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How small the world is, after all! On Tuesday evening a gentleman was sitting in the editor's sanctum. The hour was late, and we were anxious to be off home. Nothing was heard but the click-click as the typewriter plied backwards and forwards. We were discussing the editorial. An inspiration had come over the editor. He was declaiming on the duties of the youth of Canada, and as he poured forth his oration he kept pounding at the machine. After a time he ceased, and whilst stopping to read what had been typed a knock came at the door. On a shout of "Come in!" a lady and gentleman entered and asked if there was a 'phone on the premises. On being answered in the affirmative, the gentleman explained that he was trying to locate a friend who had invited him and his wife to visit them that night. They had spent a long time in trying to locate their friends, but without avail, and were now on their way home. As I was interested in what was being written, I never turned to look at the strangers, but on hearing the voices, said: "From Glasgow?" The gentleman said: "Yes, and you are Mr. ———, of ———" Sometimes a surprise comes to us so suddenly that it almost seems to take our speech away. Such was the case on the present occasion. Four years ago I had attended an auction of a timber dealer's stock. All day long I had been buying, and the gentleman who was in the office was my chief competitor. We had had business relations extending back for many years, but that day both were anxious to procure as much of that special kind of mahogany as he could. In the afternoon I got a rather nice parcel knocked down to me, but my friend had made me pay a pretty fair price for it. After the auctioneer let the hammer fall, my friend came over and offered a certain profit to get the parcel. We laughed and chatted over the transaction.

At that time he was partner in as nice a factory as anyone could desire, clearing from $15,000 to $20,000 per annum, while I was also the possessor of another place, but not making profits like that.

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What changes the whirligig of time brings round—bad trade, keen competition, an unwillingness to part with old workmen, an over-accumulation of stock. The stage from a prosperous business to losing one is easily bridged. Had anyone told either of us that we were ever likely to give up our workshops for many years, or that we would come to locate in Vancouver, we would have termed them mad. What instinct, what chance or accident, should lead him to call at this office? To do so many minor things had to happen. By accident he became acquainted with his friends out here. A friend called to take him and his wife out, but he found he was going to be late, so asked his friend to go himself. The office should have been closed two hours before. On his journey in from Forty-second Street in looking for his friend at an earlier hour he would have found a dozen offices open. Strange how the unexpected often happens!

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We understand that Chief Jackson will shortly introduce a new bylaw calling upon all vehicles to carry lights after sunset. Motor car drivers and cyclists will welcome this news.

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In the cleaning up of Alexander Street it will be as well for the citizens of South Vancouver to keep their eyes open. Undoubtedly some of these undesirable characters will try to get a temporary location within the borders of this municipality.

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If the C. N. R. are able to come to terms with the city it will mean that work will be abundant this winter. As a result workmen will drift in from all quarters. There will be the usual number of parasites following up to prey upon them. This is where the danger arises. These fellows hang around the saloon bars all day and with an occasional visit to the pool rooms, always on the outlook to relieve someone of their hard-earned cash.

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Quite a number of different versions have appeared as to what demands the Council will make upon Vancouver before they lay the matter of annexation before the ratepayers, but we have no fear of what the people's reply will be, no matter how tempting the offer. South Vancouver will prefer to work out her own destiny.

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The warnings given by "The Chinook" in the past regarding annexation were amply borne out this week by the opinions expressed by some of the leading Vancouver merchants. South Vancouver may bid farewell to the development of the Fraser River if annexation takes place.

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There was quite a flutter around the hall on Saturday, pay checks being given out owing to Monday being Labor Day. It is surprising how the anticipation of a holiday brings out the smiling faces. Everyone seemed pleased and anxious to assist each other. In all probability there will be another holiday shortly when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught visits the city.

SCRUTATOR.

Large Appropriation for Road Work in South Vancouver

Board of Works Recommends an Expenditure of Nearly $30,000---New Plank Walks

At the Board of Works, on Wednesday, Engineer Clement recommended the grading of many road sections and putting down of plank walks, at a total cost of $29,047. With a few slight modifications, the report was adopted.

Knight Road Widening

Mr. J. M. Blackburn, Knight Road, appeared before the Board respecting a letter he had received from the Clerk asking him to give twenty-four feet of road frontage on Knight Road so as to enable the Council to carry out the widening of that thoroughfare.

Councillor Elliott said it was understood Mr. Blackburn would fall in line with other owners and give the land.

Mr. Blackburn said the land in question was too valuable to give away. It was pointed out to him that the widening of the road would improve his property, and he replied that if the Council wanted the land it would have to be expropriated. Unless the land was purchased he intended to stay right there. The grading of this road has already commenced, and this decision of Mr. Blackburn will prevent the road being of equal width throughout.

Commercial Drive

A letter was read calling attention to the proposed opening up of Commercial Drive, and a deputation asked when this would be completed. It was explained that the Council were waiting upon the B. C. E. Railway to carry out some work at the end of the Drive.

Tramway Extensions

Mr. George W. Conway, Acting General Manager of the B. C. E. Railway, wrote in reply to a letter from the Board making request for the extension of certain car lines in the municipality under the terms of the Tramway Franchise Agreement of June 10, 1909. The letter stated that the work would begin at the earliest possible moment and would include the extension of Victoria Drive line from its present terminus to Fifty-sixth Avenue, and from Fraser Avenue to River Road so soon as the fill-in on Fraser Avenue is in a proper condition to carry the tracks. Regarding the requested connection between Cedar Cotage and Westminster Road, the company would be unable to build that during the present year, but would do so next year.

The Clerk was instructed to write and thank the company for the letter and their prompt attention.

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Suggested Single Transportation System

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Thursday afternoon, all the members except Councillor Elliott, who was in Victoria, being present.

The First Instalment

Mr. C. Harrison, Secretary to the Board of Trade, wrote asking the Council for a cheque for $100, the first instalment of the $500 promised towards the cost of providing a harbor scheme on Fraser River. Mr. Harrison stated the money was required for preliminary expenses. A cheque was ordered to be drawn.

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A letter was read from Mr. T. H. Cross, Secretary of the Kitsilano Improvement Association, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Association, which stated that the surrounding municipalities will be best served by a single transportation system, giving a uniform rate over such territory as may be described as Greater Vancouver. The resolution asked the Council to support the scheme, and a resolution was passed heartily endorsing the one passed at Kitsilano and expressed a hope that the important matter of transportation would be placed on a more satisfactory and permanent basis.

Business Hours at the Hall

The Council adopted the following resolution: "That all offices and wickets in the Municipal Hall be open to the public for business between the hours of 12 and 1, and that the various officials arrange their staffs so that the public can be waited on during this hour."

Rounding Up Dogs

The following resolution was carried without discussion: "That a horse be purchased for the Police Department, and that one of the old buggies be fitted up for this horse, the same to be used for rounding up dogs and other purposes of the Police Department."

Notices to School Physician

It was recommended that the Health Inspector procure form of notice to be used when notifying Dr. Hunter, School Physician, of cases of infectious disease in the municipality.

Prizes at the Show

The Council sent several horses to the show at Hastings Park, and Dr. Swinnerton now reported that all did well. The costs were $18.55. One horse took three prizes, and another one. The Reeve wanted to know what became of the prize money, and he was asked to enquire into the matter and report to the Council later.

NEW WESTMINSTER PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The day is drawing near now when all chance of winning the $100 offered by the New Westminster Progressive Association for the best slogan for their city will have gone forever. September 12 is the closing date, and the Secretary expects that there will be a big rush of entries at the very last moment.

Wide publicity has been given the competition, and slogans have been received from many far-distant points. Old England, six thousand miles away, has sent in its quota, while slogan artists seem to be scattered thick on the rocky coast of New Brunswick and sea-girt Nova Scotia. The prairies are not very prolific in output, but like dim voices from the wild come entries from the scattered islands off the northern coast of B. C. Down south of the line, too, the ever-ready American has set his wits to work in Seattle, Tacoma and other near border cities.

Real human interest is found in a competitor who writes from a hospital for incurables, and the little lad of fourteen whose proud father sends in his contribution, which is of real merit. In that $100 first prize, or the $50 second prize, there may lie just that chance that some struggling body is waiting for, to lift him from the ruck into the place he should occupy in this world of ours.

At a preliminary meeting held to organize the South Hill Orchestral Society, Mr. John Norbury was appointed President, Rev. Mr. Eakin Vice-President, and Mr. J. Sinclair Secretary and Treasurer, with an Executive Committee.

Among holiday visitors to South Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. A. Tate, Miss M. McConnell and Mr. James Dick, of Victoria, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker.

NURSING HOSPITAL IN SOUTH VANCOUVER

A Long-felt Want Supplied

There has just opened at Twenty-eighth Avenue and Main Street a private hospital and nursing home, which will supply a long-felt want in that particular district. The proprietors are Miss Westley and Miss Hall, two thoroughly competent and qualified nurses, who are conducting the hospital on the most up-to-date hygienic principles. The bedrooms are supplied with the most modern furnishings, and the bedsteads have patent lifting pillow heads and every appliance to add to the comfort of the patient. In one of the upstairs rooms an operating table has been provided, where in case of emergency operations can be performed by a fully qualified surgeon, who would, of course, be called in. The close proximity of such a hospital to the main road, where cases of serious accident can be taken quickly, may mean the difference between life and death. Here cases can be treated just the same as in one of the large hospitals, with the additional advantage of more quiet and privacy, which is most essential "when pain and anguish wring the brow." Maternity cases are taken, and in all cases the charges are very moderate. Both the nurses have taken the necessary qualifications in London hospitals.

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How small the world is, after all! On Tuesday evening a gentleman was sitting in the editor's sanctum. The hour was late, and we were anxious to be off home. Nothing was heard but the click-click as the typewriter plied backwards and forwards. We were discussing the editorial. An inspiration had come over the editor. He was declaiming on the duties of the youth of Canada, and as he poured forth his oration he kept pounding at the machine. After a time he ceased, and whilst stopping to read what had been typed a knock came at the door. On a shout of "Come in!" a lady and gentleman entered and asked if there was a 'phone on the premises. On being answered in the affirmative, the gentleman explained that he was trying to locate a friend who had invited him and his wife to visit them that night. They had spent a long time in trying to locate their friends, but without avail, and were now on their way home. As I was interested in what was being written, I never turned to look at the strangers, but on hearing the voices, said: "From Glasgow?" The gentleman said: "Yes, and you are Mr. ———, of ———" Sometimes a surprise comes to us so suddenly that it almost seems to take our speech away. Such was the case on the present occasion. Four years ago I had attended an auction of a timber dealer's stock. All day long I had been buying, and the gentleman who was in the office was my chief competitor. We had had business relations extending back for many years, but that day both were anxious to procure as much of that special kind of mahogany as he could. In the afternoon I got a rather nice parcel knocked down to me, but my friend had made me pay a pretty fair price for it. After the auctioneer let the hammer fall, my friend came over and offered a certain profit to get the parcel. We laughed and chatted over the transaction.

At that time he was partner in as nice a factory as anyone could desire, clearing from $15,000 to $20,000 per annum, while I was also the possessor of another place, but not making profits like that.

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What changes the whirligig of time brings round—bad trade, keen competition, an unwillingness to part with old workmen, an over-accumulation of stock. The stage from a prosperous business to losing one is easily bridged. Had anyone told either of us that we were ever likely to give up our workshops for many years, or that we would come to locate in Vancouver, we would have termed them mad. What instinct, what chance or accident, should lead him to call at this office? To do so many minor things had to happen. By accident he became acquainted with his friends out here. A friend called to take him and his wife out, but he found he was going to be late, so asked his friend to go himself. The office should have been closed two hours before. On his journey in from Forty-second Street in looking for his friend at an earlier hour he would have found a dozen offices open. Strange how the unexpected often happens!

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We understand that Chief Jackson will shortly introduce a new bylaw calling upon all vehicles to carry lights after sunset. Motor car drivers and cyclists will welcome this news.

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In the cleaning up of Alexander Street it will be as well for the citizens of South Vancouver to keep their eyes open. Undoubtedly some of these undesirable characters will try to get a temporary location within the borders of this municipality.

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If the C. N. R. are able to come to terms with the city it will mean that work will be abundant this winter. As a result workmen will drift in from all quarters. There will be the usual number of parasites following up to prey upon them. This is where the danger arises. These fellows hang around the saloon bars all day and with an occasional visit to the pool rooms, always on the outlook to relieve someone of their hard-earned cash.

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Quite a number of different versions have appeared as to what demands the Council will make upon Vancouver before they lay the matter of annexation before the ratepayers, but we have no fear of what the people's reply will be, no matter how tempting the offer. South Vancouver will prefer to work out her own destiny.

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The warnings given by "The Chinook" in the past regarding annexation were amply borne out this week by the opinions expressed by some of the leading Vancouver merchants. South Vancouver may bid farewell to the development of the Fraser River if annexation takes place.

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There was quite a flutter around the hall on Saturday, pay checks being given out owing to Monday being Labor Day. It is surprising how the anticipation of a holiday brings out the smiling faces. Everyone seemed pleased and anxious to assist each other. In all probability there will be another holiday shortly when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught visits the city.

SCRUTATOR.

Large Appropriation for Road Work in South Vancouver

Board of Works Recommends an Expenditure of Nearly $30,000---New Plank Walks

At the Board of Works, on Wednesday, Engineer Clement recommended the grading of many road sections and putting down of plank walks, at a total cost of $29,047. With a few slight modifications, the report was adopted.

Knight Road Widening

Mr. J. M. Blackburn, Knight Road, appeared before the Board respecting a letter he had received from the Clerk asking him to give twenty-four feet of road frontage on Knight Road so as to enable the Council to carry out the widening of that thoroughfare.

Councillor Elliott said it was understood Mr. Blackburn would fall in line with other owners and give the land.

Mr. Blackburn said the land in question was too valuable to give away. It was pointed out to him that the widening of the road would improve his property, and he replied that if the Council wanted the land it would have to be expropriated. Unless the land was purchased he intended to stay right there. The grading of this road has already commenced, and this decision of Mr. Blackburn will prevent the road being of equal width throughout.

Commercial Drive

A letter was read calling attention to the proposed opening up of Commercial Drive, and a deputation asked when this would be completed. It was explained that the Council were waiting upon the B. C. E. Railway to carry out some work at the end of the Drive.

Tramway Extensions

Mr. George W. Conway, Acting General Manager of the B. C. E. Railway, wrote in reply to a letter from the Board making request for the extension of certain car lines in the municipality under the terms of the Tramway Franchise Agreement of June 10, 1909. The letter stated that the work would begin at the earliest possible moment and would include the extension of Victoria Drive line from its present terminus to Fifty-sixth Avenue, and from Fraser Avenue to River Road so soon as the fill-in on Fraser Avenue is in a proper condition to carry the tracks. Regarding the requested connection between Cedar Cotage and Westminster Road, the company would be unable to build that during the present year, but would do so next year.

The Clerk was instructed to write and thank the company for the letter and their prompt attention.

South Vancouver Municipal Council

Suggested Single Transportation System

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Thursday afternoon, all the members except Councillor Elliott, who was in Victoria, being present.

