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"CHRISTMAS AS USUAL"

"Christmas as usual!" Yes! be blithe and jolly,
The foe won't invade us in Vancouver South
Hang up the stocking, the mistletoe holly
Let laughter---and pudding---be in every mouth.

"Christmas as usual"---aside put the paper
That tells of grim war---thank our stars---far away;
"Christmas as usual"---we'll dance and we'll caper,
The times may be hard---let's contrive to feel gay.

"Christmas as usual"---remember some others
Who worse off than we are---the hungry and poor
Help the dear children---Help the poor mother
Who may have a sad Christmas with Dad at the war

—FELIX PENNE

1914

A Great Tree

At Kalenberg Hall, Christmas Day, for all the Out-of-lucks and all the Youngsters :: By ZONA GALE

I never had felt so much like Christmas," said Calliope Marsh, "as I did that year.

"'I wish't,' I says, when it got 'most time, 'I wish't I knew somebody to have a Christmas tree with.'

"'Well, Calliope Marsh,' saiys Mis' Postmaster Sykes, looking surprised-on-purpose, the way she does, 'ain't there enough poor and neglected folks in this world to please anybody?'

"'I didn't say have a Christmas tree for,' I says back at her; 'I says have one with.'

"'I don't know what you mean by that difference,' she says, 'I'm sure.'

"'I donno,' I says, 'as I know either. But they is a difference, somewhere. I'd kind of like to have a tree with folks this year.'

"'Why don't you help on your church tree?' Mis' Sykes ask's me. 'They're going to spend quite a little money on theirs this year.'

"'I hate to box Christmas up in a church,' I says.

"'Why, Calliope Marsh!' she says, shocked.

"I didn't want to hurt her feelings—I ain't never one of those that likes to throw their idees in folk's faces and watch folks jump back. So I tried to talk about something else, but she went right on, trying her best to help me out.

"'The ward schools is each going to have a tree this year, I hear,' she says. 'Why don't you go in on your ward, Calliope, and help out there? They'd be real glad of help, you know.'

"'I hate to divide Christmas off into wards,' I says to her.

"'Well, then, go in with a family,' she says; 'any of us'll be real glad to have you,' she adds, generous. 'We would. Come to ours—we're going to have a great big tree for the children. I've been stringing the pop-corn and cutting the paper for whenever I got an odd minute. The Holcombs, they're going to have one too—and Mis' Uppers and Mis' Merriman and even the Hubbelthwaits and Abigail Arnold, for her little nieces. I never see a year when everybody was going to celebrate so nice. Come on with one of us, why don't you–'

"'Well,' I says, 'mebbe I will. I'll see. I don't know yet what I will do,' I told her. And I went off down the street. What I wanted to say was, 'I hate to box Christmas up in a family,' but I didn't quite dare—yet.

"Friendship Village ain't ever looked much more like Christmas, to my notion, than it done that December. Just the right snow had come—and no more; and just the right cold—and no more. The moon was getting along so's about the night of the twenty-fifth it was going to loom up big and gold and warm over the fields on the flats, where it always comes up in winter like it hal just edged around there to get a sort of a wide front yard for its big show, where the whole village could have a porch seat.

"You know when you live in a village you always know whether the moon is new of to the full or where it is and when it's going to be; but when you live in a city you just look up in the sky some night and say 'Oh, that's so, there's the moon,' and go right on thinking about something else. Here in the village that December everything was getting ready, deliberate, for a full-moon Christmas, like long ago. The moon and the cold and the snow, and all them public things, was doing their best, together, for our common Christmas. All but us. It seemed like all of us humans was working for it separate.

"Tramping along there in the snow that night, I thought over what Mis' Sykes had said, and about all the places she'd mentioned over was going to have Christmas trees. And I looked along to the houses, most of 'em lying right there on Daphne Street, where they was going to have 'em—I could see 'em all, one tree after another, lighted and streaming from house to house all up and down Daphne Street, just the way they was going to look.

"And then there was the little back streets, and the houses down on the flats, where they wouldn't be any trees nor much of any Christmas. Of course, as Mis' Sykes had said, the poor and the neglected is always with us—yet; but I didn't want to pounce down on any of 'em with a bag of fruit and a box of animal crackers and set and watch 'em.

"That wasn't what I meant by having a Christmas with somebody.

"'Ther'd ought to be some place—' I was beginning to think, when right along where I was, by the Market Square, I come on five or six children, kicking around in the snow. It was 'most dark, but I could just make 'em out: Eddie Newhaven, Arthur Mills, Lily Dorron, and two-three more.

"'Hello, folks,' I says, 'what you doing? Having a carnival?' Because it's on the Market Square that carnivals and some little circuses and things that belongs to everybody is usually celebrated.

"Little Arthur Mills spoke up. 'No,' he says, 'we was just playing we's selling a load of Christmas trees.'

"'Christmas trees,' I says. "Why, that's so. This is where they always bring 'em to sell—big load of 'em for everybody, ain't it?'

"'They're going to bring an awful big load here this time,' says Eddie Newhaven— 'big enough for everybody in town to have one. Most of the fellows is going to have 'em—us and New Backus and the Cartwrights and Joe Tyrril and Lifty—all of 'em.'

"'My,' I says, 'what a lot of Christmas trees! Why, if they was set along by the curbstone here on Daphne Street,' I says, just to please the children and make a little talk with 'em, 'why, the line of 'em would reach all up and down the town,' I says. 'Wouldn't that be fun?'

"Little Lily claps her hands.

"'Oh, yes,' she cries, 'wouldn't that be fun? With pop-corn strings all going from one to the other–'

"'It would be a grand sight,' says I, looking down across the Market Square. There, hanging all gold and quiet, like it didn't think it amounted to much, right over the big cedar-of-Lebanon-looking tree in the Square, was the moon, crooked to a horn.

"'Once,' says Eddie Newhaven, 'when they was selling the Christmas trees here, they kept right on selling 'em after dark. And they stood 'em around here and put a little light in each one. It was awful nice. Wouldn't it be nice if they'd do that all over the Square some time!'

"'It would be a grand sight,' says I again, 'but one that the folks in this town would never have time for. . .'

"While I spoke I was looking down across Market Square again toward the moon hanging over the cedar-of-Lebanon-looking tree.

"'There's a pretty good-looking tree there already,' I says idle. 'What a grand thing it would be lit up,' says I, for not much of any reason—only to keep the talk going with the children. Then something went through me from head to my feet. 'Why not light it some time?' I says.

"The children set up a little shout—part because they liked it, part because they thought such a thing could never be. I laughed with 'em, and I went on up the street—but all the time something in me kept on saying something, all hurried and as if it meant it. And little end of ideas, and little jagged edges of other ideas, and plans part raveled out that you thought you could knit up again, and long, sharp notions, a little something like light, kept going through my head and going through it.

"Down to the next corner I met Ben Cory, that keeps the livery-stable and sings bass to nearly everybody's funeral and to other public occasions.

"'Ben,' says excited, though I hadn't thought anything about this till that minute, 'Ben—you getting up any Christmas Eve Christmas carols to sing this year?'

"He had a new string of sleigh-bells over his shoulder, and he give it a shift, I recollect, so's they all jingled.

"'Well,' he says, 'I did allow to do it. But I've spoke to one or two, and they donno's they can do it. Some has got to sing to churches earlier in the evening and they donno's they want to tune up all night. And the most has got to be home for family Christmas.'

"'There ain't' I says, 'no manner o' doubt about the folks that'd be glad to listen, is there, provided you had the singers?'

"'Oh, sure,' he says. 'Folks shines up to music consider'ble, Christmas Eve. It— sort of—well, it——'

"'Yes,' I says, 'I know. It does, don't it? Well, Ben Cory, you get your Christmas-carol singers together and a-caroling, and I'll undertake that there sha'n't be nothing much stand in the way of their being out on Christmas Eve. Is it a bargain–'

"His face lit us, all jolly and hearty.

"'Why, sure it's a bargain,' he says. I'll get 'em. I wanted to, only I didn't want to carol 'em any more than they wanted to be caroled. I'll get 'em,' he says, and gives his bells a hunch that made 'em ring all up and down Daphne Street—that the moon was looking down it just as if it was public property and not all made up of little private plans with just room enough for us four and no more, or figures to that effect.

"I donno if you've ever managed any kind of a revolution?

"They's two kinds of revolutions. One breaks off of something that's always been. You pick up the broke piece and try to throw it away to make room for something that's growing out of the other part. And 'most everybody will begin to tell you that the growing piece ain't any good, but that the other part is the kind you have always bought and that you'd better save it and stick it back on. But then they's the other kind of revolution that backs away from something that's always been and looks at it a little farther off than it ever see it before, and says: 'Let's us move a little way around and pay attention to this thing from a new spot.' And real often, if you put it that way, they's enough people willing to do that, because they know they can go right back afterward and stand in the same old place if they want to.

"Well, this last was the kind of a revolution I took charge of that week before Christmas. I got my plans and my ideas and my notions all planned and thought and budded, and then I presented 'em around, abundant.

"The very next morning after I see the children I started out, while I had a kind of a glow to drape around the difficulties so's I couldn't see 'em. I went first to the store-keepers, seeing Christmas always seems to hinge and hang on what they say and do. And I went to Eppleby Holcomb, because I knew he'd see it like I done—and I wanted the brace of being agreed with, like you do.

"Eppleby's store was all decorated up with green cut paper and tassels and turkey-red calico poinsettias, and it looked real nice and tasty. And the store was full of the country trade. The little overhead track that took the bundles had broke down just at the wrong minute, and old rich Mis' Wiswell's felt soles had got stuck half-way, and Eppleby himself was up on top of a counter trying to rescue 'em for her, while she made tart remarks below. When he'd fished 'em out and wrapped 'em up for her.

"'Eppleby,' I says, 'would you be villing to shut up shop on Christmas Eve, or wouldn't you?'

"He looked kind of startled. 'It's a pretty good night for trade, you know, Calliope?' says he—doubtful.

"'Why, yes,' I says, 'it is. But everybody that's going to give presents to people 'll give presents to people. And if the stores ain't open Christmas Eve, folk's 'll buy 'em when the stores is open. Is that sense, or ain't it?'

"He knew it was. And when I told him what I'd got hold of, stray places in my head, he says if the rest would shut he'd shut, and be glad of it. Abigail Arnold done the same about her home bakery, and the Gekerjecks, and two-three more. But Silas Sykes, that keeps the post-office store, he was firm.

"'If that ain't woman-foolish,' he says, 'I donno what is. You ain't no more idee of business than so many cats. No, sir. I don't betray the public by cutting 'em off of one evening's shopping like that.'

"It made a nice little sentence to quote, and I quoted it consider'ble. And the result was, the rest of 'em, that knew Silas, head and heart, finally says, all right, he could keep open if he wanted to, and enjoy himself, and they'd all shut up. I honestly think they kind of appreciated, in a nice, neighborly way, making Silas feel mean—when he' ought to.

"It was a little harder to make the Sunday-school superintendents see the thing that I had in my head. Of course, when a thing has been the way it has been for a good while, you can't really blame people for feeling that it's been the way it ought to be. Feelings seems made that way. Our superintendent has been our superintendent for 'most forty years—ever since the church was built—and of course his thoughts is kind of turned to bone in some places, naturally.

"His names is Jerry Bemus, and he keeps a little harness shop next door to the Town Hall that's across from Market Square. When I went in that day he was resting from making harnesses, and he was practising on his cornet. He can make a bugle call real nice—you can often hear it, going up and down Daphne Street in the morning, and when I'm down doing my trading I always like to hear it—it gives me a kind of a nice, old-fashioned feeling, like when Abigail Arnold fries doughnuts in the back of the Home Bakery and we can all smell 'em, out in the road.

