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Present Day Administration Condemned From The Pulpit

A Strong and Stirring Sermon Preached From a Local Pulpit Last Sunday Evening

Text: "In those days there was no King in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes."—Judges 17:6.

In modern language the text means that every man did as he liked, and we are going to consider how things went in Israel and how things go in British Columbia when men do as they like.

For over 200 years in Israel during the period of the Judges, when there was no King, there was no unity or central authority such as was found in the time of their leaders, Moses and Joshua, or afterwards under the monarchy. It was the "adolescent period" or "'teen age stage" of the people when all restraint and authority were thrown off. Every young person knows what this means. It it a very critical and dangerous time for the person or the people when they resent authority and do as they like. British Columbia seems to be passing through that stage now. We ought to have passed beyond it long ago, for we are more than twenty years old. The trouble is that some people never seem to get beyond the "'teen age" and continue doing as they like all through life.

Let us first take a look at the state of the people. Nationality, in the time of the Judges, the tribal system was in vogue. Each tribe took up its own inheritance and became self-interested and self-centred in its own possession. The community life became separate and exclusive, one tribe often refusing to help another tribe in dire distress. This tribal spirit simply meant every tribe for itself or every tribe doing as it liked. Morally, this state meant decline. They cast off the restraint of the past, assimilated the habits and vices of the people among whom they lived, and got themselves intermingled with mixed marriages. Even Samson got badly mixed up in a Philistine marriage. When people do as they like in such moral matters their moral life will be not that of liberty but of license. Religiously they did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord and provoked the Lord to anger. They served Baal and Ashtaioch—the gods of the people— and practised licentious worship in the groves. When people do just as they like religiously it generally means that they do evil in the sight of the Lord.

All this suggests the state of the people in British Columbia. Our mountain ranges and valley plains give rise to separate communities that become self-interested and self-centred. Our industrial life as suggested by the mining, fishing, lumbering and agricultural development gives rise to the character of certain communities, towns, and cities. Crude conceptions of liberty and independence were developed. The "open town policy" and "the wild and woolly west" are simply expressions indicating that in the selfish life of certain communities the people do as they like.

In the second place, note the evils that result from such a state. In Israel's case the Dark Days fell upon the people. The Canaanites from the north, the Midianites from the centre, and the Phillistines from the south brought terrible oppression and distress. During this time some of the judges were poor types of leaders, through whom God had to work. Some leaders then and now are poor material for God to work with. Judah captures Adoniheyck and cuts off his thumbs and toes. Ehud in his treachery draws the concealed dagger and pierces Eglon through, and the door is locked. And Jael, the wife of Heber, under cover of friendship and hospitality, strikes the stunning blow as Sisera drinks the bowl of milk. At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay, and then smashing the tent pin through his temples, she spiked him to the ground and praised God. Such evils result when people simply do that which is right in their own eyes.

So in British Columbia and the west. The Galicians live in large colonies and seek to do as they like in crime and vice. The Doukhobours have their own communities and do as they like in defiance of the laws of the Province. The Mormons build up their self-centred community life and do as they like. Communities of industrial centres, jealous of their licentious liberty, openly vote in criminal vice as to whether or not they will keep the law. When Mayors and magistrates set aside the law of the land and throw open the gates of vice they are just doing as they like. When police officers set aside their oath of office and take up the suggestion of commissioners, they are doing as they like in this land of British laws. When one man gets 62,000 acres and another 72,000 acres and two million acres of our Provincial Paradise are swindled from the people to the speculators, some person or persons in power are doing as they like. And if after those things are done some person high and mighty sends forth a great public appeal for a "higher moral tone," we answer straight from the moral conscience "Physician Heal Thyself." When the greatest financial crash that ever crushed the people of the west took place, when the Department of Law knew that deposits should not have been taken, and when the department did not stop the taking of deposits, and when after all this the head of the department boldly tells the people "I hold my head as high as ever," then the people must answer back that in our day some poor types of leaders are doing just about as they like with their own morals and other people's money. But this doing as we like is not confined to any one party in power. The most brilliant Liberal in the west today is the most unbridled and unprincipled politician who could be elected to parliament. The most brilliant Socialist in the west during the past ten years is a man whom we should be

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FACTS AND FANCIES

By "Observer"

Once upon a time a reeve of South Vancouver indignantly refuted a suggestion that after he was elected to the chief magistracy, South Vancouver, particularly the council chamber, would become a bear garden. It would seem, however, as though the prophets were right and the reeve wrong—which is rather strange seeing that "the reeve can do no wrong," apparently. Anything he does or says is right; if any councillor does or says the same thing it is wrong. "When I know a man to be a cad I tell him so, I do not beat about the bush," the reeve told Councillor Russell; but when Russell claimed the same privilege Reeve Gold demanded an apology. When it was not forthcoming, he ordered the police to remove the councillor. When the police refused to carry out his orders the reeve got mad, as the children say, and childlike refused to play any more or to let the councillors play. Well has Edward Gold earned the title which some of the women of South Vancouver have given him — "Our Baby Reeve."

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Besides being babyish, the reeve is a bundle of inconsistency. His great objection to Miss Dench as a police court stenographer was that, in his opinion, the police court was no place for a woman. Yet on two occasions during the charge against him, Reeve Gold, or his lawyer, brought a woman stenographer all the way from Vancouver to take down in shorthand the "improper language" and "epithets of an offensive nature" which Magistrate Beatty said had been used, and which the magistrate described as "reprehensible."

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Then again, Reeve Gold issued to the press a list of names of municipal employees who, he said, were relatives of past or present councillors. He insinuated that they had all been appointed through the influence of relatives. As a matter of fact only two names in the reeve's list could in any way be singled out as having been appointed in the way suggested. And strange to say, those two men were appointed after Edward Gold started his famous head-chopping campaign over twelve months ago, and during the time he, as a councillor, was supposed to be looking after "graft" of all kinds at the municipal hall.

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Did Edward Gold raise any objection to the appointment of these men at the time? Not a bit of it! If the minutes are looked up it will probably be found that the men were appointed on the motion of Councillor Gold, seconded by Councillor Twiddy. Now, however, with a horde of men surrounding him seeking work at the municipal hall, men whom he knows were supporters of his at the elections, Reeve Gold singles out those two men and couples their names with others. Most of the others have served the municipality faithfully and well for many years, and their appointment neither Reeve Gold nor any else can bring one shred of evidence to prove was made through either political pull or because they were relatives by marriage to ratepayers who were subsequently elected by the people to the council or to other positions.

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Reeve Gold claims that he is merely trying to carry out his pre-election pledges. If that is so, how comes it about that some of his best and most ardent supporters have become disgusted with his antics and are now bitterly opposed to his actions. True, there is still a bunch of sycophants who yell their heads off whenever the reeve "scores" one of the councillors, no matter how silly or insulting his remarks.

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For instance, when Reeve Gold, in scoring Councillor Campbell, insulted all Britishers by his reference to "old country people who had been living on the smell of an old rag"—the British flag. This insult was received by his bunch of sycophants with wild applause. They also sneered and jeered at Councillor Russell for advocating the acceptance of the lowest tender just because the reeve was advocating that a higher tender be accepted, the reason being that the lowest tender was from ex-Councillor Campbell's firm.

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These two instances show very clearly the unthinking, unreasoning support which the reeve is receiving from those who at home would pride themselves on being true Britishers and would at any other time denounce in vigorous terms any councillor who proposed that a contract be awarded to other than the lowest tender. Doubtless this blind, unreasoning support is very gratifying to Reeve Gold; but it is likely to become a two-edged sword which sooner or later will be turned against him.

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Another instance of Reeve Gold's inconsistency was his action in ordering dismissal notices to be sent to certain employees before a recommendation, passed in committee, had been confirmed by the council. If there is one thing more than another that Reeve Gold has complained about it has been what he termed "the irregularities" and "the illegalities" allowed by past councils. Yet, because it suited him, Reeve Gold deliberately instructed the clerk to do what he knew to be irregular, namely to issue dismissal notices to employees before the recommendation of the committee had been confirmed by council, as required by the Municipal Act.

