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Trade Unionists in South Vancouver Up In Arms Because Municipal Council Patronizes Non-Union Firm

Indignation is Aroused Among Trade Unionists and Workers in General over Council's Attitude---Chairman Whelpton Tells of School Board's Stand on the Question

Because South Vancouver does not adhere to the precendent set down by the City of Vancouver and all other large Canadian civic corporations that all supplies for the various departments must bear the union label, labor men throughout the municipality have made a protest.

It has been learned that the council have purchased certain small quantities of supplies from non-union shops rather than patronize the union competitors. As South Vancouver is made up for the great part of wage earning people, the vast majority of whom are affiliated with the various unions, it may be understood that the ratepayers are more or less ticklish on the subject of non-union labor.

The South Vancouver School Board declare emphatically that the board will not buy one dollar's worth of materials from contractors who do not support the principle of union labor. It would appear, however, that the council have not yet declared themselves on this point.

Chairman C. W. Whelpton, in discussing the matter with the "Chinook" declared that if the South Vancouver Council had at any time patronized non-union labor that it had not done, what was in his opinion, the square thing by either the union men of South Vancouver, who make up the back bone of the municipality, or those competing contractors in the district who employ union labor, pay good wages, and spend their money right in the district.

Chairman Whelpton stated that a considerable time ago the School Board had taken a determined stand on the subject of employing union labor. It was impossible, he stated, for a non-union man or non-union contractor to secure any work or contracts from the School Board if union men were available.

Following the matter further, Chairman Whelpton declared that the School Board preferred to deal with local tradesmen where such was possible and next to firmly sticking out for the local man, the policy of patronizing union men was the most important feature of their policy in regards to purchasing supplies and employing mechanics.

Mr. Harry Neelands, of the South Vancouver School Board, is a prominent officer in the Typographical Union, and being a labor man first, last and all the time, it may be taken for granted that his presence on the School Board may have a bearing on the policy of that body as regards union labor.

Exactly what supplies the municipal council is alleged to have purchased from non-union firms, need not be stated here. The amount is said to have been paltry, but the principle the council have laid down is declared by the union men to be of grave importance.

One union man, who holds an important position in organized labor, declared that the fact that the council would give out one penny's worth of work to a non-union shop in preference to a union firm, was a serious matter. He declared that the principle of endorsing organized labor should extend to the various departments of the administration. Mechanics employed by the municipality of South Vancouver should be, as far as possible, union men, he declared, and the heads of the building, electric and plumbing departments, if new men should be chosen, should be members in good standing of their respective unions.

It is stated that the Trades and Labor council, which is made up of representatives from the various trades unions throughout Greater Vancouver have taken cognizance of the fact that the South Vancouver Council is alleged to be supporting to a certain extent, non-union shops, and will make the usual representations in the matter with a view of developing harmony between the council and organized labor.

It is declared that in the case at issue, the particular contractor represented to the council that he was in good standing with the unions and that the union label was at all times placed on goods going from his shop. It is alleged that the man has endeavored to obtain the label, but that owing to his unsavory record, the union refused to grant him the privilege sought.

It is known that Reeve Dickie has at all times shown a strong sympathy for the working man and that he is thoroughly in accord with the principles of organized labor. The incident adverted to, however, did not come under his personal observation it is said. Councillor Rutledge is a strong sympathizer with the union man. Councillor Rutledge insists upon having the label on all his own printed matter and it is likely that had he known any contracts were going through to a non-union firm, he would have taken a decided stand against such procedure. Councillor Stevens has declared his sympathy for the union cause, it is stated, Councillor Thomas is emphatically in favor of the exclusive employment of union labor. It is further stated that all the other councillors are in favor of organized labor.

FAVORS CLAUSE TO SECURE SITES FOR INDUSTRIES

In an interview this week, Reeve Dickie declared himself as being absolutely in favor of supporting any reasonable measure which would result in the development of the industrial life of South Vancouver in particular and Greater Vancouver in general.

The following interview was printed in the "World" and tells of the stand the Reeve of Point Grey is prepared to take on the matter:

"An industry in Point Grey is a Vancouver industry."

That is the plain manner of stating a plain fact, which a plain man used in talking to the "World" today. The man is Reeve Churchill, of Point Grey. The subject on which his attention was turned for the moment was the proposal made by his council, and by that of the city of North Vancouver, among others, to have a clause in the new Municipal Act, empowering municipalities and cities to purchase land for industrial sites, the property to be leased afterwards on a fair basis to manufacturing concerns seeking a location.

"One of the immediate benefits that would follow from following such a course," said Reeve Churchill, "is the doing away with all bonuses, tax and other exemptions by way of inducement to industries to locate in a district or city. More than that, this plan has been tried out successfully elsewhere.

"In one city in eastern Canada, a block of one hundred and sixty acres of land was purchased not so very many years ago, for this purpose, and it is already entirely occupied with flourishing industries, all of which have come to locate since this plan was adopted.

"From a financial point of view, there is everything to recommend the plan," said Point Grey's chief magistrate. "The municipality would be in a position to buy at the best possible rates if authorized to raise debentures for the purpose. The land bought would be an asset which would keep pace in value with the rest of the municipality. The cost would be defrayed by a sinking fund. As part of the land was leased, the rentals would go towards reducing the amount of sinking fund to be raised by the ratepayers. Eventually the property would be paid for, would be a net asset, and would be revenue producing and, more than all, would have served to secure the establishment of many industries that might otherwise have been very slow coming, if they had come at all."

Recounting the fact that the municipality's comptroller, Mr. B. A. Cunliffe, had taken up the matter before the municipal committee of the legislature when he was over to Victoria with the reeve last week, Mr. Churchill made a strong appeal to the citizens of Vancouver and to the city council as well, to support the request of the district municipalities for this desirable provision to be placed in the act. From that point of view he made the assertion which stands at the head of this interview, and he considers it so plain a statement of fact that it requires no demonstration. The interests of the city and of the surrounding municipalities are identical and the establishment of industries, no matter within which district, will benefit all, is his opinion.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH LADIES SOCIETY

Many Reports of good Work Being Accomplished Presented at Meeting at Home of Mrs. McQuaig

Attended by a large number of the members, the Ladies' Aid Society of Westminster Presbyterian Church held the 2nd meeting of the year at the residence of Mrs. McQuaig, James & 28th Avenue.

Few people appreciate the work of this well organized society. The many ideas and schemes which were put into effect to raise funds to carry on the work. "Help the needy," is the slogan of the society and they find a good deal of help necessary. They have a great many demands on their funds, and assistance given them, assists a worthy cause.

Plans were made for the second annual St. Patrick's Supper, and will be announced later. The meeting closed with a social cup of tea. Mrs. McQuaig was assisted by Mrs. McKay.

New Wiring Plumbing and Building Inspector Appointed

At the council meeting on Tuesday it was decided after a lengthy discussion to place Mr. G. W. Hubbard as head of these three departments. These departments were under separaet heads in previous years but on the advent of the new council it was thought advisable to curtail the expense.

Ruth Memorial Church

The special services held at the Ruth Memorial Church during the past week have been very largely attended, the Rev. A. F. Baker having addressed all these meetings.

These services will be continued during the coming week, Rev. H. F. Waring will assist the pastor. The pastor, Rev. J. Willard Litch will preach at both services on Sunday and Mr. Waring will address the Sunday School.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

Miss Powers, head nurse of the South Vancouver Victorian Order, has been quite ill for the past two weeks at the home, Chester and Fraser Street.

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The marriage of Mr. Alfred R. Gibb and Alice K. Dorgherty was quietly solemnized Friday, February 20, at 275 23rd Avenue East. The Rev. G. D. Ireland officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Gibb will reside in Vancouver. Mr. Gibb being a member of the City police force.

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The W. F. M. Society of Westminster Church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. T. Johnson, 245 19th Avenue East, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Miller, Presbyterial president will address the meeting. A large attendance is hoped for.

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The ladies of Collingwood and district called a meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses Monday afternoon to establish a branch of the South Vancouver branch in Collingwood.

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Mr. Benton has been appointed engineer of South Vancouver at a salary of $200 per month. Mr. Benton's interesting personality calls for a biographical sketch—next week.

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At a meeting of the South Vancouver School Board on Tuesday night it was decided to engage Messrs. Helliwell, Moore & McLachlan, of Vancouver, to ascertain the exact position of the extraordinary expenditure of the board. It was stated that there is a difference in opinion between the School Board and the municipal authorities as to the extraordinary expenditure accounts and before submitting a school bylaw to the ratepayers the board is desirous of ascertaining the exact position of the finances.

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Special Evangelistic Service will be held in the Gospel Hall, Main and 30th, Sunday, March 1, at 7.30. All welcome. No collection.

South Vancouver Makes History: Putting Gold to the Test

Yes! South Vancouver has been making history in recent years. Some of it good—some not so good—and some bad—bad!

From time to hime the "Chinook" has recorded improvements in the physical aspects of the district—the erection of new buildings, the development of trade—and then comes a set off!—Political feuds—Municipal squabbles—decapitations of officials—confusion—chaos! Shall we emerge from it? Yes! the British people may "muddle through," but they come out all right—in the end.

The Latest

There is an old proverb "All that glitters is not Gold"—and now some people are trying to show that our Gold—the South Vancouver only Gold (alas! there is not much silver about either just now) is glittering with a false lustre. They want to assay Gold in the legal melting pot and see if he is metal with a true ring.

Here is the story of an "attempt to end the Gold Regime."

The Reeve and Council of South Vancouver have been notified that an attempt is to be made to put an end to what is called in municipal circles "the Gold regime." Almost simultaneous with the arrival at the Municipal Hall of an ex-reeve and an ex-councillor, an auto arrived with a representative of the law firm of Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, who personally served upon the reeve and council a notification which is said to be to the effect that according to sections 20 and 22 of the Municipal Act, Councillor Edward Gold is disqualified from holding office as a councillor.

The grounds upon which notice has been served are said to be to the effect that at the time of the municipal election Mr. Gold was a debtor to the municipality under a judgment pronounced by the Court of Appeal of British Columbia, whereby he was directed to pay certain costs of an action which he had brought against the municipality. Sections 20 and 22 of the Municipal Act are said to be interpreted by the firm of lawyers acting for the ratepayers concerned, as declaring that any debtor to the municipality is disqualified from holding office on the council, and further, that section 27 imposes a penalty upon any person who being disqualified, votes at any meeting of the council. This section together with section 24, and the sections previously mentioned are held to apply to the circumstances of Mr. Gold's election.

Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge are said to have given the reeve and council two days in which to take any steps they may think desirable, after which, if nothing is done by the council, further proceedings may be taken. The council was sitting in committee when the notice of disqualification was served upon the reeve, and a lengthy conference followed. Though no statement has been made public as to the result of the deliberations of the council it is understood that it was decided to take no action until Thursday afternoon.

At time of going to press we are informed that Councillor Gold has resigned.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wood, 4478 Walden Street, on Monday evening, February 23. A very enjoyable evening was spent, music, cards, and dancing being the amusements, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Annual Statement of President of Board of Trade A Document Which Sounds the Note of Progress

To the members of the South Vancouver Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,—Before submitting my report of the work accomplished by this board for 1913, I would like to give a brief outline of the main projects that have been undertaken since its organization in 1910.

Organization

The first meeting in connection with our Board of Trade was held in the Municipal Hall on January 4, 1910, at which meeting Reeve W. A. Pound presided. At this meeting it was unanimously resolved that we take steps to organize the South Vancouver Board of Trade and the following officers were elected: R. C. Hodgson, president; C. S. Campbell, vice-president; Chas. Harrison, secretary. Since its organization this body has ever been on the alert and has been the prime movers in many matters that have worked out for the benefit of the municipality.

