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## Trade Licenses Must Be Paid

At the council meeting Monday night the folowing members were present: Mayor Nicholson, in the chair, and Ald. Matheson, McKinnell, Brown, Haworth, Campbell and Roberts.

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

The following communications were presented:

From James Kerr, asking for the payment of two pair of blankets taken to the isolation hospital.

Ald. Matheson believed that if they were needed at the isolation hospital they shou'd be paid for.

Ald. Campbell thought they might still be used if disinfected.

The mayor said there was no use talking of paying for these things in the present depleted condition of the treasury.

On motion the matter was laid over for one week.

From Webber & Co., Chicago, offering to build the sewers and take the city debentures in payment thereof.

On motion the communication was received and filed for future reference.

The mayor said that as this was the best offer yet made it was entitled to consideration, and if a better offer was not made, it would be well to take up the matter with the company.

From L. M. de Gex, enclosing a letter from Geo. A. Simpson & Co., Toronto, asking for information with regard to the city, and the price asked for the debentures.

On motion the communication was received and filed and a suitable reply will be forwarded.

From an auditing firm with regard to auditing the books of the city.

From William C. Brent, af Toronto, asking for information with regard to debentures.

Communication was received and filed.

The Office Bank Note Co., of St. Louis, submitted a proposal for the printing of the debentures.

The proposal was received and filed.

From Dr. Danks asking for immediate settlement of his account for attendance at the isolation hospital.

On motion of Ald. Matheson, seconded by Ald. McKinnell, the communication will be forwarded to the Provincial Government.

From W. A. Thomas, of Vancouver, dealing with the advantages of a gas plant. This letter was a lengthy one, and supplied considerable information on the subject of lighting.

The communication was received and filed.

Accounts amounting to $63.05 were presented and referred to the finance committee, to be paid if found correct.

Ald. Campbell reported on behalf of the sanitary committee that he had visited the premises of the proposed laundry on First avenue and interviewed the proprietor. He informed the latter that it would not be wise for him to go to much trouble before the council passed upon the matter. The only means for disposal of the water was a hole in the ground. The neighbors were all complaining of the laundry and the boarders in one of the hotels were threatening to leave. The proprietor stated that he was ready to connect with the sewers just as soon as they were constructed.

Mayor Nicholson read the bylaw dealing with laundries, which stated that permission must be granted by those living within fifty feet of either side, and also the distance the laundry must be located from a highway. His worship stated that the objectors were fully within their rights as the bylaw fully covered the case. It was moved by Ald. Matheson and seconded by Ald. Haworth, and carried, that the report of the Sanitary Committee be received and that the Chinaman be notified that if he goes ahead he will be prosecuted.

Mayor Nicholson brought up the matter of the payment of the school teachers' salaries. He had interviewed the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and had been informed that the city could get an overdraft that would cover the salaries and several small accounts. This would serve a good purpose for the present, and in a short time the trade licenses would be coming in. Besides there would probably be some assistance from the Provincial Government.

On motion of Ald. Matheson, seconded by Ald. Brown, it was resolved to make an overdraft on the bank for the purpose mentioned.

The question of collecting the trade licenses was the subject of an animated discussion, in which nearly all the aldermen expressed their disapproval of the laxity of some business men in paying their licenses.

Ald. Matheson was convinced that something would have to be done to get in these licenses. The collector had called on certain business men and was told to call again. It looked as if the delinquents believed the city employees had nothing to do but call around on these men, and the sooner they learned something different the better it would be for all concerned.

Ald. Campbell wanted to know if there was not a law to compel these men to pay their taxes.

The mayor said there was a method of collecting, and it was decided to give the delinquents one more chance of making payment, and if they refuse the strong arm of the law will reach out for the men who can pay and will not pay their trade licenses.

Council adjourned.