The First Instalment

Mr. C. Harrison, Secretary to the Board of Trade, wrote asking the Council for a cheque for $100, the first instalment of the $500 promised towards the cost of providing a harbor scheme on Fraser River. Mr. Harrison stated the money was required for preliminary expenses. A cheque was ordered to be drawn.

Single Transportation System

A letter was read from Mr. T. H. Cross, Secretary of the Kitsilano Improvement Association, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Association, which stated that the surrounding municipalities will be best served by a single transportation system, giving a uniform rate over such territory as may be described as Greater Vancouver. The resolution asked the Council to support the scheme, and a resolution was passed heartily endorsing the one passed at Kitsilano and expressed a hope that the important matter of transportation would be placed on a more satisfactory and permanent basis.

Business Hours at the Hall

The Council adopted the following resolution: "That all offices and wickets in the Municipal Hall be open to the public for business between the hours of 12 and 1, and that the various officials arrange their staffs so that the public can be waited on during this hour."

Rounding Up Dogs

The following resolution was carried without discussion: "That a horse be purchased for the Police Department, and that one of the old buggies be fitted up for this horse, the same to be used for rounding up dogs and other purposes of the Police Department."

Notices to School Physician

It was recommended that the Health Inspector procure form of notice to be used when notifying Dr. Hunter, School Physician, of cases of infectious disease in the municipality.

Prizes at the Show

The Council sent several horses to the show at Hastings Park, and Dr. Swinnerton now reported that all did well. The costs were $18.55. One horse took three prizes, and another one. The Reeve wanted to know what became of the prize money, and he was asked to enquire into the matter and report to the Council later.

NEW WESTMINSTER PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The day is drawing near now when all chance of winning the $100 offered by the New Westminster Progressive Association for the best slogan for their city will have gone forever. September 12 is the closing date, and the Secretary expects that there will be a big rush of entries at the very last moment.

Wide publicity has been given the competition, and slogans have been received from many far-distant points. Old England, six thousand miles away, has sent in its quota, while slogan artists seem to be scattered thick on the rocky coast of New Brunswick and sea-girt Nova Scotia. The prairies are not very prolific in output, but like dim voices from the wild come entries from the scattered islands off the northern coast of B. C. Down south of the line, too, the ever-ready American has set his wits to work in Seattle, Tacoma and other near border cities.

Real human interest is found in a competitor who writes from a hospital for incurables, and the little lad of fourteen whose proud father sends in his contribution, which is of real merit. In that $100 first prize, or the $50 second prize, there may lie just that chance that some struggling body is waiting for, to lift him from the ruck into the place he should occupy in this world of ours.

At a preliminary meeting held to organize the South Hill Orchestral Society, Mr. John Norbury was appointed President, Rev. Mr. Eakin Vice-President, and Mr. J. Sinclair Secretary and Treasurer, with an Executive Committee.

Among holiday visitors to South Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. A. Tate, Miss M. McConnell and Mr. James Dick, of Victoria, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker.

NURSING HOSPITAL IN SOUTH VANCOUVER

A Long-felt Want Supplied

There has just opened at Twenty-eighth Avenue and Main Street a private hospital and nursing home, which will supply a long-felt want in that particular district. The proprietors are Miss Westley and Miss Hall, two thoroughly competent and qualified nurses, who are conducting the hospital on the most up-to-date hygienic principles. The bedrooms are supplied with the most modern furnishings, and the bedsteads have patent lifting pillow heads and every appliance to add to the comfort of the patient. In one of the upstairs rooms an operating table has been provided, where in case of emergency operations can be performed by a fully qualified surgeon, who would, of course, be called in. The close proximity of such a hospital to the main road, where cases of serious accident can be taken quickly, may mean the difference between life and death. Here cases can be treated just the same as in one of the large hospitals, with the additional advantage of more quiet and privacy, which is most essential "when pain and anguish wring the brow." Maternity cases are taken, and in all cases the charges are very moderate. Both the nurses have taken the necessary qualifications in London hospitals.

A sad case of a family destitute came before the Health Committee on Wednesday. It was stated that a family of four were living near the corner of Twenty-seventh Avenue and Main Streets, all confined to their beds with sickness, with scarcely any food available. The Health Committee have taken the case up with a view to relieving the distress.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dick have returned to Victoria after a visit to their daughter, Mrs. H. Parker, Collingwood Road.

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Advice and How to Use It

"Don't eat that stuff," the doctor said,
"Or you will soon be with the dead."
But when the doctor had his say
The patient ate it anyway—
And he's living yet.

"Don't buy that run-down business, friend,
Or your career will shortly end."
Thus spoke the man who'd have his say;
The geezer went his headstrong way—
And now he's rich.

"You can't raise hay on such poor land;
You'll starve before you get a stand,"
Observed the neighbor on the right;
The farmer planted day and night—
He's hay king now.

"There's not one chance in ninety-nine
For you to strike a copper mine,"
Said the bent old man to the fresh young guy,
But the tenderfoot said he'd have a try—
Now he owns the State.

"They can't put you in jail for that,"
Exclaimed the lawyer, sleek and fat;
The man in prison groaned a groan,
And the lawyer man left him alone—
But he stayed in jail.

—Oregon Journal.

The first quarterly meeting of the South Vancouver Municipal Employees' Sick, Accident, and Dividend Society will be held on Monday, September 9, at the Municipal Hall, at 7.30 p.m. All members are respectfully requested to attend.

:-: PEN PICTURES :-:

W. A. POUND, Ex-Reeve of South Vancouver

Ex-Reeve W. A. Pound came to Vancouver twenty-three years ago. A year previous to that he had been in Victoria, where he commenced to learn his trade as a printer with the Victoria "Colonist." On coming to Vancouver he served two years with W. J. Trythall, afterwards going to the "News-Advertiser," and remaining with that paper until his trade was completed. Purchasing two and a fifth acres in South Vancouver in what was then known as Westminster Avenue, he came to reside in this municipality in the year 1893. As showing the difference of value of lots then as compared with prices today, we may state that for the two and a fifth acres he then purchased he paid only $700, a 25ft. lot of which would now bring five times the amount which he paid for the whole block. The tramway at this time only ran to 16th Avenue, and there were no stores beyond this point. South Vancouver had neither sidewalks nor roads.

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Mr. Pound was asked to go into the Council in 1904. He was elected by acclamation when Councillor Middler resigned. In the following year he was again elected by acclamation, but in the year 1906 he was defeated by two votes, when Councillor Middler once more returned to the Council. In 1907 and in 1908 he was once more elected to the Council, his opponent at this time being Dan Grimmett. In 1909 he first ran for the Reeveship against Reeve Rae and ex-Councillor Burgess, and was elected by a handsome majority. In the following year ex-Reeve Rae again ran unsuccessfully against Mr. Pound. In 1911 Mr. Thos. Dickie was his opponent. This was the closest fight for the Reeveship which Mr. Pound had had, but he again emerged as Reeve.

When first elected as Reeve there were no sidewalks in the municipality, there were few roads, and what roads there were, were only 22ft. wide. The contractors then had the liberty of throwing the brushwood on the boulevard or burning it, and naturally they left it on the boulevards. When water mains came to be laid a great deal of work was necessitated. The same applied to the sidewalks: it was almost a second clearing-up. At this time the population of South Vancouver was only about 4,600, as shown by the census taken by the assessor.

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While in office Mr. Pound was instrumental in the laying of 150 miles of sidewalk and also 150 miles of water mains. In the Municipal Hall there were only Mr. Peake and his assistant, Mr. Ferris, who composed the entire clerical staff. There was no police force at this time, there being only a call officer, so that Reeve Pound really installed the police force, together with the inspector, wiring inspector, plumbing inspector, health inspector, and he also inaugurated the police court. He also saw completed six miles of tramway, and was instrumental in the erection of the present Municipal Hall at a cost of nearly $8,000. During the whole tenure of his office he worked most harmoniously with the other members of the Council. Some of the Councillors were elected to oppose his policy, but as soon as they were initiated into the work they fell into line with the others, recognizing that every one of them was working for the best interests of the municipality.

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Undoubtedly ex-Reeve Pound is an optimist of the first order, always believing in the future possibilities of South Vancouver. He was ever ready and willing to launch forth any scheme that would help forward this municipality in its progress. His optimism and confidence in the future possibilities were infectious, and he seemed to imbue his Council with the same ideas that animated himself, so that they were always willing to lend their aid to any proposal that he brought forward. Being of a genial nature he was always easily approached, being held in the highest esteem by all the employees of the municipality, and last year it was with unfeigned feelings of regret that many learned of his intention to retire.

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Under existing conditions ex-Reeve Pound considers it futile for a man who has a private business to take up the office of Reeveship, the duties of which are so exacting as to require the whole time of any man offering himself for this position. He is of the opinion that a sufficient salary should be paid to the Reeve to make it possible for him to devote his entire time to the duties of the municipality. He is a strong incorporationist, believing that if his incorporation bill had been endorsed, the municipality would have been saved many millions of dollars by being able to purchase at that time public parks, fire hall sites, and ground for other public purposes at rates which were little more than a third of the present values. However, the people then thought best to turn the bill down, incorporation being defeated by only 18 votes. This was accomplished by a number of malcontents who the day previous to the voting scattered broadcast throughout the municipality small dodgers stating that if incorporation were passed, hotels and a segregated district would be the result. Seeing incorporation defeated, ex-Reeve Pound, always seeking to act in the best interests of South Vancouver, brought forward an annexation scheme which the government promptly turned down. Now, Mr. Pound considers that there is no way out of the difficulty other than by incorporation. South Vancouver must work out her own destiny. She must take advantage of the gifts Nature has bestowed upon her. Once she is incorporated she will be placed upon a basis which, when the time comes for annexation, will enable her to dictate her own terms with no uncertain voice. Asked as to his opinion of the present Council, ex-Reeve Pound stated that they had attempted too much work. The difficulties which beset them on taking office were so many for new men to tackle that they were almost insurmountable. Instead of grasping the whole of them at once they should have worked along in sections. He thinks they caused a feeling of dismay and apprehension to permeate through the entire staff of the municipal employees, which unsettled the latter from their work and kept them from giving of their best. He thinks the Council is anxious and painstaking to do its duty, and if given a fair show and a helping hand by the ratepayers, at the end of the year it will be able to hand over a record of its stewardship that will be gratifying to the whole of the municipality. Mr. Pound has no political ambitions, having purchased a partnership in the Barker Drug Company, and he is now content to enjoy the repose he has so well earned. When a historian comes to write up the story of South Vancouver, the work of ex-Reeve Pound will be brought prominently into the limelight as the first man that Nature had endowed with the optimistic faith of the possibilities of South Vancouver.

W. A. POUND

MARIE RICH
As the Aviatrix, with the Frank Rich Company at the Panama Theatre

LOCAL AND GENERAL NOTES
BY "QUIZ"

"The rain it raineth every day," was the complaint of the large number of men who had a holiday on Labor Day, and who hoped to enjoy a day in the parks. Rain fell in torrents on Saturday and Sunday, and throughout Sunday night on to Monday morning. Many roads in South Vancouver were flooded, and transportation was sufficiently uncomfortable to put holiday-seekers in a bad humor. On the ground that what cannot be cured must be endured, the majority bore their disappointments philosophically, and made the most of very depressing surroundings.

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A well-known South Vancouver minister was discussing with the writer of this column, the action of the city police in closing down certain houses in Alexander Street. He asked the question, "Which is the greater evil, to confine this particular traffic to one district, or to spread it over the city and adjoining municipalities?" It is very difficult to give a satisfactory answer, but it is a fact that whatever course is adopted, the penalty always falls upon the weaker sex. The majority of the unfortunates have been brought to their present lamentable position by men who deserve to be hounded from all decent society. While the woman is bandied from pillar to post, the men who really keep these places going are allowed to pursue their wicked course, without let or hindrance. It is said there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. Certain it is that the law in the particular cases referred to is blind to the most serious side of the evil.

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The local fire brigades should receive much encouragement from the remarks of the Reeve and Councillor Thomas at Saturday night's prize distribution. They have been trying to do impossible work with an inadequate equipment, and now they are assured that the matter shall have proper attention by the Council. Evil is sometimes wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart, and it would appear that many have been apt to criticise without thinking. In the past the brigade has done the best possible with the appliances to hand, and as Councillor Thomas said, there is the nucleus of one of the best brigades in British Columbia. In time the necessary equipment will be provided, but the boys of the brigade should remember that Rome was not built in a day.

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Councillor Thomas was bubbling over with humor at the brigade prize distribution on Saturday. He had dined at six wisely and well, and in handing the prizes to winners, cracked jokes which created roars of laughter. In a later speech he appeared to take exception to some criticism offered by "The Chinook," and pointing to the representative of that paper who was present, remarked, "That gentleman over there can do a great deal of good, or he can do a great deal of harm, but I hope he will keep his feet off the tails of my coat, anyway."

Councillor Thomas knows there is genius and power in persistence. It conquers all opposition; it gives confidence; it annihilates obstacles. Everybody believes in the determined man. People know that when he undertakes a thing the battle is half won, for his rule is to accomplish whatever he sets out to do. People know that it is useless to oppose a man who uses stumbling blocks as stepping stones; who does not know when he is defeated; who never, because of criticism or opposition, shrinks from his task.

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South Vancouver is progressing at such a pace as to render its school accommodations insufficient. The new two-roomed frame addition to the Sexsmith School, Sixty-first Avenue and Ontario Street, was opened on Tuesday, Monday being a holiday. This addition, which has just been completed, will relieve the congestion in that part of the municipality. Two experienced teachers have been placed in charge. Other schools are overcrowded.

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The autumn leaves are beginning to fall—a reminder that the summer has waned and that the sun is losing its power. This is the time when the year takes up its bright inheritance of golden fruit, and "pomp and pageant fill the splendid scene." The time of rest is at hand, and those who through the past summer have cultivated and reaped can now look on duties well performed and days well spent, and husband their resources until another season, and, when winter winds are piercing chill, sit over cheery fires, with the satisfaction of knowing that they have enough and to spare.

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Gum-chewing is a hurtful habit, and is not characteristic of refinement and good breeding. Real ladies, with a keen sense of modesty, do not chew gum on the streets or in the tramcars and trains. No man takes a deep delight in seeing a girl or woman smugging wax or rubber by the mouthful as she rides along in a street car, or while she is in church, or even at a theatre. The habit is costly and unhealthful. It is all right for saliva to flow at given and necessary times, but to keep it flowing by chewing mouthsful of gum is most hurtful. Besides, it is a hideous and unrefined habit.

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On Monday one of the strangest storms in the history of the municipality visited the district between Eighteenth and Twenty-eight Avenues. From Twenty-eighth Avenue to the North Arm of the Fraser scarcely any rain or hail fell during the day. About 11 a.m. hail fell between Eighteenth and Twenty-eighth Avenues, and the sidewalks were soon covered with a white sleet. Electrical discharges of some violence accompanied the storm, and several heavy claps of thunder were heard.

Fortnight's Payments Total $78,665.90

At a meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday morning, bills were passed for wages and payments amounting to $78,665.90, contracted during the past fortnight. The cost of roadwork in the respective wards was as follows: Ward I, $9017; Ward II, $5914.50; Ward III, $5787.70; Ward IV, $6669.45; and Ward V, $4035.95; making a total of $31,424.60. The remaining balance was for miscellaneous payments.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

THE USE OF WATER for lawns, gardens, streets and sidewalk sprinkling is strictly prohibited. Any persons violating this rule will subject themselves to having the water turned off and leave themselves liable to be charged with wilfully wasting the water supplied.

