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Short Meeting of the City Council

It took the council less than one hour to get through with the business before it at the meeting last Monday evening.

There were present: Mayor Nicholson, Ald. Roberts, Brown, Dier, McKinnell and Matheson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From the Canadian Fairbanks Co., Vancouver, explaining the qualities of their road-making plants.

The communication was read and filed.

From Mr. John Stewart on behalf of Mr. S. McIntosh, Victoria, who claimed that the new sidewalk on the Esplanade had deprived him of street convenience..

The mayor stated that he had conversed with Mr. McIntosh on the subject and the latter had put forth no objection to the sidewalk, but was rather disposed to have his building raised.

On motion of the council his worship will interview Mr. McIntosh.

Mr. John Stewart wrote the council with regard to Mr. D. R. Harris' bill for surveying the hospital site.

This communication came up again under the head the head of presentation of accounts.

Accounts aggregating $1,827.43 were presented and referred to the finance committee.

The bill of Mr. Harris of $70.40 for surveying the hospital site was considered excessive and was referred to that gentleman for reconsideration.

Ald. Matheson's by-law regulating wiring for electric light was finally adopted.

The electrical engineer referred to the license fee of $25. He wanted to know if all dealers in supplies would be charged that fee.

Ald. Dier thought it would be strange if a general dealer would be prohibited from selling supplies.

His worship was not altogether clear on that point, but the aldermen finally arrived at the conclusion that the license would only be necessary for those who engaged in making connections, etc.

Mr. John Tha was granted permission to proceed with his building.

It was pointed out that several citizens had been fined for violating the building by-law, and that they had not yet asked for the necessary permission to build.

The city clerk was instructed to notify them of the omission.

Ald. Roberts wanted to know when the cement walk on Roberts street would be commenced. It appeared there was unnecessary delay in this matter.

The mayor said he understood the contractor was waiting for material, and the city clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Macdonald that the contract was ready for signature, so further delay would be unnecessary.

The council adjourned at 8 o'clock.

The Black Hand at Michel

The following despatch is from Fernie and tells of an alarming state of affairs in that district: Michel, one of the larger coal mining towns of the Crow's Nest district, is an armed camp today, among its foreign population especially, because of the activity of the Black Hand society. Great excitement has prevailed since Sunday, when five leaders amongst the foreign miners and business men were threatened with instant death by the Black Hand unless they paid $200 each.

In the threatening letters received places for the deposit of the money were designated, one of them being alongside a large rock, which is a land mark, at the rear of the Roman Catholic church. Last night the threatened men turned over the letters to the police, and Provincial Constable Stevensoo and Bulger im-

The time set for the deposit of the money was between ten o'clock last night and two o'clock this morning. Several men were posted at the designated places, and false parcels were placed in the hiding places by the recipients of the letters, but no attempt was made by the Black Hand gang to claim the bounty.

Not a member of the big colony of Italian miners is working today. Everyone in the town is armed, and the Italian people are out to assist the police in protecting the lives of the threatened men. Three hundred and fifty armed Italians held a meeting this afternoon and discussed the situation. The police force is being doubled by the swearing in of specials. Several Italians are under suspicion, and are being closely watched. Any attempt to leave the city will result in their immediate arrest.

Local and General News Notes

Mr. John W. Coburn came down Nanaimo this morning.

Ald. George Haworth was not feeling quite so well today.

Rev. Father Nicolaye is down at Victoria taking part in the Retreat.

Mr. Robert McMillan suffered a painful injuryto his ankle while working in the mine this week. It will be some days before he resumes work.

If you want to secure a piece of enamelware given away with one tin of Art Baking Powder at R. Gear's grocery store, call at once. Only a few pieces left.

The committee of the hospital met last night and transacted routine business. The subscriptions were discussed, and an effort will be made to get more from various sources.

Many of the lacrosse enthusiasts were greatly concerned in the result of the match last Saturday when Vancouver almost put New Westminster out of businesss. A great number profess the belief that the team of the Royal City has seen its best days.