## Ladysmith Defeats Seattle 3 to 2

The football match last Sunday between Ladysmith and Seattle was well attended. The kick-off took place at 2 o'clock, a half-hour earlier than advertised, in order to give the Seattle boys time to catch the train. From the beginning it was observable that the game would be a close one, although it was generally admitted that Seattle was playing the best football. The visitors seemed to be doing the most of the playing in the first half, and at the end of the forty minutes the Seattle team had two goals to one. In the second half Ladysmith sustained her usual reputation by playing faster, and good combination work told every time. Provins and McGuire got down to business, and Adam isfactory defence game, and with played in his old-time form. Christian and Morrison played a very sat- Dougan in goal the Seattle team found that the game was not so easy as they had anticipated earlier in the match. Grainger, Strang and O'Connell, on the half-back line, played good combination which told in the general result. McDowell and Graham missed no opportunity of getting the ball into action at the mouth of the goal. The Seattle defence was strong and active; their half-back line fed their forwards persistently, and the latter were always ready to take the ball up the field in the hope of scoring, but failed to tie the score, which stood 3 to 2 in favor of Ladysmith. On the previous day Seattle played a draw with Victoria, the score being 3 to 3. Therefore, the game last Sunday gives Ladysmith another possible chance of winning the Pacific Coast League championship.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school will hold its entertainment [illegible]

## Woman's Influence and Position in the State

Last Sunday evening the Rev. Mr McMillan dealt with the above subject, taking as his text the book of Esther. This book, he said, contains one of the most interestiog stories in the Bible. Alluding to the fact that it alone, of all the sacred writings, has no mention of God, he declared its whole tone to be essentially religious, and drew from the fact of the omission of God's name the needed lesson that while men may fail to see the hand of God in the affairs of men, nevertheless His almighty power and eternal goodness are shaping their ways, even of those who forget or deny him. But, he said, the chief feature of interest to us in this fascinating story is that it presents us with portraits of three women of striking personality and eminent influence and position—Vashti, Esther, Zeresh, two Queens and a prime minister's wife.

The speaker then touched on the character and actions of each of these great women. He spoke of the womanly purity of heart and delicacy of feeling as shown by her risking her position rather than compromise either by appearing before a drunken company of the King's friends to display her beauty to their ribald gaze. Here was a bright example of the peculiar characteristic of all true womanhood—purity of heart and delicacy of feelings, coupled with a strength of mind rather than do or permit anything that would sully the one or offend the other. From this arises woman's peculiar influence and her chief distinction. So long as she remained true to this character she will continue to leaven society with her finer spirit and prevent it from descending to the level of the brute.

In Zeresh, the wife of Hamon, we find another type—Woman as the loyal helpmate, the wise counsellor of a man in high position. Allowing for the morality of her time we must admire her also. She rejoices in her husband's greatness; she encourages and rallies him in his moments of despondency; and she warns him of coming disaster at the crisis of his fate. We read that the great Vizier of our eastern empire consults his wife first, and she is mentioned also as one with the wise men from whom he sought advice.

Nor is she the only woman who has been the mainstay of a great man of affairs. History is full of them. The preacher here instanced the wives of the late William Ewart Gladstone and Sir John A. Macdonald, each of whom had attributed much of their success to the wise counsel and sympathy of their consorts.

It would seem that very, very often woman, viewing affairs from a woman's standpoint, and with a woman's quick intuition, can supplement and modify men's ideas, and so check an indiscretion or supply a needed remedy. Such a one was Zeresh.

But it is Queen Esther, the beautiful Jewess, we behold in this book the most illustrious example of a woman's power to mould the destinies of a people.

Her history is a fascinating one indeed. The humble but beautiful girl, a lonely orphan in her cousin's house, the strange call to the attention of the king; her gentleness and docility as shown in her compliance with the advice of the chamberlain as to what she should wear; the triumph of her beauty which, evidently coquetry on her part, charmed the heart of the king; her elevation to the greatest throne on earth; her terrified shrinking from the task which Mordecai sought to impose upon her; her grief at the fate which threatened her people; her sense of a great and perilous duty; the final surrender of obedience: she braved death dependent upon the chance whim of the despot her lord and master! All these make a character peculiarly charming and noble.