At the time of our organization South Vancouver did not own a foot of water frontage on the North Arm of the Fraser River, the Municipality of Richmond extending to high water mark on the north bank,—And the first motion we have on record is (at a meeting of the council held in John Third's office on Main Street, on February 12, 1910): "That R. C. Hodgson, H. B. A. Vogel and Chas. Harrison be appointed a deputation to accompany the Reeve to Victoria on the question of readjustment of the southern boundary of the municipality of South Vancouver." This motion was endorsed at the first regular meeting of the Board held on February 17, 1910.

The committee worked with the council to that end with the result that a deal was made between the municipalities of Richmond and South Vancouver early in 1910, whereby the South Vancouver boundaries were extended 200 feet towards the centre of the river, thereby giving South Vancouver an asset on which she collects thousands of dollars per year in taxes as well as owning all the street ends in the municipality. Just what this deal alone will be worth to South Vancouver can not be readily estimated in dollars and cents.

Industrial sites, which have figured so prominently in the past few months, were taken up by our board as early as March 21, 1910, when the following motion appears in the minutes, "That we ask the municipal council to place in their first bylaw the sum of $300,000, for the purpose of purchasing waterfrontage on the Fraser River for industrial sites." This recommendation was not acted upon by the municipal council, a fact that is to be regretted by all, for had they done so, with the raise in value since that time, we would have assets enough to nearly, if not wholly wipe out our present bonded indebtedness.

On February 17, 1910, a resolution was carried requesting the council to procure a site for a rock crushing plant on the North Arm, which suggestion was acted upon and the plant completed in 1912.

To our board belongs the honor of being the first public body to press for the development of the North Fraser harbor. At a meeting of our council on March 7, 1910, a resolution was passed that the Fraser River Development Committee wire to Ottawa pressing for the immediate dredging of that channel. On March 21, the legislative committee were instructed to draw up a number of petitions and the secretary instructed to forward a copy of the same to the boards of trade of Richmond, Point Grey, Burnaby, Vancouver and New Westminster and solicit their support.

This was followed by an interview with out Federal member, C. H. Cowan, M.P., who promised to assist us, which was in turn followed by a communication to the Government Engineer in August 29, 1910.

In the fall of that year, after a consultation with the different bodies interested, it was arranged to send a deputation to Ottawa to put our claims before the Federal Government.

Our board was represented by R. C. Hodgson, C. S. Campbell and H. B. A. Vogel, and the municipality by Reeve W. A. Pound. The rest of the deputation, which was 21 strong, was composed of representatives from New Westminster, Burnaby, Point Grey and Richmond.

Our claims were placed fully before the Cabinet and although immediate action was promised towards a 15-foot channel, it was a regrettable fact that little was done as there seemed a strong undercurrent of opposition from rival interests. Although a dredge was put on to work it was removed several times in spite of continued protests from this board.

I wish here to pay tribute to the excellent work accomplished and assistance rendered by Messrs. J. Garner Hutchinson and W. H. Higgins, of Point Grey board of trade, during what may be called the pioneer days of this project.

At a special meeting held on July 22,1912, the following motion appears, "That the Fraser River Development Committee be authorized to work in conjunction with the municipal council for the immediate appointment of a harbor commission for the North Arm of the Fraser, and that the municipalities contiguous to the same be invited to co-operate with us."

The result of this motion was the calling of a meeting at Eburne when a joint committee was formed from the various committees and boards of trade and with the able assistance and co-operation of Col. J. D. Taylor, M.P., and H. H. Stevens, M.P., the North Fraser Harbor Bill was passed (and assented to the 16th of May, 1913) providing for the appointment of a harbor commission and giving them extensive powers. The remainder is fresh in your minds; the commission has been appointed consisting of Mr. Robert Abernethy, Mr. F. N. Trites, and myself, and we hope with the assistance of the municipal councils, the ratepayers and the federal government to carry out the trust reposed in us, and I sincerely hope that we all may live to see the North Fraser Harbor one of the leading harbors and busiest shipping ports in America.

So far as our board is concerned, you have done your work well, although at times since you undertook this work you met with opposition and ridicule, yet you have stood to your guns without a waver and with your eyes on the word "success." You never halted until your object was attained and the work of the development of the river was handed over to the harbor commissioners.

Another important project undertaken by this board was "free postal delivery." At a meeting held on November 2, 1911, a committee was appointed to take the matter up with our member, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., with the result, as you know, it was secured; being the first instance in Canada when a free mail delivery was secured outside of an incorporated city. Although it does not as yet extend over the whole municipality, we are continuously hammering away and the zones are being extended every few months.

On July 27, 1911, a motion was passed to appoint a committee to wait upon the council re municipal dock. Although this has not yet been accomplished I trust at no great distant date to see a government dock within the boundaries of South Vancouver.

On April 4, 1910, a motion was passed requesting the council to immediately inaugurate a proper and scientific scheme of roadbuilding and sewerage construction under a competent engineering staff, which recommendation was acted upon, and although there is vast room for improvement in the former, still a start has been made in the right direction. Regarding the sewerage the whole scheme for Greater Vancouver is now in the hands of a commission which will doubtless carry out the work in an efficient manner.

Our telephone system is a matter that has been given a great deal of attention by the board. Early in 1911 we appointed a committee to work in conjunction with the various boards of the Lower Mainland to impress upon the government the advisability of a government-owned system, and although a great deal of information was gathered rfom the various provinces in support of the project it seemed impossible to do anything along those lines, but I am still in hopes that the matter will again be taken up and pushed to a successful conclusion.

On November 27, 1912, a motion was passed requesting the council to take steps to enforce Sunday closing. This is a matter upon which the board felt keenly, they being of the opinion that from a business point of view, no good comes from Sunday trading. This matter was since taken up and I understand an appeal is now before the courts which I sincerely trust will result in giving the municipality power to regulate that matter and that our council will prove themselves strong enough to cope with the question in a business like way.

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THE LABOR WORLD

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE "LABOR EDITOR"

Has the council of South Vancouver got a resolution on the books calling for the performance of all work, whenever possible, by union labor and under union conditions. We are of the opinion that there is one, but perhaps this is not binding on the present council. Now we know of one piece of work at anyrate being done under non-union auspices where there were others in the same line of business in the municipality employing strictly union labor.

South Vancouver is the working man's home and we know thousands of trade unionists have their homes here.

We ask one question of them—Will they stand for this or will they rise in their might and give the council to understand pretty plainly that they want the conditions they have fought for put in force in all contracts which the council may go into.

However we feel sure the council need only have it brought to their attention to have this matter rectified. Otherwise, of course, other means will have to be adopted.

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At the meeting of the Trades & Labor Council last week, there was received from the Carpenters' Union an intimation of their withdrawal from the council. That this came in the nature of a jar to the various delegates could readily be understood and many were the questions asked as to the reason.

Previous to January there were two carpenters unions in the city—the amalgamated and the brotherhood.

Negotiations had been going on for some time with a view to amalgamation and on January 1 this took effect all over Canada.

The real cause of the trouble in deciding to withdraw their affiliation from the Trades and Labor Council was not openly stated, but we feel it is rather a retrograde step on the part of the carpenters.

However, these things do crop up occasionally in the labor movement and while they are to be regretted—yet sometimes they act in a way in which the movers for withdrawal least expected.

While not agreeing with all the views expressed by delegates to the T. & L. C. yet one has to bear in mind that in no other association of men and individuals is the spirit of progressive thought so keenly in evidence.

Men who have passed ten, fifteen and twenty years in the trade union movement and watched its progress from the time of the purely craft guild, have had an education in democracy of which no other section of citizens have had an opportunity.

Because a man or a party does not agree with the views expressed at these meetings should not be a reason for holding aloof from what is after all—"a parliament of labor."

If the delegates do not express the wishes of their constituents then change them, but to withdraw from that body because its views are not to one's liking looks to us as being rather childish.

However, there is no use unduly magnifying the carpenters' action. These things will happen!

Ex-Business Agent Wilkinson (Carpenters) reported at length regarding the joint delegation that went to Victoria to meet the government re the unemployed question of Greater Vancouver. In the absence of Mayor Baxter Ald. Mahon accompanied the delegation which was made up of three representatives of the Ministerial Association, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Reeve Dickie, a councillor and the engineer of Burnaby. The Premier and Hon. Dr. Young replied at some length and promised to send an official reply last Monday, which up to the present has not been received. Delegate Wilkinson requested Sir Richard not to put the delegation off with his standardized answers. The days of the politician were over in B. C., and the services of a statesman are now required to solve the great perplexing questions of the day. He regretted to say that the premier, in talking, flummered around the question of the unemployed like a steer that had been struck with a poleax. It was quite noticeable that the premier was perceptibly falling down under the huge load of the iniquitous work of years of his government.

The vacancies in the office-bearers of the Trades & Labor Council, caused by the withdrawal of the carpenters were filled as follows: President, C. W. Walker (Cooks and Waiters); general secretary, Geo. Bartley (Typographical); secretary-treasurer, Miss Gutteridge (Tailors); trustee, Fred Knowles.

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The B. C. provincial government gives a grant of a sand-bank to one private company, the dominion government gives the same sand-bank to another private company. Consequently the two companies clash, but be it noted that the governments take up the case in the courts to save their proteges expense. By the time the matter gets to the Privy Council—where counsel stated it would eventually land—the taxpayers of this country will have paid many thousand dollars to establish the right of one of the two companies to fleece the public.

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Both federal and provincial governments are this week discussing the Vancouver Island miners' strike. It only took two years to bring the discussion about, but the miners are no quitters and will not begrudge the time. Present indications would seem to warrant the assumption that some twenty years hence government intervention may be expected. Meantime the miners will be well advised to depend upon themselves if the right to organize is to be established.

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Bothaism doesn't pay. The dominions are now finding out that the British investor is getting shy of placing his money where thugs and gunmen are employed in industrial disputes. New Zealand can get loans oversubscribed while the South African loan of $20,000,000 this week was an utter failure, the underwriters having to take up over 80 per cent. Even the 20 per cent. subscribed by the public was at a discount the day it was issued.

The Bonnie Purple Heather

Sandy Advises Everybody tae Get Back tae the Laund Plantin' Tatties

Weel freens, it looks kin o' like as if we'd seen the last o' the snaw again, for anither year. I'm quite share nane o' yae 'll be vexed if it should happen tae be the case—an' noo, wi the wud-chappin' bizness easin' off a bit, oor thochts turn tae ither things which are nane the less important in the science o' hoo tae keep yaer end up an' mak yaer neebors think yaer better off than yae really are.

It's a remarkable thing this funny feelin' that mak's maist a' body mak believe tae their neebors that they aye hae a wee bit up their sleeve for a rainy day—even if it only be an umbrella wi twa or three holes in it.

It pits me in min o' a incident I min' o' at hame. We youngsters were a' playin' "nickle-doon-deed-tae-a-nicker" on oor favorite bit o' the causey we named the "flams" when wan o' oor mithers shot up her windae and roars oot at the pitch o' her vice:

"Mickey, come up tae the hoose for yaer tea at wance. There's six slice o' toast, two eggs an' a plate o' garvies till it."

"Haw," Mickey cries, wi' tears tricklin' doon his face, "Yaer tryin' tae kid me mither."

"Och, get out Mickey," she whispers, "it's no' you I'm tryin' tae kid; it's the neebors."

Did yae ever notice how true that story applies tae a'most every thing yae think o'. Yae think yaeve telt some remarkable happenin' tae somebody when as share as a gun the pairty yaeve telt it tae 'll hae somethin' even mare remarkable tae inform yae on.