During the past week there have been an unusual number of visitors in the city, and many of them have been over the land recently cleared by the E. & N. company. Quite a few have expressed a determination to return and engage in fruit-growing on a small scale.

The members of the Tyee Gun club who visited Galiriola Island last Sunday speak in the highest terms of the hospitality of the people there and particularly the ladies who did so much to make the day's outing enjoyable. There were several shoots in all of which the Ladysmith marksmen took part. The visitors arrived home at 10.30 in the epening.

A lacrosse tournament for the championship of the world, to take place at the stadium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition some time in August, is being planned by Major Wm. Inglis, director of athletics at the fair. After some correspondence, Major Inglis is in receipt of letters from the manager of the New Westminster team, champions of the world, and from the manager of the Calgary team, champions of Alberta. These teams are all anxious to play and only wait satisfactory arrangements to agree to come. Vancouver will also be invited to play in the tournament. The games will be played on the regular stadium field of the exposition. This field was made for a baseball and football field, but with slight alteration will do as well for lacrosse. There is the small matter of installing goals and changing the lines, and that is all that is neces-

High School Entrance Examination

The entrance results are now out. Eight pupils from the Ladysmith school have gained the necessary certificate of qualification for admission to the High Schools of the province. On close perusal of the results it will be found the Ladysmith school stands abreast of similar centres and considering our short life as a city the progress in school matters has been decidedly rapid. This, too, in the face of the repeated closing of school.

The eight candidates, whose names appear in another column, are out of a class of about twelve, possibly under, who stood reasonable fighting chances of success. The others who wrote did so chiefly wth the idea of educating themselves to the requirements. These are, with several exceptions, young pupils, who will form the nucleus of a good class for another year. In following out this policy the welfare of the school has been placed before the personal reputation of the staff or any member thereof—the number of passes year in and year out being made the chief aim.

During his term of service alone, retiring Principal Hunter has had a record of thirty-three certificates issued to pupils of Division I. It goes without saying that progress has been earned by persistent effort on the part of the teaching staff and co-operation on the part of the appreciating parents and if continued progress is to be maintained and better results secured the citizens must grapple with question as it is—the one most vitally important to the future welfare of the city, and one comprehensive perhaps only to broad and unprejudiced minds.

Denies Jurisdiction of County Court Judge

In the session of the County Court today the case of Mrs. Hutcheson against the city came up for hearing. This is an action for nurse's wages during the smallpox epidemic. On account of the summons being issued from the County Court of Nanaimo and sealed with the seal of the County Court of Ladysmith, the defendant's solicitor, Mr. V. B. Harrison, held that a judge of the County Court of Nanaimo had no jurisdiction over the County Court of Ladysmith. His Honor Judge Harrison sustained the objection. The same ruling applied to the case of Myles vs. Robinson for ejectment.

O'CONNELL-CULLIGAN.

An interesting wedding took place at Nanaimo last Monday morning, when John O'Connell, of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Culligan, of Nanaimo. The ceremony was performed in the Catholic Church by Rev. Father Heynen. The bride was attended by Miss Katie Dunbar, and the groom was supported by his brother. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, and friends of the contracting parties to the number of 40 or more sat down at the table. After breakfast Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell left for Victoria and before returning will visit the Sound cities. They were the recipients of many useful presents, and the groom presented the bride with ia handsome gold bracelet. The best man also presented the bridesmaid with a gold bracelet. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell will reside in Ladysmith.

A big banquet was tendered Hon. Wm. Pugsley at Nanaimo last night. Sixty-eight guests were present and speeches were delivered by Hon. W. Pugsley, Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., Mayor Hodgson of Nanaimo, Mr. John W. Coburn and others. Among those who attended from Ladysmith were Mayor Nicholson, Messrs. John Stewart, Eli Rowlands, W. G. Fras-

British Columbia Has Great Resources

The Government of British Columbia has issued an instructive and interesting pamphlet which is being distributed at the A.-Y.-P. Exposition at Seattle. In the concise and striking manner some of the facts concerning the resources and products of the province are set forth, the following extracts being taken from the pamphlet:

British Columbia's trade has increased by over nineteen million dollars in four years.

