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SAFE FOR THE SESSION.

Provincial Government Will Carry On Business Securely.

(Special correspondence of The Leader.)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25.—On the first test of strength in the Legislature last Thursday, a test sought by Mr. McBride and his followers, the government easily demonstrated its ability to carry on the affairs of the country supported by a good working majority. The majority on that occasion was two, but of the four absentees, two are strong government supporters; so that the government is perfectly safe from the machinations of Messrs. McBride and Co.

But there is no question that this majority will be considerably augmented before the session has lasted a fortnight. More than one of the so-called opposition has intimated that he is far from pleased with the manner in which the operations against the government are being carried on.

It is also evident that Mr. McBride, the chosen leader of the section of the members who arrogate to themselves the title of "opposition," has much to learn in the art and mystery of leadership. His extreme youth and want of experience, his deficiency in organizing ability, his want of a definite policy, are but poorly counterbalanced by a certain fatal facility of speech, and a bonhomie which has won him, but it is to be doubted, will not hold for him, friends.

The premier's rencontre with Mr. Harry Helmcken was interesting, and it certainly did not strengthen Mr. Helmcken's position. He has proved himself to be anything but a friend who could be trusted to stand fast with his party, and consequently Mr. Helmcken occupies a position in the house not unlike that filled by Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite.

The Labor member for Nanaimo and Mr. Smith Curtis seem to make one little party by themselves in the house; no doubt they will find it advisable to affiliate with some one of the numerous branches of the opposition before the session is much older.

The speech from the throne has met with general approval, and in the opinion of most people, if the promises there made are fulfilled the province is bound to make satisfactory progress.

Important work is expected to be brought forward this week, and lively debates are looked for, especially as it is learned that the faction led by Mr. McBride intend to adopt Parnell tactics, and block and obstruct business as much as possible.

Hon. Joseph Martin and the strong party in the house who accept his leadership, really hold the balance of power, and will assuredly make their influence felt very early.

Mr. Richard McBride, M.P.L., leader of the so-called opposition in the Legislature, seems determined to prove the truth of the epithet applied to him on Monday afternoon by Hon. Joseph Martin. The member for Dewdney precipitated a conflict by usurping Hon. Mr. Martin's chair, and Hon. Mr. Martin is hardly the kind of man to stand impertinence of that sort. He denounced Mr. McBride as a blackguardly trickster for taking his seat. The speaker had not taken his chair then, but after he had done so the row was resumed, Mr. Smith Curtis committing a savage assault upon Mr. Martin. Messrs. McInnes, Gilmour and other members threw themselves upon the infuriated member from Rossland and by main strength pulled him off. The spectators in the galleries stood up and howled in their excitement. After the riot had been quelled McBride apologised for his disgraceful conduct. He continued to sit on Hon. Mr. Martin's desk until the house rose. The seats have now been arranged—McBride, Hon. Jos. Martin, Curtis, Munro, etc.

Victoria bye-election has been postponed from the 19th to the 15th.

It is alleged that Mr. Gordon Hunter has been offered the attorney-generalship.

Sale of Work and Concert.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society a Sale of Work and Concert was held in the Presbyterian Church, Extension (Tunnel) on Tuesday the 18th. inst., the object being to defray the cost of the church organ. Thanks to the unflagging zeal and devotion of the L. A. S the proceedings all through were highly successful. Nearly $100. were realized, —more than the most sanguine anticipated. The concert was most enjoyable, The matrimonial duet given by Miss Heard and Mr. Thomas of Ladysmith being highly appreciated. Last July the Presbyterian Congregation had neither church building or organ, now have both and free of debt.

SMITHISM DOOMED.

Miners' Union of Nanaimo Deals It a Staggering Blow.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Last Saturday night a meeting of Nanaimo Miners' Union was held, when the yearly election of officers took place. There was a very large attendance. The voting for the secretaryship resulted in a terrible surprise for the Smith supporters. Mr. John Fraser, one of the most popular young men in Nanaimo received 70 votes, while Ralph Smith just saved his bacon with 86. The result caused quite a sensation.

When it is remembered that Mr. Fraser is a young man, that no special efforts were made by his friends to secure a meeting largely in his interests, but that on the other hand the Smith faction worked hard all the week to pack that meeting, the result is most significant.

