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VICTORIA NEWS LETTER.

Election Echoes and Legislative Gossip.

(Special Correspondence of The Leader.)

Victoria, B. C. March 14.—Quite the funniest incident in the whole election was the suddenness with which the lights in the Times office went out last Monday night as soon as the result of the poll was declared. It was as if the electric wire had been cut. All the Times staff climbed over the back fence and went home by the alley, so the gossips say, to avoid the congratulations of their friends. The Times feels so sore over the crushing defeat of its hero that it has been publishing libellous attacks ever since on everybody connected with the Government. It was the dirtiest election ever fought in Victoria, and the Times is solely to blame.

Mr. Bodwell did very poorly considering that he had been before the electors six months. The fact is, men like Bodwell don't wear well. They should be elected in a hurry or not at all, for the public soon find out men of Mr. Bodwell's stamp if they are allowed to remain not in the fresh air too long.

Mr. Joseph Hunter's speech in the Legislature on Tuesday was one of the best so far this season. He did not spare the opposition or Col. Prior's opponents in the late election.

The Legislature is now getting down to business in spite of desultory interruptions from unruly and irresponsible members of the opposition.

Mr. Richard McBride looks somewhat subdued since the events of Saturday and Monday. If Bodwell had won, no doubt Mr. McBride would have found the legislative chamber fully small for his accession of self-importance.

Visitors to Victoria are reminded that hostilities are liable to break out amongst the opposition at any moment, and that seats in the gallery of the Legislature are now valued very highly on account of those gladiatorial combats. Strangers and visitors are advised to get into their seats early.

It is reported here on fairly good authority that if the railway to Alberni be built at all, and that is exceedingly doubtful, Victoria is much more likely to be the terminus than either Nanaimo or Ladysmith. Victoria now holds the whole West Coast trade by steamer; and any railway to Alberni would find that a difficult opposition to go against. Your correspondent is informed that any amount of Victoria capital is ready for investment in the Alberni railway if it can be shown that Vancouver is backing either Nanaimo or Ladysmith in the project.

Business has improved considerably since the election, showing that the feeling of confidence, which was destroyed when there was a possibility of the anarchist party succeeding, has been restored by the election of Col. Prior.

Mr. Bodwell took his defeat so hard that he fled home by the light of the red rocket without even waiting to say "thank you" to the voters who had done their best for him. It will probably be a long time before Mr. Bodwell is invited to try again.

It is suggested that ladies wearing calico dresses, may if they wish, make a gent's calico tie, enclose it an envelope; the envelopes to be placed in a basket for the gentlemen to draw; the wearers of matching ties and dresses to be partners for the evening. Spectators 25c; any wishing to dance 25c extra. Special train will leave Extension at 7 p. m.; returning from Ladysmith at 2.30 a. m. Rathbone Sisters, Ladysmith Temple, No. 5.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Executive Meeting Appoints Committee to See Mr. Dunsmuir.

Last Tuesday evening a meeting of the executive of the Ladysmith Board of Trade took place in Mr. W. H. Mason's office, near the railway station. There were present Messrs. P. H. Marshall, president; James Freel, secretary; A. S. Christie, Treasurer; I. Gould, John Bickle and, by invitation, W. W. Southin.

Mr. Southin strongly advocated that the people of Ladysmith, through their Board of Trade, should join hands with Nanaimo in regard to the Alberni railway; because, as he contended, there would be much more likelihood of securing that railway for the Central East Coast of the Island than if the two places were pulling against one another, as Victoria, in the end, in consequence of such difference of opinion, would be sure to get the plum. A lengthy discussion took place on the question; which was left in abeyance.

The matter of the cemetery then came in for discussion; also the public wharf and other matters of great importance to Ladysmith. The meeting then appointed Messrs. Walter Jones, Isaac Gould and John Bickle as a committee to wait upon Hon. James Dunsmuir when next he comes to Ladysmith, and lay the various questions which have been discussed, before him, for his consideration. This was all the business and the meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

SMASHINGLY ANSWERED.

Mr. McInnes, M. P. L. Effectually Refutes a Herald Yarn.

During the recent election Victoria Times published the following excerpt from Nanaimo Herald, with the challenge attached, to Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. L., who immediately took it up and returned the reply herewith through the columns of Victoria Era:

The Times, in heavy type, says:

"Mr. McInnes is asked to say if he approves of the Premier's reception of the delegates from the Extension Miners' Union, whom he welcomed with the exclamation:

"'To h—l with the committee.'

"'To h—l with the union.'

"'To h—l with the men.'—See Nanaimo Herald, December 24."

