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WATER PIPE AT LAST.

Ladysmith Will Not Have to Wait Much Longer for Supplies.

On Tuesday last a pleasant sight greeted the eyes of the citizens when wagonloads of pipe for the city water-works were laid the length of First Avenue in readiness for giving the residents along the principal thoroughfare the long-looked-for supply of water.

It is hoped that the work of laying and connecting the pipe will be proceeded with at once, as many people have put off the digging of wells for various reasons, in many cases sanitary reasons, and they are seriously inconvenienced for want of a proper water supply.

It is understood that this pipe has been rushed forward on account also of the necessity of providing some better means of coping with any possible outbreaks of fire than the hand bucket method.

NORTH VICTORIA ELECTION.

T. W. Paterson Wins With A Substantial Majority.

On Tuesday the electors of North Victoria district elected Mr. T. W. Paterson, general manager of the Victoria & Sidney railway, to represent them in the legislature, with a vote of 196, as against 153 given to Mr. Robertson, the Government candidate, being a majority of 43.

This is the first time that Mr. Paterson has won an election in this province, or has sat in the provincial legislature of British Columbia. It is understood that his opposition to the present government is not of the irreconcilable sort; indeed, that he is strongly in favour of much that they advocate.

The vote in North Victoria, in detail was as follows:

	Robertson.	Paterson.
Pender Island.....	9	4
Mayne Island.....	25	23
Gairloch Island.....	17	34
Burgoyne Bay.....	11	35
Ganges Harbor.....	45	39
North Saanich.....	43	61
Total.....	153	196

Majority for Paterson 43.

Gathered Much Information.

New York, Dec. 25.—The British Industrial Commission have returned to New York after a flying visit to the chief industrial centres of the States. It is said that the members of the commission have obtained a large store of suggestive information.

Boer Concentration Camps.

Durban, Natal, Dec. 26.—Satisfactory progress is being made toward the depletion of the local concentration camps, and families are being despatched to their homes daily. It is expected that all the women and children will have left the coast camps by the middle of December.

Mr. Kruger's Last Wish.

Mr. Shalk Burger, who is leaving London on his return to the Transvaal at the end of this week, will be the bearer, it is understood, says the "Daily Chronicle," of a humbly-worded appeal from Mr. Kruger to Mr. Chamberlain for permission to return to South Africa. The aged ex-President, in fact, holds out the olive-branch to the British nation through His Majesty's Colonial Minister. After a recital of his wanderings in the European "wilderness," he undertakes loyally to accept British rule, and to eschew politics in the future. "My only wish," he says, "is to be allowed to die in the land of my people."

PERSONALS

Constable Thompson, of the Nanaimo city police, went down to Victoria on Wednesday's train to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Mr. Alexander Faulds, mine manager, South Wellington collieries, visited Victoria on business last Wednesday.

Mr. Simon Leiser arrived from Victoria on Wednesday's noon train to inspect progress. He was much pleased with the manner in which everything was progressing. He returned to the capital on the evening train.

Mr. Henry Collinson of the Tee Copper Co's smelter staff, spent Christmas in Ladysmith, returning from Victoria on Wednesday.

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 Bldg, Old Postoffice building.

CHRISTMAS IN LADYSMITH

How The Day Was Spent By The People.

Owing no doubt to the foul weather which was experienced both on Christmas day and the day preceding it, there was not as much outing as there would have been had it been a white Christmas. Nevertheless all seemed to enjoy the holiday thoroughly. A great many private parties took place, and a few dances at which large numbers of guests were present.

Early in the forenoon the Ladysmith Association football team left by stage for Nanaimo to play the local team, and did not return until well on in the evening.

Services were held in the English church and were well attended. In the Roman Catholic church, also the usual Christmas services were held.

By the evening trains on Wednesday a great many Ladysmith people travelled to Nanaimo and Victoria to spend the day with relatives and friends.

The weather was about as bad as possible; excessively heavy rains accompanied by strong, cold winds lasted all day and culminated toward evening in a regular deluge, the wind increasing to half a gale. It was a good night to be inside, in the midst of cheerful Christmas company.

