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Yours truly, SARAH GRUNDY.

WHAT IS A COLD?

A Word That Covers a Multitude of Ills—The Origin Explained.

Professor Lohnberg publishers in the Vienna Clinical Review an essay on cold in the head. He states the "ordinary cold is no individual complaint, but only a collective name or a kind of family name for a large number of different complaints."

He says: "The attempt to discover a universal remedy against a 'cold' is just as absurd as to search for a generally efficacious remedy for headache." The particular complaint of which the "cold" is the sympton can only be ascertained by "careful examination of the nasal cavities and neighbouring parts." Hence sufferers should be circumspect in the use of remedies.

The professor says only that which is true, but of which the mass of mankind is ignorant. Colds are of innumerable varieties, but the most common one is that which is persistently misunderstood. It is attributed to anything but the right cause, which is a microbe.

All its symptons are those of a highly infectious fever, and the public instead of blaming the microbe of infection and striving to kill it, will persist in denouncing draughts, wet feet, low temperature, etc.

They excinde air, the enemy of the microbe, from their rooms; they apply a temperature in which it can multiply and having become thoroughly inoculated by breathing the germ-laden atmosphere, they find that a cold current of air causes them to shiver. The shivering to the ordinary mind decides the question of causation.

It is significant of every fever that it begins with shivering, and a "cold" is no exception.

Cold, wet feet, draughts, etc., are at most only accessories. By putting a greater strain on the animal economy, they decrease its resistance to microbal infection. "Colds" are not known in the Arctic regions.—London Express.

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The new discovery is still better-looking, as a commercial proposition. The samples of the coal brought to town, although taken from a very short distance from the surface, give every evidence that an important discovery has been made. Estimates as to the width of the vein vary, and of course, are at present only guesses, as the official examination has yet to take place, but some of those estimates run as high as eight feet.

At any rate, all the experienced miners who have visited the discovery are of one opinion, and that is that all round Ladysmith there are coal measures which far surpass even the Extension deposits in extent and quality. In fact one old miner has assured The Leader that the Extension workings are only the tail-end of the real deposit, which all lies in the direction of and probably under Ladysmith.

Outcroppings of a quality to excite the deepest interest of miners have been found on Mr. Page's ranch across the harbor, and farther down the bay. From all appearances the Ladysmith miners, at no very distant date will probably have a very short distance to go to their work.

We may intimate in a quiet way, that a knowledge of the facts outlined in the above sentences may have had a great deal to do with the Company's action in wishing to centre all their interests right in Ladysmith. All these things will appear in time, and the far-sighted wisdom of the Company's action will be seen and acknowledged with admiration and appreciation by everybody.

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THE MAN FOR GALWAY.

When even life-long Conservatives admit that Mr. McInnes is without doubt the best man that could possibly be chosen to represent the district of North Nanaimo in the Provincial Assembly, and more especially as a cabinet minister, it is surely time for the rest of us to believe that Hon. Mr. McInnes does possess qualifications for the post which should render his return certain.

When the provincial secretary visited Ladysmith last Wednesday he got a reception which must have proved to him that here, at least, where the great majority of the voters of North Nanaimo live, he need be in no doubt as to the returning officer's report on the 15th instant.

All who are in close touch with the situation in the district are unanimous that there is not a man strong enough to defeat Hon. Mr. McInnes. It would be a pity if there were, because very few men indeed have been so clearly destined for the great and important work of legislating for a people than the gifted young man whom the electors of North Nanaimo are going to send down again to that House to work not alone in their interests but in the interests of the people of British Columbia. He has done work for North Nanaimo, as well as for the Province, which should entitle him forever to the grateful consideration of the people. He will be in a better position to continue this grand service, if sent down to Victoria in his capacity as cabinet minister, the holder of perhaps the most important portfolio in the government; at any rate one that entails an enormous amount of hard work and which calls for the highest intelligence.

Hon. Mr. McInnes has the inestimable qualities of vigorous young manhood; quite exceptional ability; as a speaker he has no superior in this province, and he has a splendid head for business; a clear, discerning head, capable of understanding problems of state. Then, was man ever more good natured and genial, except it be Sir Wilfrid of the sunny smile?

Not sour, narrow-minded, mean or vindictive, Hon. Mr. McInnes is a man whom the electors of North Nanaimo ought to be proud to have as their representative. It stands to reason that in this rushing, vigorous age, when young men are being called in to fill positions which have been the sinecure from time immemorial of men who had safely turned their grand climacteric, that a district like North Nanaimo should desire to be represented by a young man, a man tried and proved in the arena of affairs, a man whom everyone knows to be able, energetic, full of advanced ideas, and willing to serve his country.

North Nanaimo electors will do the best turn for their own district and for British Columbia by sending Hon. Mr. McInnes back to Victoria again, with the backing of their hearty and unanimous approval.

Nothing in the comic papers is any funnier than the comments of the opposition press on the present political situation. Hon Joseph Martin has written the Colonist his views, and the Colonist has replied in kind. A war of wits indeed.

Keir Hardie arrested in Belgium as an anarchist is the joke of the season across the water. It is pointed out that Mr. Hardie's complaint is invalid because when arrested he was wearing a red tie and a black slouch hat. What policeman could stand the like of that?

A few weeks before he passed away the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes was interviewed by a London reporter, who had often interviewed him before. The reporter found, instead of the witty sparkling conversationalist, a vacant-minded man who replied in monosyllables and lapsed into long silences as he gazed wistfully at the sunset. The reporter left inwardly remarking: "There is a man whose work is done." He was right.

