every person who would live on a moral plane higher than that occupied by brute creation. Without that self-control, which places the lower nature in subjection to the higher, human beings are like a ship trying to navigate the sea of life without ballast and rudder, blown hither and thither by every wind of passion and always in danger of capsizing and shipwreck.

It is want of self-control that leaves minds open to the appeal of vice and crime—the anger that has never been restrained; the malice that has been allowed to fester in the heart; the covetousness that has never been checked; the imperious demands of the lower nature that have never been denied. It is these undammed streams of evil that in their mad course, sweep on most men, who close their misspent lives on the gallows or in the penitentiaries.

It is because of the disciplining influences of the wisely administered home and school that the boy or girl, who has not been brought up under those influences, has missed so much, and goes out into the world morally undeveloped. Some of those handicapped youths receive in the hard school of experience the disciplining they missed in earlier years, but it is obtained at a tremendous price—hard knocks, cruel crushings, and often failures that cannot be retrieved. Not all, however, learn the lesson, for it is not a lesson easily learned after the foundations of character have been laid and the period of plastic youth has passed. "As the twig inclineth, so is the tree bent"; and once the tree has taken shape it is difficult, often impossible to alter it.

These things should be borne in mind in dealing wit juvenile offenders. During the past few years the tendency has been wholly towards what is falsely called mercy; but probably the pendulum has reached its full swing in that direction; and hereafter the tendency will be, not so much to suspend punishment, as to ensure placing the young delinquent under influences that will assure disciplining, and, as far as possible, the development of self-control.

When a child with a home, proven guilty of offences bordering on crime, or even of positive crime, stands before the officer of the law, what prospect of reform can the officer reasonably count upon when, with warning and advice, he returns the offender to his home? That the home has failed in its duty is in most cases proved by the fact that the youth was brought into court, for had the home influence been wise and adequate the young offender would not have been developed.

What such a case requires is discipline; and treatment that does not provide discipline is the reverse of mercy.

Institutions where the disciplining influences of the true home and the wise school prevail—where self-control will be developed—these are the proper places for the delinquent youth who has no home, or whose home has failed in its duty.—Montreal "Standard."

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

"WATERFRONT Development" will form the theme of discussion at one session of the International Conference on City Planning to be held at Toronto on May 25-27 next. Mr. R. S. Gourlay, representative of the Board of Trade on the Toronto Harbor Commission, will give an address on this subject, which should be of interest, not only to citizens of Toronto, but to the whole country. Our harbors are national gateways, and the Dominion Government is expected to contribute over $6,000,000 to this particular project.

The works now in progress at Toronto should prove of national importance in another respect also, namely, by putting before other cities an example of what may be done by systematic planning for waterfront development. The works proposed are of three kinds: (1) Industrial development. (2) Commercial and dock development. (3) Park and boulevard improvements. They involve the filling in of Ashbridge bay and the establishment there of a model industrial district with first class railway and lake transport facilities; the deepening of the inner harbor and building of new docks; and the construction of a beautiful 12-mile driveway, extending along the entire waterfront, with a protected channel for small craft for the whole distance, lagoons, parks, islands, amusement grounds, bathing beaches, and everything that could be desired for summer pleasure. It is expected that the entire project will be completed in 1920 and at an estimated cost of upwards of $19,000,000. When completed, it should place Toronto in an enviable position, giving it one of the finest harbors on the Great Lakes, stimulating its industrial and commercial expansion, and providing its people with unrivalled recreation facilities at their very doors.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ON GOVERNMENT

THE legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg. If it be said, his testimony in a court of justice cannot be relied on, reject it then, and be the stigma on him. Constraint may make him worse by making him a hypocrite, but it will never make him a truer man. It may fix him obstinately in his errors, but will not cure them. Reason and free inquiry are the only effectual agents against error. Give a loose to them, they will support the true religion by bringing every false one to their tribunal, to the test of their investigation. They are the natural enemies of error and of error only. Had not the Roman Government permitted free inquiry, Christianity could never have been introduced. Had not free inquiry been indulged at the era of the Reformation, the corruptions of Christianity could not have been purged away. If it be restrained now, the present corruptions will be protected, and new ones encouraged.

BY THE WAY

THE MUNICIPAL HALL is an Opera House where every man must play his part. Mr. Dickie's part has been a sad one.

THE CIVIC WATERLOO will be fought May 16. The Little Corsican will win the day unless Wellington receives the support of a Blucher at the crucical moment.

MR. DAVID BELASCO, of New York, the great actor-manager, is the son of a Cariboo prospector, and is an old Victoria boy. The B. C. Manufacturers' Association should seek Mr. Belasco out and brand upon him, "Made in B. C."

IT HAS BEEN sugested that a small collection be charged at all the meetings being held this week and next by Mr. Gold, the proceeds to go to charity.

MR. KERR TAKES the spot-light again this week. The fact that the old-timers are flocking to his standard in greater numbers than ever points to a nerve-racking contest.

AT THE MEETINGS, or "meets" this week, only love taps will be exchanged. Next week, the piliminies being over, the main bouts will take place and it is promised that the blood and dust will be flying very profusely.