J. MULLETT,
Waterworks Superintendent

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

Health Department

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that tags for the collection of garbage can now be purchased from the health inspector, Municipal Hall, corner Fraser Street and Forty-third Avenue, as provided by the bylaw.

Box 1224, South Vancouver.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

TAXES 1912

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the tax notices for the above district have now been issued. Any ratepayers not having received their notices can obtain a copy by applying to the Collector, P. O. Drawer 1224, South Hill, B. C.

Kindly note that in order to obtain rebate, remittance must be in the office of the Collector on or before the 15th day of September.

CORPORATION OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

Licences

To Whom it May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE, that licences are now due by all hawkers, peddlers, express and draymen, doing business in South Vancouver.

Any hawker, peddler, express and drayman found doing business of this nature within the Municipality without a South Vancouver Licence will be prosecuted as provided by the Trades Licence Bylaw.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
Chief of Police.

Dated July 31, 1912.

CORPORATION OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OR OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

The Government Auditing Commissioner of the above-named Municipality will have his office open from 10 to 11 in the forenoon of each day (except days on which the Public Inquiry is being held) for the purpose of passing accounts; and any Ratepayer or Owner may be present and may make any objection to such accounts as are before the Auditor.

JAS. B. SPRINGFORD,
C. M. C.

CORPORATION OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT

NOTICE

The Commissioner appointed to investigate the matters relating to the management of the School affairs, as well as the management of the Municipal affairs of the Corporation of South Vancouver, will hold the second session of public inquiry at the hour of 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Hall, cor. 43rd Avenue and Fraser St., South Vancouver.

Any persons having knowledge of the affairs in question are requested to be present.

JAS. B. SPRINGFORD,
C. M. C.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

August 6, 1912

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Licence Commissioners of South Vancouver for a Bottle Licence on the premises situated on Lot H, Block 49, D. L. 36 and 51.

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True Story of Anderson Tax Case

Legislation Needed to Protect Districts---Delegation to Wait on Premier and Attorney-General

An important conference was held at the Municipal Hall on Friday afternoon last, attended by representatives from the surrounding districts, to discuss the position in the Anderson Tax Case. Representatives from North and South Vancouver and Point Grey were present.

The Reeve opened the proceedings by stating why the conference had been called.

Councillor Robinson read a resume of the Anderson case, which proved both interesting and valuable.

The resume read:

This is an action, as you are aware, brought by Mr. R. A. Anderson a year or two ago to set aside a tax sale held by the municipality of South Vancouver. The facts are briefly as follows: In 1892 C. O. Wickenden, of this city, gave a conveyance of an undivided half interest in D. L. 701 to R. A. Anderson, the other half interest being conveyed about the same time to Captain McLeod, former harbor master. These two conveyances were never registered. There were no taxes paid on the property by anyone for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897; and it will be borne in mind that the taxes before 1893 were payable to the Province of British Columbia, as South Vancouver was then an unorganized district. In the year 1898 Anderson and the other parties who were interested in the property were given the usual notice (so Martin, the former clerk, swears), when it was proposed that this property, among a number of others, be sold for taxes then in arrear. There were over a hundred parcels of property exposed for sale at this tax sale. Mr. Anderson did not redeem, nor did any person else come forward, and a conveyance in the usual form of tax deed was duly executed a year or two later to William Mashiter, the purchaser at the tax sale. Subsequently Mashiter, by a quit claim deed, transferred the whole of the twenty acres comprised in this District Lot to Mrs. Sarah Ralston, who in turn conveyed fifteen of the twenty acres to Dr. Fleming. Dr. Fleming is now dead, and his widow, Mary C. Fleming, my client, is the beneficiary under his will, and is entitled to Dr. Fleming's interest in the said land. Mr. Anderson brought his attack upon the proceedings in question in 1909, and the trial resulted in the tax sale being held by Mr. Justice Clement to be regular. This view of the proceedings was not disturbed by the Court of Appeal, but on Mr. Anderson taking the case to the Supreme Court of Canada, that body, by a decision of four judges to one, decided that the tax sale was null and void. The reason for this finding is that during the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898, the Municipal Council held its meetings at the City of Vancouver—that is, in another district than that where it had territorial jurisdiction. In 1893 an amendment was made to the Municipal Clauses Act giving the Council power to sit outside its territorial limits, upon the unanimous resolution of the Reeve and Councillors in that regard, on the ground of greater convenience to all concerned. If a resolution to this effect had been put upon the minutes, Mr. Anderson could not maintain his action at the present time. Unfortunately, however, no such resolution appears to have been passed, with the result that the last court before which this action was, holds that the Council had no jurisdiction to sit, and for those years in question no taxes were assessed, no taxes were due, and such being the case the Municipal Council did something that was absolutely unwarranted when it purported to sell for arrears of taxes. The proceedings taken to enforce these taxes were all taken from the City of Vancouver, and the sale itself was held in the City of Vancouver. If the sale had been held to have been irregular by the not doing of something prescribed by the Municipal Clauses Act, or the tax sale bylaw, then, perhaps, no person would be affected other than the particular persons interested in D. L. 701; but the sale has not been held to be irregular by way of being conducted with want of proper form in the proceeding itself or conditions precedent, but all the proceedings in the assessment, and the levy of taxes has been held to be absolutely null and void. This, of course, affects every tax sale that has been held in the municipality of South Vancouver when the taxes for which the land has been sold were levied during any of the years that the municipality had its office in the City of Vancouver, or did anything in connection with the assessment of taxes, the holding of the Court of Revision, or the conduct of the sale itself in Vancouver. There were over one hundred parcels of land exhibited for sale at this particular tax sale in 1898. Some of these, of course, were redeemed. Many of them, however, were not redeemed, and have been sold and resold and subdivided into lots, making hundreds of parcels which have been built upon at the present time. The officers of the municipality had no right to collect any moneys during those years if the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada holds. Many actions will undoubtedly be begun in respect of other properties that were sold at this tax sale and succeeding tax sales, and at the present time many people are waiting to see whether or not this finding of the Supreme Court of Canada will be appealed from.

The Result of No Appeal

Continuing, Councillor Robinson pointed out that if no appeal is lodged against the recent decision, the condition in South Vancouver will be a state of chaos to innocent people who have no control over the conditions that will doubtless prevail. The costs of appeal are considerable, and would cost probably $6,000. While the municipality is not a party to the action, continued Mr. Robinson, inasmuch as the Statute of Limitations limits the bringing of an action against a body corporate for one year from the time the cause of action arose, still the Municipal Council of South Vancouver would have the privilege of applying its funds in prosecuting the appeal, and should do so if it wishes to prevent multiplicity of actions and a greatly embarrassed position that the ratepayers of the municipality will come in contact with in attempting to deal with the lands that were ever the subject of tax sale proceedings during those years. There is no need, however, to dwell on the effect of the decision. You, the Councillors, are familiar with that from your workings in the Council at the present time. The question is rather one of ways and means. Mrs. Ralston is not in a position to carry the appeal any further. She is a poor woman. Mrs. Fleming is also not in a position to carry the matter through, especially as she feels that she would be fighting the battle of the municipality as a body and a great portion of the ratepayers in the district.

Councillor Campbell moved that a delegation be appointed from that meeting to wait upon the Attorney-General and the Premier of the Provincial Government with a stated case.

Mayor McNeish, of North Vancouver, stated that the decision did not affect North Vancouver, where there had been no sales; but still, he emphasized the necessity of framing some sort of legislation to protect municipalities from the result of such a decision as that rendered by the Privy Council, which he styled as unjust. He was present to assist to provide for future contingencies which might arise.

It was moved by Councillor Loughlin, Point Grey, seconded by Councillor Thomas, South Vancouver: "That South Vancouver arrange for a meeting with the government in connection with the safeguarding of property as regards tax sales held some years ago; also future tax sales; and that all municipalities interested appoint delegates to wait on the government in this connection; also that each municipality prepare data covering same, to present to the government."

There were present at the conference Reeve Kerr and all the members of the South Vancouver Council; Mayor McNeish, Aldermen Dick and Fraser, of North Vancouver; Councillor Loughlin, of Point Grey; Reeve Dick, of Mission; Mr. E. R. Smith, the purchaser from Mrs. Fleming of the property in dispute in the Anderson case, and his solicitor, Mr. A. A. Fraser, and several other persons interested in the subject.

Firemen's Sports: Finals and Prize Distribution

The finals in the Firemen's Sports were contested on the Municipal Ground, 43rd Avenue, on Saturday afternoon last, under somewhat unfavorable conditions. The recent heavy rains had rendered the ground soft, and some of the events were got through with difficulty.

The feature of the afternoon was a tug-of-war. No. 1 Fire Hall won the first heat, but the championship was taken from them in the final by No. 5. Competing against No. 4 Hall, the men from Collingwood won the first trial in four minutes, according to Chief of Police Jackson's watch, and the second in half that time. No. 5 Hall defeated No. 3 in less than a minute on both trials, and in the final won from No. 1 in about the same time. The winning team, with Fireman J. Klaasen as anchor man, included Captain Palmer, Assistant-captain P. Tripp, Foreman McCaig and Firemen Homer, McKay, Dwyer and H. Fraser.

Another event won by No. 5 Hall was the relay race, when Captain Palmer, Fireman McCaig and Fireman McKay defeated all comers in a course around the grounds.

In the making and breaking race good time was made, when Assistant-captain Albert Price coupled a nozzle and three lengths of hose and uncoupled them again in 55 2-5 seconds. Other winners were Fireman E. Thompson (No. 4 Hall) 56 1-5 seconds; and J. McCarthy (No. 3 Hall) 56 3-5 seconds.

A dressing and running race was won by Captain Palmer, with Fireman Conway second. The men had to run in stockinged feet on muddy ground.

In the third heat Fireman Martin Henderson, of No. 4 Hall, had raced from the supposititious fire hall, jumped into his rubber boots and coat, and started off to gather up the waiting length of hose. Everybody was surprised, however, to see him go off at a tangent and arrive at a point far to one side of the hose, an action which was explained by the fact that his helmet had slipped over his eyes, and he could not see where he was going.

The consolation race went to Firemen A. Tyrell, of No. 3, and B. Jenkins, of No. 4.

Distribution of Prizes

The prize distribution took place in the Municipal Hall on Saturday evening. The proceedings were throughout enthusiastic, and many a joke was made as the Reeve and Councillor Thomas handed the prizes to the winners.

Chief Wand said they had met to receive their rewards for hard work on the previous Saturday, and he would ask the Reeve and Councillor Thomas to award the prizes the men so well deserved.

Reeve Kerr said they all felt very satisfied with the way the sports went off on the previous Saturday. It was a case of hard-fought victories for those who won, and for those who lost it was "hard-fought losing." A very deep interest was taken in the various events, which helped to develop the competitors physically. Apart from the picnic, he would like to express his appreciation of the fire department of South Vancouver. He was afraid the ratepayers did not realize how good the fire department was, and there was a good deal of criticism going on as regarded the equipment of the brigade. When an inferior brigade, as regarded equipment, came up against a better equipped brigade, people were apt to throw out a sneer at the one which could not do as well as the other, but they ought to think what South Vancouver would be without a brigade at all. People should not criticise as they did, because be believed their men were as good as the men in the City brigade. The only difference was in the apparatus. They could not expect to have a brigade in two years equal to that in the City, which had been established 26 years. Two years ago they had no brigade at all, and how it happened that the municipality was not burnt out long ago he could not understand. He could not speak too highly of the action of the City brigade toward South Vancouver. They never lost time in getting to a South Vancouver fire, and never sent in any bill to the Council. Their service was gratuitous every time, and they could not say too much in appreciation of their help to South Vancouver. After all there were very few fires in South Vancouver, considering the conditions and the population.

The Council Were Criticised

because they did not do more to equip the fire halls, but up to this year it was a very hard proposition to raise money for the fire halls at all. This year they had ten per cent. of the assessed value, and the money market had been in a bad way. The year had passed without having secured for the fire halls that equipment they deserved and needed. When the last rate was struck the Council had intended to put by a little more money for fire equipment, but the $10,000 allotted was not sufficient. It was evident, therefore, that they could not buy fire-fighting apparatus this year. The Council, however, felt the necessity for it, and would make a strong recommendation to the next Council to prepare a proper fire apparatus during next year. It was clear that if annexation took place they could not get it under another year, and before that time he hoped to see the halls better equipped. He hoped the members of the fire department would get along amicably, as in the past. They, like the Council, gave their services for practically no remuneration, and in doing that work they were certain to be criticised. In conclusion, the Reeve said he was proud to see those present who had won prizes. It was a pleasure to watch them win, as well as to see others pluckily lose. (Applause.)

Councillor Thomas Looking Back

Councillor Thomas said he could remember when the only water supply at a fire hall had to be obtained from what was known as the village pump. He was delighted to be at Central Park the previous Saturday and witness the sports. It reminded him of the formation of the City brigade 26 years ago, and as the Reeve had said, South Vancouver must not expect to do in one year what the City had done in 26 years. Even now South Vancouver had the nucleus of a brigade second to none in British Columbia. (Applause.) It was the duty of the Council to give them the necessary equipment. He severely deprecated the criticism which, he said, was hurled at some of the men who gave their time and services free, and who risked their lives in the interests of the ratepayers. He concluded by congratulating the prize winners who had come out on top, and added that the brigade could not have any fault to find with the Reeve, who had done everything possible to assist them.

Fire Chief Wand in a short address to the men said he always endeavored to make it as pleasant as possible for them, and he much appreciated their attendance and services in the brigade. The Council had done him the honor of sending him to Los Angeles as a deputation to the conference, from which he hoped to bring back a report that would open the eyes of the Council and the brigade. He was not going on a whisky jaunt or a pleasure trip, but to do some real hard work.

Votes of thanks were proposed and carried to the donors of prizes, the Council and the Press, to which Reeve Kerr and Councillor Thomas replied for the Council, and Mr. L. L. Lawrence, of "The Chinook" for the Press. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

A Railway Wreck

He lies amid a railroad wreck,
In calm and smiling rest,
One stranded car against his neck,
The engine on his breast.

He sleeps the sleep that kens no care,
No haunting dream of dread;
He will not wake, like us, to share
In the fierce fight for bread.

Yet in his rare, celestial sleep,
If, as mayhap, he dreams,
The world of his enchantment deep
With fairy fancies teems.

Visions more strange than ever played
Pranks in a poet's brain
Without a shade of doubt pervade
His wondrous dream domain.

I cast on him on envious glance,
Amid that wreck serene.
His beauty and his calm enchance
The humor of the scene.

Humor amid a wreck to see?
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INCORPORATION

THOUGH the Council of South Vancouver is trying to revive a little animation in the dead carcass of annexation, men who have been close students of the local municipal situation know that even energetic, enthusiastic efforts towards resuscitation could scarcely be of any avail.

South Vancouver's whole future depends today not upon annexation, but upon the making of the place into a city.