McMillan-Blair.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blair, on Christmas night, the Rev. W. Gordon Tanner united in marriage Mr. Robert McMillan and Miss Belovia Blair, in presence of quite a large gathering of relatives and intimate friends. Mr. Charles McMillan, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Helen Blair bridesmaid. After the ceremony all sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper, after which an adjournment was made to Gould's hall, where a wedding dance took place, lasting well on into Friday morning. After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. McMillan will make their home in Ladysmith. The bride received a large number of handsome and costly presents. The Leader adds congratulations and best wishes.

The Christmas Trees.

Scores of happy youngsters came home from the First Presbyterian and Methodist churches on Wednesday night, laden with gifts sent them by Santa Claus and gathered from the big Christmas trees set up in the sanctuaries mentioned. At both churches the attendance of parents and young folk was very large and all had a most pleasant couple of hours. Special arrangements had been made for entertaining the guests of the evening, and in every case the programme was carried out to their entire satisfaction. Generous response to the appeal for subscriptions for the Christmas trees enabled the managers to deck out the trees in a very attractive manner, with hundreds of handsome gifts.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Subscribers not receiving THE LEADER regularly will confer a favor by reporting promptly to this office.

THE OPEN DOOR.

According to the best judges that we have, not the Orient, with its teeming millions and wealth, but our own Canadian Northwest is going to be British Columbia's greatest and most profitable market. We are not speaking of Canada in this matter, but of British Columbia as a producer of food stuffs and a seeker after markets.

We have conversed with persons who have just returned from visits to the Northwest Territories, and they are of one accord in the emphatic declaration that almost at our very doors, just through the mountains, British Columbia has a field for its enterprise which cannot be beaten by the claims of China and Japan. The great Northwest is filling up steadily with the right sort of settlers: well-to-do Americans, substantial agriculturists from the United Kingdom and Scandinavia; men with small capital in most cases, but great practical knowledge of farming.

It is estimated that within ten years the Northwest will contain a population of upwards of five millions if the immigration is maintained at the present ratio. Wheat is the staple product of the Northwest, with stock raising a distant second.

Fruit, such as the apple and the pear they cannot grow. In small fruits, such as the rasp, the strawberry, cultivated blackberry, currants, etc., they can beat us easily, because the climate is peculiarly adapted for such products. There is about one month of moderately warm weather, then three months of almost tropical heat, followed by one month more of moderate heat. It is this and the grand soil—black vegetable mould several feet deep, that causes the extraordinary abundance in small-fruit bearing; prolificness which breaks the stout branches of the saskatoon (blueberry) and sends the rasp canes to the earth under their loads of juicy fruit.

But the apple, the Anglo-Saxon's staple, his "stand-by" for many a century, the Northwest cannot grow. British Columbia can; and there lies the key to many a fat fortune that will be made by the shrewd cultivators who are even now laying out large commercial orchards with the kind of apple that will sell; the roddy, firm, juicy apple that is as good for cooking as for the table.

There are men to-day in British Columbia who are so well aware of the splendid prospect that awaits them in the markets of the Northwest that they are sinking all their capital in apple orchards, laid out scientifically and not as in the old days, haphazard.

With so many favourable reports

about the East coast of Vancouver Island as an apple-growing district, it is strange that more of our orchardists are not making at least some sort of preparation for the near future. Ontario will try to capture that market with its fine fruit, but the demand from the United Kingdom has grown to such an enormous extent within the last few years, owing to the careful packing and consequent fine condition of the Canadian fruit on arrival that it is very doubtful indeed if Ontario would care to drop that lucrative market to "work up" the Northwest one. At all events British Columbia has the advantage of being much nearer.

AS TO ORACLES.

Victoria Colonist is pleased to be merry at the expense of The Leader. Well, we are much comforted by the well-tested fact, as noted by Juvenal—"risu inepto, res ineptior nulla est"—to which sage reflection the Colonist is, with the other compliments of the season, welcome. The Leader's assertions on the party lines question amused the Colonist consumedly, but for what reason it fails to state, which is a pity, as The Leader is confident that there was a deal more truth than poetry in the remarks published on this head last week. Let us reiterate one or two of the main points:

Even if a miserable local squabble is in progress amongst the Liberals of Vancouver, that is a trifle to the disaffection which exists amongst the Conservatives of the province, as was clearly indicated by their love feast at Revelstoke some months ago, when brotherly love did not continue, and the agape broke up in something like a state of war; at least, of armed neutrality.