But we are concerned just now with the fact that this lovely, gentle, shrinking creature by her womanly tact and daring, interfered in the affairs of a great empire, and changed the course of human history. No finer instance of heroism can be found in human record than we have in the words of Esther's reply that she should try to save her kinsmen at the risk of her throne and life "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so I will go into the King which is not according to law; and if I perish, I perish!" Oh, noble woman! Oh, great heart! Oh, courageous soul! We honor our God-given humanity in honoring thee.

Yet many another woman has risked, yea, given, her life for others. One other deed only transcends this—even the calm fortitude of that most womanly man, Christ Jesus, who willingly laid down his life to show the love of God to fallen men and draw them from sin to saintliness!

And now, brethern, said the preacher, what shall we say about woman's sphere, woman in business and in politics! Are women like these unworthy of or unfit to cast a vote?

After alluding to the late honored and beloved Queen Victoria, and to the triumphs of girls and young women in schools, colleges and universities, the speaker concluded in the following words: Yes, by Gashti's modesty, by Zeresh.s wisdom, and by Esther's loving sacrifice to duty, let women share in moulding public policy if they will. The home will be sooner saved from disgrace and poverty, the state purged from corruption, and society purified if woman's influence is given a voice at the polls.

## Travellers Visiting Ladysmith

There was a large nuber of commercial travellers in the city the past two days. The following were among the number:

W. J. Rolston, representing R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria.

W. Duncan, B. C. Soap Works and British-American Paint Co., Victoria.

H. R. Vaught, F. R. Stewart & Co., Vancouver and Victoria.

W. P. Bossett, Ramsay Bros., Vancouver and Victoria.

C. Fleming, W. J. McMillan & Co., Vancouver.

J. C. Devlin, J. C. Todd & Sons, Victoria.

Mr. Case, John Morrell & Co., packers of Pride of Iowa hams and Bacon, Seattle.

H. Marboeuf, Pither & Leiser, Victoria.

Howard Chapman, Fry & Son, England.

H. Robey, gasolene lamps, Vancouver.

The death of Admiral Coughlan recalls the trouble he caused by reciting at a dinner on one of the American warships the poem "meinself— ican warships the poem "Meinself— und Gott." The poem was said to German author, and its recitation by an American naval officer gave great offense to the German nation. The matter was amicably settled, but as a matter of fact the poem was written by a Vancouver journalist named Gordon, and there is a gentleman in Ladysmith who saw what was said to be the first manuscript copy of "Meinself—und Gott."

As an evidenceof the prosperity of Ladysmith reference is made to the fact that five new pianos were unloaded at the freight sheds this morning. It is only in prosperous times

## Septic Tanks and Sewerage

In view of the fact that Ladysmith is about to construct a sewerage system the following report of a meeting at Toronto last week of the Engineer' club, when the fifth report of the British Royal Commission on sewerage disposal was discussed by T. Aird Murray, may prove interesting:

"The commission divide the various processes as follows, while they preface their remarks by saying that all tanks are sedimentation tanks:

(a) Quiescent settlement without chemicals.

(b) Quiescent settlement with chemicals.

(c) Continuous flow settlement without chemicals.

(d) Continuous flow settlement with chemicals.

(e) Septic tanks.

With reference to the first of these processes no fixed rules can be given. The sewerage being allowed to remain in the tanks till such time as the greater part of the solids have settled and the liquor drawn off by a floating arm; the number and sizes of the tanks depending entirely on the quantity of sewerage treated and the amount of time required for settlement with the particular sewerage. Experiments at Leeds and Sheffield demonstrated that two or three hours was sufficient to remove a large portion of the susuended solids and produce a fairly good tank liquor. With these tanks it is usual to remove the deposit after every first or second filling in order to obtain a highly efficient condition.

"A great amount of attention is given to the process of sludge digestion, known as the septic tank process. Many and varied opinions have been ventilated on this process, most, however, of a very exaggerated and unscientific character, arising, no doubt from the fact that the process has been run and boomed by a company whose chief object has been to sell their wares at a profit.