"'Jerry,' I says, 'how much is our Sunday-school Christmas tree going to cost us?'

"Jerry's got a wooden leg, and he can not remember not to try to cross it over the other one. He done that now, and give it up.

"'We calc'late about twenty-five dollars,' says he, proud.

"'What we going to do to celebrate?'

"'Well,' he says, 'have speaking pieces—we got a program of twenty numbers already,' says he, pleased. 'And a trimmed tree, and an orange, and a bag of nuts and candy for every child,' he says.

"'All the other churches is going to do the same,' I says. 'Five trees and five programs and five sets of stuff all around. And all of 'em on

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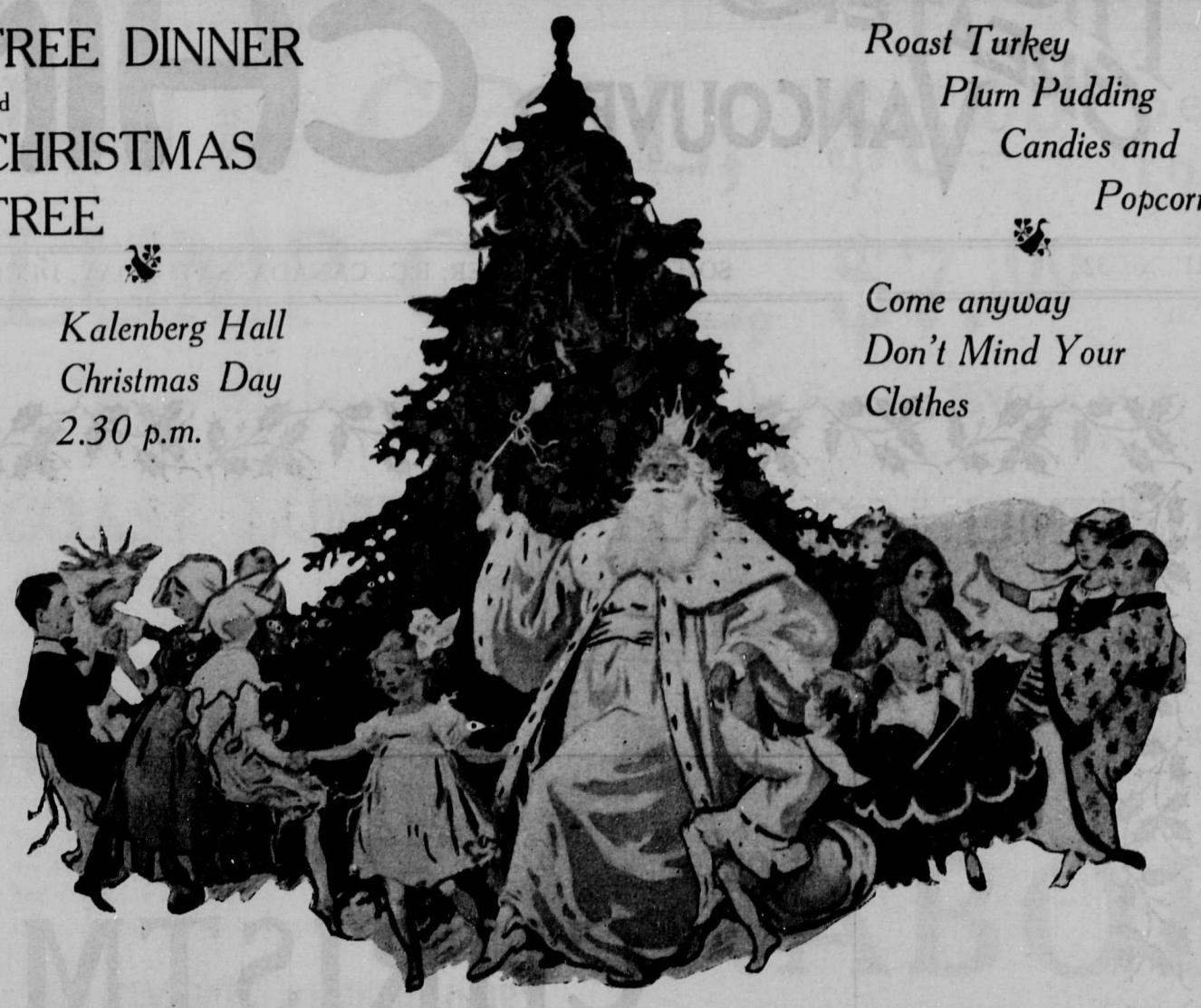

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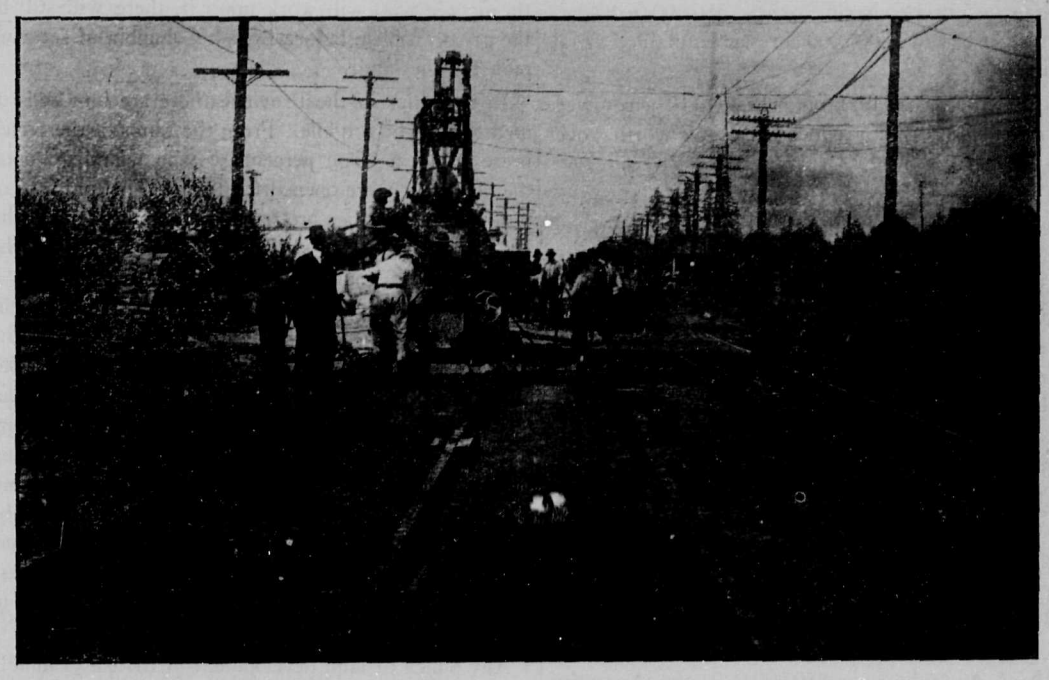

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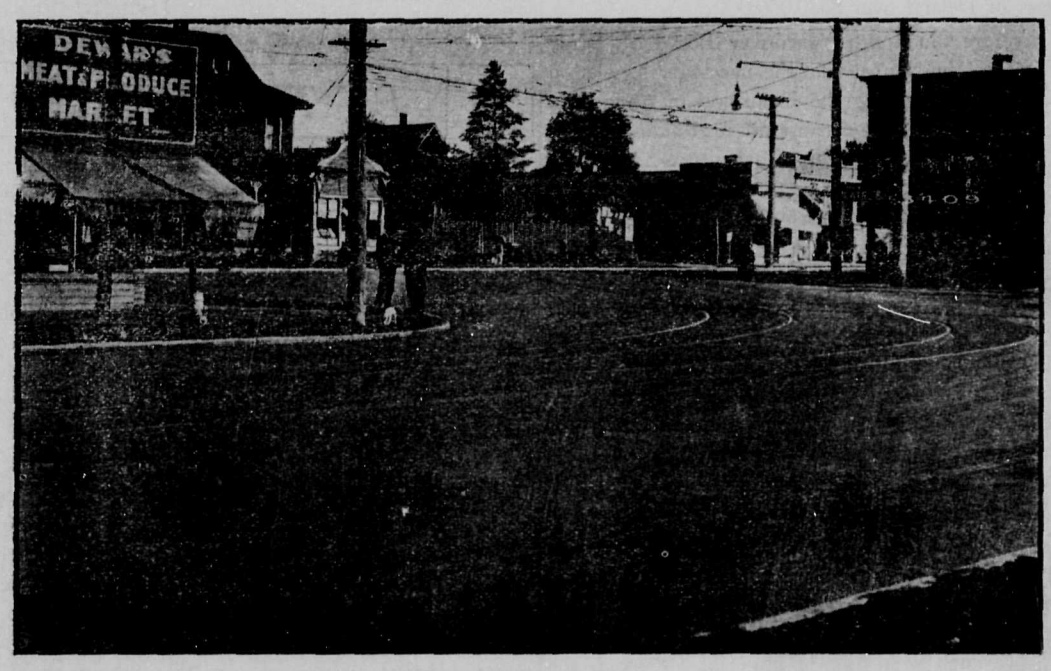

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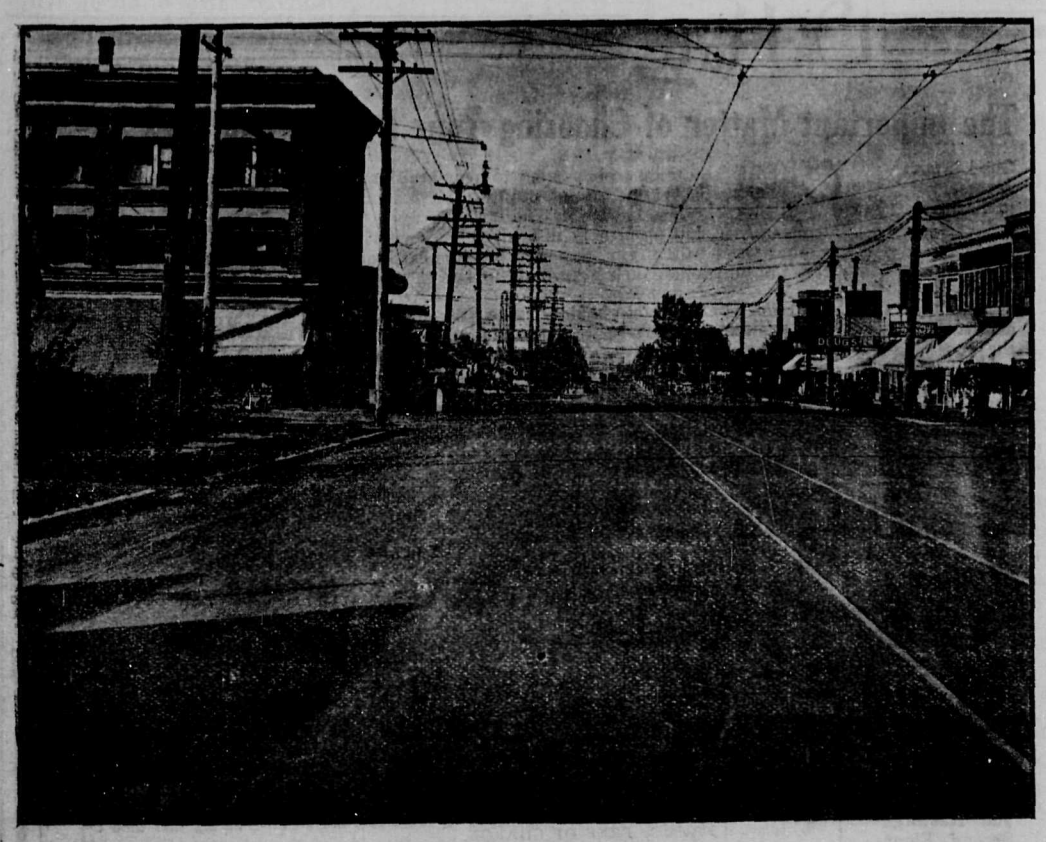