I reply I state that:

The above account of the reception by the Premier of the union delegates, is a miserable fiction.

The Premier did not act or speak as above represented. Those present at the interview promptly contradicted the malicious report now reproduced in the Times.

The Herald did not dare to state as a fact that the Premier had so acted or spoken. It carefully took shelter from the consequences of its libelous attack under a "it is rumored, etc.," just as Bodwell now takes shelter under a "retainer," from the odium attaching to his efforts against the workingmen of British Columbia.

W. W. B. McINNES.

Strong as is Mr. McInnes's reply, it is no stronger than the occasion warrants. The conduct of Ralph Smith's paper in dealing with Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir's affairs has been notoriously unfair; and the foregoing is a good example of the deliberate distortions which have found space in its columns. The Herald must have unlimited faith in the gullibility or depravity of its readers when it dares to publish such statements.

No one who knows Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir would for one moment believe that he would utter remarks such as those the Herald puts into his mouth; he is quite incapable of treating any man in that way. But there is no use in arguing this matter; what Mr. Dunsmuir did say was heard by half-a-dozen respectable witnesses, who are unanimous in their condemnation of the false and malignant assertion.

The ladies of the Ladysmith Methodist Church sewing circle held a sewing bee at the residence of Mrs. W. W. Southin on Wednesday and Thursday in preparation for the sale of work to take place in April.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

What is Being Done for Ladysmith's Amusement.

As readers of The Leader will have noticed by advertisement in another column the ladies of the Church of England, encouraged by the success of their former efforts, are about to give the people of Ladysmith another rare treat. This time it will be on Tuesday evening, the 1st of April, and will take the form of a fancy dress ball, carnival and supper, in Oddfellows' building. The same skilful management which made former entertainments on behalf of the Ladysmith Anglican church so signally successful is engaged in preparing for this night of pleasure. No one who had the good fortune to attend the previous concerts, dances and suppers under the same auspices, will miss this on the 1st of April.

The Rathbone Sisters of Ladysmith have already won for themselves a high reputation as entertainers, and they are going to surpass all previous records on the evening of the 17th of Ireland, in Oddfellows' Hall. Suitable prizes are to be given for the best characters, ladies and gentlemen, and there will be keen competition in all the classes.

The management of First Presbyterian Church have been successful in securing for a concert in Ladysmith the two musical marvels, the little Misses Dobie of Nanaimo. The concert will take place on Thursday evening, the 20th instant. All critics who have heard those wonderful children are in raptures over their playing. The younger plays the violin divinely; marvellously, considering her tender age—only eight. Her sister, aged thirteen, is already a piano virtuoso. They have sent musical Nanaimo wild with delight, and are now starting out on a musical tour of the province, Ladysmith having the honor of securing first concert. This is a treat that no one who cares at all for music should miss. No doubt the enterprise of the First Presbyterian Church management will be well rewarded by seeing the spacious church, where the concert will be given, packed to overflowing on the night of the 20th.

Extension News Notes.

Extension, B. C., March 14.—Excellent progress is being made with the work in No. 2. Everything has been found in surprisingly good order; so far no trace of the origin of the fire has been reached. It is thought that it must have been confined to a very limited area. The timbering is in remarkably good condition. There have been a few minor falls and caves, but very far from what was expected. There is good reason to believe that the mine will open for business with regular shifts about the end of the present month.

Two or three hundred more miners than are now at Extension will be required it is said, when No. 2 and 3 get into working order again. It is fully expected that Extension will be a busier camp the coming summer than at any time in its history.

Fourteen Swedes left the camp last Tuesday bound for Kansas, where they will try for work at the local coal mines.

Many fine buildings are now going up at Extension, some of them are really handsome structures, and are being very substantially built.

Work on this end of the short line to Ladysmith is expected to begin early in April. Large quantities of ties and timbers are ready along the track for the workmen.

The Company are putting up several new buildings near the station for various purposes.

The town is beginning to recover its gaiety after the hard winter and quite a number of dances and other parties are on the list.

Off To Alaska.

Mr. Chris Stephens, of the Ladysmith Hotel, left Ladysmith for Ketchikan, Alaska, last Wednesday morning, via Vancouver. Mr. Stephens had a brother in Alaska whom he has not seen for more than twenty years. He was somewhat astonished a short time ago to receive a visit from his brother, who said that he owned a claim in Alaska which was likely to turn out very well. The samples he produced proved his words true. Mr. C. Stephens will remain two months on the claim, which is some distance inland from Ketchikan, and will then return to Ladysmith for his team and outfit. He and his brother will develop the claim this summer. Mr. Stephens is to be congratulated on his good fortune. It is not every long-lost brother who turns up after twenty years with a bonanza to offer his relatives.