A fellie I work aside has an awfu habit o' conteenually blawin' aboot hoo his chickens are layin' an' nae matter hoo your yins are daen he aye seems tae be a wee bitty better. Yin day I copped him up though when I telt him I had a chicken that laid twa eggs a day in twa different days o' the week.

I seemed tae get the bulge on him a bit then an' he has quit talkin' ony mare aboot them. The sully gowk, they were only twa double-yokit eggs at that.

Noo that the pussy willows are bloomin' again an' the robins hoppin' aboot in the back yaird we get a feelin' in us somethin' like the poet that wud like tae write a poem but canna mak up his min' jist what word he should lead off wi.

I wis staunin' on the back veranda last Sunday mornin'. It wis jist efter breakfast. It's maist aye my usual custom tae gae oot an' hae a bit smoke an' a bit look at my "ranch" in the back yaird. Maist o' the winter I'm plannin' in my min's e'e hoo I'm gaun tae lay it oot in the forthcomin' spring tae get the maist advantage o it an' at the same time avoid as muckle hard work as possible.

Last year I had a great noshun o' raisin' a bunch o' chickens. I reasoned oot wi mysel that the work connectit wi' the raisin' o' them wis easy. Yae didna need tae be strainin' yaer back on the job—an' besides the wife wud gie a helpin' haund an' as I telt her wud keep her ootdoors a wee bit mare in the summer days—where she ocht tae be.

Weel, we went intae the chickin'-raisin' bizness wi' a licht hert, but afore a month or twa had passed we were at luggerheeds wi yin anither owre the beggars.

"Hoo are yae been gettin' on the day wi' the chicks," I wud ask her when I came hame at nicht.

"Hoo have I been gettin' on," she wud repeat, "if it wisna for wan thing or anither I'd pitch the whole jing bang lot o' them oot an, hae naethin' mare tae dae wi them. They're a fair scunner. They're war tae look efter than yaer bairns. Ma certes! Yae'll set nae mare chickens this year. If I hadna been rinnin' up an' doon the stairs a' day mindin' them the maist o' them wud hae been deed."

"I canna unnerstaun yae, woman," I wud say; "what dae yae mean."

"What div I mean. Weel they twa mother hens 'll no quit fechtin wi wan anither an' when they start scrappin' they forget a' aboot the chickens an' the big thowless brits gaun strampin owre the taps o' the wee yins. If I hadna been there tae saiparate them the biggest hauf o' them wud hae been deed."

"A clairty me!" I says; "I never thocht they two auld yins wud hae taen on that wey.

"The sully auld beggars. Of course each o' them 'll think her ain chickens the best. But yae ken twa merried weemen livin' in a hoose can aye agee"—I kent that wud set her pat up.

"Awey, yae muckle dough-heed," she says; "where did yae ever learn sic nonsense as that. It's the maist naitural thing in the world for they twa hens tae fecht an' I could hae telt yae that when yae were pittin' the twa broods sae close tae yin anither. I dinna ken if it maitters muckle onywey," she winds up; "the maist o' they chickens are roosters or I'm no Missis Macpherson."

"Noo, Mistress Macpherson," I says; "dinna be sae awfu hasty; hoo dae yae ken the maist o' they chickens are roosters. The birds are no' twa months auld yet. I'll bait yae a dollar tae ten cents that seeventy-five per cent. o' they chickens are pullets."

"Och, hae yaer ain wey o' it then," she says, "but yae thing, nae mare sittin' hens this year. Wiser like if yae wud gaun an plant a wheen tatties in the grund, but I suppose that's oure hard work for yae."

"Och, forget it," I says; "I'll no be lang in daen that if that's a' yae want," an' I starts richt in turnin' owre the grun.

"What kin' o' tatties are yae wantin' me tae pit in—Highland or Lowland."

"See here, Maister MacPherson, whae are yae tryin tae make a fule o'. Yae can be awfu smert when yae like—yae can plant tartan yins if yae like, so lang as they're tatties."

She thocht I wis tryin' to mak a "Neddy" o' her aboot the tatties.

Noo, as I wis ponderin' on the back step a thocht struck me that it wud be fine tae raise a wheen ducks this year. I could scoop a big hole oot an' line it roon wi some sheet iron or cedar planks, an' it wud be rale nice tae see the bits o' ducks sportin' themsels aboot in the water.

It wud be rale fun for the kids. The wee yin has a great noshun for tae be a cowboy an' what graun fun he could hae lassoin' the ducks. Efter a while we micht get some swans tae add tae the picter.

Weel, I got busy richt away an' starts diggin the hole an' wis gettin' on first-rate when a' of a sudden the spade strikes somethin' hard.

What the devil's this, I says tae mysel, and I gien anither dad at it, but I sune fun oot it wis the great big roots o' a stump I wis up agin. That settled it for that day. I had dune enough by this time onywey, for I wis sweetin' like a powney.

Jist then the wife shouts on me tae come up an see if the noo troosers fitted the wee yin a' richt.

In true sartorial style I feels a roon him an' under him an' I passes my verdick that he seemed a' richt—an' that took me off the spring fever for that day.

Hooever, freens, we'll hae tae be gettin' oor ferm implements hauled oot again an' get back tae the laund as Dickie McBride says. I'm a great believer in mixed fermin' an' wi a wheen tatties, cabbages, green ingins' an' some horse raddishes a fellie's makin' a serious attempt tae solve the problem o' the high cost o' livin' an hoo tae be happy though merried.

Yours through the heather,
SANDY MACPHERSON.

A LITERARY FIND—A MATTER OF COLLINGWOOD INTEREST

Unpublished Manuscript by Interesting English Author is Found in Victoria by Vancouver Writer

By Felix Penne

It has been my good fortune to make more than one literary "find" of peculiar interest. In Old London a man, always "on the look out" for literary curios, may expect to get a reward for vigilant search sooner or later, but British Columbia does not encourage the genuine "bookworm" to do much burrowing—yet there are treasures to be had here—treasures brought out "in the fifties and sixties" and hidden away in old boxes and cupboards—their interest and value little suspected by those in touch with "up-to-date literature." In London I discovered an unpublished poem by Bryan Walter Proctor ("Barry Cornwall"), which was written to please Mary Lamb. This gave great pleasure to my friend Dr. Richard Garnett, who placed it in a niche of honor in the British Museum Library. In London, too, I discovered a bundle of letters written by Charles Dickens—at a most interesting period of his life. Mr. Comyns Carr rewarded me for this "find," but my chief reward, I say in all sincerity, was the making known of these letters, so full of "the Dickens spirit," to the reading public through the pages of "The English Illustrated Magazine."

Rare Volumes

Now I am pleased to say that my recent trip to Victoria, to lecture on "Charles Dickens," placed me in possession of a manuscript volume which in my humble judgment has exceptional literary interest of more importance than financial value. It is because we literary men look at things in this way that "poverty is the badge of all our tribe." "Why do they speak of 'the republic of letters'" somebody asked Douglas Jerrold. "Because if you take a batch of writers altogether they won't have a sovereign amongst them," was the reply.

But to my "find."

In Victoria I purchased—no matter where—and for no matter how much— I gave all that was asked for it—a thick volume of manuscript—a MS. ready for the press—written in a cramped oldfashioned hand on old hand-made paper, a MS. evidently some seventy or eighty years old.

Literature a Game

The title page runs thus:

"LEAVES OF AMUSEMENT FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE"

By J. Fitzgerald Pennie

"There are three difficulties in authorship: To write anything worthy the publishing, to find an honest man to publish it, and to get sensible people to read it. Literature has now become a game in which the booksellers are the kings, the critics the knaves, the public the pack, and the author the mere table or thing played upon."

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Carleton School looks down on a sort of valley. You can see by the smoke that so gracefully rises from many a chimney pot that the place is being thickly populated. But not all the smoke indicates that savory "pot-roasts" are under way, for truth to tell, in a good many South Vancouver homes the cupboard is bare for the breadwinner is out of work. Turn into the school, as I did, on Monday morning near 12 o'clock, and your nose will be greeted with a perfume which will remove all reflections on the poverty which comes from lack of employment. The kids who attend Carleton School are being catered for once a day as though they were paying guests in a grand hotel —and mind you, not all those who partake of a bountiful mid-day meal are those whose parents are in needy circumstances. By a little—no a good deal—of clever housekeeping on a large scale—good meals are provided for the children at five cents per head and about half of those who are fed daily buy tickets and sit in comfort to a warm meal instead of putting up with a cold lunch or tramping home to a hasty meal and hurrying back to school. There is—as I have said—for the present only, I hope— a good deal of distress and free tickets are found for over 100 children daily. Voluntary contributions pay for these tickets—it is hoped the concert provided by the Business Men's Association will provide a good sum—and during the five winter months, while the dinners are provided the teachers will nobly contribute some $200 to the children's dinner fund. It is a good work and the Editor commends it in another column. For mine own part I am pleased and proud that Collingwood has led the way in this matter. To the ladies of Collingwood and Central Park who are giving time, labor, money to this useful work I say with the Editor "God Bless you." Verily these ladies have their reward, for the children have bright eyes, round cheeks and that alert look which shows they are not only taught—but fed.

It is impossible to over estimate the value of the good work done at Carleton School—and I hope that the efforts made will have all the praise and encouragement so well deserved.

Carleton School

Mainly About Collingwood

There was a charming wedding party at Collingwood this week. Full details in our next issue. The Bursill Library proved an ideal place for such a family gathering.

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A choral association is being formed at Collingwood and Central Park. Can you sing? Or do you want to learn to sing? Do you want to join such an association? Communicate with Prof. Jim Tait, Collingwood East.

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"Felix Penne" of Collingwood has accepted invitations to give his lecture on "Lord Strathcona" at Victoria and New Westminster.

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There was an important committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the Collingwood Library to arrange for a Benevolent Fund Concert. Look out for announcement.

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Collingwood Parliament meetings have been dropped for the season. Look out for the closing service. It will be announced in the "Chinook."

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A meeting was held last Wednesday afternoon at the Bursill Library to consider means of raising money and various details in connection with the work of providing lunches for children attending the Carleton School, Collingwood East.

It is some weeks now since this policy was inaugurated and the school trustees, the principal, Mr. Martin, and others who have lent a hand in this enterprise are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts.

A good hot lunch is provided for which a few cents is charged which barely covers the cost of the meal. In cases where, owing to the present hard times, and lack of employment, the parents are unable to pay this small sum, the meals are provided free of charge.

The cost of these meals is kept down to a minimum. Provisions are purchased in large quantities and the ladies of the district give their services in cooking and serving the food.

Subscriptions are asked for this excellent work, and a concert will be held shortly in aid of the funds.

Collingwood and District Business Men's Association

There were one or two people, not the most far-seeing ones, who wanted to somewhat hamper the operations of this very useful organization. "We need only meet once a month," said somebody. The fact is that if the Business Men's Association met once a week, instead of once a fortnight, there would be ample material for a good "live" meeting. More than once, or twice, the "Chinook" has said that this association has amply justified its existence. We go beyond that and say that it is doing good work of lasting benefit to the community. At the last meeting Mr. James Fraser presided. Mr. Orrell, the secretary, reported on the meeting, which had been held to make arrangments for the concert for the chidren's dinner fund. (The dinners arranged for the scholars at the Collingwood and Norquay Schools are described in another column). At this meeting the Revs. Pringle, Morgan, Long and others were present. The association heartily endorsed the arrangements and referred to in our columns.

Steps were taken to see exactly how the Burnaby and South Vancouver bylaws dealt with local tradesmen. At present a South Vancouver man doing business in Burnaby has to pay a Burnaby license—but a Burnaby man can ply his vocation in South Vancouver license free. This does not seem fair—does it? The Collingwood men will see to it.