And even yet they cannot get a leader. Christains there are plenty; but no chief. Mr. Charles Wilson, Sir C.H. Tupper, Premier Prior, each has his following, but the several "tails" will not emulate the example of the Highland clans, who could, on occasion, sink deadly feud and act together in a surprisingly effective way.

Hence, when The Leader declares that the Conservative party in this province is in no condition to meet such a question as that of party lines—does not want to meet it just now—and is doing its best to avoid the issue with a success which we regret, The Leader is not to be credited with the honours due to an aruspice, as the Colonist would, ironically, but as one having ordinary observation.

Time was when we looked to the Colonist as something of an augur too, but lately so little of Delphic wisdom has proceeded therefrom that we fear the Colonist is becoming quite ordinary, a matter of serious regret to us we declare. Perhaps The Leader should feel complimented to be noticed by its big neighbour. Maybe, though, were the facts rightly understood—and it is next to impossible to see things in their true perspective in this life—the compliment would clearly appear to be on the other side of the matter.

By the way, it occurs to us that some very notable spots have appeared not infrequently on this large sun which shines in Victoria and objects to trespass upon its domain as oracle; we shall have pleasure in pointing out one or two of those maculae solis, from time to time. Perhaps they will yield as richly in amusement as the Colonist's citation from The Leader.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVALS.

Ladysmith, with its large proportion of musical people, is directly interested in the approaching musical festival in Victoria, and we have no doubt that full advantage will be taken of the opportunity presented by a service of cheap trains to and from this place.

This will be a chance for all to hear music something on the scale of the magnificent performances given annually at Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester and other large provincial centres in the United Kingdom; when the massed choirs of whole districts sing the glorious music of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and other great composers, under the baton of famous conductors. The soloists on those occasions are from the front ranks of the world's vocalists.

At the Victoria musical festival the soloists are to be brought from England, so that for all who delight in great music greatly done this is the chance of a lifetime. The Leader hopes to publish before long full details of the performances,

with all particulars as to trains, prices of admission and so forth.

It is only necessary, we feel sure, to draw the attention of the people of Ladysmith to this splendid treat to set them planning for the event, which will take place early in the coming year.

What fate should be meted out to the man who would deliberately side-track a carload of turkeys, bound for Nanaimo on the very back of Christmas, let those say who had to fall back on goose on Thursday. It is not only the young folk who feel the sharp edge of disappointment enter their very soul on such an occasion, but the elderly feaster who has taken turkey for years.

Again the fact has been proved that there are better men out of the "ring" than ever went into it. The mighty Jeffries, champion blackguard of the world, or beg pardon, pugilist; well, it is much the same thing—has met defeat at the hands of an obscure amateur, who seems to have been a bit of a steam engine in his way. The disappointing thing about the prize ring is the fewness of the outright killings.

Education in The Transvaal.

Johannesburg, Dec. 26.—Some correspondence between the Dutch Reformed Church Commission and the Transvaal Colonial Secretary on the subject of education is published today. The Commission put questions relating to the establishment of schools in all towns and wards, asked under what direction such schools would be placed, requested information as to the appointment of teachers, and inquired whether an opportunity would be given for instruction in the Dutch language. The Colonial Secretary, in reply, pointed out that schools had already been established in most of the principal towns and wards, while others would be opened as quickly as possible. With regard to direction, the Colonial Secretary stated that the schools were under the general administrative control of the Education Department. All possible consideration had been shown to teachers who served under the late Government, and opportunity was being afforded in the Government schools for thorough instruction in Dutch where request for such instruction was made by the parents. Religion was also being taught on the requests of parents, the medium being Dutch as far as possible. The Colonial Secretary concluded by inviting the Dutch Church to assist in the development of the moral and religious character of the Dutch children.

Mr. G. W. Scott.