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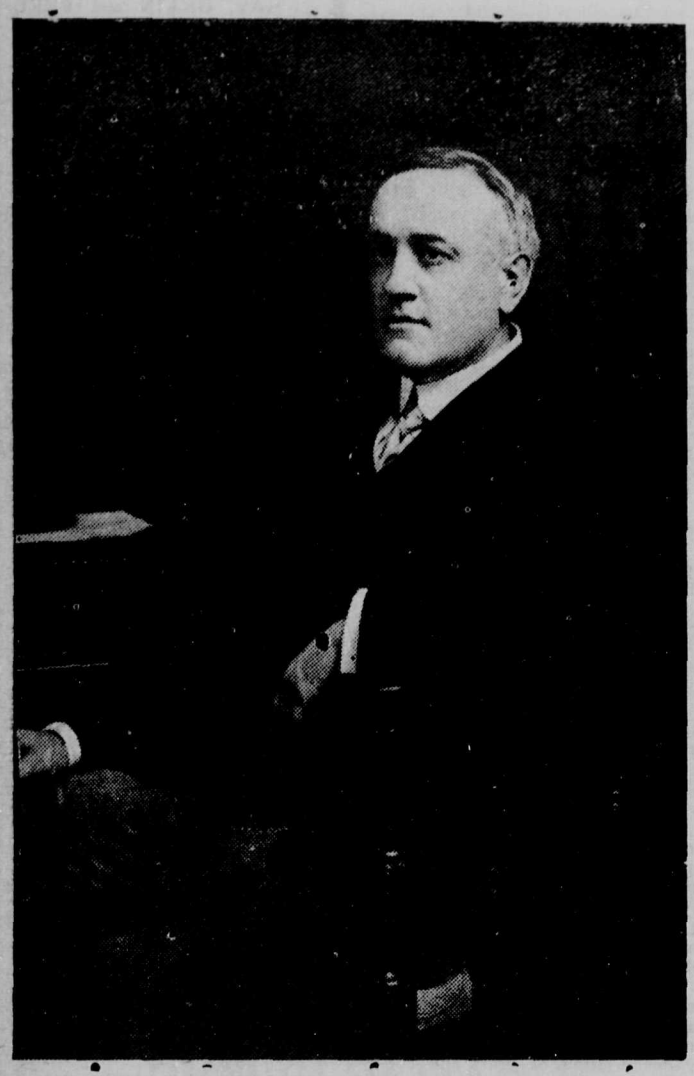
1.—View of part of Main Street when work was started. 2.—Two steam shovels were engaged for nearly a year—View near Fortieth Avenue. 3.—As many as fifty teams were kept going. 4.—Concrete slab below car tracks laid by B.C.E. Railway Company. 5.—Laying concrete between the tracks—Inspector Howard in foreground with arm raised. 6.—Block-laying gang—Municipal Inspector John Burns and Foreman Tom Peterson to the left; Man with watering can is Mr. A. Crocker. 7.—The finished product at Nineteenth Avenue. 8.—Looking over the new pavement from Seventeenth Avenue into the heart of the city of Vancouver. 9.—The men who paved Main Street with British Columbia products; from right to left, Mr. J. V. MacAdam, veteran contractor, who gave the work the fruits of thirty years active experience in construction work; Mr. W. H. Harvey, of the Dominion Creosoting Co., manufacturers; Mr. V. L. MacAdam, superintendent of the work; Mr. H. N. Boultbee, inspector, and Mr. J. J. Sullivan, foreman in charge of men and equipment, an expert on permanent pavement construction.

Hon. W. J. Bowser's Admission of Government's Betrayal of the People in the Gigantic Dominion Trust Co. Swindle

Official Statement of the Attorney-General of British Columbia to the Committee of Depositors



Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General of British Columbia, who, according to his own statement, knew that the Dominion Trust Company was breaking the law many months before its collapse.

William R. Arnold was a Napoleon in his own way. The Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada bowed for a time to his will. Six thousand seven hundred persons trusted Arnold with all their savings and as many more, directly or indirectly, permitted their fortunes to be tied up with those of the financial organization which Arnold had created and dominated.

The Little Corsican rose from the multitude and was carried upon the shoulders of mob leaders who bawled "Liberty"; Arnold rose from obscurity and was pushed forward by a frenzied mob who cried "Development." All the Little Corsicans make headway up to that point where they undertake to use the trust of the people to finance for themselves glory, publicity and prestige.

"The Last Phase"

"Tomorrow," said William R. Arnold, "tomorrow I will take you into the vaults and I will show you the securities, bonds and liquid assets of the company. The depositors are fully protected. Every dollar of the trust funds are available. The affairs of the Dominion Trust Company are in good order. We will go into the vaults together—tomorrow."

"You have told me that before, Mr. Arnold. I have my orders and I must examine these securities today. For days and days you have been putting me off. This work must be done and we cannot delay longer. Tomorrow will not do."

Mr. Arnold and Auditor Hodges were in the private office of the managing director of the Dominion Trust Company when this conversation took place. It was the opening of the last act of the tragedy—that part which the Honourable William Bowser, Attorney-General of British Columbia, grimly referred to at a political meeting a few nights ago as "The Last Phase."

Always with men who are too ambitious and not too scrupulous as to the means they employ to satisfy their lust for self-advancement, there is "The Last Phase."

Mr. Bowser's Own Story

Some insight into the methods of William R. Arnold and a bare outline of the facts leading up to the crash of the Dominion Trust Company were given by the Attorney-General of British Columbia himself to a committee of the Dominion Trust Company depositors who met Mr. Bowser a fortnight ago in the offices of Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. This meeting took place in the palatial suite occupied by the legal advisers of the defunct company on the top floor of the Dominion Trust Building. These offices have been occupied for some time by the law firm upon a lease drawn up before Mr. Arnold's death.

Mr. Bowser told the committee that the Government had known for years that the Dominion Trust Company was unsound. The Government did not wish to cause a panic and consequently had allowed Arnold to go ahead with the fleecing of the innocents. Mr. Bowser spoke very guardedly of the disaster. He did not attack Arnold, though from his words it might be inferred that Mr. Bowser had never at any time a high opinion of the brilliant young plunger.

As Mr. Bowser was the head of the firm of lawyers who handled the affairs of the Dominion Trust Company it was only natural that a few months before the collapse, Mr. Arnold should present himself at the office of the Attorney-General. At that time, Mr. Bowser claims that the Government had undertaken an investigation of the affairs of the Dominion Trust Company. Possibly Mr. Arnold suspected this and was in search of information. At all events, upon this visit, Mr. Arnold stated that a meeting of the directors was to be held within a few days.

"What do you think, Mr. Bowser," said he, "about the company passing a dividend?"

"That," said Mr. Bowser, "would be the craziest thing you have ever done, Arnold."

Mr. Bowser told the committee of depositors that with this, Mr. Arnold appeared nervous, took his glasses off, whipped out a handkerchief and gently wiped the lenses as he turned the subject.

"I told my partner, R. L. Reid, immediately after my interview with Arnold," said Mr. Bowser to the committee, "to go down to that meeting of Dominion Trust Directors and stop the passing of a dividend. I told him to stay there all day and all night if necessary, but not to allow a dividend to be passed. The company was on its last legs and in a hopeless condition.

"Mr. Reid protested," said Mr. Bowser, "he was of the opinion that everything was alright. I gave him the facts of the case as I knew them. He attended the meeting."

It is understood that at this meeting, which was a few days before the collapse, a dividend was passed, though notices were sent out later saying that the monies would be withheld for the time being owing to the situation caused by the outbreak of war.

Inspector Runnel's Visit

Mr. Bowser took the committee of depositors back to March last when, he said, he received the first intimation that the unstable condition of the Dominion Trust had been aggravated by crooked work on the part of some one.

"It was in March that I sent Inspector Runnels to investigate the Dominion Trust Company," said Mr. Bowser. The Inspector asked Mr. Arnold at that time to show him the liquid assets for the payment of depositors.

"We haven't the money here," were Mr. Arnold's words to the Inspector. "It's spread over all our branches. We have the money, but it would be impossible to carry it all at the Vancouver office."

The C. H. I. C. Cheque

"When Inspector Runnels reported to me," continued Mr. Bowser, "I asked him how long the thing could be kept going. 'It can be kept going,' replied Runnels, 'as long as that Canadian Home Investment cheque for $47,000 is not presented for payment.'

"In the meantime the department thought it well to have an auditor go over the books. In order to save talk among the employees and to allay suspicions, one of the company's own auditors were appointed, Mr. Hodges" (of the firm of Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Weir, who for three years were the official auditors of the Dominion Trust Company.) "It did not take Hodges long to find everything wrong."

Remarkable State of Affairs

Let us leave Mr. Bowser and the committee of depositors to consider then the state of affairs in the dying days of the Dominion Trust. We find at the head of the firm of lawyers who were supposed to advise Arnold and the directors of the Dominion Trust Company, Mr. W. J. Bowser. We find that the man who was directed to audit the books of the Dominion Trust, a Mr. Hodges, the company's own auditor. We find at the head of the Government whose duty it was to enforce the law regarding trust companies, Mr. W. J. Bowser. When Mr. Bowser instructed Hodges to "go out and get Arnold," Hodges made investigations which plainly showed the concern to be bankrupt beyond recall. Yet the company's auditors, before this time, apparently could find no flaw in Dominion Trust affairs. The company, from financial statements published before the crash, was pictured as being as sound at the Rock of Gibraltar and it was so stated within the past year in the editorial columns of the daily papers of Vancouver.

History from 1912

Mr. Bowser informed the committee of depositors of the history of the Dominion Trust Company from 1912. "In that year," said he, "the company was incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. The Limited was dropped and the Dominion Trust Company took over the assets and liabilities of the Dominion Trust Company Limited. There was a provision in their charter from the Dominion Government which prohibited the company from taking deposits after April 1912. Arnold, to get over this, applied to the Provincial Government for a special bill which would make it possible for them to take deposits. The bill was drawn up and though I, as legal adviser to the Government, declared it was irregular, it was presented to the finance committee, who unanimously approved of it. I urged the finance committee of the House not to pass it, but my counsels were of no avail. The bill was passed by the House. I did not oppose it on the floor of the House."

The late William R. Arnold, frenzied financier. His operations brought ruin to hundreds and were carried on with the full knowledge and consent of the Provincial Government of the Province of British Columbia.

Would Government Have Split?

Asked by members of the committee why he did not oppose it on the floor of the House, Mr. Bowser said, "I submitted to the passing of the bill. Had I opposed it, there would have been a split in the party and the Government would have been defeated. I did not wish to risk the defeat of the Government. They were all in favor of it."

Arnold's Fine Hand

Again digressing from the interview between the committee of depositors and Mr. Bowser we find the Government of British Columbia was right under the thumb of William R. Arnold. The Dominion Government would not give Dominion Trust the right to take deposits, yet the Provincial Government stepped in to amend, if you please, the acts of the Dominion parliament. Mr. Bowser opposed this. He knew that the Provincial Government could not, constitutionally, allow the Dominion Trust to take deposits when the Federal Government ruled that the Dominion Trust should not take deposits. The question arises as to what pressure Mr. Arnold brought to bear upon Price Ellison, the Minister of Finance and his committee to have this illegal bill passed. Was it the wonderful personality of Arnold? Possibly there were private dinners at the Empress Hotel previous to the passing of that bit of legislation which made it possible for the Dominion Trust Company to filch money from the very pockets of the people whom the government is supposed to represent.

Continuing the interview. Mr. Bowser stated: "This bill at all events became law. It was in 1912 that we received a wire from the Department of Justice at Ottawa calling attention to the fact that it was beyond our power to amend the acts of the Dominion Government. I expected this and was prepared to receive such notice.