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As I have already intimated, Reeve Gold evidently believes that he can do no wrong and that what would be and is wrong for others to do he may do with impunity. Reeve Gold claims to possess more power than is enjoyed by the King of England. The king is governed by the majority of Parliament. Reeve Gold refuses to be governed by the majority of the council, and merely because councillors objected to the irregular and illegal action of the reeve in ordering dismissal notices to be issued, and in suspending the employees later without consulting the council, he obstinately refuses to budge from the illogical and unreasonable position he has assumed and declares that no matter how united the councillors may be he will never bow his head to "a band of puppets." Well, well! There is an old fable about a stubborn, headstrong growth of wheat that disdained the more graceful oats, bowing before the gentlest breeze. The wheat declared that it would not bow its head to any breeze that blowed. A storm arose. After it was over the oats still waived in the breeze; but, alas and alack, the stubborn wheat lay low, a broken mass of straw. Verb. sap.

Local Notes

The officers and teachers of the Westminster Sunday School were invited to the manse, 275 23rd Avenue East, Tuesday evening. At a late hour, to close the social time, Mrs. Craig served a delightful supper to the guests.

The Young People of Westminster Church will hold the first social evening of the season on Thursday evening, April 1, in their room, in the basement of the church.

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The Irish concert given last week in St. David's Presbyterian Church was highly successful. The church was filled with an enthusiastic audience who enjoyed a programme of high class merit. The artistes were repeatedly encored and the evening's entertainment was voted as one of the best given in South Vancouver. Mr. W. W. Robertson, who had the concert under his direction, is to be congratulated upon his splendid success. A goodly sum will be handed over to the managers to go towards the building fund of the church as the result of this concert. The artistes one and all acquitted themselves in a high class manner and the thanks of the church managers were tendered to them for their splendid efforts.

Disgraceful Scenes Enacted At The Local Council Meetings

Reeve and Councillors Indulge in Wordy Warfare--Business At Complete Deadlock

The Municipal Council meeting last Friday evening was again a scene of disorder, and although lasting till nearly midnight very little business was transacted. Long before the councillors took their places in the council room, the seating capacity of the hall was filled and large numbers were kept outside, as at this meeting the building bylaw was being enforced and a police officer was stationed in the hall to see that this was done. As the councillors came in and took their places, the behaviour of the audience at times was very unseemly. Councillor Stanley, who was the first councillor to arrive, was hissed and groaned at, and cries of "Give us a song, Stanley" were followed by the Gold part of the audience singing "Tell me the old, old story," which was followed by derisive laughter and cries of "Sing us the second verse, Stanley." The same reception was forthcoming to Councillors Campbell, Russell and the others as they filed into the room, and the behaviour of a large portion of the audience present was most unbecoming and disgusting to the orderly and educated portion of the ratepayers present.

When the reeve and council had taken their places, and before taking up the regular business, the reeve drew attention to the number of people outside and suggested that something be done to accomodate them, but as the building bylaw was being enforced and all available seats were taken up, this was impossible and the council passed a resolution, that if other rooms could be found for the auditor and stenographer at present using the room at the south end of the hall, that the partition be taken out and the hall enlarged.

A delegation was next heard who claimed to be representatives from the Voters' League (and who it was noticed were all witnesses for the defence in the recent Gold trial) who asked to read certain resolutions to the council which were supposed to have been passed at a meeting held in the Fraser Hall a few days ago. Mr. Lewis read the resolutions, the purport of which was:

"1. That in our opinion a tax sale is not advisable.

"2. We strongly disapprove of a grant of $2500 to the Harbor Board.

"3. That a lady stenographer should not be employed in police court work.

"4. We strongly oppose the installation of a garbage incinerator.

"5. We believe that this council should reconsider the present situation and come to some harmonious arrangement.

"6. We strongly object to the building bylaw being enforced, numbers of people thus being kept out of the meetings."

After Mr. Lewis had read the resolutions, the following persons spoke to them: Messrs. Way, Mengel, Houston, Rackner and Gale.

The hearing of the deputation took a considerable time and after each had been heard, the reeve put the matter to the council and asked what should be done with these communications.

A motion was moved and carried that the communication be received and filed for future reference.

Mr. D. J. Davis was present and addressed the council, calling attention to a dump which was creating a nuisance close to his home, and threatening to take out an injunction against the municipality if this matter was not immediately attended to.

The regular business of the council was then taken up. The report of the health committee was read and adopted. Included in this report was the following items:

"That T. Eccleston, mik and bakeries' inspector, be sworn in as a special constable.

"That the tender of Ernest E. Barker for drugs be received and accepted.

"That the building inspector be instructed to complete the alterations to the health department, including the necessary painting and kalsomining."

The report of the Fire and Light committee was next taken up and this report was adopted as read. Included in the report were the following itmes of business:

"That a committee of the whole council arrange for a meeting with the representative of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System at the Municipal Hall at an early date for the purpose of discussing a report of the building inspector on this system and all evidence on this matter to be given under oath."

There was considerable discussion on this, whether to have the meeting in private or in public, but a motion was made and carried that the meeting for investigation be held in public.

"That W. Harwood be reinstated as captain of No. 3 Firehall." Carried. Councillors Allen, Rowlings Russell and Welsh in favor.

"That the chairman and members of Fire and Light committee meet a committee of the members of the Fire Department for the purpose of organizing a benevolent society, members of which must belong to the South Vancouver Fire Department."

The report of the Board of Works committee was next taken up and many matters of claims, etc., were dealt with.

Included in this report was the awarding of lumber contracts for 1915. Mr. Bruce of the Coast Lumber and Fuel Company was present and addressed the council, claiming that his company had not been properly treated in the awarding of the lumber contracts and asking for further consideration. All of the councillors took part in the discussion of this matter, and it was finally arranged that the Coast Lumber and Fuel Company be awarded the lumber contracts for Wards 4, 5 and 6 and the McGibbon, Hodgson Lumber Company be awarded the contract for the other wards.

The report of the water committee followed and this report caused considerable heated discussion.

Included in this report was the following item: "That the B. C. Waterworks Supplies be awarded the contract for the supply of 4,000 feet of 12-inch steel pipe at $114.30 per 100 feet." Reeve Gold raised strong objections to this contract being given to this company, claiming as his reason for objecting that ex-Councillor C. Stuart Campbell should not get any of the municipality's work. Councillor Campbell claimed that as the tender was the lowest and that by accepting it the municipality was saving money, they should not let personal feeling sway them in this matter but get the pipe at the best possible price for the municipality. Reeve Gold claimed it was not consistent with the council's policy to do this, and had the clerk read a former minute of a meeting at which it was resolved to have C. Stuart Campbell removed from the sewer board in favor of another nominee of the council. Councillor Allen claimed it would not be good business to refuse the tender of the company simply because a certain person was connected with it. He reminded the reeve that this was not the reeve's own personal money he was spending but the money of the people, therefore, he claimed they had no right to look at this matter from the standpoint of personal feelings towards C. Stuart Campbell, but from the standpoint of doing the best for the people whose money they were dealing with.

Councillor Russell speaking on the subject was interrupted by Reeve Gold and corrected for a remark he had made. This was resented by Councillor Russell, who exclaimed:

"I'm educated enough to need no correction from you." This caused considerable noise amongst the audience present and cries of "Hoo Hoo" were heard.

Councillor Russell: "I see you have a lot of hooters here tonight your worship."

Reeve Gold: "I think it is very out of place for you to call them 'Hoodoos.'"

Councillor Russell: "I didn't call them hoodoos. I said hooters. If you would open your ears you would hear what I said."

Reeve Gold: "Councillor Russell, I object to you addressing me in that way. You have no right to address me like that and if you don't respect me I'll have the officer put you out, and if he won't, the ratepayers here will."

Shouts from the audience "You bet we will."

Reeve Gold: "I've got the people with me."

Councillor Russell: "I'll go before the people with you tomorrow Reeve Gold."

Councillor Campbell objected to the remarks of the reeve, stating he was lowering his dignity in doing this.

Reeve Gold: "There are too many people who have lived upon the smell of an old rag in the old country and who have come here to live on their dignity."

At this considerable excitement prevailed and Councillor Russell was heard to move to adjourn but this was not taken notice of.

Reeve Gold: "If Councillor Campbell will go before the people tomorrow I'll give $500 to a charitable institution if he is returned. I could beat him in his own ward tomorrow."

Councillor Russell: "I'll go out with the reeve if he'll go tomorrow. I'm not afraid."

Councillor Stanley: "Will you make that offer to the other wards, Reeve Gold?"

Reeve Gold: "Oh you're not so strong as you think you are in you're ward, Councillor Stanley."

After the excitement had cooled down, the motion awarding the contract to the P. C. Waterworks was carried.

The report of the finance committee was next taken up and this again caused some stormy scenes.