By one of those annoying oversights which nobody can account for, the name of Mr. G. W. Scott, proprietor of the City Bakery, was omitted from The Leader's list of Christmas notices in last issue. Although the notice, which follows, was duly written along with the others, by some unlucky mischance the sheet of "copy" was mislaid and the error not detected until the paper was off the press. As Mr. Scott had undoubtedly one of the very best displays in town, the omission was all the more to be regretted, and we make all apologies to him for the unfortunate oversight. What The Leader had written about Mr. Scott's display was as follows:

Mr. G. W. Scott, of the City Bakery, First Avenue, enjoys the reputation of being second to none in his line in this vicinity, and a visit to his fine store, now filled up with choice Christmas wares will convince anyone that his reputation in this respect rests on a very sure foundation. Mr. Scott is a caterer of long and varied experience, and he knows the Christmas trade as few do. For a first-class selection of fancy cakes, candies, choice fruits and all the delicacies and dainties without which no Christmas table is complete, The Leader confidently recommends the Christmas public to be sure and give the City Bakery a call. Mr. Scott can also supply the New Year's bun and cake to perfection.

Thanking my many customers for their generous patronage, I wish them all the compliments of the season.

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FAMINE IN FINLAND.

Failure of Crops Causes Terrible Suffering.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The average grain crop gathered in Finland is valued at \$30,000,000. The estimated value of the 1902 crop is \$20,000,000. While this loss is generally distributed throughout Finland, it is almost total in the northern third of the country, where are the Provinces of Uleaborg, Kuopi, Vaen, St. Michael and portions of Viborg. Peas and beans generally have failed, and the potato crop has not been gathered; the hay has rotted or been swept away by floods.

The disaster is due to the late Spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded August 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days when it did not rain. The rains also spoiled the fishing. So complete was the failure of vegetation that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forests. The present crop failure is the worst that has been experienced for the last 50 years. It is hoped, however, that better methods of communication will facilitate the work of relief and avoid wholesale deaths by hunger and typhus.

There are all told about 500 parishes in Finland; 194 of these parishes are now nearly destitute. The Agricultural Board has received reports from 149 parishes, showing that 108 have good supplies which suffice until Christmas only. The unripe rye and barley which the people are forced to use make a bitter bread which even the hungry horses refuse to eat. In some parts of the country bread is baked from barley husks and straw mixed with a lot of flour, and is purchased by the needy people with their hoarded savings. Such bread contains very little nutriment, and is extremely unwholesome. The peasants have expended all their money for flour, and consequently are unable to buy clothing.

Jeffries Makes a Kick.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 26.—In an interview Champion James J. Jeffries declared that the decision rendered against him in his contest with Jack Munroe, the Butte miner, had been unwarranted, and all the young fighter was entitled to was the \$250 forfeit. He said:

"This is the first decision against me in my whole pugilistic career. Had the bout gone one round more, I would without a doubt have knocked Munroe out. The altitude affected me greatly, and I was afraid of over exertion."

Munroe can stand much punishment, and I believe if a fight is arranged between Sharkey and Munroe the miner will win. He can hit a stiff blow."

Manager Clark Ball tomorrow will meet Munroe and endeavor to arrange a go between Fitzsimmons and Munroe, to take place next week. Several millionaires of the city have offered a wager of \$1000 that no man in the Northwest, barring Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, can stand against Munroe 10 rounds. This was announced late tonight.

Winnings at Ingleside.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The first 31 days of the meeting at Ingleside ending Saturday, the new California Jockey Club distributed \$96,834 in stakes and purses. Twenty-eight owners have won over \$1000, while 22 others have over \$500 to their credit. W. B. Jennings & Co. have been in the lead for some time, but it was materially increased through the victory of Krishna in the futurity stake Saturday. Their total winnings now are \$15,129. Green Morris is next with \$6,005, while Burns and Waterhouse are third with \$4,425. The other owners who have won over \$2000 are: James Coffey, \$4,850; W. H. Ketchuman, \$3,750; Charles Boots, \$3,583; W. O. McDonough, \$3,446; V. Gilbert, \$3,223; W. McGrane, \$2,265; C. Lind & Co., \$2,135.

