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THE NANAIMO MEETING

J. H. Hawthornthwaite Discloses Things about Ralph Smith.

Nanaimo's Demigod Hissed for Outrageous Statements—Smith's Duplicity—He Defends Spoils System.

On the invitation of Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. L., the public of Nanaimo repaired to the opera house on Saturday evening to hear his arraignment of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. The house was packed from the stage to the upper gallery and many ladies were present. So many men smoked in the house that one could barely make out the front of the galleries, or breathe. Dr. Walkem, who was appointed chairman, asked all who were gentlemen to stop smoking; the others didn't matter. The smoking promptly stopped. On the special invitation of the chairman Mr. Ralph Smith went on the platform.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite was provided with a mass of documents, etc., from which he quoted freely during his speech.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite was received with great applause. He said it was some encouragement for a man when he was fighting for what he conceived to be his rights to know that there is always a large majority of the people willing to support him. His position in the house was rather lonely, but he was glad to see Mr. Ralph Smith was present, and sorry the others invited had not attended. He was going to criticise, somewhat severely the political actions of Mr. Smith in the last election, and also the position of Dr. McKechnie as president of the Labor party, also to make clear the stand he himself had taken in that matter. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then described the influences which tend to pull men from the straight path in politics. No bribes caused the downfall of more men in B. C. than the bribes of corporations. Some men accepted straight bribes of money and sold their constituencies; others accepted favors, and few could withstand the temptation. Only the fixed determination to do what is right in all cases could save a man. He believed in representatives consulting their constituents carefully before taking any important step. He had always acted in the Legislature for what he considered the best interests of the miners and the people of this town. He had received many letters from the Trades and Labor Council—but he had not published them in the Nanaimo Herald (Laughter) but he would read them. This he did amidst applause. He had received a few bouquets, as his friend the editor of the Ladysmith Leader would say, but he had also received some bricks. (Laughter). He quoted Messrs. J. Martin and Bodwell as saying he was a very bad man. He pointed out Carlyle's history of the French Revolution as an example of the awful results which spring from pandering to the worst passions of men, but he thought it was far worse to pander to the wealthy and powerful corporations, which were the greatest curse of B. C. today. He was sorry to be compelled to fight for the principles of the Labor party; there should be no such necessity. He then gave a brief resume of the history of the party, originally known as the Opposition party to defeat the old Dunsmuir and Turner governments, which had done great harm to this province.

The organization was perfect and resulted in the defeat of the Government candidate (Dr. Walkem.) He hoped Dr. Walkem would pardon him for saying so (laughter and applause). Mr. Hawthornthwaite went on to trace the history of the party through the various administrations. Joseph Martin would never have been defeated had not the labor men taken arms against him. He then showed, supporting his contention up to the hilt from documentary evidence produced and read to the meeting that both Smith and McKechnie had declared and pledged themselves most solemnly to have nothing to do whatever with any party but the Labor party. They were to be entirely independent of either the Liberal or Conservative party. "Not supporting and not opposing either." Subsequent remarks by Mr. Smith at various meetings had clearly shown that he was a supporter of the Liberal party. But it all depended, apparently, which party had the majority. Col. Prior's statement was recalled, that Smith came out as an independent, but was known everywhere as a dyed-in-the-wool Liberal. "Can the leopard change his spots?" asked Mr. Hawthornthwaite. As for Dr. McKechnie, the speaker did not think it was right for the president of the Labor party to go to a Liberal meeting and attempt to take a hand in choosing delegates to attend a Liberal Convention (applause). The action he had taken was in defence of the only true principles of the Labor party, and he believed that he and those who were with him scored a distinct victory (cheers). At the close of the meeting that afternoon, Mr. Smith came to him and offered him his hand. Mr. Smith and he had fought many hard fights together all over this province they had stood on the platform against men of far greater ability than either of themselves, but in spite of the quarrels and disagreements, in spite of the fact that he used every power and art of the demagogue and agitator, to stir up the men against me and tried to do what was not right, still I must say it was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life to refuse that man's hand (cheers.)

Mr. Smith—I should say so.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, continuing, said Smith stated that those quarrels were private quarrels, but he had never had a private quarrel with Smith in his life.

Mr. Smith—I deny that. Will you let me explain? Mr. Smith then declared that he had had quarrels on political matters only. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then asked why Smith had not explained what those quarrels were. Mr. Smith had had two opportunities to explain.

Mr. Smith—That's your business. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then said that the quarrels were about the Nanaimo Herald, Hugh Aitken and Ralph Smith being against him in the quarrel, and he was right. He had defended Smith in the House against attacks by W. W. B. McInnes; declared that Mr. Dunsmuir had assured him that Ralph Smith attended to the caucuses of the Dunsmuir Government, and that Mr. Dunsmuir expressed surprise that Hawthornthwaite refused to attend them also. Smith here jumped up and said this was not true. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then read letters regarding offers of passes on railways to him and his replies refusing same. He told of the representatives of the Companies coming to him and arguing the matter, and saying that he might as well accept them as Mr. Ralph Smith did so (boots and applause). If Mr. Smith could honestly accept and honestly use the passes it was all right, but for himself he could not accept them at all. He then outlined Smith's objections to the Canadian Labor party, amalgamating with the American Federation of Labor and contended that it was a narrow view, and that Trades Unionism should know no country, no nationality, whatever, and hoped the day would come when every trade union in the world would stand together and defeat such combinations as are being formed against them. He pointed out the contemptible position Ralph Smith had placed himself in by accepting passes. It was wrong in principle. He then attacked Smith's notorious statement regarding the Japanese, and showed that Smith had expressed opinions favorable to the Japanese to the Eastern reporter (and it is well known in Nanaimo that he had often expressed the same opinions privately.) Smith always carried things with such a high hand that no doubt he was not aware that any quarrel was in progress when such was the fact. Mr. Hawthornthwaite mentioned the name of Mr. Charles Swanson and Mr. Smith asked where he was:

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—on the way to the old country.