Again, two of the tailors of Tooley street, Ralph Smith's blindest and most unreasoning supporters, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. Neil McCuish, were "turned down" most ignominiously. Mr. W. Smith has been treasurer of the union for years and years, and his defeat was even more of a surprise than the practical defeat of Ralph Smith. Mr. W. Smith, who is a particular friend of Ralph's, was defeated for three different offices, so he can be in no doubt as to the opinion of that meeting on the subject of Smith. He was one of the authors of the celebrated telegram to Ralph Smith at Ottawa: "Come home, our honored chieftain, and we will elect you," followed by the signatures of the three tailors of Tooley street.

It is hoped here by all who have the best interests of Nanaimo at heart that it will not be long before the curse of Smith rule will be lifted from this city. The greatest delight was expressed throughout the town on the result of the voting being announced.

SUCCESS AT EXTENSION.

Mines Opened and No Fire Found---Good Prospects.

On Sunday a number of men entered No. 2 slope and went down as far as the water, which is about fifty feet from the top of the slope. The fans were started and no evidence of any fire was found anywhere. The work of pumping in the water ceased on Sunday morning. Entrance was also effected into No. 3, and there also the most favorable conditions were found. On Monday evening six men were put to work to clean up and timber. There is a considerable cave-in not far from the entrance to the slope; otherwise the mine is in excellent order. More men will be put to work as the water recedes. Many believe that owing to the very satisfactory state of things in the mine everything will be in full swing again as it was before the disaster. by the end of March.

The public are warned not to place any reliance in the deliberately untruthful reports of this matter appearing in the Nanaimo newspapers. The Leader's statements regarding the No. 2 flooding, published in last issue, are corroborated in every detail by the officials at Extension.

BODIES FOUND.

Remains of Timbermen Griffith and Southcombe Recovered.

On Monday afternoon the men working in No. 2 slope found the bodies of D. D. Griffith and George Southcombe. A metallic casket was sent up on Tuesday to encoffin the remains of Griffith whose funeral takes place tomorrow at Nanaimo under direction of St. John's Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M. He was a native of Wales, and aged 33 years. Arrangements are being made for the funeral of G. Southcombe.

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The dimensions are vast. She is 330 ft. long; breadth, (moulded) 45 ft.; depth (moulded) 27 ft. 3 in.; 2916 tons net register; 3,200 tons gross. Carrying capacity 5,500 tons deadweight. She spreads 13,000 yards of canvas; and with fair wind makes 13 to 14 knots. She has frequently gone over 300 miles in a day. The Sewall carries a crew of 34 all told; 22 before the mast and 4 boys. The officers are Captain R. Quick, three mates and a boatswain.

Everything about the ship is thoroughly up-to-date, even to the powerful steam engine amidships, used for all sorts of work, from hauling hawsers to pumping water. The accommodation for the crew is an immense improvement upon the old-time fo'c'sle. The men's quarters are in a commodious, well-lighted and well-ventilated deck house forward, which is most comfortably fitted out; very different from the stuffy, cramped, evil-smelling and gloomy hutch in the bows formerly allotted to Jack. The galley is also quite modern in its arrangements and appointments. Forward in the bows is the farm yard, where pigs and poultry remind the tars of the joys of country life. The interior of the vessel looks like a great public hall, so large is the cargo space. At sea the daily observations are taken from the top of one of the deck houses amidships, where the binnacle is placed, as being the spot most equally influenced in the whole ship. Aft in the wheel house is another specially adjusted compass, one of Lord Kelvin's numerous nautical inventions. The steering gear is also a very clever invention, the power from wheel to rudder being transmitted through a powerful screw, equalising the action in all weathers. The officers' quarters are models of comfort and elegance. The captain's accommodations in particular, reminding one of a suite in a first-class hotel. They are fitted with every comfort, and such quarters must help to rob long voyages of most of their terrors. While Captain Quick is the nominal commander of the Sewall, the real "boss" is Master Quick, aged two; a very imperious and uncompromising gentleman. Captain Quick is accompanied on all his voyages by Mrs. Quick and the little boy.

The Tyee Smelter.

