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BOB MACPHERSON NOMINATED

Popular Vancouver Apothecary Named as Commons Representative

Mr. R. G. Macpherson, druggist, Vancouver, has received the nomination for the vacant seat in the Commons left vacant by the death of the late Mr. G. R. Maxwell. The nomination was practically unanimous, the popularity of Mr. Macpherson being undoubted. For many years back Mr. Macpherson has taken a lively interest in local politics, and has been prominently identified with the Liberal party. He will go to the Commons an uncompromising supporter of the Liberal ministry.

Much-needed shingle and sand are being put down in the quagmire around the postoffice entrance by Messrs. Ward and son.

Our 10 per cent. discount sale keeps us hustling. We are handing out the silverware. The people know a good thing when they don't have to guess it. Cory S. Ryder.

NEW VANCOUVER CO. SELLS OUT

Western Coal Co., of San Francisco Acquires All The Properties.

Output Will Be Largely Increased And New Methods Introduced.

Perhaps the most important item of news lately published in connection with Vancouver Island is that which comes from San Francisco to the effect that the New Vancouver Coal Company of Nanaimo have sold out all their large interests to the Western Coal Company of San Francisco, and that the new owners will enter into possession at once and develop the properties as they never were handled before.

The N. V. C. M. Co. have sold everything; mines, wharves, land, over 35,000 acres, machinery, improvements, in fact a clean sweep of the whole lot. It is reported that the American company will greatly increase the output. Mr. S. M. Robins, superintendent of the old company, who has been in San Francisco lately and is now on the way home to Nanaimo, having, it is understood, consummated the sale to the satisfaction of both parties concerned.

The new company acquires also the bunkers, barges and other property of John Rosenfeld's Sons Co., of San Francisco, the stock and business of J. C. Wilson & Co., and the Howard Co., of Oakland.

The officers of the new company are: President, J. L. Howard; Vice-President, J. B. Smith; Secretary, D. C. Norcross. The capital stock of the company amounts to $1,500,000

Body Recovered.

Provincial Constable Cassidy took charge of the remains of the Norwegian sailor who accidentally fell off the bunker wharves some weeks ago when trying to board the barque Antiope. The body was found on Thursday floating in the shallow water across the harbor. Mr. A. E. Hilbert, undertaker, Nanaimo, came down on yesterday morning's train and took over the body for interment.

Ladysmith Shingle Mill.

Work has been started on the new shingle mill for the Ladysmith Lumber Company. It will be situated on the waterfront below Chinatown, and will have excellent facilities for handling the raw material and shipping out the finished product. It is expected that the operation of shingle making will be commenced early in the coming year. The mill is to have quite a considerable output, the business of the Lumber Company having grown to very large proportions within the past year.

German Crown Prince.

London, Dec. 19.—The "Westminster Gazette" says that it is in a position to say that there is no foundation whatever for the report, which has been widely circulated, that the German Crown Prince is to be betrothed to Princess Alice of Albany. Our contemporary adds that the German Crown Prince will not marry anyone for some years to come.

New Zealand Elections.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 19.—A feature of the elections has been the success of the Prohibitionist and option candidates at the poll.

So far, the Prohibitionists are known to have carried six seats, and those in favor of a reduction of licenses nine.

Krupp Guns for Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—The project for the purchase of batteries of quick-firing guns, which has been under consideration for several years, has at last been realized by the promulgation of an irade authorising the Minister of War to conclude a contract with the firm of Krupp for the delivery of sixteen batteries—that is 96 guns.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Messrs Jones of the Jones Hotel, Ladysmith, desire to express their warmest thanks to all who so kindly helped them to save the building during the disastrous fire of Sunday morning last, and to assure these gentlemen that their generous efforts are highly appreciated

THE TYEE SMELTER BLOWN-IN

Now Running Full Blast And to Entire Satisfaction.

Vast Body of Ore Now Ready For Treatment.

On Tuesday evening the interesting process of blowing-in the new smelter of the Tyee Copper Company took place in presence of the working staff only, and under the direct personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Thomas Kiddie. The water supply having been increased to the desired amount, and a good deal more to spare, everything went off perfectly, and since then the plant has been running night and day with perfect smoothness. The only cessation will take place on Sundays, when one shift will be missed.

Mr. Clermont Livingston and a party of friends arrived on Wednesday's train from Duncan to visit the plant and were delighted with the way in which everything worked. Mr. Kiddie has been warmly congratulated upon the crowning of his long task of organization and arrangement of the plant, and its successful working. All who are qualified to speak on the matter say that it is a splendid piece of work, reflecting the utmost credit upon the manager, whose reputation as an expert smelter designer and manager has been considerably enhanced by his latest triumph at the Tyee Company's works.

The company have now one million tons of ore to draw upon, and it is expected that this will keep them busy for a considerable time, at the rate of 100 tons a day.

The Leader adds congratulations and very best wishes for a long career of usefulness and increasing business to the Tyee Copper Company.

Basketball Tonight.

Following are the teams which will contest in Ladysmith Pavilion tonight:

Nanaimo Intermediates—Guards, T. Robinson, Walker; centre, A. Nother; forwards, T. Galloway, J. Weeks.

Nanaimo Seniors—Guards, M. McCance, M. Wilkenson; centre, W. Steel; forwards C. Quigley, W. Piercy.

Ladysmith Seniors—Guards, J. Martin, R. Reid; centre, T. Harrup; forwards, C. Rosewall, J. Adam, Capt.