Mr. Smith—I thought so.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—And he'll be on the way back pretty soon (laughter.) At this point Mr. Smith said that a statement by Mr. Hawthornthwaite was a lie. Mr. Hawthornthwaite declared that he had never before been insulted at a Ralph Smith meeting. Considering who had used the coarse expression, however, he could afford to overlook it. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then explained his remarks in the House regarding Socialism, and showed that he had been grossly misrepresented. He then scored Dr. McKechnie and Smith for their work in having Dr. Davis discharged.

The sooner the people of this town rose and trampled this sort of thing out the better it would be for the name of the constituency; otherwise it is going to be a byword for unfairness and injustice among the people of the province. He had asked Ralph Smith about this affair and Smith told the speaker that Dr. McKechnie had told him to do it. (Uproar.) "I believe" Mr. Hawthornthwaite shouted, amidst great tumult in the audience, "that that is the fact. Dr. McKechnie is making thousands of dollars out of the miners of this town, and God knows he might spare a few hundreds to Dr. Davis to support himself and his large family of children. (Tremendous excitement.)

Voice from the audience—Go for him, Jim! (Renewed uproar and cheers.)

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—Yes, I'll go for him. (Applause and laughter.) He then went on to recount Dr. McKechnie's shortcomings as a member of the legislature and declared that Dr. McKechnie, representative of a labor constituency, was a supporter of the worst monopoly on earth—the pulp monopoly. Dr. McKechnie voted for this bill. "You up here," continued the speaker, "think Dr. McKechnie is Dunsmuir's greatest enemy. Well, Dr. McKechnie doesn't think so." (Laughter and applause.) He has stated his opinion that Chinese labor is a necessity in this province. (Uproar.) In regard to that he was in as bad a position as Ralph Smith when pressure was brought to bear on him to discharge Dr. Davis. (Cheers and laughter.) Mr. Joseph Martin, even, the arch enemy of this province, had got up in the House, and in one of the finest speeches he ever heard said that the Chinese could not and would not be allowed to work for those pulp mills. Yet Dr. McKechnie is going over to Vancouver to try to defeat Mr. Martin. (Applause.) He blamed Smith for not calling a meeting regarding that convention. In regard to Smith's position on the eight hour question the speaker denounced Smith's action in favoring reduction of wages. He quoted Smith as saying that his (Smith's) father had worked 16 hours a day, and continued: "God bless the old gentleman, he's a better man than his son." (Cheers and laughter.) Mr. Hawthornthwaite then paid his compliments to Victoria, saying there was not a more selfish lot of people on earth than the Victorians. So long as they got served they cared nothing for anybody else, and he bitterly ridiculed their railway delusion. Mr. Bodwell was a good representative of that people. He wound up by declaring that if Smith would take his hand and say "Jim, we'll go through this province together and work to bring about a revolution and awaken the people to a sense of their danger," he would go with him. (Applause.)

MR. RALPH SMITH, M. P.

This was the first time, said Mr. Smith, that he had ever publicly to say a word against his friend J. H. Hawthornthwaite. He held that the discussion of the question of the relationship of the Labor party with other parties was not a public question, but was for the party. He blamed Mr. Hawthornthwaite for dragging these matters before the public which were for settlement in the party. He should have the same consideration for his party as he would have for his own family. What was done at the Labor party meeting held the same afternoon was the business of the party, not of this meeting. He had lots of troubles of his own without looking for more. He declined to discuss provincial politics and did not think he was invited here to do so, but if so why did not Mr. Hawthornthwaite invite the only member of the Provincial Legislature for North Nanaimo resident in Nanaimo, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes?

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—I only invited those gentlemen whom I thought likely to be members of Mr. Bodwell's cabinet in the next legislature.

Mr. Smith—I'm glad to hear that. I would like to know what Mr. Hawthornthwaite thinks of Mr. McInnes's very close connection with Mr. Joseph Martin. Why so much about a man 75 miles away and so little about men right close to home? Why invite those distant men and ignore the local men? He had asked Mr. Bodwell over the telephone whether he would be present at the meeting and Bodwell replied that he would not, as he had not received any invitation. Mr. Smith said he had also asked Mr. Dunsmuir whether he would be present, and received the same reply. A lengthy discussion then took place as to whether Mr. Hawthornthwaite had invited those gentlemen, Mr.

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NO. 2 EXTENSION.

Stoppings in Tunnel for the Flooding Are Nearly Completed.

On Monday night last the stoppings in the tunnel, quarter of a mile from the spot where the No. 2 slope joins the tunnel, were almost finished. It was expected then that the whole stopping would be completed in a week at most. This has been a very serious undertaking, and has been much more difficult than was expected at first.

The solid rock sides of the tunnel had to be cut into to a distance of several feet on each side, and in a peculiar way, so as to take the ends of the stopping, which is built of massive timbers, dovetailed, jointed and keyed so as to form a horizontal arch, that is, it will present to the inrushing waters from No. 2 a semicircular front; the greater the pressure from that side the more firmly will it set to place.

The work is immensely strong, and it is hardly possible that even the enormous pressure from the water will cause any strain which the arched stopping will be unable to sustain. On Monday night only a couple of feet at the top of the stopping remained to be filled in, and this will be no easy task, as the roof is all jagged at that point. Cement has been freely used in filling in the crevices in the work, and at the sides, so that the whole structure will be solid as a rock before the water is permitted to pour in upon it.

In the centre of the stopping is the big pipe through which the water will be allowed to drain off when the mine is filled to the desired point. It is provided with a large valve worked with a screw. As soon as the carpenters have finished their work, next week, the water will be turned into No. 2 slope and kept going until the mine is filled. It will then be allowed to remain in the workings for a few days and then it will be let off gradually from the valve in the stopping in the tunnel.

As the water recedes from the slope the men will go to work at the old places and clearing out the debris and muck caused by the fire and water. It is believed by many that the bodies of the unfortunate miners lost in the mine last fall will be found in a good state of preservation.

MR. MACGREGOR RETURNS.

Ex-Government Agent Once More Resident in Ladysmith.