Ladysmith's second newspaper has appeared. It is called "The Monthly Reminder," is edited by Venerable Archdeacon Scriven, and is published in the interests of the congregation of the Church of England in Ladysmith, once a month. In form it is only a leaflet, but it is filled with news of interest to the parishioners. The Leader hopes that the Reminder will have a long and prosperous career, and that it will not meet with the cold and biting blasts which lay so many secular newspapers in an early grave.

Finland is being rapidly depopulated because of the brutal regulations of the Russian Government. From January to September of this year, according to official statistics 17,270 Finns have emigrated, principally to the United States and Canada. In the years 1891-98—that is, before Russia broke through all the solemn pledges and conventions, and began to crush the Finlanders under her iron heel, the average emigration for the same period was only 3,378. This year many lads of conscription age have slipped out without being recorded in the emigration returns.

MEMS FOR WOMEN.

Black cloth holds its own among all other materials, which is not surprising, as it is always smart and suitable, usually becoming, and capable of many variations, or of any kind of trimming. The smooth-faced variety is the most popular, in distinction to the zibelines, which come first in coloured stuffs. A trimming of Oriental embroidery, whether pastel or vivid, is a very effective one for a black cloth dress, and lace is never amiss.

The basque has certainly come to stay and it is seen in many guises, from that which is merely an elongated bow behind to the double basque, which is, of course, suited only to the slim. Nearly all the new shapes of coats are affected by this mode of the basque, some having the skirt quite three quarter in length in the Newmarket fashion. The bolero style is still favoured, but it can only be worn with the blouse bodice, not with the basque in any shape. A compromise, however, has been effected in the guise of a semi-fitting blouse coat with a basque.

Although the new furs resemble in many respects those of last season, they derived additional importance from the almost universal adoption of the basque, and in many instances of a suggested epaulette also, this last consisting of a fringe of dependent tails. Fur pelerines for present wear, whether deep or shallow, almost invariably have stole ends, which occasionally terminate in tails and feet, either of the same fur, or of fur of a different colour. The fronts of the neck and shoulders are similarly treated, and the heads of the animals are used to ornament the front corners of a cape. The little severities that fur once possessed have been smoothed away by the addition of beautiful laces and embroideries, and a fur wrap may now be considered not only cosy and comfortable but also elegant and becoming.

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LADYSMITH REGISTRY OFFICE

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Within a very short time from the present date Ladysmith will have an office for the registration of births, deaths and marriages. Hitherto this important work has had to be done in Nanaimo, to the great inconvenience of the four thousand people resident in this town.

Mr. George Thomson, Government Agent, will be the registrar. It is expected that the new department of the government office will be opened early in the new year; it may be even sooner.

The urgent necessity for such an office is being felt more every day.

Flies Carried Death.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 3.—Some consternation was caused by an outbreak of an epidemic of diarrhœa of a virulent type in the Fratton district, several cases terminating fatally. The coroner held an inquest on one of three children of one family who succumbed to the disease.

The jury found that death was brought about by the contamination of food by bacteria brought by flies from the refuse heaps, and added a rider expressing regret that the authorities had not adopted the suggestions of the medical officer of health relative to the building of a refuse destructor, which they deemed absolutely necessary. A committee of the town council met earlier in the day, and agreed to take the destructor question into consideration.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-DAY.

True heroism does not consist of throwing away our lives on some fanciful field of honour, but in enduring successfully the little trials and temptations of everyday life.

The secret of thrift is knowledge; knowledge of domestic economy saves income; knowledge of sanitary laws saves health and life.—Kingsley.

A man has no more right to say an uncivil thing than to act one, no more right to say a rude thing to another man than to knock him down.—Johnson.

If you hoard up riches and do not enjoy them you may be somewhat like the donkey that would eat thistles when grass is plenty. The more you fail to enjoy someone else will use and let you have the thistles—troubles.

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The Lesser Deeds.

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The fragrance of a fading flower
  Sent lovingly,
The gleaming of a sudden smile
  Or sudden tear,
The warmer pressure of the hand,
  The tone of cheer,
The hush that means "I cannot speak,
  But I have heard!"

The note that only bears a verse
  From God's own Word;
Such tiny things we hardly count
  As ministry;
Such givers deeming they have shown
  Scant sympathy;
But when the heart is overwrought,
  Oh, who can tell
The power of such tiny things
  To make it well?

Hundreds of young men say it was their neat appearance when applying for a position that got it for them. Consult Caldwell, Nanaimo's famous tailor, he knows the secret.

The officers of the Government committee in Ladysmith are: Chairman, Mr. F. W. Hawes; Secretary, Mr. Walter Jones; Treasurer, Mr. W. G. Fraser. A strong special executive has been formed and is doing excellent work. All hands report that the opposition is practically nil. Many who were bitterly opposed to Hon. Mr. McInnes aforetime are now his warmest friends, and are working for him enthusiastically.

Books! Books! Just received, a big consignment of popular fiction, well bound, well printed and cheap. Call and look them over. At Jessup's Pharmacy.

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LADYSMITH MINING DIVISION

Long-Felt Want to be Supplied Here at Once.

Just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made Ladysmith and all the important mineral belt immediately around it will be formed into a new mining division, with headquarters at Ladysmith.