Ladysmith Intermediates—Guards, P. Craig (Capt.), R. Freethy; centre T. Dougal; forwards, W. Frost, W. Manuel.

Referee for both games is Mr. R. W. Timms, Nanaimo.

There will be a concert by the Ladysmith band during the evening, to conclude with a dance. The general admission to the game is 25c and to the dance 25c. extra gentlemen. The pavilion has been comfortably fitted up and greatly improved.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1902

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

With the Tyee Copper Company's smelter now in active operation the prospects very good for the establishment here of a shingle mill in connection with the Ladysmith Lumber Company's large and expanding business, with orders pouring in upon the enterprising managers of the Ladysmith Ironworks, and an official of the Farmers' Produce Association in town looking earnestly into the possibility of establishing a creamery in or near Ladysmith, things begin to look somewhat of the shape that the Leader foretold with so much confidence a year ago—and was laughed at for its pains, by the wise and gifted, who dignifiedly refuse to see anything unless it perches upon the tip of their honourable noses.

Yes, it is all coming Ladysmith's way, and there will be further additions that will still further astonish the people who yet doubt whether Ladysmith will "ever amount to anything." From what we know, but unfortunately are not in a position to divulge, it will amount to so much that those doubters will be glad to settle down and partake of the prosperity.

Having now at the head of public affairs men who have the talent and experience to lead the province to better things than it has enjoyed for some time back, Ladysmith and all other towns of the province may look forward with some confidence to the beautifully indefinite period beloved of the reporters, the "near future."

May we risk the prediction that this town will be twice its present size a twelvemonth hence? Knowing what we do about the prospects we cannot see how it can escape that happy fate.

These be changing times, i'faith. A man may be, say, a Socialist, red with the ripest propaganda to the very nose to-day, and be a fence-jockey to-morrow. Individuals and newspapers alter their political faith in this province so frequently that one suspects they have been severely chequed for their opinions.

Only the speaker of the New Zealand legislature was defeated of all the Government members in the recent elections. Prohibitionists won important victories for their cause. The Government majority is now twenty-five.

In his address on retiring from the Commander-in-Chiefship of the Indian Army, General Palmer said that the native Indian troops had developed under British guidance and training into one of the finest fighting forces in the world.

VAIN HOPES.

So little has come out of the Tarte episode that we begin to fear that a cruel and crushing disappointment awaits our Conservative friends, who fondly hoped this was the thin end of the wedge of disintegration, and that before long the Laurier ministry and all its works would go toppling down to oblivion.

Disorganisation may prevail amongst the British Columbia Liberals, but it is nothing at all to the want of cohesion displayed by the Conservative party in this province. It has been charged that the latest development of the provincial political situation is only a deep-laid plot to shelve party lines indefinitely. We do not know anything about such an attempt having been made, but we are certain that party lines in this province cannot be shelved. It is bound to be the issue of the day less than one year hence, and then we shall see such a test of strength as will once and for all show how badly mistaken were the Conservatives in supposing themselves able to cope with the splendid organization and strength of the Liberal party in British Columbia.

Party lines must come. The Liberal party is not shirking the issue; the Conservatives are burking it deliberately; they know that fight on such an issue means prolonged disaster to them. They have not a leader who is acceptable to the whole party, as Hon. Joseph Martin is to the whole Liberal party of British Columbia. Jealousy is spoiling the party's chances of organization. Dissatisfaction, distrust, and a lamentable lack of funds help to keep the Conservative party in this province in a state of innocuous desuetude.

It is safer thus than any other way, as Canada, to its sorrow and empty pocket well knows.

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.

Salvation Army.

On Wednesday evening the Salvation Army invaded the town and established their citadel in the First Presbyterian Church. Captain Johnstone, Nanaimo, was supported by Sisters Capt. Walrond and Capt. Wright, Victoria. Short addresses from each of these were interspersed with solos, duets and trios, with instrumental accompaniments. The musical combination being exceptionally good, while the speaking was also of a high order. The whole going to ensure a cordial welcome to the Army on their next visit to the town.

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

North Victoria Election.

Reports from North Victoria are grateful and comforting to Government supporters, as they show that Mr. Robertson, the Government candidate, is steadily winning his way with the electors. Mr. Paterson is working hard, but seems to make little progress. Mr. Robertson has developed powers as a speaker that were not suspected, and is showing considerable ability in his management of this campaign. Experienced observers declare that his election is practically assured. With this additional victory British Columbia will be certain of stable government for a number of years.

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.

General Wauchope's Grave.

London, Dec. 19.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" writes that the grave of General Wauchop (whose widow is now in South Africa) is in a little cemetery called Pieter Mentjes, five miles from the village of Matjesfontein, and surrounded by the grandest mountain scenery. At the cemetery itself, he adds, a Scotsman might imagine himself to be on a Highland moor.

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

Beef-Packing Combine.

London, Dec. 19.—According to a telegram from Chicago, the scheme for the combination of the great packing houses failed through dissensions regarding the terms on which the new properties should be taken over, and the present unfavorable monetary situation in the country. The promoting syndicate is left with property on its hands on which it spent ninety million dollars in acquiring.

LADYSMITH MARRIAGES

Hymeneal Altar Kept Busy And Prospects Good.

Prosperity always leads to marriage, and this is shown by the following interesting list of weddings that have taken place and are yet to come, in the near future. There is no question about Ladysmith's prosperity.

WADDELL-MANUEL.