THE BIGGEST dam in the world is said to be located at Bassano, Alta., is owned by the C. P. R., whose president inspected it the other day. The second biggest was uttered in South Vancouver last week when it was learned that Reeve Dickie and Councillor Gold had resigned.

MR. J. B. TODRICK, of Central Park, is in the running for the reeveship. Friends say that he will toddle into the office with little effort.

WHILE THE CHALLENGER designed and built by Sir Thomas Lipton may be some boat, it isn't in it with some of the South Vancouver challengers which are also propelled to a more or less extent by the winds.

IF IT WEREN'T for Ulster, Mexico and South Vancouver, where would the daily papers find material for their columns.

CONSIDERING THE length of time that the Fraser has been passing through the municipalities of the Valley, New Westminster, Richmond, Burnaby, South Vancouver and Point Grey, the old river must have quite a story to tell about municipal politics about the time it strikes the Gulf of Georgia. Sometimes it must be very glad to have the privilege of speedily passing on its way.

THE PEOPLE of New Westminster love the people of Vancouver about as much as Carson likes John Redmond, or as the City Editor of the "Western Death" likes Candidate Gold.

FOLLOWING ELECTION Day, the services of the South Vancouver Branch of the Victoria Order of Nurses will likely be required to nurse the wounded and maimed.

NOT SATISFIED with the titles of Candidate, Councillor, Ex-Councillor, Councillor, Ex-Councillor and Candidate again, Mr. Gold now endeavors to annex the position of Reeve. An opportunity to be addressed "Your Worship" is not to be taken lightly.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED to the man who used to say, "Give me the good old plug every time. I can't get no satisfaction out of that new-fangled fine cut?"

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL credits John Webster, M.P., for Brockville, with supplying the oratorical titbit of the session: "If the heavens were a blackboard and the Rocky Mountains were chalk, no man could write upon it the history of this country."

In delivering this gem of oratory, the Brockville member no doubt webstered the hand.

SPEAKING OF parliamentarians. There's a certain M. P. from British Columbia who recently delivered an empire-quaking speech condemning Oriental immigration. Not so many moons back this parliamentarian ran a real estate office. Some days his little office resembled in odor and scenery a stall in a Calcutta bazaar. The dusky Hindoos were faithful clients and put many a thousand dollars into the pockets of the man who now has such pronounced ideas on the subject of Oriental immigration.

TO THE COMING of the Stratford Players to the Avenue Theatre this week, the "News-Advertiser" devoted a half column editorial in the Sunday issue. That journal paid no attention to the arrival in British Columbia of another Stratford man. The Stratford Players will interpret Shakespeare for the intellectual nourishment of the people of Vancouver while the Stratford (Ontario) man will demonstrate the possibilities of British Columbia as a dairying country for the physical nourishment of the people who today are blindly sending millions annually to New Zealand and the ends of the earth to purchase dairy produce. Mr. A. F. MacLaren's factory is now opened at Clayburn, in the Fraser Valley. Mac's presence with us is of mighty sight—or as G. B. Shaw would say a bloody sight—greater importance to the average citizen than that of the cultured thespians.

The Highgraders' Corner

We Are
Toronto Star

They are counting on a record-breaking wheat crop in the northwest, and we all hope that they are good counters.

So Are We
Chicago Tribune

The chewing-gum face is so distressingly in evidence that we are thinking of wearing blinders while traversing the streets of the town.

We Use the Red for Scenery Only
Toronto News

Some enthusiasts are already bathing in the lake, but safe and sane citizens will use it merely as scenery for some weeks to come.

Not At All—Not a Tall!
Montreal Daily Mail

Water rushed into the S. S. Olympic at sea and swamped the dining-room. Sometimes there are disadvantages in not being seasick.

Sad
Vancouver Sun

The London Times has been reduced to a penny a copy in order that it may continue to be within the reach of the dukes and others who have been impoverished by Lloyd-George.

The Boastful Drumhellerites
Vancouver Province

The citizens of Drumheller, a bustling little town in Alberta, visited Calgary in a body when railway communication was inaugurated with that city. We would imagine from the name that the Drumhellerites are natural born boosters.

Much Good Might Result
Edmonton Journal

Rev. John McNeill, of Toronto, says the only time when a church attendant's face is radiant is at the end of a sermon. If every clergyman would keep watch and note these little indications, a great deal of good might result.

Home Influence
Calgary Albertan

A Chicago woman and her husband had a fight at the polls. Getting the home influence into the ballot, a: . were.

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I WILL ENDEAVOR TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH THE COUNCIL FOR THE GENERAL WEAL AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTH VANCOUVER.

The former Councillor says: "Tell Mr. Gold that Millar may have faults, but that being a jelly fish is not one of them."

Proportional Representation

AN OUTLINE

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At the last Liberal Convention, held in Revelstoke, Messrs. J. W. DeB. Farris, E. S. Woodward, E. C. Appleby, W. W. Baer and the writer were appointed a committee "to investigate Proportional Representation, the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall, and to report at the next meeting of the Convention." They have been gathering information from all parts of the world. Two meeting have been held and a final meeting will take place just before the Convention to formulate a report. Several leading men of the party will be requested to advise with the committee at that final meeting.