It is understood that this matter has been in contemplation for a considerable time past, but it will now be made an assured fact by the present government, in pursuance of their declared policy to do all that they possibly can for the development of the province generally. It is believed that Mr. George Thomson, the Government Agent for South Nanaimo district, will be the mining recorder. This office will be a distinct boon to hundreds of mining men, who have had to go to Nanaimo or Victoria to record and to attend to other official work in connection with their claims. The Leader understands that the new year will not be very old before the mining recorder's office is open for business.

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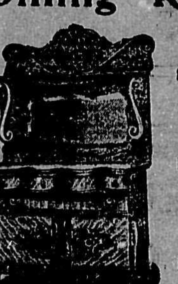

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A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

Mr. Denholme had a strong aversion to evening parties; he continually tried to impress upon his wife that when he returned home after a hard day's work from his office in Bedford Row he fully deserved a quiet evening.

"My greatest pleasure," he declared, "is to sit down to a snug little tete-a-tete evening with my wife, and watch her pretty face while she tells me all she has been doing during the day." Mr. Denholme had the good fortune to marry a charming girl fifteen years younger than himself, and the only faults his family found with Mrs. Denholme were her excessive good looks and love for smart clothes.

Whenever Mr. Denholme grumbled at being taken out to dinners and evening parties, his wife always pointed out that a solicitor ought to be social, and the mere fact of a pretty, well dressed wife should attract clients. Denholme never denied his wife anything, and followed her meekly whenever they happened to be invited.

One night they had been at a crush at Lady Pawnrood's in order to listen to an acrobatic German pianist, and rub shoulders with many smart people, and Denholme was waiting patiently for his wife in the supper room, beguiling the time with cold quail and champagne, when a young man who stood next to him at the crowded supper table, remarked that there were "a lot of people."

"There are," replied Denholme; "have you been here long?"

"Oh, no, this sort of thing isn't much in my line; one never can talk to the people one wants to."

"I quite agree with you," said Denholme; "however, my wife likes this sort of thing, and it's all very well for women."

"The fact of the matter is," continued the young man, "I've come here to find a little woman I met up the river the other day—said she'd be here to-night; a rare little sportswoman, such a good figure; I took her out in a punt."

"Have you looked upstairs?" inquired Mr. Denholme.

"Not me," was the reply; "I should be pounced upon and made to take some elderly female into supper; I told her I'd wait in the supper room for her—I didn't catch the name when they introduced us."

"It sounds quite romantic," said Denholme, feeling amused by the young man's confidence.

"Rather! and I believe she's a widow, and there's nothing like a young widow. I intend to take her to the Carlton or somewhere to supper; she ought to look splendid to-night."

"What makes you think she's a widow?" queried Denholme.

"Oh, I don't know; only she was certainly a Mrs. something or other, and she never mentioned a husband, and proposed all sorts of plans, such as Earl's Court, or a ball, or another day on the river; she's full of ideas and thoroughly enjoys life, just what a woman ought to be, and understands a man; none of that standoff rot about her; there's only a month before I have to join my battalion at Gib, and I don't mean to let the grass grow under my feet."

"She sounds very attractive," said Denholme.

"Rather, and when we'd been together a bit I seemed to have known her for years; she's fond of all sorts of things that I like and does a little betting, though she's never been to a race, but I mean to take her. For a woman who has been married she's quite the most innocent I've come across."

"I should be inclined to take the elder Weller's advice about widows, however young," remarked Mr. Denholme. "I have known several instances of unfortunate misunderstandings. If I were you, I'd find out first of all if this charming lady is a widow."

"Oh, that's all right," said the young man; "she's as innocent as anything. I'll point her out to you, and then you'll understand what I mean."

"But she may be divorced," continued Denholme, "or perhaps she divorced her husband; one can never tell."

"She may have divorced some awful brute," was the reply, "and served him jolly well right if she divorced him; but I'm quite certain no one divorced her—it's impossible."

"The most innocent-looking people have been divorced," said Denholme. "I often have my suspicions of baby faces; only the other day there was a case in which the respondent looked as if she'd stepped down out of one of Raphael's pictures; her expression was that of a Madonna, but nevertheless she was divorced."

"My little woman isn't a bit like a baby or a Madonna. I think you're a bit rough on women. What?"

"My dear sir," replied Denholme, "I'm a solicitor. I see actualities."

"No wonder," said the young man. "I expect you've come across heaps of wrong 'uns; solicitors always see the worst of women, and men too, coming to that; but I'll bet you any money you like that lady I met the other day is a real good sort, and by Jove! there she is coming into the room now; she looks simply great-and, I say, what a frock; over there in pink."

Denholme followed the young man's gaze and saw it was concentrated on his wife; she was dressed in one of the latest creations of a Paris dressmaker; a piece of pink tulle twisted in her elaborately waved hair, her beutiful white shoulders arose in snowy arrogance from a limited corsage, she seemed the incarnation of perfectly equipped modern femininity. She revelled in her personal appearance, and as she entered the supper room many eyes turned in her direction.

"Simply great!" muttered the young man; "she doesn't see me yet; good! she's is coming over our way." Then he stepped forward and bowed to the beautiful Mrs. Denholme. She drew back and looked beyond him to her husband. "You are mistaking me for someone else," she said, with queer little smile; then to her husband—"Tom, I've been looking for you everywhere; I'm so tired; let's go home." The young man's jaw dropped, and before Mr. Denholme had time to introduce him formally, he disappeared.

"I wonder who that pushing young man was, who bowed to me in the supper room?" said Mrs. Denholme, on their way home.

"I wonder!" replied her husband.