Snow Ten Feet Deep.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 26.—The blizzard that raged on Friday and Saturday in Eastern Colorado and Wyoming and Western Kansas and Nebraska was the most serious in years to the railroads, as far as the interruption to traffic is concerned. All trains on the Union Pacific and Burlington Roads were delayed at least 24 hours, and some trains due yesterday morning are just getting into Denver to-night. This is true of trains over the Kansas City branch of the Union Pacific. Along this line snow drifts from 6 to 10 feet deep made the movement of trains impossible until the track could be cleared.

Heavy Mails.

The postmaster is wrestling daily with extra heavy loads of mail, and in the restricted space at his disposal his task of distributing the same is no light one. It is expected that the mails next week will be exceptionally heavy, owing to the terrible storms on the Atlantic having delayed the European mails, and so caused a great accumulation at New York.

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NOTE—All trains are cancelled on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, 1902.

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The Determining Factor

By MARY S. CUTTING

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Juliet sat by the window with her hands folded in her lap. She was waiting for Mr. Barnard. Kathleen smiled as she passed through the room.



"MR. BARNARD," SHE SAID, "I AM NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS."

cruel coldness that debars her from the happiness which others have. Oh, I heard her! And they marry other girls afterward, and idealize her forever.

"I'm glad you're not," said Jerry, putting one arm around his little fiancée.

"Hush! Here he comes!" Barnard was tall and dark. His walk, the swing of his arm when walking, the poise of his head—all spoke of a virile energy.

Years ago an Englishman made the acquaintance of a Finnish schoolmaster in the town of Oulu. The traveler expressed surprise that Russia should have allowed Finland to keep her currency.

"Russia dare not take it from us!" was the reply.

"Dare not! Why, you could not fight Russia!"

"Oh, yes, we could. We make guns, and very big guns, right here in Oulu. We have an important foundry. Do you care to see it?"

The Englishman followed his host with doubtful curiosity until they reached the gates of a large brick building, from which came running a troop of children.

"There," said the Finn, pointing to the building, a schoolhouse. "There is our foundry, and there are our guns, at present on their way home to dinner. The weapons of my country, sir, are civilization and humanity, and they will be victorious over the deadliest engines forged at Kronstadt."—Youth's Companion.

"Rural Counting." On the shores of the Moray firth—the spot need not be more specifically localized—there is a flourishing little village of some 1400 inhabitants, consisting chiefly of fisher folk.

"Must you say it?" she interposed pleadingly. "Cannot you leave matters as they are?"

"No, I do not want to leave matters as they are. I want them entirely different. I am tired of seeing you made love to by other men."

"Is that all?" She raised her eyebrows with a quaint surprise and then smiled at him tenderly.

"No, that isn't all. I want to make love to you myself. More than that, I want you to make love a little—to me."

"But you're very impatient to speak to me like that! Have I ever given you the slightest cause to think I'd make love to you?"

"Oh, yes," he spoke confidently. "A great many times when you didn't know it. Don't think I'm palpitating now with fear, many of those humble emotions which your other lovers have professed. I made sure before I brought you here today; I know you far, far better than you know yourself, my Juliet."

"Mr. Barnard!" She had reddened from forehead to throat as she jumped to her feet and looked at him defiantly.

hand from mine. Do you wonder at being spoken to like this? I can tell you the truth because you belong to me, and there is no need for you to blush at it.

"No, but she fusses men so tenderly, so tentatively that they hardly realize it at first. She would love them so dearly, you know, but for that

"Oh," she sighed as they walked back to the camp an hour later, "it is what I had dreamed—to be taken in spite of myself. I did not dare to think—to hope—that you would."

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TOPSON OF THE DAILY RUSH

BY CHARLES WELSTED

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In the office of the Dunedin Daily Rush the reporter staff was busily engaged, save perhaps Topson. He had just strolled in, planked himself down in his chair, and after scribbling off a short "two header" passed it into the city editor's room and resumed his usual lazy attitude, feet cocked over the top of his desk, hat on the back of his head, while he stared into space and slowly puffed away at his pipe.