In the meantime the chairman of the committee, on his own responsibility, has prepared the following outline of the method of election by Proportional Representation. He had also secured copies of "Direct Legislation," published by the Direct Legislation League of Manitoba. He will place these two pamphlets in the hands of as many of the delegates to the coming Convention as possible, to assist in an intelligent discussion of the propositions.

He wishes to acknowledge the great extent to which he has used "Proportional Representation," an exhaustive treatise on the subject by Mr. John H. Humphreys, honorary secretary of the English Proportional Representation Society, and other publications of that society. The outline herein is practically the Hare System of Proportional Representation, advocated by that large and influential society, of which the Rt. Hon.. Earl Grey, late Governor-General of Canada, is president.

In some minor details the writer has dared to make slight changes which he considers would the better adapt it to Canadian conditions.

Our Present System

No change should be made in our methods of doing anything unless they are defective and we can exchange them for better ones.

All who have given even superficial thought to our methods of electing the members of the Dominion Parliament, of the Legislative Assemblies and of the city councils know full well that they are defective in the extreme.

Frequently a minority of the electors elect a majority of the house.

In 1886 Gladstone was swept from power by a minority of the electors. Though his party had a majority of 54,817 in the constituencies, yet his opponents obtained a majority of 104 in the house.

In 1910, in the Scotch boroughs and counties, the Conservatives polled a majority of 3,255 and elected only 9 members, while the Liberal minority elected 59. A Conservative member represented over 28,000 voters while a Liberal member represented about 6,000.

In 1874 the Liberal majority in the British constituencies was 214,000, but the Conservative majority in the house was 60.

In 1895 the Liberal majority of 38,437 in the country elected a Conservative majority of 80 in the house.

If not infrequently a minority of the members it must be expected that the parties in the house are almost always widely disproportionate to the voting in the country.

In the British House of Commons, in 1900, the Unionist majority of 134 should have been only 16 had it been proportionate to the voting in the country.

On the other hand, in 1906 the ministerialist majority of 356 should have been only 104.

In our Dominion elections of 1911 the Conservatives secured 134 seats. Proportionally they should have secured 114. The 87 Liberal seats should have been 107.

In the British Columbia election of 1909, proportionally the Conservative 38 should have been 22, the Liberal 2 should have been 15, the Labor and Socialist 2 should have been 5. Vancouver should have elected 3 Conservatives and 2 Liberals, Victoria 2 and 2, instead of 9 Conservatives in all.

By our present system from one-half to two-thirds of the electors are practically disfranchised, they are not represented, or their votes are thrown away, are not effective.

In the general election in Wales in 1909, 52,637 Unionist votes did not elect a single member; they were thrown away; the voters were disfranchised.

In the British Columbia election of 1912 over 35 per cent. of all the electors of the province were not represented in any sense of the word. They did not elect a single member. In the 33 contested constituencies 31,171 votes, as cast, would have elected the 33 members, hence not one of the other 53,349 votes cast was effective in assisting to elect a man of the elector's choice; 53,349 men who voted were practically disfranchised, their votes were thrown away; 37 per cent. of the voters elected those members and 63 per cent. did nothing but lose their votes.

Sometimes the minority is not only not represented but is actually penalized.

In round numbers, Birmingham has 70,000 electors—40,000 Unionists, 20,000 Liberals and 10,000 Socialists. She is entitled to seven members, one for every 10,000. The vote is by the "block" system and the Unionists elect the whole seven. Were it not for the presence of the 3,000 Liberals and Socialists the city would have only four members, who would be Unionists. The presence of the 30,000 adds three members to their opponents.

Can this unfair, unjust and bungling system be improved upon? Can every vote cast by an elector be made effective in accomplishing the will of that voter, in assisting to elect some man of his choice? Can a house be elected which will be a mirror of the sentiments of the electorate? Can every party of the people be represented in proportion to its voting strength?

Most certainly all this can be done by the adoption of what is known in England as the "Hare System of Proportional Representation."

Proportional Representation

By this system the present single-member constituencies must give place to districts which will elect from five to ten members each. No system of Proportional Representation, or the representation of minorities, is possible without this change.

As a safeguard the nomination papers of each candidate in a district should be signed by not less than 100 electors, and a deposit may or may not be required.

The names of all the candidates for a district are printed on the ballot paper in alphabetical order, with no indications as to party affiliations. Opposite each name is a square in which a number may be written.

Each elector of the district has one vote, and only one, but that single vote is transferable. This is the single transferable vote of the Hare system.

The voter places the figure 1 opposite the name of his first choice, that is opposite the name of the man for whom he desires his vote to count if that person needs it or can use it. That person may not need this vote—he may have enough to elect him without this, or he may have so few votes that there is no possibility of his being elected and therefore he cannot use it. In either case the voter does not wish his vote to be thrown away, he wants it to be effective, assisting in the election of some man of his choice.

Hence he marks the figure 2 opposite the name of his second choice, the man for whom he wishes his vote to count if his first choice does not need it or cannot use it. In like manner he may write 3, 4, 5, etc., against his third, fourth, fifth, etc., choices. He may mark as many as he pleases, but each with a different number.

This is the whole duty of the elector. The duty of the Returning Officer is more complicated, but, when systemized, it can be done quickly, though not as quickly as by the present method. (In a recent "model election," 47,874 ballots were handled and the counting completed in six hours.)