"The commission says: 'The knowledge that the solid matter of sewerage would be digested by passing the sewage through a heated tank is by no means novel, but it does not appear to have had any extensive practical application until Mr. Cameron, city surveyor of Exeter, proposed the adoption of the septic tank treatment for that city.

"'It was claimed that the septic tank possessed the following, among other advantages: That it solved the sludge difficulty, inasmuch as practically all the organic solid matter was digested in the tank. That it destroyed any pathogenic organisms which there might be in the sewage. That sewage which had passed through a septic tank was more easily oxidized than sewage from which the solids had been allowed to settle, either with or without the aid of chemicals, in tanks which were frequently cleaned out.

"'The commissioners are now able to state that all the organic solids present in sewerage are not digested by septic tanks, the actual amount of digestion varying with the character of the sewage, the use of the tanks relative to the volume treated, and the frequency of cleansing. With a domestic sewage, and tanks worked at a 24-hours rate, the digestion is about 25 per cent.

"'The liquor issuing from septic tanks is bacteriogically almost as impure as the sewage entering the tanks. Domestic sewage which has been passed through a septic tank is not more easily oxidized in its passage through filters than domestic sewage, which has been subjected to chemical precipitation or simple sedimentation.

of solid matter digested the experiments were carried on for over two years at the Exeter and Ilford works.

"'As regards the third claim the experiments were carried out by Mr. Eric H. Richards, the commissioners' chemist at Dorking. The experiments are very complete and conclusive.

"'The settlements of suspended solids in septic tanks is not usually very thorough, and the evidence also shows that at many places the liquor issuing from the tanks contains on the average from 15 to 20 parts of solid.'

"With reference to closing a tank over, the report states:

"'As regards digestion of sludge, and quality of tank liquor, the closed tank possesses no advantage over the open one. The commissioners, however, recomend that the tanks be closed, so as to diminish the nuisance from smell.'

"The above conclusions appear to point to the advisability of some improvement of the septic tank as now used. The only point in its favor in comparison with other methods appears to be in the fact that a percentage of the sludge is dissolved by putrefaction ang hydrolysis. The main point against it is that the liquor is not constant, and that the suspended matter increases as time goes on. This suggests that it is desired to get rid of part of the sludge by putrefaction.

"'All sewage works are liable, at times to give off unpleasant smells, and they should, therefore, be situated away from dwelling houses. The extent of the risk of nuisance, however, depends not only on the character of the sewage, but also on the method of treatment.

"'Septic tank treatment is more offensive than simple sedimentation. During sludging operations, sulphuretted hynrogen is given off.

"In this connection the practice in the United States may be noted, where it is considered advisable to reduce the risk of smell by using septic tanks of a capacity of eight hours, providing coarse grain filters which allow a large amount of suspended matter in the liquid to pass through into the filtrate, arresting it in the final effluent."

## A Visitor from Prince Rupert

Mr. William Manson, government agent at Prince Rupert, went down to Victoria on the morning train from Nanaimo. Mr. Manson came down from Prince Rupert to attend the golden wedding of his parents, which was celebrated at their home in Nanaimo last Monday. He will return to the north in a few days. While there is no great rush at Prince Rupert at the present time, Mr. Manson expects to see a very lively city just as soon as the lots are placed on the market. A great deal of interest, he says, is being taken by the citizens in John Houston's temperence crusade, and the veteran journalist, now that he has his hand to the plough, seems determined to run the furrow to the end. Certainly he has virgin soil in which to work. Business generally is fair and the merchants seem to be satisfied with the prospects for the future.

Owen Dabb and Robert Smith, the two men recently injured while at work in the Extension mine, are progressing favorably.

The firemen's ball will be held in the opera house on New Years eve. The committee are now disposing of the tickets and meeting with good success. No class of men deserve better of the community than the firemen, and the ball should be well patronized.