Strong measures were taken to press forward the improvement of Vanness Avenue. The state of this avenue at Rupert Street, Earls Road and at Rodgers Street is a crying shame—the business men demand an improvement, and will not be happy, or quiet, till they get it.

The need for new freight sheds—for station improvements—for more accommodation in the cars, all these matters were discussed and the association having made the crossings safer may be trusted to secure other reforms. Meanwhile we congratulate Collingwood on its active association and hope that other districts will show equal zeal for local improvements.

LATE KATHERINE WINTERS

That the late Mrs. Katherine Winters, wife of Constable Thomas Winters, of the South Vancouver police force was held in high esteem by all with whom she came in contact, and was loved for her many fine qualities, was amply shown in the large number who turned out to pay their respects to her memory at the funeral services held last week.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Daniel Rees, John J. Fargher, John Corlett, Lawrence R. Gallahan, Ross Brown, and C. Kendall. The honorary bearers were Constable Hughes, Vigor, Anthony and Wales, fellows of the bereaved husband.

Letters of condolence and sympathy have been received by the family from all over the Province and many from points in the United States, among which was a kindly remembrance from Mr. R. L. Maitland, the young criminal lawyer at present on his honeymoon in California.

Following is a list of the floral tributes:

Husband and family — pillow (mother) inscribed.
Brother and wife—heart.
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Callahan and family—cross.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dickinson—glass globe.
South Vancouver police—wreath.
Municipal Staff—pillow.
South Vancouver Fire Dept.—wreath.
Messrs. J. J. Fargher, Geo. Fargher, S. Corlett and J. Corlett—wreath.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Butcher—cross.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Slingerland—spray.
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicol—cross.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kerr—wreath.
Mr. and Mrs. Bridge—spray.
Miss J. G. Wight—wreath.
Miss Ruby M. Gill—spray.
Miss Dench—spray.
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Brown and family—star.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Mattock—spray.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Wm. McPhee—spray.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beattie—wreath.
A heart, two sprays and wreath (unnamed).
Mrs. J. R. Warner—wreath.

IT'S THE SERVICE THAT COUNTS

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Collingwood Liberals Organize

At last there is a prospect, nay a certainty, of a strong Liberal Association in Collingwood. That there are many good Liberals scattered throughout the district is well known; what they have lacked hitherto has been a rallying point.

At a well attended meeting at Carleton Hall on Wednesday night the association was placed upon a proper footing. Live officers and an executive committee were elected, and two delegates appointed to attend the convention at Victoria. That the Collingwood Liberals mean business was demonstrated by the fact that money was forthcoming and paid, not only towards the general work of the association but also for the expenses of the delegates to the convention.

The officers elected were as follows: Hon. Pres. Sir Wilfrid Laurier; president, Mr. Gregson; vice-president, W. G. Connon; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Crosby. The executive committee consists of these three officers and seven members of the association—Messrs. Rose, C. B. Hutton, Ford, S. Barclay, W. Langlais, Parker and C. W. Cropley.

Messrs. Gregson and Ford were elected delegates to represent the association at the coming convention at Victoria.

Mr. Barker and others spoke with enthusiasm and earnestness of the need to organize and fight the present tyrannical and autocratic government.

Personal News From Busy Cedar Cottage

There were about thirty little folks made happy by the very delightful party given by Mrs. Crawford to her children on the afternoon of the 20th at their home, 1760 23rd Avenue. Games, guessing contests and music, followed by refreshments made this party one long to be remembered by every one present.

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Mr. P. Y. McCarter's many friends will be pleased to learn that the operation which he recently underwent at Mayo Bros. sanitarium, Rochester, Minn., was entirely successful, and it is expected that Mr. and Mrs. McCarter will soon return home.

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A baby girl has newly arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Evans on Bella Vista Road.

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On Friday afternoon Mrs. Leighton, assisted by her charming daughters, entertained a number of her friends with a most enjoyable card party and luncheon.

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In his home on Fleming Street, Mr. W. F. McClintoch has lately installed a splendid new billiard table, and his neighbors and friends are sharing with him the pleasures to be derived from an occasional game.

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On February 25, Ward Two Conservative Club held their annual social and dance at Marfew Hall. Music, dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening and all reported an enjoyable time.

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Always noted for his daring, Don Cupid it seems has even had the courage to enter the suffragette ranks, and one well known enthusiastic worker for the cause in Cedar Cottage will in the very near future, be married to a mere man.

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The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mercel will regret to hear of their removal from Cedar Cottage, but will be pleased to know they have gone no further away than 1810 10th Avenue East.

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Rev. Manuel, assisted by Rev. Morgan, Rev. Sanford and others are holding special services at the Robson Memorial Church every night this week except Saturday night.

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The Cedar Cottage branch of the B. C. Political Equality League held a most successful public meeting on the evening of the 17th at Wilson Heights Methodist Church. The speakers for the occasion were Mr. Hambly and Miss Guttridge, who very ably presented to an enthusiastic audience the women's cause. In addition to the excellent addresses, the musical programme was well rendered and added much to the success of the meeting. This was one of a series of meetings held by the Cedar Cottage League—all of them having proved very popular with the public.

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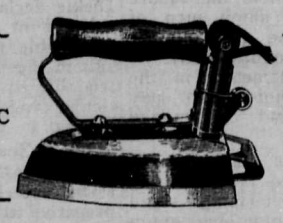

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THAT VETOE!

"I INTERVENE and ask for a reconsideration of these matters," stated Reeve Dickie when the two officials, Solicitor Clarke and Engineer Craddock were led to the block.

"No," declared Councillor Gold.

Reeve Dickie stood firm and his vetoe of the resolutions went on the records of the council.

Councillor Gold was of the opinion that the two officials should "stand not upon the order of thy going, but go at once."

This whole incident only brings out one fact which is this: There is only one reeve in South Vancouver at the present moment. His name is Tom Dickie.

SUPPORT TRADE UNION LABOR

WE are far from laying down as a dictum that when in Rome you should do as Rome does—in everything! But when a community has settled that a certain course of conduct, for the community as a whole, or for individual members, is wise and beneficial, then the man who runs counter to recognized custom, who flouts popular opinion—based upon experience is not only a fool, but an enemy to the commonwealth.

Vancouver—Greater Vancouver is a district, an area, a little commonwealth where the principle of trade unionism is regarded as having the full force of an unwritten law—one of those laws which are even more binding than legal enactments. That a man, a corporation, a public body, should give his support to trade union labor—thus discouraging sweating, unfair competition and incompetence—has passed out of the realms of discussion, it is generally assented to and most public bodies insert a trade union clause in all their contracts.

We regret to see that in Greater Vancouver, a working class municipality where the welfare of the worker demands consideration, there is a growing tendency to disregard trade union shops and give work to firms not protecting the workers by running on trade union lines. Let us reassert some of the reasons for the existence of trade unions—reasons which were potent enough to determine us to run the "Chinook" on trade union lines.

The organization of the workers in trade unions is a matter of imperative necessity in force of the fearful evils of low wages, excessive overtime and inhuman conditions of life. Disciplined organizations on the part of labor are needed to cope with the concentrated combinations on the side of capital—concentrations inimical to the welfare of the worker and the consumer. Trade unionism is necessary to the maintenance of a high level of industrial efficiency. We could add one hundred and one other reasons, but are they necessary? South Vancouver, almost to a man approves of trade union labor and the man, the firm, the corporation, the representative body, or the body which is supposed to be representative, which ignores public opinion and gives work to non-union firms, stands a very good chance of getting severely disliked. Should a man come forward to fill a representative office and proclaim himself an enemy to trade unionism he would stand about as much chance of being elected as a sphere of snow would stand a chance of maintaining its solid rotundity in that torrid locality euphemistically spoken of as—Hades.

A CURE FOR BOOZING

"IF men must have alcohol, let them have it under proper conditions, under government control, pure quality and private profit eliminated," declared Dr. Proctor in an address on "Citizenship" before one of the Kitsilano Young People's Societies. Referring to the fact that most of the failures were caused by alcohol, Dr. Proctor stated that during 1913 more than 2,000 men were arrested in Vancouver for drunkenness.

Just so long as liquor is manufactured, men will drink it, and women too. In South Vancouver during the past year, and South Vancouver has a population of 35,000 or more, the local police had to deal with but a few score cases of drunkenness. There is only one hotel in South Vancouver. Notwithstanding this, an odd citizen was able to accumulate a comfortable load in Vancouver whenever opportunity arose, and carried it backward with him to his home neighborhood. The drunks dealt with by the South Vancouver police invariably got their poison in the city.

It is the belief of the "Chinook" that the best way to put a damper on the popularity of the drinking of intoxicants is to cut out the treating system. The writer happens to be the originator of a policy for suppressing the treating system which was published in the Vancouver "World" some years ago and was endorsed by no less an authority than the editor of "Collier's Weekly." The idea briefly was that the government force all bar-room owners to divide the bars into stalls, each large enough to hold one drinker, on the plan of the stalls in a livery barn. At the front of the stall might be a little slide through which the suds might be served to the thirsty and the money paid therefore. A stool might be placed in each stall for the convenience of the drinker and behind might run a gutter such as may be found in all modern barrooms. The walls of the stalls would have to be made out of oak or re-inforced concrete so as to permit of no inter-communication among the drinkers. This would do away with the comfortable foot railing and the attractive mahogany backed with great mirrors and bright lights. Each stall would be unlighted.

Mr. H. F. Gadsby, the versatile parliamentary writer, once wrote that "a man sneaking into one of those stalls to have drink would do so with the air of one who had stolen his grandmother's watch."

"FEED MY LAMBS"

WE call attention to efforts being made in Collingwood and we trust in other places in South Vancouver, to benefit generations yet to come by looking after the physical welfare of the children of today. Although all districts are being "opened up," although thanks to an energetic council "the path to school is made easy," there are yet many hundreds of school children who cannot get home to a good warm "lunch" during the mid-day recess. South Vancouver mothers are kind and wise, they do what they can with a lunch basket, but no basket can take the place of a good, freshly prepared meal, hot and taken under the social conditions as necessary to children as to "grown-ups."

"The British army marches on its stomach" is an axiom handed down from the days of Wellington and our army of school children—a vast army indeed in the South Vancouver of today—cannot march forward in scholastic progress, conquering ignorance and achieving victories of advancement unless the little "tummie" is warmed and fed to nourish the developing and sorely taxed brain. To what extent a child's brain is taxed few people pause to consider. Every faculty is alert, not only to acquire book knowledge, but to pick up the physical facts of every-day life—and to expect a child to grow in stature—physical, moral, intellectual, without the brain being fed by good, rich, well nourished blood is the height of folly—and cruelty!

Yes! We repeat—"Cruelty"—and we have the authority of the great physician, the most eminent of our day, Sir Crichton Browne, for the use of the term. This great and humane man visited a school to give away prizes and an address. He refused to do either after he had glanced at the children, until they had been fed. "I will not be guilty of the cruelty of trying to teach anything to hungry children," he said. So also we remember that Ellen Terry, a sensible woman, refused to have a word to say about a new play, until its author, just come from a long journey had had a square meal. "I cannot talk art or business with a hungry man," said Ellen Terry, "a hungry man is only ripe for a quarrel." So God bless the sensible men and women who are feeding the children at the Carleton School, South Vancouver. Feeding some of them—a good many of them—free, for times are hard! God bless the people everywhere who are doing a similarly good work, but be not content to invoke a blessing. Do what you can to help! Patronize that concert for the fund. Give the promoters your support and sympathy. "Feed my lambs," said Christ, and that was a command we should all hasten to obey. The welfare of the child is the basis of the Canada of the future, and the "Chinook" feels it can do no more patriotic work than commend and encourage whatever is for the physical, moral and intellectual benefit of our children.