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UNDER A BUSHEL.

Brother Lowery, editor and financier of the New Denver Ledge, has returned from a trip to California, and he has been interviewed by his own paper and has stated his opinions with characteristic vigor and sincerity.

He has made a discovery, namely, that British Columbia's scant population of 177,000 are going about trembling with fear lest the outside world discover that there is such a place as British Columbia. They are doing all they can to prevent the horrible catastrophe, which would inevitably result in a huge rush of immigration from all parts of the earth to this province. Then we might have the unparalleled agony of seeing one or two millions of prosperous people instead of the esoteric 177,000.

He says California has gone in for making its existence known to the outside world, and with the most alarming results. People with money have swarmed into that state until now the population is far over a million; and still they come. They come as invalids, tourists, business men, workmen, and they all stay and help to make California one of the most prosperous states in the Union.

But Mr. Lowery earnestly advises the people of British Columbia not to do this, but to mount guard with jealous care over every pass, so that any intending immigrants who may want to have a peep at this modern Korea and Tibet rolled into one, can have the top of their inquisitive heads blown off and so the country be saved from the intrusion.

He says that British Columbia is an infinitely richer country than California, but that the people are so different. In California they give a great, big, vulgar welcoming hand to the incoming stranger, and invite him to stay; they publish advertisements in newspapers all over the East and in the old country, and they have even got down so low as to send out lecturers who can tell the people of distant countries just what kind of place California is.

Now, it would be most unseemly for British Columbia to do this. What British Columbia wants to do is to turn over again, take a good comfortable position and go to sleep for another half-century.

We would move in amendment to Brother Lowery's motion, that strong guards, armed to the teeth with machine guns and pom-poms, be posted in all the passes from the Tete Jaune to the Crow's Nest, with orders to shoot down anybody attempting to immigrate into this province.

British Columbia is not dead but fast asleep. It is enough to make the angels weep to observe say, Victoria's Tourist Association going about its business.

RALPH SMITH AGAIN.

For those who know the facts there is something deliciously amusing in the dispatch sent by Ralph Smith, M. P., to Victoria Times during the late election at Victoria, for the deliberate purpose of injuring Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir. It proves that Mr. Smith has a mania for meddling with other people's business:

"Have been trying for years to amalgamate Island miners. Dunsmuir always refused such union. I contended with him personally many times in favor of it."

Signed RALPH SMITH.

Now, why are Mr. Smith and the Nanaimo miners so extremely desirous of having this amalgamation? It is no secret that Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir has the poorest kind of opinion of Mr. Ralph Smith, because he has found out Mr. Ralph Smith, and knows what sort of person he is. It is giving away no secret to say that Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir on more than one occasion has told Mr. Ralph Smith in the plainest of plain English just exactly what he thinks of him.

Mr. Dunsmuir never opposed the association of his own workmen; indeed he favours it; but he has the very best grounds for opposing the amalgamation of his men with the Nanaimo men. We have heard it said by well-informed miners who are intimately acquainted with the whole situation, that the sole end and object of the proposed amalgamation is to give the New Vancouver Coal Company, through the Nanaimo Miners' Union, which would have the preponderant vote in such amalgamation, power to drive the Wellington Colliery Company out of the California market.

The same informants have assured us that the method to be employed would be the issuing of an ultimatum to the Wellington Colliery Company regarding wages and other matters, and on that Company's refusal to be dictated to regarding its own affairs, to "tie up" the Wellington Collieries by means of a general strike, during which the Nanaimo company would be enabled to secure the California market.

The Leader has been further informed that the only thing that saved the Wellington Colliery Company from the consummation of this scheme was the fact that a number of its men were fully aware of this, and that their determined stand against the proposal prevented it from being accomplished.

We do not vouch for the correctness of the foregoing statement, but we do believe that the persons who informed us are credible persons. At all events, there can be no disputing the fact that the management of the Wellington Colliery Company was fully aware that the proposed amalgamation was inimical to its interests, and in the opinion of all reasonable people that company was justified in declining to sanction the union of its men with the men of a company bitterly adverse to the Wellington Colliery's interests.

We should like to know if Mr. Ralph Smith's strenuous advocacy of this amalgamation is entirely disinterested. We should like to know if he has not his eye upon an important advantage for himself in the shape of a lucrative official position. Whether or no, Mr. Ralph Smith may rest perfectly assured that all his efforts to hoodwink the Wellington Colliery Company will fail; for the management of that Company know him thoroughly; and that is the worst thing possible that can happen to Ralph Smith.