Mr. James Waddell and Miss Emily Manuel, both of Ladysmith, where they are well-known and highly esteemed, were married in Nanaimo on Monday last, travelling up on the noon train. Miss Katie McMillan acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Billy Manuel, brother of bride as best man. The happy couple, after spending a short honeymoon, will return to reside in Ladysmith. The Leader adds congratulations and best wishes for long life and prosperity.

M'LEAN-M'MURTRIE.

The announcement is made that Mr. Donald McLean, the popular and talented young citizen of Ladysmith, and Miss Maggie McMurtrie, sister of Mr. A. J. McMurtrie, of the Hotel Abbotsford, will wed today Saturday the happy event being arranged to take place in the home of Mr. J. McMurtrie, this city. Mr. and Mrs. McLean will reside in Ladysmith. The Leader offers best wishes.

M'MILLAN-BLAIR.

Cards are out for the wedding dance to be given in honor of Mr. Robert McMillan, and Miss Belovia Blair, daughter of Mr. Henry Blair, on the evening of Christmas in Gould's hall. Both the parties to this interesting event are deservedly popular in Ladysmith society, and the best wishes, in which The Leader cordially joins, from all Ladysmith's people will attend their nuptials.

HADDOW-M'KINNON.

The white bird whispers that on the 15th of January next there is likely to be a lifelong understanding entered into between Mr. James Haddow, of Ladysmith, and one of this town's fairest young daughters, Miss Maggie McKinnon. Full particulars of the interesting and happy event will be found in The Leader.

Election was on Monday—you know the result? And Ryder will give away some more of that beautiful silverware.

LADYSMITH SHIPPING.

Str. Santa Ana, which arrived here on the 16th., from Juneau to Seattle, encountered terrible weather on the voyage especially in the stretches of open sea which she had to cross, before entering the sheltered inland waters farther south. She brought down ten passengers; F. Brown and E. M. Robson of the Alaska Oil Company; R. Warner and A. N. Doty, all from Cook's inlet. Captain James McPherson, Mrs. Bella Leslie, John Paterson, B. Whewell and J. H. Causten and wife. Mr. Causten is a U. S. Customs official who was in the North on special duty. They left the Santa Ana here and went on to Seattle via Victoria.

The steamer went to Iliamna Bay to take the remainder of the overland railway outfit, two men Capt. Austin Lathrop and G. W. Dutton, who alone of all the party could make their way out. All the horses were frozen to death. The two men were taken to Valdez. While at at Cook's Inlet the Santa Ana lost a boat in the ice. She met gale after gale, with ice and piercing winds.

The heaviest snowfall in twenty years was experienced at Sitka and Juneau before the steamer left. The Santa Ana was built in Marshfield, Ore., in 1900, and is owned in San Francisco, by the Charles Nelson Co. She is 814 tons register, and is commanded by Captain Andresen. The Santa Ana took on 100 tons of sack coal here, on a rush order from Seattle that reached her as she was casting off to steam to the Sound.

Fresh Halibut and Kippers now at the Fish Market.

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which is on First Avenue, crown of the hill, Ladysmith. Filled right up with Xmas notions and things. I can fit you out with most anything you want for a present, and not scare you with the price, either. Better drop in any old time before Xmas Eve, and we'll talk it over. Yours truly,

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ALL TORN UP.

Nanaimo Society People Black-Listed By Protective Association.

Recently the Merchants' Protective Association of Nanaimo drew up a list of customers or persons who were considered to be troublesome, and copies of this list, which bears the names of some of the leading people of the city, were circulated amongst the members of the Association for ready reference.

It was strictly understood that absolute secrecy was to be preserved, but there was a traitor in the camp, and one day lately a well-known gentleman walking along the sidewalk in Commercial street had his attention drawn to a somewhat bulky document lying on the sidewalk. On picking it up and examining it with care he found to his chagrin that his own name was high on the list of titles.

There was a key, which accompanied the document, and with its aid and a deal of patience, he found that he was reckoned by the signatories of the paper to be a "deadbeat." He dived for his Webster and found that a "deadbeat" is person who subsists on the labor of others, will not pay his bills and is about the meanest thing in creation. Pursuing his studies in "who's who" the gentleman was comforted to find that his name was linked with those of some people whom he had never before suspected of dodging a dollar, or of doing anything that should not be done by well-regulated citizens.

On the list, which is of portentous length, appear the names of more than nine hundred of Nanaimo's good people, variously classed as "slow pay," "hard to collect," "bad business," and so on down to the hopeless "dead beat" who, of course, is "no pay." In one or two cases certain persons are described as "shop-lifters."

Since this information has leaked out all the town up there has been talking about it, and a dozen law suits are now in course of preparation by persons named in the indictment; and they promise to pursue this thing to the bitter end. Prospects for a brilliantly litigious winter season were never better.

The whole thing hinges on the idiotic credit system, which is condemned as the incitement to more petty crime than any other cause in the country. The merchants of Nanaimo have suffered very severely from this perfectly inexcusable form of obtaining goods under good intentions, and there is a determined endeavour now on foot to stop it if possible.

SUNDAY - NOTICES.

Catholic Church—Services every Sunday as follows: Mass at 8.30 a.m. and 10 30 a.m. Benediction at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian—Dec. 21 morning service at 11, Sunday school 2:30, evening service, 7. Subject—"An aspect of the Ladysmith Licensing question"

G. MORTON WALKER, Missionary.

Methodist Church—Rev. W. G. Tanner, B.A., pastor. Sunday: 11 a. m. Sabbath School. Evening service 7 p. m. Rev R. Newton Powell of Haliburton St. Church Nanaimo, will conduct both services, in the absence of Rev. Gordon Tanner, pastor, at Nanaimo.