"SPRING IS HERE (?)

IN this matter of fact world the poet is to be encouraged—and the spring poet—often ridiculed, helps to bring the season along.

J. Warrington, of North Arm has sent us our first spring poem, almost long enough to extend to next fall.

The poet writes:

Tall pinks the wild bushes are sealing
And roses the hedges adorn
And blossoms are sweetly inhaling
The smiling effulgence of morn—

This may be poetry, but is not fact, we will hold over the rest of the poem until the clerk of the weather justifies its publication.

PARTY PATRONAGE

RECENTLY, the president of the Vancouver Conservative Association, Dr. Patterson, made a public utterance regarding the distribution of party patronage which brought forth a rebuke even from his chief, Sir Richard McBride. There will be very general agreement with the following from the "Woodstock Sentinel-Review" of Ontario:

"Consider one of the customs which the party system has fastened on us. In theory when a party is placed in power the Government which is formed represents the whole people of the country and not merely a section or faction of the people. We call it the Government of Canada, and allow it to speak and to act in the name of the people of Canada. Yet, as a matter of practice, when it comes to the filling of offices and the distribution of favors, we allow, and expect, that some Government to act as if nobody outside of one political party was entitled to any consideration. Scarcely have the campaign echoes of the declarations of devotion to public interest died away than the public interest is forgotten and the further procedure is frankly and bluntly directed by party interest. And we are all so accustomed to this that we accept it as a matter of course.

"There is a custom that is more extraordinary still. In a constituency which is not represented by a supporter of the Government the patronage often belongs to the defeated candidate; that is to say, the man who has been rejected by the constituency is given practically all the powers of government that are exercised in the constituency, while the man who has been chosen by the people as their representative must be content to look on and voice an occasional ineffective protest. We are all so accustomed to this method of transacting public business that we accept it, too, either as perfectly proper or as inevitable.

"Obviously the proper method of making appointments to the public service is by an independent body that would take no account of party claims but would be guided entirely by the qualifications of the candidates for the offices to be filled. Both political parties when they are on their good behavior before the public, profess to be disgusted with the spoils system and in favor of some form of the merit system; but neither seems to have the courage to inaugurate such a reform. Both, no doubt, are waiting until public pressure becomes irresistible, and as the public seems to be quite content with things as they are, the wait is likely to be a long one. If we waited for a spontaneous movement on the part of the public before there was any progress in practical science, in literature, in music, or in painting, there would be a long wait, too.

BY THE WAY

C. SNAZEL, OF NEW WESTMINSTER, set a snarling dog upon a saucy school boy who was snowballing him. A severe magistrate sentenced Snazel to serve six months. The dog took a bite out of the boy's calf, but suffered no ill affect.

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HAVING OCCASION TO employ an office boy, and not wishing to have too many applicants, the editor advertised in a morning paper as follows: "Wanted—Highland Scotch boy, about 15 years old, to learn the newspaper business. Apply ———." The advertisement had appeared two days when a lad presented himself before the editorial eye. Chest out, heels together, cap in hand, said he, "Ma name is John Mitchell—fufteen year-r-'s old. Am Hieland Scotch—ma mither was bor-r-n in Aberdeen—ma father was born in Aberdeen and am an Aberdonian." John lived on Twenty-seventh Avenue and started on the job that afternoon. Craigellachie!

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DURING THE HEARING of a case in which some lots in University Heights, Moose Jaw, were involved, Chief Justice Haultain rose from his seat to examine the location of the property on a map spread in front of the witness. Having viewed the location to his apparent satisfaction. His Lordship, in resuming his seat, said: "Sometimes it is a question whether the lots are within the city limits of Moose Jaw or Regina."

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THE KENTUCKY HEN who presented an egg every day to her master for a period of fourteen long years could never find anything where she laid it. This finally got on her nerves and she gave the job up.

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A MAN NAMED McConnell, secretary of the I. W. W., at Calgary, has been found guilty of sedition and has the distinction of being the first man in Canada to be convicted on that charge. When they hauled the I. W. W. chief to jail, the sun set upon the Calgary local of the organization.

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THE GLASGOW HERALD says: "United States towns are at present decorated with a mammoth poster bearing the legend, 'What Scotland has given to the world,' with three panel pictures beneath—Harry Lauder in the centre and Burns and Scott on either side."

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IN CANADA, THE most familiar Scottish product shown on the hoardings bears the jovial likeness of Johnnie Walker. But it must not be supposed that though the Canadian has a slight intimacy with Johnnie Walker he does not know his Scott and Burns.

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THE MUNICIPAL MACE which was placed on exhibition at the "Chinook" office is not lying idle. Since the civic contest, the mace has been used effectively on anxious subscribers, collectors, anonymous letter writers, philosophers and reformers, and at least one poet has fallen under it since the first faint trace of spring appeared. A good mace is a valuable adjunct to a newspaper office.

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THERE IS A YOUTH in Geneva who has two stomachs. One would be sufficient to keep filled in these stringent times.

THE GOVERNOR OF Minnesota writes sentimental songs and the prospective governor of Oklahoma served five years for train robbing. No wonder the Americans shock the sensibilities of our good friend J. Francis Bursill.

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ACCORDING TO A report from Chicago, Joe Tinker was once sold for a dollar and a half. Joe's parents, if the name stands for anything, were likely of a nomadic character, and it can be understood that their mercenary traits were much more highly developed than their devotion to their off-spring.

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FOR TRYING TO whip the "sin and devil" out of two small boys, a religious enthusiast was nearly lynched at Newton, Illinois. This would indicate that the devil has a pretty firm hold on the population of Newton.

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ANOTHER DESPATCH says that "Oil King Shovels Snow," and tells how John D. Rockefeller finds the work a superior exercise even to golf. It is well that John D. is practising for there are people who predict for him a period of shovel-work in a region where little snow is to be found.

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THEY'VE stopped the selling of sweepstake tickets in South Vancouver, but Bob McBride contends that there is still a great number of shibeens in the district.

The Highgraders Corner

Before the Days of the Linotype

A Western newspaper started on its career under peculiar circumstances. The editor of the Rocky Mountain Cyclone thus opened the first article of the first issue of his paper: "We begin the publication of the Rocqy Mountain Cyclone with some phew diphiculties in the way. The type phounder phrom whom we bought the outphit phor this printing ophis phailed to supply any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weeques bephore we can get any. We have ordered the missing letter, and will have to wait until they come. De don't lique the looque ov this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen in the best regulated ov phamilies, and iph the cees and exes and quess hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the Cyclone whirling aphter a phashion till the sorts arrive. It is no joque to us, it is a serious aphair."

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Religion of the Future

Westminster Gazette

M. Camille Flammarion, in addition to being a notable astronomer, is greatly interested in occult phenomena. As far back as 1864 he became a member of the Society of Paris for the study of Spiritualism, and for many years past he has, says a writer in the January issue of the "Occult Review," kept in touch with most of the psychic phenomena observed throughout the world. His forecast of the religion of the future is that it will be "scientific, will be founded on a knowledge of psychical facts":

"This religion of science will have one great advantage over all that has gone before it—unity. Today a Jew or a Protestant cannot believe in the Miracles of Lourdes, a Mussulman hates the dog of a Christian, a Buddist cannot accept the dogmas of the Western world. No one of these divisions will exist in a religion founded on the general scientific solution of psychical problems."

M. Flammarion is evidently an optimist who sees the vision of things that shall be.

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To Reduce Divorces

New York American

Judge Turner, of Milwaukee, believes that the State Legislature should pass a law creating the position of divorce lawyer, and that no divorce action should be brought except by this man. This is his suggestion to lessen the evil which has resulted in the granting of 600 divorces in Milwaukee County in one year.

"In every one of these cases," he says, "there is an average of three children. The country often has to pay for the support of some of these three thousand individuals. I think there is a large percentage of divorces brought by lawyers' runners, who have brought out an evil as great as that of the ambulance chaser. Under the proposed system I believe a large number of divorce applications would be eliminated."

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Foster, Greatest Globe Trotter

Peterborough Examiner

The Hon. George E. Foster, nominal Minister of Trade and Commerce, is the greatest globe trotter of history. He has been in office three years nearly, and has, to use an Irishism, been more out of office than in it. He had been circumamublating the globe in pretended search of trade. He is supposed to be a member of the Cabinet, but his attendance at cabinet councils has been more honored in the breach than the observance. If the Honorable Mr. Foster were compelled to punch a time clock, installed in the Dominion Cabinet Council chamber, and and was paid accordingly, he would draw very little salary from the public chest. As Minister of Trade and Commerce, his salary is $7,000. This, plus his sessional indemnity of $2,500, makes his total salary $9,500. We don't say that this is too much, in the abstract, but it seems to be too much for a Cabinet Minister who is no Cabinet Minister, who does not sit often enough about the Council Board to keep the dust off his seat.

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THEATRICAL & MUSICAL

Empress Theatre

Next week for the Empress attraction we are promised Sardou's perennial and ever delightful comedy, "Divorcons." Sardou's play has survived for one reason because of the opportunities it has offered every actress who has played the leading role, and few actresses of eminence either in Europe or America who have not essayed it. There are a long line of Cyphriennes from Celine Chaumont who created it, down to Grace George who made the part peculiarly her own and counts it the greatest of her successes. Of course every one is familiar with the play. Its theme is the divorce question and though the play was written some twenty years ago, there is no farce comedy on the stage today closer to the minute in theme and needless to say there never was one written subtler, or more adroit. While its situations are deliciously humorous, its charm lies largely in the manner in which the lines are read, and few and far between are the stock companies capable of properly presenting this most famous of farce comedies. The Lawrence Players have again and again demonstrated their capacity in plays of this type and "Divorcon" will prove no exception. Maude Leone will be perfectly at home in the role of Cyprienne, she has appeared in it many times with great success and with her personal beauty, vivacity and undoubted talents as a comedienne, surely no better selection could be made. She will wear in the play her celebrated crystal gown, a creation composed entirely of cut crystals which took some two years in the collection and making; it weighs eighty-seven pounds, and is valued at $5,000. Every woman at least will wish to see it. Mr. Del. Lawrence will assume the part of Henri Des Prunelles, and the supporting cast will be all that the most critical could ask.

More than ordinary care will be given to the proper staging and "Divorcons" should and undoubtedly will have crowded houses for the entire week of its run.

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Orpheum Theatre

One of the greatest attractions, perhaps the greatest, that has yet come to Vancouver is England's foremost emotional actress, Olga Nethersole. She has been seen here on numerous occasions at the old Vancouver Opera House with her own company and productions, and has always played to the S. R. O. sign. In addition to that Miss Nethersole is heavily interested in Vancouver real estate and her visit here as the headline attraction on next week's bill at the Orpheum Theatre has a double purpose.

She will be seen here in her greatest success, "Sapho," arranged by Clyde Fitch, from the celebrated book by Alphonse Daudet. The third act is the one that Miss Nethersole presents from the play, and it gives her the greatest scope to show her ability as an emotional actress. She is considered today the greatest Sapho, and has won both fame and fortune with this play. A competent company will support her, and Vancouverites may expect something out of the ordinary when she makes her appearance here next week. It will doubtless be one of the society events of the season.

Everybody remembers Gus Edwards' "School Days." Therefore, everybody also remembers Herman Timberg, who, in the days when it was a mere sketch, as well as when it was broadened out into a full-size musical comedy, was its chief comedian. He is gifted beyond his years in this respect, and is also the fortunate possessor of a good voice and much ability as a dancer.