Here are some of the benefits incorporation will bring us : Land values will remain firm, as in the past. Development of the North Arm of the Fraser may proceed, even in spite of opposition from Burrard Inlet. With the incorporation of South Vancouver all the financial houses of the city will be forced to open branches on Fraser Street, Main Street, Cedar Cottage or Collingwood. South Vancouver will represent something definite with incorporation.

Though South Vancouver has a larger area than Vancouver proper, she is today a mere adjunct of the city, and has not, with the average Vancouver man, any more individuality than Kitsilano or Hastings Townsite. But with incorporation she will be a city apart, with an individuality of her own, self-governing, taking her place in the forefront among the great cities of the great Dominion of Canada.

South Vancouver has a greater white population than any city in British Columbia save Vancouver.

THE TAX SALE MUDDLE

PROMPT action is demanded on the Anderson tax sale decision if the record of South Vancouver as a sound investment field is to be maintained. As a result of the finding of the Privy Council, the title to hundreds of parcels of land in South Vancouver is clouded, and without any immediate relief in sight its effect on the realty market in this municipality cannot but be received with alarm.

As matters now stand, representatives of South Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Point Grey, the three last-named municipalities being vitally interested in this decision, will wait on the Provincial Government in the hope that the Government at Victoria will pass remedial legislation clearing up certain technicalities, a neglect which led to the present litigation. Much depends upon the decision of the Provincial Government, which just now seems to hold the key to either immediately settle this tax sale muddle or allow it to drag on for years until each clouded title is individually disposed of.

To protect the interests of hundreds of householders and property owners in South Vancouver and in other municipalities where certain legal formalities were overlooked relief must be provided.

THE PANAMA AGREEMENT

PRESIDENT TAFT is very much in the limelight at present, and he is running the gauntlet of much criticism as a result of his signing the Panama Canal agreement. Doubtless the prospect of a presidential election, in which he will be required to fight for his life officially, has had something to do with the attitude taken by the president. But treaty obligations apart, it is difficult to see how President Taft could have done anything else than sign an agreement which gave no preference to British shipping. It is but a short time since Canada declared that she would have nothing to do with reciprocal trade with the United States, and that gave Uncle Sam a taste of a dish to which his palate has not had much opportunity of becoming accustomed. No one pretends that Canada's pronouncement on the question of reciprocity in trade has increased the cordiality of the relations between the two peoples. Treaty obligations set aside, the people of the United States, and the Government acting for the people, had a perfect right to impose any regulations they pleased with regard to the use of a canal constructed on American territory by American skill and with American money. To have extended preferential treatment to British ships would have been a graceful act, of course. There are many persons in Canada who believe that for Canada to have adopted the reciprocity proposals made by the States would have been a graceful act; but grace is not the first consideration in trade relations and arrangements. The United States has frequently shown that it does not consider that grace is essential to reciprocity in trade. President Taft, facing a presidential election with two strong candidates in the field against him, proves to the satisfaction of the people of the United States that he is not swayed by feelings of friendliness for Great Britain, and he construes a treaty, if not accurately, at least with care that the construction shall be popular in the States.

To have extended preferential treatment to British vessels would have been to deal a heavy blow at the earning power of the canal. The estimate may be accepted as safe and easy, that Great Britain owns forty per cent. of the merchant shipping of the world. It is estimated that the United States merchant shipping is only eight per cent. of the world's total. Possibly the canal, when opened, will stimulate American enterprise in shipping. That some stimulus is necessary is a fact that is recognized and deplored by many public men in the United States.

THE FUTURE OF THE FRASER

"OF what advantage will it be to Vancouver to have Canadian Northern shipping done on the Fraser River?" Such were the words of a prominent Vancouver merchant, Mr. T. A. Calland, in advocating recently, through the columns of a Vancouver daily, the proposal for the City to tie the Canadian Northern Railway down to doing all shipping through Burrard Inlet.

As the straw shows how the wind blows, so do the statements of the average big Vancouver merchant indicate the feeling in the city towards South Vancouver.

When the development of South Vancouver seems in any way to threaten the interests along Burrard Inlet, then must South Vancouver be sacrificed. The statements of such men as Mr. Calland are daily raising obstacles to the annexation movement. With such an attitude towards South Vancouver under present conditions, it is a question what treatment South Vancouver might receive if she were made an adjunct to the city proper.

If the Canadian Northern Railway were confronted with a plan to tie them to Burrard Inlet, it is not unlikely that the Canadian Northern Railway would refuse to carry further the negotiations regarding terminal facilities which have been undertaken.

Empire builders such as are the men behind the Canadian Northern Railway have vision enough to see the future of the Fraser River. In fact, news may be given out shortly in this connection which will be an astonishment to those who are watching the North Arm of the Fraser, and will warm the cockles of the hearts of those fortunate enough to hold property along what is destined to be a fresh-water harbor equal in importance to the sheltered depths of Burrard Inlet.

We are on the eve of great development in South Vancouver.

MAIN STREET'S ARRIVAL

SOME five years ago, when Main Street was but a corduroy wagon road from False Creek south, and a mere by-street from False Creek to Burrard Inlet, there were certain far-seeing men who declared that one day Main Street would be the chief business artery of the city. The judgment of these pioneers is today being vindicated.

At False Creek the Canadian Northern Railway proposes building a $2,000,000 passenger terminal. The Great Northern Railway is building a passenger depot at this point which will not likely take second place to that of the Canadian Transcontinental. Main Street, south of False Creek, will occupy the same position to those terminals as Granville Street occupies to the great transcontinental terminal on the waterfront of Burrard Inlet.

At the north end of Main Street are the wharves of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Five miles and a half south from that point Main Street runs into the broad fresh waters of the North Arm of the Fraser, the waterway upon widening and deepening which the Dominion of Canada is spending some $5,000,000.

Almost half way between Burrard Inlet and the North Arm—at Broadway— we find the builders just putting the finishing touches to a $200,000 business block. Buildings are at present in the course of erection at Eight, Ninth, and Eleventh Avenues, the aggregate value of which is well over the half million. It is even rumored that a great Eastern department store will build a Western branch store on a city block on Main Street somewhere in the Fairview district. The South Vancouver Council have definitely decided to pave the thoroughfare from Sixteenth Avenue out past Bodwell Road.

Less than ten years from now Main Street will be the chief business channel of the peninsula which it bisects. It will be the "White Way" of the great city that is even now in its infancy.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

GOD has blessed Vancouver in a score of ways. In the shape of the richest province in the Dominion, He has given her a mighty treasure chest to draw from; in her geographical location He has given her greater advantages than any other city in the Pacific. God has given Vancouver a beautiful climate and glorious scenery.

But God's gift to Vancouver, which is contributing more largely than any other in making this city one of the greatest of modern times, is His gift to Vancouver of men who are fighting men.

Vancouver bears the name of a fighting Englishman. A hundred years ago, the Fraser River was discovered by a fighting Highlander of the Hudson's Bay Company. The pioneers of the city were men who loved to fight, else they could not have chosen and could not have survived the hard conditions of the British Columbia frontier of forty years ago.

Vancouver today is the product of hard fighting. The raising up of every one of the scores of skyscrapers in the up-town section has turned at least one man's head white; every flourishing industry on the peninsula has taken its toll from the fighting man who was its inspiration and back-bone, and a big price has been paid in drops of blood for the prosperous mercantile institutions of the city.

And the prosperity of the city and its environs, the happy homes and large families, the good health of the community, the schools, the churches—all those things show that the men of Vancouver have fought and are fighting the Good Fight of Faith.

GET READY FOR THE CANAL

THE Hon. John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, said before leaving London that "it behooves shipping, commercial and manufacturing interests of the United States to get ready in a practical way for the opening of the Panama canal," and he added : "They are all doing it here, not only British and Germans, but also French, Belgians, Hollanders, Danes, Norwegians, and even Spaniards, Italians and Austrians."

It is a warning which comes straight home to Vancouver. This city must get ready for the canal; it must enter sharply into the colossal struggle for its share of the business which will follow the completion and opening of the great isthmian water-way; it must not permit its competitors on this coast to outstrip it; it must provide adequate port facilities; it must fight for aids to shipping; it must insist, actively and energetically insist, upon more efficient aids to navigation on the North Pacific coast, and we may as well now enter upon a consideration of all these things in their broadest meaning.

Of course Vancouver has not been unmindful of the new opportunities which will come with the opening of the canal; but why would it not be a good plan now to map out a comprehensive Panama canal policy and program for this city?

It is an important part of the immediate and compelling future of this metropolis, and we may as well realize it. Vancouver must be ready.

The next regular meeting of the South Vancouver Bank Robbers' Society will be held soon. Several important subjects will be debated, and it will be definitely decided whether the Collingwood Branch of the Bank of Vancouver or the South Hill branch of the Bank of Commerce offers the most attractive possibilities for the next raid.

Humorists

The race of professional humorists is divided into two classes, viz., the bores and the big bores, each of which is ten times more wearisome than the other.

O these bores, these dreadful, dreadful bores! To be compelled to sit and smile what time they smirkingly murder language, violate good taste, and outrage the sanctities of private feeling in their remorseless struggles to be amusing, is as grim and cruel a torture as any comprised within the refinements of civilisation.

The fact is that no man can be funny by trying. No man can be funny on purpose. Wit, satire, irony may be achieved; but no man can become funny unless he can't help it.

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I once had a dog, too, a long-drawn, impossible animal with wash-leather ears and immature legs, which was built on the same lines : though he was funny beyond the dreams of humorists he never suspected his natural advantages, and set up to be as demure as a cat, in which delusion he died.

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It may be laid down as a general principle that most people who are serious are very funny; and that all the men who set up to be comic are very terrible. For instance, what is more entertaining than the conversation of a Councillor? and what more dismal than the society of —— or ——?

Such being the case, it is evident that to find humor one should seek neither among the new schools of humorists nor the old, but in the schools of the young. The children, after all, bless 'em, are the noblest entertainers of them all. A baby squalling in the night has no idea of being amusing; and yet, rightly considered, what is more funny than the thought of some other fellow stalking up and down a wintry bedroom with a bawling twin under each arm and another yelling, perchance, from under the bed?

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This brings me to my subject : a few more additions to the recorded examples of juvenile humor. As, for instance, in a young lady's essay on Richard I.:

Richard the First, surnamed Coeur de Lion, meaning Lion-hearted, was a very powerful king. He obtained money in various ways for his Crusades, who travelled a great deal.

The same damsel announced that :

Wycliff's teaching became very well known, and was thought a great deal of, and no doubt it came in very useful and the people were very glad of it.

And also that :

The main principles of Cardinal Wolsey's foreign policy were the manners in which he attacked his enemies. In the siege of Quebec he ascended the mountains at dead of night, when his enemies were at rest, and took the town at daybreak. His home policy was conducted in a similar manner.

But the muddle produced in children's heads by the educational system of cramming with indiscriminate and useless knowledge is still better illustrated by the answers obtained to the question of "Who was Hampden?"

Thus :

(1) He was one of the Pilgrim Fathers.

(2) He was a blacksmith who killed a tax-collector for insulting his daughter.

(3) He figured very prominently in the reign of James the First. He refused to pay ship-money, and was tried by twelve bishops. He held fast to his own rights, and though he suffered the extreme penalty, he convinced the people that James was exacting too large a sum to enrich his own person.

Another example of the educational muddle is furnished in the statement that the chief battles of the English Civil War were "St. Alban's, Edgehill, Bunker's Hill, and Camperdown." The following answers illustrate the same tendency :

The food passes through your windpipe to the pores, and thus passes off your body by evaporation through a lot of little holes in the skin called capillaries.

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Things which are equal to each other are equal to anything else.

The two most famous volcanoes of Europe are Sodom and Gomorrah.

Columbus knew the earth was round because he balanced an egg on the table.

The blood is putrefied in the lungs by inspired air.

Titus was a Roman Emperor—supposed to have written the Epistle to the He brews; his other name was Oates.

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But best of all was the answer of the boy who was asked "What is a gentleman?"

"A fellow," answered the boy, "what has a watch and chain," and then, seeing from the expression in the teacher's eye that the answer was not quite orthodox, the prudent boy added, "and loves Jesus."

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By Mary Katherine Maule

Deauchamp raised his hawk face and piercing eyes from the papers on his desk as Morgan entered the room.

"The express train on the C. D. and K. was held up and robbed at three o'clock this morning," he announced without the formality of a greeting, "mail and express agents both killed. Want you to get right out on the case."

The man who stood quietly beside the desk flashed a quick look at the superintendent of the detective agency, and a faint color mounted into his dark, sallow face.

He was powerfully built, slightly above medium height, with dark hair, a trifle gray about the temples, and a keen, clear-cut face with strong jaws, and an expression of latent power in the calm features and quick-moving brown eyes.

For an instant he looked at the superintendent without speaking. Then he said quietly :

"C. D. and K. express train robbed, eh? What were the circumstances; How much did they get?"

The superintendent leaned back in his chair with a short laugh.

"Gad, but you're the cool one! Here I'm giving you a chance of a lifetime, and you never bat an eye. Heavens, man, the biggest railroad in the East has lost something over three hundred thousand dollars and two trusted employees. Do you realize what it'll mean to the man who can get back that money and run the perpetrators of the crime to earth?"

The color deepened on the thin, dark cheeks of the detective.

"Yes, I do realize it, captain," he said in a low, even voice that carried a subtle power in its quiet accents, "and I thank you for giving me the opportunity. You know it is not my way to talk."

"I know that, Morgan. You take yours out in work. That's the reason I am putting you on this case. There isn't another man on the force I'd trust with it except myself."

The detective stepped forward and grasped his chief's hand.

"Thank you, captain, I will try to be worthy of your confidence," he said briefly. "Now, tell me all about it."

He listened intently without comment as the other narrated the circumstances of the robbery. When the recital was concluded he sat in deep thought for a moment, then shook his head.

"I think you're on the wrong scent," he said decidedly. "I know the—that is, I know something of the work of the Patsy Phelan gang, and if what you tell me is correct, I don't think Phelan was in this job. I don't believe he has the nerve for it. It looks to me much more like the work of—" he paused, then went on quickly, "the work of another man."

The superintendent glanced up quickly.

"Suspect somebody?"

"I have something in my mind."

"That's good. I guess you're the man for the job, all right. I leave the whole business in your hands."

Half an hour later Morgan, in the disguise of a young Bowery tough, hurried out into the dusk of the gathering night.

At the corner of the street he stopped and looked longingly at an up-town car, then stepped quickly into a drug-store and called up a number in the west Nineties. As he emerged again into the night he turned up the collar of his coat and pulled the shabby derby hat he wore low over his face. Then with swift steps he bent his way toward that part of the city where the night birds of ill omen gather as darkness falls, quitting the holes and lairs that had sheltered them during the light of day.

In a low groggery in Pell Street he slouched up to the bar, and, ordering a glass of whisky, engaged the bartender in conversation. Later he retired to a table in a corner, where, over a stein of beer and a plate of wienerwurst, he appeared to fall asleep.

So sound was his slumber, with his hat pulled low over his eyes, that the entrance of two strangers did not arouse him. He slept on, uttering an occasional snore and slipping lower and lower in his chair, until his head at last rested on his arms on the table.