On Monday last Mr. Archibald MacGregor took up his new duties as superintendent of the teamsters to be employed by the Wellington Colliery Company and the E. & N. company here. It is the intention of those Companies to establish here a staff of teamsters who will be employed hauling coal, and who will also serve as a street building and repair brigade hauling loads of gravel to spots in the roads in and around the townsite that require attention. Mr. Macgregor will have his headquarters in the pay office. It is learned that a good deal of street repairing and improvement is to be undertaken this spring and that the principal thoroughfares will be put into first-class order.

REPAIR SHOPS COMING.

Preparations Indicating Early Move to Ladysmith.

For two weeks back the surveyors of the E. & N. Company have been at work at the lagoon measuring and staking off a large area just below the Ladysmith Iron Works property, on the shore. The Leader is informed that this is the preliminary work for the E. & N. repair shops to be removed from Wellington to Ladysmith, and that this event is likely to happen very soon. The repair shops at Ladysmith will have a frontage of several hundred feet on the lagoon and harbor, and will extend back to the property of the Ironworks Company. The Tyee smelter is to be placed on the point across the creek north of the lagoon, so that those three important industries will be grouped at a very convenient spot. The removal of the repair shops to Ladysmith means the addition of about seventy families to the population of this town.

Wellington is going to honor the immortal memory on the 25th when all admirers of Robert Burns will meet round the festive board and take a cup of kindness for the ploughman bard's sake.

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A DEGRADING SPECTACLE.

Language more fit for a barrack room or a doss house than for an opera house stage, with many ladies in the audience, was that which fell from the lips of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., on Saturday night in Nanaimo. Everybody, according to Mr. Smith, was either a liar, or a thief, or a robber; but when one person in that audience applied to Mr. Smith in most unequivocal terms the word liar, Mr. Smith became mightily incensed and outraged. We are not attempting to describe a brawl amongst a gang of drunken drabs of the kennel, but a meeting at which Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., took a leading part and used most of the bad language quoted.

Why, the stranger may enquire, should Mr. Smith feel himself entitled to forget the amenities of debate so far and rage and storm like a spoiled child deprived of its daily ration of cake? Simply because Mr. Smith has been for some years back the demigod and idol of Nanaimo, and finds himself slipping from his place. The unseemly exhibition of temper on Saturday night was due to a knowledge of the fact that Mr. Smith stands no longer where he did. He was hissed several times for his shameless and immoral doctrine regarding passes and the spoils system. If, after hearing this man attempt with the clumsiest handling of the edged tools of logic, to justify the detestable practices which are the disgrace of American politics, and boldly confess that he had deliberately displaced one official to make room for another, because the former was a political enemy and the latter a political friend—if after listening to this jesuitical doctrine of the end justifying the means, the workingmen of Nanaimo are satisfied to let this person represent them in parliament, that is their affair.

We understand that Mr. Smith is to be trusted at any time to offer up an extempore prayer, or to fill a vacancy in the pulpit, or give a lecture on success and other easy subjects suitable for uncritical audiences; hence the intensity of our astonishment to hear him use language in the presence of ladies which is certainly not fit for them to hear, and would be very strongly objected to even in decent men's company. Anger brings the real character of a man to the surface, and Mr. Smith was an angry man on Saturday night. If that be the real Mr. Smith he is not fit to represent any constituency.

Then Mr. Hawthornthwaite's merciless exposure of Mr. Smith's double dealing, his astonishing unfaithfulness to promises and his cheap demagogue methods must surely have weakened the faith of even the most devoted of Mr. Smith's henchmen. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said one thing that all Nanaimo people should take home to themselves. Referring to the sneaking piece of jobbery by which Dr. Davis was deprived of his office and Dr. McKechnie appointed, he said that the sooner the people of Nanaimo rose and put down this sort of thing the better. That is true; such things are nothing short of damnable, and are a disgrace to any civilized community.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite denounced Mr. Smith as a demagogue and an agitator, and what else is the man, judging him from his own record? He is hunting with the New Vancouver Coal Company hounds, and running with the laboring-men hare, and the marvellous thing is that the men of Nanaimo do not seem to realize the fact. During Mr. Hawthornthwaite's speech and the subsequent remarks of Mr. Smith the thing which struck the listener most forcibly was the fact that Mr. Smith is a veritable Mr. Hyde; it would be absolutely impossible to pin this man down to any straightforward statement. He is as full of qualifying sentences and exceptions as an egg is full of meat; he is never at fault; it is always his critics and accusers that did not hear exactly what he said or all that he said. He says one thing in private and the very opposite in public—all for expediency's sake and the greater glory of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite proved up to the hilt that Mr. Smith is a Liberal and not a labor man, desperately although he tries to pose as the latter—when convenient for his purposes. Strange that Mr. Smith did not defend himself against the most serious of the charges brought against him by his opponent—that he had attended the caucuses of the Government in Victoria. If this be the truth, and Mr. Smith did not see fit to deny it specifically in his remarks, he has been guilty of the most abominable treachery to the confiding workingmen of Nanaimo, who sent him down to that house for a very different purpose.

But we discovered by accident something that showed how the Smith oracle works and manages to keep its amazing control over the minds and consciences of hundreds of otherwise intelligent men. When Mr. Smith and the editor of this paper were disputing at the front of the stage as to what Mr. Smith did say when he was hurling the word liar about so generously, the editor said in reply to Mr. Smith's equivocation that it was the paper and not the editor he meant: "Well, isn't it the same thing? You know I write it all." Mr. Smith snatching his opportunity when the uproar was at its height immediately sprang to one side and waving his hand which held his hat, and pointing with the other at the editor, bawled: "This man can't tell the truth even when he tries!" Not more than twenty people could have heard the remark but the faithful clique had their cue in the sweep of the arm and roared till their throats cracked. Now, what did they roar at? Simply this; at a ridiculous contradiction of himself by the man who still has his foot on their necks. First he said that the epithet liar was not applied to the editor but to the paper, then immediately afterward he declares that the editor cannot speak the truth when he tries, i. e. is a liar. And this is the person who had the hardihood to talk during his speech of logic and of deducting (sic) reasons. His talk would lead one to believe, or at least suspect that his reason had been "deducted." But the foregoing gave us at a glance the whole petty machinery with which this champion charlatan works his magic with the workingmen of Nanaimo. He advised them to think for themselves. When they do there will be a speedy end to Ralph Smith.