Victoria Colonist published on Sunday an interesting illustrated descriptive article on the proposed Tyee smelter at Ladysmith, in the form of an interview with Manager C. Livingston, of the Tyee Mining Company, and embodying nearly all that The Leader has published about that coming industry.

There is no doubt that the smelter will be built, and on an even larger scale than was at first announced. The Leader learns that contracts have already been let for timbers required, and that the work will be started in the coming spring. The Colonist says that about 100 men will be employed at the smelter.

A Grand Calico Ball will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall on March 17th under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters of Ladysmith Temple No. 5. For the best dressed gent, gent's umbrella, value $5.00; best dressed (calico) lady, $5.00 cash. Admission $1.00 a couple; for single ticket 50 cents. Lunch will be provided for 25 cents extra.

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THE GOVERNMENT.

Possibly the faction in the Legislature led by Mr. Richard McBride, are now satisfied that they are powerless to bring about the catastrophe which another election in this province would mean. The government will carry on the business of the country supported by a good working majority. The only course left to Mr. McBride and his following, is to pursue a policy of obstruction, and from what we know of the gentlemen, this is exactly what they will do.

We trust that the people will follow with attention the course of those persons in the house, and where they find them departing from the lines of fair opposition and offering merely factious obstruction, to signify their displeasure. British Columbia's legislature, unfortunately, already enjoys a most unenviable notoriety for this childishness. Public opinion unequivocally expressed would appear to be the only cure for the evil; and this we hope will be forthcoming.

The present government has a good record of service rendered; their programme as announced in the house on Thursday, will bear examination. The policy outlined is worthy of the approbation of the people. No doubt it will receive that. Not a few of the members of the opposition are favorably disposed toward the government; and it is very doubtful if Mr. McBride will be able to seduce any of those gentlemen from the plain path of duty to the best interests of the province, which we unhesitatingly believe to be the policy enunciated by the government.

What has Mr. McBride to offer that is better or more sensible than the present government programme? Mr. McBride, we fancy, will have enough to keep him busy in the attempt to prove to the people of British Columbia that he is not a mere agitator, eagerly seeking his own advancement at the expense of the good of the province. He is already under grave suspicion. Gossip associates his name with ambitious toward the premiership. When British Columbia has reached that depth of folly sorry indeed will be her case.

WHERE MODERATION IS FOLLY.

It is an axiom that the essence of war is violence, and that moderation in war is imbecility. Herein lies the best argument for the most vigorous prosecution of the war against the Boers. And, paradoxical as it may seem, the excesses which are charged against the British army by continental critics (and which have been utterly disproved by competent witnesses) would be far less reprehensible than the moderation which, unfortunately, is actually being practiced, and has been practised from the beginning of this war.

Bitterly and to their heavy cost the British have learned in this protracted war, that the field of battle, the military campaign, are neither the place nor the time to show moderation. Had our generals in the beginning of the war acted upon the examples supplied to them by far greater British generals of bygone times, they would have struck to annihilate, and long ere this South Africa would have been united under the British flag.

Marlborough and Wellington, our greatest military commanders, never dilly-dallied with the enemy; they never failed to follow up an advantage won, and fiercely pursuing the shattered battalions of the enemy made each victory a decisive triumph. This is not only wise for one's own sake, but it is actually merciful to the enemy, because it obviates many conflicts which would inevitably take place were the enemy left in a position to reorganize his forces. Had the conquest of our Indian Empire been in the hands of some of the generals who have been entrusted with the conduct of the war in South Africa, the small British forces would have been driven into the sea or cut to pieces.

Take the sanguinary battle of Sobraon as an example of a hard-won victory being followed up properly. There was a little army of British numbering fifteen thousand against a well-armed and strongly entrenched host of thirty thousand Sikhs, one of the most gallant tribes of mountaineers in India. One after the other the entrenchments were stormed and taken by the British, who at last drove the Sikhs off the field, the natives losing 13,000 killed in action. Did Sir Hugh Gough then sit down to rest, and serve out comfits and cocoa to his men? No, those were the days when British generals and soldiers struck home, undeterred by the declamations of Exeter Hall. He dashed across the Sutlej with his army and completely scattered and broke up the Sikh power; a real, a glorious victory.

General Kitchener should be allowed to finish the Boer war on military principles—it would be a mercy to the Boers themselves.