Rev. C. M. Tate, superintendent of the juvenile temperance work of British Columbia, of Duncan, was in the city Monday and Tuesday and organized a Juvenile Temperance lodge at the Finn hall last evening. There were thirty-two present at the organization meeting, and the society starts out with good prospects to increase as time progresses. After the meeting, Rev. Mr. Tate visited the local Good Templar lodge, and delivered a short address. He was anxious to return to Duncan, where the

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Victoria Colonist last Sunday issued an edition of 136 pages to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that publication. The special number is a credit to Manager Matson, Editor Lugrin and every man connected with the Colonist establishment. There is a vast amount of of reading matter dealing with the resources and early history of the Province, and in this connection special mention must be made of the centributions from the pen of the veteran journalist, the Hon. D. W. Higgins. Mr. Higgins was for many years publisher of the Colonist, and laid well and true the foundation stone of the paper that has now developed into one of the greatest news gatherers in the Dominion of Canada. The Colonist has been a consistent champion of the rights of British Columbia throughout its half-century existence, and it is pleasing to note that the support it receives is of a character that will enable it to accomplish even more in the future than it has done in the past, in the way of drawing attention to the resources of the Province.

There need be no fear as to the selling of the debentures for the sewers. At the meeting of the council last evening there were several inquiries from outside points, and it is understood that other letters have been received since Monday with regard to the debentures. It is only now a question of the best offer, and this can be safely left to the council to decide. It is important, however, that a decision should be reached at once, for the immediate construction of the sewers is desirable for many reasons.

The Canadian Iron Foundry Company has been bought by an eight million dollar merger which will be known as the Canadian Iron Corporation. The new company has taken over a number of iron plants in Canada, including the Canada Car Wheel Works at Montreal and the works at Three Rivers, Quebec, Fort William, St. Thomas and Londonderry.

It is satisfactory to learn from the merchants that there is a growing disposition on the part of the citizens this year to buy their goods at home. This is as it should be, and if the principal is strictly adhered to throughout the new year Ladysmith will become the most prosperous city of its size on the continent.

An apology is due the readers of The Chronicle for the curtailment in the amount of reading matter caused by pressure on the advertising columns. An effort will be made to increase both advertising and reading space in future issues.

Someone has drawn attention to the fact that many of the coast papers are violating the laws by publishing the advertisements of fortune-tellers.

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## Opinions of the Press.

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King Edward has been in indifferent health for a few weeks. The announcement that His Majesty is greatly improved physically will therefore be received with thankfulness throughout his dominions. The King has taken up his gun again. That is a sure sign that he is fully recovered.—Victoria Times.

The declining price of silver is a matter of surprise to many. With the U. S. elections settled and Taft chosen president, it was confidently anticipated by many that a rise in the price of the white metal would soon follow, but the direct opposite has been the result. If the price goes much lower, it will have the result of restricting output in the Slocan, as the mining managers are not in the mining business for their health.—Kaslo Kootenaian.

Nelson merchants have reached a satisfactory agreement with the C. P. R. over freight rates on goods to and from that territory. It is stated that this will mean the saving of many thousands of dollars to merchants and consumers. This once again establishes the old maxim: "If you don't get what you want ask for it," but it also shows that the Canadian Pacific railway is pursuing a very generous policy just now in respect to matters affecting the people of this province.—Victoria Colonist.

## Odd Trade Diseases

"Black lung" or "coal miners' consumption," in which the lungs become coated with black dust, is suffered especially in mines of defective ventil- of one large German cutlery centre firemen and chimney sweeps, exposed to constant inhalation of coal dust and soot, are none of them found to have a high death rate from true consumption, although subject to chronic bronchial catarrh.

"Grinders' asthma" and "grinders' rot" are terms found to be applied to a form of consumption frequent in granding and polishing departments of the cutlery and tool industry, where dust is inhaled from the metals as well as the grindstones and emery used. Nearly three-fourths of were discovered to be due to consumption, and in the great cutlery and tool works of Northamption, Mass., the same proportion of deaths has been found to be due to "grinders'," "polishers'" or "cutlers' disease" of the lungs. Needle polishers and file cutters also show a high deathrate from consumption.