Hawthornthwaite is done for in Nanaimo; he is a manly fellow, worth a score of the Smith person. Ralph Smith will be in the same box before he is much older. Nanaimo is tired of Smith rule and is looking for a man with a better list of excuses for entering public life than those which form the paltry stock-in-trade of Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Vancouver World says Lue Vernon's pipe wants cleaning. The present editor of the World should be thankful that the etiquette of journalism prevents The Leader showing how badly he requires moral cleaning. The subject is one he should avoid.

Nanaimo's papers say the editor of The Leader did not get a hearing on Saturday night. Ralph Smith can tell a different story. The editor did get a hearing and showed the audience, too, that Ralph Smith's attack on The Leader was a vile and baseless slander.

Had W. W. B. McInnes M. P. L., taken the platform on Saturday night at Nanaimo Ralph Smith's discomfiture would have been complete. It was the first meeting in Nanaimo at which Mr. Smith was hissed. He is being found out.

Ralph Smith, M.P., at the meeting on Saturday night called everybody who differed from him "a liar," but when the same polite epithet was applied to him he did not like it. For a lay preacher and a member of parliament Mr. Smith certainly does use very foul'stle talk in public, and he is far from truthful himself.

In the opinion of the Lardeau Eagle it is time for a show down. The Eagle says:

"The "Liberal-Labor" fake days are over at the Coast. Maxwell will have to declare himself at the next election, and Ralph Smith is already discredited and a gonner, while the jig is up with McKechnie. Let them go where they belong—to the Liberal ranks. The Labor and Socialist element are growing wise, tho it took a long time."

The Nanaimo Meeting.

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Hawthornthwaite satisfactorily explaining to the audience what he had done and showing that Mr. Smith's detective and spy work was all thrown away.

Mr. Smith then attacked Hawthornthwaite on the latter's alleged socialistic declarations in Victoria, and for reporting pieces of conversation to the prejudice of Smith, where the context would have shown that these expressions were perfectly innocent. It was not right to dissociate facts from related facts and give them as evidence; the man who would do so is a dangerous man. Mr. Smith then, at very great length traversed the statements of his opponent as to the trackmen's strike and other matters until he came to the pass question. A pass, said Mr. Smith, is a complimentary privilege given to every member of parliament in America.

Voice—What for? (Laughter.)

Mr. Smith—Well, if it's a cheap man it's to buy him. (Laughter.) Mr. Smith then criticized Hawthornthwaite for declining the passes. Smith said that every private railway bill that went through the house during the Semlin administration had a clause that members of the legislature ride free, and he supported those bills. (Groans.) Because the members of parliament should see the country thoroughly; they should know it better than almost any other men. In the East he himself had spoken at many meetings and it had not cost labor one cent for his transportation. He used the grease of the fat corporations for the advantages of the workers. (Hisses.) He would bet there was not a man in the Dominion House could prove that Smith's free pass influenced him in favor of the C. P. R. If such could be proved he would give up that pass. The editor of the Ladysmith Leader was here, the paper that was the greatest liar in British Columbia; the most vicious, malignant and unmitigated liar in the province; it isn't always easy to catch him.

Mr. Grahame—I'm on deck all day every day; I won't run away from you.

Mr. Smith—I say this lying paper.

Mr. T. L. Grahame—Name one.

Mr. Smith—Oh, I could name a dozen. (Yells of "Name one, Smith, name one.")

Mr. Grahame—One will do very well.

Mr. Smith—Yes, I'll name a dozen. (Cries of "Name them!")

Mr. Grahame—I'll be satisfied with only one. Name one if you can.

Mr. Smith—I can name a dozen but I'll just give two. The Leader published some time ago a statement said to be by H. G. Sheppard, of Extension, about that interview with Dunsmuir when he told the committee to go to hell, and that Dunsmuir compared him with me and that Sheppard was angry. Sheppard told me that was all the biggest lie that was ever printed.

Mr. Grahame—Will you allow me a word?

Mr. Smith—No, you'll get plenty of chance when I'm through. Then the Leader printed a story about Mr. Robins going to resign and Mr. Russell to succeed him, and Mr. Alexander Faulds to take Mr. Russell's place. Also that Ralph Smith was going to get a roasting before the miners' union. These things are all lies." Mr. Smith then went on to say he had never spent a cent on Dunsmuir's road and did not intend to. Mr. Smith then passed to certain statements made by Mr. Swanson but did not seem to convince the house. He then took up the allegation as to what he said about the Japanese, and gave his version of the affair.

He would rather work for lower wages than work more than eight hours a day. Eight hours was the best for the workingmen. Regarding the dismissal of Dr. Davis and the appointment of Dr. McKechnie, he was sorry that subject had been brought up tonight. Dr. Davis never complained to him about his dismissal (laughter). If he went into this matter it would be uncomfortable for Dr. Davis. Dr. Davis never held the appointment as Indian doctor; my opinion about Dr. Davis was given in a private way, and Hawthornthwaite gives it here in a public hall before hundreds of men. Mr. Smith asked if the public would not allow him to do for his political friends what the political friends of Dr. Davis did for him. Dr. Davis is a political enemy, and my political enemies must take what they get. Dr. McKechnie came to me and asked me for Dr. Davis's position and I gave it to him because he was my political friend. (Uproar, hisses, long continued, shouts of derision and groans.)

Mr. Smith—Some of those who are hissing me would only have been too glad to take the position themselves. (Renewed uproar, hissing and groans.) Dr. McKechnie is one of the most honorable men in this town (laughter.) Mr. Smith then said he never held any position against the wish of the body of men he represented. He had offered to resign and they wouldn't let him (Cries of "Oh!" and laughter.)

Turning to the alleged declaration of Socialistic principles by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, Mr. Smith said that Hawthornthwaite emphatically said "I am a Socialist."

Mr. Winkelmann (from a box)—Ralph Smith,

Mr. Smith—Well, Sir, what is it?