"Topson was naturally lazy. The boys claim he was born thus. He was not altogether 'a good fellow,' though no one seemed to have ought to say against him. He was reserved, had little to say and always did his work well, though he did take much longer to accomplish it than any of his colleagues.

"Go over to No. 1 and report to Fox. He will be in the detective department. Got a murder story. See what it is worth. Ring me up and let me know what it needs in the way of illustration and so forth. Make a good spread of it, but none of your long theories. Want this thing short and breezy. First murder in a month. Now, hustle!"

"But you are!" she flashed back at him.

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"He repented of his rash act." The city editor laughed outright. "Oh, what's the use of writing rot like that? The woman was killed instantly, and no one has seen the murderer since. Have you interviewed him or her, whichever it is? If you have, you had better say so and I will feature it. Topson, you make me tired. You have got to quit this nonsense or you go. Now take this copy and cut out all that sort of stuff. Were you up to the house?"

"Yes, sir." "Then give the artist an idea of the place for a three column cut. Wait a minute, and I'll bring him down here." He rang the bell; the office boy responded.

"Tell Mack I want him down here at once." "Yes, sir," said the youth, and added, "Two gents outside want to see you, sir."

"Oh, show them in," replied the city editor, looking at the cards. The men entered.

"Hello, Ross! Shlake, Fritz. What's up?" "Oh, only this murder affair. I want to ask you something, Duncan. You know all the city newspaper men pretty well and—"

"But," interrupted the city editor, looking at Topson and then continuing sarcastically: "If you want to know anything about this murder, ask Topson. He is on the case for us. I was just roasting him because he seems to have had an interview with the murderer, and he—"

"Topson!" muttered Detective Ross. "Topson! Let me see. You weren't one of the boys up at the house viewing the scene with me. How the deuce did you get in? I just left the place, and it is all locked up."

"By heavens!" exclaimed Fritz, and he scratched his head. "A literary man, Topson. No, not Topson, but Thompson. Ain't that what the woman's husband was—Thompson—a literary man? Whew!" And he whistled.

"Great God!" cried Duncan. "No, surely not. Topson, speak up, man! Don't you see what Fritz means? You're—the—the—the city editor could not bring himself to say it."

"I am not good at making guesses," he replied firmly, "and I theorize too much, but you are on to a scoop. Mr. Duncan, so make good use of it. The woman was my wife—once, and left me when I needed her most. I met her tonight for the first time in five years, and I am even." He gritted his teeth. "Want me to finish up the story properly?" He tried to smile again as Duncan gazed at him in horror.

No one spoke. Detective Ross, looking at Topson, shifted his eyes toward the outer door and left the room. Topson understood, turned into the reporters' room, got his overcoat, walked toward the door and out, followed by Fritz.

"Well, he's a thoroughbred," remarked Duncan to the artist later. "Make a two column cut of him."

Dark Doings. When any one asked little Mrs. Pratt her opinion on the question of equal suffrage, she had her answer ready. "I don't want to hear anything about it," she would say pleasantly, but firmly, "and I'd just as soon tell you why. It's because there's got to be a concealment and mystery about voting, and I like things open and aboveboard. It's the way I was brought up, and the way I shall always feel if I live to be a hundred."

"I've had one experience, and that's all I want. A friend of mine talked and talked to me about voting on the educational question till at last I said I would because I was brought up to think a great deal of education, and I always shall. So I gave up an engagement to go to the polls and register (and the dress was almost spoiled on account of my missing that trying on, too, because she didn't wait to see whether it fitted or not, but stitched the seams right up, and then I took the greatest pains to go and vote just as they'd told me to, and what do you suppose Henry Pratt told me afterward? My vote was thrown out because I had the frankness to write my full name and address on it!"

"I told Henry that nothing would surprise me after that—nothing!"

When Anesthetics Were New. It was predicted that the most serious malpractices would follow the introduction of the anesthetic art. It was feared that the art would be used by the robber, by the murderer, by those who were desirous of committing deeds of violence, and that, in short, it would be a means of putting the most dangerous and ready weapon of evil ever dreamed of into the hands of the evil disposed, the worst disposed of the whole community.