At each polling place the Deputy Returning Officer, in the presence of the scrutineers, will open the ballot box and count the first choices, make two lists of the same, make effidavits to their correctness, put one in the box with the ballots, seal the box and send it by the most expeditious route to the Returning Offcer. The other list he will send or wire to the Returning Officer at once. From the lists so wired in the Returning Officer will compile a provisional first count. This provisional first count can be published in the morning papers and will indicate the election of most but not all of the successful candidates.

As soon as the ballot boxes begin to arrive the Returning Officer and his instructed assistants will begin to verify the first count, as wired in, and will establish the first count.

The total number of valid votes cast, as shown by the first count, will then be divided by one more than the number of district members to be elected and to the quotient so obtained one will be added. This gives what is known as the quota, which is the least number of votes sufficient to render certain the election of a candidate. Thus, in a single-member constituency, a candidate who polls one more than half the votes must be elected; the Quota is, therefore, one more than half. So, in a two-member constituency, the Quota is one more than a third, for not more than two candidates can poll so many, and in a three-member constituency one more than a fourth, and so on. Therefore the above rule.

It will be found that some of the candidates have received the Quota at the first count. These are immediately declared elected. Each has the exact Quota or a surplus of votes which he does not need.

The next step is to transfer the votes contained in the largest surplus according to the wish of each elector as indicated on his ballot, that is to his next available choice. His sector.

In precisely the same way the surplus votes of other candidates who have recived the Quota and have been declared elected are distributed.

When, in this distribution of the surplus votes, any candidate reaches the Quota, he is immediately declared elected.

When all the surpluses, either original or formed later, are distributed, all the votes of the lowest candidate on the list are distributed among the "continuing" candidates according to the indicated wishes of the electors. (A continuing candidate is one who has neither been elected nor has been dropped.)

This process is continued till the required members for the District have each received the Quota.

By-Elections

This method can be used to avoid the great cost, turmoil and bribery generally incident to by-elections. It may be urged that such elections are useful in showing the trend of sentiment in favor of or against the party in power. But this is very doubtful because the government has so many ways in which it can unduly influence those elections that they are seldom a true index of popular sentiment.

For this purpose all the ballots and records should be preserved under seal. When a vacancy occurs in a district, either from death or resignation, the ballots of the retiring member, forming his Quota, will be transferred to the continuing candidates. Should no one receive the Quota by this transfer then the ballots of the then lowest candidate will be transferred in the usual way, and this process will be continued till some one of the continuing candidates receives the Quota, when he will be declared elected to fill out the term of the retiring member.

For this purpose, and to prevent injustice, the ballot papers of each lowest candidate should be mixed before being transferred and the final transfer cease as soon as the last member has obtained his Quota, leaving the balance of those ballots standing to the credit of the lowest candidate.

Not an Untried Scheme

In Tasmania it is in operation and by it the last three general elections have been conducted to the entire satisfaction of all parties.

In South Africa the Senate and the Executive Committees of the Provincial Council are elected in this manner.

The government of Western Australia is now putting through a bill for elections by this Single Transferable Vote. New Zealand has also under consideration a similar bill for the election of their Legislative Council.

By the new Irish Home Rule Bill the Upper House and many of the members of the Lower House will be so elected.

A Proportional Representation bill was introduced in the British House of Commons in 1912 and lost. But the sentiment in its favor, among all parties of the house, is growing so fast that it will doubtless pass in the near future. Both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour have made public statements in its favor.

Since 1899 in Belgium, in parts of Switzerland since 1890, in Wurtemberg since 1906, in Denmark for the Upper House since 1855 and municipal elections since 1908, for both houses in Sweden since 1906, in Japan for several years, and now in the new constitution of China—in all these countries this system or some slight modification has been thus in force.

France adopted it November 18th, 1913, and the city of Lethbridge has just elected its city commissioners by a similar method, the preference vote, which several cities of the United States have now under consideration.

In every place where it has been tried it has worked to the entire satisfaction of all parties and the parties have been fairly represented according to their voting strength.

From a mass of testimony received from countries where this system is in force we cull the following:

"Parliamentary groups fairly represent the proportional forces of the various parties in the country."

"More sincerity in political platforms."

"Political life has never been so active, reaching districts where there have been no contests for twenty years."

"The ablest men do not hesitate to enter political life and remain for years."

"Members dare to criticise even the measures of their own party, knowing that the machine cannot kill them politically."

"Everyone gets a fair and square deal."

Advantages

Through the avoidance of by-elections is not a necessary part of the Hare system of Proportional Representation, yet that exceedingly desirable result can be secured in a very simple manner, as indicated before. several members of the cabinet neglect the proper duties of their departments and spend weeks in the canvass. Naturally leaders of the opposition must meet them. Considering the expense to the government, to the speakers, to the electors in time and money, not to speak of actual bribery, the cost of these entirely unnecessary elections is enormous.

By this system probably nine-tenths of the bribery now practised is made impossible.

I think it safe to say that the elections in at least half of the constituencies in the whole of this Dominion are determined by the floating and generally purchasable vote. This means that this country is governed by the floating purchasable vote. In a single-member constituency, generally, two men oppose each other, personally and bitterly. Their friends and party adherents are lined up with them. Soon it becomes manifest that the party which can secure the largest number of this floating purchasable vote will be elected. Hence the temptation to win those votes by money, or positions, or promises, or whisky, becomes too great for the average man or party to resist.