British Columbia mines have produced over three hundred million dol-

British Columbia's fisheries, one lars.

hundred and fourteen million dollars.

British Columbia forests produce over twelve million dollars annually.

British Columbia has millions of acres of paper-making material undeveloped.

British Columbia farms and orchards produce over seven million dollars annually.

British Columbia coal deposits are the most extensive in the world.

The Kootenay coal fields alone are capable of yielding ten million tons of coal a year for seven thousand years.

British Columbia has immense deposits of iron ore awaiting development.

British Columbia's area of standing timber is the largest and most compact in America.

British Columbia has over ten million acres of wheat lands.

British Columbia produces over two million pounds of butter annually, and imports over four million pounds.

British Columbia imports over two million dollars' worth of eggs and poultry annually.

British Columbia shipped over six thousand tons of fruit in 1908, and imported fruit to the value of two hundred thousand dollars.

British Columbia Offers:

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To the fisherman— Inexhaustible quantities of salmon, halibut, cod herring and other fish.

To the fruit grower—Many thousands of acres of land producing all the harder fruits, as well as peaches, grapes, apricots, melons, nuts, etc.

To the dairyman—Splendid pasture and high prices for butter, milk and cream.

To the poultryman— A cash home market for poultry and eggs at big prices.

To the farmer—Large profits from mixed farming and vegetable growing.

To the miner—Three hundred thousand square miles of unprospected mineral-bearing country.

To the workingman—Fair wages and a reasonable working day.

To the sportsman—An infinite variety of game animals, big and small game fishes and birds.

To the tourist—Magnificent scenery, good hotels, well equipped trains, palatial steamships.

To everybody—A healthful climate, inspiring surroundings, golden opportunities in all walks of life, just law (well administered), a complete modern education system—free, undenominational primary and high schools; all the conveniences of civilized life, health, peace, contentment and happiness.

The raffle for the hammerless gun will take place at the Grand hotel next Saturday evening at 7.30.

Since the visit of R. Marpole, president of the E. & N. railway and J. E. McMullin, solicitor of the company, both of whom were in the city on Monday and interviewed Mayor

Hall as to the matter of allowing a temporary right of way across the E. & N. bridge pending an order from the railway commission, the city has formally communicated with the company relative to the temporary arrangement. Mr. Marpole has informed the city that the company will regard with favor some temporary agreement whereby the public may use the bridge for foot passenger traffic but such agreement shall in no wise prejudice the company's status before the railway commission. The latter body is expected to arrive on the coast some time next month. The city's claim to be allowed to use the bridge for traffic, subject to the railway company's user of the right of way, will then be argued.—Victoria Colonist.

Meeting of Pacific Coast League

Mr. J. W. Eno, manager of the Ladysmith football team, returned last evening from attending the meeting of the Pacific Coast football League, which took place in the Seattle Athletic club building last Sunday. There was a large attendance, among those present being Messrs. Beaney and Locksley, of Victoria, Scott of Vancouver, Barrett, of Seattle, and John W. Eno, Ladysmith. Nanaimo failed to have a representative present.

Con Jones, president, occupied the chair, and William Ellis acted as secretary.

There was a letter read from the secretary of the California State League, extending an invitation to the Pacific Coast League to send a team to the Portola festival, which will be held in October. A guarantee of $500 for travelling expenses is made, and the visiting team will be the guests of the festival for a week. Only three games are played at the Portola festival, and the league guarantees $250 for three more games.

The invitation was accepted and the Pacific Coast League will send sixteen men. Each team in the League will be reuresented by at least one player. A committee, composed of Locksley, Victoria, Barrett of Seattle, Ellis of Vancouver, Hart, of Nanaimo and Eno of Ladysmith were appointed to pick the team. The committee will meet in Seattle in September during the football tournament.

The matter of making arrangements for the tournament came up for consideration. It was eventually decided that the proceeds of the games up to the amount of expenses would be divided equally between the competing teams. The surplus, if any, will be handed over to the A.-Y.-P. exposition, the latter to provide gold medals and a cup for competition. Each player will be provided with entrance tickets to the grounds for a week.