Mr. Winkelmann—Ralph Smith, you are a liar. Mr. Smith in great agitation protested against this assertion, but Mr. Winkelmann repeated the charge many times amidst applause. A heated argument then took place between Mr. Smith and the Socialists, two of whom Messrs. Kilby and Richards took the platform. Mr. Kilby asked Mr. Smith if he would stand by what a prominent Socialist leader of Eastern Canada said about him, and Mr. Smith replied that he would as that man was all right. Mr. Kilby then to the great amusement of the audience read a letter signed by this gentlemen denouncing Smith in round terms and stating that he was "absolutely no good." Mr. Smith then entered into a long harangue on Socialism, saying that its principles were silly and that it would never obtain acceptance. It was verging on midnight when Mr. T. L. Grahame of The Leader, seeing that Smith's intention was to use up all the time so that nobody should have a chance to reply to his villainous aspersions, jumped to the front of the platform and said: "Mr. Smith has seen fit to use language here tonight in presence of these ladies which I would certainly not use in their presence. But it is necessary for me to repeat the foul language used by that man in order to put myself right. He has called me a vicious, malignant and unmitigated liar—

Mr. Smith—I did not.

Mr. Grahame—You did.

Mr. Smith—I did not, I called The Leader that, not you.

Mr. Grahame—You needn't attempt to split hairs, you know it is the same thing.

Mr. Smith, taking a stride to one side and with a sweep of his arm—You see he can't tell the truth when he tries.

Mr. Grahame then told the audience that it was a matter of perfect indifference to him whether they yelled and stamped all night, as he had his remedy. Mr. Smith might bawl louder and thump the table in a more approved fashion, but that there was a place for argument where those things did not count. He then explained to the audience the Sheppard interview and proved to them conclusively that it was a bona fide interview, and that Sheppard had admitted this after reading it, only with the comment that it had been toned down considerably from the original. Mr. Grahame who had much difficulty in making himself heard on account of a gang of noisy fellows near the platform, told the audience that if they came down to Ladysmith they would be treated to something that seemed to be an impossibility to get in Nanaimo, and that was a fair hearing.

The Socialists and Mr. Hawthornthwaite then tackled Smith and there was a warm quarter of an hour for him. The meeting dispersed in good order and there was no cheering either for Smith or Hawthornthwaite.

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REV. MR. RAE REPLIES.

Minister of Presbyterian Church on the King's Oath.

The Views of a Canadian Protestant Regarding Religious Liberty.

The letters by "M" and by Rev. Father Verbeke have been of interest to the public. "M" claimed not to be a bigot and Rev. Father Verbeke classes himself among right-minded people. But since there have been men strong and zealous enough to maintain and hand down liberty no matter what force might seek to crush it out, some of us shall claim the right to think the Empire will still exist and flourish if the Coronation Oath still remains in its integrity, and express ourselves accordingly though our minds may be narrow and our hearts perverted.

We are not the plaintiffs in this suit. We never brought it into the court of public opinion. The mind of the British public was made up long ago and expressed in the Coronation Oath. After a fair and patient trial had been given monarchs who had a weakness for Romanism. After Mary had lit the fires of Smithfield to torture and kill the heroes of liberty, after the Spanish Armada had been beaten off by unusual bravery, after the Stuarts had allowed a foreign fleet to sail up the Thames and had shown themselves to be quite unworthy of belief and confidence and enemies of the good of the Kingdom, the people decided that in future the greatest care must be exercised to prevent any agent of the Church of Rome from intriguing with the affairs of their Kingdom and they framed the oath to prevent Roman Catholics ever again ascending to that proud position which they had dishonored and disgraced. Surely no student of history will claim that a fair trial was not given these sovereigns or that the continuance of such monarchs was in the interest of the people. And under a form of government such as ours—really a democracy—the people had a right to exclude whom they would from the throne.

There are certain statements made by the Rev. Father Verbeke which I have no doubt he believes to be true, but I fear he forgets that in believing these statements he accepts an authority which all the public are not prepared to admit.

For instance, why are we called upon to believe that Mary "is nearer and dearer to our Lord than any other Saint." Scripture teachings on the subject cannot be said to support this idea. "Behold my mother and my brethren for whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven the same is my brother, and sister and mother. Matt. 12: 49 50. Other passages make the statement referred to very difficult of proof. What divine teaching have we that Mary or any other departed Saint can or does pray for us?

Also a certain branch of the Church of England at the present time is a very poor authority on Protestantism.

How does the "Pilot" know that the King does not hold these doctrines to be superstitious? Are we to believe that the King, knowing he had taken the oath, made the statement, so that it could become public property, that he did not believe it? We scarcely think so.

Exception is taken to the oath on the ground that it is too strongly worded. It is to be hoped, Mr. Editor, that there is no misunderstanding about the words "superstitious and idolatrous." These words are not introduced merely to provoke Romanists but simply to express in ordinary language what Protestants must and do believe regarding that part of the form of worship of the Romish Church to which reference is made. Is it really claimed that there is no superstition in Romish worship? If so, why are bits of wood and trinkets of all kinds treasured up and believed to convey blessings? What is the reason for pilgrimages to shrines? Why did the Romish Church a few years ago during the smallpox scourge in Montreal sell wafers on which was stamped the image of the Virgin and guarantee them to be a proof against smallpox? In regard to the word "idolatrous," not being used to such terms expressing so fine shades of meaning as "adore," "honor," and "worship" we cannot go fully into their discussion, but the public can judge whether the Virgin holds as prominent a place in the Roman Catholic worship as Father, Son and Holy Ghost or not. Is her divinity not implied in the words "Mother of God"? If these parts of the Romish worship and others are not of the very essence of "Idolatry and Superstition" these words have no meaning in the English language.

The oath is strongly worded. Particularly so. Every precaution is taken, every loop-hole guarded. Why? The answer can be little comfort to the amenders of the oath: (1.) The monarchical friends of Rome broke every pledge the people forced from them and were most perfidious in their dealings with their subjects. (2.) Because of what is known as "mental reservation," etc., one may say anything he chooses so long as in his own mind he does not believe it to be a lie he has not lied, was practised in those times by certain people. (3.) Because of another practice equally subversive of good society. When forced into a corner one might deny the faith but on an appeal to the Pope and explanations made that it was in the "interests of the Church," the offender was absolved of his crime. So in view of the circumstances Protestants are scarcely responsible for the care they had to exercise to have their wills carried out.