Under Proportional Representation man is not pitted against man in such a manner that to win a candidate must destroy his opponent. Both may win. Nor is party so pitted against party that one must be crushed. Both may be justly successful. Every man who has a following in the district equal to the Quota will be elected. His success does not prevent the success of another. Each party will elect a number of members exactly in proportion to its voting strength in the district. Any party strong enough to cast the Quota of votes will be represented. There will be neither the temptation nor the power to purchase enough votes to materially affect the election.

It will not tend to destroy parties, but under it the party organization and caucus will not overshadow the power and influence of parliament. The despotic power of the party whip will pass away.

In the United States and Canada over 3,000,000 Socialist and Labor votes are unrepresented. Rankling under this injustice Socialism grows and the breach between Labor men and the rest of the community widens daily. Largely because of this injustice millions of the people are in a state of chronic rebellion against all government.

If these people had a square deal, had representatives in proportion to their voting strength, who would advocate their cause and secure for them fair consideration, the terrible social cataclysm which threatens the civilized world in the not distant future would be averted. Fair representation would transform rebellion into contented citizenship.

An Edinburgh cabman was driving an American round the sights of the northern city. In High Street he stopped, and with a wave of his whip announced: "That is John Knox's house." "John Knox!" exclaimed the American. "Who was he?" This was too much for the cabby. "Good heavens, man!" he exclaimed. "Did you never read your Bible?"

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A LITTLE MOMENT

BY

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The doctor was used to telling dying folk of their fate, for Timewell Street rarely asked his aid until the last goal was well within sight. Usage had given him a certain dexterity in wrapping up the inexorable fact as delicately as might be; but it spoke volumes for his heart that, although payment of fees invariably tried, the task was never sensibly lessened of its distaste.

Personally, he often marvelled at the unwillingness of his patients to quit a world to whom they owed so little in the matter of fortune or entertainment. In the case in question this afternoon, there was no shying at the inevitable.

"How long do you give me?" asked the sick man calmly. "Put it precisely as you have formulated it in your own mind—a week—days, exactly how long, in all probability?"

"Possibly a week, probably three or four days, in any case soon." The answer was direct as desired. The doctor knew unacted indifference when he came upon it, rare as its encounter might chance to be.

"Thanks! That is just what I asked for." Another ten minutes of a hard-pressed day was sacrificed, and the watcher wondered anew as to the history of a man who was so obviously out of place, and so curiously careless in such surroundings, though with characteristic reticence he gave no hint of his speculations. He had quite enough to do, he often told himself, with tinkering away at ailing bodies, without complicating the process by hearing the story of the breakages.

"Better try not to brood over—things," he counselled lamely; "you are in luck, to have got out of the pain now, I believe altogether—"

The invalid laughed. "Oh! I don't think there is any fear of brooding on my part. I don't think—you don't either, I am sure—that when a man gets here, he is going to set up a howl over the step further that puts an end to it. I don't imagine there are many tears shed at having to say a last farewell to Timewell Street."

"That's where you are wrong. You would find out how many if you had known it as long as I have. It's all a matter of sympathy with one's surrounding, I suppose." The doctor said "Good-bye" and departed, closing the door behind him, a somewhat useless proceeding in view of the aperture yawning at its base. His conversation outside was plainly audible to the sick man.

"'Tis no more than I looked for—I thought all along as 'twas a buryin' job. I said as much to Mr. Watts this very morning as was. I can't say as I should have let beknowin'. A funeral do give a lodge a bad name; folks git the notion of somethin' catchin', not to speak o' the extry fuss and trouble as no woman on earth have got the face to charge for, come such a time an' all." Mrs. Watts had an unsubduable voice. Its strident accents came distinctly to the ears of the man under discussion.

"He hated dirt like the devil." Who was it had said that once about himself, long ago? He smiled, thinking of the inapt simile, pondering that if that particular gentleman and his seductions had been detested with the fervor shown towards an unwashed fellow-being, Timewell Street might have remained out of personal ken.

The voices of the children at play below, of a happily distant street-organ, of a conversation carried on, as conversations usually were in that locality, at a considerable distance from the sharers therein, mingled with hazy, wandering thoughts. He grew impatient with the speakers who only remembered what they wanted to say when half a street apart.

A childish treble lifted itself from the other end of the street, while a yet more distant feminine voice was to be heard in wrathful demand.

"Myrtle—Myr-tle Jo-nes! Yer mother's looking for you to fetch the butter for tea right away. My you'll catch it if you don't 'urry up and go away 'ome!"

"I'm on Dicky's ground! I'm on Dicky's ground! Dick-y won't cach m—ee!" chanted the defiant Myrtle Jones, staking present pleasure against the waiting chastisement that every moment of delay made more certain. The man listening aimlessly felt a sympathy with the light-hearted little trespasser on Dicky's ground and her fearlessness of punishment. He lay staring blinkingly at the sunshine. Mrs. Watt's elephantine tread shook the floor as she progressed about her household mission. Her lodger reflected that he had known a variety of women in his day. Somehow, a certain pleasant indifference to the sex—what his landlady succinctly termed "the way he 'ave a-got wi' him"—piqued the feminine fancy oddly enough to illogical methods of service and attraction.