Church of England—December 21st, Last Sunday in Advent. 11 a. m. —Matins and Litany; 2.30 p. m.—Sunday School. 7.00—Evensong

A. SCRIVEN.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall wish to express their hearty thanks and appreciation to those who rendered them such valuable aid and assistance; also for the many acts of kindness extended them during and since the disastrous fire of Saturday night.

NOTICE.

The semi-annual meeting of the members of the Explosion Accident Fund will be held in Nicholson's hall, Ladysmith, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6:30 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

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"COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1901."

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
27th November, 1902.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the following persons to be Members of the Board of Examiners at the coal mine written opposite their respective names, namely:—

JOSEPH PRIVS PLANTA, of Nanaimo, Esquire, Nanaimo Mine.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, of Comox, Esquire, Comox Mine.

WILLIAM G. SIMPSON, of Ladysmith, Esquire, Wellington, (Extension) Mine.

ANDREW COLVILLE, of Fernie, Esquire, Coal Creek Mine.

J. K. MILLER, of Morrissey, Esquire, Morrissey Mine.

EVAN EVANS, of Michel, Esquire, Michel Mine.

Such appointments to take effect on the 1st day of January, 1903.

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RAGTIME ROMANCE

By CECILY ALLEN

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Hello, mah baby! Hello, mah honey!
Hello, mah ragtime gal!

In the twinkling of an eye pandemonium reigned in the sewing room of St. Agatha's mission. Twenty-two small girls dropped tells, French seams and buttonholes in a wild rush for the open windows and their first love—the street piano man.

Their pretty teacher was far too tender hearted to stem the hegira. So little music could come into the lives of these slum children. Why deny them this pleasure? So she quietly gathered up the scattered pieces of unbleached muslin, smiling as she softly hummed the air which came clanging and clanking from the street below.

"O-oe—Miss Grace—come an' see. He ain't got no monkey. He's got a man—a real, live swell too!"

The Italian displayed his small, gleaming teeth, as he gazed up at the children, crowding upon the fire escape. The teachers in these missions—he had heard of them. They lived on the avenue. They wore furs and violets, and always they gave their pupils for the street musicians a nickel, perhaps even a dime.

Grace Byrne slipped ten pennies into the hands of as many eager girlies, then leaned over their wriggling, excited little figures to catch a glimpse of the extra attraction. In the center of a gaping circle was a well built fellow from her own walk of life—a carefully groomed chap, too, he was, clad in the conventional frock coat, gray trousers, silk hat and modish gloves. And he was dancing, actually dancing to that frightful ragtime music. A loud guffaw rose from the circle of slum denizens, and Grace leaned farther out the window, to the discomfort of herself and several smaller forms whose owners would not give way even for "teacher."

"Hello! Hello!" screamed the piano in final triumph. The young man stopped dancing, whipped his polished hat from his shapely head and deliberately held it toward the gaping, laughing crowd.

"Oh, teacher, give us some more pennies—quick! See, he's goin' away, an' he's so funny! Jes' a couple, please!"

But Grace had stumbled back to her table and was sitting there now, with her white face half hidden in her slender hands.

The children, awed by her silence and pallor, settled quietly to their

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tasks. In a mechanical fashion Grace directed the remainder of the afternoon's work, and finally each pupil, armed with a slice of warm gingerbread and murmuring, "Goodby, teacher," marched from the room.

Their teacher walked back to the window and looked down drearily upon the narrow street. Again she seemed to hear the ragtime air which to her would henceforth sound like a miserere. Again she saw the outstretched hand of the man who passed the hat, the flushed face of—the man to whom her heart and hand were pledged.

What had happened? She had known Fred Yerkes for years. Their love affair had started during their first term in the dancing class, but she had not known this—that he ever—no, she did not want him to be a goody goody fellow. She had always said that no man should need to sign the pledge. His will power should be his only guardian. But this! She recalled his flushed features, his excited eyes. Instinctively she shrank back from the window. Had he seen her as she leaned over her little charges? She forgot that the musician and his incongruous companion had long since roused the owner and disappeared in the babble of that side basement life.

The janitor entered the room. He quietly arranged the chairs and tables for the meeting of the boys' club in the evening. Grace drew herself up proudly, donned her wraps and with a few courteous words to the attendant swept out of the mission rooms, feeling that she never wished to see them again.

That evening, as the dinner gong sounded in a certain residence overlooking the park, a young woman with a determined expression in her face and unnecessary trembling in her hands tied up two packages. One was very small and contained a jeweler's box. The other held eleven photographs, all of one young man at various ages and in diverse garments, a bundle of notes and letters and some faded flowers. She directed them with care, then resolutely descended to the dining room.

But her appetite had taken flight. She toyed with her soup and sent the fish away untasted. Beef a la mode she declared to be too heavy for this season of the year.

Her father looked at her keenly.

"You ought to give up that mission work, Grace. Can't you find some other fad? Tenement air does not agree with you."

"Talking about tenements," broke in the irrepressible Tom, "we had a good one today on Fred Yerkes. Another bit of beef, father."