Last Xmas we gave ten prizes, and this year we give the same. Everybody was satisfied last year and so they will this Xmas. Get your Xmas presents here and get some guesses. Every dollar spent you get a guess and possibly a prize. Lively, the Jeweler.

ATHLETICS.

Foot-Racing a Science.

A runner going of a ten-second clip for a hundred yards covers the first fifty more slowly than the second fifty. A man who can do the first half in 5½ seconds can run inside evens. Very few runners get as close as 6½ seconds for the first 50 yards. A good finisher can do evens if he can run the first half of his journey in 5-3 5 seconds.

There is no possibility of getting at the average stride of sprinters as a whole, since no two men stride alike. Wallace, who was a six-footer, strode only 6 feet 6 inches at Sheffield, while Hutchins and Gibson took 7 feet 2 inches at a step. The height of a man has little to do with the stride; it seems to be a natural gait. Boyd is 6 feet 1½ inches tall, while Coyne is 5 feet 7¾ inches, yet both take precisely the same step, 7 feet 2 inches. Indeed, that seems to be a favourite stride.

A peculiarity that is worthy of note in the fact that every runner seems to have a favourite leg and strides farther with it than with its mate. Indeed, so marked in this peculiarity in some instances that the runner has a gait that is at least remarkable. Luther Carey reached out 7 feet 6 inches with his right leg, while his left he would extend no farther than 6 feet, a difference of a foot and a half.

A man who runs in 10 seconds is covering ground astonishingly fast. An average of 30 feet a second is pretty good going. To get over the ground as some good finishers do in the last 50 yards, at the rate of 35 71 feet, is making very fast time. Few American runners can cover the first 50 yards in 5½ seconds. Bob Coyne, of Chatham, used to do it, but he was extraordinarily fast for the first part of the distance.

The starting from the crouching position with the hands on the ground is a comparatively recent innovation. Harry Bethune claimed to be the first to use that style, and his partner, Jimmie Ryan, the Irish runner, also laid claim to the distinction. It is generally conceded, however, that Samuels, the coloured Australian sprinter, was the inventor of this method, and the fact that is was called the Australian style, gives force to Samuels' claim.

In those days the runner toed the scratch, and with his hands two feet over the mark he had that two feet to the good in the start. Now the sprinter must place his hands on the mark. The advantage in this style is the increased steadiness it gives a man, particularly if he is inclined to nervousness. Indeed, runners will tell you that anything to lean against makes a huge difference in the getting away.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. P. H. Marshall has returned from her visit to friends in Victoria.

Mr. J. Stewart, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, returned from Northfield this week accompanied by Mrs. Stewart and the family, who will reside in Ladysmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiddie expected to get into their handsome new residence yesterday.

Mr. Alex. Faulds of South Wellington visited Victoria on Thursday's train.

Mr. J. W. Coburn was a passenger to Victoria on Wednesday.

Did you ever eat Pumpkin Pie? Well, I guess so. Well, try a guess at the number of seeds in the Pumpkin in our window. It's a big one this year. Do you know for every dollar's worth purchased you get a guess, and if you guess nearest you get first prize—a $30 watch. Lively, the Leading Jeweler.

SCANDAL-MONGERING

How Cackling Gossips Build up a Story.

Scene 1.

Mr. Jones is a solemn looking gentleman with a pessimistic view of life in general and his neighbors' actions in particular. He looks sad in a pleased sort of way as he speaks to his wife across the breakfast table.

Mr. Jones—It is really too bad how that young Ferguson is going on. Only married a few months, and his wife is such a nice girl. Poor little woman!

Mrs. Jones (with eager interest)—What has he been doing? I have always had my suspicions of him, but of course I have said nothing.

Mr. Jones (attacking his omelet)—Why, when I went down last night to the board meeting Ferguson was on the same train and alone. He was beaming in the most undignified way, like a school boy out on a lark. When I came home I passed one of the theatres just as it let out, and caught a glimpse of Ferguson sailing away with a stunningly dressed woman—most devoted, too. They were on their way to supper, for I watched them turn into a cafe.

Mrs. Jones (ecstatically)—The wretch! And I suppose poor Carla was sitting patiently at home waiting for him, or else crying her eyes out! It's disgraceful! I'll wager she wishes now she had married Mr. Raymond instead, even if he is old enough to be her father.

Scene 2.

Sitting-room of Mrs. Smith. She is almost touching heads with her caller, Mrs. White.

Mrs. Smith—What! You haven't heard? Why, that young Ferguson is treating his wife horribly, and she is so brave about it. Poor thing goes out just the same and never once drops her pretty smile. He is infatuated with another woman—takes her to theatres and wine suppers, and is out every evening in the week. Mrs. Jones knows all about it, and she says Carla bitterly regrets her mistake in not taking that nice Mr. Raymond instead. Of course he is dull, but then he would not have neglected her. Oh, these young men!

Mrs. White—I always did feel that he wasn't to be trusted!

Scene 3

Mrs. White has three women to luncheon.

Mrs. White—And so Carla has reached the limit of her endurance! She's going to get a divorce and marry Mr. Raymond—he was desperately in love with her before she made the mistake of marrying Ferguson and has jumped at the chance. I admire her spirit, though I hate to see a home broken up. It serves Ferguson just right. I only wonder why she delays leaving him and going back to her father.

Chorus of Women—Yes, isn't it odd? Poor child, what an unhappy experience for her—and how she keeps her troubles to herself.

Scene 4.