BRITAIN'S GIGANTIC TASK.

General Lord Methuen would probably receive at the hands of his captors better and more tender treatment than any other British General that they might take prisoner. The Boers could not forget that their brave but unfortunate captive is the man who shed fresh glory on the British arms by offering chivalrous honors to the memory of a slain foe, General Villebois Mareuil, even at the risk of being misunderstood by his own countrymen.

General Methuen's conduct on that occasion did more to win the sympathy of the Continent than all the pro-Boer speeches in the House of Commons or throughout the United Kingdom. It proved that he is a noble-minded man, who takes with him into the battlefield the high sentiments of Bayard and Sidney. Lord Methuen was severely criticized at the time for his action which was denounced as quixotic and eccentric.

Thank God, we have men in the British army who are capable of rising above the sordid considerations of an age which is more prolific in bargainers than in knightly men who can do noble deeds. At any rate, Lord Methuen's kindliness toward even the memory of a dead and vanquished foe no doubt stood him in good stead in his captivity, or we are deplorably deceived in the character of his captors.

That such a misfortune should overtake the British forces in the field at this time in the war is certainly disquieting. The war is now far into its third year, and this latest reverse will do much to encourage the Boers in their resistance. It is anything but reassuring to learn that the death list and the financial loss keep pace with one another at an alarming rate. Mr. Lloyd George estimates that the total cost of completing the conquest of the two republics will not be less than four hundred millions of pounds sterling (about two thousand millions of dollars). The death list already exceeds those of the Crimean, Indian Mutiny and Abyssinian campaigns combined; and the cost has already been greater than the two first mentioned campaigns and the Peninsular war combined.

How long can Britain stand the strain? It goes without saying that Britain will never give up the attempt to subdue the Boers. Perhaps the news that Lord Kitchener himself is to take command actively with the fighting line and direct the actual pursuit may be taken as the beginning of the end.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Again and again we have noted of late in the British newspapers the charge that the War Office is deliberately trying to break down the Volunteer movement in order to make a case for conscription. The Volunteer Record says it is informed that the War office actually has now a scheme for conscription drawn up, and that it will be issued as soon as the disbandment of the Volunteer force is accomplished. Then for three years apiece of "the lordliest life on earth" without the option of a nay.

We have had some exceedingly queer judicial decisions in the province, but it would be hard to match, even in British Columbia, the extraordinary sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Ridley recently, at the Northumberland Assizes, Newcastle. He complained that the lighting of the court was bad, and discovered that the lights in front of him were Welsbach burners, but had no mantles. The caretaker was called and in answer to a question said his wages were 20s a week. "Then," said his Lordship, "you are fined £10 for not keeping the lights in proper order; I measure the fine according to your means."

One of the grand pleasures of The Leader's life is to have the assurance of the two Nanaimo newspapers that this paper contributes even in the smallest degree to their gaiety. Our only ambition in this life is to make everybody happy, even at the expense of our own happiness; which is, of course, forfeit when grieving over the blunders past counting of our two unfortunate contemporaries. Free Press wants us to check its proof reader's mistakes; but we decline until the Free Press agrees to attend a night school; and the Herald turns one of our own jokes (that in the Board of Trade report, which was verbatim) against ourselves. The Herald, however, jokes with difficulty, and could hardly be expected to perceive the acutetigisti of The Leader's occasional departures from the grave and dignified. Our piety is constantly refreshed when reading our two Nanaimo contemporaries, for the portion of Holy Scripture which says; "Suffer fools gladly," is then omnipresent.

Canadian Society of Authors.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Authors was held at Victoria University on Friday, February 14. The following officers were elected for 1902: Hon. President, Prof. Goldwin Smith, L. L. D.; president, Hon. George W. Ross, L. L. D.; vice-presidents, Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg, Dr. Drummond of Montreal, Dr. Frechette of Montreal, Hon. J. W. Longley of Halifax, Duncan Campbell Scott of Ottawa; secretary, Prof. Pelham Edgar; treasurer; John A. Cooper, B. A.; executive committee Messrs. Jas. Bain, jr., Castell Hopkins, B. E. Walker, Bernard McEvoy, Macdonald Oxley, Mayor Howland, J. S. Willison, Prof. Lefroy, Prof. Mavor, Prof. Davidson. A bibliography of the contributions of the members to current literature will be soon ready for distribution in the society.

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MARRIED AT RAILROAD SPEED

[Original.]

Traveling westward on the C., B. and Q. railway and finding the smoking car crowded, I went into the baggage car. I was puffing quietly when I was startled by a farmer sitting on a trunk exclaiming:

"No. 1401, by thunder!"