BRED IN THE BONE.

Quite the most shocking story which has appeared in the press lately has been that describing the conflicts between the rioters at Barcelona, in Spain, and the military. In what other country would the authorities conceive of such a fiendish method of quelling a popular tumult as by the use of artillery at close range in streets crowded with human beings? The ferocious spirit which has distinguished the Spaniard for all the centuries during which his exploits have been chronicled in history, seems to be as much alive today as it was when Spain was the dominant empire of the world, and the soldiers of Alva in the Netherlands committed deeds which cause the modern reader's blood to run cold, even after the lapse of three centuries of time since those things happened. Cortes and Pizarro led the Conquistadores not only to the subjugation of Mexico and Peru, but to the practical extermination of the ancient races who then inhabited those countries.

No other soldiers of Europe, nay, of the world, ever rivalled the Spaniards in ferocity and cruelty. They presented a living contradiction to the proverb that "the bravest are the tenderest;" for no troops ever displayed more dauntless courage than the Spanish bands under the great leaders we have mentioned; yet, as we have said, none ever excelled them in the infernal ingenuity of tortures upon the hapless vanquished.

Very unpleasant to the English mind, are the characteristics which seem to be peculiar to the Spaniard. With all their grand manners, their lordly courtesy and affability, they have shown in the past, as they are showing in the present, a capacity for inflicting pain, and for enjoying it when suffered by others, which is revolting to the Anglo Saxon. Nothing in the annals of the Teutonic race can be compared with the conduct of Pizarro toward the unfortunate Atahualpa; or of Cortes toward the Mexican princes and princesses; of Alva toward his prisoners in Holland; of Weyler toward the Cuban people. The Spaniard does not fight for fun. Even when it is necessary to show severity toward his own kith and kin slaughter seems to him to be the easiest way of settling the account. In the grim fact that "dead men tell no tales" and have no complaints to make, the Spaniard takes no little comfort.

But could anything else be expected from a people who, in this enlightened age, still derive the keenest delight from witnessing the dying agonies of bulls, horses and men, butchered to make a Spanish Sunday afternoon pass pleasantly?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

No industry in this province seems to us to have a fairer future than that of agriculture. With the steady growth of population in town and country, the farmers are bound to find a wider scope for their energies. Those who are now importing the best grades of stock are acting wisely; their reward is sure.

"Socialism is organized co-operation," is the latest definition of the cult. If that be so, then socialism has achieved a wonderful victory in England, where the organized co-operative system has attained marvellous proportions. There is not the slightest doubt, judging by the figures and facts published, that co-operation there has been successfully managed.

That war is not good for commerce, particularly while war is going on, is proved by the state of things at Durban. The uncleared cargo waiting to be sent up country, is represented by a solid mass three miles long by a quarter of a mile broad, and the height of the heap is increasing daily from sheer lack of lateral accommodation. Scores of cargo ships are waiting their turn at the slips. The clearance of the goods will occupy an army of clerks several months.

All men who have attained to eminence in their profession are distinguished by some peculiarity which, in a measure, explains their success. We were not surprised to learn that that splendid cavalry leader, General French, is almost insensible to bodily fatigue, and that after the longest and hardest day in the saddle, he can sit down to an amount of writing that would appal any clerk fresh from breakfast. He can also dismiss anxiety from his mind at the close of the day, and attack with unclouded mind the problems which are to confront him next day.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., recently declared repeatedly and publicly in a more than usually solemn and impressive manner, that if he suspected for one moment that any considerable number of the members of Nanaimo Miners' Union were opposed to him he would retire from the post of secretaryship immediately. Mr. Smith has now a splendid opportunity to put his promise into effect. Seventy members of that Union voted against him on Saturday night, and only eighty-six for him. Seventy is a very considerable number in a meeting of 156. Will Mr. Smith be as good as his word? We shall be mightily surprised if he is. It will be a startling novelty.

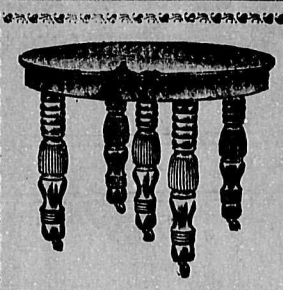
THE ALBERNI RAILWAY.