The home of the Fergusons. Carla and her husband are contentedly sitting by the reading lamp cutting magazines.

Ferguson (suddenly)—Say, dear, you know my new fall hat—the one I went down on the train ahead of you to buy the evening we took in the theatres last week? Well, I've splashed ink on it. Can you clean it?

Carla—Yes, certainly. You look so well in that hat, Dick. I was proud of you when you came to meet me at the station. Say, what on earth do you suppose alls all the women I know? They have gazed at me with tears in their eyes the last few days, and patted me on the shoulder. Today Mrs. Jones said I could always rely on her, and there were plenty of others to back me up.

Ferguson (amusedly)—Search me. Why don't you ask 'em?

Carla—I'm going to. They make me uncomfortable.

She does, and Ferguson, coming home next evening is swamped with hysterical torrents of speech, in which inoffensive Mr. Raymond, "gossipy, horrid women," corusdating wrath and choking laughter are inextricably mingled.

Ferguson (after three distinct attempts to speak his mind, which end in failures)—And there's absolutely nothing we can do to convince people it's untrue! Carla, come weep on the shoulder of your villainous husband—and let's go to the theatre to celebrate.—Chicago Daily News.

Danger of Oil Fuel.

On Wednesday morning the well-known collier steamer Progreso, while lying in San Francisco harbor was wrecked by a terrific explosion of oil used as fuel. She had been converted into an oilburning coll carrier, and was just being completed when the gaseous fumes from the oil ignited and blew her into wreckage, killing more than a dozen men.

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PROCLAMATION

Electoral District of North Nanaimo

TO WIT:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of North Nanaimo Electoral District that in obedience to His Majesty's Writ to me directed, and bearing date the 1st day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, I require the presence of the said electors at McKay's old store, Wellington, on the 11th day of December, at 2 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Legislature of this Province.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two registered voters of the District as proposer and seconder, and by three other registered voters of the said District as assenting to the nomination, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the Proclamation and one p. m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on the 15th day of December, at the said McKay's old store during the hours prescribed by the Provincial Election Act and Amending Acts, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Wellington the 3rd day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two.

THOMAS HAGGART,
Returning Officer.

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Ladysmith, - B. C.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part III, and

In the Matter of the Ladysmith Water Company, Limited, for a cettificate under the provisions of Section 55 of said Act.

1. This is to certify that "The Ladysmith Water Company Limited" a specially incorporated Company within the meaning of part III of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act 1897" incorporated on the 15th day of September, 1902, for the sole object of constructing and operating a water works system for the supply of the unincorporated locality hereinafter defined and for the purposes necessary and incidental thereto has by its petition prayed for the granting of a certificate under the provisions of section 55 of said Act AND furthermore that upon the hearing of the said petition it has been made to appear to my satisfaction that the Company has complied with the provisions of Section 52 of the said Act AND that the facts made to appear to me are such as to justify the construction and operation of the proposed undertaking and works, and the doing and exercising of all acts and statutory powers in connection therewith.

2. AND this is further to certify that said undertaking as shown by the documents and plans filed in support of the said petition is as follows:—

(a) That the objects of the said Company are amongst others to construct and operate a water works system and to supply the locality in and about the Townsite of Ladysmith in the County of Nanaimo an unincorporated locality with water.

(b) The Company propose to obtain the water from Stocking lake situate about two and ¾ miles South East of Ladysmith ont of which the water will be taken by means of a pipe along a located pipe line to a reservoir distant therefrom about Six thousand nine hundred (6900) feet, and from there the water will be taken by means of pipes along a located pipe line about Eight thousand (8000) feet in length and along the streets and roads of the Townsite of Ladysmith and neighbourhood where it will be distributed. The water in the said lake has been raised about Eight (8) feet above its normal level by a dam already built.

(c) The unincorporated locality for which the said company was incorporated with the object of constructing and operating a water works system and for purposes necessary and incidental thereto consists of ALL and SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of lands and premises situate, lying and being in Oyster District, Province of British Columbia and more particularly described as follows, viz:—COMMENCING at a point on the shore line of Sattilite channel at high water mark, said point being opposite lot (42) Forty-two, Oyster District and in line of the South boundary line of lot (43) Forty-three in said District, thence due West through said lot (42) Forty-two for a distance of (396) Three hundred and ninety-six feet more or less to the South East corner of said lot (43) forty-three, thence due West along the said South boundary of lot (43) Forty-three a distance of (2640) Two thousand six hundred and forty feet more or less to the South West corner of said lot (43) Forty-three, thence due west (2640) Two thousand six hundred and forty feet, thence on a bearing of North (29) Twenty-nine degrees West (N. 29 deg. W.), (1,023) Eleven thousand and twenty-two feet more or less to the South West corner of Section Six (6) Oyster District, thence due North (2640) Two thousand six hundred and forty feet more or less along the West boundary of said Section Six (6) to the North West corner thereof, thence due East (2557) Two thousand five hundred and fifty seven feet more or less along the North boundary of said Section Six (6) to a point on the shore line of Oyster Harbour at high water mark, thence along the shore line at high water mark of Oyster Harbour and Sattilite Channel to the point of commencement containing by admeasurement One Thousand four hundred and ninety-one acres (1491) more or less and the neighbourhood in and about said parcel or tract of land.

3. And this is further to certify that the amount of capital of the said Company at present subscribed is $50,000.00, and the said Company is hereby authorized to exercise its corporate powers forthwith.