"Upon receipt of this wire, I sent for Arnold. He came over to Victoria and I showed the telegram to him. Arnold expressed himself as being 'sick of the whole business of taking deposits. There was no money to be made in that department anyway.' After March, 1914, Arnold told me, he would discontinue taking deposits. At that time the new Provincial Trust Company legislation would come into effect. The bill passed the year before giving the Dominion Trust Company the right to take deposits was of course repealed."

In answer to a query from one of the committee as to whether the Dominion Government took any action to enforce the Dominion Trust Company to abide by the law, Mr. Bowser made an important statement.

"The Dominion Government," said Mr. Bowser, "rather than cause the Provincial Government any embarassment, allowed the matter to rest in our hands. We had the verbal promise from Mr. Arnold that the taking of deposits would be discontinued after March and informed the Department at Ottawa to that effect."

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FEDERAL AID FOR PRODUCERS

AT the last meeting of the South Vancouver Board of Trade the question of food production was discussed at length and a resolution aolng the lines of that outlined by the Port Arthur Board of Trade was drawn up for presentation to the Premier at Ottawa and the Leader of the Oposition. The resolution urges that the government assist food production in the urban and rural municipalities by extending loans to the tillers of the soil. The resolution follows:

"That, whereas the Dominion of Canada is almost the size of Europe, having over 2,386,000,000 acres, of which at least 370,000,000 acres are suitable for cultivation;

"And whereas in 1911 only 32,404,110 acres were under field crop, but produced a crop worth over $550,000,000;

"And whereas it is very essential that the remaining 90 per cent. of our agricultural lands should be developed as expeditiously as possible, to furnish remunerative work for our unemployed; an increased market for our industries; greater traffic for our extensive lines of transportation; food stuffs for Great Britain; comfortable homes for the brave Belgians, other allies and British people who may desire to engage in farming and market gardening under the most favorable circumstances;

"And whereas Canada can render very important assistance to the Empire in populating Canada with millions of industrious farmers;

"And whereas to aid the farmer or to secure the rapid development of agricultural resources, we believe New Zealand has lent $65,000,000; the Commonwealth of Australia over $80,000,000; the Argentine Republic $50,000,000; and Great Britain to the tenant farmers of Ireland over $330,000,000;

"Therefore the South Vancouver Board of Trade would respectfuuly urge that the necessary legislation be enacted empowering the Dominion of Canada to lend $50,000,000 to the urban and rural municipalities in Canada, on their municipal debentures, repayable in five years, with interest at five per cent. annually, upon the condition that such municipalities lend such money to its ratepayers to be expended in clearing and bringing additional land under cultivation or in extending the area under market gardening; advances to be made as the work progresses and not to exceed $1,000 to any one ratepayer, and to be a first lien on the land similar to advances made under frontage or drainage bylaws; or that such money to be loaned for agricultural development, to be advanced by the government as may be deemed advisable."

Should the Government adopt the suggestion contained in the resolution, South Vancouvvr and the other municipalities of Greater Vancouver would directly benefit to an enormous extent. The development of our agricultural resources at the present time is as much a question of Imperial defence as the outfitting of 30,000 soldiers for the battle line. Should the suggestions contained in this resolution be considered by the House of Commons, there is little question but that the Government and Opposition would join in regarding it as such.

HELP THE POOR TO HELP THEMSELVES

WITHIN the past few years cities, towns and municipalities far and near have gone in extensively for the drawing up of bylaws aimed at protection of the public health. Every bylaw has created an opening for an inspector of some kind or other. We have health inspectors, sanitary inspectors, dairy inspectors, milk inspectors and a whole family of inspectors.

In the thickly congested districts these advanced health bylaws are necessary for the protection of the public. There is the fear, however, that in the more sparsely populated urban or semi-urban districts bylaws modelled after those which have been found to work out successfully in New York or Chicago, are altogether too drastic.

Certain municipalities have a provision against the keeping of hogs. It is necessary to have a five-acre tract before a hog pen may be lawfully kept, the bylaw says. There is also a bylaw governing the sale of milk. Locally, the dairy premises must be inspected by the health department and a license secured from the municipality.

As a result of this advanced legislation, the poor man in the suburbs who formerly kept a cow or fattened a pig is now forced to buy his milk from the city dealer and his pork from the butcher.

In times such as the present it is the duty of municipal officials to bend every energy towards relieving the pressure upon the taxpayer. In some of the municipalities of British Columbia it would be well to partly suspend these bylaws which hold people from helping themselves.

A Jersey cow with a bell about her neck browsing in the vacant places on the Fraser slope would not be a menace to anyone's peace of mind and her pink udders might supply the bill of fare for two or three families of young Britishers. Even a little pig in a back lot squealing before breakfast or grunting contentedly after breakfast could be tolerated if we knew that his fattening hams would save a good citizen from the necessity of becoming a common beggar before the winter is over.

THE LAND QUESTION

"THERE'S more in the Man than there is in the Land," is a hoary old maxim which should receive the consideration of those who are in favor of a food production policy for the Province of British Columbia. There are hundreds of thousands of acres of wild lands in this Province which might be turned into productive farm lands. After all the preliminary difficulties of bringing this land back into the hands of the Crown, clearing it and arranging finances for the people who will work upon it, there will still be the great problem before British Columbia of securing men for the land.

In the cities of the Province there are hundreds of men today who are idle. From the ranks of these men there is not a large percentage who would go upon the land, if it were opened for them. The majority of the men in the cities are tradesmen or mechanics who are untutored in the science of agriculture and who would make dismal failures on any farm.

There are ways of securing men who will intelligently handle the farm lands of the Province. The easy way is to import yeomen from the British Isles and from the countries of the Allies. The better plan is to develop in British Columbia skilled agriculturists by making the study of agriculture of outstanding importance in the Public Schools. The plan adopted by the School Board in South Vancouver should be taken up by every district throughout the Province. Here at the night school opened by the Board a class in agriculture is held and is free to all who wish to attend.

Any policy of land development in British Columbia will require a partner in the way of an advanced technical educational policy to assure for all time the permanent prosperity of this Province.

BY THE WAY

"THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMIN', Ayah-ha-ha." Ex-councillor C. S. Campbell is mentioned as a possible candidate for reeve and the present trustee, J. Gardiner, has already announced himself.

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THE HIGHLANDER who held the bridge at Soissnos and single-handed repulsed an army corp of Germans was a cringing coward as compared with the man who this week started another daily paper in Vancouver.

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IT IS TO BE HOPED that the question of the establishment of public markets to be owned by the joint municipalities will be taken up in earnest at the forthcoming elections. The morgue of False Creek which at present serves as a market should be turned into a factory for the manufacture of fertiliser, lots of raw material being at present available within the ill-smelling place.

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HODGSON SAYS THAT there are no Liberals in South Vancouver. It would be well if we could keep Charlie thinking that until about a week before the next election.

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WITH THE DAVIE CARS now headed for Fifty-second Avenue, the municipality has entered upon a new epoch.

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THAT WELL-KNOWN IMPERIALIST, John Dickinson, of Cedar Cottage, is beginning to show signs of desiring again to have the end seat on the Municipal Council.

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THE ENTRIES SO FAR for the grand sweepstakes are: Kerr, Campbell (J. Gardiner), Burgess, and J. B. Todrick.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO in Chilliwack potatoes were ten dollars per ton. Today they are $18.00 per ton.

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AS THE CHINOOK predicted, the time has come when the ratepayers are neglecting the meetings of the municipal aspirants. They are turning to other quarters. Provincial and Federal politics will have the attention of the South Vancouver citizens henceforth.

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Hon. W. J. Bowser's Admission of Government's Betrayal of the People in Gigantic Dominion Trust Co. Swindle

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It is apparent therefore that both the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government knew that Arnold was breaking the law and stood silently by while the Dominion Trust Company accepted monies from the aged, the infirm, the crippled, the widows, the orphans, which monies were used to bolster up the wild get-rich-quick schemes of Mr. Arnold. Dominion Government was silent because it sought to shield the Provincial Government. The Provincial Government was silent apparently because it sought to shield certain men who had close relations with the Government—possibly the firm of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge and possibly members of the Board of Directors of the Dominion Trust Company.

Questions of Committee

"Why did you not take steps to stop this thing on March 4 when you saw that Arnold continued taking deposits?" asked a member of the committee.

Mr. Bowser: "We did notify him to stop taking deposits."

Member of committee: "Why did you not put a common policeman at the door and force the Dominion Trust Company to desist from accepting deposits?"

Mr. Bowser: "Oh, that would have caused a panic."

Member of committee: "A panic would have been better than that which has since developed."

Mr. Bowser made no answer to this.

Member of committee: "Considering that the Government has by its apparent silence been a party to this swindle, considering that the Government knew right along that the company was in such shape and considering the way in which the depositors have been grossly buncoed, could not the Government take steps to re-imburse the depositors?"

Mr. Bowser: "There is no precedent by which we could act. Can you expect me to ask the tax payers in the Interior to come to the rescue of a few people in Vancouver."

Political Expediency

Member of committee: "Why not establish a precedent, Mr. Bowser? Cases may be cited where the Government has come to the rescue of concerns in the Province." (Committee member here hinted at the cases of the C. N. R. and P. G. E. where the Government was forced to save the companies from bankruptcy.)

Mr. Bowser: "That might have been a matter of political expediency." (Laughter.)

Mr. Bowser and Mr. Arnold

Some day the story will be written of the career of the late William R. Arnold. He was a bold pirate who, as the "Daily Province" points out, had absolute confidence in himself. He was a big financier in the same sense that possibly some of our British Columbia public men are big statesmen. He had the run of the Province for a time and his financial star ascended with the political stars of others in the Province and was equally luminous as it shot across the canopy.

Arnold had a great imagination. No small trust company business offered sufficient scope for his talents. He would be the biggest of financial men or he would be none at all. It was this marvelous imagination which led him into the Vancouver Harbor and Dock Extension Company, an enterprise capitalized at millions of dollars which, had it been carried through, might have changed Vancouver into the portal of North America. This was but one of the concerns in which he dabbled.

The Vancouver Harbor and Dock Extension Company had large holdings on Lulu Island and the public is well aware of the scope of this project for upon the newspapers of Vancouver thousands of dollars were spent in a great advertising campaign. This company sent representatives all over the globe and had made such headway as to receive promises of subventions from the Dominion Government.

But Mr. Bowser or Sir Richard McBride could see no good in the Vancouver Harbor and Dock Extension Company. They had assistance to give MacKenzie and Mann, but none to this dock enterprise. It was probably here that Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bowser could not see eye to eye and if the political leader had ever shown any confidence in the young financier before, when the Provincial Government had turned down the Pretty project, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bowser drifted further and further apart.

Death Stalked on Golf Links

To return to "The Last Phase," as Mr. Bowser refers to the last few days on earth of William R. Arnold—and here we will repeat the story in our own words as told quite frankly by Mr. Bowser to the members of the committee of depositors who pleaded with him that the Government come to the rescue of the broken and homeless depositors gulled by the Dominion Trust Company.

"Tomorrow," said Mr. Arnold, "I will take you into the vaults." That was about the —th of October. The auditor Hodges was acting now under instruction from Mr. Bowser, himself, and when Mr. Bowser passes out orders they must be obeyed. There is no "tomorrow" in Mr. Bowser's lexicon. Hodges was instructed to see the liquid assets of the Dominion Trust Company and to check over the securities which were supposed to be in the vaults to guarantee the thousands of depositors who had put their money in the keeping of the Dominion Trust.

Hodges stuck to Arnold like a leech. Thursday he is said to have pressed Arnold to deliver up the securities. Arnold fought it off until Friday. Friday he was clever enough to have the "day" postponed until Saturday. Saturday he had an excuse and though Hodges pressed him, again the visit was postponed.