Memories sifted through the drowsy brain, remembrances of those to whom he owed faith, good fellowship, careless, trivial, forgotten happiness. They had, most of them, signified so little in his little. It is rarely in reality that the career of a man such as himself be seriously affected by feminine influence. Through the wreckage of his broken life, faces—pretty, young, winsome, elusive faces—rose up and floated into consciousness. Their possessors had probably all forgotten him, in like inconsequent manner, all except possibly—Janet! He stirred uneasily among the tumbled cushions as a keener memory pricked. Yes! possibly Janet had remembered. She was the sort of woman to cherish a memory, such was probably part of the sorriness of her fate.

Some lines she had been fond of came to mind—

"Should one of us remember, and one
of us forget—"
Memory broke away!"

The absurdity of the thought-sequence overpowered: a meditation upon Mrs. Watts's hidden qualities of heart to lead straight on to thoughts of Janet! Was there ever such a coupling of absurdities? A picture flashed—of one a voluble, florid, perspiring person, whose bodice strained at every seam and whose waist was long since submerged, and—Janet.

Her picture rose at the moment—small and colorless, with quiet, steady eyes and masses of hair lying closely about a broad, white brow, gleaming golden in the loose crimps, that would never set trimly as they were bid, over the small, delicate ears. The noises faded gradually out of hearing. Oblivion fell of poor Myrtle Jones's weeping echoes as she departed upon a forcibly expedited errand, of a brawl across the way, of steps up the stair and into his room.

"He just a-dropped off. Oftimes of a afternoon I looks in and finds 'im this ways, 'aving a bit of a nap arter his dinner. There! I'm that glad as you've come to see the pore young feller, miss. Only last evenin', when I brought up 'is supper, and there 'e was set all alone by hisself, I asked the question: 'Shan't I send word to yer relations?' I says. I know what the wuth o' a lady's relations is meself, none better, seein' as I was one o' twelve an' never none o' the pack to give a 'and wi' a baby or a bit o' bad luck; yit relations is relations, arter all, and it do seem 'tis nice and respectable to 'ave 'em round yer bedside come to last, so 'tis." Mrs. Watts stopped from lack of breath, the only apparent cause for the ending of her monologue, for she yet gurgled incoherently.

"Hush! don't waken him, please. I will wait until he has had his nap out. I am in no hurry." Janet's voice, flute-like, with the full undernote that that distinguished it, became entangled with the vivid mind-picture of her face, and the dream ran on.

Through his reverie the dozing man heard the heavy steps descend. He was in no immediate haste to disturb this pleasant mirage of fancy and let in the ugly light of reality upon the roseate day-dream. It revolved slowly in the lethargic brain and its dreamer smiled in himself lying with shut eyes in the mild and pitiless April sunlight.

At last the heavy lids went up, and it was with no surprise he saw her, grave-eyed, tremulous-lipped, with faintly flushed cheeks waiting beside his couch.

"You?" he said lingeringly, stretching out a hand. He told himself that he had never guessed, until this moment, the hunger he had for the sight of her just once again. His eyes, with all the sleepiness extinguished, scrutinized each line of the serious, small face, a little, overhanging pucker between the brows and soft, childish mouth.

"You were always a rum kid," he said, ignoring all question or greeting, "always. And so you come to see me—thus—here!" An arm indicated the torn blind, ragged curtain, and fly-marked oleograph of the Royal Family that smirked from a dusky wall. The girl knelt down by the rickety couch and laid a hand upon the restless one among its dingy rugs.

"Aren't you a scrap glad to see me?" Her voice was breathless, her hand trembled like a fluttering bird. "Have you forgotten everything? Oh! you can't have forgotten—quite, not altogether!" she shuddered at the din of the echoing street, at the unsavory odors, with a predominance of fried fish therein, that even the mild sun distilled and bore in through the lowered sash.

"Everything—you say. That's a large order, Janet. I draw the line decidedly at everything; but some things I was remembering but a moment since, things that do not fit with—this; and then, miracle of miracles! I open my eyes and find you, the dream come true beside me. It is a pretty trick of Fate; don't disturb my enjoyment of it by explanation. I always shirked explanations, you will remember." He scrutinized her narrowly.

"A little more serious, a little paler, if 'tis possible—but Janet indisputably." He closed his eyes again, opening them an instant after, as though, despite his words, he yet expected to find her vanished on re-opening.

"You ought to be married," he said abruptly. She laid a ringless hand on his own. "I say that you ought to be; but life being an ingeniously contrived muddle, I find you are not. You would have made a good wife, and some honest, church-going, unilluminative man abundantly happy; one with a taste for Arnold and Tennyson, bicycling on half-holidays, and a Shakespearean play occasionally. It is a pity you were never convinced of the fitness of—"

"Don't!" she protested vehemently. "Don't talk in this way. It was not for this I came."