After a long London engagement, Mosher, Hayes and Mosher are returning to America with one of the most famous cycling acts on the stage. Not only have they mastered the technical difficulties of riding for exhibition purposes, but they have worked at the comedy end of the business until they have made it a most delightful part of the whole performance.

When Burns, Kilmer and Grady spent one college vacation in vaudeville just for fun and pocket money, they hardly expected to stick to the stage, but that is what they have done. Coming from three different Western universities, the men are fraternity fellows, and all interested in athletics, the specialty of one being track sports, another basketball, and the third baseball. Their vaudeville turn consists of some bright patter, singing and dancing, all crystallized under the caption "A Campus Rehearsal."

"Her First Case," presented by Julia Nash & Co., is a very clever and amusing story of two girls who find themselves in New York quite on their uppers. A providential taxicab accident furnishes the means for their change of fortunes, when one of them, posing as a lawyer, represents the distress suffered by her friend, and does it so eloquently that the company is glad to settle for a handsome sum.

The public seems never to tire of music presented in the form of casual street singing, after the Italian manner, and Prillo and Frabito are well equipped to satisfy this perennial demand. They are good instrumentalists and good vocalists, and the whole turn is staged most pleasingly.

Two Australian wonders are the Blessings, a man and woman whose feats of strength and balancing are really marvelous. The woman, especially, has created a sensation wherever she has been seen, for her musculuar prowess is nothing less than sensational.

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Imperial Theatre

A bright and snappy bill will be presented at the Imperial during the coming week with none other than the renowned Kara, famous juggler, the world over, as the headline attraction. Kara just begins where other jugglers leave off, according to his former appearance over the circuit. He is without doubt one of the most marvelous jugglers in the world today.

"Everybody's Doing It," a farce said to contain some unusual lines, will be offered by Thomas Ripley, an old-timer; Mrs. Lewis McCord and Elvia Bates, as the added feature attraction at the Imperial next week. There are some wonderfully clever lines in the act together with convulsing situations.

Endowed with a charming personality and a good voice Edith Clifford, a singing comedienne, will make her initial bow to Imperial patrons during the coming week. Judging from Miss Clifford's pictures, she will start many a masculine heart thumping.

Jack Mack and Juliette Atkinson are said to have a fine vaudeville vehicle for smiles and snappy repartee. Certainly they have been very popular along the circuit.

An act that will prove a keen delight to the children as well as the grown-ups, will be Stain's Comedy Circus, which will include ponies, mules and other clever animal actors. The unridable mule will provide no end of amusement.

Miss Maude Leone, at the Empress

To Our Readers

We were a little premature in the announcement of Hall Caine's story. Dealing with works of authors of such calibre is not such a simple business as imagined. With regard to fiction of such world wide importance we say to readers of the "Chinook" in the words of Asquith "wait and see!" Meanwhile readers of this issue will find no lack of live interesting matter and arrangements are being made which will make the "Chinook," from a literary standpoint, a Canadian paper that will lead the way.

Warning!

Employees of the B. C. Electric Railway have recently found many display cards and other advertising matter on the company's poles in various parts of the city. For the information of the public, and as a warning against occurrences of a similar character in the future, the company gives general notification that under the company's Act of Incorporation any person posting any advertisement or sign, or painting anything on, or otherwise injuring any of the poles or posts of the B. C. Electric Railway is liable to a penalty of $100 and costs, or one month's imprisonment.

The way to make things known is to advertise in the "Chinook."

The South Vancouver Chinook Club held a meeting on Monday, February 23, at the home of Mr. S. Ross, 25th Avenue. This meeting was called to elect officers. M. C. Blackman was chairman, and the election was as follows:

Hon. president, Mr. E. P. Demens; president, Mr. S. Ross; vice-president, Mr. G. Blackman, secretary, Mr. F. Fredrickson, treasurer, Mr. J. Sanpietro; and press agent, J. Mullett.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT R. C. HODGSON

(Continued from Page 1)

A "Small Debts Court" is a matter that was taken up in April 1912 with the council and as yet nothing has been done. I would recommend that this matter be again taken up with a view of its early establishment, as it is a great waste of time and money to go to the city to transact this kind of business.

The formation of a "District Concill" was urged by this board in 1910, and although this question has been an issue in several municipal elections, it is to be regretted that it is lost sight of immediately after.

In July 1910, the council was requested to take steps to establish an "Arbor Day." Although nothing has been done in this matter, I trust that steps will be taken in this direction, as there is nothing that tends to beautify one's home and streets like the use of shade trees and I think it behooves the municipality to give some encouragement along those lines.

On July 1912 a motion was passed requesting the council to put on a force of mounted police. This is a matter that I trust the present council will take up, as an efficient police force is one of the essentials of a growing community.

The establishment of a ferry from Woodward's to Ladner is a matter that has received a great deal of attention from this board as well as various other public bodies and boards of trade and it is a pleasure to state that we now have a ferry service on that route.

Another matter that this board took up was, endeavoring to secure the Canadian Northern tunnel from False Creek to the North Arm of the Fraser. We sent several delegations to interview the government (Victoria) in the matter, as well as taking other steps to secure it. It is yet undecided whether it will go through South Vancouver, if not, it will not be because we have not done everything in our power to secure it.

The securing of a "public utility commission" is a matter that was brought up by our board on August 26, 1912, and a letter was sent to every public body on the lower main land asking them to co-operate with us, but we could not arouse any enthusiasm at that time. The matter was again taken up on April 25, 1913, and I am pleased to state that the City of Vancouver is also taking this question up and is seriously considering pressing for a bill to that end. That such a commission will be a great benefit to the people of British Columbia will be a great benefit to the people of British Columbia goes without saying as the corporations who hold the franchises will be compelled (if the commission does its duty) to use them more for the benefit of the people and less to swell the dividends of their stockholders.

Another matter, and one which is of the most importance to the people of South Vancouver, unless it is the development of our harbor, is a public market on the North Arm. This matter has received a great deal of attention from this board, but it was felt that on account of the money stringency it was unadvisable to ask the Council to submit a bylaw to procure a site during the past year. However, I trust this matter will not be allowed to die and that the board will again take it under consideration and be able to work out a scheme whereby we will be able to establish one at an early date.

We have taken this market question up with the people of Richmond and of the Delta and find that they are most enthusiastic and will, I believe, do everything in their power to assist us to bring the producer and the consumer together in South Vancouver.

Our board of trade has done good work for our municipality during the four years of its existence and everything that tended towards the progress and advancement of our municipality has received every encouragement from our hands. Notwithstanding the fact that a certain element in our community through ignorance has ridiculed the board and its work we have steadily persevered, ever having our eyes on the motto "For the good of the community."

Another matter that was suggested to the council of 1912, and which was considered important, was to take certain streets running north and south and east and west and widen them to 80 feet, there is no doubt that this must be done sooner or later, and I am of the opinion that it could be done now at comparatively no cost, while if we wait until building are erected which have to be moved, it will cost a large sum of money. I regret that the council took no action in the matter and I would suggest that it be laid before our present council at the earliest possible moment.

During the year considerable progress has been made along various lines. Our water system has been vastly improved as well as our street-lighting system. Our fire department has also shown a marked improvement as we have now some of the most modern appliances that money can buy.

Our school population has increased during the year from 3688 in Jan. 1913 to 4389 in Jan. 1914, an increase of 701, which proves to my mind beyond a doubt that our population is increasing rather than otherwise.

And altogether we are taking an optimistic view of things and look for the year of 1914 to be one of progress and prosperity.

In conclusion I beg to thank every officer and member of this board for the kindness and consideration shown me in the four years that it has been my privilege to preside over it, and I wish to thank you for the honor you have done be by electing me by acclamation for the fifth consecutive term.

I can truthfully say that it seldom falls to the lot of any man to be surrounded by a body of men who are as enthusiastic for the welfare of the community as are the members of this board, which is as you all know a non-political body. We may all have our own political opinions, but I am pleased to say that we have never allowed any political difference to creep between us and the discharge of our duty as citizens. We have stood shoulder to shoulder working together for the upbuilding of our district. And I wish to express the hope that our deliberations in the year upon which we are now entering will be marked with the same degree of enthusiasm and harmony as has characterized in the past.

Again thanking you, I have the honor to be.—Yours,

R. C. HODGSON,
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British Columbia's Old Man of the Mountains

Far up in Northern British Columbia lies the Muskine Valley, down which flows peacefully the river of that name. Four hundred miles away I had heard of it from a Hudson Bay Co. factor, and lured by his account of its beauty and of the "Better Land" Indians—true aboriginals—who lived there, had travelled single-handed to visit it.

It is a lovely, if a neglected country, and a happy time I spent in exploring and hunting there.

There was this curious thing about it, that the Indian guides never would consent to my going up to the head of the valley.

"Spirits of long dead tribes haunt the place! It is bad medicine to go there, where a band of Crees was killed in battle by Muskine Indians!" Thus they dissuaded me.

The Old Man of Rock Bound Canyon

Four months passed by, and I again approached the Muskine Valley, and from above its head.

This time I was driving a team of husky dogs, who were drawing a sleigh load of furs, I was treading on forbidden ground. The lowering sky was threatening one of these sudden northern storms, and I wished to cross the valley and Muskine river before it came on, so I kept urging my dogs by whip and word. The short day was almost closing when I crossed the river one mile above the canyon. I could plainly hear the roar at that distance, as soon as I crossed the river I headed for a clump of spruce trees to the right and at the foot of the canyon. Suddenly, something seemed to rouse the dogs, they threw up their muzzles into the air, uttering loud howls, and increased their pace.

Swinging around the bluff of timber at the foot of the canyon, I saw a sight that caused me to drop my whip and utter a cry of astonishment. About three hundred feet up the canyon, where a little strip of woods jutted out from the rock wall, stood a little cabin built of logs, and in the doorway, with a large wolf-hound on either side of him, stood an old white man, his snowy hair falling over his shoulders.

I continued gazing at him while the huskies, taking advantage of my having dropped the lines, bounded up to the door of the cabin.

Stranger, What Brings You Here?

I was brought back to my senses by hearing a voice say: "Stranger, what brings you here?" Advancing, I replied that I hoped I was not intruding, as I thought I was the only white man within hundreds of miles of the spot.

He replied by asking me if I would accept his hospitality for the night. The long-threatened storm now broke in all its fury, howling through the canyon like some giant whistle. Hastily unharnessing the dogs and giving them their supper, I entered the cabin. The interior of the cabin was lighted by the huge fire-place which stood at one end, while on the walls were hanging pelts of almost every kind of fur to be found in the north; bear and wolf skins covered the floor, and the place seemed altogether comfortable.

The old man waved me to a seat, while he prepared the evening meal. I tried to study his heavily-lined, sorrowful features, and draw some conclusions as to what had brought him to this out-of-the-way place. I was positive, however, that the features spoke of benovolence.

After supper, the old man drew his chair up towards the fire and I stretched myself on a huge bearskin on the other side. Drawing my tobacco pouch from my jacket, I passed it on to the old man and he filled his pipe.

With our pipes alight, we smoked in silence, the two huge wolf hounds lying at their master's feet.

The Old Man's Story

I noticed and wondered at it, that there were tears in his eyes, as the Old Man addressed me.

"Boy," he exclaimed, "you are wondering how I came here; what brought me here. Time alone heals heart-wounds! I will tell you my story. You will be the first and the last to hear it, for soon must I part from this house of clay.

"You are the first white man I have seen, since I turned my back on the civilized world, twenty-seven years ago. You will be my guest tonight, filling the blank of 27 years of the world's history.