4. And this is further to certify that I have imposed the following conditions and restrictions which I deem necessary in the public interest, namely:—

(a) That such works shall be in operation so as to supply sufficient water for the reasonable use of the said unincorporated locality and neighbourhood within twelve months from the date hereof and the maximum rate to be charged by the Company for said water shall be sixty cents per thousand gallons.

Dated this 1st day of December, A.D., 1902.

ARCHER MARTIN,
A Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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Ladysmith Mutual Improvement Society
Meets in Nicholson's hall every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, for discussion of interesting topics. Lectures at frequent intervals by prominent men. Dues 50c. per month, for six months of year. Residents of Ladysmith over 21 years of age are eligible for membership.
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BANNER LODGE No. 22, I. O. O. F.
Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visitors cordially invited.
HUGH FULTON, Sec.

Wellington Lodge No. 2 K. of P.
Meets every Friday in I. O. O. F. hall at 7:30 p.m.
D. GOURLAY, C.C.
J. W. LEWIS, Sec.

Ladysmith Orange Lodge, No. 1768
meets in Nicholson's Hall, First Avenue, every alternate Saturday in each month, commencing first Saturday in October.
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THE CITY.

Stewart's choice chocolates at the Drug Store.

Court of Revision sits today in Ladysmith court house at 11 a. m.

B.B.B., G.B.D. pipes at the Drug Store. Every pipe guaranteed.

Mr. F. W. Hawes dug up out of his garden the other day a carrot that weighed more than two pounds. It was well formed and of excellent quality.

FOR SALE CHEAP,—One good sized horse, spring wagon and light lumber wagon, and double set of harness. Apply to Leopold Lepas, High Street.

Mr. D. Davis of the New Western Hotel is recovering rapidly from the painful burns he received recently from an explosion of the acetylene apparatus.

Step in and have a look at our goods, and get a guess on the pumpkin. It's a whopper. Lively's Jewelry Store.

Mr. Joseph Prothero, formerly of Nanaimo, died in Victoria Tuesday morning. He was an uncle of Mr. R. J. Lukey, foreman of the Leader composing room.

LOST.—By a workingman a sum of money representing all his wages in bank notes. Handsome reward for return to Leader office.

Mr. Conrad Reifel, of the Union Brewing Company, Nanaimo, married Miss Bessie Barnes, daughter of Ald. Barnes, in St. Alban's church, Wednesday morning. Bride and groom are exceedingly popular in Nanaimo.

Dr. T. Glendon Moody, Dentist, will return to Ladysmith Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Dr. Moody will make regular visits to Ladysmith. Office at Nicholson's Hall. Victoria office, Old Postoffice building.

It is worth noting that The Leader is publishing three times as much "live" news matter in one issue as any of its daily local contemporaries do in three. The Leader hopes to reap its reward for this enterprise in the sweet by and bye. It does not keep a boiler plate factory running night and day to supply the public with society news of the time of the flood, but gives its readers the news of the day.

Christmas Gifts...

We're just unpacking our Christmas Goods.

Come and see what we've got.

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John Wargo, the hero of the celebrated "scrap" with Provincial Constable Hodgson, blew off a finger accidentally while hunting in the woods near Nanaimo a few days ago.

Try one of Turner's Razors for easy shaving. Every razor gauranteed. At the Drug Store.

Mr. J. D. Caldwell, lately of Mr. A. Haslam's mill, Nanaimo, has invented a shingle-making machine which may make him a rich man. It is highly spoken of.

This is new-suit month. Don't go around frowzy with Xmas so near. See Caldwell's plans and specifications for suits that make a fellow look like a gentleman.

The wife of Mr. Justice Walkem died at the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, on Thursday, aged 42 years. She was a native of British Columbia. Mrs. Walken had just returned from a visit to England.

A neat letterhead or billhead with your name, address and business, is a good advertisement.

Ladysmith basketball teams are in fine condition for their match next Wednesday night in Nanaimo. Several rafters have been cut out at the pavilion making free play possible.

Nanaimo Mercantile Association has notified all concerned that they bind themselves to discontinue the practice of giving Christmas presents to their customers.

Mr. Geo. Frost of Nanaimo has secured the contract for building the new lock-up here, and will begin at once. The structure will be finished about the middle of January.

Nanaimo Herald quotes a large number of news items from Ladysmith and says it took them from the "News." Is this the name of the new paper which is to fill a long-felt want in Ladysmith? At any rate the news quoted was news. Perhaps the Herald blundered.

A telegram was received from Hon Mr. McInnes from Englishman's river yesterday morning instructing the officials to place upon the committee list, the names of Messrs. John Dixon, James Haggart and Wm. Hygh. Mr. McInnes reports having had a magnificent reception everywhere throughout the upper district and says everything looks most encouraging.

M. W. Waitt & Co

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TRUE TO HIS PLEDGE.

The Premier Utterly Discomfits His Enemies.

Victoria Colonist published yesterday a statement which completely stops the mouths of the opposition who have been declaring up and down the province that the premier, when elected in Victoria, pledged himself to tender his resignation within six months if the Canadian Northern contract were not carried out in its original form, and that he has not done so.

But he has done so. Colonel Prior's committee received his resignation while the house was in session. A meeting was held and Col. Prior explained his position. At the urgent request of the committee he agreed to retain his seat while there was any chance of the contract being carried out.

Mr. D. R. Ker, chairman, holds the resignation dated June 3rd, 1902, today. He received it wholly without condition or preservation, and had full liberty to hand it to Mr. Dunsmuir at any moment.