A. W. Neill, M.P.L., Supports the Contention of Walter Jones.

At a public meeting in Victoria last week, when the board of trade conferred with a number of prominent men on the subject of the proposed railway to Alberni, Mr. A. W. Neill, M. P. L., pointed out that the road could not possibly run by way of Nanaimo; thereby sustaining completely the position taken by Mr. Walter Jones, of Ladysmith, at the citizens' meeting here on Monday the 17th instant.

Probably no man in the country knows more about the country lying between Alberni and the East coast than Mr. Jones, and his judgment has been confirmed by Mr. Neill, who also knows the country well.

Everything appears to point to the inevitable result that the eastern terminus of that road must be at Ladysmith, which seems destined to be British Columbia's most important shipping port. The attention of the province is now centred on this town, and the advent of the Alberni railway here would probably lead to great industrial developments.



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CUPOLA OF ST. PETER'S.

Its Outline Remains an Unparalleled Idea In Architecture.

The greatest of the architectural enterprises Michael Angelo was called upon to take up was the completing of St. Peter's, and he devoted himself through pure obedience to this task, refusing all compensation, offering his unpaid services in that way both to his master and to the service of religion.

He had to struggle against the opposing ideas of the architects in charge of the monument, who held by later plans than those of the first deviser, and their enmity and misapprehension of what was best aimed at a continual thwarting of all his intentions. He managed, however, to bring back the building to its original plan, that of his greatest enemy, Bramante, upon whom he has left this noble judgment. "It cannot be denied," said he, "that Bramante laid the first plan of St. Peter's clear and simple, and all who have departed from his scheme have departed from the truth."

We have not the great cathedral as Michael wished it, nor can we see in it the creation of his genius. But the one thing that Michael Angelo left to his successors in the work is the cupola, whose outline remains as an unparalleled idea, as important a landmark in architecture as his other records of achievement in painting and sculpture. It is the mark of Rome and the expression of Rome's grandeur.

The Pelican Smiled.

There is a sly old pelican in Central park which has an almost human way of noticing what goes on about him without seeming to do so. The other day two herons in the same cage with him fought over a fish. One had made the catch, but the other had undertaken to wrest the morsel from its rightful possessor.

They squabbled over it like two boys who have hold of the same baseball bat. The scuffle brought them into the neighborhood of the old pelican, who stood, apparently asleep, with his big bill tucked away under a wing. Then the heron dropped its fish, and the battle went on.

No sooner had it been dropped than the great bill came out from underneath the wing and the fish went into the pelican's pouch. Then the head disappeared again. The pelican was plainly asleep.

When one heron gave up the fight and flew away, the other looked about for the prize. It was nowhere to be seen. The keeper of the bird cages solemnly asserts that he saw a twinkle in the eye which the pelican opened to give a glance at the retreating heron.

Peculiar Roses.

One of the wars of the roses, the fiercest and deadliest of them all, was fought on a field where, curiously enough, a rose peculiar to the spot grows or used to grow. It is a rare plant now, and the reason is explained by Mr. Leadman in his account of Yorkshire battles. After describing the terrible battle at Towton on Palm Sunday, 1461, he says: "I cannot conclude this story of Towton field without an allusion to the little dwarf bushes peculiar to the 'Field of the White Rose and the Red.'

"They are said to have been plentiful at the commencement of this century, but the visitors have taken them away in such numbers that they have become rare. Such vandalism is simply shameful, for the plants are said to be unique and unable to exist in any other soil. The little roses are white, with a red spot on the center of each of their petals, and as they grow old the under surface becomes a dull red color."—London News.

Cave Animals.

No animals whatever are found in the dry parts of caves. Dampness or a certain degree of moisture seems to be essential to their existence. Under the stones one finds white, eyeless worms, and in the damp soil all around about are to be discovered blind beetles in little holes which they excavate and bugs of the thousand leg sort. These thousand leg bugs, which in the upper world devour fragments of dead leaves and other vegetable debris, sustain life in the caverns by feeding upon decayed wood, fungous growths and bats' dung. Kneeling in a beaten path one can see numbers of them gathered about hardened drips of tallow from tourists' candles. There are plenty of crickets also.