Payrolls and accounts to the amount of $14,994.80 were presented, and when the different ward amounts were being considered, Reeve Gold took exception to the amount credited to Ward 4. Turning to Councillor Street, he demanded to know why his brother was getting his second week's

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(Courtesy Evening Journal.) THE START OF THE RACE.

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MR. J. W. WEART

AT the nominating convention held in Bursill Institute, Mr. J. W. Weart was unanimously chosen as the Liberal standard bearer for the new constituency made up of South Vancouver east of Fraser Avenue and the Municipality of Burnaby.

In Mr. Weart the Liberals have been successful in securing a candidate who will carry the flag with honor. Mr. Weart has not been noted for his keen partisanship and he will receive in the forthcoming election support from Liberals and Conservatives alike.

Mr. Weart's opponent in convention was Mr. Hugh Fraser, Reeve of Burnaby, a gentleman of high character and integrity. There was friendly rivalry between Mr. Weart and Mr. Fraser and in making the selection a delicate task fell to the delegates in convention.

Mr. Fraser it was who moved that the nomination of Mr. Weart be made unanimous. Burnaby and South Vancouver are therefore lined up behind Mr. Weart to a man, and if the right thinking people go to the polls upon election day there will be no question as to what is likely to happen to the Government candidate.

REEVE GOLD A PROVINCIAL CANDIDATE

IT is stated upon good authority that Mr. Edward Gold, reeve of South Vancouver, is likely to be a candidate in the forthcoming contest and will carry the Tory banner against J. W. Weart.

Mr. Gold would undoubtedly be the most powerful individual the Conservatives could put up in the Municipality. In the event of his election he would no doubt create some hub-bub at Victoria.

It is only natural that he should consider the nomination. He has found after three years' fighting that thtere is little for him to do in South Vancouver in the way of rooting out evil. Should he turn to the Provincial arena, however, there would be a splendid field in which he could revel to his heart's content, get much glory for himself and do much good for the Province of British Columbia of which, we understand, he is a native son.

In the event of Reeve Gold's nomination for South Vancouver-Burnaby, he would have the support of a great many people of all parties.

MR. C. STUART CAMPBELL

CONSERVATIVES in the eastern riding of South Vancouver have not yet nominated a man for the coming election. Mr. C. Stuart Campbell's name is still being passed about in this connection.

Mr. Campbell is a gentleman whose standing in the community was good and whose record as a councillor was good. It is sad that the CHINOOK should be forced to rise at this time as an opponent of Mr. Campbell. However, the right thinking people of the district, Liberal or Conservative, know that Mr. Campbell is today a member of the sewerage board dominated by the Bowser influence, though financed by the joint municipalities.

In days gone by Mr. Campbell was a straight Liberal, we are informed. It is unfortunate that his associations with one Frank Bowser, president of the sewerage board, should seem to demand that he line up with a Conservative association.

It is a well-known fact, admitted at Kalenberg Hall by Premier Bowser himself, that any man seeking work on the sewer board first had to have a ticket from a Conservative association.

Any man who as a member of such a responsible body, drawing a substantial salary from the municipality, who would lend himself to such measly tactics, cannot expect to have the support of any reasonable body of men.

A RECORD OF SHAME

THIS we claim is the only title that can truthfully be given to the record of the last twelve years of the B. C. machine. An election is being brought upon us. Does the war situation of the Empire demand it or is there a still greater issue than the war that demands that the voice of the people be heard in decision upon it?

There is a great issue and it demands our attention. The prodigality of the machine calls for a drastic halt and investigation. When thousands upon thousands of acres of the finest lands of B. C. have been ruthlessly given away, when millions of our money have been handed to railway corporations, and when corrupt practices of the meanest and most contemptible kind have been exposed as the work of the machine, then war or no war, it is time to call a halt.

Shameful exposures have been made time after time during the last three years of the life of the machine, corrupt and disgraceful acts by individual cogs of the machine have been exposed, and now the machine itself has broken down. After years of squandering of the Province's resources, after years of misuse and mismanagement, and after years of base treachery to the people of British Columbia, the machine has failed at last and is down and out.

People of this great west Province, men of integrity and honor, what will you say to it all?

Will you still condone the shameful practices of the machine or will you rise in your might and send it once and for all to its own place—to eternal perdition.

An election is needed; yes, more than needed, and when it comes there must be no uncertain answer to the call to the polls.

Vote and vote right. What good thing has the machine ever done for this, the finest of all the provinces of this great dominion? Where are the riches and resources of B. C.? Why have they passed out from the hands of the people's representatives into the hands of the few, speculators and land sharks? What legislation has the machine brought down in those years that has benefited the people of this province? What has been the benefits derived from the thousands of dollars spent in commissions and investigations held by the machine?

What ability has the government shown in handling the province's affairs? What record is left of their actions? A record of prodigality, of trust swindles, of misuse of office for personal gain, a record which shall remain a stain and blot in the history of British Columbia.

There was no need for an election had the government been capable, businesslike and honest, but they were not, they have miserably failed and for this they must go.

THE MUNICIPAL CRISIS

FOR the last few weeks back we have been drawing the attention of our readers and the attention of the ratepayers of South Vancouver to the unseemly scenes taking place at regular intervals in our municipal chamber. We had hoped that by doing this some effort would be made to have some remedy brought about in this respect, but instead we find this week that matters, instead of improving, are if possible, getting worse. The situation of this municipality's affairs is one, which to the educated and intelligent ratepayer, ought to be the cause of much deep concern.

A deadlock in the municipality's affairs has been reached and unless the provincial government is to be called in and the municipality's affairs placed in the hands of a receiver, a change will have to be brought about and that right speedily. The municipal council meeting of last Friday and again of Monday this week, was a disgrace and a humiliation to the municipality. A council elected by the ratepayers and put into office to administer the affairs of the municipality find themselves unable to do any business and are compelled to sit like helpless babes and allow an autocrat to waste their time and efforts by a power, which if legal, is certainly not rightly so. No man should have power to do what is being done in our municipal chamber today, and the sooner the people of South Vancouver demand a change, the sooner will the municipality be benefited. Is there any reason or common sense in the actions of Reeve Gold today? None whatever! At Monday's meeting, Councillor Allen made a motion which was carried unanimously, and which would have resulted in the present troubles all being got over, the resolution being that the council as a committee of the whole should go thoroughly into every department of the municipality's work and by a thorough inspection clean up the whole business. And what happened? The reeve deliberately informed the council they could go about this investigation by themselves, he would not be one of them, and when they had all their investigating done, he would come in and they would find that he had a policy which he was determined he would carry out.

We have advocated this before now and we advocate it again, that the medical officer of this municipality should be instructed to examine into the mental condition of certain individuals around the municipal hall, and perhaps a solution to the whole trouble would be speedily found.

Ratepayers of South Vancouver, awake to your responsibility in your own affairs, get together and in your united effort show to all concerned that you have at last taken this matter up and that from now on you will not rest content until there is a thorough cleaning up and a condition of efficiency and harmonious working in all of the work and affairs of this municipality.

Our municipal chamber is no place for vaudeville. It is no place for "free for alls," and the dignity of the whole municipality is being lowered by scenes taking place there of late. Such disgusting insults as has been thrown at the people of South Vancouver, by those in charge of its affairs, as for instance the old dirty rag incident of Friday night's meeting, should not, and will not, be much longer tolerated, and we make bold to say the day is not far off when the insulter will have his insults thrown back into his teeth and this fair municipality will rise above this ignominy and show that it is fit to take its rightful place in the councils and municipalities of British Columbia.

THE BOSS MACHINIST

SMILING like a Mephistopheles, Mr. Bowser, the most eminent political machinist in Canada, and the most capable corruptionist, with the possible exception of "Bob" Rogers, will now take a look at his card index of British Columbia voters, who never went back on him yet. Mr. Bowser's name will go thundering down the ages as the man whose genius for organization produced a new type of politics. Boss Tweed and Richard Croker, and other famous men were mere microscopic atoms compared with Bowser. He dwarfs all the political bosses who preceded him.

Soon Mr. Bowser and all the good and true members of the government and supporters of the cause will be singing in chorus. Bowser will give again a true depiction of his type in the machine shop and on the stump. He is the perfection of the political campaign stump orator.

We will now behold the dog-like devotion of the voters who support the Conservatives cause through thick and thin. Mr. Bowser has the utilitarian idea of a political campaign and the way it should be conducted. He knows that sympathy is denied to the vanquished and he does not propose to be vanquished. Therefore he goes at it in a business like way that certainly gets results. He has card-indexed the vote; he has commercialized the whole thing.