On Saturday Hodges told him that there must be a showdown. His chief was pressing him. The securities and bonds and ready money must be delivered up, checked over and counted.

Arnold, now fighting desperately for time, refused to do Hodges' bidding on Saturday. When Hodges suggested Sunday, Arnold said that such a proposition was out of the question. He would not work on Sunday. He turned to Hodges and suggested that Hodges and suggested that he be his guest Sunday and that they have a game of golf. Hodges assented to this.

What Arnold did with himself on the Friday and the Saturday, was outlined officially during the following week. On Sunday he met Hodges and they went to the golf links. Never a good golfer, on this occasion Arnold is said to have put up a fair game. He chatted with his companion, it is said, and showed no signs of carrying upon his young shoulders the greatest burden any financial man has ever carried possibly in the history of Canada. It is likely that business was discussed, for according to the statement of Mr. Bowser, after the game was over, Mr. Arnold made an appointment to meet Mr. Hodges the following morning, Thanksgiving Day, at the offices of the company. The appointment was for 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Hodges was at the office at 10 o'clock.

At fifteen minutes to ten that morning, the charge of a shot gun had, in the words of the report of the medical officer to the coroner's jury, "torn into ribbons" the heart of William R. Arnold.

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Facts and Fancies

By "Observer"

My prediction of a plethora of candidates for the reeveship seems likely to come true, if all the men now in the field adhere to present intentions. These include Reeve Kerr, Councillor Stevens, ex-Councillor Gold, ex-Councillor Burgess and School Trustee Campbell. With so many candidates in the field it is a toss-up who will be elected; but the chances are that ex-Councillor Gold will reign as reeve next year, because Mr. Gold's supporters are a unit, though in a minority, while the majority vote will be split among the other candidates. If a second ballot was necessary, Mr. Gold's chances would be small indeed; but with five or even three candidates in the field his election as reeve of South Vancouver is as sure as an election can be.

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While in many respects I should regard the election of Mr. Gold as a distinct calamity, looking at the matter from another aspect, I am inclined to think it may be the best thing that could happen for South Vancouver. There is a certain element in the municipality which sees graft and corruption in everything the council decides to do; and the more honest and upright the men comprising the council, the louder is the cry of graft and corruption raised.

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Now it seems to me, that the present time is opportune to alow the noisy element, those who are so loud in their charges of graft and corruption, to run the municipality for a year. They can not do the municipality much more harm next year than they have already done; but there is just the possibility that during their year of office they may surprise those who have hittherto listened with such gusto to their charges. If that happy result should occur, it would be a God-send to South Vancouver.

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No doubt I shall be criticised for the foregoing remarks, but let me explain. South Vancouver is suffering today and will continue to suffer, so long as the people of the municipality listen to the loud mouthed vaporings of platform politicians. There is only one satisfactory cure for their complaint—an overdose of their own peculiar brand of politician. Let them learn that those who are loudest in their denunciation of graft and corruption are usually themselves the greatest grafters. Grapes do not grow on thorns nor figs on thistles; neither do charges of graft and corruption come from the mouths of honest men. Evil is he who evil thinks, and you may bet your bottom dollar that honest men do not think graft and corruption exists in every public transaction. Being themselves honest they give others credit for a like characteristic. But "set a thief to catch a thief" is an old saying; and personally, I suspect men who are always denouncing graft and corruption—*they evidently judge others* from their own standpoint.

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Now, as I said before, the present time seems to be an opportune time to allow the element referred to to run the municipality. For this reason: In spite of hopes to the contrary, next year's council will be compelled to depend on revenue from taxes for the year's expenditure. True, the Provincial Government has promised assistance. But, promises are like pie-crusts. At any rate, ratepayers may rest assured that the government will not grant to South Vancouver assistance which can not be offered to all other municipalities in need. And where the money is to come from to render assistance to the different municipalities is a problem which will require some thinking before the solution is found.

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That being the case, it seems to me that it would be a wise thing for those who have the welfare of South Vancouver at heart to stand aside for the time being and allow the loud mouthed politicians to finance the municipality during the coming year. Put the responsibility on them. If they make good, the municipality will benefit. If they fail to make good, the municipality will benefit still more, because their own supporters will begin to recognize that all is not gold that glitters.

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England before the Bomnardment of Scarborough

Letter and Drawings by Mr. Noel Bursill, former South Vancouver Man

Mr. Noel Bursill, son of Mr. J. Francis Bursill, of Collingwood East, is now in London and has sent from "the heart of the Empire" an interesting letter and some characteristic sketches. There are many old Londoners in South Vancouver, many who have visited beautiful Antwerp who will be interested in this letter. It may be mentioned incidentally that there are many excellent examples of Mr. Noel Bursill's art work in the Collingwood Library.

Noel Bursill writes:

"You good people of South Vancouver may congratulate yourselves

that you are so far removed from the war zone. You are more comfortable on that account. You miss some of the horrors brought home to us, but you miss some of the 'thrills.' It has been quite a common occurrence here to see spies arrested; many have been able to prove their innocence, but *guilty ones have been found in places* least suspected. London's hatred of Germans has its tragic side. One fine young fellow was forced to leave his berth, he was unfit for the army—and

his mangled body was found on the railway the other day. Poor Fritz—Teuton though he was all who knew him loved him—and that is part of the tragedy of this war—Englishmen, I know, with German wives feel the situation bitterly.

London is full of Belgians. The refugees were a most pathetic sight on their arrival; shoeless, ragged, famished they looked like poor hunted animals, but they soon show the grit which is a national characteristic and

disdaining 'charity' when they can earn money they are eager for any job offered them. The 'Standard' newspaper is now partly a Belgian paper—there are now Belgians enough here to make a public for it—I have sketched a Belgian "belle," as she must have been at home, selling papers in Fleet Street. I have talked with many Belgian refugees about the horrors they have gone through—horrors utterly indescribable and almost past belief—but the evidence is too conclusive for doubt. One girl described to me the destruction of a beautiful little home by bombs, and when I

came to compare notes I found the home so pathetically spoken of was in an artistic spot I had visited in beautiful Louvain. I have made a little sketch illustrating the story so graphically told me by a poor Belgian girl, who was a beauty but is now horribly mutilated and disfigured. The world has heard what politicians have had to say about this horrible war—*you should hear what is said by the* artists of London who, year after year, made beautiful Belgium a sketching ground, and there sought inspiration. There are many artists fighting for the old flag, and their patriotism is made white hot by the outraging of their artistic instincts.

"With horror I have heard from the Belgian refugees of the destruction of many beautiful buildings—buildings which so struck me when I went to

Shades of Nelson

Ostend and Antwerp, that I forthwith got some of their charm into my sketch book. Beautiful Antwerp cathedral looked like a piece of lace as I saw it from the Scheldt and when I got out at the quay I found myself transported to medaeval times. Now many of the grand old places are a mass of ruins. Britain will see that Belgium is avenged. She can never be compensated. We should fear the same fate for London weere it not for our fleet. I send an old cartoon from "Punch" worth reproducing. As the shade of Nelson is made to say Our ships have changed but the spirit of our men is the same as ever! Yet!

"England never did—and never shall lie at the proud feet of a conquerer."

The Hustlers of Mountain View Methodist Church are giving a concert in the church next Thursday evening, December 17th.

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Mr. M. Hamilton, of 163 39th Ave. West, paid Seattle a visit last week. He found as hard times on the U.S.A. side as Vancouver can boast off.

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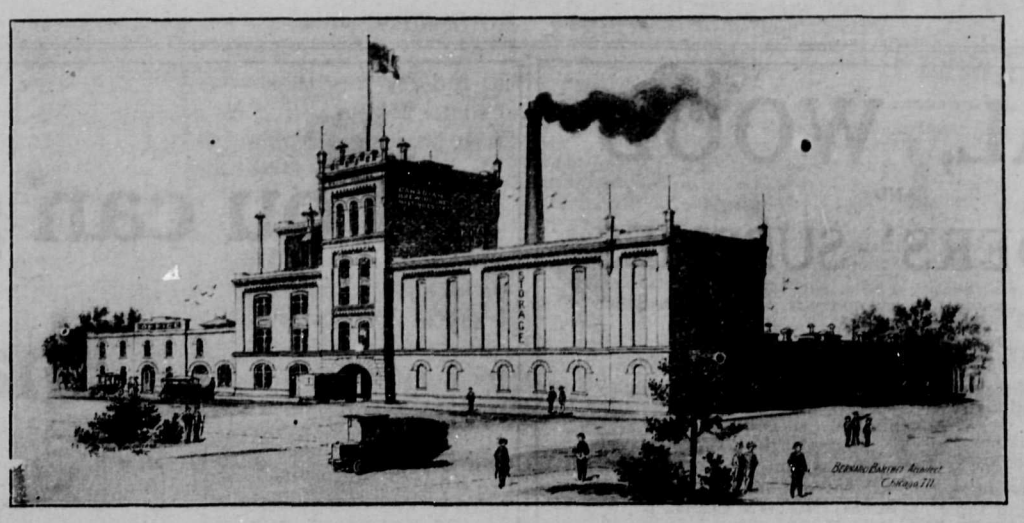

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25th Ave. and Main St.

Mr. De Gruchy of 112 41st Ave., has arrived home from the General Hospital last Saturday, where he had undergone a very serious operation. His many friends are pleased to know he is speedily recovering.

On Christmas day the services at St. John's Church will be:
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Morning Prayers and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
Special music will be rendered.

Paving of Main Street Credit To Whole of British Columbia

Mr. Bennett, Municipal Engineer, Gives a Short Resume of the Work Done, Which Makes Main Street "Vancouver's Best"

Made in British Columbia, of British Columbia cement, and British Columbia fir, treated with British Columbia creosote, manufactured in a British Columbia factory by British Columbia capital, laid by British Columbia workmen, paid for by British Columbia cash and dedicated to the use of British Columbians today and their children to come—such is the Main Street pavement, two miles of which have been completed in the Municipality of South Vancouver.

This is the largest permanent paving work ever undertaken in British Columbia.

Two hundred and fifty men were employed on the work for forty-two weeks.

After deep consideration, it was decided by a majority of the Municipal Council that it was certainly more business like to proceed with the paving of Main Street, than to spend further money in litigation with a very doubtful chance of winning out.

In May when Ex-Councillor Gold was campaigning for Reeve, he then admitted that he had withdrawn his opposition to the Main Street contract, and was prepared to bow to the judgment of the other councillors. Since the work has proceeded and the ratepayers have been able to judge for themselves on the work of the Dominion Creosoting Company. Their pavement is pronounced as one of the finest pieces of workmanship in Western Canada.

The contract specifies a 4-inch creosoted wood block pavement on a 6-inch concrete, with all necessary curbs, surface drainage manholes and catch basins. The pavement is guaranteed by the Company for 15 years, that is for this stated time the company are bound to keep the roadway in good condition for this term of years; but on comparing the class of work and the lifetime of such pavements in other cities, the quality of the Main Street work is equal at least to a lifetime of twenty-five to forty years.

After the surface drainage had been laid, the ground was well rolled and tamped and a good foundation prepared. The greatest difficulty was met with in the third section, from 34th to 45th Avenue, passing through what is generally accepted as an old beaver pond, swamp or muskeg.

Various trial holes were put down in this section and it was found that at a depth of from five to ten feet, hard pan was met with.

It was absolutely useless thinking of putting a concrete bed on such a mass of soft earth, consequently the whole of this bog earth had to be dug out. To carry out this work, two steam shovels and forty teams were kept working steady for several weeks, on one occasion the steam shovel ventured too far, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the giant navvy was extricated.

After the solid foundation was obtained, concrete was poured on to a depth of six inches, the greater portion of which has been under the supervision of Inspector Woods, an old timer both of the city and of concrete.