It is hinted that Great Britain may lose some of her friends by this insulting oath. But the reception given 'Oom Paul" in France, the bursting of anger in Germany at the few harmless words by Chamberlain, the riot last week in an Austrian theatre at Wilson Barret's "Sign of the Cross" have reminded us again that we have no friends. It is absurd to think of Russia and Great Britain ever being in any other relationship than opposition. The only allies of Great Britain are the Basutos and other South African races and it is hardly likely relations with them will be strained by the oath. If other nations object to our maintenance of Protestantism it will not be the first time. When Oliver Cromwell stopped the persecution of the Waldenses in Italy so effectively it is hardly likely that his work met the approval of all the courts of Europe.

It has been pointed out that the movers in the case are not the Protestants but the Romanists whether they belong to their own Church or whether they belong to the High Church of England.

The oath is said to be insulting. This is a strange charge for the Roman Catholics to make. Have they always exercised due care not to insult other religious bodies? Their very foundation claim of being the only church insults all other churches. The majority of Protestants believe that the whole body of believers and followers of Christ whether in the Methodist or Baptist or Romish Church form the invisible Church which is the only Catholic one. The Romanists teach that the church consists only of those who are admitted to it by those who claim to be the successors of Peter. This unchurches every other person than Roman Catholics. What was the claim put forth in the recent "Delpit" case but that the parties because they were married by a Protestant minister were not married at all? Archbishop Walsh a few years ago, when some of the members of his church attended the marriage of a friend in a Congregational Church, forbade them doing so again at any similar or any other event, and stated in effect that because the marriage of all others was not contracted by some Priest of the Church of Rome that they were breaking the Seventh Commandment and their children were illegitimate.

It has been stated on good authority that priests in the Church of Rome must take an oath beside which the Coronation Oath is exceedingly tame. Whether this is so or not we know that the Church of Rome has been more insulting and hostile and cruel towards other religions, than any or all other religions have been towards them.

We would gladly remove any offensive words, providing they will give up the ceremonies which can only be described by those words, and providing they will adopt a similar attitude towards us. Let them cease to set themselves up arrogantly as the only true successors of the Apostles and as having a monopoly of religion. Let them stop deceiving the people, claiming powers to do things they never had nor never will have, and then if they come and ask Protestants to remove the objectionable features in the oath it will likely be cheerfully done.

It may be pointed out that the most substantial progress has been made towards restoring liberty to the Roman Catholic subjects until there are only three offices in Great Britain a Roman Catholic may not hold and none in Canada. The three in Great Britain are King, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Lord Chancellorship, and as most Protestants must be content to go

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WOMAN AND HOME

A WOMAN PUBLISHER.

How Miss Clark Went From Selling Books to Printing Them.

Miss Carro M. Clark, who is the C. M. Clark Publishing company, with two great book successes, "Quincy Adams Sawyer" and "Blennerhassett," to her credit, owned and managed a popular book store and stationery shop in the Back Bay, Boston, for nine years previous to embarking on the uncertain sea of publishing books. The most exclusive Back Bay families were among her regular patrons. Miss Clark says it was entirely accidental her going into the publishing business. She knew Mr. Pidgin and went to hear the manuscript of "Quincy Adams Sawyer" read out of curiosity. She came away from the reading convinced that it would be a wise business move to publish the book.

MISS CARRO M. CLARK.

It is quite possible that Miss Clarke inherits her ambitious spirit and the faculty of accomplishing whatever she attempts from her great-grandfather, Phineas Warren, who fought in the battle of Lexington. He was a near relative of Joseph Warren of Bunker Hill fame.

Adaptability.

Adaptability is one of the most desirable qualities in existence and goes far toward making a man or a woman a popular person. It must be conceded that the ultra fashionable possess this attribute far more generally than well to do people who are not nearly as smart, for, always provided that their friends belong to their "set," they will visit at a palace or a cot with equal readiness, enjoying the simplicity of a farm apparently quite as much as the stately grandeur of a princely establishment.

"It must seem a great contrast to you," said the young mistress of a little cottage at Hempstead as she conducted her guest, one of the most sought after society girls in New York, to her room, "to come here just after stopping at a magnificent establishment like the Tiptops."

"Why, it is all about the same thing," answered the cosmopolitan young woman. "You give me 5 o'clock tea, dine at 8, but send up my breakfast on a tray. No one can do any better than that, however grand they may be. I must confess to being a creature of habit in those respects, but I find that nice people live about the same whatever the size of the house or the number of footmen."

Importance of Rest.

Nervous, tired housekeepers or busy workers in any other occupation save time and strength by learning to do the right thing at the right moment and in the easiest and shortest way possible. It may take thought, but thought is one of the best labor saving implements ever discovered by man. Save time and strength by using machines wherever it is possible. Prolong life and health by taking a few moments' rest between duties. Work done in a state of fatigue will probably be poorly done and sometimes must be corrected.

Learn to be calm. All the store of patience incased in one mortal frame will be needed some time for a trying ordeal. Don't waste any of it. Physicians and druggists grow fat on the wrecks of constitutions broken by countless little things. If there is no other argument that will count for observing these simple rules, consider the wrinkles how they grow and remember that nervous fretting, with its consequent displays of ill temper, is the soil in which these facial disfigurements flourish like the green bay tree.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A North Side Fad.

However competent a housemaid may be, she must wear a "uniform" if she desires employment in the North Side families of Chicago. No reason is given why this fad is limited to one section of that city. This outfit consists of a blue and white cotton dress, white apron and white cap. The general effect is somewhat similar to the costume worn by trained nurses. For the different grades of work there are certain styles. The cook must wear a dress, apron and cap of an entirely different design from that set aside for the housemaid, and the fabric designated for her must have a different stripe. It is considered a hardship by some of the servants that the girl must supply the uniform out of her wages, but when she registers at an agency her chances of employment are small, it is said, unless she states her willingness to provide the dress.—New York Tribune.

Too Much Clothing.