It was near midnight when the men at the adjoining table brought their whispered conversation to a close and left the saloon. Ten minutes afterward Morgan left the saloon also, and under the faded derby hat his eyes were shining.

Dawn was beginning to gleam palely in the east when he let himself into his own apartment. As his key rattled in the lock a quick, light step sounded within, and the door was thrown open by a pretty, girlish-looking little woman in a blue kimona, with long, fair braids down her back.

"Oh, Arthur, I am so glad!" she cried as she kissed him. "How late you are, or rather how early, for it is morning."

"I know, girlie, it was hard to stay away from you so long. I hate to miss one of our beautiful home evenings. You can hardly realize all those evenings mean to me, I, who never knew the joys of home until I got you. But it couldn't be helped this time, dear; it was business that kept me, big business; fine business. Come in and let me tell you all about it."

And even as he drew her arm through his she saw the exultation in his eyes.

"What is it, dear?" she asked breathlessly. "A new case?"

"Yes, the biggest one that has been put into my hands yet. Why, girl, if this works out all right, our future is assured. Come into the library and let me tell you about it."

Daylight was shining in at the windows before he had finished telling her his plans.

"But now you must run away to bed," he broke off suddenly; "morning is come and you have scarcely slept all night. I must try to snatch a wink myself, for this is likely to be a pretty strenuous day for me."

As he led her to the door she stopped suddenly and turned back.

"Oh, I almost forgot," she exclaimed. "There is a letter for you. A man brought it this afternoon."

She crossed the room and took from the mantel-shelf a dirty, dog-eared envelope.

"It isn't a very attractive looking letter, is it?" she laughed as she handed it to him. "And such a queer looking man brought it. He was a little man, not much bigger than I am, with thin legs and a hollow chest and big yellow freckles on a pale, pasty-looking face."

She laughed as she put the letter in his hand, a little gurgling laugh of sheer happiness. But her husband did not hear her. He stood motionless, his eyes fixed upon the crabbed, illiterate superscription, while every vestige of color drained slowly out of his face. Suddenly becoming aware that her eyes were upon him, he looked up with a start.

"Oh—yes, I see; thank you, Dorothy," he said in a low, strained voice. "Good night, dear." Taking her hand he led her to the door, then closed it quickly behind her.

For an instant he stood rigid, motionless, the letter clasped in his hand. Then slowly tore open the envelope.

The message it contained was not a long one. It consisted of but four lines. They read :

"All right for you. I haven't forgotten you. I've done my bit, and now you'll get yours, and don't you forget it." In a lower corner of the paper was written, "I'll be out tomorrow," and was signed "The Twinkler."

The detective's face whitened ashily as he read, and set itself in rigid lines. The words were not new to him.

Five times in the past five years messages like the one in his hand had come to him. Five times—and always when life seemed at its best and brightest for him.

He knew the man who wrote the lines—knew him intimately. And he knew that the threat that the letter contained was not an idle one.

He walked slowly to the mantel, and resting his elbow upon it let his eyes travel lingeringly about the room.

It was a charming room, bearing in its cheery, firelit atmosphere the indefinable sense of home. A grand piano stood in one corner, with a litter of music upon it and a duet arranged for a soprano and baritone voice open upon the music-rack. A book-case filled with well-used volumes occupied the opposite wall, and close beside him stood a low sewing-chair and a work-basket, upon which lay a baby's half-finished dress, and upon the table lay an open book—the book they were reading together—a little lace-bordered handkerchief marking the page.

As his eyes travelled from one object to another a shudder shook him. On the great Russian bearskin in the flickering light of the wood fire lay a ball and a woolly lamb, and at a little distance a baby's tiny shoe. As he stood gazing down upon them his lips quivered and his face twitched spasmodically. Stooping, he raised the little shoe in his hand, and returning to the table threw out his arms upon it and dropped his head upon them with a deep, hollow groan.

The clock ticked through many minutes. Suddenly he raised his head and sat erect. What was it Dorothy had said about the man who brought the letter? He had not listened then, now it was coming back to him. Small and slight—hollow-chested—pale—big yellow freckles upon a pasty face. He struck his knee with his clenched fist. Many things were coming clear to him now.

He sprang to his feet and began to pace the floor.

"Oh, for another day—just another day!" he half-whispered through close-locked teeth. "To think that it should come now—now—when the chance to prove myself is just before me! When another day—a few hours more—would give me a reputation—establish me—make them independent for life!"

He groaned aloud and dropped his face in his hands, then raising it suddenly, looked at his watch.

"Perhaps there is time—perhaps there is time yet—" he whispered with parched lips. And throwing on his coat and hat rushed out of the house.

Two hours later he returned. His face was seamed and lined and he looked years older, but there was an expression of indomitable purpose in his eyes.

His wife met him at the door with eager face.

"I've got 'em, little girl," he said hoarsely, with a tense, strained note in his voice that she had never heard before. "I've got 'em run to earth. I know where they are—or, rather, where they will be a few hours from now—and where the loot is hidden. If I have time—if I get the chance—that is, if all goes well," he hastily corrected himself, "I'll have the nippers on the whole gang before night."

"Good, good!" she cried, clapping her hands, with shining eyes. "I knew you'd do it, dear! Where are they? How are you going to take them? Can you tell me, Arthur?"

Morgan looked at her and hesitated. He was a close-mouthed man by nature, and his life had made him secretive. He had never confided his plan for the capture of a criminal to any living creature before; but as he gazed into her eyes something stronger than himself urged him on. Swiftly he stooped to her ear and whispered.

She listened with eyes wide and face intent and eager. Once she interrupted him to ask :

"But how do you know which floor?" And again : "Repeat that street and number."

When he had done she remained silent, her eyes still fixed upon his face.

"But—it is a terrible risk you will run, Arthur," she said, after a little interval. "They might kill you—it will be taking your life in your hands—"

"What of that? There are things that are ten thousand times harder to a man than death. If I succeed, think of what it will mean to you and the boy. If I fail—"

They both started as a loud knock sounded on the door.

Morgan's hands fell from his wife's shoulders, and his face blanched. With a motion to her to go to the door, he hurried into his study.

As the door opened, he turned and faced it steadily. Dorothy, followed by a strange man, entered the room.

"A gentleman who says he has an engagement with you, dear," she announced in her soft, girlish voice; then, throwing him a smile behind the back of the visitor, slipped out, and quietly closed the door.

The stranger advanced slowly. He was short and stocky, with a broad, coarse face of a peculiar yellowish white, a snub nose, and eyes set close together that snapped and twinkled unpleasantly.

As he drew near the straight, immovable figure of the detective, he paused.

"Well, Arty," he greeted, "ye see I'm here. How are ye?"

"Pretty well, Twinkler; how's yourself?"

The Twinkler twisted his cap in his hands and looked about him.

"Got them messages of mine, did ye?"

"Yes, I got them."

"Pretty swell crib you got here, ain't it? Nice missus, an' kid, too, eh? Kinda gettin' up in th' world since th' days when you used to be my pal, an' th' cleverest cracksman in th' bunch, ain't ye? They tells me you're gettin' along fine; counted one of th' sharpest detectives on th' force."

An almost imperceptible quiver passed over Morgan's face. Fixing the wandering gaze of the Twinkler with his dark, compelling eyes, he said in a low, incisive tone :

"I saw Moxey last night."

The Twinkler started slightly, then fastened his pale, twinkling eyes on the other's face with a shrewd, hard gaze.

"He's sure got his nerve to come here the way he did," Morgan continued. "I'm dead on to him. I know why he was in this part of the country the night before last. It's only fair to tell you that I have been put on the case. I mean to run that gang down. I've got 'em spotted, and I'll have Moxey arrested before morning."

"No, you won't."

Morgan raised his eyebrows coolly.

"I won't, eh? And what's to prevent me?"

"I am."

"You?"

"Yes, me!" shouted the Twinkler, breathing heavily. "Look here, Mr. Arty the Artful, Mr. Arty the Fox, I'm here to fix you. I've done my bit, and now you're going to get yours. I ain't forgot the way you done me—an' me your pal so long. It was a dirty trick—"

"Now, look here, Twinkler," interrupted Morgan quietly, "listen to me. Be just, can't you? Just think a bit. What else could I do? I was put on the job to see that you fellows didn't start anything. I gave you all a fair warning when I went into the service to look out for me. I told you I had quit the old life, and was on the job to make good, and that if I caught you I'd go after you hard. I warned you all to take the tip and keep out of the way. Some of the fellows did; but you, Twinkler—"

"I didn't. No, that's right, I didn't. I thought I could trust my old pal; but I found out I couldn't. You went after me the same as if I'd been a stranger—you got me pinched and sent me over the road for five years, and—"

"I didn't want to get you sent up, Twinkler; it hurt me to do it—honest it did. But I had my whole life to build over, and they gave me the chance to get into a square living and—well, I just simply had to make good on the job. You know—" Morgan stopped abruptly. He would make no appeal to this man.

The Twinkler twisted his cap and scowled darkly.

"All that don't make no difference to me," he growled. "You done me, an' now you're out to do my best friend. But ye won't do it. I'll blow ye off the earth first. And I can; you know that; I can blow this here grand reputation of yours into smithereens dead easy with just 'a few things I have to tell. I can blow you off to your little missus in yonder, and spoil your chances with her; I can—"

All the life in Morgan's face seemed concentrated in the fire of his eyes.

"Yes, you can," he said in a low, intense voice. "You can do all that, and more—but you can't stop me from getting Moxey. You can noise it around who I am—or, rather, who I used to be. You can let my wife know that the man she loves—the father of her child—was once a criminal. You can destroy the respect of our friends and neighbors for me; you can ruin my prospects, blast my future, deprive my boy of the good name I have worked so hard to build up for him. You can take my work, my hope, my reputation from me; you can cast me down into the mire from which I have climbed; but what good will all that do you?"

Something in the quiet voice, the compelling eyes, the indomitable force of the man, overawed the Twinkler. The furious red died out of his face, and he seemed to consider.

"In spite of everything, I always did kind of admire you, Arty," he said presently. "You was always such a smart cuss. Now, look here; I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll keep mum about what I know about you and never give you away to no one if you'll promise to drop this here express robbery business."

Morgan's keen gaze flashed into the other's face.

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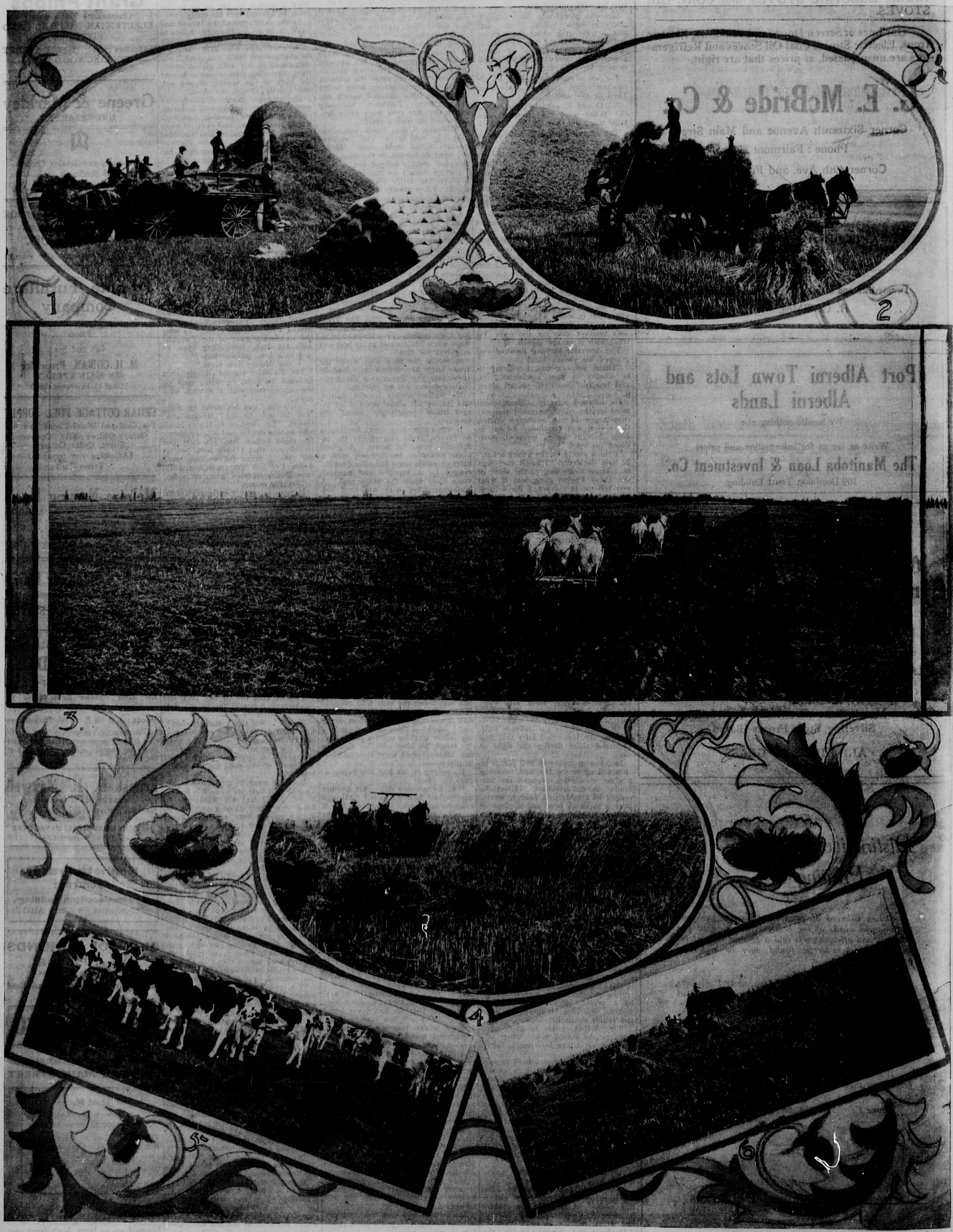

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For the past six months there has been walking about the streets of Vancouver a man who is in every way eminently qualified to hold any position in the engineering world. He is an Englishman. Likewise he is a qualified engineer. Yet he has been here for the time mentioned, and so far has been unable to obtain a position in his own line of business. Why? He had an interview with us one day this week, and attributed the blame to the Canadians. Is that right? Fortunately for him he is not altogether dispossessed of this world's wealth. Withal he is not a rich man, and he cannot hold out much longer. But his position opens up a question that has often been discussed. What is the reason why so many men come out here and fail to make good? Here is a man who held a foremost job in England—who was a top-dog in the profession to which he belonged, and yet, strange to say, he is completely out of it here. Again why? In the six months he has worked exactly six days, and has been able to keep the wolf from the door, and no more. Is there not something in the statement that he is an Englishman?

The trouble is that many people from the Motherland do not adapt themselves to conditions here. They have an idea that they can show the Canadians a bit and to spare, but they are not long before they find out their mistake. They then take a few tips and acknowledge their mistake. But there are times when the admission comes too late. Take this case in point. In the Old Country he was a distinct success. In the new country he is a distinct failure. Is it his fault or the fault of the country? Is there anything in the atmosphere that prevents a man from across the Atlantic making good? Immigration agents state that everybody can make a living here. Can they? In his haste King David of Biblical times made use of a remark which impeached the veracity of the males of the human race. In his haste he said that, "Had he taken time for consideration, would he have held the same opinion?" Beyond question he would, so far as immigration agents are concerned. They are responsible for many a failure here. The pictures have been too glowing. All the engineers in England, Scotland, and Ireland are not wanted here. There are enough and to spare, with a vengeance.