A Varnishing Tip.

When varnishing wood, the work must be done in a warm room at a temperature of at least 75 degrees F. At a lower temperature the moisture in the air will give a milky and cloudy appearance to the varnish. On the other hand, at the higher temperature the moisture is not precipitated until the alcohol of the varnish has sufficiently evaporated to leave a thin smooth film of shellac. The durability and gloss are dependent on this.

Mystery Both Ways.

Pauline—Just think of the awful things we know about people whom we don't know!

Emeline—Yes. Isn't it wonderful! And just think what the people whom we don't know may know about us!

Stimulating Contributions.

Mrs. Von Blumer—The minister preached the most touching sermon I ever heard.

Von Blumer—How much did he raise?—Judge.

Weight for weight, oriental rubies are valued ten to twenty fold the price of diamonds. The best come from China, Ceylon and India.

HOPPERS FOR POULTRY.

How They Are Caught and Pressed Into Bricks For Shipping.

Grasshoppers are being put to a new use out in Nebraska. The farmers have killed incredible numbers of them by the help of a machine which is perhaps the most effective ever devised for the purpose. It is called a "hopperdozer" and is nothing more or less than a large flat pan with a small amount of kerosene contained in a depression in the rear part of it. The contrivance, being attached to a horse, is pushed along in front of the animal as the latter is driven across the fields. Pretty nearly every grasshopper encountered jumps upon the pan and is promptly suffocated by the kerosene.

This ingenious instrument has been in use for a number of years in parts of the west, but hitherto it has not occurred to the farmers to make any use of the dead grasshoppers. Most commonly they were burned, though some more enterprising agriculturists turned a portion of them to account as poultry feed. They found that the hens liked them exceedingly, for it is a fact that a grasshopper is to a hen what a canvasback duck is to human epicure—the very choicest and most esteemed of delicacies.

Hence the idea which is now being developed on a commercial scale. The grasshoppers, after being killed by the hopperdozer, are left in windrows in the fields, where they are soon dried. When they have been exposed to the sun for a sufficient time to reduce them to a properly desiccated condition, they are gathered up with rakes, shoveled into carts and conveyed to a shed, where they are put into a press somewhat resembling an ordinary cheese press and converted into solid bricks.

The bricks are shipped in quantities to poultry raisers, who find this new kind of hen provender most satisfactory, and they are anxious to get more of it. Apparently it is a great encourager of egg production.

It is not necessary to grind the bricks before feeding the stuff to the chickens, but merely to break them into pieces and soften with water.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Pekin.

The illustration shows one of the "big kind" of Pekin ducks. This one was bred by William E. Knight, Fishkill Landing, N. Y. The picture is reproduced from American Poultry Journal.

Fattening Poultry In Belgium.

Consul Roosevelt of Brussels gives this interesting account of fattening poultry in Belgium: In fattening for market, at about three months old, coops of peculiar construction accommodate twenty chickens. They are twenty-four inches high, twenty inches wide, standing on four legs three feet in height. The bottom is made of lath so that the droppings fall through, the top an adjustable board to allow free circulation of air, the front lath two to two and a half inches apart and the receptacle for food a triangular shaped wooden box. The food consists of ground buckwheat mixed with milk, forming a paste not too liquid and fed twice daily. At noon milk or milk and water is given them. If any refuse to take their food, they are not forced to eat, but are removed and killed, as they will grow thin and lose their market value. They are usually fed four or five weeks.

Done Well With Turkeys.

The farmer who is always decrying turkeys and the expense of raising them will be forced to admit that the turkeys have withstood the drought better than anything else on the farm, and the food they have eaten he will not regard as so much wasted. He will find that the large drove of turkeys his wife has to sell will materially aid the family when everything else is so scarce. Turkeys may be lower on the market than usual, but I doubt it. The scarcity and consequent high prices of other meats probably will keep up the price of poultry even if there is a large supply. There is always the Thanksgiving and Christmas demand, and add to this the numbers required to grace feasts of different kinds and you will find the turkey will be in demand at good prices.—Miss Bettie G. Mackey in Reliable Poultry Journal.

The Turkey Crop.