The playing season has been changed. In future it will start March 1 and conclude May 24th.

The probabilities are that there will be several new teams in the league. Westminster and Westham Island have signified their intention of joining, and it is quite likely Tacoma will also join.

The meeting altogether was a good one, and plainly evidenced that the interest in football is growing on the Pacific Coast.

A scheme is on foot to hold a "professional Olympic games" in London at the latter end of September. It will be if the thing goes through the greatest assembly of runners, cyclists, wrestlers and boxers ever held in the world. The promoter has offered $50,000 for the Stadium at Shepherd's Bush for one week as rental. The programme includes a boxing bout between Sam McVey and either Johnson or Ketchel and a wrestling match between Gotch and Hackenschmidt. Ketchel is, however, matched to meet Langford at Ely, Nev., for a $20,000 guarantee on September 6. It is hardly likely that Gotch will cross the ocean to meet his old foeman, so that these two events can hardly be decided.

Baseball Match to Be Played To-morrow

On account of the lacrosse match tomorrow evening, a change will have to be made in the time for the match between the "Professionals" and the "Merchants." It is understood that the match will take place at 2.30, and it now looks as if it would be one well worth witnessing on its merits. The "Professionals" will probable play the same team that won glory last Thursday evening, but there will be some slight change in the "Merchants" line-up. The latter claim that they now know the weak points of their opponents and that the advantage of this knowledge will be apparent as the game progresses. The proceeds will go to the hospital, and it is to be hoped that the patronage will be generous.

The following is the line-up for the "Merchants":

Catcher— C. D. McKay.
Pitcher— J. Ryan.
1st base— J. Kemper.
2nd base— J. A. Knight.
3rd base— G. Cavin.
Shortstop— C. Main.
Left field— C. E. Jeffs.
Centre field— H. Hughes.
Left field— J. Gilman.
Reserves— D. Johnson, H. Thornley.

YE KEN WHA FRAG.

Keep in mind the Burns Club will hold their picnic on Saturday, July 31st. The sports committee have arranged the following list of prizes:

Girls under 7 years, a tea set; second prize, a doll.

Boys under 7 years, a beautifdl mouth organ; second prize, a mouth organ.

Girls under 9 years, silver thistle brooch; second prize, a silver thistle brooch.

Boys under 9 years, a little penknife; second, a beautiful silver pencil.

Girls under 11 years, a little trinket safe; second, a silver-mounted perfume bottle.

Boys under 11 years, carved silver pencil; second, pair of silver cuff studs.

Girls under 13 years, a set of gold beauty pins; second, a pair of gold beauty pins.

Boys under 13 years, a silver double albert; second, a silver-mounted pocket comb.

The next event is a race for the misses over thirteen years, first prize a nobbly little bottle of perfume; second, another nice bottle of perfume.

Boys over 13 years and under sixteen for a place kick, first prize, a gold-mounted pocket pen; second, a beautiful pocket compass. For children of members only.

A five-a-side football tournament confined to members of Ladysmith Burns club, first prize, five beautiful rubberset shaving brushes.

Tickets can be obtained after 7 o'clock on Friday evening, from Messrs. P. McKenzie, Neil Bryden, and Robt. Marshall.

LACROSSE NOTES.

Lacrosse seems to be flourishing these days, if the number of enthusiasts who turn out to practice can be taken for anything. Fresh players are turning out every night. The North Ward team of Victoria are anxious to have a game with the local stick-handlers and no doubt one can be arranged.

On Thursday night the Extension Giants and the Ladysmith team meet for the first time in the series of games for the Frost Cup and the inter-citychampionship. It goes without saying that the game will be a fast one and some good lacrosse may be seen, as both teams have been practicing for the meeting.

A number of the younger boys of the town have been taking an active interest in the game, so the management are thinking of organizing a junior team. This is a wise move on the part of the managers as it is from the junior teams that the senior players come and lacrosse is a game that needs to be learned young.

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Editorial Comment.