Most men and women wear a great deal too much winter clothing. Provided good, stout flannel garments are worn next the skin, their duplication in the case of a healthy person is quite uncalled for. A thick vest beneath a thick shirt should be a superfluity. How many so regard it?

Above all, be the weather wet or fine—snow, rain or hail—go out. If you feel seedy, don't coddle up at home. Get out into the air. Fresh air is life. It is nature's own cure for countless artificial complaints, such as consumption or brain fag. Get it as long and as often as you can. If you can add sunshine, so much the better.

To Keep Apples and Potatoes.

Always store apples in a well ventilated room or cellar and keep them as near the freezing point as possible without actually freezing them. If potatoes are to be kept in the same cellar, they should be put in the warmest part.

The barrels of apples, well headed up, should be set close to the windows where on days when the atmosphere is only a few degrees above freezing they may be treated to a cold air bath, but that part of the cellar where the potatoes are kept should not be allowed to fall below 40 degrees. Always keep a thermometer in the cellar, and it will be possible to cool off the apples without injuring the potatoes.

Do not unhead the barrels until the apples are wanted. Let the apples remain undisturbed, as it is rarely a good plan to sort them over and to pick out the rotten ones.

Apples in ripening give out a deleterious gas, carbonic acid, which greatly aids in preserving them, but this gas is unhealthy and cannot be allowed to accumulate in the house cellar. It is one of the advantages of an outside cellar that this may be allowed to remain.

Lucky Colors For Garters.

A young girl, blushing faintly, remarked at a theatrical performance about the garter of pale blue silk that a dancer wore below her knee. "It is bad luck," she said, "to wear one's garters in that way, and I, for my part, would not do it. It is also bad luck to wear white garters. They signify death, and yellow ones signify jealousy and love troubles. Garters tied in a true lover's knot are the most fortunate ones, and if they are jeweled that makes them still more fortunate. Suspender garters have no bad luck attached to them, but they are not very pretty. After the true lover's knot the black garter fastened with a gold buckle is the luckiest. My own garters always match my stockings, but you could never induce me to wear stockings of white or yellow."—Philadelphia Record.

Always the Same.

There is a superstition that our grandmothers were far more honorable in their dealings with their dressmakers than we are nowadays. But a certain firm has books extending over more than a century which entirely disprove this theory. Reference to these interesting volumes shows that long accounts were the order of the day at the beginning of the last century, that they were frequently not paid till extreme measures were taken and that ladies in society at that period were not less extravagant when they had standing accounts than are their descendants of a hundred years later. Probably there are among the ruins of Pompeii similar records. From one generation to another the little weaknesses of human nature do not seem to change very much, after all.

How to Make Pea Soup.

Pea soup that is strongly commended for its excellence is made after these directions: Use either half a peck of fresh green peas taken from the pods or a can of the French brands. If the uncooked peas are used, put them, with a handful of spinach leaves, into a kettle with a pint of stock and a quart of boiling water. Set over the fire to simmer half an hour. Add a head of sliced lettuce, half a teaspoonful of salt and a teaspoonful of sugar. Let boil until the spinach and lettuce are pulpy. Take up and run through a wire sieve. Boil the peas and half a sliced cucumber in a little water, mash and pass through a sieve. Mix with the soup and season with salt, pepper, a squeeze of lemon juice and a dash of cayenne.

To Save Pennies.

If your ribbons become faded and creased, you can make them look almost new again by rinsing them in cold water, shaking them almost dry and then ironing them while damp on an ironing board with a piece of muslin over.

Your black thread stockings will keep their look of newness and blackness much longer if you wash them at home. To do this properly fill a small muslin bag with bran, and with this make a lather in tepid water. Wash the stockings in this water, and when you take them out of the water roll up in a clean cloth and wring them out well and dry by a quick fire.

Wasted Butter.

A cooking teacher advises that a prolific source of waste in many American households is in the too free use of butter, says the New York Evening Post. If one would remember every time the temptation comes to add an additional tablespoonful to some dish in process of preparation that a tablespoonful of butter weighs an ounce and has therefore a definite value, 2 or 3 cents, as the case may be, one form of this waste might be stopped. A pure beef fat, as suet well tried out, can often be substituted for butter to the betterment frequently of both flavor and digestion.

Character Lines.

The woman who thinks only of the disappointments of the day or the inconveniences of the weather usually shows her temperamental failings in her face. The petulant fret lines, the drooping chin muscles, the washboard corrugation in her forehead—all these are pointed fingers and glaring signboards saying and shrieking to the world: "Look at me! I am Missus Pessy-Mist. Nothing suits me, and the things that do I am unable to see."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Never allow flatirons to become "red-hot," as they will not hold the heat so well after such treatment. Should they become rough or smoky give them a good scrubbing in soap and water, rinse dry and rub briskly over a piece of sandpaper. To prevent their sticking to starched clothes rub over the sandpaper, then over a cloth with a little beeswax or white wax in it.

When you use a steamer over a kettle, fold a clean cloth in several thicknesses and lay over the top of the steamer under the cover and weight the cover down. This keeps in all the steam, and the food will cook much more quickly, making a saving of time and fuel.

The habit of overlooking family jars, of failing to see the sour look and not hearing the harsh word and setting aside forever the disagreement is a habit that makes for family peace. It is throwing stones in the path out of one's way.

If a kettle in which onions or other strong vegetables have been cooked is rubbed with a cloth dipped in hot, strong soda water and then washed in soapy water, all the odor will disappear.

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Quite a company of Ladysmith people travelled to Nanaimo on Saturday to attend the political meeting. They are all agreed that it was worth while.

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Madame LeNormande, the palmist, read a good many hands while in Ladysmith last week. She was in Nanaimo this week. Madame and her husband intend to reside in Victoria.

Most of the men were paid on Saturday, but a number came down Monday to receive theirs. Some went straight back home again, others went to Nanaimo and therefore did not go home very straight.

Captain Mc. Intosh was in town Saturday and went down to Crofton on the afternoon train. It is possible that the Captain may have to reside at Crofton, and in that case it will be necessary to elect a president for the Ladysmith St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, and also a captain for the Rifle Association, both of which honorable positions the Captain filled with much acceptance. He will know in a few days what his fate is to be.