"You always scolded me for talking wildly, if you remember. The bad habit sticks. Why don't you say 'I told you so?'" he asked whimsically, watching her face the while he mocked her unrelenting gravity. "Surely you have learnt that platitude's fullest meaning in relation to my unregenerate self by this time, eh? I always told you that its lack was the only flaw in your shining armor of virtue, the crack that opened and let me in, for I have known other good women besides yourself—not lately, I admit—but I never desired closer acquaintance with the kind, always excepting your small self." The girl made no attempt to reply to the wandering monologue; suddenly her lips trembled, with flushing cheek and bright eyes she went on her knees by the couch and laid her cheek against the pallid face among the tumbled cushions. The invalid drew away from her touch, pulling the folds of rug between his unsteady fingers to keep them from the girl's hair.

"This isn't playing the game, my girl!" he protested feebly. "I admit the absurdity of it, but let us stick to the rules." He was making a ridiculous, belated effort; through the desperation of the unaccustomed process ran a conviction of the futility of it all. It would avail no more than those broken striving of the past. He heard the choking catch in her throat as she waited for a hint of the old tenderness. Somebody began to play a concertina in the street. He thought inconsequently of the man in the backyard who practised "Barbara Allen" nightly upon the cornet, causing one at least of his listeners to thirst for his blood.

He looked down upon the familiar brown head with a swift, unreasoning anger against Fate that made a woman thus, with such useless intensity of faithfulness, such hopeless indifference to her own heart's peace and the small happinesses of the world. In any case he was bound to disappoint such a one. It was inevitable. He told her so, speaking jerkily in a voice that had no note of pity, but rather of reproach against herself.

"I was bound to fail you. It is the way I was made. Some men are fashioned thus, though they hide the fact from themselves; to others it is sometimes apparent, though they either do not, or may not, mend the matter. Luckily for themselves, most women of your type seem to have an instinct against such a one as I. . . . Has it seemed pitiless, this long silence, unforgivable? It is safer, though, for hearts—a heart—to break at a distance. It means dying at once, instead of inch by inch and living with the corpse afterwards; it means—" Her cry stopped the bitter words of truth, broke down the flimsy resolutions, and put an end to the moralizings. His hands fell about her hair, as the bowed head sank on his breast.

No questions were asked, no explanations given. For a time there was silence; then they began to talk in snatches of foolish, trivial things unforgotten between the pair, old memories, pleasantries, and things of no consequence to either. He broke in once: "This is unmodern, like a novel of the 'forties"; and again: "You must not repeat this—come again." She evaded the thought, and he pursued: "Do you remember some lines in a poem you used to read once, trying in vain to make me a lover of poetry with yourself? Let I have remembered those—something about 'a little moment mercifully gave.' Finish it for me."

She quoted with ready voice—

"Love that has robbed us of immortal things
This little moment mercifully gave."

"That's it!" he murmured contentedly. "That's just it—a little moment—this! A bonfire at the end; not a carefully husbanded taper flickering, dying, leaving us to grope and stumble in the dark, nor a flame trodden under-foot and extinguished ignobly—but a blaze! It suits me better this way, this way, Janet; better this way, child! What is it the Psalmist says: 'A light to lighten our path?' I've got it—your light at the very end!"

The girl laughed lightly, as she was expected, because she was expected, and the dusk grew duskier between them. She rose at reiterated commands.

"You must not come again; remember, I will not have you here again," he insisted, stretching a hand in the shadows to button her glove. "Be an artist—leave the perfect thing with a touch too much, as you women so rarely can. This will not bear another, not another meeting, Janet, lass!"

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Mrs. Watts wiped her eyes with an apron that mottled yet more picturesquely the vari-colored surface of her expansive cheek.

"When did it happen?" asked the doctor laconically, sitting down to fill out the death-certificate.

"Larst night, it must 'ave bin, arter I took in his bit o' supper. There he was, pore feller, laying smilin' to hisself like a baby; an' he spoke up that cheerful, though I will say as he most times 'ad his bit of joke. 'Yer lady visitor done you a pack o' good, that she 'ave,' I says; 'a pleasant-spoken little body she was, sure enough.' He chuckled at the words soft to hisself, chatterin' some gibberish as I couldn't make 'ead nor tail on. 'They as husbanded the golden grain, an' they as chucked it to the winds like rain,' I minds that far. I drawed-to the blind an' come away, thinkin' as a quiet night would settle his 'ead arter the seein' of a stranger, as was most oncommon for 'im, I do allow. 'You was togither in my thoughts the two of you,' he said as I went out, and I could hear the laugh as I went downstairs." Another tear channelled the unwashed cheek at the remembrans.

"He got his quiet night all right," the doctor added.

"That he did! There was a Scrupture reader in this mornin' to inquire, as heard the news next door where he was visiting with a track."

"'Did he go repentant!' he asked, his head on one side. Was he a professed Christian? What sect did he 'appen to attend in health.'

"About Christian, I couldn't give no opinion,' I says, 'aving known but two such, as was Independent Methodists and left suddint owin' two weeks' lodge as they forgot in their 'urry. 'He was a gentleman,' I says, 'though might be a trifle free with 'is speech when put out, maybe. Pay was reglar and his word perlite otherwise, an' a better lodger I niver expects the doin' for, pore feller! There, he's better off, no doubt,' I says."

The doctor re-screwed the top of his fountain pen and returned it to his pocket. "No doubt," he echoed. "Anyway, it was the happiest ending to it all, far the happiest ending."