It was argued that the practice, however safe and successful it might be, was sinful, was opposed to the divinely appointed decree and could not be sustained except in direct defiance of righteous law; for, was not man born to suffer, and was not pain a part of the curse that had fallen on man by his first disobedience to the Almighty will?

It was insisted on by a more practical group of objectors that as the process of anesthesia became general in its application the mortality induced by anesthesia would of itself be the death warrant of the declared advancement and bring all its glory to the dust.

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THE CITY. Mr. Geo. Fletcher, of Messrs. Fletcher Brothers, Nanaimo, was here yesterday on business. Fresh Halibut and Kippers now at the Fish Market. Mr. George Lewis, master logger for the Cowichan Lumber Company, visited Ladysmith for Christmas. Election was on Monday—you know the result? And Ryder will give away some more of that beautiful silverware. Mr. Charles A. Haynes, representative of Scribner & Sons, passed down from Nanaimo to Victoria on yesterday's train. Mr. Mainwaring, of Messrs. "H. & W." Nanaimo, was in the city yesterday on business.

Every boy and girl accompanied by either of their parents will receive a nice story book free at M. W. Waitt & Co., Lively's Jewelry Store. Yesterday's trains were somewhat delayed by a washout at No. 102 bridge, south of Ladysmith. B.B.B., G.B.D. pipes at the Drug Store. Every pipe guaranteed. Citizens need have no apprehensions of a dull New Year's night, since a concert is announced in the Methodist church for that evening. See announcements later. All kinds of Musical Instruments at M. W. Waitt & Co., Ladysmith. The Mutual Improvement Society has adjourned until the third Thursday in January the 15th. The subject will be announced in these columns. All school children will receive one lead pencil free of charge Saturday if accompanied by either parent. Lively and M. W. Waitt & Co. Mr. Bowes, telegraph operator at the O.P.R. office, resumed duty this morning after a prolonged vacation due to illness. Proprietor Bates of the Happy Home Hotel is living in hopes that he will be able to welcome all his friends to a house warming before the death of the present year.

Christmas Gifts... We're just unpacking our Christmas Goods. Come and see what we've got. E. ROLSTON, LADYSMITH, B. C. Tinmith, Plumber, Hardware, Stoves.

Wednesday's weather was frightful, and the only remedy was rubber from head to foot. Some even added the neck, to be in the fashion. It was neither a green or a white Christmas, but an aquatic one. Hundreds of young men say it was their neat appearance when applying for a position that got it for them. Consult Matheson, Ladysmith's famous tailor, he knows the secret. The Bank of Commerce branch in Ladysmith took only Christmas day as a holiday, instead of the four days which are allowed in Ontario, thereby enabling all the clerks to spend Christmas at home, no matter in what part of Ontario they may be stationed. 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. Whispers are already afloat regarding the propriety of holding a grand celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns on the 25th of January. Last year this honour to the memory of the immortal bard was omitted, to the great regret of all his admirers in Ladysmith. It only needs some one to take the lead and there are Scots enough in this camp to make the affair in glorious success. Crockery of all kinds, white cups and saucers, from 80c per dozen. Colored cups and saucers, from \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Clover leaf pattern \$1.25 per dozen. To be had at D. Taylor's, opposite E. & N. railway station. South Nanaimo District Licensing Court meets here today, when the Ladysmith, Portland, and Wm. Morris licenses and application will be considered. The most complete line of silverware to choose from in town for Xmas presents. Lively the Leading Jeweler. Only nine men played for Ladysmith against Nanaimo full team Christmas Day. The result was a draw, one game each. Have you tried a book out of our loaning library? M. W. Waitt & Co., Lively's Jewelry Store. The finest line of stationery in town at M. W. Waitt & Co's. Lively's Jewelry Store. Leaders for sale at the Drug Store and Lively's Jewelry Store, and Hartley's Candy Store.