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What is the idea of the Duke of Sutherland bringing out a crowd of farmers from Britain to settle in Canada? Everyone knows that in the United Kingdom the tenant farmer system has been tried and found wanting. Paradoxically, as a failure it has been a distinct success. Surely everyone who has resided in lands beyond the seas knows that the days of landlord and tenant are over, so far as farms are concerned. Why, then, should the Duke or any other person, no matter to what station of life he belongs, try to introduce a system that has proved a signal failure? There is enough and to spare of land in Canada, and yet here we are in the twentieth century permitting the adoption of a system in a country that cannot find people to whom to dispose of the land, which will mean the introduction of what has been looked upon as feudalism and that has nothing to commend it. The wonder is that in this enlightened age there should be allowed a style of landlordism that has long since, comparatively speaking, become obsolete. If Canada is to remain a free man's country, then in heaven's name keep out the feudal system. Failing that, the last state of the country will become worse than the first.

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Keir Hardie is coming to the West. If anyone does not know who Keir Hardie is, let him consult Hansard, and he will soon be enlightened as to the individuality of the man who is a character in the English Parliament and in English political and labor life. We have had labor leaders here from the Old Country within the past few months. Now we are to have more. The last who were here made a beeline for home when certain rumors arose as to their deposition from office. Will Keir Hardie do the same thing? It is not unlikely. Anyhow, he is coming out to British Columbia, and there is a possibility that his visit will synchronise with the opening of the campaign of the I. W. W.'s, who made such a hash of things last winter when they cost the city more than they were worth, all put together. Will there be a repetition this winter? It lies with the powers that be to see that none of the disgraceful scenes that characterized Sundays of the winter of 1911 are to the fore in the coming winter. What brings Keir Hardie out here when his position is threatened as leader, or one of the leaders, of the Labor party in the English House of Commons? Is it that he sees his power waning? Has he an eye on the leadership of the two socialists who form the Opposition in the Provincial Parliament in Victoria? One wonders. But the solid bed-rock fact remains that he is coming, and we may be on the lookout for blood and fire when he drops on two feet out of the train at the C. P. R. depot.

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"Were you in that?"

"No, thank heaven! My hands are clean of that, anyway. I wasn't out when it happened."

"Then why do you want me to drop it?"

The Twinkler looked at him keenly and seemed to ponder. "You say you know who done it," he said, after a moment's thought. "Maybe you don't, an' maybe you do; I'm not sayin'. But I'll just give you this little tip, anyhow. If Moxey the Mutt gets cinched on that, I'll blow your record to all th' world, s'help me mighty."

Morgan turned and walked to the door.

"I told you I'd left the crooked life behind me and meant to play square for the rest of my days. I'd rather you put a bullet through my heart this minute than that my wife—the little girl that has helped to make a man of me, and whom I love better than my own life, should know what I used to be. But I learned what it means to—have a conscience—to be an honest man—and I won't go back on it. Moxey the Mutt will be arrested before morning. If you don't like that, do your worst. Ruin me if you will—tell my wife if you want to—but at that, she'd rather I'd be a cracksman than a coward."

For an instant the Twinkler glared at him.

"And you mean to go after Moxey in spite of—"

"In spite of everything. Now, get out of here. I know their plans; I know where he is; and I'll have the loot, and the nippers on Mox before midnight."

"Well, you won't!" roared the Twinkler, and with a spring like a panther he pulled a knife from his breast and sprang upon the detective.

Always on the alert for any surprise, Morgan leaped back with a swift sidewise spring and avoided the stab of the knife. At the same instant he grappled with the Twinkler, and the two came heavily to the floor. As they fell, Morgan's leg struck the railing of the desk, and the Twinkler came down with all his weight upon it. He heard it crack, and an agonizing pain shot through it, then in the struggle he forgot it.

Although Morgan was the taller and heavier man, the Twinkler was as wiry and agile as a monkey, and the detective had hard work to protect himself against the flashing knife that continually jabbed about him, until he got hold of the hand that held it and bent the wrist over the leg of a chair until the knife dropped from the hand.

Three times he stopped the efforts of his adversary in the efforts to get a loaded gun from his pocket. His own was in the drawer of his desk ten feet away. In their struggles the two men rolled about, first one on top and then the other until, as Morgan tried to raise himself to strike a knock-out blow, he heard a harsh, grating sound, then an agonizing pain, and his grasp relaxed, his head swam, and a blackness as of a bottomless pit encompassed him.

As he fell back white and motionless, the Twinkler struggled to his feet. He looked down upon the still figure, and wiped the blood from a cut on his cheek.

"I warned him that when I'd done my bit he'd get his," he muttered; "and I guess he's got it good an' plenty. Now I must beat it, an' tell Mox to make his getaway quick." Pausing to glance stealthily about the room, to listen, and to peer cautiously out into the hall, he slipped through the door like a shadow, and a moment later was in the street.

As the door closed behind him, Morgan stirred and groaned. Opening his eyes he stared about him, then with a hoarse yell tried to drag himself to his feet. Again and again he tried, wildly, desperately, but he could not stir. Grinding his teeth in impotent fury, he rolled over upon his face, and inch by inch, while the sweat of agony poured down his face, he wormed his way toward the door.

"Dorothy!" he shouted. "Dorothy—help, help, help!" and reaching a cane pounded with it upon the panels.

An instant later he heard the sound of running feet, the door was dashed open, and Dorothy, white as paper, with the baby in her arms, rushed in.

"Arthur!" she screamed. "Arthur—heavens! what is it? What has happened to you? I heard—"

"Quick—never mind me—he's gone—stop him—stop him! He'll warn them—they'll get away—my leg is broken—I can't stir—run—quick—stop him—" and striving to say more he fell back in a faint.

With a sharp cry the woman threw the baby on the couch and bent over him. In an instant her quick eyes saw his condition. She wet his face and hair with water, poured a little liquor between his lips, and slipped a cushion beneath the broken limb. As she did so, his coat fell back and she saw a long, legal looking document in his pocket.

Instantly the significance of his words and his agitation were made clear to her.

The paper was a warrant for the arrest of Moxey the Mutt. And that other man—the one who had just been there—who had done this—he was in some way connected with it! He had gone—gone to warn them, perhaps! Her husband had gasped out to stop him—

She sprang to her feet, then stooping, took from his breast his silver shield and rushed from the room.

She ran to the telephone and called up their family doctor.

"Mr. Morgan is badly hurt," she panted when the voice at the other end responded to her wild "hallo." "Come quick, bring a nurse with you. No one will be here—key with the janitor—I've got to go out—business—Mr. Morgan. Hurry, hurry!"

Then calling up the detective agency, she called commandingly :

"Yes, this is Morgan, yes, Morgan. Send two men to —— Pell Street so as to reach there in twenty minutes. Got the gang cornered. Have two good men there to meet me when I come. Remember the signal's arranged on."

Then cutting off the voice that evidently wished further information

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CENTRAL PARK EXHIBITION

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Central Park Agricultural Association and Farmers' Institute, held in the Agricultural Hall, final arrangements were made for the big exhibition to be held on September 12 and 13 next. All the committees reported that the different departments would be well filled, and in all probability it would be necessary to build another big addition to house the poultry, although they had just finished a large addition to the present building. It was also decided to give two prizes for exhibits from the different Women's Institutes—$10 first prize and $5 second, as well as a first prize of $1.50, second $1, third 50c, and fourth of 25c for best canary exhibited. It is expected that some fine birds will be shown in this class.

The directors have also arranged to have a small railway in operation for the amusement of the children and grown-ups. On Friday afternoon children will be admitted free to the buildings. The official opening will be held on Thursday evening, September 12, at 8 p.m. An orchestra will be in attendance afternoon and evening during the exhibition. Refreshments will be served on the grounds.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENING

With the decline of baseball in consequence of the rapid approach of the autumn weather, football and thoughts of the gridiron are once more assuming their accustomed places in the hearts of fans and the athletes themselves. At a meeting of enthusiasts in No. 1 Fire Hall, East Collingwood, last Friday evening, a new team designated as the "Collingwood Rangers" came into existence, the avowed object of the club being to place Collingwood on the map as a football locality.

The new team will enter the South Vancouver Association Football League along with three or four other teams from Hillcrest, South Hill and the River Road.

ATHLETICS AT THE COLLINGWOOD INSTITUTE

Varied Programme Pleases Fine Crowd of Friends of the Place

Chet McIntyre, who on Saturday night last met Pat Connolly in a wrestling match, paid a visit to Collingwood the previous evening with some of "the boys." Mr. W. H. Kent presided over as pleasant a little gathering as ever assembled in the Collingwood Institute and Bursill Library. There were some capital music, some good songs contributed by Messrs. Hawkes, Chapman and Pierce, and some really excellent boxing. Mr. Chet McIntyre and his party had a most cordial reception and they proved a clever lot. Mr. W. H. Kent, in thanking the visitors, hoped that there would be several athletic gatherings at Collingwood, as there could be nothing better for the youth than to cultivate "a sound mind in a sound body." He knew that arrangements were being made to make the Institute very busy during the coming season, and he hoped that it would merit every support.

Dangerous Blasting

While blasting was proceeding on a new road in Collingwood West on Thursday last week, a large stone was blown through the roof of Mr. William Karr's conservatory, doing considerable damage.

Mr. J. Scott is about to open up new butcher shops in the new Forman block, at East Collingwood, and in the new Hickman block, Earls Road. Good progress is being made on both these buildings, which will be completed shortly.

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Mr. J. D. Fraser, grocer, of Collingwood East, owing to the increase in his business has extended his store.

"A penny for your thoughts," chirped the young lady.

"Well, I've had worse offers from publishers," responded the poet.

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with "No time for argument, never mind the voice, this is Morgan, I tell you; you'll have to answer to the chief if you don't take instructions and do as I tell you. Have the men there in twenty minutes and don't stop to argue."

As she hurried down the street she saw a vacant taxicab standing in front of the drug-store. Beckoning the chauffeur, she sprang into the vehicle, pushing a bill into the man's hand.

"Drive like mad," she ordered; "never mind speed regulations. I'll protect you on that," and flashed before his astonished eyes the silver shield.

As the cab dashed through the next block she suddenly ordered it to stop, and as it slowed down, leaped out and ran to the side of the policeman on beat.

"Gallagher," she panted, "I want you to come with me, quick, now, in this cab."

The policeman stared at her.

"Why, bless me sowl, if it ain't little Mis' Morgan! An' what are ye doin' here, ma'am, at this time o' night—"

"Don't talk, Gallagher, don't stop to ask questions, we haven't time. Tell you all later. Just come with me—please, quick—quick—or it may be too late!"

The man stared at her.

"But I can't, ma'am, I can't leave me beat—"

"Never mind your beat. This is official business. Mr. Morgan will make it all right with the department. There is big work on hand, Gallagher; it will be a feather in your cap, such a chance as you have never had before. I need your help; come, you must go with me."

And Gallagher, not proof against the pleading voice and face, nor against the curiosity that her manner excited, and the hint of big game that her words conveyed, jumped into the cab beside her and they dashed away. As the taxicab sped through the brilliantly-lighted streets she told him of their destination, and the object of the chase, while the officer gaped at her with open mouth and eyes.

"Moxey?" he almost shouted, "what, Moxey the Mutt? Good Lord, was he at the head of the gang that robbed that train? Why, he hasn't been out more than a week at most. He's been servin' his bit up in Sing Sing. At his old tricks, eh? Well, well, and Mr. Morgan's on to him! Say, it will mean something to him to land the chap that pulled off that trick. Where is he now? Will he join us up yonder?"

Little Mrs. Morgan shook her head and he saw the tears flash in her eyes.

"He is lying on the floor of our apartment unconscious, and with a broken leg, unable to move."

"With a broken leg, is it? And what did that?"

"I don't know. There was a man there—he must have attacked him. There was a fight, I know. I think it was in some way connected with this."

"Oh, dear; oh, dear," murmured the sympathetic Gallagher, "now isn't that too bad at all! What a pity he can't take the Mutt himself. It sure would be a great thing for Morgan to get back that three hundred thousand dollars for the railroad and capture Moxey the Mutt."

"Morgan will get back the three hundred thousand dollars for the railroad and capture Moxey the Mutt," she said with a ring of quiet determination in her voice that made the officer turn and stare at her through the dark. "That is what we are here for tonight."

Twice as the taxicab dashed through the crowded streets, officers of the traffic-squad tried to stop it. Twice the silver shield flashed in the window; once a voice spoke low through the dark :

"Let us pass, Dawson," it said hurriedly, "it's all right, official business. Don't stop me for heaven's sake—going to arrest a man—may be too late." And the taxicab dashed on into the night.

As it drew nearer the lower, more crowded quarter of the city, the small figure in the taxicab sat erect, the handle of a revolver clasped close in a steady little hand. When they turned at last into the dirty, narrow thoroughfare which was its destination, she signalled the driver to go more slowly, and with her face pressed close to the glass, peered out into the gloom.

Before a ramshackle four-storey tenement-house a wagon was standing, and as the vehicle approached two men came down the stairs, carrying a small trunk between them. As they stepped up to the wagon with it the woman leaped to the pavement, and the steel barrel of the revolver flashed in the dull light of the street lamps..

"Put down that trunk! Throw up your hands!" she commanded. She turned to her companion and said : "Officer, arrest those men."

With the words Gallagher leaped out of the cab, and at the same instant she sounded a single low whistle. From the shadow of a building on the opposite side of the street, two plain-clothes policemen leaped out. She uttered a word or two, flashed the silver shield before their eyes, and a moment later the men who had been carrying out the trunk were handcuffed together, and with the trunk were bundled into the taxicab and the faithful Gallagher left on guard.

With the two officers behind her, she crept noiselessly up the dark, dirty stairs. At a door on the fourth floor at the end of a hall they paused and listened. All was as still as death. Trembling like an aspen-leaf, she bent to the keyhole and gave a low call, like the hooting of a screech owl, then a long, low whistle, a sharp, shrill one, ending with a cat-call.

For an instant there was silence, then the door opened a crack and a face peered out. Instantly the two policemen threw their weight against the door and forced their way into the room. As they did so, a short, stocky man with a snub nose, and a pale, hollow-chested individual, whose sallow, pasty face was adorned with large yellow freckles, who were holding a whispered conversation near the window, whirled about and reached for their guns.

"Throw up your hands," commanded the officers, "we've got the drop on you!"

"Who peached?" exclaimed the freckle-faced man.

"Morgan's wife!" gasped the other, staring with goggling eyes both at and behind her.

"There he is, that's Moxey the Mutt, take him!" she commanded, indicating the freckle-faced man with pointing finger. "Take him, men, and get him down to headquarters as quick as you can. And listen," she cried, drawing her slight figure to its full height with flashing eyes, "be sure you make it plain that it was Morgan —Morgan—that recovered the money and captured him." Then, turning upon the other, she went on swiftly :

"As for you, I know who you are, too. You are the Twinkler. I know what you have tried to do, but you can never do it. You can never ruin my husband now. No—" He tried to interrupt her. "I don't want to hear what you have to say, I don't want to hear anything from you. Anything my husband wants me to know he will tell me himself.