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POWER IN THE HANDS of an autocrat is a dangerous thing and in South Vancouver it has proved an expensive experiment in connection with municipal affairs.

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WHA THAS BECOME of Dick McBride? Has he been sunk by a submarine or is he only waiting till it is time to take another trip to "Good old Lunnon town." Better not wait too long, Dick, or you may not get there.

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WE LEARN THAT Dr. MacKay has consented to be nominated as a candidate of the Liberal party. He should prove a strong man and we wonder how Bowser will look when faced by a man of this calibre.

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER flock together. Gold is now slated to run on the Bowser ticket. It's not all gold that glitters.

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WHAT HAS COME OVER the Socialist party of South Vancouver located at South Hill. Haven't heard anything about a candidate yet. Something wrong. But these council meetings account perhaps for this omission. Some of the higher up's in the party are inclined to pin their faith on Gold to bring about the millenium.

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Weel freens, yae wud likely notice that we had oor much respected freen, wee Wullie Bowser up aside us last week. If onybody had hae telt me that I wudnie be at the first meetin' the wee yin addressed in Sooth Vancouver, I wud hae telt them that it wud be a "terminological inexactitude." Hoocver, freens, through unforseen circumstances, it wis my bad luck tae be unable tae be there—I had made a previous engagement that had somethin' tae dae wi' gettin' efter the wee yin also, an' I couldnie get up there in time.

Evidently the wee fellie expected tae meet me there, an' if he wis disappinted—weel he wisnie hauf sae sorry as I was.

Often hae I telt yae, freens, o' his lack o' discernment as a lawyer, hoo that every case he had ta'en tae the Privy Cooncil had been decided against him—but even mysel, I never thocht he wis that bad that he wudnie be able tae ken the difference atween a Scotsman an' an Englishman.

The meetin' hadnie long started afore he had Freddie Ogle — a guid freen o' mine whose only fau't happens tae be that he's English—picked oot as an objeck o' attack. He wis evidently lookin' for that "Chinook" fellie that had interviewed him in connecshun wi' the Dominion Trust swinnle, an' my English freen appeared tae him tae be the man.

Oh, Wullie I wish I had been there, but I only hope yaell keep tae yaer promise an' come back again. I can assure yae there's naethin' wud gie me greater pleesure than tae be at that meetin' an' I can doubly assure yae there's naethin' 'll prevent me.

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The wee yin is inclined tae play on the sympathies o' the folk owre this Dominion Trust swinnle, but I think I'll show them at that meetin' whether he's entitled tae ony sympathy. Yae can search the public records o' ony ceevilized community the world owre but never will yae fin' sic a glarin' instance o' political jobbery as the attorney-general o' B. C. put owre on these puir Dominion Trust depositors.

Noo, Wullie, dinnie forget yaer promise tae come back—yaell fin' that Sandy's "there wi' the goods" an' if yae answer the twa or three questyins he wants tae ask yae tae the satisfaction o' the folk, there's naebody 'll forgie yae quicker than himsel.

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There's nae mistakin', freens, that the populashon o' B. C. want tae get rid o' that bad gang we hae owre at Victoria, but jist hoo they're gaun tae manage it is anither questyin.

If there's wan thing the Liberals, Laborites an' Soshylists hae got tae bear in min', that is that nae maitter hoo rotten their legislashun may be, Wullie an' Dick hae wan o' the finest political machines at work that wis ever organized. Even the wee fellie disnie deny it, for in answer tae a questyin at the meetin' when it wis alleged that a man had tae jine the Tory associashun afore he wud be allowed tae throw dirt oot o' a sewer trench, he passed it off by sayin' that onywey a' the best men were Tories anyhow.

Noo I'm particularly sorry tae see that the Liberals an' Soshylists intend tae rin their saiparate candidates at the forthcomin' eleckshun.

As I said afore, this is nae time for a study o' political economy. Afore B. C. can get oot o' the bad mess she has been placed, she maun, in the first place, get rid o' that unholy bunch.

McBride an' Bowser—no' tae menshun ony o' the ither sma' fry that are hardly worth referrin' tae—when they're up agin a 'snag in tryin' tae defend themsels owre the terrible state the province has been brocht tae, generally turn on the patriotic stuff an' tell yae that the war has been mainly responsible for it. Sic a d——d lie. Why the war has been a Godsend tae British Columby. The Lor' only knows what wud hae happened if the men that hae enlisted frae B. C. had been still among us. We could still spare three or fower times as many yet an' still there wud be men lookin' for jobs.

This is nae time for discussin' Liberalism, Laborism or Socialism. Every man, woman an' child's existence is at stake at this eleckshun. It's a fecht atween honesty an' jobbery in public life an' onything that tends tae disunite the opposin' forces should be discouraged.

I dinnie profess tae hae ony mare likin' for the Liberals than the Tories mysel—if they got the chance they wud jist be as crookit—but what we folk need in the first place is a sufficient oppisishun returned tae Victoria tae help tae bring they fellies tae their senses.

There's nae use tryin' tae ram Soshylism doon a man's throat at eleckshun time. Afore a man can unnerstaun Soshylism he's got tae "read, learn an' inwardly digest," an' a soap box at a street corner an' a speaker that 'll condemn everything an' everybody under the sun is no' the best means o' gettin' a fellie's min' workin' along the richt streak.

Sink yaer differences in the meantime an' get thegither for yae common purpose, an' that tae be the overthrow o' the corruption that's brocht stervashun tae mony a puir man an' his wife an' bairns.

If McBride an' Bowser gae back tae power again, it'll no' be because o' their ain strength sae muckle as this lack o' unity which is in evidence among the opposin' forces. Jine haun's, freens, an' fecht the yae common enemy.

Yours through the heather,

SANDY MACPHERSON.

Victorian Order of Nurses hold Splendid Entertainment at Carleton Hall

Under the auspices of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Kingsway Auxiliary, a splendid entertainment was given last Thursday evening in the Carleton Hall, Collingwood East. A large audience gathered to hear this entertainment and they were well rewarded for doing so. "The Area Belle," a laughing farce given by the Burnaby Comedy Company, was a scream from beginning to end and this company of artistes are certainly to be congratulated on their splendid success.

Those of the company taking part were Miss Winnie Sayer and Miss E. B. Wilson, Messrs. J. R. Wilson, E. W. Walters, H. Sayers, W. J. West. There is certainly a rousing welcome awaiting these talented young people the next time they appear in this district.

Miss D. L. Gibson sang "Killarney" in fine voice and was loudly applauded for her effort. Miss Stein gave a splendid recitation and had to respond to the calls of the audience with an encore. The Dutch song by Miss M. Grieves and Mr. J. R. Wilson was delightful, as was also the monologue splendidly given by Miss W. Sayers and Mr. H. Sayers.

The programme closed with a screaming farce entitled "Irish Justice," and this was a treat for the large audience present. The parts were taken by Miss W. Sayer and Messrs. Wilson, Walters, West, Sayers and Copp, everyone of whom did splendidly.

The accompanist of the evening was Miss Wilson, who carried out her work in an able and efficient manner. We hope to hear this company again in the near future.

CHARGE AGAINST REEVE NOT SUSTAINED

Magistrate Beatty gave his judgment in the Gold case on Tuesday morning and said: This is a charge against the defendant under the vagrancy act. I have gone carefully into several cases which I believe thoroughly covers this one. The defendant admits having been in trouble but at a date a long time ago. I find no evidence before me that he comes under the title of loose, idle or disorderly person. This is quite clear from the fact that the defendant is in the position of reeve of this municipality and he must therefore be regarded as a respectable person.

I am satisfied that improper language was used and epithets of an offensive nature indulged in. I have given careful consideration to this case and I find the charge as laid, that defendant is a loose, idle or disorderly person cannot be sustained.

South Vancouver Social and Moral Reform Association

The South Vancouver Social and Moral Reform Association held their annual business meeting last Monday evening in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Mr. Thomson, the president, in the chair.

After the meeting had been opened by praise and prayer had been offered by Rev. J. R. Robertson, Mrs. McPhie, the secretary, gave the annual report of the year's meetings and work. The report showed that a large number of important meetings had been held in different parts of the municipality and much work had been done to advantage.

Several motions were brought before the association:

1. "That our name will be hereafter 'The South Vancouver Social Council.' This was carried unanimously.