The baggageman looked at him inquiringly.

"An' you're the baggageman too."

"Of course I'm the baggageman."

"You was a-runnin' this car when we hed a weddin' an' a weddin' tower all to onct," replied the farmer.

"You don't mean it!"

"I do mean it, an' I never see any one connected with that little affair that I don't shiver, an' then I want to hug 'em. I have had some close shaves in my life, an' that was the closest I ever had. If it hadn't been fur that feller that fust helped us out an' then prevented my gettin' a bullet through my head, I'd 'a' been slumberin' all these years in our buryin' ground."

"You refer to the time when the gun went off," said the baggageman. "I confess I was as much frightened as you were. To tell the truth, after I heard the report I expected to see you fall and was surprised when you didn't."

"My friends," I said, offering both a Havana cigar, "I never can bear to see people enjoying a good thing without sharing in the amusement. Tell me the story."

"You see, stranger, Ann Eliza Perkins 'n' me, bein' bent on gitten hitched, an' me not bein' acceptable to the ole man, we lighted out one mornin' from her home in her paw's buggy, calculatin' to ketch the train fur Quincy that stopped at our station at 5:35.

"Waal, we was a-drivin' silentlike outen the gate when up goes a winder, an' ole Perkins' head stuck out. I give the mare a cut, an' we went lickety split down the road. We hed three miles to make to the station an' twenty minutes to do it in. But it didn't make no difference as to our time. It was the time of the train an' the time the ole man would make a-chasin' us, fer we knowed he'd follow with his gun. We made the station in fifteen minutes, but as we wasn't on a prairie we couldn't see whether the train was a-comin' or not. Fact was the track run around the base of a hill, an' we couldn't even hear the engine a-puffin'.

"You bet that was a long five minutes, Ann Eliza up on the platform a-lookin' fur her dad, me with my ear down on the rails 'a-listenin' fur the train.

"'He's a-comin'!' cried Ann Eliza, a-turnin' pale.

"'So's the train,' said I, a-shakin' with excitement, a-hearin' the rattlin' of the wagon an' the click of the train on the rails.

"When the train drawed up, we got inter the baggage car, to be furtherest from the ole man. When we moved on, I put my head outen the door, an' there he was, a-hangin' on to the rail of the last car.

"'Game's up!' I said, lugubrus.

"'Not a bit,' said a Chicago drummer who had folleyed us inter the car. 'Wonder ef there's a parson aboard.'

"'There's no time to find out,' I said. 'S'pect the ole man's a-comin' through the train mighty fast.'

"'I'll play parson myself,' said the drummer, an', whippin' off his cravat, he tied a white handkerchief around his neck, buttoned up his coat, borryed a pair of spectacles an' told us to stand up afore him fur to be married.

"'I hain't a-goin' to be married by a bogus parson,' said Ann Eliza. 'I want a certificate, an' a giniine one too.'

"'You don't catch on to the game,' said the drummer. 'When the ole man comes, he'll think you're married, that he's too late to break off the match, an' he'll give you his blessin'. Soon's you reach Quincy you kin git a minister an' be married regular.'

"This pacified Ann Eliza, an' we stood up afore the drummer. He had only time to yell as the door opened, 'Man an' wife!' Perkins, seein' he was too late, leveled his gun at me, but the drummer was spry an' knocked it up, an' there, by gum, is the hole the ball made in the roof!

"'Ole man,' said the bogus parson, a-drawlin' his words, 'why try to separate those who hev been joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock? Would you send this young man away from his bride afore his time?'

"Then the ole man broke down. He see how near he'd been to murder, an' he was too late to save his daughter from a-marryin' me, which, I reckon, was a bad piece of luck fur Ann Eliza. He began to cry, an' Ann Eliza went to him an' put her arms aroun' him an' begun to cry, an' I, not to be out in the cold, begun to cry, an' the bogus parson—he was really a soft hearted feller—tuk his han'kerchief from his neck an' filled it copiouslike.

"'How could you hev done it?' sobbed the ole man.

"'Oh, paw,' cried Ann Eliza, 'it hain't'—

"'My dear,' said the drummer, interruptin', 'I'm sorry I hain't got no blank certificates with me, but I'll fill one out as soon as we get to Quincy.'

"The ole man put out his han' to me an' hoped I'd be good to his dear little gal, which made me feel's if I'd been a-stealin' apples offen his best tree. When we reached Quincy, we shook him long enough to git married real—the drummer tuk him off—an' that's the end of the yarn. Isn't that how it was, Mr. Baggage Smasher?"

"You've told it beautiful."

JULIAN VARNHAM.