"I was born in the town of W—— in the state of Vermont. My father was a lawyer of good reputation, and had a profitable business. My mother, was a gentlewoman, who interested herself in my father's affairs, helping him in his daily task, making our home one to be proud of. My sister and myself, the only children, were beloved by both of our parents.

"My father wished me to study law. Being a little impulsive, I told him I wished to become a doctor. He finally gave his consent, and I plunged into my studies; everywhere success awaited me. I became very popular, and all this tended to make me a little proud, and over confident. At the age of twenty-two I graduated and was ready to commence life's battle.

"I hung out my shingle in my own home town; it was not long till I had a large practice, which gave me a good income.

For two years I practised in my home town; then came the call to a large hospital in another city. I accepted. Again I prospered and became acquainted with several society people; this brought me into another circle.

Hard Fight With Death

"One morning I was called to a prominent society man's house; his daughter had been taken suddenly ill with typhoid fever. When I arrived I found the patient delirous; there and then I fought one of the hardest battles with death in my career.

"I spent hours beside my patient, neglecting all others. I fell in love with her. To make a long story short, she recovered, and I found my love returned, or at least I thought so. As soon as she was strong enough to travel, her father took her away to a southern clime; she remained away for six months.

"How I longed to meet her! A few nights after her return at a ball given in her honor, I asked her to marry me. She told me she did not love me, and had just amused herself with me.

"All my hopes and dreams were dashed down to the lowest depths.

"I resigned my position, and went abroad. There I fell in bad company; wine and cards brought me to ruin; my father was disgusted with me. Returning to America; I immediately came west, and spent another two years of a reckless life.

"I woke one morning sober, and there came to my mind vividly the thought that all the world were my enemies. A few days before I had met an old trapper, who had generated far into the Canadian north. He was leaving town in a few days for the frontier, and I agreed to accompany him. I made several trips with him.

"He died and left me his outfit and a store of woodland secrets. I had never once communicated with my people, and after my old friend the trapper died I spent several years in different parts of the country.

"One day I set out towards the north with the idea of finding some little spot to pass the remainder of my days in. I knew the Indians of the north better than any other white man. So I returned to the north for good, bringing with me a good supply of drugs. It would take hours to tell of that trip.

Ministering to The Indians.

"Two years later saw me enter the Muskine Valley and camp at the foot of Rock Bound Canyon.

"Disease was rife amongst the Indians, so I set to work with the few remaining drugs I had and saved many a life, winning their gratitude. From the Indians I learned that white men never visited the country; here, I thought to myself, is the long-sought-for place. When I told them of my intentions to live aind stay with them always, their joy was unlimited, so I built this cabin, lived the life of an Indian—the life that nature alone can give.

"When the trading post 400 miles away was established, the Indians made an annual trip to bring me supplies and secure some for themselves. When the few white men began to come into the country, the Indians always told them to keep away from this spot as the bygone spirits of their tribe hovered there.

This was only a blind to protect me, for as the years went by I hated the thought of the white man coming. But when I saw you standing at the entrance of the Canyon today, there came back to me, the rush of bygone days, for although I have hungered for news of the world for twenty-seven years, I have lived in a world of my own."

As the old man finished he buried his face in his hands and sobbed aloud, the two wolf hounds uttering low growls.

After a time he calmed, and began eagerly to ask questions of the world's doings.

I had to tell him of all the changes that had taken place in those years, and as he listened, his face seemed to grow young again. When I hunted out a newspaper seven months old, he laughed boyishly. The night was far spent when we sought rest.

I remained with him for several days, and when I asked him to accompany me back to civilization his face grew sad as he replied: "I will not live to see the grass grow green; there is no question about it." He smiled and added: "Remember, I have been a man of medicine for many years."

"I have been happy in my solitude. I regained my manhood that I once lost, and your coming has made me happy. My Indian friends will lay me in my last cabin when the time comes to answer "The Great Call."

So I left him, and have no doubt that as he foretold, so it happened to him.

This is probably the explanation of all the wild talk heard in the north country respecting a mysterious "Old Man of the Mountains."

A Night with the Main Street "Grits"

South Vancouver Liberals held another of their get-together Smoking Concerts, Thursday, last week.

Since these monthly entertainments have been inaugurated the membership and outside supporters of the Liberal party have been treated to some inspiring speeches and the large number who turned out Thursday night bore ample evidence of the enjoyment acquired from the vocal and instrumental side of the programme.

This meeting was of peculiar interest from a standpoint of vocal energy also. If anything these concerts have been responsible for, it has been the cause of imbuing the Grits and their friends with the vocal spirit, for Thursday night the chairman had his audience joining with more or less—it may be less—vocal unity in singing "O, Canada."

Mr. Henderson, the popular "smoker chairman" presided and in a few introductory remarks extended a hearty welcome to all and especially the new attenders at these popular evenings.

The meeting opened with a pianoforte selection, after which Mr. Joe Kelly treated the audience to that ever-popular and tuneful song, "Thora," in a way which "brought down the house"—at least the press thought so from the way in which the platform on which they were seated was "wisibly affected." An encore was demanded.

Mr. Donald Burgess, an old warhorse in South Vancouver Liberal circles and now president of the newly-formed South Hill Liberal Association, was called upon to address the meeting. Mr. Burgess, though suffering from a severe cold, which was not "helped out" by the smoky atmosphere of the hall, made a terrific onslaught on the Provincial Government's land policy.

Touching on the coal mining question Mr. Burgess favored crown ownership and in the meantime he favored an inspector being appointed to have the mines under his supervision with that end in view.

Mr. Tolley rendered the old-fashioned and ever welcome "Just a song at Twilight."

Dr. McConkey, secretary of the new Grit camp up in South Hill, came out strong in support of the Lloyd-George line of Liberal policy and said that gentleman had been responsible to a great extent in drawing the line of demarcation between Toryism and Liberalism—the classes against the masses. He made a plea for efficient organization and felt sure that if this was properly attended to there would be no fear of who would come out on top at the next election.

Mr. G. G. McGeer, president of the club and also president of the Richmond Liberal Association, spoke briefly on the new Municipal Clauses Act.

The particular phase he dealt with was the one which gave the Attorney-General's office the power of approving or disapproving of the money by-laws of the various municipalities. He said he had watched very closely the workings of the various municipalities, some of which had grown at a remarkable rate, and he had failed to see where at any time the people's trust had been violated by the various councillors.

He went on to say that the bonds of these municipalities, under this new act, would be harder to sell, without any redeeming feature to offset this and would handicap the councillors in their work.

The Attorney-General was all the time gaining a strangle hold over the people of B. C. and unless the people waken up there would come a time when Mr. Bowser would have complete control. "In that case," the speaker went on to say, "I would rather prefer to live in Mexico, for the people there, at least, have some kick in them and could use it."

The chairman then introduced Mr. Macdonald Mowat.

The speaker took the high cost of living as his theme and went on to say that he did not think that governments were altogether to blame for this problem.

He went on to show, however, that during the years from '96 to 1911, the extraordinary prosperity that pervaded the whole of Canada had evaporated so soon as the other party took up the reins of office.

It was a question which touched every citizen, every day and every hour of his life, and he went on to say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had advocated and was advocating at the present time free food as one of the best ways of tackling this problem. The government had turned a direct negative to that and would not listen to Sir Wilfrid's appeal.

For customs duty on food stuffs last year, $11,000,000 was taken from the pockets of the people.

The solution the Borden government were putting forth of this problem was a big expenditure on public work. By this means they hoped to solve a problem which affected every man and woman in Canada and which was only a bribe to the controlling class.

He went on to show that the minister of labor had stated that the high cost of living and high prices were good for us—it made us more manly and less effeminate. (Laughter.)

"Sleep a little longer in the morning gentlemen, get out without your breakfast, and everything would soon be alright," was Mr. White, the finance minister's solution for the question.

What the working men of Canada had to do today was to ask themselves the question: "What am I going to do about it." The answer was obvious.

The speaker was accorded a hearty round of applause for his inspiring address.

Mr. Griegson, the newly-elected president of the Collingwood Liberal Association, was the next speaker. He said Collingwood was looked upon as the hot-bed of the Conservative party, but he and the body with which he was affiliated hoped to remove that stigma from "Modern Athens" fair name.

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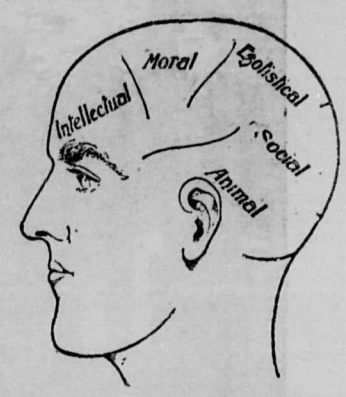

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We hear that while at Victoria a week or so ago "Felix Penne" made a literary "find" of great interest. What was it? Well! As Mr. Asquith says, wait and see.

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The Orangemen's Social at Collingwood was a splendid success. Collingwood is well represented at the Convention at Nelson. We shall allude to this matter again.

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There will be a grand concert at the Collingwood Library on Friday, February 27, under the auspices of "The Hastings Townsite Progressive Club." You—yes you! must be there.

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Brilliant Illustrated Lecture on Late High Commissioner is Given in Aberdeen School by Mr. J. Francis Bursill

There has always been a peculiar fascination about the stories of men who, beginning as poor boys, have *risen to a position of dignity and opu*lence. History is full of such instances, from the days of Joseph to those of Dick Whittington, and, on this continent, from the man who went from log cabin to White House, to Lord Strathcona, about whose remarkable career Mr. J. Francis Bursill lectured at the Aberdeen School and under the auspices of the Art and Historical Society to a large and keenly interested audience. The lecture, illustrated by upwards of a hundred splendid slides, was a vivid *sketch of the life of the poor Scot*tish boy, born at Forres in Scotland in 1820 and dying full of years and honors in the capital of the Empire in 1914. Mr. J. N. Ellis presided.

Dramatic Episodes

The period covered gave ample scope for a story of thrilling interest. Episodes of a most dramatic character were introduced, and were taken full advantage of by a speaker well-known here for his picturesque and anecdotal style. Now and then the narrative was brightened by a touch of humor, as when it was recorded that a man who twitted Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona) with his plebian name, was answered by ref*erences to Captain John Smith (of* Pocahontas fame), Adam Smith, Sydney Smith and other famous members of the numerous Smith family. Again, it was amusing to hear of the introduction of the bagpipes into distant Labrador by an enthusiastic Scotsman who, seeing how the Eskimos and Indians danced with delight to the skirl of the pipes, declared that they must have good "Hieland bluid" in their veins. "That," observed Mr. Bursill, with a touch of sly humor, "was not at all unlikely in those days."

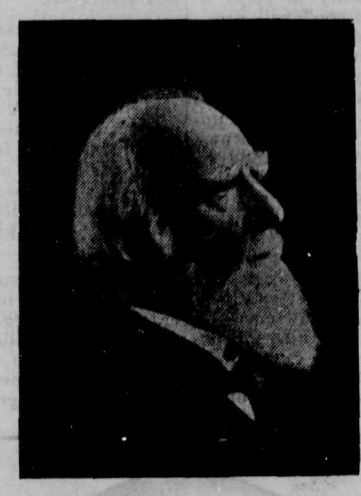
There was something for young and old in this lecture and it was gratifying to notice in the Aberdeen School audience many young people who followed with keen interest the story of Donald Smith's trapping days in Labrador, while older members of the audience, of a financial turn of mind, were equally interested in the romantic story of how the C. P. R. was financed and of the development of the great Hudson's Bay Company.