XMAS PUMPKIN

Lively's Annual Guessing Contest. How many seeds in the Pumpkin. **Ten Handsome Prizes Given Away.**

For every dollar's worth purchased in our store you get a guess at the number of seeds in the pumpkin in our window. You get a ticket with the number of seeds you guess marked on it. A guess for every dollar. For instance—**Ten Dollars, Ten Tickets.**

1st prize, Gent's Watch, Gold Filled, value..... $30.00
2nd prize, Lady's Watch, Gold Filled, value..... 25.00
3rd prize, Parlor Mantel Clock—eight day—value..... 18.00
4th prize, Gent's Watch Chain, "filled," value..... 10.00
5th prize, Lady's Watch Chain, "filled," value..... 8.00
6th prize, Lady's Gold Filled Bracelet, value..... 6.00
7th prize, Lady's Silver Watch, value..... 4.50
8th prize, Boy's Watch, value..... 3.50
9th prize, Lady's Lace Pin, Gold Filled, value..... 2.50
10th prize, Gent's Cuff Links, value..... 2.00

Seeds to be counted by three prominent business men. The nearest guess taking first prize and so on until the ten are given away.

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MUTUAL IMPROVEMEMT SOCIETY

Another Successful Gathering and Debate.

On Thursday evening the Ladysmith Mutual Improvement Society met for debate in Woodmen's hall, this being the first occasion on which they had occupied that comfortable meeting place. The members expressed themselves as very well pleased indeed with the accommodation provided for them, and look forward to having a profitable and enjoyable session throughout the present winter.

The President, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, who had just arrived back from Salt Spring, presided, and after a little business had been transacted called upon Mr. James Freel to sustain the motion: "Resolved that Universal Peace is possible."

Mr. Freel's paper was clever, if not convincing. The chairman who had just come fresh off the road from Chemainus, after visiting Salt Spring Island led the opposition, being followed by a number of speakers, mostly in opposition. The vote went overwhelmingly against the motion.

It was decided for next Thursday evening, failing to secure a lecture, to make that meeting an "anecdote evening". Each member is to bring and to tell the best anecdote he knows, humorous, pathetic, gruesome, no matter what, and a gentleman, not a member of the Society will be asked to act as judge as to which anecdote is the best of the lot. Members are limited to three separate anecdotes apiece, but need not give more than one. They must not be lengthy, as points will be given for pithiness. Fuller particulars of this unique programme will appear in Wednesday's Leader.

A number of new members were enrolled on Thursday evening. The club is growing steadily.

SUNDAY - NOTICES.

Catholic Church—Services every Sunday as follows: Mass at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Benediction at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian—Nov. 30. morning service at 11, Communion. Sunday school 2:30, evening service, 7. Subject—"The Wise and Foolish Virgins." G. MORTON WALKER, Missionary.

Methodist Church—Rev. W. G. Tanner, B.A., pastor. Sunday: 11 a. m. Sabbath School. Evening service 7 p. m.

Church of England—December 7th, Second Sunday in Advent. 11 a. m. —Matins and Holy Communion. 2.30 p. m.—Sunday School. 7.00 Evensong. Friday evening, Dec. 7, short Mission service at 7:30.

A. SCRIVEN.

Ladysmith-Chemainus Road.

Parksville, B. C., Dec. 5—Special to The Leader—Duncan McMillan, road boss, leaves for Ladysmith to-morrow, and will start work on Monday on the road from Chemainus to Ladysmith.

W. W. B. McINNES.

SMOKE—
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For sale at Abbotsford Hotel and at Jessup's Drug Store.

THE POLITICAL POT.

Splendid Organization of Mr. McInnes's Committee.

The Government committee rooms are next Winston's barber shop, High Street.

Hon. Mr. McInnes is campaigning in North Nanaimo district, and getting hearty welcome all along the route.

Jedward Norcross, editor of Nanaimo Socialist Clarion was mentioned, says Nanaimo Free Press, as a likely starter, but best friends hung on to his coat-tails and made the sage of Northfield go 'way back and sot down. Oh, but it would have been fun to get Jedward on a platform. Probably Hon. Mr. McInnes would have given up the fight, maybe the ghost, had those coat-tails of Jedward's not been good 'omespun.

The total vote of North Nanaimo district is 783, all told.

Rumors of a visit from Messrs. Dick McBride and Capting Tatlow. Gents, don't come just now; the price of eggs rules too high in this camp at present. Glad to see you smother time—when omelettes are cheaper.

Hon. Mr. McInnes's committee is composed of the very pick of the intelligence of these districts. In fact those who are against him represent nothing but personal sorehead.

Organization of the committee was completed on Wednesday evening, at a crowded meeting in the committee rooms, Mr. Walter Jones in the chair, and every veteran of former hard-fought fights when Mr. McInnes was the champion, present. Not a doubt was expressed as to Mr. McInnes's ability to win this election from any possible candidate any party might nominate. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and all present pledged themselves to leave nothing undone to make Mr. McInnes's return absolutely certain.

Mr. Parker Williams is mentioned by Nanaimo Herald as having definitely announced himself as a candidate for the North Nanaimo seat, in opposition to the Hon. W. W. B. McInnes. If the Herald is not mistaken, Mr. Williams will probably meet Mr. McInnes upon the public platform, and then—ah then!

Mr. T. W. Paterson is mentioned as a candidate in North Victoria in opposition to Mr. Robertson, the Government candidate. There is no doubt that Mr. Paterson is a strong candidate, but he has not much chance against the popular young man who will stand in the Government interest. Then, Mr. Paterson is the hero of a hundred defeats.