BEN FRANKLIN'S PURCHASE

An Old Electrical Machine Dating Back to the Revolution.

Nearly every schoolboy of a generation ago was familiar with the frictional electricity machine, never of very much practical value, but of great interest to youthful minds on account of the spark that could be made to pass from condenser to youthful finger. Nowadays the size of the spark has increased as the size of the machine has diminished, but an example of the earlier type is still preserved at the Jefferson physical laboratory at Harvard, where an interesting collection of antiquated pieces of apparatus gives the visitor to Cambridge an opportunity to compare the earliest with the latest methods of studying physics and astronomy.

This special piece, moreover, is particularly interesting in that it was originally purchased for the college by Benjamin Franklin when acting as American commissioner to France during the Revolutionary war. It is a cumbersome affair that would require a horse and a small wagon or a whole automobile to move, but the principle on which it is based is the same as in its modern successors. Aside from size the most noticeable difference is in the use of a glass globe about a foot in diameter to produce the electricity by friction instead of the big circular glass plate seen in later machines.

Despite its size and the big globe, however—which is supported on posts resembling those of a colonial four poster bed—the old machine never exceeded a spark two inches long and was even proud of that modest performance. How modest it really was may be seen by comparison with a modern machine in the next case, so much smaller than Franklin's that it can be held in one hand, that produces a spark of electricity of nearly seven inches.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

If silence is golden, a discreet silence is away above rubies.—"Life on the Stage."

Most men are inventive enough in the matter of personal justification.—"Papa Bouchard."

The man in a man can only be recognized by the woman in a woman.—"By the Higher Law."

It is human nature to shrink from confessing oneself wrong in one's anticipations.—"Lassie."

A girl is never too young to form opinions of her own sex—or to express them.—"The Destiny of Doris."

The world may doom you to plain living, but only you can deny yourself plain thinking.—"Deafness and Cheerfulness."

Women love good men, but are interested in men whose goodness is more or less impaired.—"The Man From Glengarry."

The power that prepared the highways of life seems to have arranged that the fingerposts along the primrose paths shall rarely point to the promised land.—"Captain Bluitt."

Think not, as many say, there is but one springtide of life, that it is but a green and sappy youth which rushes to a brief summer and all else of life is but a winter, long and drear and gray and lonely. Through all our life our springtide is renewed.—"Mistress Brent."

Why He Hesitated.

The Brooklyn Citizen prints an experience of a man who traveled all over Europe and declares that he did not meet but one person who hesitated over the acceptance of a fee:

I was wandering through an old graveyard in an English town and had stopped before a stone which had not been long in place. A man who must have been following me stepped up and said:

"Ah, sir, but she who lies here will be missed for years to come! She was for half a lifetime the president of the charity board."

In an absentminded way I handed him a sixpence, said the traveler. He received it, turned it over in his hand in a hesitating way and finally stammered:

"As she was my own wife, sir, and as I was here to plant flowers on her grave, perhaps it would not be exactly proper to accept a fee."

I replied that but for him I might never have known about her being president of the board, and he swallowed his scruples and pocketed the sixpence with one motion and with evident satisfaction.

Office and Man.

Once upon a time a postmaster who lived in a Kansas town was seated in his office reading postal cards when a native cyclone suddenly came his way. The wind carried him through an east window and in the direction of a chestnut grove three miles distant.

In a few seconds he was safely seated in the top of a high tree busy picking chestnut burs out of his hair and clothing when he saw the building that he had so suddenly left coming directly toward him.

"I declare," he exclaimed, "there comes the old shanty looking for me!"

Moral.—Sometimes the office seeks the man.

Meanings of Words and Children.

One of my children was reading to me in her English history how the mayor killed Wat Tyler. "I suppose it kicked him," she remarked. I explained that the mayor was a man. "Oh," she said, "I thought a mare was an old gray horse!"

My mother told me that the word "sundry," which she heard in church in the exhortation, puzzled her much till she decided in her own mind it referred to the hot, arid land of Palestine, where the Bible was written—a sun dry place.—Good Words.

Sailors' Rations.

A recent writer has this to say of sailors' rations: "A sailor has dishes, and loves them, that are little appreciated ashore. He likes 'Fanny Adams' and has a great fancy for 'plum duff,' which consists of suet pudding with raisins in it. Vegetables, though they are in the official harbor menu, are not served out to the messes every day, but on certain days some groups of men get all and the others none, on a system of which Jack quite approves.