The crossing of the English Channel in an airship has at last been accomplished, and to Mons. Bieriot, a Frenchman, the credit is due. While proud of his achievement, Mons. Bieriot does not intend to repeat the experiment, from which it may be inferred that he is convinced that the journey is not free from great peril. Nevertheless wonderful progress has been made in the last decade in aerial navigation. Thirteen years ago in California there were many rumors of successful air flights. There were some who professed that they had seen white-winged air ships passing over cities and towns, and altogether excitement ran very high. Then the scientists took a stand against airships, and argued that such a thing as air navigation was scientifically impossible. That was only thirteen years ago, and today the scientists must confess that they reasoned from false premises, for aerial navigation is now an accomplished fact.

Speaking at Gloucester, Mass., a few days ago, John Hays Hammond proclaimed that there was every reason to look for a largely increased gold production, not only in the United States, Canada and Alaska, but throughout the gold-producing countries of the world. The same outlook, Mr. Hammond believes, applies to the production of copper and silver and, what is more important still, he proclaimed the strong probability of international co-operation to prevent a further depreciation in silver values. This movement would not be in the interests of silver miners alone, but also in those of the merchants of the various countries in Oriental trade. In support of Mr. Hammond's announcement, it is widely recognized that under the present low rates of exchange, it is almost make purchases in markets of gold countries.

If the Victoria Post would devote as much space to the boosting of its town as it does to showing how superior are the methods of the people of England to those of Canada it might be giving something in return for the support it receives from the business men of the Capital City. The Colonist tells us all about New Brunswicv, the Times extols the virtues of the Scotch and the Post wastes columns of its valuable space in telling the public how the editor once upon a time rubbed his shoulders against some notable of England. The newspaper situation at Victoria is simply nauseating.

Ladysmith is the most progressive city in the West. At the present time in the city there is being installed an electric lighting plant, a system of sewers are being laid, and in a few weeks construction will begin on a $15,000 hospital. That is the reason why the citizens of Ladysmith are not running around after politicians asking for charity. We are shaping our own destiny without assistance from any source.

The Victorians are highly elated over the visit of Dr. Pugsley. The Minister of Public Works has promised the Victoria people everything they asked, but it may be some time before these promises are fulfilled.

Correspondence

THAT BASEBALL MATCH.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—In your report of the baseball match played last Thursday it is evident that you did not gather the news at first hand, since your remarks were highly erroneous, and even the score as given in your columns did not represent the result of the game. Try and be there next Thursday to represent by your presence the journalistic profession. The gentleman who blocked the ball and in other ways interfered with the game, though a prominent tonsorial "artist" is not claimed by the professionals. It is strongly suspected that the home run scored by Mr. Mains was due to the fact that Towser (Mr. Wilkinson's dog) swallowed the ball. Mr. Geo. Cavin, taking an unfair advantage of his size, caused the ground to oscillate so violently, by his fall that several of our players were rendered dizzy, and could not hit the ball for several innings. We are determined, however, to administer even a worse thrashing to the Merchants on Thursday next, placing our trust in the well known phrase of Cicero "Johannes Ryannus brachium vitri habet."

Yours triumphantly,

PROFESSIONAL.

Ladysmith, July 27, 1909.

The following is the result of the high school entrance examinations, so far as Ladysmith is concerned Number of candidates 17, passed 8. Clarence Inkster 657; Cecil G. Coulter 629; Agnes Robertson 616; Helen M. McIntyre 598; Gladys G. McLennan 572; William McIntyre 561; Eric A.

Local and General News Notes

All members of the baseball club are requested to attend a special meeting of the club in T. Lewis' barber shop Thursday evening gt 7.30 p. m.

John E. Hooper, during a recent visit to the Okanagan country, located a thirty-foot seam of coal of the lignite variety, most suitable for domestic purposes. It is close to transportation and can be easily extracted. He is organizing a syndicate to take it up and develop it. The first development will be by means of diamond drills.