The crop of turkeys, it is estimated, will be fully 15 per cent short of last year, or about 85 per cent of a full crop. Last year was considered about a full crop. The crop is about the same as during the year 1899, possibly a little larger. Reports in nearly all instances claim the turkeys are much poorer than usual this year, and the scarcity of feed, it is argued, will bring in a large quantity of turkeys of a poorer quality than last year. Christmas turkeys are likely to bring good prices.

BROWN LEGHORNS.

A Breeder of the Single Comb Variety Sings Their Praises.

The single comb Brown Leghorns have earned the right to be classed among the best utility fowls since they have attained sufficient size to make them valuable as a market and table fowl. This quality, combined with their great ability as layers and their beauty, places them in the front rank as favorites of the farmer as well as of the fancier. They have been considered a nonsitting variety, but that is not a fact. In an experience extending over twenty years I have found them to make excellent sitters and mothers.

Pullets hatched in May or June or even so late as July will begin laying by November or December, and they need not be affected by cold weather, but should continue to lay throughout the season. Those hatched in February or March will begin to lay in the early fall, and when the change from warm to cold weather takes place they usually cease laying and perhaps molt. Consequently the early hatched birds are not as valuable for winter layers as the May or June hatched chicks. These two months seem to be the natural months for hatching, as the weather is suitable for incubating the eggs and raising the chicks, and at that time nature provides the vegetable and animal food that is necessary for the rapid growth of the birds.

The usefulness of the Brown Leghorn female as an egg producer extends through a period of three or four years without any apparent falling off, and some birds five or six years of age continue to lay well. I have a bird of that age in my yards at present that will lay as well as the younger birds, but as a rule three to four years is their average length of usefulness.

It is claimed by some that pullets which develop large combs are better layers than those with smaller ones. My experience is that the chick hatched earliest develops first, consequently she lays sooner and naturally has a larger comb, but so soon as development takes place in the one with the smaller comb she will lay equally well. It is also claimed that certain types of females will lay better than other types. I cannot see any difference in the laying qualities of the stout, short hen and the more rangy one. The condition of the stock is the main factor, because unless in prime condition you certainly cannot get the best results therefrom.

The single comb Brown Leghorns have taken their place among the general utility fowls because they produce more eggs of larger size than the Asiatics and most other breeds and because they begin laying sooner, do not consume so much time in sitting, are hardy, easily raised, do a lot of hustling and consequently can be raised at much less expense.—William F. Brace in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Feeding Bran.

Bran is excellent for poultry, and one point in favor of bran is that it contains a much larger proportion of lime than any other cheap food derived from grain, and, as the shells of eggs are composed of lime, it is essential that food rich in lime be provided. It may be urged that the use of oyster shells will provide lime, but it will be found that it is the lime in the food that is most serviceable because it is in a form that can be better digested and assimilated than carbonate of lime.

Clover is also rich in lime, and when a mess of cut clover and bran is given the fowls they will need no oyster shells or other mineral matter. Do not forget that in summer, however, all kinds of foods should be used with judgment. If the hens have a free range, give no food at all as long as they are laying, but if they begin to fall off let bran be the leading ingredient of the foods allowed. In winter the bran and clover are even more essential, as the fowls cannot then secure green food on the range.—Poultry Keeper.

Feeding Ground Bone.

Mr. L. wants to know whether to feed ground cut bone in the mash or separately, how often, how much to 100 hens, whether it can be fed to growing chicks. These questions have all been answered several times within a year, but there are always many new subscribers for whom information must be repeated. Green cut bone can be given either in the mash or separately, but I prefer to feed it separately and as a separate meal or a "bite" between meals. When hens are getting it regularly, they may safely be fed all they will eat of it. The quantity will vary with the composition of the other food. The usual estimate is two ounces of bone per hen per week. It is best to give it two or three times a week. Green bone, if cut fine enough, can be fed to growing chicks with profit. They need meat food, and there is certainly none better.—Farm Poultry.

Corn For Fowls.

D. A. Mount in Rural New Yorker says he thinks corn part of the time is a good grain for fowls, even if they do get a little fat on it. He further says: "An excellent feed for Light Brahmas part of the time is wheat in the straw; they will hustle around to get the grain and lay right along. Another breed I find takes on fat readily is the Plymouth Rock, while White Wyandottes will keep in good condition and shell out eggs with a feed of lots of corn. The Leghorns and Minorcas, with unlimited range, could be fed almost wholly on corn and would do well and lay nearly all the time."