Grace, turning dizzy and faint, clutched frantically at her napkin. Was she to hear the story of Fred's disgrace here, before the entire family? Wildly she thought of flight; then taking a fresh grip on her napkin, which by this time resembled a snowball, she determined to face the ordeal.

"You see," continued Tom, "Fred made some foolish bet the other day with Cummings. I didn't hear what it was all about, but anyway the loser was to go down in the slums somewhere with one of those organ grinders, do a cake walk and pass the hat."

Grace gasped.

"I should say so! Any fellow ought to know better than to mix up with Cummings. He's always putting up a game. But, having lost, Fred paid his bet like a man—went down this afternoon, with a lot of us in tow to see that he played fair. And he did, by Jove! He put up a jolly good cake walk, and I guess that organ grinder thought he'd struck Klondike. We fellows all chipped in. But best of all was when Fred got through, and a little chap marched right up to him, yelling, 'Say, mister, yer togs is out uv sight, but yer steps is bum, werry bum—see?'"

Everybody at the table laughed. Grace wondered if that hysterical treble was really her own voice. She felt such a ridiculous desire to cry instead. Finally she unrolled her napkin and decided to try a bit of beef after all.

Half an hour later, when Tom dashed upstairs to his room, he was met in the dim entry by his sister. She laid her hand affectionately on his shoulder.

"Tom, dear, you know that stickpin—the pearl one—you asked me for the other day? Well, here it is. You may keep it. I—I think it will look very well with that tie."

Then, kissing him gently, she slipped back into her room, while Tom hurried on, muttering:

"Girls are queer things—a fellow's sisters the queerest of all. She turned me down good and hard when I asked for that pin before!"

The Villain in Real Life.

"I was shadowing one of the worst ruffians on the east side," said a New York detective the other day. "This man had knocked a policeman senseless with a club as the officer tried to arrest him for garroting a passerby. I was standing in front of a Bowery theater when I saw my man pass in with the crowd. I followed and took a seat behind him. I did not care to make a row by arresting him in the house. When we went outside, that would be time enough.

"The play was a melodrama of the regular sort, only a little more harrowing than usual. The villain was particularly villainous and the good heroine unusually unfortunate. No one hissed at the bad man's badness more than my friend the cutthroat. He howled with rage, and then he fairly blubbered over the woes of the good people in the play. When virtue finally conquered and villainy was dragged off the stage in handcuffs, he roared applause, stamping his feet like a pile driver, and was generally delighted. The grin of pleasure had not faded from his face before I laid my hand on his shoulder, and he tried to stab me."

Family Jars.

Schoolmaster (to his wife)—My dear, I wish you would speak more carefully. You say that Henry Jones came to this town from Sunderland.

Wife—Yes.

Schoolmaster—Well, now, wouldn't it be better to say that he came from Sunderland to this town?

Wife—I don't see any difference in the two expressions.

Schoolmaster—But there is a difference, a rhetorical difference. You don't hear me make use of such awkward expressions. By the way, I have a letter from your father in my pocket.

Wife—But my father is not in your pocket. You mean you have in your pocket a letter from my father.

Schoolmaster—There you go with your little quibbles. You take a delight in harassing me. You are always taking up a thread and representing it as a rope.

Wife—Representing it to be rope, you mean.

Schoolmaster—For goodness' sake, be quiet. Never saw such a quarrelsome woman in my life.—London Tit-Bits.

Not Meant For a Joke.

A member of the congregation named Knight died. On the Sunday following the funeral, when the members of his family—widow, sons and daughters—dressed in deep mourning, sat in a front pew at church to hear the funeral sermon and eulogy of the deceased, the unconscious humorist, the vicar, gave out as his text, "There shall be no night there." He was much scandalised when a subdued titter was heard at the back of the church.—London Answers.

Quarantine.

Quarantine was first established against infectious diseases in the tenth century.

When Styles Ran Riot.

During the reign of Elizabeth English dudes wore shoes three feet in length, the toe pointed and fastened up to the garter with golden chains, to which little bells were attached.

Boiling Macaroni.

An authority says that in boiling macaroni it is fatal to permit it to stop boiling for a moment until done. Have plenty of salted water in the saucepan at the boiling point when the sticks are added, and when they are tender throw in a glass of cold water to stop the cooking suddenly, and drain at once.

The Dragon Fly's Eye.

If you had as many lenses in each eye as the common dragon fly has, each of your organs of sight would be as big as a box car.

A Clock of Bread.

Milan has a curiosity in a clock which is made entirely of bread. The maker is a native of India and devoted three years of his life to the construction of this curiosity. The clock is of a good size and goes well.

Granite.

Granite is the lowest rock in the earth's crust. It is the bedrock of the world and shows no evidence of animal or vegetable life. It is the parent rock from which all the rocks have been either directly or indirectly derived.

Bombast.

Bombast once signified the cotton that was employed to stuff garments, particularly the enormous trunk hose worn in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

A Natural Icehouse.

There is a point near the famous Stony cave, in the Catskill mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch and is walled in on all sides by steep mountains, some of which are more than 3,000 feet high.

Butterfly Day.

The ancient custom of "butterfly day" is annually celebrated at Thaxted, England. This strange festival derives its title from the fact that the inhabitants of the place annually on that day don new clothing and vie with each other as to the gaudiness of their garments. Eating, speechmaking and so on enter largely into the proceedings.

Flour Should Be Kept Dry.

Do you know that flour should be kept in a cool, dry place? If possible, there should be some kind of a close receptacle for it, and too large a quantity sometimes spoils by being kept too long. It should also be remembered that mites which often get into flour are more destructive than mice.