2. "That we recommend to the Social Service Council of B. C. a total prohibition campaign for this province." Carried.

3. "That the society adopt the Lord's Day Alliance work, and act in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Huestis of that Alliance." Carried.

The report was received and adopted on the motion of Rev. Mr. Robertson, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Davidson of Mountain View Methodist Church, and the secretary was thanked for her very careful and capable work in bringing in the report.

The treasurer's report was next given and this showed that all accounts had been paid and a small balance remained in the treasury. This report was also received and adopted. At this point in the meeting Miss Baily sang a solo and her effort was loudly applauded by the audience. Miss Bailey has a sweet voice and knows how.

The election of officers for 1915 were made as follows: president, Rev. Mr. Davidson; vice-president, Rev. Mr. Freeman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. McPhie.

The next meeting will be held in Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church on the invitation of the Rev. Mr. Millar, who offered his church for that purpose.

Women Voters' Association

A meeting of the Women Voters' Association will be held on Friday at 2.30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. D. Woods, 1300 Bodwell Road. Mrs. McConkey will speak on the recent amendment to the municipal elections act, as it affects women voters. All women interested are invited to attend.

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It was a great surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, and after hearty handshakings and explanations, the party spent a happy evening in songs, violin selections, games, etc. The party broke up at 11 o'clock after singing the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" and each member personally wishing Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow Godspeed, long life and prosperity.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Section 24).

IN THE MATTER of an application for duplicate Certificate of Title No. 29017a, issued to Christina Graham Croskery, covering part 5 acres of Lot 13, Map 761, Osoyoos Division, Yale District.

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Some Facts About Suez Canal

By Harold J. Shepstone

It is no exaggeration to say that one of the most vulnerable points of the great British Empire is the Suez Canal, that wonderful artificial waterway that connects the Mediterranean with the Red Sea, and, incidentally, severs the two continets of Africa and Asia. It is the great highway to India and the East, and its value to the Empire, both commercially and strategically, is acknowledged by statesmen and military critics alike.

Its vulnerability was strikingly emphasized on the rupture with Turkey, when that country concentrated on the Turco-Egyptian frontier a large force of troops, thus threatening to seize the canal and invade Egypt.

The stretch of country betwwen the canal and the Turkish frontier is appropriately known as the Desert of Tih, or the Desert of Sin, and is a dreary, bleak, and waterless wilderness, about 120 miles wide. It is only crossed by a couple of ancient caravan routes, one running to Palestine by skirting the Mediterranean coast, and the other to the Sinai Peninsula, also by way of the coast. For and army to cross this desert successfully a number of camels would be needed. For this reason, no doubt, the Turks induced the discontented Bedouins of Southern Palestine to join them in their attack on Egypt, on the promise, probably, of certain concessions or privileges. For them the desert has no real terrors, and they are also born fighters.

An attack upon the canal, then, could only come from the desert, and that Turkey could, if she desired, throw a large force on the Egyptian frontier here there is no denying, mainly through the work of the Germans in linking up her cities with railways. On the Baghdad line alone Germany has already sunk over $45,000,000. This money has been advanced by German banks on security given by the Ottoman government. Indeed, few realize to what extent Turkey is in Germany's debt; hence the Teutonic influence at the Porte.

Although the Egyptian government and the Suez Canal authorities have always realised the possibility of attack upon their waterway from Turkey over the Egyptian-Palestine frontier, no steps have been taken to frustrate it in the way of specially designed forts. Rather is has been contended that the desert is the canal's greatest protection. A few destroyers, with the assistance of the garrison at Cairo, should be sufficient, it is argued, to defeat any attack made upon it from this quarter.

The possibility of any heavy guns being dragged across the desert is regarded as very remote, and what artillery the Turks and Bedouins managed to bring up would be outranged and outclassed by the guns of the British and French warships, while, if the recognized caravan routes were followed, the invaders would be liable to be shelled from the warships off the coast.

Still, the need of adequately protecting the canal from the dangers of assault is obvious.

The canal has reduced the distance between India and Western Europe from 11,379 to 7,628 miles, thereby effecting a saving of at least ten to twelve days in the journey.

The channel owes its inception to the energies of that wonderful engineer, M. de Lesseps. To ascertain whether such a scheme was possible, the engineer betook himself to the wilderness, and dwelt there for four years, making observations and boring all along the course of the future canal. Sixty camels were needed to carry the fresh water, stores, and equipment of the little party of engineers, who for months at a time were completely cut off from the outside world, tramping the lonely desert, quietly but painstakingly carrying out their surveys.

One of the first things M. de Lesseps ascertained was the fact that the level of the two seas was the same, and that there would be no danger of an inundation. A sojourn of a whole year on the shores of Lake Menzaleh satisfied him that a secure harbor could be constructed there. Patient watching, and repeated scientific experiments, proved that the sand of the desert did not accumulate, as was commonly believed; and borings made at nineteen separate points between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, showed the soil of the isthmus to be firm and fixed, and therefore not liable to become slimy, as the opponents of the undertaking had predicted.

In the isthmus there are number of lakes, and M. de Lesseps boldly decided to run his canal through them or into them. Before the canal was cut, however, many of them were virtually dried-up depressions which have now become lakes of considerable size. In all, the canal passes through five—Lake Menzaleh, Lake Ballah, Lake Timsah and the Great and Small Bitter Lakes. The canal track in these lakes has an aggregate length of twenty-seven miles, the total length of the waterway, from Port Said, on the Mediterranean, to Suez, on the Red Sea, being 100 miles.

Before much excavation work could be carried out along the route of the proposed waterway the engineers had practically to build Port Said. No material could be collected nor workshops erected here until a channel had been dug through the bare sand and docks constructed in which large ships could enter with their cargoes of stores. It was further necessary to build a vast breakwater, for the twofold purpose of keeping the mud out of the canal and enabling vessels to approach the mouth of the waterway with safety, even in rough weather.

This breakwater is one of the striking features of the port. The western pier runs out to a distance of more than a mile, and is 1,500 yards distant from the eastern pier—and are about 1,100 yards in length.

From Port Said the canal crosses about twenty miles of Lake Menzaleh, in which it is over 300 feet wide at the surface. Twenty-two miles further on, it reaches Lake Timsah, by means of a cut dug through the ground to a depth varying from thirty to eighty feet. Lake Timsah itself is three miles long, and at this point the flourishing town of Ismailia, where many of the employees of the company reside, has taken the place of a former small Arab village. To Lake Timsah a fresh-water canal was made from the Nile, to supply the population engaged on the line of the maritime waterway. When this canal was completed a great saving of expense was effected, as the cost of bringing fresh water from the Nile for the workmen had been very excessive.

The work from Lake Timsah to the edge of the Bitter Lakes was very heavy. Briefly, cuttings had to be made for sixty-six miles of the course, while fourteen miles of the bed were dredged through the lakes, leaving but eight miles requiring no works of any kind. The Khedive supplied an army of fellaheen, 30,000 strong, for the heavier and more laborious parts of the work. After they had been engaged for some time, they were suddenly withdrawn by instructions of the authorities at Cairo. These men were forced laborers. They had been sent to work on the canal by the orders of the Khedive, much against their own wishes.

It looked as if the sudden withdrawal of labor would wreck the whole scheme. The engineers, however, were equal to the emergency. They hired as many fellahs as they could, and superseded manual labor to a large extent by ordering powerful dredging macines and elavators of colossal dimensions.

The quantity of material removed by these gigantic excavators was 2,763,000 cubic yards a month. In all, 80,000,000 cubic yards of sand, earth, and rock were excavated before the canal was completed!

The last barrier was pierced on August 15th, 1869, almost exactly ten years from the date of commencing the work, and on November 17th following, the waterway was opened for traffic. The enterprise had demanded an outlay of $70,000,000—more than double the original estimate of the cost.

M. de Lesseps was sanguine enough to estimate that the tonnage of the ships passing through the waterway would be three millions in the first year, and probably twice as much during the second year. As a matter of fact, only 491 vessels used the canal during the first year, representing an aggregate tonnage of 436.618, and the channel was seven years old before the three million mark was reached. In 1913 no fewer than 5,085 ships passed through the canal. They represented an aggregate tonnage of 20,033,884, and the fees paid amounted to close upon $20,000,000. Ordinary cargo steamers are charged $1.25 per ton, passenger steamers $1.50 per ton, and $2.00 for each passenger.