After the concrete was set, a cushion, known as "three-to-one mix" was placed, and on this the creosoted wood blocks were laid.

The roadway has been built by what is known as "lath construction." This leaves a space of one-quarter of an inch which is filled up with hot gravel, and, while the gravel is hot, a preparation of bitumen, at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit is poured over the surface. After this mixture has percolated into the joints, a further squeegee coat is poured over the blocks to fill up the intersticies. Next a thin coating of fine gravel is thrown over the surface and in a short time the street can be opened for traffic.

Not only has Main Street been paved, but all side streets have been graded to meet Main Street. Buildings have been raised, bulkheads put in, sidewalks laid also. Hydrants have been placed at each intersection, each hydrant is supplied with a valve, so that in case of repair the water can be shut off without interfering with the ordinary supply.

Water services have been put in for each vacant lot, anticipating a boom in business at an early date along the whole length of Main Street.

The wood blocks manufactured for Main Street, during the whole progress of the work, have been carefully inspected, and the tabulated results will show that the specification standard has been properly maintained. The blocks have been sawn from well selected logs of good size and in many cases of large dimensions, the whole being of excellent quality. A quantity were sawn from material that was cut for ties for the Indian Government.

Treatment

The record attached will show exactly the treatment each batch received, the time under treatment, the "C" contents of charge, the amount of oil absorbed and the temperature and pressure maintained.

The cubic capacity of the charges varies but little, and as the cages are packed by experienced packers, and are similar in size, the contents may be calculated as a "Constant Factor."

The tank gangings have been kept for each batch under observation, and by this method a correct account of the quantity of oil absorbed has been obtained, per cubic foot of charge. Any other method by extraction or weighing can naturally only be of an approximate nature.

Penetration

With respect to penetration of oil, the adopted standard can only be regarded as an average one on account of the wide difference in the density of its fir. It will be found, however, on examination of the exhibits, that individual blocks directly after treatment, showing an average penetration of from 1 inch to 1½ inches, have in a period of sixty days shown a thorough penetration and often a saturated block. Samples from bulk deliveries on the work from start to finish taken regularly have been tabulated, and these bear out the correctness of these remarks and prove the fallacy of presuming that a block delivered directly after treatment, showing a penetration of even less than 1 inch, is of necessity a poor block.

Oil

The creosote oil used was obtained from various sources, chiefly from England, Tacoma, Seattle, and some from the Vancouver Gas Co. In all cases, samples have been taken and show a S.G. ranging from 1.035 to 1.05, at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and were particularly free from ammoniacal water and no deposit was formed when kept at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit for four hours. The temperature of oil in the retorts was kept at 185 degrees Fahrenheit for 14 hours, treated after 12 hours and a pressure of 25 lbs. maintained during the whole period.

Summary

1.—The fir used is without doubt of the best quality.

2.—The method of treatment, the quality and quantity of oil used, the time under treatment, and the temperature and pressure maintained, have produced a finished product in every way complying with the specification of the municipality.

SLOAN, THE MAIN STREET GROCER, EXTENDS XMAS GREETINGS

For five years Mr. John Sloan has successfully conducted a grocery business on Main Street. His present store near Twenty-ninth Avenue is one of the largest and most modernly equipped in South Vancouver and is the headquarters for the supplying of fresh and reliable groceries.

Mr. Sloan stated to the CHINOOK that Christmas business this year was quite as encouraging as in former years and he looked forward to 1915 with optimism and confidence. Since Mr. Sloan opened his first place on Main Street, he has observed many grocers come and go. His reputation for honesty and good business principles have, however, entrenched him in the confidence of the people of South Vancouver.

"Progress and Purity" is the watchword Mr. Sloan employs about the shop. He is a firm believer in South Vancouver and is too busy to hear or take part in the sort of gossip oftimes heard upon the street corners which has for its subject blue ruin and bankruptcy.

Mr. Sloan stated that he wished to avail himself of the columns of the CHINOOK to wish his many patrons and the people of South Vancouver generally a very Merry Christmas.

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The Girls' Guild recently organized in St. John's Church held their first business meeting on Monday evening.

Amongst other things, planning for a concert, to take place in January, formed a feature of the evening.

Following are the officers of the Guild recently appointed: Hon-president, Mrs. C. B. Clarke; president, Miss Constance Draper; vice-president, Miss E. Bowman; secretary, Miss A. Halpin; treasurer, Miss D. Bowman; Dorcas-secretary, Miss Ida Bennett.

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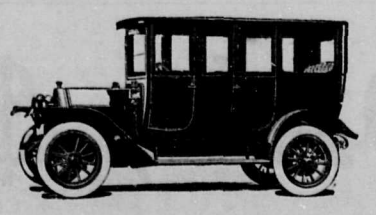

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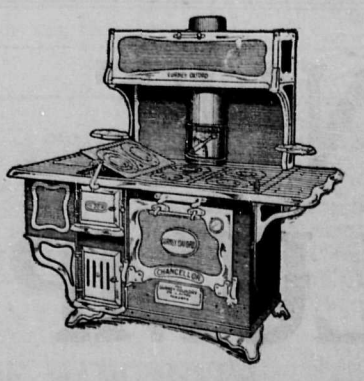

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Business and Editorial
FAIRMONT 1874

Empress Theatre

There is going to be a lot of good hearty laughs at the Empress Theatre next week, where the Lawrence Stock Company will present Philip Bartholomae's funniest farce, "Over Night."

This delicious funmaker was the talk of New York for a full season last year, and on tour it was hailed everywhere as the cleverest piece of humorous play writing of recent years. Its action takes place on a Hudson River steamer and at a picturesque inn on the shore of the Hudson.

Two young couples start on their honeymoon, but one of the husbands and one of the wives—the other fellow's through a strange combination of circumstances — miss the boat, while the other groom and bride find themselves in the predicament of being together on the boat while their respective partners are left behind.

After a hilarious series of incidents on the boat, the mismated couple decide to go ashore at the first stop and try to locate the stragglers. They do so and after all efforts to locate the others prove vain they are compelled to spend the night at the inn. They go to their respective rooms but later in the night the others arrive at the same place.

Then follows a combination of circumstances that keep the audience continuously convulsed until they are finally straightened out at the end of the last act.

"One Night" also requires very elaborate stage settings, the scene on the steamboat and the interior of the inn being novel and beautiful. As a laugh producer, pure and simple, it will provide an ideal Christmas bill and should induce packed houses for the entire week of its run.

PROBABLE CANDIDATE IN WARD ONE

Many Members of Famous "Committee of Fifty" are Endorsing New Man for Council from Collingwood

In Collingwood, where municipal elections are always hotly contested a new man looms on the horizon of civic politics in the person of Mr. C. Stanley, Sixty-seventh Avenue, a large ratepayer who is at present engaged in chicken ranching.

Mr. Stanley, years ago, was chief of the Rossland fire department. He has always devoted great attention to municipal affairs and his friends believe that in him they have a strong candidate.

Mr. William Barclay, who ran last year for the council in Ward One, called at the CHINOOK office this week. Mr. Barclay stated that Mr. Stanley was the man for the job and if Mr. Stanley refused to run, Mr. Barclay declared that he himself would take the field.

Mr. Stanley has lived for years in the City of Vancouver. Last year property owners in the city who are interested in the welfare of the Collingwood district urged him to run for the South Vancouver Council. At that time he decided that he did not think that his services were needed in the municipality. After watching the situation very closely for one year, Mr. Stanley has come to the conclusion that it should be his duty to take a hand in affairs and with that end in view he is coming forward. Many members of the famous "Committee of Fifty" who supported Councillor Wilbers two years ago as against Spencer Robinson, are in favor of Mr. Stanley's candidature.

Mr. Stanley is a practical engineer by profession. It has been rumored about Collingwood that he has held an interest in the Dominion Creosoting Company. He states emphatically that such is not the case. He has had no connection whatsoever with the Creosoting concern and believes that his name has been confused with that of another.

WARD EIGHT LIBERALS HOLD RALLY

Messrs. Martin and Smith are given Good Reception in "301"

Mr. Ralph Smith, in an address to a Liberal meeting held in Ash's Hall, Thursday night, said that the "better terms" secured from the Dominion government, and of which Mr. H. H. Watson, M.P.P., boasted at a Conservative meeting in Kerrisdale, simply provided for the transfer of federal rights in various resources to the McBride government with the opportunity of dispensing more patronage to its friends. Mr. Smith expressed the opinion that the rights of the people were in safer hands when the Dominion government controlled them than when the McBride machine had this privilege.

Mr. Smith declared further that the present situation of maladministration was as much the fault of the people as the goverinment, for the people elected the McBride government, gave it full control, and failed to provide opposition. However, said Mr. Smith, when the proper time comes, the Liberals will be elected and nothing can now stop their rapid progress.

He attacked the purchase of the Indian reserves by the government, and asked whether it was right for Hon. Mr. Bowser to accept a commission of $80,000 or that Messrs. Helmcken and Matson should share a commission of $125,000 between them.

Mr. Joseph Martin spoke on Imperialism. He did not hold in high regard the proposition of an imperial parliament, claiming that such a parliament would jeopardise the rights of the self-governing colonies and that it would be a most unfortunate thing if such a parliament was established.

Mr. M. H. McIntyre, president of the Ward 8 Liberal Association, presided in a happy manner. He and Mr. Fred Ogle addressed the meeting. Mr. Kelly rendered a couple of songs.

The young men of the "Hustlers" Bible class are giving a concert in the Mountainview Methodist Church on Thursday evening, December 17, at 8 o'clock. The programme is furnished by several artists of local talent and a dialogue entitled "A Troublesome Investment" by the class. The proceeds go towards the "Hustlers" part of the building fund. The boys are sparing no trouble in preparing this concert and it is worth the support of the South Vancouver public.

The municipal solicitor has been instructed to prepare a sewer bylaw for approximately $300,000 on a rental basis.

LOCAL NOTES

Mrs .(Rev.) Davidson is slowly recovering from a serious illness. Her many friends sincerely hope she will speedily recover her usual health.

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We, the ratepayers of South Vancouver, and particularly Main Street vicinity, wish to extend to the firm of the Creosote Paving Company our sincerest appreciation for the efficient manner in which they have completed their contract. Main Street certainly is a credit to Vancouver now.

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The Municipal Council has settled a claim which has been before the council each year since 1911 in connection with the grading of Fraser street, in front of property owned by the late James McGer.

The council on the motion of Councillors Thomas and Twiddy agreed to pay the sum of $3000 to the executrix of the estate of the late James McGeer in full settlement of all claims arising out of the change made in the grade of Fraser Street, and in lieu of all prior arrangements made between James McGeer and the council; also in full settlement for a seven-foot strip to be conveyed to the municipality for widening Fraser Street, it being a condition of the agreement that the sum of at least $2000 be paid by the estate on account of arrears of taxes due to the municipality. Councillor Millar objected to the settlement.

Municipal Engineer Bennett
South Vancouver

The Municipal Council has instructed the clerk to request the B.C. Electric Railway Company to run every second Davie Street car south of Twenty-fifth Avenue, Main Street, in accordance with the agreement with the council, instead of every third car as at present.

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At a joint meeting of organizations interested in relief work, held at the Municipal Hall, it was resolved to establish an information bureau to prevent overlapping. Health Inspector Pleming will have charge of the bureau and will compile information as to the families receiving relief in South Vancouver from the several organizations.

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Relief Officers Pleming and Eccleston reported to the relief committee this morning that there are now some 600 names enrolled of men in South Vancouver in need of employment. For the two weeks ended December 15, about 140 men were employed for three days each in the various wards, while eleven men had been constantly employed on Twenty-fifth Avenue and thirty-six men for irregular periods on the waterworks. Grocery orders had been issued during the two weeks to the amount of $41.60 to thirteen families, with three exceptions these orders have been or will be repaid by work. Four cart loads of wood had been delivered where most needed and many permits to cut wood had been given.