The lecture was a lesson in history, for there were thrown upon the screen a series of pictures covering a period from the time when Prince Rupert and the other "gentlemen ad*venturers" secured their charter from* King Charles right down to the funeral of Lord Strathcona, even the wreath placed upon the coffin by his old regiment, the Strathcona Horse, at the recent funeral, being shown.

It is a peculiarity of Mr. Bursill's style that he—as a severe critic would say—"drags in outside matter" to il*lustrate his points and his digressions* are often of such a nature as to really stamp the incidents he wishes to emphasize permanently upon the memory. Thus, in speaking of what made Lord Strathcona the man he was, Mr. Bursill contended that it was his association through some 14 or 15 years of almost complete solitude and desolation in Labrodor with four great books that vitally influenced his career. In Labrador his only library consisted of the Bible, Shakespeare, Boswell's "Life of Johnson" and the speeches of William Pitt. Portraits of Shakespeare, Johnson and Pitt were thrown upon the screen and the portraits of the two latter must have impressed upon the attention of those who heard the lecture the sturdy independence and strength of character of the great lexographer, qualities that Donald Smith seemed to have absorbed, and the brilliant *gifts of the statesman who, at the* age of 24, guided the destinies of this great Empire.

The scope of the lecture has been indicated. It was regrettable that all the young people of Vancouver were not present in the Aberdeen School to hear the lesson of so great a life of pluck and achievement and generosity told in such a happy manner. Many well-known Vancouver citizens were present and Mr. Bursill was accorded a very warm vote of thanks couched in highly complimentary terms.

This lecture will shortly be given in South Vancouver—look out for announcement.



Lord Strathcona

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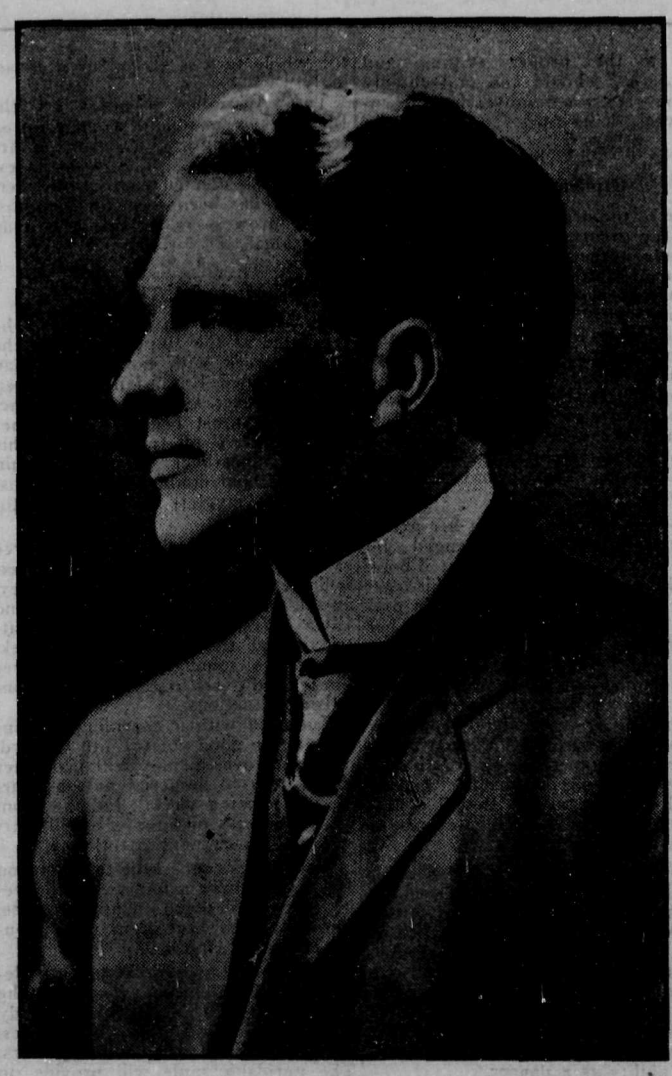

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He described very wittily the taciturn Scotch captain of the ship, whose final advice and present to him when leaving was characteristic. "Come in here," he says to Mr. Craig, beckoning him into his cabin. "Now laddie, I hae a great admiration for the Bible, and I think prayer is a good thing, but for a real tight corner here's the only thing for you," and he presented him with a 44 Smith & Wesson revovler, fully loaded, and a good packet of cartridges.

Mr. Craig in describing Buenos Ayres said, amongst other remarkable things about that city, is that it possessed a noble paved street over seven miles long and there had actually been no change of reeve and council during its construction, and more remarkabe still, the contract had been completed without any lawsuits.

With regard to his work in the interior the lecturer gave many interesting items of information, some very amusing and some very much the reverse. He compared the methods of conveying goods and possessions by bullock wagon to our method of doing so by auto, the only real difference being that in one case a person had ample leisure to admire native land in the other he hadn't; so far as comfort was concerned there was no real difference, except that the auto had springs and the bullock wagon none. Many interesting geographical and commercial facts were given illustrating the enormous size and unlimited potentialities of the South American continent. The Great Pompas, a great plateau as flat as a floor, with grasses higher than a man on horseback covered 90,000 square miles, and the lecturer had a thrilling experience to relate of a time when he was alone and utterly lost on the Pompas for many days and how he at last through Providential circumstances reached the haunts of men more dead than alive.

He had much to say of the native Indians, expressing a great admiration for many of them and great disapprobation of the horrible methods to which they are subjected on the rubber and other plantations.

The lecture was replete with information and was an education not alone on missionary, but on geographical lines and worthy of a very much larger audience. The lecturer showed himself to be a great humorist, and kept his audience in roars of laughter throughout the evening. Many native curios were exhibited and described in detail at the close of the lecture. Suitable votes of thanks were awarded Mr. Craig for his lecture and assistance to the Ladies' Aid Society. Rev. G. D. Ireland presided over the meeting.

On Tuesday evening next the South Vancouver Liberal Association are holding a mass meeting at their club rooms at 4362 Main Street. Mr. L. D. Taylor will deliver an address on the "Mining Situation on Vancouver Island."

Pretty Wedding at Collingwood
The Library a Scene of Beauty

"The Athens of South Vancouver"—as Collingwood has been called, was the scene of a charmingly pretty wedding on Wednesday, and the popularity of the contracting parties made the wedding very interesting. The bride, of course, demands first mention. Emily Hague came from England with Mr. and Mrs. John Jones when they returned from the Old Country a few weeks ago (the party numbered eight) and her fiancee was here waiting for her—popular Mr. Walter Jones waiting for his pretty Yorkshire lass. During the brief time she has been at Collingwood Mrs. Walter Jones, as she is now, has won all hearts. There were some sixty guests at the wedding, but the circle of friends extends far beyond that number and "the happy pair, God bless them!" is a toast honored all over Collingwood, Hastings Park and New Westminster, and it will be echoed over Yorkshire's broad acres.

The wedding took place at the Methodist Church on Wednesday. The Rev. Mr. Morgan officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. John Jones. The Misses Florrie and Mabel Jones were charming bridesmaids in pink. The lovely wedding garments worn by the ladies have given spring an impetus—nature is trying to catch up to art. The bride—petite, winsome, fresh as a daisy, wore white with veil and wreath and carried a lovely shower bouquet of white and pink. Mrs. John Jones was attired in white satin, but there, not until the "Chinook" man has had a course at Paris can he do justice to the charms of person, and adornment of the prettiest wedding seen for a long time. Taxicabs took the party to the "Bursill Library," transformed into a sort of Titanian bower for the occasion. Tables glittered with glass, snowy drapery and daffodils and pink and white carnations—were everywhere. From nooks and corners old china, and bric-a-brac came forth and everyone said that the place for a wedding party was simply ideal. Music—yes!—lots of it. Starting with "the wedding march" Messrs. Nelson and Carson kept the piano going until "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. Salter, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Langford, Miss Salter, Miss Muirhead (Peggy!), Mr. Wm. Morris and others contributed songs. "Felix Penne" recited. Dances and games made the hours flit. Confetti and refreshment, music, speeches, everything that ever did make a wedding party delightful. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, and Mrs. Bulmer were chiefly responsible for the arrangements and excellent they were. Mr. Wm. Morris toasted "The bride and bridegroom," breaking out into poetry over the bride's charm and grace and it was real poetry too. Mr. Bursill proposed other toasts and loud cheers greeted the names of those who had arranged the delightful affair. "Good luck, and God bless you!" came from all as the happy pair left.

The wedding presents were many and lovely and among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Nelson, Jr., Mr. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Langford, Mr. Dave Sutherland, the Misses Jessie and Lizzie Sutherland, Mr. Salter, the Misses Salter, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Stanley Cocroft, Mr. G. Wales, Mr. and Miss Morton, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Umpleby, Miss Mabel Price, Mr. Bert Kent, Mr. Archie Jamieson, Mr. Mark Procter and many others.

It is safe to predict that the Bursill Library will be a popular place for weddings.

The Members of the South Vancouver Police Force

Standing from left to right—P. C. Bliss, P. C. Wales, P. C. Anthony, P. C. Thomas, Acting-Sergeant Lee, P. C. Vigor, P. C. Irving, P. C. Small, P. C. Winter, P. C. Crowder, P. C. Hughes
Sitting—Chief Jackson, Sergeant Bramwell

Baseball Notes

The Chinook Baseball Team held a meeting at the home of Mr. S. Ross for the purpose of electing officers for the coming season. The following officers were elected:

President, Stan. Ross; manager, Oscar Bell; captain, Stan. Bell; secretary, F. Fredrickson; treasurer, J. Sanpietro; mascot, S. Kean. The colors will be brown and red.

This did not come from the pen of the poet-laureate but—

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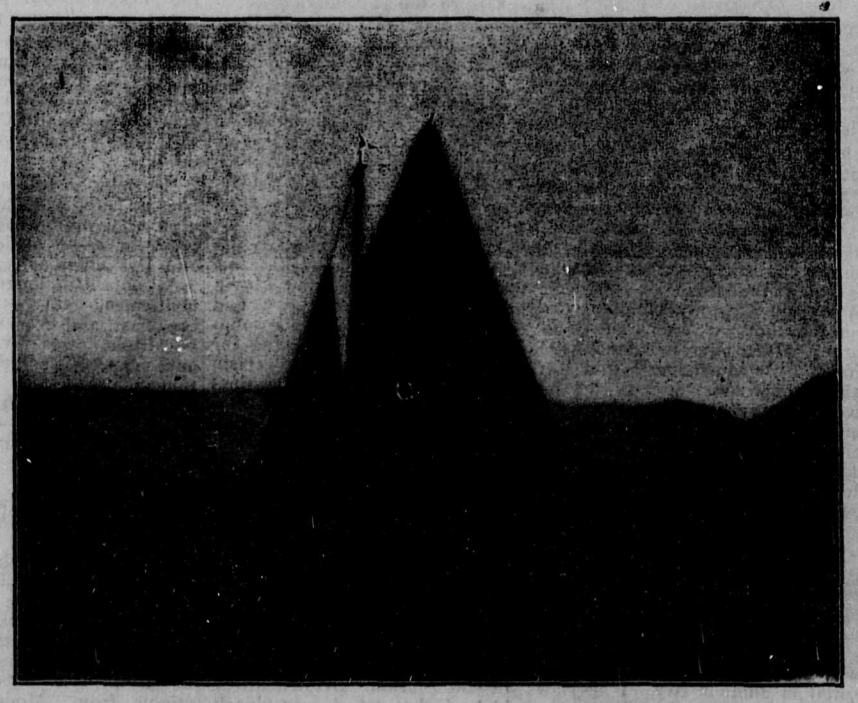

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