Like everything else, it required experience to find out the most efficient way of handling the large and valuable ships that the waterway specially catered for. For instance, it was not until 1886 that ships could pass through the canal at night. This difficulty was got over by making each ship illumine her own course by carrying a powerful searchlight capable of spreading light 4,000 feet ahead. Those vessels which do not possess such lights can hire them on entering the waterway at Port Said, and return them on leaving Suez. The first ship that effected a free passage by night was the P. and O. steamer "Carthage," which accomplished the journey in eighteen hours. Previously, vessels had taken anywhere from twenty-four to thirty-six hours.

A fine system for giving speed to all ships in transit is in operation, much resembling the well-known railway "block" system. The company controls the departure and entrance of all ships, the order of procedure being wholly in their hands. No ship may demand immediate passage for any reason, but preference is given to regular mail steamers under Government control. These carry blue signals and a white light at night. The canal is blocked out in divisions, and at the head office in Ismailia, a model of the canal shows the exact moving position of every ship in the waterway. No vessel may proceed until the way is clear.

A complete system of telegraphic signals ensures this condition being observed. Dotted along the banks at regular intervals are small stations, each furnished with a high masthead, from which red and yellow balls by day and colored lights by night announce to each vessel whether to proceed through the next division or to "tie-up" and wait for one to go by from the opposite direction. Ships going the same way are not allowed to pass each other. Vessels of small tonnage may pass when travelling in opposite directions, or a large steamer may pass a small one, the latter drawing into the bank while the larger one goes by.

The rules governing the passage of vessels are certainly strict. Written information as to his ship must be handed in by each captain—her name, nationality, draught, and port of sailing and destination, as well as his own name and that of owners and charterers, number of passengers and crew. Naturally, nothing must be thrown overboard, especially ashes and cinders, also, nothing is to be picked up, notice of any article lost overboard being given at the nearest station. No guns shall be fired and no steam-whistles blown except in cases of extreme danger. One rule also states that burial in the canal banks is strictly forbidden.

All sailing vessels above fifty tons must be towed; if above one hundred tons, they must take a pilot; and no sailing craft may navigate at night. Though pilots are compulsory, the entire responsibility rests with the captain. If a collision appears inevitable, all ships are instructed to run aground to avoid it, the sandy and yielding nature of the shallows near the banks offering the less of two evils; but no floating ship is permitted to help off a grounded one.

Since 1896 something like $5,000,000 has been expended upon the widening and improvement of this great waterway. When first opened, the channel had a uniform depth of 25 feet. It is now 31 feet deep, 108 feet wide at the bottom, and 420 feet at the water level. It is still being deepened and widened. Quite apart from this work, a whole fleet of dredgers are continually engaged on merely keeping the channel free from sand. We get some idea of the magnitude of this task when it is stated that last year over two million cubic yards of material were taken out of the canal by these dredgers.

Despite the heavy cost entailed in running the waterway and keeping it open for traffic, the scheme has almost from the first been a financial success, and Suez Canal shares are always much sought after. By the purchase in 1875, for $16,000,000 of the 176,602 $100 original shares held by the Khedive, the British Government obtained joint control over the canal with France.

Twelve years later a convention was signed at Paris which placed the canal under a joint commission, and guaranteed its neutrality and a free passage for ships in time of war. The waterway being jointly owned by the British and French governments, these powers have full right to take any steps that may be necessary to guard the waterway against attack, and we may rely upon their doing so.

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A very successful basket social organized by the ladies of this church on 56th Avenue East was held on Thursday last for the purpose of raising money to complete the interior of the church and make it more comfortable for those interested in it. A short musical programme occupied the first half of the evening, well appreciated items being provided by Mrs. Bullock, Miss Hardy, Miss B. Pellettier, and Messrs. Gillan, Bray, Bright, Smart, Crute and Stanley, jr. Councillor Stanley conducted the sale of the many artistic and well-filled baskets which found very ready buyers eager for the pleasure and fun of sharing with an unknown partner. Mrs. Bullock and Councillor Stanley contributed handsome donations towards the church fund and the National Anthem brought a fitting close to a very enjoyable evening.

Special Easter services will be held in the church on Sunday, April 3, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Gillam, M. A., and a good attendance on that day is hoped for.

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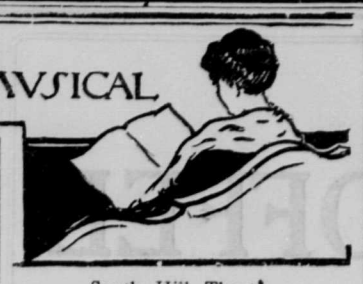

Pantages Theatre

The Forget-Me-Nots, eight of 'em—count 'em—in a dancing novelty, will be the headline feature of the new Pantages bill which begins Monday afternoon. The maids are described in the literature of the press agent as "cute, clever and classy little chicks."

For the added attraction of the week, Manager Brahamhas arranged for the appearance of the Versatile Comedy Five in their latest musical success "A Cabaret Revue." This act has been making a big hit thus far on the circuit.

The Three Shevvy Boys in their popular singing and contortion act, will also be among thoee bidding for favor.

Nat Leffingwell and pretty Marion Gale have a little one act comedy, "The Sleep Walker," which they will submit and in which they will undoubtedly score heavily as they have elsewhere.

More comedy will be furnished by Neal Abel who is surely able enough as a funmaker.

Milt Wood has a rattling good singing and dancing specialty, while the Pantagescope will show some corking good pictures.

South Hill Theatre

The management of the South Hill Palace of Varieties are again this week offering a bill of exceptional high class quality. On Monday evening, 17 prizes are being offered and this evening will be known as the "Country Store." During the whole week there will be changes every night and the programme will be such that never a dull moment will be experienced by those taking in the show this week.

On Friday and Saturday the special features will be episode No. 4 of the "Perils of Pauline." There will likely be a large crowd present on both these evenings, as those who have already seen the former episodes will be sure to be there to see the fourth one.

Saturday evening will also be amateur night and everyone in South Vancouver is now well aware what that means, a crowded house and a high class entertainment.

LOCAL NOTES

Messrs. Ross & MacKay have closed their hardware store at 51st Avenue and Main Street. They left for bonnie Scotland last Saturday.

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F. A. Wood, a watchmaker of 18 years experience, has opened a store at 50th Avenue and Fraser Street, where he will repair all clocks and watches in a first class manner.

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Mr. Atchison and family, who resided at 5430 Prince Edward Street, left for Bermuda Islands, March 9.

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Mr. Stewart Cunningham of Qualicum Beach, formerly of 88 41st Ave., is visiting friends here this week.

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We notice South Vancouver High School debaters are on the winning ticket every time.

SOCCER

The followers of the soccer game will have a titbit served up to them today when Coquitlam and Westminster Presbyterians meet at Wilson Park to play off their game in the second round of the charity ties. Coquitlam are favorites but surprises never cease and the ranchers had better not take our local lads top cheap or a surprise may be in store for them.

KILLING THE BABIES

Most mothers love babies, but it is a strange combination of love and ignorance on the part of mothers that causes twenty-five per cent. of our babies to die before they reach one year of age. Mothers frequently and with the best intentions feed and dress their babies in a manner that, for the sake of a better term, is simply "killing the babies with kindness."

What is the meaning of the world-wide interest in Child Welfare today?

It means that sociologists, philanthropists, eugenists, all thoughtful women and men, are discovering that the welfare of the child holds such an important place in our social and national life, that no longer can this study be neglected.

There is a God-given instinct in every decent man and woman that cries out for protection for the children. The world can look with comparative composure at dead men in trenches and shattered cathedrals; but maimed, naked, starving children is a sight it cannot bear without passion and amazement, and a strong desire to do things.

The mortality among children is dreadful. If a like death rate should take place with our cows, horses, or pigs, the Government would at once take action and see to it that the cause was removed. The cause of this enormous mortality among children is ignorance—the ignorance of parents—compulsory education; and the one thing needful for the perpetuation and welfare of the human family is not in the curriculum.

The conservation of human life—the knowledge that will lessen the number of tiny graves in the cemeteries, and the saddened hearts of loving parents—this is the information the Better Canadian Babies Bureau is trying to diffuse.

First of all ought to be the child's privilege to be born right, of healthy parents, having no history of mental disease, malignant troubles, tuberculosis, or alcoholism. The child does not select its parents, and it is a tragical situation if, as the child grows up, it learns to deplore that such is the case.