"Now go. We will not hold you; our men will not stop you. But listen—never cross our path again, or it will be bad for you. Let him pass, men; he had nothing to do with this matter."

Stepping aside, she stood silently watching him as the Twinkler, baffled and crestfallen, slunk out into the night—The Scrap Book.

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Empress Theatre

The Empress Theatre is launched on what seems to be a repetition of the brilliant success that has been the portion of this theatre under the present management, and the past two weeks, since the regular season was inaugurated, has witnessed a succession of crowded houses. "The Lights o' London," the present week's offering, is a magnificent presentation of a famous English drama written by Wilson Barrett and Geo. R. Sims. Fourteen scenes of elaborate beauty are required to tell the story, and the Thames Embankment, showing Cleopatra's Needle and the Lions, is so true to life that one would imagine himself to be actually at the spot. The company, numbering the old favorites, are all better, if possible, than in former seasons.

Next week there will be given a fine production of that well-known and popular play, "The Virginian," dramatized from the novel of the same name by Owen Wister. As a picture of life in Wyoming at a period when the cowboys and ranchmen held sway, "The Virginian" stands at the head of plays of its class. The many well-known incidents in the book have been embodied in the drama. Charles Ayres, Isabelle Fletcher, W. T. Henderson, Meta Marsky, Harold Nelson, Mary Stevens, Chauncey Southern, Louis von Weithoff, T. B. Loftus, Ashley Cooper, Emily Curr, Frank McQuarrie and all the other members of the company will appear. The scenery will be a special feature, and several realistic stage sets of western localities will be shown.

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Avenue Theatre

At the popular East End playhouse this week the Lawrence Players are adding to their already deserved reputation by their fine presentation of Chas. Hoyt's famous satire on woman suffrage, entitled "A Contented Woman."

Packed houses have greeted it for the entire week thus far, and it is confidently recommended as one of the very best things done by Mr. Lawrence and his associates since they came to the Avenue. As a laugh-producer and dispeller of the blues it cannot be beaten, and it is splendidly acted by every one in the unusually long cast. There is enough fun in that fourth act to supply a dozen ordinary plays, and the entire performance, in fact, is a scream.

For the next week, commencing Monday evening, September 9, Messrs. Lawrence and Sandusky announce a splendid production of that great romance of the western hills, "Nevada." It is full of the spirit of the mountains and the mines in the earlier days and the men and the women of the frontier mining camps. The story has a powerful heart interest; the action is spirited, and the interest is sustained and cumulative to the very last curtain. The comedy element is not omitted, and is unrestrained and natural. All the favorites of the company will have important parts, including, of course, Mr. Lawrence and Miss Beyers, and no pains or expense will be spared in the production. Get the Avenue habit.

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Orpheum Theatre

The grand fall opening of Sullivan & Considine will be inaugurated during the week of September 9 by the appearance of the musical comedy, "A Night on a Roof Garden," with Ruby Lusby and Willie Dunlay as the featured players, supported by a chorus of fifteen people. The act is the largest ever sent over the circuit except Karno's "Night in an English Music Hall." There are beautiful costumes, pretty girls and numerous songs and ensembles.

After an absence of several months, Thomas Potter Dunne, the dialect songster, will be seen at the Orpheum this week.

Harry Brooks, well-known legitimate player, will be seen in a rare bit of character work in "The Old Minstrel Man," supported by Katherine Clinton and Thos. Carroll.

O'Rourke and O'Rourke are a pair of dancers who will furnish a gingery bit of shuffling.

Musette, a dainty and versatile young lady with a highly pleasing personality, will play the violin and dance.

Mme. Busse will offer a poodle show that is worth seeing.

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Pantages Theatre

An act which possesses both merit and novelty, and deservedly brought down the house, is Child's Musical Hawaiians at the Pantages this week. There are half a dozen or more of these soft-voiced singers from the sunny island, including a pretty, dark-eyed native girl who does a Hawaiian dance in addition to singing.

Norbert Miles, Ned Burton and Miss Marion Ford put on a tabloid musical comedy all by themselves, and do it very well.

The Orpheus Comedy Four were almost a riot, and their mere appearance was certainly an excuse to laugh.

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Very pretty work is done by the five Juggling Jewells, who put a number of Indian clubs through some amazing and pretty evolutions.

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Panama Theatre

At the Panama Theatre this week the Frank Rich Company in "The Land of Tomorrow" prove to the packed houses that the very flattering press notices they have received along the line were well merited, as they are the best popular priced musical comedy company that has ever played in Vancouver. Their programmes are composed of up-to-date musical numbers well rendered, pleasing comedy, which with the prettily-costumed chorus and special scenery and electrical effects make an entertainment a person should not miss if he wants to spend an enjoyable evening.

This company is giving a class of shows that are entirely new in the city, and the new theatre for the whole family is already pronounced a huge success.

The bill for next week will be "The Merry Widow(ers)."

META MARSKY
Talented actress appearing with the Sanford Players at the Empress Theatre

STRAY DOGS AND HOW TO CATCH THEM

The difficulty of detaining stray dogs which are arrested by the police in the municipality was discussed at the meeting of the Police Committee on Wednesday evening, when Chief Jackson said he could capture four or five hundred animals in a day or two. Reeve Kerr said they did not want four or five hundred dogs around the Municipal Hall. If caught, what could they do with them? The Chief said they had to keep them a certain time, and if not owned they would be destroyed. The matter was left in the hands of the police.

Magistrate McArthur on Tuesday morning received a welcome addition to his law books from the Municipal Clerk's office, comprising three volumes of the revised statutes of British Columbia, for use in the Magistrate's room. There were no cases for hearing on Tuesday, following Labor Day. This, for a large municipality like South Vancouver, is very satisfactory.

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THE HOUSE WHERE EVERYBODY GOES — OF EXITS
Orpheum
DIRECTION SULLIVAN & CONSIDINE
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"A NIGHT ON A ROOF GARDEN"
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LACROSSE
Vancouver vs. New Westminster--1912
VANCOUVER HOME GAME
September 14.

An Eloquent Plea for a Dollar

Mr. Shirley, of Main Street, put in an eloquent plea for the return of a dollar and $5 costs to the Health Committee on Wednesday, which he paid under a conviction by Magistrate McArthur for refusing to remove garbage from his premises, which Mr. Shirley declared was deposited there by the municipal workmen. It was stated that when the assistant health officer, Plemming, had instituted steps for its removal, Mr. Shirley promised to pay the cost, but afterwards made various excuses and insulted the official. At Wednesday's meeting Mr. Shirley repeated the statements made on several previous occasions and threw all the onus of the proceedings upon the Health Department.

The Council decided that they could not act in the capacity of an appeal court, and Mr. Shirley went away disconsolate.

The Week's Building Permits

During the week ended Wednesday, September 4, the number of building permits issued at the Inspector's office was 55, representing a total value of $34,400. This is a little above the average of the corresponding holiday week of last year. Since January last the number of permits issued has shown a steady increase.

:: CHURCH NOTICES ::

Church officers are invited to send in for free publication under this head such announcements as they desire to have made of services and meetings for the current week. To ensure insertion on Friday, notices should be received at this office by Wednesday evening.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Corner 26th Avenue and Sophia Street (one block east of Main) : Minister, Rev. George D. Ireland, B.A. Residence, 275 Twenty-third Avenue East. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The Minister will preside at both services. Sunday School and Bible class, conducted by the Minister, at 2.30. Wednesday Service at 8 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E., Monday, 8 p.m. Ladies' Aid Society, third Thursday of the month, at 2.30 p.m.. President, Mrs. James Esslemont; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. John Mouat.

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Knox Presbyterian Church, Carleton Hall, Collingwood : Services : Sunday morning, 11.30; evening, 7.30; Sunday School, 10.30 a.m.; Young People's Guild after Evening Service. Minister : Rev. Geo. C. F. Pringle. Residence : School Road.

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St. David's Presbyterian Church, Winser Street, near Bodwell Road : Service at 11 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 2.30 p.m.; Evening Service at 7.30. Services will be taken

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Methodist Church, Westminster Road, Collingwood : Services : Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; evening, 7.30; Sunday School, 2.30. Epworth League, Monday, 8 p.m.. Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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St. Peter's Church, Main Street : Services : Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; evening, 7.30. Sunday School, 2.45. Holy Baptism, 4 p.m.; Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m. Vicar : Rev. G. F. C. Caffin, M.A. Residence, 144 39th Avenue West.

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South Hill Baptist Church: Fraser Avenue. Services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School, 3 p.m. Pastor, Rev. W. H. Redman. Residence, 523 Fifty-third Avenue East.

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St. Margaret's Church, Agnes Road, Cedar Cottage : Services : Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7.30. Holy Communion : First Sunday in month, 11 a.m.; third Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; Vicar Rev. Wm. Bell, M.A., Churchwardens, Messrs. C Williams and F. W. Tucker. Organist and choirmaster, A. R. Pearson.

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Ferris Road Methodist Church, 51st Avenue, one block west of Fraser : Sabbath services : 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Sabbath School and Adult Bible Class, 2.30 p.m.; Teacher, Bible Class, the Pastor. Epworth League, Monday, 8 p.m., Mr. Frank Harford, president. Prayer Services, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Choir practice, Friday, 8 p.m.; Choir leader, Mr. T. Coltart. Ladies' Aid meets first Wednesday in every month, Mrs. John Pye, president.

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Gospel Hall, Gartley Road, Cedar Cottage : Services : 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 8 p.m. All invited.

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Cedar Cottage Hall, Baptist Church Services : Sunday 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Bible Class, 2.30 p.m.

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Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church : Services : 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; S.S.E. Bible Class, 2.30. Pastor J. C. Madill.

The Mountain View Methodist Epworth League invite you to visit them next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Church, corner 28th Avenue and Sophia Street, one block east of Main. Good speaker; interesting subject; bright music; hearty welcome. Prayer and Song Service beginning at 7.45 p.m.

"Springridge" Lodge No. 69, International Order of Good Templars, held its usual weekly meeting on Friday, August 30, in the Cedar Cottage Hall, Victoria Road, with the Chief Templar, Bro. M. A. Timms, in the chair. Bro. E. Ronyard, G.E.S., was a visitor, together with several officers of one of the city lodges. After the routine business, including the admission ceremony, was gone through, the Lodge Paper was read, after which the meeting was adjourned.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

The large additions and pump houses being erected adjacent to the standpipes and waterworks system at South Hill are nearing completion and will be ready for use about the middle of the month.

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The cartage business of Mr. E. Simmons, 30th Avenue, has been sold to Mr. Joe. Brooks, of the City, who will transfer the plant to his city business. Mr. Simmons is going to the Prairies next month, and will probably return later with a load of heavy teams.

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Owing to the stoppage of a drain on Westminster Road, where the roadway is being graded, the basement of Messrs. H. Eldridge & Co.'s drug store, at the corner of Knight Street and Westminster Road, was on Thursday night flooded with water to a depth of three feet. No damage was done to stock.

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The sawmill owned by Mr. Harry Day on the River Road, near Ontario Street, is running at full capacity, and the heavy demand for the output is being chiefly satisfied in the municipality, where building is just now very active. Mr. Day's mill has just recently been moved from the Ferris Road and is entirely reconstructed throughout.

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As an expression of appreciation of the good work done this year by the present Board of School Trustees in South Vancouver, the Central Executive Ratepayers' Association has unanimously resolved to arrange for a complimentary dinner to be given to the chairman and members of the Board. The following committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements : Messrs W. B. Russell, O. L. Charlton, T. J. Fitch, W. W. Hilton, George Greenslade, J. C. Hudson, S. J. Jackson, W. E. Houlder, and C. W. Feast.

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List of sales by C. Street as follows:

T. W. Mitchell, 4205 Sophia Street, household effects, on Saturday, September 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. John A. Holden, 4225 Sophia Street, Saturday, September 7, at 4 p.m.

Mr. E. Vaughan, 4412 Walden Street, Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.

SOUTH VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Report of Special Meeting of the South Vancouver Municipal Council.

Year 1912
(Councillor Robinson absent)
South Vancouver, B. C.,
August 28, 1912

Re Indemnity Bylaw 1912

1. Elliott—Campbell : That Indemnity Bylaw 1912 be read a first and second time. Carried.

2. Elliott—Campbell : That the rules be suspended, and the Indemnity Bylaw 1912 be read a third time. Carried.

Re Bylaw to Close Lane Running Through South Hill School Site

3. Third—Campbell : That Bylaw to close lane running through South Hill School site be read a first and second time. Carried.

4. Campbell—Third : That rules be suspended and Bylaw to close lane running through South Hill School site be read a third time. Carried.

Re Survey of Fraser Street

5. Thomas — Campbell : That Messsrs. Cleveland and Cameron be instructed to complete survey of Fraser Street as soon as possible. Carried.

Re Permanent Pavement Westminster Road, Main Street and Fraser Street

6. Campbell—Elliott : That the clerk be authorized to serve notice on the B. C. Electric Railway Company regarding intentions of Council re permanent pavement on Westminster Road, Main Street and Fraser Street. Carried.

Re Building Bylaw Amendment No 6

7. Elliott—Third : That Building Bylaw Amendment No. 6 be read a third time. Carried.

Certified correct,
JAS. B. SPRINGFORD,
C. M. C.

:: PERSONAL MENTION ::

Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox, of Revelstoke, are visiting Mrs. Knox's sister, Mrs. A. R. Hanscome, Collingwood West.

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Dr. Murphy was on Wednesday granted a week's leave of absence by the Municipal Council. He is going on a fishing trip.

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Mrs. Patterson, of Sault Ste. Marie, arrived here last week, and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. D. Pettigrew, corner 25th Avenue and Main Street.

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A quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Arthur Charles Gray, Victoria, on Tuesday, August 27, at 4 p.m., when Miss Ellen Florence Gray and John Alfred King, of South Vancouver, were united in matrimony. The Rev. George D. Ireland, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, South Vancouver, officiated at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. King will reside in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Beatty, of Central Park, have left for Saskatchewan, where Mr. Beatty will look after his interests in the prairie province. They will be the guests of friends in Glen Ewen, Sask., where they formerly resided. Mr. Beatty was one of the pioneers of Saskatchewan, but since coming to Vancouver he is so impressed with the advantages of this city and province, particularly as to climate and outlook for the future, that his present trip to the East is largely for the purpose of interesting men with capital in Vancouver and the surrounding district. Mr. Beatty is a real booster for Vancouver, and looks forward to explaining conditions as they are in this province to those less closely in touch with them. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty will be absent for about two months.

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Mrs. E. D. Taylor was the hostess at a smart luncheon at her home on the River Road, in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Rose (nee Taylor), who recently returned from their honeymoon trip, and who are leaving shortly for points in the interior. Covers were laid for eight at a very attractive table. Deep red dahlias were used to decorate the table, and the ices and confections were in the same color scheme. The hostess was wearing a graceful gown of Croyden blue silk with touches of cream lace. During the morning her guests were given an automobile trip through the suburban districts. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Dr. Eva Taylor, who acted as bridesmaid at her sister's wedding, and Miss Sybil Tanner, of Guelph, Ont.