A Famous Jockey's Grave.

It is not generally known that the body of Fred Archer, the famous English jockey, is buried within 200 yards of the winning post for the Cambridgeshire.

The Flower Impatience.

"Impatience" is the nickname of a certain dear little flower which should be in every collection. It is nicknamed because of its impatience to bloom. It is good for either potting or garden culture and will blossom steadily for months at a time.

Guatemala Indians.

In Guatemala the Indian population tries to double its chances for the efficacy of prayer by worshiping at a Christian altar with images of its heathen deities hidden behind it.

Anthracite Coal.

It is estimated that, allowing a yearly output of 60,000,000 tons, the stock of anthracite in Pennsylvania will last eighty years.

French Mustard.

Slice an onion thinly, cover it with vinegar and set to soak for twenty-four hours. Strain off the vinegar and add to it a tablespoonful of salt, the same quantity of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of white pepper and sufficient mustard flour to thicken. Stir all together while it comes to the boil and bottle for use.

A Russian Law.

No Russian is allowed to return to his native country if he has while away changed his religion.

Fish Sauce.

A delicious fish sauce to serve with meat or fish is made by putting six spoonfuls of water to four of vinegar; set on the fire; thicken with yolks of two eggs; make hot, not boiling, and squeeze the juice of half a lemon before serving.

Stored Honey.

Honey properly stored will improve with age, and the older it is the better it will be. But kept in a damp place it soon becomes thin and watery.

Big Wooden Chimney.

A wooden chimney stack 160 feet high is in operation at Mapimi, in the province of Durango, Mexico. The interior is lined with corrugated iron, and there are platforms at intervals to throw water on the wood if it catches fire.

Lemon Sherbet.

For a lemon sherbet take a pint of lemon juice, a quart of water, a pound of sugar, whites of six eggs. Stir in latter after other ingredients have been partly frozen.

Emerald and Beryl.

Emerald and beryl are precisely the same substance, except for coloring matter. Amethyst and rock crystal are likewise identical.

Rusty Flatirons.

Beeswax and salt will make your rusty flatirons as clean and smooth as glass. Tie a lump of wax in a rag and keep it for that purpose. When the irons are hot, rub them first with the wax rag, then scour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with salt.

The Chinese Language.

There is no word in the Chinese language that conveys an intimation of what we term public spirit, nor is there a synonym for patriotism.

Cockroach Medicine.

The cockroach has been used for ages by the Russian peasantry as a remedy in dropsy. Investigations by competent persons show that the body contains an active principle. This has received the name blattic acid.

Manchuria Winters.

The winters are very cold in Manchuria, the ground being frozen to the depth of several feet.

Lava.

The retention of heat in lava is almost incredible. Lava is so bad a conductor that it is possible to walk on the surface of a lava flow when it has cooled and yet see red heat in the fissures below.

Wonderful Water.

Hair is alleged to be restored to the bald and plumage to naked birds by the waters of Casciana, north Italy.

Horseradish Sauce.

For horseradish sauce to serve with cold meat mix two tablespoonfuls of horseradish with one tablespoonful of vinegar, add pepper and salt, mix thoroughly and stir in four tablespoonfuls of cream whipped stiff.

Drew Death For Him.

Unrequited love drove a young man to commit suicide in a St. Petersburg hotel. It transpired that he had asked a little girl in the street to choose one of two pieces of paper which he handed her. On one was written "Life" and on the other "Death." The girl chose "Death."

Houses of Lava.

On the west side of Mount Etna there are several villages in the midst of former lava streams and with all the houses built of lava.

Pantry Insects.

To rid a pantry of insects stir a couple of pounds of alum into four quarts of boiling water. Then take a brush and apply it, as hot as possible, to the cracks and crevices, shelves, etc.

In the Beehive.

In the beehive proper there are three personages—the queen, the worker bee and the drone. The queen is of first and greatest importance. She is a fully developed female and is the mother of all the bees in her hive.

Fruit Trees.

The nursery price of a fruit tree is a small part of its cost by the time it reaches the bearing stage. To buy poor trees simply because they are cheap is certainly poor economy.

Force of a Cyclone.

During a recent cyclone at Karachi, British India, trains were stopped by the force of the wind, which blew at the rate of a hundred miles an hour.

English Fudge.

English fudge is made by mashing a boiled potato in a little warm water and adding to it an ounce of sugar, a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda and an ounce of butter. Stir into this by degrees a pound of wheat meal. Knead, roll out to thickness of a third of an inch, cut into shapes and bake half an hour.

The Pineapple.

An average sized pineapple yields nearly two pints of juice.

Catherine de' Medici.

Catherine de' Medici always wore a wide black skirt, a black pointed bodice with wing sleeves, a black collar, ruff shaped, and a hood that came down in a point over the forehead.

Bread Ramekins.

To make bread ramekins rub together four tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, yolk of an egg, a tablespoonful of melted butter and a little anchovy paste. Salt and pepper. Rub all until smooth. Toast slices of bread without crusts, spread mixture over them and brown in oven.

Onion Taste.

To take away the taste after eating onions put a little powdered camphor in a tumbler of water and with it rinse the mouth out thoroughly.

A Popular Bit of Music.

Mr. Crowe composed the famous "Seesaw" waltz merely for his children and had such a poor opinion of its merits that he sold the copyright to Metzler for a few pounds. The publisher cleared over $75,000.