Pre-natal influences and their effect upon the mental and physical condition of later life might be profitably studied by prospective parents. In fact, if the same care and common sense used in the management of the domestic animals were applied in the rearing of children it would be a great improvement on the present methods.

Mothers have it in their power to see to it that there are "better Canadian babies," and as a natural result there will be more of them.

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Calves and chickens come before babies in these days of higher education. Thousands of dollars are spent by our governments to teach us how to care for and feed calves and chickens, but did you ever hear of one dollar being spent to teach Canadian mothers how to care for their babies either before or after birth?

Mothers should join in the movement for Better Canadian Babies and learn from those who have made a study of babies just what to do and what not to do to have them grow up healthy, happy children.

Present Day Administration Condemned from the Pulpit.

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ashamed to see lift his hat to wife or daughter. In all our political life we are cursed with men who recognize no Kingship of right, no authority of the moral conscience, but who do as than what they like.

In the third place, how is the good to be Providentially brought about? In Israel's case it came only when the people turned to God and righteousness. When they put away their idolatry and vice, had their conscience awakened, and followed the leadership of great and good men. Reformation and prosperity and blessing came when they followed leaders like Deborah and Barak, Gideon and Samuel. We know nothing better today. If the machine is a cruel juggernaut car we should smash the machine. We must do the good work ourselves. We must clean out the Augean stables of party politics. We need to work from within. In a city and municipality we should not need outside help either from Victoria or Ottawa but to get men who will be good leaders who will do what is right rather than what the ylike.

We need not necessarily change our political complexion. No party is so pure as not to need your good, clean help to make things right. Can we not find good men for the leadership of all our parties? It is greatly to be hoped that Dr. MacKay will be able to come forth as a Liberal leader so that the Liberal party will be the better able to do what is right. What a splendid thing it would be if Dr. Pidgeon could become a leader in the Conservative party in B. C. What a high standard the Socialist party would attain if Principal Vance could become a leader there, and the Labor party would never stand higher if only Dr. Cumming could come into the leadership of the Labor forces of this province. With such leadership God would not have to work with such poor material, political parties would be transformed, the people would be protected in their rights, and we would be glad to recognize an authority of Kingship over us so that instead of doing what we like we would do what is right in the eyes of God.

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;
Men whom the lust for office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie—
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The Irish Linen Stores Will Surely Have to Quit

I've seen a couple of men this week about stores, but it's the same old story every time.

One man came in during the week and said he could find a store for me easily, and as much as told me I hadn't half tried. Well, I told him to go ahead and do it. That was last Tuesday, and I've seen nothing of him since.

I've thousands of pounds' worth of Linens here that I've got to sell, and I'm putting prices on them that are lower than you'd pay in the Old Country.

LINEN POPLIN 25c YD 5 YDS. $1.00

Pure Irish Linen of beautiful quality, and dyed in fast colors.

It makes up nicely and gives *three or four* times the service of cotton goods at the same price or even higher.

I've seen it made up into 'house dresses and as tailored wash suits and for children's rompers. There is not a better material made.

There are enough colors and different kinds of stripes so you can find just what you want.

SHEETS

I want to close out most of the sheets this week and next. It's really a good time to get a pair or so.

Size 70x90 inches; reg. $2.25 for $1.50
Size 70x90 inches; reg. $2.75 for $2.00
Size 80x100 inches; reg. $3.00 for $2.25
Size 90x108 inches; reg. $3.75 for $3.00

HEMSTITCHED SHEETS

Big, fine sheets, hemstitched with one, two or three rows of hemstitching; and actually I am selling them for less than you would pay in the Old Country. $3.75 to $5.00 regular, I will sell them out at $2.95
A size smaller than the *above on sale at*.....$2.50

IRISH CROCHET YOKES

for Nightgowns and Combination Suits

I get these direct from the Irish peasants. You would not make one like these for $10. I sold them at $1.25 and $1.50. *I'll clear out the lot at* 50c Each.

EMBROIDERED PILLOWSLIPS

They have been laundered and are ready for use. The patterns are neat and each pair hemstitched. They sell regularly at more than twice this price. Pair..85c

TABLECLOTHS

I have always specialized in table cloths. I do not believe there is *another* store in Vancouver that has so many nor that has sold them at such moderate prices, *even in the regular* way. I am now required to sell them at sale prices.

Pure Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths, 2 yards square:
The $2.00 ones for $1.50
The $2.50 ones for $2.00
The $3.50 ones for $2.50

Another line is 2x2½ yards. These are on sale like this:
The $2.00 ones for $1.50
The $3.50 ones for $2.50
The $4.50 ones for $3.00
The $6.00 ones for $4.50

TABLECLOTH and NAPKIN SETS

There are some excellent Irish Linen Damask sets that will be on sale tomorrow at $3.50, $4.50, $5.00, $6.50, $7.50 a set.

NAPKINS

I'll make some sensational reductions in fine Linen Damask Table Napkins this week. I'm not going to say a thing about the regular prices on them. I'll leave it to your own judgment as to that. Sale prices, $1.00, $1.50, $2.50, $3.00 a dozen.

ODD TABLECLOTHS $1.00

There arenot many in this lot and all are a little soiled from handling. They're real bargains at $1.00, though.

MARCELLA BEDSPREADS

During the past week we've sold a lot of Marcella Spreads, but we have a lot. I know no other store in the city attempts to carry as many as this store. I bought everyone of them myself on my last trip to the Old Country and I obtained some excellent values. They are all on sale now at these prices.

..2.00 ones for $1.50
$3.00 ones for $2.25
$3.50 ones for $2.50
$4.75 ones for $3.50
$6.00 ones for $4.50
$7.50 ones for $5.00

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MEN'S SOFT FRONT LINEN SHIRTS, $1.25

These are pure, snowy white shirts with soft, fine pleated fronts. I never saw finer shirt linen. I sell them regularly at $3.50. On sale at....$1.25

LINEN HUCK TOWELS $1.50 DOZEN

$15 HAND EMBROIDERED LINEN BEDSPREADS $7.50

$7.50 MADEIRA NAPKINS $4.50 DOZEN

The Irish Linen Stores

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Disgraceful Scenes Enacted at Local Council Meetings.

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work for when other men were only getting two or three days at a time.

Councillor Street pointed out that this man was acting as straw boss and powder man and that he held a position similar to men engaged in the same work in every ward and called on the other councillors to bear him out in this. Councillor Welsh stated that he had in his ward three of those men and they could not be employed every two or three days.

Councillor Street then turned on Reeve Gold and said: "Now, my good fellow, you've been talking about this *man pretty often and casting it up to* me; now, just listen, and I'll show what you've been doing."

Here Councillor Street took a paper from his pocket and read off several names of the reeve's supporters and charged the reeve with seeking to fill positions in the Municipal Hall with them. He claimed Reeve Gold had suspended the *storekeeper* and placed his friend, Mr. Hobson, in his place. He claimed he had employed Mr. Lamb around the hall and had promised him the janitor's job. He also pointed out several others whom he claimed had secured positions through Reeve Gold.

The reeve denied these charges, *saying: "That's a lie,* Councillor Street, and you know it. If these men were the most competent then they had a right to these positions."

Councillor Street: "Then if this man whom you seek to fight all the time *fills the position* most suitably he has a right to the position."

Another item on the finance report was the expense vouchers sent in by the councillors for amounts in connection with their visit to Victoria. The amounts were $30 per councillor, who had been away from February 22 to February 25. Reeve Gold objected *to them and said he would re*fuse to sign any of these cheques until a detailed account was made out by these councillors.

Another item in this report which caused considerable discussion was the following:

"That Magistrate Johnson be paid his usual monthly salary of $125 for the months of February and March, and that thereafter during the continuance of the war his salary be $110 *per month.*"

Reeve Gold strongly objected to this amount, claiming it was too much.

The discussion was taken part in by all the councillors present, and at length the motion was put to the council, the result being that four councillors voted for the $110 per month and three voted against. Reeve Gold then voted to make it a tie, and declared the motion lost, saying: "That's the time I fixed the police magistrate."

The report of the Police Commission was read and adopted. Included in this report was the following:

"That the Chief of Police be instructed to allow no person to stand in the aisles or otherwise crowd the Municipal Hall, other than the seating capacity room, and to have a constable on duty at each meeting to preserve order. The Chief of Police being held responsible for maintaining order.

The council adjourned to meet again Monday morning.

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The council meeting adjourned from Friday night was resumed on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and a stirring and disgraceful session it turned out to be. A communication was read and adopted, and it was agreed that $400 be granted to the school board to help to purchase food for the poor and needy children attending the schools in the municipality.