"Stone cutters' consumption," a form of tuberculosis of the lungs, is discovered to be common among stonecutters, especially those operating pneumatic tools, creating clouds of dry dust, that are breathed into the lungs. In this disease, too, the lungs become discolored, but not so dark as in the case of coal miners' so-called consumption. A recent investigation in Germany showed that 86 per cent. of the deaths among stone polishers, stone cutters, and quarrymen were due to diseases of the lungs. Millstone and slate cutting are also classed by Dr. Kober among "dangerous occupations," as are glass cutting and polishing, where the employes are not protected by the new "wet method," now in vogue in Massachusetts. He finds gem finishers to have a high consumption and sick rate, and workers in mica dust bronchial powders to be predisposed to diseases of the respiratory passages. "Siderosis," a lung disease of the knife and saw sharpeners' trade, is due to the lodgment of fine particles of steel dust in the lungs.

Smelters and employes of gas works or of coke and charcoal furnaces sometimes suffer from chronic coal gas poisoning, whose symptoms are dizziness, slow pulse, anaemia, general debility, etc. Even coal oil, in its concentrated vapors, sometimes produces in refinery workmen symptoms like those of drunkenness, as well as chronic bronchial catarrh, while eruptions on the hands are found to be common among handlers of paraffin oil, creosote and tar. An obstinate eczema of the hands is common also to cleaners who handle crude turpentine, and the vapors of this oil, crude or refined, sometimes produce catarrhs, roaring of the ears and nervousness. Manufacturers of bromine, now used considerably in photography, are discovered to suffer quite frequently from asthma, dizziness and general weakness, the vapors when becoming too strong sometimes causing spasms of the upper windpipe. Brick, glazers and bleachers working in chlorine gas fumes often suffer from asthma, bronchitis, rapid decay of the teeth and pimples on the face, while employes of alkali and galvanizing works using hydrochloric acid suffer from sores on the tongue, ulceration of the nose


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## Something About Gibraltar

(London Morning Post.) Probably many English people think of Gibraltar as a barren rock, a sort of Aden, a place of no beauty, and of no more interest, except historically, than Portsmouth. They do not know that it lifts its proud head, with a lion-like outline, from the bluest of seas to the bluest of skies; that it is gay with colors of the morning and evening sun; that it stands in a circle of mountains from Tetuan and Cape Spartel, in Africa, to the sierra behind Ronda in Andalusia; that it is rich in all the foliage of the south, palm, pine, cypress, olive, eucalyptus, aloe, cactus; and that the Rock itself, where the barracks and yellow and white walls and red tiles of the town leave off, is clothed with woods and thickly-covered with aromatic herbs and wild flowers which would be garden flowers here, such as iris, gladiolus, cistus, mesembryanthemum, and snapdragon.

There is not much to admire in the barracks, forts, dockyards, and sheds. As has always been the case with military works, Carnarvon and Windsor among them, they were built for use, not beauty. If you ask why modern castles should not be beautiful, too, the only reply is that modern things are not beautiful. As it is, they are not violently discordant with the old Spanish town, probably for the reason that they were built for use. The English cathedral was built for beauty, and is a warning against cheap imitation of beauty. The same argument will save the credit of the battleships and cruisers when you compare them with Nelson's men-of-war. Old men can still remember ships of that class; the last time we used them in action was at Sebastopol, where, if I remember right, there was but one armored ship present. A fleet of the old sort, though incomparably less powerful in guns and armor than what we would send now, was beautiful in every line and every motion, with a beauty that had been developed step by step. The new ships are formidable and impressive, and have a grandeur of their own but little grace in form or movement.

The other day, coming home up St. George's Channel, I saw, about sunset, with a white, uncertain light upon her, faintly discerned against a pale horizon of cloud, "like a pearl on a white forehead," one of the stately three-masted barque in full sail. "O dea certe!" I felt inclined to cry, for there is nothing more beautiful on sea or land to which I can compare it; and I remembered how twenty years ago the sea was full of such ships, catching light and and shadow in every variety of curve and color. It is all gone, and the noble art of navigation by ropes and sails has given place to what old Admiral Rous use to call the "tea kettle."