Vesuvius.

In the year 79 the crater of Vesuvius was to a great extent covered with vines, and Spartacus and his gladiators used it as a camping place.

New Mexico's White Sands.

The "white sands" of southern New Mexico lie in the San Augustin plain and are a sheet of pure gypsum sixty miles long and five to twenty broad. The white "sand" of gypsum raised by the wind resembles a line of breakers in the distance.

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Closing exercises for the Christmas holidays took place Friday afternoon at Ladysmith public schools.

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Notice of the appointment of Mr. Geo. Thomson as registrar of births, deaths and marriages appears in the current B. C. Gazette.

There is again talk of opening a branch of the Dominion Express Co. in this town and search is being made for a suitable place of business.

Hello, Sam, where did you get that watch? Why at Lively's. Where do you suppose I would get it? And I got a few guesses on the Pumpkin, too.

Mr. John Pawson, one of Nanaimo's oldest and most respected citizens, died on Wednesday evening, after a long illness due to dropsy, aged 67 years.

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Ladysmith Mutual Improvement Society had a pleasant meeting Thursday night when anecdotes were swapped and compared. There will be no meeting next week, Thursday being Christmas Day.

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Nanaimo may have a creamery before long. Manager Gardom of the Farmers' Produce Association has been conducting the negotiations, and has found everything favorable except a dearth of cows in the locality. It requires a large number of good milkers to keep a creamery in successful operation. It is hoped that this difficulty can be overcome, and that Nanaimo will have the great boon of a good-going creamery before long.

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So far not a whisper of any meeting of the volunteer fire brigade. A golden opportunity is being allowed to slip. The time to talk fire is when the burns are fresh.

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.

Many pleasant things were said by the citizens about the Leader's little Xmas special. If we do say it, the feat was one that no country paper in British Columbia has beaten, taking into consideration all the circumstances.

All school children will receive one lead pencil free of charge Saturday if accompanied by either parent.
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Messrs. Leiser's building was nearly completed and ready for occupation on Thursday night, showing some good hard work on the part of the carpentering staff. The firm will recommence business in dead earnest today with a large and well-selected stock of fresh goods.

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

Dr. and Mrs. Grice left Nanaimo Thursday morning for Johannesburg, South Africa, via England, where they will spend a few weeks before proceeding to the colony. Dr. Grice got a hearty send off from his numerous friends.

Have you tried a book out of our loaning library? M. W. Waitt & Co., Lively's Jewelry Store.

Mr. J. Edward Norcross, the Socialist editor of the Clarion, Nanaimo, has accepted the offer of the editorial three-legged stool of the Nanaimo Free Press vacated by Mr. B. J. Mc Mahon, after a tenancy of about one month. Mr. Norcross is without doubt the leading journalist in the province; and he has strong political aspirations. Under his skilled guidance the Free Press ought to become a newspaper. Mr. Norcross has severed his connection with the Clarion, but it is not announced whether he remains a Socialist or has rejoined the ranks of capitalism. The Leader has watched Mr. Norcross's brilliant journalistic career with deep interest, and believes that he is just the man for the job he has now tackled.

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Mr. Walter Jones has received from Mr. Fred Foster, the famous Victoria taxidermist the magnificent elk head sent down there to be mounted some weeks ago. The head is one of the finest ever seen in the province, and the work of mounting has been done with consummate skill that says much for Mr. Foster's ability as an artist. Mr. Jones, to whose unerring aim the monarch of the woods fell, has hung the splendid trophy on the wall behind the bar in the Jones Hotel where it has been greatly admired.

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Miss Sihler, superintendant of the nursing staff in Walla Walla, Wash., hospital is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Jessup, for a few weeks.

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5th prize, Lady's Watch Chain, "filled," value	8 00
6th prize, Lady's Gold Filled Bracelet, value	6 00
7th prize, Lady's Silver Watch, value	4 50
8th prize, Boy's Watch, value	3 50
9th prize, Lady's Lace Pin, Gold Filled, value	2.50
10th prize, Gent's Cuff Links, value	2.00

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PERSONALS

Mr. Gardom, manager of the Farmers' Produce Association, visited Ladysmith on business Thursday.

Mr. J. B. H. Rickaby, of Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria, passed down to the capital Thursday after a business visit to Nanaimo.

Mr. Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is on a visit to San Francisco. He is expected home shortly.

Miss Pauline Beaufort returned home to Seattle after spending a few days with Ladysmith and Nanaimo friends.

Miss Bertram is recovering nicely from her severe attack of rheumatism, and is now able to walk with the aid of a cane. Dr. Wasson has been in attendance and has done everything in his power to aid the sufferer.

Mr. Alexander Faulds, mine manager South Wellington collieries, visited the Tyee Copper Co's smelter yesterday and was greatly interested in the working of the plant.

Mrs. John S. Harper of Seattle left for home yesterday morning after spending a day or two with friends in this town.

Hon. James Dunsmuir and Mr. A. J. Lindsay, of the Wellington Colliery Co., have returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Mr. J. G. Elliott, fire insurance appraiser, of Victoria, was in Ladysmith on Wednesday in connection with the recent disaster.

Mr. P. H. Marshall sustained a painful burn on the back of the neck during the fire Sunday morning, but it is healing up nicely.

Mr. T. O'Connell of Nanaimo, went down to Victoria on Thursday's train.

Mr. George Burtholme of the Metropolitan Life, Nanaimo, was in town most of this week.