An application for a permit and license to put a gasoline tank at corner of 25th and Main Street was granted.

A motion by Councillors Campbell and Stanley to reinstate James A. Lester, as chief of the fire department at $125 per month, was carried by the council, the reeve only objecting.

Councillors Stanley and Campbell moved that the communication from Reeve Gold containing certain statements re Miss Dench be declared out of order. This was carried unanimously.

Councillor Stanley and Allen moved that the council object to the statements made by Reeve Gold re Miss Dench and this was also carried unanimously.

A motion was moved by Councillors Stanley and Allen that Miss Dench be reinstated as stenographer at $60.00 per month.

This motion was declared out of order by the reeve and a deadlock ensued for a short time. The reeve persisted in refusing to put this motion and said if the council wanted to he would put it to them to sustain the chair. On this being put the council unanimously declined to sustain the chair and proceeded to appoint a chairman to preside until the last motion was dealt with. Councillor Stanley was appointed chairman and he immediately put the motion to reinstate Miss Dench and this was carried, only Councillor Welsh objecting to Miss Dench taking the police court work.

Councillors Street and Welsh next *moved that the reeve's communication* with statements regarding Bell, storekeeper, and Messrs. Rutledge, Landels and Robinson of the Waterworks be rejected. Carried unanimously.

Councillors Stanley and Russell moved that the suspended waterworks men be reinstated until further investigation be made by the chairman of the waterworks committee. This was carried, the reeve objecting.

Considerable argument arose when this motion was put through. Reeve Gold stated: "You may make all the reinstatements you like; I'll carry out my policy just as long as I see fit."

Councillors Russell and Street then moved that G. R. Bell be reinstated as storekeeper.

The reeve declared the motion out of order and another deadlock was the result. Refusing to put the last *motion, but latterly putting a motion* that the ruling of the chair be sustained this motion was lost and the council proceeded to appoint a chairman to deal with the previous motion.

Councillor Stanley was appointed chairman and immediately put the motion that the storekeeper be reinstated and this was carried.

Councillors Allen and Welsh then moved that the council meet as a committee of the whole and make an investigation into the personnel and into the workings of each and every department, thus bringing to an end the present existing state of affairs.

Councillor Allen, speaking to this motion, said: "I feel we as a council are responsible to the municipality *and I feel that we must have efficien*cy. I will not endorse any such action such as the reeve has taken of late but I am ready to endorse the action of this council when business like action has been taken with the municipality's affairs.

Councillor Welsh speaking also to the motion said: "I claim that no business can be done while the present petty manner of business is being carried on. I stand for efficiency and am willing to work for that end."

Councillor Russell: "I am satisfied that I have efficiency in my department and I brought in a report to *that effect.*"

Reeve Gold: "You didn't write that report."

Councillor Russell: "I dictated every word of it."

Reeve Gold: "I'll put you under oath about that."

Councillor Russell: "I dictated that report and you can put me under a dozen oaths if you like."

Councillor Campbell next took the reeve to task for the arbitary way he had acted towards the council. He reminded the reeve of the threat he had made to take away the chairmanships of all the committees and how he had done all the suspending without consulting any of the council. The reeve stated that he had done the *suspending on the eve of his leaving* for Victoria so had no time to consult the council.

Councillor Campbell: "You had ample time to call a special meeting of the council and you did not. You took an arbitary stand and you overlooked six other men put here as representatives of the people of South Vancouver. You made a charge against Chief Lester which was disgraceful. You've never been man enough to come to this council and *suggest that any investigation be* made."

Reeve Gold: "I'll never bow my *head to any men who bunch them*selves together against me. I've taken this attitude because you as a council have said we'll show the reeve that he can't do such things. I've taken an attitude and I'm going to maintain it. Every employee of this municipality must show respect to me or he'll have to go."

The motion of Councillors Allen and Welsh was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Councillor Allen stated he would like if this council would start with this investigation tomorrow, but Reeve Gold here interposed and said: "You can do all your investigating without me; you'll leave me out of it for after you've done all your investigating, I'll come in and have some*thing to say; I've a policy and I'll* stick to it."

Councillor Russell here addressed *the reeve and characterized his ac*tion as unmanly and degrading, and the reeve at once called for the constables present in the hall to remove the councillor for addressing him in this manner, claiming that the councillor was not showing proper respect to him as reeve.

The officers present refused to remove Councillor Russell, and Councillor Russell refused to apologise, saying he had nothing to apologise for and would not leave his chair.

Reeve Gold: "These constables have refused, to remove this man; then, on the next occasion, I'll call upon the ratepayers to remove him."

Councillor Russell retorted: "You dare not do so, you would be inciting *to riot if you dared do such a thing.*"

Reeve Gold: "Then if the officers will not act I'll call upon the ratepayers to crush them."

Reeve Gold then instructed Clerk Springford to ring up the Chief of Police, but the chief could not be found, and the councillors were left sitting looking helplessly at each other, Reeve Gold refusing point blank to allow any business to be done until Councillor Russell either apologised or left the council chamber.

Councillor Street rose and addressed the reeve, saying: "I may say, Reeve Gold, you called me a liar on Friday night; I might have called a policeman then for your insult to me."

Reeve Gold: "You stated what was *not true.*"

Councillor Street: "I did not."

Turning to Councillor Russell, Reeve Gold addressed him, saying: "You do not know when you are insulting anyone; you and your brother got together and assaulted a man, who is here in this hall now."

Councillor Russell: "I object to you bringing my brother's name into this, and I may tell you we did not assault the man."

A motion was made to adjourn but Councillor Welsh objected, saying: "No, we might as well see this thing through right now. It's time some action of some kind were taken. Reeve Gold has insulted me twice at this table and he has never apologised. We want to see what this thing is going to come to."

The council sat looking at each other for some time longer and at length a motion was made by Councillor Allen that the meeting adjourn till two o'clock in the afternoon and this was adopted.

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The council meeting was resumed in the afternoon and in opening the meeting, Reeve Gold said: "Before calling this meeting to order, I ask Councillor Russell if he is willing to apologise, if not he must leave the table."

Councillor Russell: "I appeal against this ruling."

Reeve Gold: "I ask the chief of *police to remove this man. I refuse* to go on with the business unless this man apologises or leaves the chair."

The chief of police here approached the reeve's desk and pointing to a book, asked the reeve to read certain clasues of the book and then said: "I am not going to remove this man."

Reeve Gold: "Then we don't need the police up here."

Councillor Welsh: "I claim Reeve Gold you have used just the same kind of language to the councillors on several occasions and they have just as much right to their opinions as you have. Your statement on Friday *night regarding the old country peo*ple and the smelling of an old dirty rag was a direct insult to the whole *of the ratepayers of this municipali*ty."

There was considerable uproar and noise in the hall at this time and the chief of police proceeded towards the back of the hall and warned some of the audience against making this noise, when the reeve called out: "You leave these people alone, chief."

Chief: "Your worship, I know my business here; I'm here to keep order; you don't have to tell me what to do."

Reeve Gold next addressed the audience and said: "Ratepayers present of wards 3 and 5, go and call meet*ings and you take action for your*selves."

Councillor Russell: "You are inciting these people to riot."

Reeve Gold: "I am not."

Councillor Russell: "I'll resign if you will, Reeve Gold, and go to the people on this thing."

Reeve Gold: "I'll give $500 to charity if you will resign and be re-elected."

Councillor Russell: "I'll resign if you will. You can't put any bluff of that kind over on me. I've the people with me. I was elected by acclamation, you were not even elected by a majority of the ratepayers of the municipality."

Councillor Stanley: "Are these the *only wards in South Vancouver?*"

Councillor Allen: "We have these investigations to make and it will be best to adjourn and meet again on Thursday."

Councillor Stanley left the room at this time.

Councillor Street: "I propose that the reeve and Councillor Russell both leave their chairs and we can then proceed with the business."

Reeve Gold: "I have no reason for leaving the chair."

Councillor Russell: "Let the reeve resign and I'll go with him and go to the people on our different policies."

Councillor Allen: "This is pretty expensive sport, gentlemen."

At this point Councillor Campbell left the meeting and then the clerk left.

Councillors Welsh and Street sat reading a newspaper and Councillor Allen was peacefully going over some notes on his desk. Councillors Rowlings and Street disappeared. the reeve discovered he had not a quorum and the meeting was "all off."

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