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Mr. E. H. Turnbull, a prominent London financier, who has been in Vancouver for several days, has purchased $50,000 worth of property in South Vancouver, and is negotiating for additional property in Burnaby. The land was acquired on behalf of various British corporations, of which he is the directing head. These companies include the Canadian Townsites Ltd., the Western Canada Town Lots Ltd., and the Canadian Realty Company Ltd., with a total capitalization of $1,200,000. Mr. Turnbull, who is a Canadian by birth, is chairman of the two last-named corporations. Mr. Turnbull will probably make further investments here and in Victoria before returning to London. One of his companies has acquired a 640-acre subdivision at Regina, valued at present selling prices at $1,500,000. Mr. Turnbull is at the Hotel Vancouver.

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The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alcock, Central Park, was the scene of an interesting wedding on August 28, when their daughter, Gertrude, was united in wedlock by Rev. T. R. Peacock to Thomas Todrick, barrister, of Vancouver, son of ex-Councillor J. B. Todrick and Mrs. Todrick, Battison Road. The ceremony was performed under a shady bower on the lawn, and was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives. The bride, attired in duchesse satin, wearing a long veil and orange blossoms, carried a bouquet of carnations and ferns, and was attended by Miss Ethel Hosker, of New Westminster, charmingly dressed in pale blue muslin and carrying a shower bouquet of carnations. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. J. A. Todrick. After luncheon the guests repaired to the drawing-room, where the numerous presents were admired. The happy couple, accompanied by many friends, took autos for the Victoria boat. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Todrick will reside in their new bungalow on Nelson Avenue, East Collingwood.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, South Vancouver Branch

Mrs. Dickie, of the South Vancouver Order of Nurses, attended Thursday's meeting of the Municipal Council and submitted a report of the work done since the opening three weeks ago. Eighteen cases had been treated, and there had been no deaths. Two nurses were employed, and $63.47 had been taken in fees. The total cost of management up to date was $116.50.

Reeve Kerr said the ladies were to be congratulated upon the success that has so far attended their efforts. The Health Department came in close contact with the work, and appreciated their work very much. The Reeve promised to use his best efforts to get the telephone installed in the home at once.

A very successful whist drive and dance were held last Thursday night at Staple's Hall, Fraser Avenue, for the purpose of raising funds in aid of the proposed new Roman Catholic Church in the South Hill district.

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The Greater Vancouver CHINOOK

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South Vancouver's Annexation Terms

What this Municipality Asks from Vancouver to Make Annexation Possible: The Complete Terms

No Added Taxation: South Vancouver Asks for Five Millions: Other Stringent Demands

On Friday evening a surprise was sprung upon the municipality at a meeting of Ward I, held at Collingwood, when Councillor Robinson gave out the full details of the terms upon which South Vancouver Municipal Council will consent to annexation with the City. The terms asked are $5,000,000, with no added taxation, and certain other stringent conditions, which are fully set out below.

1. The expenditure of the sum of $5,000,000 within the present limits of South Vancouver during the fiscal years of 1913 and 1914, above expenditure to cover approximately the following items:

Park Sites	$ 450,000
Fire Hall Sites	50,000
Hospital and Site	150,000
Roads	2,000,000
Sidewalks	200,000
Sewerage	1,500,000
Water System	400,000
Contingencies	250,000
Total	$5,000,000

2. Representation on the basis of ten to sixteen, namely ten Aldermen for South Vancouver to present City representation of sixteen Aldermen.

3. The continuance of present South Vancouver assessment for a period of two years, maximum millage not to exceed 15 mills on improved land and 25 mills on wild land, or a proportionate reduction of assessment to meet increased millage according to Vancouver assessment so as to obviate any drastic change in taxation for a period of at least two years.

4. The Council of the City of Vancouver to pledge themselves to use their best endeavors to secure the following:

(a) Consolidated Tram Franchise.
(b) Uniform rates for electricity, both power and lighting, throughout Greater Vancouver.
(c) Uniform telephone charges throughout Greater Vancouver.
(d) Increased Postal Delivery.

(Greater Vancouver in this connection means Vancouver and South Vancouver combined).

5. The annexation of South Vancouver by the City will bring within the limits of the City four and a half miles of waterfrontage on the Fraser River. The addition of this freshwater harbor to Vancouver's present harbor possibilities will place the City in a unique position from a harbor standpoint. The efforts put forth by the municipalities bordering on the North Arm of the Fraser have resulted in the assurance that the Dominion Government will in the near future commence a scheme of development on this waterway, making it accessible to a large amount of shipping, and the municipalities interested are at present pressing for the establishment of a Harbor Commission to carry out and control a scheme of development on this waterway. The Council of the City of Vancouver are hereby requested to pledge themselves to preserve an aggressive policy of harbor improvement throughout Greater Vancouver, this policy to include the improvement of the North Arm of the Fraser and the establishment of harbor facilities therein. It is also agreed that the street ends on the river shall not be alienated, but used exclusively for public purposes.

6. The continued employment of the present Municipal Office and School Board Staffs where possible.

7. The retention of present teaching staff of the South Vancouver Schools.

8. The procuring of a joint cemetery for the City and adjoining municipalities, and the closing of present cemetery with the object of removal in future.

DATA FOR THE INFORMATION OF CITY MEMBERS

Area, 14.5 square miles
Total acreage, 9,200.
Population, 35,000 (estimated). Based on installation of water services, 5 persons to family.

Debt—

Total loan on debenture debt, including 1912 loans	$4,716,881.35	
Less two-thirds of $85,000 Point Grey share 1907 Division Act	56,666.66	
		$4,660,214.69
20 per cent. on total assessment $38,995,285.44		$7,799,057.08
Existing debt $4,660,214.69, less school $1,002,644.00		3,657,570.69
Present borrowing power		$4,141,486.39
Estimated increase in value of improvements in two years		$7,500,000.00

Assessment 1912—

Wild land	$ 7,084,435.00	
Improved land	26,174,830.00	
Value on improvements	5,736,020.24	
Total		$38,995,285.24
Estimated money required for general rate		$212,196.20
Ditto Loans		153,657.81
Ditto School		120,731.15
Total		$486,585.16

Millage—

Wild land 22½ mills	$159,399.78
Improved land 12½ mills	327,185.38
Total	$486,585.16

Improved land—

General	$4.25
Loan	4.62
School	3.63
	12.50

Wild land

General	$14.25
Loan	4.62
School	3.63
	22.50

Schools—

School capital assets as at Dec. 31, 1911	$994,100.00
School Loan Bylaw No. 3, 1911. Unexpended bal.	162,922.00
Ditto No. 4	113,402.82
Loan Bylaw 5, 1912. Total $450,000.00 Expended to July 31	$135,332.52
Balance	$314,667.48

Number of Schools in use	13
Number of schools under construction	4
Number of school sites reserved	4
Principals and teachers	105

Taxes outstanding as at Dec. 31, 1911

1900 to 1909	$ 3921.70
1910	18,072.23
1911	109,104.72
	$131,098.74

Collected 1900 to 1909	
To March 29, 1912	$ 412.50
1910 Ditto	2,591.62
1911 Ditto	16,075.98
From March 30 to August 29, not yet distributed	42,829.75

Position of Wards as to Cleared and Graded Roads; also Sidewalks laid

Ward I—Approximately half the roads cleared and graded. No lanes cleared. Sidewalks small portion laid. Roughly, $180,000 unexpended to July 31.

Ward II—Engineer's estimate accepted to clear all streets this year. Approximate cost $22,061. Work nearly all done. Two-third sidewalks laid. Engineer's estimate on lanes $37,000.00. Small portion done. Amount $708.05. Roughly $147,000 unexpended July 31.

Ward III—Approximately all roads cleared and graded. Approximately one-third lanes cleared and graded. Approximately all sidewalks laid. Roughly $155,000 unexpended July 31.

Ward IV—Approximately all roads cleared and graded. Approximately all lanes cleared and graded. Approximately all sidewalks laid. Roughly $179,000 unexpended July 31.

Ward V—Approximately one-half the roads cleared and graded. No lanes cleared and graded. One-third sidewalks laid. Roughly $107,000 unexpended July 31. No cement sidewalks in the municipality.

Position of Bylaws—

Road Bylaw No. 4, unexpended balance	$ 9,668.93
Road Bylaw No. 6, unexpended balance	145,727.90
Road Bylaw No. 7, unexpended balance	575,077.41
Sidewalks Bylaw, No. 4, unexpended	79,333.92
Total unexpended	$809,808.16

Waterworks—

Services installed, 6268. Pipe laid 6in. and 4in. 166¾ miles. Bylaw No. 3 1912, $325,000. Unexpended balance	$181,408.20
Revenue to July 31,	$41,555.78
Less to Vancouver City Waterworks	16,985.98
Total	$24,569.80
Maintenance and installing services to July 31	$57,730.90
Office salaries	2,800.00
Total	$60,530.90

DEPARTMENTAL

Plumbing Department—

Permits issued at first of year to July 31	927
Fixtures inspected	7896
Septic tanks	791
Cash received to July 31	$1,638.40

Wiring—

Permits issued January 1 to July 31	1875
Inspections	2100
Final certificates	1031
Cash received to July 31	$2,118.37

Building: From November 1911 to August 30, 1912—

Permits issued	2076
Value	$2,308,301
Fees to July 31	$3,095.73

Passed by the South Vancouver Municipal Council this fifth day of September, 1912.

(Signed) J. A. KERR, Reeve.
JAS. B. SPRINGFORD, C.M.C.

We understand that Chief Jackson will shortly introduce a new bylaw calling upon all vehicles to carry lights after sunset. Motor car drivers and cyclists will welcome this news.

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In the cleaning up of Alexander Street it will be as well for the citizens of South Vancouver to keep their eyes open. Undoubtedly some of these undesirable characters will try to get a temporary location within the borders of this municipality.

The warnings given by "The Chinook" in the past regarding annexation were amply borne out this week by the opinions expressed by some of the leading Vancouver merchants. South Vancouver may bid farewell to the development of the Fraser River if annexation takes place.

Among holiday visitors to South Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. A. Tate, Miss M. McConnell and Mr. James Dick, of Victoria, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker.

Large Appropriation for Road Work in South Vancouver

Board of Works Recommends an Expenditure of Nearly $30,000---New Plank Walks

At the Board of Works, on Wednesday, Engineer Clement recommended the grading of many road sections and putting down of plank walks, at a total cost of $29,047. With a few slight modifications, the report was adopted.

Knight Road Widening

Mr. J. M. Blackburn, Knight Road, appeared before the Board respecting a letter he had received from the Clerk asking him to give twenty-four feet of road frontage on Knight Road so as to enable the Council to carry out the widening of that thoroughfare.

Councillor Elliott said it was understood Mr. Blackburn would fall in line with other owners and give the land.

Mr. Blackburn said the land in question was too valuable to give away. It was pointed out to him that the widening of the road would improve his property, and he replied that if the Council wanted the land it would have to be expropriated. Unless the land was purchased he intended to stay right there. The grading of this road has already commenced, and this decision of Mr. Blackburn will prevent the road being of equal width throughout.

Commercial Drive

A letter was read calling attention to the proposed opening up of Commercial Drive, and a deputation asked when this would be completed. It was explained that the Council were waiting upon the B. C. E. Railway to carry out some work at the end of the Drive.

Tramway Extensions

Mr. George W. Conway, Acting General Manager of the B. C. E. Railway, wrote in reply to a letter from the Board making request for the extension of certain car lines in the municipality under the terms of the Tramway Franchise Agreement of June 10, 1909. The letter stated that the work would begin at the earliest possible moment and would include the extension of Victoria Drive line from its present terminus to Fifty-sixth Avenue, and from Fraser Avenue to River Road so soon as the fill-in on Fraser Avenue is in a proper condition to carry the tracks. Regarding the requested connection between Cedar Cotage and Westminster Road, the company would be unable to build that during the present year, but would do so next year.

The Clerk was instructed to write and thank the company for the letter and their prompt attention.

Extraordinary Increase in Building

Mr. A. E. Young, Building Inspector, has issued a statement which gives the progress of the building department from its commencement, October 23, 1911, to August 30, 1912, showing the extraordinary increase in the building operations in South Vancouver. During the past few months all records were smashed, the total value of new buildings reaching over $355,000. Since October 23, 1911, the total value of new buildings erected in South Vancouver reaches the sum of $2,308,301. In that time permits were granted for 2,076 new structures. The number of permits issued during each of the different months and their value follow:

	No. of Permits	Value
October 23 to 31, 1911	15	$ 21,050.00
November	89	146,425.00
December	77	121,520.00
January, 1912	138	157,075.00
February	206	223,387.00
March	282	310,995.00
April	304	256,170.00
May	233	207,850.00
June	235	211,700.00
July	251	297,019.00
August 1 to 30	246	355,110.00

Quite a number of different versions have appeared as to what demands the Council will make upon Vancouver before they lay the matter of annexation before the ratepayers, but we have no fear of what the people's reply will be, no matter how tempting the offer. South Vancouver will prefer to work out her own destiny.

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If the C. N. R. are able to come to terms with the city it will mean that work will be abundant this winter. As a result workmen will drift in from all quarters. There will be the usual number of parasites following up to prey upon them. This is where the danger arises. These fellows hang around the saloon bars all day and with an occasional visit to the pool rooms, always on the outlook to relieve someone of their hard-earned cash.

South Vancouver Municipal Council

Suggested Single Transportation System

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Thursday afternoon, all the members except Councillor Elliott, who was in Victoria, being present.

The First Instalment

Mr. C. Harrison, Secretary to the Board of Trade, wrote asking the Council for a cheque for $100, the first instalment of the $500 promised towards the cost of providing a harbor scheme on Fraser River. Mr. Harrison stated the money was required for preliminary expenses. A cheque was ordered to be drawn.

Single Transportation System

A letter was read from Mr. T. H. Cross, Secretary of the Kitsilano Improvement Association, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Association, which stated that the surrounding municipalities will be best served by a single transportation system, giving a uniform rate over such territory as may be described as Greater Vancouver. The resolution asked the Council to support the scheme, and a resolution was passed heartily endorsing the one passed at Kitsilano and expressed a hope that the important matter of transportation would be placed on a more satisfactory and permanent basis.

Business Hours at the Hall

The Council adopted the following resolution: "That all offices and wickets in the Municipal Hall be open to the public for business between the hours of 12 and 1, and that the various officials arrange their staffs so that the public can be waited on during this hour."

Rounding Up Dogs

The following resolution was carried without discussion: "That a horse be purchased for the Police Department, and that one of the old buggies be fitted up for this horse, the same to be used for rounding up dogs and other purposes of the Police Department."

Notices to School Physician

It was recommended that the Health Inspector procure form of notice to be used when notifying Dr. Hunter, School Physician, of cases of infectious disease in the municipality.

Prizes at the Show

The Council sent several horses to the show at Hastings Park, and Dr. Swinnerton now reported that all did well. The costs were $18.55. One horse took three prizes, and another one. The Reeve wanted to know what became of the prize money, and he was asked to enquire into the matter and report to the Council later.