Have a guess at the seeds in the Punkin. Every dollar's worth purchased you get a guess at Lively's, the Leading Jeweler.

Mr. W. B. Anderson and daughter passed through Ladysmith on Wednesday on their way home to Cumberland. Mr. Anderson is editor and proprietor of the well-known Cumberland News.

Mr. Malcolm, manager of the York County Loan and Savings Co., of Toronto, came over from Vancouver, where he has his headquarters, on Thursday to look over Ladysmith and appoint a local agent. He was much impressed with the appearance of Ladysmith.

Say, Maw, gimme some Punkin Pie. I'd like to know how many seeds there are in the Punkin in Lively's window, too.

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THE McINNES RECEPTION.

Provincial Secretary at Gould's Hall Monday Night.

Last Monday evening there was a good turn out of the supporters of the Government at Gould's hall, on the occasion of the welcome to Hon. Mr. McInnes on his victory over the Socialist candidate in the North Nanaimo election. Mr. F. W. Hawes presided over a large and enthusiastic gathering, which was made happy with sandwiches, soft drinks, tobacco, cigars and pipes. Hon. Mr. McInnes arrived from Nanaimo by special train, accompanied by Messrs. William Sloan, T. O'Connell, J. H. Cocking, Bryant and others.

Speeches were made by Mr. Sloan, Mr. T. L. Grahame, and then by the hon. Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Sloan humorously condoled with Mr. Williams in his defeat, and said that a fellow feeling sometimes makes us wondrous kind. He thought that the best man had won, and that the development of Vancouver Island was now in safe hands.

Mr. Grahame said that Hon. Mr. McInnes was the best type of the new breed of men who were rapidly coming to the front in British Columbia public life; young men, men with new ideas, great force of character, and a thorough belief in the great destiny of this country. He congratulated Hon. Mr. McInnes and also the electors of North Nanaimo on their good sense.

Hon. Mr. McInnes was received with long-continued cheers. He said he was merely keeping the promise made a week before, that he would meet his friends here and show them who was the right man for North Nanaimo. The Socialists and their peculiar fad had received a knock from which it would take them a long time to recover; in fact that notion had received a set-back that would keep it quiet for a while. He admitted that he was one of the men who had complete confidence in the splendid destiny of this province, and he would work to achieve the best for British Columbia. Had the choice of the electors of North Nanaimo gone the other way it would have been a terrible blow for this province. Thousands far beyond the borders of this province were watching this contest with more interest and anxiety than even the participants themselves. Fortunately British Columbia had been saved for sane, practical government. He cordially thanked all for their support. The following fine programme was then given:

Chairman, remarks; Frank Spina, instrumental solo; Mr. A. Auchinvole, song; Mr. Frank Spina and band, selection; Mr. Harry Kay, song; Mr. Charlie Maffi, instrumental solo; T. Cowan, song; F. Spina and band, selection; D. Galloway, song; Mr. Reed, cornet solo; A. J. McMurtrie, song; J. Mottram, song; Ladysmith Band, selection; R. Barnes, song; J. H. Cocking, song; F. Spina and band, selection; Robert White, song; A. Auchinvole, song; Chas. Munroe, song; Ladysmith Band, selection; Harry Carrol, song; Auld Lang Syne and National Anthem.

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As He Called It.

"But why," asked the man who always wants to know—"why do you call that little jump you make from a tower into the water 'a leap for life?' They tell me it is not at all dangerous."

"Well," replied the "artist," "don't I make me livin' by it?"

Counting on It.

Wife of Eminent Philanthropist—My dear, what were you thinking of? You gave that poor man only 10 cents.

Eminent Philanthropist—I know it, Amanda. It will be $10 when it gets into the anecdote column.

Keeping Up Appearances.

"Do you think that dog is worth the money you are paying for a tag?"

"No, suh," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "but you's got to go to some expense foh de sake of social standin', isn' you?"

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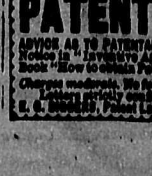

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Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in Township 38; Sections, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 31; Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 39; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, in Township 27; Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 28; Sections 25 to 36, inclusive, in Township 29; Sections 1 to 12, inclusive in Township 18; also Sections 27 to 36, inclusive, in Township 17; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 19; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and from 22 to 36, inclusive, in Township 20; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 31; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Township 32; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 10; Sections 1 to 12 inclusive, and 13, 14 and 15, and the southern half of Sections 21 and 22 in Township 9; Sections 5 and 6, in Township 6; Sections 10, 31 and 32, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Township 4; the ungranted land in Township 11; Township 12, except Sections 25 and 36; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 13; Township 14; Sections 1 to 5, 10 and 11, in Township 1; Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 12, 14, 15, 23 and 36, in Township 16; also the following described piece or parcel of land, namely:—Beginning at a point on the prolongation of the southern boundary of Township 16, one mile east of the south-eastern corner of Section 1, in Township 16; thence in a southerly direction about seven miles, or to a point two miles east and one mile west of the southern end of Victoria Lake; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence north five miles; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; two miles east two miles, or to the eastern extremity of Kathleen Lake; thence south half a mile; thence east one mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile and a half; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west half a mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north two miles; thence west along the south boundary of Township 18 and 11 to the south-east Arm, and thence along the shore of the Southeast Arm, in a southerly direction, to the southern extremity of the Arm, and thence north to the place of beginning.

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

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 25th October, 1902.

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