"The messes whose turn it is to have vegetables indulge in a 'pot mess,' as it is styled, perhaps not inappropriately. The messes in their turn receive the shins, scrag ends, neck pieces and other odds and ends of the meat ration—some sailors aver that every animal has at least six shins—and this miscellaneous assortment of remnants is thrown into a pot with as many vegetables as can be got. The result is a 'pot mess.'

"Any landlubber who desires to try a real naval dish will have no difficulty in getting the dish prepared, and if he eats it on a table with uneven legs which lunges up and down he can imagine he is at sea."

Narcolepsy.

Narcolepsy is a curious and somewhat rare disease, whose most prominent symptom is irresistible attacks of sleep. These may come on suddenly at any time and place, and the patient is absolutely unable to stay awake. The sleep, however, is usually of short duration, from ten to thirty minutes.

The disease was described and named by Gelineau, a French physician, in 1880. It is thought by some specialists to be closely allied to epilepsy. But as the attacks resemble healthy sleep—the muscles are relaxed, the heart and respiration are slowed down, the patient on awakening is refreshed as after an ordinary nap, and there is none of the lassitude and sense of exhaustion which follows the epileptic fit—it is certainly very different in origin from the latter. Robin and Paul Sainton have recorded cases which show a close association between obesity and the tendency to narcolepsy.

It seems probable, however, as Dutil thinks, that its closest ally is simple hysteria.

Cat Versus Trout.

A member of the Sullivan County club caught half a dozen trout one day last summer and carried them alive to his cottage, intending to take them to the city. He turned the water into his bathtub, and the trout seemed to thrive as well there as they had done in the streams.

That afternoon one of the fish disappeared. The man, thinking it had jumped out, looked all around the room, but no trout was to be seen.

Next morning two more were gone, and the servant was closely questioned. Then two more disappeared, and the fisherman was so much concerned that he took a place outside the bathroom window and proceeded to watch.

Pretty soon the family cat entered, perched on the edge of the tub and, waiting its chance, struck viciously into the water with one paw and brought up the remaining trout.

The Way to Do Business.

"Is there any one living here under twenty-one years of age?" inquired a man who rang the doorbell at a genteel residence the other day.

"No, there is not," rather sharply replied a spinster of eight and thirty summers who answered.

"Why, is it possible?" was the reply of the apparently astonished man. "Don't you live here?"

It was a neat hit, and after a little simpering and a brief chat about the weather the maiden purchased two copies of a work entitled "Hints For the Young."—London Tit-Bits.

Diet and Voice.

A musical writer states that fine vocalists are rare in countries where fish and meat diets prevail and that the voice depreciates as families grow rich and increase the amount of meat consumed. Naples and Genoa, where much fish is eaten, give few of Italy's singers, and the sweet voices of Ireland are found in the country, but not in the towns. In Norway too much fish is eaten for the production of singers, but Sweden is a land of grain and song. The carnivorous birds croak; grain eating birds sing.

The Maid Blushed.

When Mr. David Dear, winner of the queen's prize at Bisley, was a law student, he once attended an "at home." On the servant asking his name, he replied, "David Dear."

The girl blushed and said, "Yes, yes; but what is your other name, sir?"

He assured her he had no other name, but it was of no use. The servant knew better and announced him as "Mr. David."

Witty Actress.

A leading actress, who is notably well "billed" all over town and country, observed to the interviewer: "Of course I can't get on without 'billing,' and," she added slyly, "a little 'cooing.' Do I use powder? Why, of course. What do you think? And, my dear sir, I shall now depend on you—for the powder—oh, dear, no—for the puff!"

The Best of Reasons.

"Why do you bring this to me?" thundered the weary editor, thrusting the manuscript back into the hands of the poet.

"Because," replied the bard timidly, "I have no stamp."

There is only one way to cure failure—give up seeking excuses and seek work.

A rose in the hand is worth a whole wreath on the coffin.—National Magazine.

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THE CITY

Str. Thistle called in on Wednesday for her usual load of coal.

A meeting in regard to the Alberni railway is to be held in Nanaimo this evening.

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Mr. Fletcher, Post Office Inspector, will make a special examination of Ladysmith post-office early next week.

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The sympathy of their many friends has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Greaves of Ladysmith, who suffered the loss of their little one last Tuesday morning. The funeral took place at Nanaimo on Wednesday.

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

Wanted to purchase on or below First Avenue, a full sized lot. Address with full particulars as to improvements or building, etc., to X. Y. Z., Leader office.

A small outbreak of fire at the Safety Powder works, Nanaimo River Bridge last Tuesday resulted in some damage to one of the outbuildings. The fire was promptly extinguished by the staff.

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.

When visiting Ladysmith call at Lively's jewelry store and see the fine range of watches, clocks and jewelry of all descriptions.