Mr. Green of the Kootenays was going to slip up to Nanaimo unbeknownst to anyone this week, and pow-wow with the Socialists, but he did not slip. This is not a salubrious country for Kootenay strangers about election times. We Islanders have some funny ways with inquisitive interlopers from afar who can't mind their own business and would meddle with ours.

Despite the insinuations of certain newspapers and persons no public man in the province today has a cleaner record than Hon. Mr. McInnes.

Mr. Denis Murphy broke a record when he quitted public life in the manner that has made him temporarily famous. No other cabinet minister ever accepted office, held it for five days, and resigned. The case is unique, in British political history at all events. Some South American cabinet ministers have been nominated, elected, shot, buried, had their funeral sermon preached and monument erected to their memory within 76 hours, but it is a hot country down there.

Mr. Charles A. Semlin of Yale is thinking of coming out as a candidate for the vacancy in West Yale. A correspondent says that Mr. Semlin was driven into private life by treachery and deceit. All who know Mr. Semlin will indignantly repel the insinuation that he could be capable of deceit or treachery.

Good work is being done every evening at the government committee rooms. All Government supporters or sympathisers cordially welcomed.

Some prophets predict that there will two or three opponents to Hon. Mr. McInnes in the field before nomination day. If a man or his friends have $200 to gamble this is perhaps as good a way as any other of getting a little mild excitement out of life—except for the dead certainty in this instance that they will lose their deposit.

That statement that Mr. McDonald of Northfield is opposed to Hon. Mr. McInnes is only a malicious falsehood. Mr. McDonald is a strong personal friend and admirer of Hon. Mr. McInnes, and will vote for him early.

Mr. John Dickson, an old opponent of Hon. Mr. McInnes, is now one of the honorable gentleman's heartiest supporters. Rumors to the contrary may be taken as opposition manufactures for export consumption.

The corrected voters' list will be ready shortly. It is now being prepared.

Mr. Dick McBride says that Hon. Mr. McInnes will be defeated easily. Will he? Even Mr. Dick knows better than that.

Mr. Richard McBride is pulling the wool over the Socialists' eyes beautifully. They don't seem to realize that McBride is one of the most rabid and hopeless Tories in this country; and privately, has a horror of Socialism and all its works that words cannot express. Let the Socialists beware of this man, he is dangerous to their cause, and is only using it now to work off a petty personal grudge against Hon. Mr. McInnes. The Socialists will be foolish if they trust McBride farther than they can see him.

Mr. McBride is opposed to the Prior Government on principle. Well, that's amazing. Who would have thought that Mr. McBride would have kept such a thing about him after the way he turned coat on the Government of which he was a member? That showed precious little principle.

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[L.S.] HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE,
Lieutenant-Governor

EDWARD the SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To the Returning Officer of the North Nanaimo Electoral District:

WE COMMAND YOU that, notice of the time and place of election being duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the North Nanaimo Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of Candidates at such Election to be held on the day of and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, to be certified to the Deputy Provincial Secretary, at the City of Victoria, on or before the thirtieth day of January, 1903, the Election so made, distinctly and openly under your seal—duly endorsed upon this Our Writ.

In testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia.

Witness: The Honourable Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbiniere, K. C. M. G., at Our Government House, this first day of December, A. D. 1902.

By Command.
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
12-2. 2w Deputy Provincial Secretary

PROVINCIAL SECRETARYS OFFICE

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has been pleased to make the following appointment:

1st December, 1902.

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RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that all unappropriated Crown lands situated within the boundaries of the following areas are hereby reserved from pre-emption, sale or other disposition, excepting under the provisions of the mining laws of the Province, for two years from date hereof, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 44 of the "Land Act," as amended by section 6 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1901," to enable the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company, Limited, to select therefrom timber limits for wood pulp and paper manufacturing purposes, as provided by an agreement bearing date the 20th day of October, 1902, viz:—

Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in Township 38; Sections, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 31; Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 30; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, in Township 27; Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 26; Sections 25 to 36, inclusive, in Township 17; Sections 1 to 12, inclusive in Township 18, also Sections 27 to 36, inclusive, in Township 18; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 19; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and from 22 to 36, inclusive, in Township 20; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 21, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Township 22; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 10; Sections 1 to 12 inclusive, and 13, 14 and 15, and the southern half of Sections 23 and 24, in Township 9; Sections 5 and 6, in Township 6; Sections 10, 31 and 32, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Township 4; the ungranted land in Township 11; Township 12, except Sections 25 and 26; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 13; Township 14; Sections 1 to 3, 10 and 11, in Township 2; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 14, 15, 23 and 26, in Township 16; also the following described piece or parcel of land, namely:—Beginning at a point on the prolongation of the southern boundary of Township 16, one mile east of the south-eastern corner of Section 1, in Township 16; thence in a southerly direction about seven miles, or to a point one mile south and one mile west of the southern end of Victoria Lake; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence north five miles; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east two miles, or to the easterly extremity of Kathleen Lake; thence south half a mile; thence east one mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile and a half; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west half a mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north two miles; thence west along the south boundary of Townships 13 and 14 to the Southeast Arm, and thence along the shore of the Southeast Arm, in a southerly direction, to the southern extremity of the Arm, and thence north to the place of beginning.

All of which said lands are situated in Rupert District, Vancouver Island.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 30th October, 1902.