Walk past the busy yards and barracks to Europa Point, where you look across the deeper blue of the Mediterranean to Africa, and climb the steep path and stair which lead to Signal Point, the highest peak of the Rock, bordered all the way with flowers that ask you to stop and pick them. Here you stand between blue and blue, the sea and the hills, and the sky above, in which birds of prey—eagles, vultures, buzzards, or hawks, for all are visitants here—soar with unshut wing. Apes' Hill rises grandly on the African side; to west and north are the hills of Spain.

At Algeciras, where the garrison goes on Sundays to lunch and sit in the gardens of the luxurious Reina Cristina Hotel, the grand feature of the view is the Rock of Gibraltar, lying its full length on the opposite side of the bay. It is almost startling from the contrast of rich color and white light, such light as is never seen in our misty island. Here, too, flowers abound; behind the town on the hills, where herds of grim-looking bulls are grazing and placidly awaiting their summons to the corrida, you may walk knee-deep in red clover, wild mustard, and brilliant blue convolvulus; little irises, borage, and azure pimpernel sprout up by every path. The people of Algeciras seem hardly aware of Gibraltar and the British. They go on in their quiet old Spanish way, and put off their houses till tomorrow; and they do today is to whitewash. Cocks and hens, pigs and children, occupy the roadway of the side streets, where no wheels seem ever to come, for mules and asses serve for all needful traffic. As the proverb says: "A mule and a false tale need not a paved road." Further, if you take the train for two or three stations, are the cork woods, where you may spend a day in perfect idleness under the shade of the gray cork trees, listening to cuckoos and nightingales, picking wild flowers, and looking on mountains, or if you are energetic, climbing trees after falcons' nests. The cork trade is a flourishing industry, carried on in a leisurely way by families living in gipsy-like encampments. The trees are stripped completely bare over the whole trunk and some of the larger branches, and the sheets of cork are pressed flat and packed so in bales, which are then sent off by rail without any further treatment. It is just the kind of industry which the Spaniards like! There is no tiresome enterprise and uncertainty. You live with your family about you, on bread and cheese, olives and garlic; ride or drive your own donkey; and do the same thing every day.

In the tract of woodland, chequered with cultivation which slopes from the towns of La Linea and San Roque to the mountains, is the hunting-ground of the Calpe Hunt and its supporter, Senor Larios, the friend of Englishmen; foxes are sufficiently numerous, and the sport is loved by those British officers who can enjoy hunting without fences, or hard galloping over level ground with the accompaniment of English weather. Another form of sport is pig-sticking at Tangier, to which a peculiar liveiness is added by the politics of the Shereefian kingdom, since there is just a chance of an adventure with a party of Riffs or other unemployed Moors, who carry firearms and have an eye to ransoms.

The Englishman's idea of staying in a place is to go somewhere else; but why should you not stay at Gibraltar when you are there? There is plenty to amuse you for a week, and you can see Granada and Seville the next time you come.

## Hints for the Home.

If half of the cream to be used in making ice-cream is first scalded and the sugar melted in it, there will be no danger of churning it into butter, as sometimes occurs when it is used unscalded. After cooling add the remainder of the cream demanded by the recipe. It will be richer and more velvety in texture than if the "raw" cream is used.

Always remember that loaf cakes require a slow oven, while layer cakes demand a quick, steady heat. If the oven is too hot and is hard to cool, instead of laying a piece of paper on top of the cake, a plan which frequently causes it to fall, set an asbestos mat on the upper shelf of the oven. It absorbs much of the heat and protects the top of the cake from burning.

To obtain a few drops of onion juice take a slice of the onion and scrape the cut surface with a sharp knife over the dish you wish to flavor.

When baking a fish that is very thin fleshed near the tail, pin about it, five or six inches from the tail up, a small pocket of buttered paper, which will preserve its shape and keep the tail from getting dry and brown before the thicker portion is cooked.