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THE CITY

March 15th is the date set for the bye-election in Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir visited Extension, returning on Monday morning's train to Victoria.

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Hon. Joseph Martin, W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. L. and Mr. Stables of Cassiar, M.P. L. were in Nanaimo Saturday night.

St. Patrick's Night is to be honored with a calico ball under the auspices of Rathbone Sisters, Ladysmith Temple, in Oddfellows' Hall.

The latest styles in hair cutting and beard trimming at the Ladysmith Shaving Parlor, High street.

Good use is being made of the new public library, Mr. Jessup having already issued quite a large number of membership cards.

Mrs. R. Quick, wife of the captain of the American ship Edward Sewell, accompanied by her little boy, visited friends at Chemainus on Saturday.

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Messrs. W. W. B. MacInnes, and Stables, (Cassiar) M. P. L., visited the camp on Saturday, proceeding to Nanaimo on the evening train. They went down again to Victoria on the Sunday afternoon train.

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By the omission of the word "not" in the report of Mr. Walter Jones's remarks at the citizens' meeting on the 17th inst., he was made to say the very reverse to what he did say. He said he had examined the freight charges from Victoria and found they were not higher to Ladysmith than to Nanaimo.

Comments of the most favourable kind are heard around town upon the clever singing of Mr. W. H. Lively, the jeweller, at the concert given by the Laurel Rebekahs last week. Mr. Lively's specialty is the comic song. He has few equals in the province in that difficult accomplishment.

For the information of the general public who may be misled by the reckless statements of irresponsible papers ignorant of the facts, it may be stated that the stopping in the tunnel at Extension, which is retaining water poured into No. 2 slope, is not built of solid or any other kind of masonry but of lumber supplied by the Ladysmith Lumber Company.

Cocos Island Treasure.

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Ladysmith Shipping.

Ship Antiope Capt. Murray, arrvied Sunday night from Kalui, Hawii, after a passage of 28 days. She ran from Hawaii to Cape Flattery in 12 days, was beaten back by adverse winds; returned again and was again driven back to sea. Sixteen days were spent thus. The Antiope would have broken the record from Hawaii to Ladysmith could she have picked up a tug on arriving first.

Four-masted schooner Nicomas, arrived from San Francisco Saturday night for a load of coal for the same port.

Ship Edward Sewall went alongside to load 2,500 tons of coal for Honolulu on Monday.

Barque Santa Clara has nearly completed her load for San Francisco.

Str. Tellus cleared for San Francisco on Saturday night with her usual cargo of Wellington coal.

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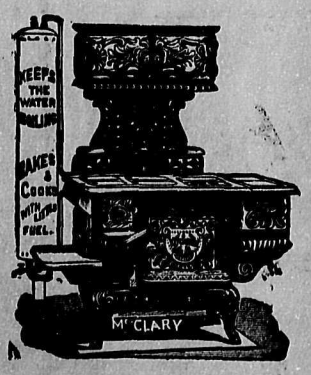

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R. QUICK, Master.
Ladysmith, Feb. 10th, 1902.

NOTICE OF SALE BY SHERIFF.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Between the B. C. Jobbing and Confectionery Company, plaintiff; and Hugh Thornley, defendant.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the above named court, and to me directed, I will sell by public auction on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 1902, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., at the store lately occupied by the defendant at Ladysmith, the following named goods of the defendant, that is to say cigars, tobacco, candy, show cases, pipes, ice cream churn, paper bags, stove, etc., etc.

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S. DRAKE,
Sheriff.
Ladysmith, B.C., 21st Feb. 1902.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Board of Examiners.

Notice is hereby given that the following constitute the Board of Examiners for the Wellington (Extension) Mine during the year 1902.

Appointed by the owners {1. James Sharp, 2. Alexander Bryden}
Alternates {1. Alexander Shaw, 2. John John}
Appointed by the Lieut-Gov in Council — John Cunliffe
Elected by the Miners {1. Benjamin Berto, 2. Sam'l K Mottishaw}
Alternates {1. William Anderson, 2. John Marsh}

NOTE.—Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

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