It had been—happier even than the doctor imagined; for only Janet knew.

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MONDAY, MAY 11.---Marfew Hall, Cedar Cottage.
TUESDAY, MAY 12.---Secord School, Victoria & 63rd
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13.---Carleton Hall, Collingwood
THURSDAY, MAY 14.---McBride School, Inverness and 28th
FRIDAY, MAY 15.---Kalenberg Hall, Main & Bodwell

Meetings will begin at 8 p.m. sharp

☛ COME EARLY

BY-ELECTION

Municipal Elections Act, Corporation of the District of South Vancouver

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of South Vancouver that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, corner of Fraser Street and 43rd Avenue, on Wednesday, May 13th, 1914, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the municipal council as Reeve, also a person to represent them as Councillor for Ward 5 in the said Council.

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 the notice and 2 o'clock p.m. on the day of the nomination. The said writing may be in the form No. 5 in the schedule of the Municipal Act and shall state the name, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1914, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the following places :

Ward 1—Carleton Hall, Collingwood.
Ward 2—Lord Selkirk School, Cedar Cottage.
Ward 3—Fraser Street, near 26th Avenue.
Ward 4—Main Street, near 26th Avenue.
Ward 5—Municipal Hall, corner Fraser Street and 43rd Avenue.
Polling booth for Reeve and Councillor, Ward 5.
Ward 6—Main Street, near 63rd Avenue.
Ward 7—North Arm School, corner Fraser Street and River Avenue.

Electors can only vote in the ward as prescribed by voters' list, of which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly.

"The qualifications for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the last three months preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner in the land registry office of land or real property situate within the municipality of South Vancouver of the assessed value on the municipal or provincial assessment roll of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a municipal voter."

"The qualifications for a Councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his 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 or Provincial assessment roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; and being otherwise duly qualified as a municipal voter."

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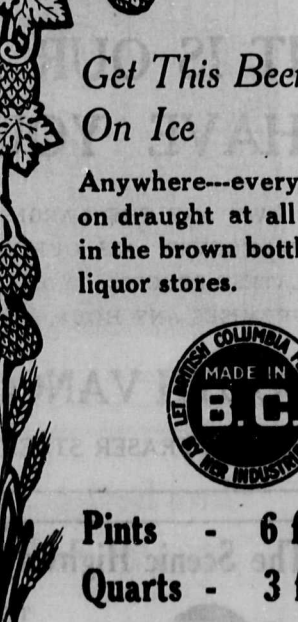

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COLLINGWOOD DISTRICT NOTES AND JOTTINGS

Miss Elsie Reid, daughter of Mr. C. G. L. Reid, who has been attending the Presbyterian Ladies College at Ottawa, has returned to her home.

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On Tuesday night the Collingwood Intermediates defeated the baseball team of the First Baptist at Carleton grounds, Collingwood. The score was 8-3. This is the third time, in succession, that the local team has gained the victory over Vancouver teams.

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Miss Elsie Reid sang a solo in Knox Church on Sunday evening, rendering it with most beautiful effect.

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Mrs. R. D. Bell, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. F. Pringle, for the past six months, left for her home in Vernon. En route she will spend a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. A. Cruickshank, at Clayburne, in the Matsqui district.

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Mr. John McIntyre has purchased a farm in the Fraser Valley and is now getting it into shape for a productive crop.

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Sunday morning baptismal services were conducted in the Knox Church and three babies were presented for baptism. These were Roma Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. W. J. Stillwell; Grace Annie Lillian, daughter of Mr. J. E. Still; and Dora May, daughter of Mr. H. D. Stillwell. The last baptismal service was conducted by the late lamented Dr. Wright, when fourteen babies were baptised. This was the last public service which the Doctor conducted.

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The children of Carleton School, in pursuance of the "city beautiful" garden scheme, have been given flower seeds by the municipality and each scholar has his own little part of border in the school ground and is industriously planting the seed and tending that especial part in the extension of what will soon be a beautiful flower border around the school.

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Adding to the conveniences of the people on the hill at East Collingwood, a new post office was established on May 1. It is located in the Beatty Block, corner of Joyce and School Road. While it is not a money order office yet both this and the excellent stores, the churches and the Kingsway carline are much appreciated by this district.

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Miss Chirstina Dodds had the misfortune to break one of the small bones of her hand recently. Though not a serious fracture it is very painful.

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Editor Chinook :

Sir,—Kindly give me space in your paper to present a few reasons why the people should not vote for Mr. Gold. First, he is stopping the progress of the municipality and making it almost impossible for the working men to support their families. Since he has been in office it has cost this municipality hundreds of dollars in unnecessary litigation. When first elected he apparently was not qualified and the municipality was put to the expense of another election and if he should happen to be elected reeve we will have still another election, as I am informed on good authority that there are councilmen that will resign sooner than sit with him as reeve. What we as a people want is progress and not lawsuits and elections; and I hope the public will see it in the right way and avoid further notoriety such as was spoken of by a judge in a recent action re the payment of progress money on the Main Street paving. Mr. Gold's action as a councillor, it seems clear to me, is looking after the Gold interest first, last, and all the time. What do you think?

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