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"Can I help you?" "I am unexperienced," said I sadly. "Then I must. An ill-judged remark—a want of warmth—a single false step in fact, might—" "Don't!" I exclaimed with a shudder. "Oh, it's lovely, Johnny, to see you like this!" said Emily, ecstatically. "How far have you got?" "S. Y. Breeze. Latitude—" "That's ridiculous," she interrupted. "You won't allow me any latitude?" "Don't be silly. You must not put any address or date, but start right away. She must think you agitated, you know." "Certainly" said I. "Begin, My darling, darling Phyllis." "Two darlings?" I inquired busy with my pen. "Ye—es, two will do. You're not engaged yet. Afterwards I should recommend three." I wrote as dictated. Emily continued "Although a thousand cruel miles of sea separate us—" "But we're not a hundred?" I exclaimed. "Please believe me to know best," said Emily. "But the men who make the geographies—" "Are not the men who make love. Put it down." I obediently placed myself a thousand

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millions away, and I waited for further instructions. "Yet you are never absent from my thoughts for a single minute," she continued. "Do you think a third 'never'?" I enquired anxiously. "No, you should exercise some restraint at times. You might, however, underline them. Now go on—S. Y. Breeze makes my life intolerable. Each moment here is a year, each day a century." I looked up in some amazement. I knew things were not usually like that on our little cruises. But Emily continued— "Ah, how I long to see you again—to touch your hand—to look into your eyes." "That's beautifully agitated. So disconnected—and—and—jerky," I murmured scribbling vigorously. "Couldn't you put in a little touch of humor? Just to freshen it up a bit," I asked, laying down my pen. "John," said Emily solemnly, "a lover has no sense of humor." I sighed, I felt the character to be difficult. But I have many times watched the course of true love running smoothly, and I knew that Emily was right. "I am in your hands," I said sadly. Emily remained in deep thought for a moment. Then inspiration—or memory—came to her aid. "I live only for our meeting. I am intensely wretched here," she dictated. I looked at my surroundings. The water sparkled in the sunshine; a gentle breeze crept under the awning and tempered the noonday heat. I was lying comfortably in a deck chair, while the yacht slipped through the water with a gentle, lazy roll. But I wrote "I am intensely wretched," as Emily commanded. "You have never composed any poetry, I suppose?" she inquired. I blushed. We have all been young. "Because a verse would be effective at this point." But I dared not do the thing. And Emily after some reflection, decided that I was right. "Even in the eyes of love," she said, "might—" Well she spoke a little unkindly on the matter. The letter filled three pages when completed, and was certainly a work of art. (Art I observe, is usually estranged from truth and absolute accuracy.) "Now," said Emily, when her ideas at last gave out, "the end is the most important part." "Do you recommend crosses—for kisses, you know?" I inquired. "Certainly not. They are vulgar. Write—A thousand thousand kisses, my darling." "Will they all go for a penny?" I asked, with a anxious hesitation. "Do try and be sensible," she implored. "But will the letter carrier deliver it?" I objected. Emily took no notice, but continued—"You had better put 'Your devoted lover forever and ever'." "The description is exact," said I, with great dissatisfaction. "She has a pet name for you, I suppose?" "I will sign it Thomas Jones." "What!" exclaimed Emily, "She calls you that?" "It is the name of the young sailor whom you may observe cleaning the binoculars. At his request I am writing this letter to his sweetheart, his own education having been somewhat neglected." Emily rose and stood over me. I covered. "You—" She stopped. Emily had been brought up amongst strict, proper people (indeed I have been her constant companion), and words failed her. But I know what she thought. Paul's Photographic Studio is open today. Piano for sale on easy monthly installment plan. M. W. Waitt & Co. All kinds of Xmas toys at M. W. Waitt & Co. Old papers for sale, suitable for wrapping purposes, at 25c a bundle. Try one of Turner's Razors for easy shaving. Every razor guaranteed. At the Drug Store. WANTED—A good girl to do general housework in family of two. Apply K. H., P. O. Box 485, Victoria, B. C. All kinds of Xmas Toys, School Books, Sheet Music, Games, etc. M. W. Waitt & Co. Provincial Secretary's Office, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments: 9th December, 1902. George Thomson, of Ladysmith, Esquire, S. M., Government Agent, to be a Registrar for the purposes of the "Marriage Act." 16th December, 1902. George Thomson, of Ladysmith, Esquire, S. M., Government Agent, to be a Deputy, at Ladysmith, of the District Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages at Nanaimo.

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