The Leader has recived some more letters of enquiry from intending settlers in different parts of Canada and the United States, and on the same subject from a gentleman in the old country. It is for Ladysmith's Board of Trade to "buck up" and make Ladysmith's name and advantages known from Newfoundland to Behring Strait.

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Mrs. Mitchell of Nanaimo will visit Ladysmith next Wednesday, the 17th, instant, and will be pleased to meet her pupils in art needlework, painting, etc., in the Abbotsford Hotel parlor, from 9.30 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Now is the time to get your job printing done. The Leader can quote you the lowest rates on all sorts of bill heads letter heads, cards, circulars, tickets, statements, etc.

Mr. Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Ladysmith smelter, is now busily engaged in going over and correcting the plans of the aerial tramway to convey ore from the Tyee dump to Somenos station.

Novelties in jewelry arriving. Everybody is invited to inspect my stock. Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue.

Hon. James Dunsmuir was expected to visit Ladysmith today. The committee of the Board of Trade will have a conference with him if he come.

Dr. Grice dentist of Nanaimo has gone to Comox on professional business and will not be able to visit Ladysmith today. All who desire dental work done are respectfully notified that he will be here next Saturday, at the Abbotsford Hotel.

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All the Ladysmith voters who went down to Victoria came back delighted with the result of the election. Ladysmith contributed an important share to that result.

Mr. Milne, who has resided in the Berry block for some time past, and has lately been engaged with Mr. D. Nicholson, the contractor, left Ladysmith on Wednesday morning for the Yukon, where he will remain the summer and fall. Mr. Milne's family remain in Ladysmith.

Hon. James Dunsmuir has made a handsome donation to the funds of the Ladysmith Methodist church. He handed a cheque for $125 to the Rev. Mr. Barraclough of Victoria the other day, on behalf of the church here. The gift has been very much appreciated.

All good citizens of Ladysmith who have not yet paid their entrance fee to the secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. James Freel, are respectfully requested to do so at their earliest convenience. Through its Board of Trade Ladysmith can accomplish vastly more than individual effort on the part of private citizens.

Owing to the important meeting in Nanaimo tonight on the Alberni railway question the proposed meeting to the Ladysmith Liberals for organization, to have been held tonight, is postponed until next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock Gould's Hall, when all the leaders will be present

If it is a nice ring or bracelet you are looking for Lively, the leading jeweler, First Avenue, has a first class selection from which to choose.

WITH THE ANGLERS.

Capital Sport Being Enjoyed on Ladysmith Bay.

For some days back the local anglers have been busy whipping the waters of Oyster Harbor with the most approved flies and baits, and have been meeting with great success. One gentleman, an enthusiast in the sport, landed thirty beauties in one day's fishing. Many other bags almost equally good have been made by Ladysmith men. The average weight has been well over a pound.

The local dealers are doing a fine business in fitting out anglers with rods, flies, reels and other paraphernalia, and no doubt the sport will be followed up next week and throughout the fishing season with great spirit. Ladysmith's fame as an anglers' paradise has spread far and wide, and numbers of sportsmen from Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver are expected to put in a few days here.

Sunday Services.

First Presbyterian Church—Regular services, morning 11 o'clock; evening 7 o'clock. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Rev. W. A. Rae, pastor.

Methodist church — Services are held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. Sunday school at 2.30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Baptists will hold their Church Service in Nicholson's Hall at 2:30 p. m. —Rev. W. Thompkins pastor.

An Interesting Sight.

On Thursday last a remarkable phenomenon was witnessed at Ladysmith, and it was aptly described as a pitched battle between the forces of winter and spring. It was a lovely spring day, but the sky toward the head of the bay was overcast. About noon there was a heavy fall of snow, quite a storm in fact, but confined to the head of the bay, although a few flurries reached the northern limits of Ladysmith. While the snow was falling heavily up the bay all around Ladysmith the sea and land were bathed in bright, warm sunshine. The snowfall did not last long, and of course melted as soon as it touched the warm ground. The phenomenon is easily explained by the fact that a shower of rain in falling *passed through a cold stratum of air*, and so congealed into the beautiful.

Bodwell is the most vulnerable politician who ever offered himself as a target in this province.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is herby given that I intend to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the Town of Duncans, B. C. at their next sitting for a transfer of my license for the sale of Wines and Liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Alderlea Hotel, Duncans, B. C., to Joseph A. Rogers, of Duncans, B. C.

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All debts due to the estate must be paid forthwith, and all claims duly verified, must be filed with me not later than the 1st. day of April, 1902, when I will proceed to distribute the assets.

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