"We have encouraged the co-operation of the various charitable organizations towards meeting the conditions prevailing," the relief officers report, "and there is a distinct desire that some central officer be authorized to receive and give information."

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A most enjoyable concert was given at Sexsmith School this week by the scholars of the Main Street Sunday school, corner of Sixty-second Avenue. The programme consisted of dialogues, recitations and choruses, rendered in a manner reflecting much credit on Mr. Warran, the musical director. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Freeman, Reeve Kerr, Councillor Millar and others.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of Westminster Presbyterian Church, South Vancouver, will have a sale of handkerchiefs and home baking on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 17, in the basement of the church.

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The annual meeting of the Central Park Agricultural Association was held at the hall on Friday, December 11.

New officers elected were: Capt. Fisher, president; Thos. Anderson, vice-president; W. Kirkham, secretary-treasurer. The following directors were appointed. Messrs. Walker, Sinclair, Shaw, Coulter, Ross, Nimo, Harbottle, Somerville, Prentice, Winstonley, Wishart, Thurstan, Reed, Holland and Mrs. Kirkham. W. W. Burke and T. A. Prentice were reappointed auditors. Mrs. Kirkham is the first lady director of the organization.

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Sandy gets awa back thinkin' on his auld Sunday Schule Days—An' incidentally o' Dicky an' Wullie

Weel freens, we're gettin' near the end o' the year again—an' what a year it has been.

Hogmanay in another twa weeks—it'll tak a guid mony "Wee deuch an' doris's" tae mak us forget the terrible times we live in—in this year o' 1914.

Mony a sare hert 'll remember 1914 for years tae come—an' Christmas bein' sae near maks yin think awa back o' the Christmas trees we used tae gaun tae in conneckshun wi' the Sunday Schule or the Mornin' Service.

Can we no' min' o' the openin' hymn wi' which the superintendent opened the treat.

"Hark' the Herald Angels Sing"—eh mon! it wis graund—wud swell up frae a hunner or twa lusty, young vices an' the enthusiasm pit intae the singin' made us feel better bairns—even though we micht indulge in a game o' fitba wi' a tin can on the road hame an' feenish up wi' pittin' it through some puir auld wife's windae.

"Peace on earth, good will towards all men." Can we no' min o' the long crimson streamer wi' the above inscripshun woven on it in pure white?

Can we no' min o' the "surree" bag an' oor anxiousness as tae its contents. Generally speakin', we youngsters mare or less sized up the merits o' oor respective Sunday Schules by the bigness o' the famous bag.

In passin', I've often thocht that wis sort o' bred in us bairns—hoo often is it no' the case men an' weemen o' the community are jidged by the size o' their money bags.

Christmas 1914—It's a long, long time sin I wis at a Christmas tree, but methinks we were nearer "Peace on Earth" then than we are the noo.

When a fellie lifts the paper at nicht an' reads o' the daens o' the sodgers at the front or the navy on the high seas—one often has tae ask himsel if it really can be true.

Men who were followin' their usual employment—or lookin' for it—a few months ago are now marchin' an' dreelin' an' learnin' hoo tae shoot an' hoo tae use the bayonet, so that they micht be able tae dae their "duty" when they meet the enemy!

Christmas 1914—an' the ministers o' releegin are drawin' doon bigger an' fatter salaries than they ever did. What a mockery o' "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards all men."

An' tae think that his holiness, the Pope, in his position as heid o' a powerful Christian church, should advocate a cessashun o' hostilities durin' Christmastide.

Weel, weel, I dinna often side wi' Andry Carnegy, but I maun say that for yince I wis heartily in sympathy wi' his denunciashun o' the un-Christian like idea.

While oor herts gae oot tae oor kinsmen who are fechtin' sae bravely in the cause o' oor freedom, oor wishes for their success are saicond only tae the wish that the "like o't we'll never see again.'

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Tae come nearer hame. I'm jist thinkin' the year 1914 'll be remembered in Vancoover for years an' years tae come.

I wis readin' a speech the Attorney-General delivered the ither nicht in which he referred tae the fact that his opponents, the liberals, had broken the truce that had been in force in regaird tae maitters political, an' had commenced tae criticise HIM!

The fact o' the mother land bein' at war, he thocht, wis sufficient reason for a cessashun o' a' pairty talk. I've yet tae learn that Kitchener or Asquith or Llyod George or Jellicoe wud be seriously embarrassed by ony criticism the folk o' British Columby micht level at the the heids o' that couple o' fifth-rate lawyers that "guide" (cheese it) the destinies o' this province o' Canady. Raither wud it be the ither wey aboot, I wis thinkin'. I've nae doobt if there were ony German spies in B.C. afore the war, an' they saw the wey things were managed here — could they be blamed for wirin' hame that the British Empire, frae what they seen o't, wis gaun tae the dugs.

Why, if this place had been properly managed—shame though it is tae say it—the war wud hae been a blessin', frae the pint o' view o' general commercial prosperity.

A' the same, why should we criticize they twa fellies that are so bowed down wi' their cares o' office. The fact o' the maitter is, they're mare tae be peetied than blamed — though they're a darned sicht worse than they're ca'd.

Durin' their term o' office the people o' British Columby hae been busy in cairryin' oot the brigandish precept: "Do ithers, or they'll do you."

The province, as Dicky wud say, "wis passin' through an era of extraordinary commercial Hexpansion," and their huge naitural resources were the magnet which drew the wealth frae the auld country financiers.

"Easy come, easy go," is an auld sayin', an' while the bawbees were comin' in, we were a' prosperous an' the demand for fat ceegaurs an' diamond rings an' motor caurs grew tae gigantic proporshuns.

Stores doon the city that used tae hoose peanut staunds were gutted oot an' furnished wi' mahogany coonters an' swell leather chairs.

Fancy pamflets were printed in colors as lurid as the letterpress, tellin' hoo they were anxious tae mak yae share in the general prosperity that had struck the province.

In a short time, the whole populashun, frae the highest tae the lowest, were in a state o' feverish excitement, buyin' an' sellin' an' sellin' an' buyin', a' imbued wi' the idea o' gettin' rich quick—but wi' somebody else's money.

As "bizness" progressed, mare office room wis required, an' then they began pittin' up "scrapers"—of course, wi' ither folk's money also.

A company wud be formed, twa or three lawyer's clerks wud sign the memorandum o' associashun, an' a corner lot wud be acquired. The rest wis easy. A mortgage wud be got frae the auld country an' hey, presto! the bildin' wud arise afore oor admirin' eyes. Vancoover wis bildin' up!

The money that wis comin' in wis makin' us prosperous—BUT, we were sendin' naethin' oot in return. A curious state o' affairs. It a'most seemed as if the auld country folk were sendin' us the money oot o' sympathy for bein' sae faur awa an' tae console us for haen sic a government rulin' us.

The time this wis gaun on Dicky an' Wullie were busy haundin' oot big chunks o' the country side tae ony Tam, Dick or Harry that had the gall tae come an' ask for it, an' who could fit intae a pairt o' the machine that wis makin' us a' sae prosperous.

Weel, in 1914 the bubble burst an' it wud seem as if it wis gaun tae leave a nesty smell efter it.

Tae think we should criticise they twa fellies owre in Victoria the time the Empire is at war. It's scandalous. I wudna criticise them. I wud penalize them, an' send them tae keep company wi' some o' the "prosperity" they hae oot at the new cemetery site, where honest workin' men are compelled, in this country where "there are no poorhouses," to work for their bed an' board.

Why the paupers at hame were princes compared tae the lot o' they men who are bein' swindled oot o' their life by a pair o' politicians that hinna even an elementary knowledge o' government.

It's a funny thing—I sat doon tae write resolved tae refrain frae makin' ony menshun o' they twa characters, but yet it wud be a funny Christmas if I didna gie them ma respecks.

Oh what a merry Christmas we could hae if the bogle man happened tae tak Dicky an' Wully awa an' haud them for ransom.

A Merry Christmas an' a Guid New Year tae yae a', freens, is the wish o'

SANDY MACPHERSON.

COLLINGWOOD NOTES

Christmas services of exceptional interest will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, on Sunday, December 27th. The choir will give Handel's Oratorio of The Messiah and Rev. Wm. Menzies will preach a Christmas sermon. The evening service will start at 7 instead of 7.30 o'clock.

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A large attendance is expected Monday, December 21st, at the lecture to be given in Knox Church by Mr. J. S. McKay, a Klondike "sourdough," on "The Story of the Edmonton Trail." There is no charge for admission. A collection will be taken.

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Several enterprising boys of East Collingwood, who have built a "coaster," have been praying for snow. Their prayers seemed in a fair way to be answered on Monday night. When Old Sol appeared so brilliantly in the heavens on Tuesday morning their faith suffered. Bob sleds made by their own handiwork in the sash and door factory were found and supported a plank sixteen feet in length. About twenty boys waited eagerly for snow. The enterprise was headed by Masters Shantz, England and England.

At Kitsilano Presbyterian Presbyterian Church Local Editor Upholds Woodrow Wilson

At Kitsilano Presbyterian Church last week an interesting debate was held when the question of the advisibility of Mexican intervention by the United States was the subject of discussion. Messrs. Free and Gill argued in favor of intervention, while Messrs. Sutton and Johnson placed themselves upon record as against such a policy.

Excellent points were made by the debaters on both sides, and it was only after much consideration that the judge, Mr. G. M. Murray, editor of the CHINOOK, awarded the decision to the lovers of peace and supporters of the plan of "watchful waiting."

Mr. R. H. Cook, president of the Young People's Literary and Debating Society, presided.

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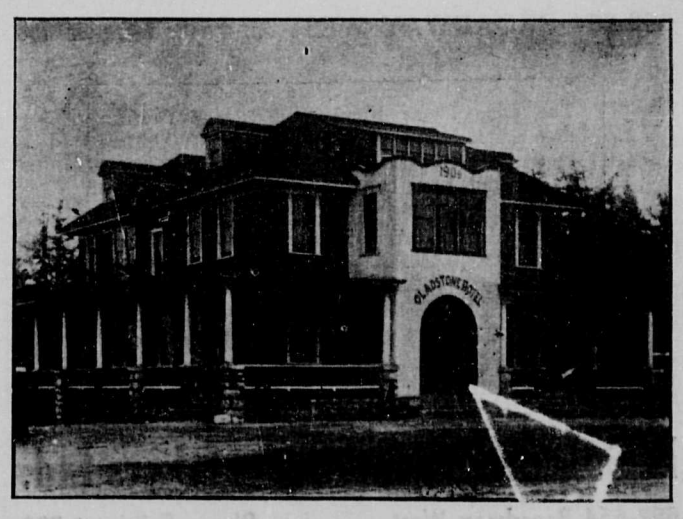

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A Great Tree

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Christmas Eve, when you'd think we'd all sort of draw together instead of setting apart, in cliques. Land,' I says out, 'that first Christmas Eve wouldn't the angels have stopped singing and wept in the sky if they could of seen what we'd do to it!'

"'Hush, Calliope,' says Jerry Bemus, shocked. 'They ain't no need to be sacrilegious, is they–'

"'Not a bit,' says I; 'we've been it so long a'ready worshiping around in sections like Hotentots. Well, now,' I says, 'do you honestly think we've all chose the best way to go at Christmas Eve for the Children, filling them up with colored stuff and getting their stummicks all upset?'

"We had quite a little talk about it, back and forth, Jerry and me. And all of a sudden, while I was trying my best to make him see what I saw, I happened to notice his bugle again.