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An exchange of pulpits is arranged between Rev. Mr. Rae, Ladysmith, and Mr. Murray, Extension, for Sabbath, Jan. 26th.

The Methodists last night gave a bachelors' high tea and concert which was very successful. There was a good attendance of bachelors and others.

Knight's boarding house, Extension, was burned down Saturday night. Loss about $3,000 partially insured. The family were at church at the time.

From all appearances the baseball dance on the 28th. instant is going to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the whole season. The matter is in the right hands.

Conductor Fletcher's presence of mind and prompt action saved the life of a rash man who attempted to do the flying act between the Extension train and the Nanaimo one last Monday afternoon at Fiddick's Junction. Conductor Fletcher gave him a push just in the nick of time and the man rolled clear of the moving wheels. He was too flustered to return thanks.

Ladysmith Shipping.

Str. Victoria of the Ladysmith-Frisco collier line arrived on Sunday in Ladysmith from drydock in Victoria, where she has lain two months getting her new propellor fitted. The Victoria, it will be remembered lost her propellor at sea last November. She will be loaded by Friday for Frisco.

American ship Benjamin F. Packard completed loading her coal cargo last night for San Francisco.

Str. City of Nanaimo called in yesterday on the way to Comox and left ten tons of pig iron for the Ladysmith Iron Works.

Birthplace of R. L. S. For Sale.

No. 8 Howard place, the unpretending little house in the north of Edinburgh where Robert Louis Stevenson was born, is now in the market.

It is an old-fashioned but comfortable dwelling-place of seven or eight rooms, with servants' quarters, and is situated near Carlyle's old home at Comely Bank, while within a stone's throw is the picturesque stream, the Water of Leith, whose windings were followed by the hero of "Catriona."

The Stevensons lived at No. 8 for some four or five years after the birth of "Tusitala," and it was only a week before his death that his mother went over the old house again when she seemed to see little "Lew" once more at the window watching for "Lerie Lerie"—the lighted lamps.

B. C. MINING NEWS.

A molybdenite property near Sandon, belonging to W. Brasch, has been bonded to English parties for $2,000.

When the third furnace is completed next month the capacity of the Granby smelter will be 1,000 tons a day.

The Silver Cup's ore is all being delivered at Trout Lake pending the opening of the Lardo railway.

It is stated experiments have been successfuly made at Trail smelter for the introduction of an electrolytic process in lead refining.

Rev. Mr. Rae Replies.

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through the world without being King or Lord Lieut. of Ireland we are practically on a level. These liberties are granted because it is now generally believed that Catholics are good citizens and capable of discharging the duties of a citizen or an office, judicial or political. Lord Russell was a credit to his church and a wealth to the British judiciary. Sir John Thompson and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are as honest and honorable as any Protestant premier we have ever had. No one can claim there is injustice and discrimination done in either the Old Country or here to any one because of his religion. Will any one assert that if Oliver Cromwell and others had not lived and the Stuarts had not been driven from the throne the Protestants would enjoy the liberties now enjoyed by the Roman Catholics among us?

We think it an inopportune time to tamper with the oath. Affairs in France, Spain and Italy during the past year or two point in the direction of discrediting the powers and pretensions of Rome. In Lower Canada the people do not believe in their Church as they used to do. The message received by Cardinal Vaughan from the Vatican on the death of Queen Victoria spoke of the progress made by the Roman Catholic religion in Great Britain during her reign. The actions of the High Church party are making Protestantism a mere empty name. If Protestants under these circumstances, allow the power of Rome to increase and to assert itself, even in having the oath tinkered, they are not guarding the liberties that were bought by their ancestors with their life blood and will not leave their children so rich an inheritance as we received.

W. A. RAE.

Odd Marriage Customs.

In Brazil drinking brandy together may constitute a marriage; in Japan, the same with wine. To join hands, to sit together and receive congratulations are odd binding customs; also to be smeared with each other's blood or for the woman to tie a rope around the man's waist.

Michigan.

Michigan has been called the Lake State for an obvious reason. It is better known as the Wolverene State, from the former presence of great numbers of these animals in its forests.

Public Schools.

The first public schools were opened in 1645 in Massachusetts.

SHIP KINROSS.

The Master of the Ship Kinross will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without an order signed by him.

GEO. W. MURRAY,
Master, Ship Kinross.
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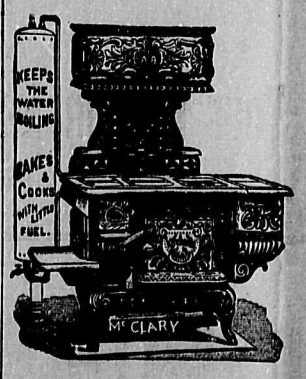
REWARD!

The Government of the province of British Columbia hereby offers a REWARD of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) for such evidence as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who, on the night of the twenty-ninth ultimo, fired three rifle bullets through the window of the dwelling house occupied by Mr. Alexander Faulds, mine superintendent, situated at South Wellington, Vancouver Island.

By Order,
F. S HUSSEY,
Superintendent.

Provincial Police Department,
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 11th, 1902.



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NOTICE.

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W. G. FRASER,
37 4t General Secretary.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of Nanaimo, holden at Nanaimo.

In the goods of Antoni Piscetelli, E. E. Hezel and Angus Boyd.

Take notice that I have been appointed administrator of the above estates.

All parties indebted to any of the above estates are required to pay such indebtedness forthwith, and all parties having claims must file the same with me, duly certified, not later than the 18th day of February, 1902.

J. A. McALONEY,
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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes, that provincial Revenue tax, and all assessed taxes and Income tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act and Amendments, are now due and payable for the year 1902. All taxes collectable for the South Nanaimo Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate at Ladysmith.

This Notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

GEO. THOMSON,
Assessor and collector, South Nanaimo Assessment District, Ladysmith P. O.

Dated at Ladysmith, 6th Jan., 1902.

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Trains leave Ladysmith for Extension daily except Sunday at 6.00 a. m., 2.00 and 10 p.m., and on Sundays at 10 p.m.

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Geo. L. Courtney, - Traffic Manager