Never fry more than six oysters at once unless you have a very large kettle of fat. If more are cooked they will soak grease and take a long time to brown.

Wipe with a damp cloth figs and dates, and wash prunes, raisins or any dried fruit before using. They have lain open to dust during the drying process, while fruits which are cured in Oriental countries are frequently exposed to the most uncleanly

It is almost impossible to whip cream unless it is thoroughly chilled and at least twenty-four hours old.

A good rule to commit to memory for the making of a mayonnaise is three eggs to one quart of oil and half a cupful of vinegar or lemon juice. Sometimes the mayonnaise will thicken sufficiently with less than one quart of oil, if it is very cold.

In cooking peas and beans that are too old to be very tender, add a pinch of baking powder to the water in which they are cooked; it removes the strong flavor and makes them more delicate as well as more digestible.


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Manager Ward has commenced restringing the telephone line. During the progress of the work it is probable that some of the telephones may get out of order, but the inconvenience will not last long.

## Local and General.

Miss Roberts was avisitor to Nanaimo this week.

Mr. John Stewart announces that he has four first-class rooms to rent.

For Christmas presents for your family call at R. Gear's Ideal Grocery Store.

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C. A. Sutherland, formerly editor of the Nanaimo Free Press, was a passenger on the morning train for Duncan.

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Don't forget to try a guess at the seeds in the pumpkins at R. Gear's Ideal Grocery Store. Every dollar cash spent in this store gives two guesses.

The meeting of the Citizen's league has been postponed until Friday night. It is understood that several matters of considerable importance are to be discussed.

Nelson's street car service will be resumed in January, the city supplying free power to the company. The cars were burnt early this year, and there has been no service since January.

The Tennessee Jubilee Singers will give a performance at the opera house to-morrow night under the auspices of the football club. This organization has received the highest praise in every city in which it has appeared.

Mr. Simon Leiser, the head of the firm bearing his name, and president of the Victoria Board of Trade, is in the city to-day. Mr. Leiser's extensive business interests demand his persistent attention, and he is on the road much of the time looking after them. To-day he is visiting several of the merchants, and has scarcely time to speak a word to anyone. It is understood that the firm will begin early in the spring the construction of a brick store on the corner of Esplanade and Gatacre streets, but as yet the project has not taken definite shape.

An Ottawa despatch this morning is as follows: "Ralph Smith, M. P., elect for Nanaimo, arrived in the city on Saturday, and last night had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Smith's visit at this juncture naturally suggests business of cabinet importance, though he has nothing to say on the subject. Mr. Smith was joined yesterday by Messrs. Templeman and Sloan, and the three held a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to Pacific Coast representation in the cabinet. It is understood that if Mr. Templeman withdraws Mr. Smith will succeed him."


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## The Tyee Smelter.

In its jubilee edition, the Victoria Colonist made a mistake in regard to the Tyee smelter. In the article on Ladysmith it is stated that "it is months since the furnaces were in blast." The Colonist in its edition of to-day makes the following explanation' "The fact is that the Tyee smelter has been almost continually in operation since September, and is in full blast to-day, although there has been a short period of rest. We understand that the disbursements of the company in connection with the smelter will by the end of the year not be far short of the $100,000, and that the shipments of ore now coming forward and promised are such that the company expects to keep the smelter going continuously hereafter. In another place it was said that the Tyee Copper Company has long been most assiduously seeking to obtain sufficient ore to keep its smelter at Ladysmith in operation, but has not succeeded in daing so.' The latter part of this statement is incorrect and we substitute for it a note by the provincial mineralogist, which we take from the report of the Victoria Board of Trade for the current year: 'Tyee, the company's smelter at Ladysmith, under the management of Mr. W. J. Watson, has been run almost continuously during the year on custom ores from various parts of the Coast districts, supplemented by ores from Mexico.' We need not say how greatly we regret these inaccuracies but, as has been said above, a few errors were inevitable."

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