"'There ain't no thrill in none of it,' I was saying to him. 'Not half so much,' I says, 'as there is in your bugle. When I hear that go floating up and down the street, I always kind of feel like it was announcing something. To my notion,' I says, 'it could announce Christmas to this town far better than forty-'leven little separate trimmed-up trees. . . . Why, Jerry,' I says out sudden, 'listen to what I've thought of. . . .'

"A little something had come in my head that minute, unexpected, that fitted itself into the rest of my plan. And it made Jerry say, pretty soon, that he was willing to go with me to see the other superintendents; and we done so that very day. Ain't it funny how big things work out by homely means—by homely means? Sole because the choir-leader in one choir had resigned because the bass in that choir was the bass in that choir, and so they didn't have anybody there to train their Christmas music, and sole because another congregation was hard up and was having to borrow its Christmas celebration money out of the foreign missionary fund—we got 'em to see sense. And then the other two joined in.

"The schools was all right from the first, bein' built, like they are, on a basis of belonging to everybody, same as breathing and one-two other public utilities, and nothing dividing anybody from anybody. And I begun to feel like life and the world was just one great bud, longing to open, so be it could get enough care.

"The worst ones to get weaned away from a perfectly selfish way of observing Christ's birthday was the private families. Land, land, I kept saying to myself them days, we all of us act like we was studying kindergarten mathematics. We count up them that's closest to us, and we can't none of us seem to count much above ten.

"Not all of 'em was that way, though. Well—if it just happens that you live in any town whatever in the civilized world, I think you'll know about what I had said to me.

"On the other hand it went about like this, from Mis' Timothy Toplady and the Holcombs and the Hubblethwaits and a lot more.

"'Well, land knows, it'd save us lots of backaching work—but — will the children like it?'

"'Like it?' I says. 'Try 'em. Trust 'em without tryin' 'em if you want to. I would. Remember,' I couldn't help adding, 'you like to be with the children a whole lot oftener than they like to be with you. What they like is to be together.'

"And 'Well, do you honestly think it'll work– I don't see how it can—anything so differ'nt.'

"And, 'Well, they ain't any harm trying it one year, as I can see. That can't break up the holidays, as I know of.'

"But the other side had figured it out just like the other side of everything always figures.

"'Calliope,' says Mis' Postmaster Sykes, 'are you crazy-headed? What's your idea? Ain't things alright the way they've always be done?'

"'Well,' says I, conservative, 'not all of 'em. Not wholesale, I wouldn't say.'

"'But you can't go changing things like this,' she told me. 'What'll become of Christmas?'

"'Christmas,' I says, 'don't need you or me, Mis' Sykes, to be its guardians. All Christmas needs is for us to get out of its way, and leave it to express what it means.'

"'But the home Christmas,' she says, 'most like a wail. 'Would you do away with that?'

"Then I sort turned on her. I couldn't help it.

"'Whose home?' I says stern. 'If it's your home you mean, or any of the thousands of others like it where Christmas is kept, then you know, and they all know, that nothing on earth can take away the Christmas feeling and the Christmas joy as long as you want it to be there. But if it's the homes you mean—and there's thousands of 'em—where no Christmas ever comes, you surely ain't arguing to keep them the way they've been kept.'

"But she continued to shake her head.

"'You can do as you like of course,' she said, 'and so can everybody else. It's their privilege. But as for me, I shall trim my little tree here by our own fireside. And here we shall celebrate Christmas—Jeddie and Nora and father and me.'

"'Why can't you do both–' I says. 'I wouldn't have you give up your fireside end of things for anything on earth. But why can't you do both?'

'Mis' Sykes didn't rightly seem to know—at least she didn't say. But she gave me to understand that her mind run right along in the self-same groove it had had made for it, cozy.

"Somehow, the longer I live, the less sense I seem to have. There's some things I've learned from twenty-five to thirty times in my life, and yet I can't seem to remember them no more than I can remember whether it's sulphite or sulphate of soda that I take for my quinsy. And one of these is about taking things casual.

"That night, for instance, when I come round the corner on to Daphne Street at half-past seven on Christmas Eve, I thought I was going to have to waste a minute or two standing just where the bill-board makes a shadow for the arc-light, trying to get used to the idea of what we was doing—used to it in my throat. But there wasnt' much time to spend that way, being there was things to do between then an eight o'clock, when we'd told 'em all to be there. So I ran along and tried not to think about it—except the work part. 'Most always, the work part of anything'll steady you.

"The great cedar-of-Lebanon-looking tree, standing down there on the edge of the Market Square and looking as if it had been left from some long-ago forest, on purpose, had been hung round with lines and lines of strung pop-corn — the kind that no Christmas tree would be a Christmas tree without, because so many, many folks has set up stringing it nights of Christmas week, after the children was in bed, and has kept it, careful, in a box, so's it'd do for next year. We had all that from the churches—Methodist and Presbyterian and Episcopal and Baptist and Catholic pop-corn, and you couldn't tell 'em apart at all when you got 'em on a tree. The festoons showed ghostly-white in the dark and the folks showed ghostly-black, hurrying back and forth doing the last things.

"And the folks was coming—you could hear 'em all along Daphne Street, tripping on the bad place that hadn't been mended because it was right under the arc-light, and coming over the hollow-sounding place by Graham's drug store and coming from from the little side streets down on the flats. Some of 'em had Christmas trees waiting at home—the load had been there on the Market Square, just like we had let it be there for years without seeing that the Market Square had any other Christmas uses —and a good many had bought trees. But a good many more had decided not to have any—only just to hang up stockings; and to let the great big, common Christmas tree stand for what it stood for, gathering most of that little garland of Daphne Street trees up into its living heart.

"Over by the band-stand I come on them I'd been looking for — Eddie Newhaven and Arthur Mills and Lily Dorron and Sarah and Mollie and the Cartwrights and Lifty and six-eight more.

"'Hello, folks,' I says. 'What you down here for? Why ain't you home?'

"They answered all together:

"'For the big tree!'

"'Are you now–' I says—just to keep on a-talking to 'em. 'Whose tree?'

"I love to remember the way they answered. It was Eddie Newhaven that said it.

"'Why, all of us's!' he said.

"All of us's! I like to say it over when they get to saying 'mine' and 'theirs' too hard where I am.

"When it was eight o'clock and there was enough gathered on the Square, they done the thing that was goin to be done, only nobody had known how well they was going to do it. They touched the button, and from the bottom branch to the tip-top little cone, the big old tree come alight just like it knew what it was all about and like it had come out of the ground long ago for this reason—only we'd never known. Two hundred little eletric lights there was there, colored, and paid for private, though I done my town to get the town to pay for 'em, like it ought to for its own tree; but they was paid for private—yet.

"It made a little oh! come in the crowd and run around, it was so big and beautiful, standing there against the stars like it knew well enough that it was one of 'em, whether we knew it or not. And coming up across the flats, big and gold and low, was the moon, most full, like it belonged, too.

"'And glory shone around,' I says to myself—and I stood there feeling the glory, outside and in. Not my little celebration, and your little celebration, and their little celebration, private, that was costing each of us more than it ought to—but our celebration, paying attention to the message that Christ paid attention to.

"I was so full of it that I didn't half see Ben Cory and his carolers come racing out of the dark. They was all fixed up in funny pointed hoods and in cloaks and carrying long staves with everybody's barn-yard lanterns tied on the end of 'em, and they run out in a line down to the tree, and they took hold of hands and danced around it, singing to their voices top a funny old tune, one of them tunes that, whether you've ever heard it before or not, kind of makes things in you that's older than you are yourself wake up and remember, real plain.

"And Jerry Bemus shouted out at 'em: 'Sing it again—sing it again!' and pounded his wooden leg with his cane. 'Sing it again, I tell you. I ain't heard anybody sing that for goin' on forty years.' And everybody laughed, and they sung it again for him, and some more songs that had come out of the old country that a little bit of it was living inside everybody that was there. And while they was singing, it come to me all of a sudden about another night, 'most three hundred years before when on American soil that lonesome English heart, up there in Boston, had dreamed ahead to a time when Christmas would come here . . .

But faith unrolls the future scrolls;
Christmas shall not die,
Nor men of English blood and speech
Forget their ancestry—

or any other blood, or any other speech that has in it the spirit of what Christ come to teach. And that's all of 'em. And it felt to me as if now we was only just beginning to take out our little single, lonely tapers and carry them to light a great tree.

"Then, just after the carols had died down, the thing happened that we'd planned to happen: Over on one side the choirs of all the churches, that I guess had never sung together in their lives before, though they'd been singing steadily about the self-same things since they was born choirs, began to sing—

Silent night, holy night.

"Think of it, down there on the Market Square that had never had anything sung on it before except carnival tunes and circus tunes. All up and down Daphne Street it must of sounded, only there was hardly anybody far off to hear it, the most of 'em being right there with all of us. They sung it without anybody playing it for 'em and they sung it from first to last.

"And then they slipped into another song that ain't a Christmas carol exactly, nor not any song that comes in the book under 'Christmas,' but something that comes in just as natural as if it was another name for what Christmas was—'Nearer my God, to thee,' and 'Lead, kindly Light,' and some more. And after a bar or two of the first one, the voices all around begun kind of mumbling and humming and carrying the tunes along in their throats without anybody in particular starting 'em there, and then they all just naturally burst out and sung too.

"And so I donno who done it—whether the choirs had planned it that way, or whether they just thought of it ten, or whether somebody in the crowd struck it up unbeknownst to himself, or whether the song begun to sing itself; but it come from somewhere, strong and clear and real—a song that the children has been learning in school and has been teaching the town for a year or two now, sung to the tune of 'Wacht am Rhein':—

The crest and crowning of all good—
Life's common goal—is brotherhood.

"And then everybody sung. Because that's a piece you can't sing alone. You can not sing it alone. All over the Market Square they took it up, and folks that couldn't sing, and me that can't sing a note except when there's nobody around that would recognize me if they ever saw me again—we all sung together, there in the dark, with the tree in our midst.

"And we seemed long and long away from the time when the leader in one of them singing choirs had left the other choir because the bass in the other choir was the bass in the other choir. And it was like the Way Things Are had suddenly spoke for a minute, there in them singing choirs come out of their separate lofts and in all the singing folks. And in all of us—all of us.

"Then up hopped Eppleby Holcomb on to a box in front of the tree, and he calls out:

"'Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas—on the first annual outdoor Christmas-tree celebration of Friendship Village!'

"When he said that I felt—well, it don't make any difference to anybody how I felt; but what I done was to turn and make for the edge of the crowd just as fast as I could. And just then there come what Eppleby's words was the signal for. And out on the little flagstaff balcony of the Town Hall Jerry Bemus stepped with his bugle, and he sounded all over the town, once, twice, three times, a bugle call to say it was Christmas. We couldn't wait till twelve o'clock—we are all in bed long before that time in Friendship Village, holiday or not.

"But the bugle-call said it was Christmas just the same. Think of it . . . the bugle that sounded used to say it was war. And the same minute the big tree went out, all still and quiet, but to be lit again next year and to stay a living thing in between.

"When I stepped on to Daphne Street, who should I come face to face with but Mis' Postmaster Sykes. I was feeling so glorified over, that I never thought of its being strange that she was there. But she spoke up, just the same as if I'd said: 'Why, I thought you wasn't coming near.'

"'The children was bound to come,' she says, 'so I had to bring 'em.'

"'Yes,' I thought to myself, 'the children know. They know.'

"And I even couldn't feel bad when I passed the post-office store and see Silas sitting in there all sole alone—the only lit store in the street. I knew he'd be on the Market Square the next year.

"They went singing all through the streets that night, Ben Cory and his carolers. 'Silent night, holy night' come from my front gate when I was 'most asleep. It was like the whole town was being sung to by something that didn't show. And when the time comes that this something speaks clear all the time—well, it ain't a very far-off time, you know."

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