Last week two gentlemen from Alberta visited Cowichan Gap lighthouse looking for fruit land. Mr. Allison took them down to Retreat Cove, where they selected a very fine piece of land, two lots of 160 acres each, one tract belonging to Mr. I. Shaw and the other to a Victoria man. The price paid is not known, but it is understood to have been pretty high.

Pat Burns, the Calgary meat king, seems to strike luck in everything. He practically owns the First Thought gold mine near Orient, Wash., which in four years' production has netted a profit of $1,500,000. For the fiscal year just closed, dividends were $500,000. The ore is shipped to the Trail smelter, where 7,000 tons in June averaged $31 a ton. The working of this mine has been kept as much a secret as possible.

There will be a 12-yard quoiting handicap at the Portland hotel on Saturday, August 7, at 6 p. m. First prize, $10.00; second, $5.00; third, box Grand Duke cigars. All entries free. Pins to be level with the clay and closest quoit to centre of pin to count. All quoiters to pitch their own style. All entries must be in by the 3rd of August, so the committee can fix the handicaps. Send names to Portland Hotel Committee: H. Ellis, Wm. Anderson, Andrew Robertson, Robt. Barclay.

A nineteen year old boy named Galloway was taken from Edmonton to Brandon asylum last week. He was laboring under a delusion that he was another Longboat and ran all the way from Edmonton to Fort Saskatchewan and return, a distance of forty miles in four hours. He is now paralysed in both legs though those who saw him run say that he did not appear at all distressed, and was not even breathing heavily. Since that, however, he has lost weight steadily and is now little more than a skeleton.—Calgary Herald.

Victoria Will Have a Great Exhibition

Down in Victoria there will be "things doing" from the 20th to the 25th of September. Those dates embrace the Capital's exhibition week and that signifies five days of unalloyed pleasure. The show will have its educational value industrially, agriculturally and commercially; it will give the visitor some idea of the progress the west has made during the past twelve months in all these lines, but, perhaps more than all else, it will furnish Victorians and the thousands of strangers within their gates an opportunity to spend a thoroughly good time together. And when Victoria gives itself up to jubilation everyone succumbs to the contagion, and, forgetting cares and worries, joins in the fun. That is the kind of a good old-fashioned welcome that is in store for those who hie themselves to the capital for the latter days of the month of Septem-

The programme of entertainment that has been arranged in connection with the fair is the most varied that Secretary Smart has yet succeeded in compiling. An airship will make a flight every afternoon. It will sail over the grounds, circle about the city, and returning make a descent a few feet from the spot at which it started. Then there will be the five days' horse racing. Inasmuch as the track has been in use all summer, and during that time has been kept in the best condition and, as the finest thoroughbreds of the northwest have been entered, that there will be some classy sport there is no doubt. The regular events will be enlivened by the presence of College Maid, the remarkable riderless pacer, who starts without guidance, races half a mile in splendid time, stops herself at the sound of the gong and then makes her obeisance to the astonished throng. A horse show, in which will be seen some of the best equines of the coast, a fire fight, on a scale so closely approaching the real thing as to make a spectacle most thrilling; a naval battle portraying the historic Battle of Alexandria, in which eight or nine vessels of war will be seen belching forth fire and ball as they draw together in conflict, and numerous other features, will give the reader a general idea of what has been prepared to afford the visitors enjoyment.

The display of fruit promises to be exceptionally fine for Vancouver Island and British Columbia generally has made marked advances in that industry during the past twelvemonth; the same may be said of all farm produce, while stock also will be the best ever, the aristocracy of Canada from the most easterly points being foregathered to carry off the handsome prizes that have been offered by the B. C. Agricultural Association

In order that the people of interior Island and Mainland districts may reach Victoria during the fair at a minimum of expense negotiations are underway with the different railways looking to the inauguration of reduced transportation rates. There is every reason to believe that these overtures will be successful. However a definite announcement will be made later.

"It happened in a little town up in the North-West, the last time I was up there," remarked Arthur Cunningham, of the Tivoli. "A lady came down from upstairs and asked the manager of the hotel if she could get a glass of water. "'Why, certainly, madam,' said the manager, filling up a glass from the water cooler. "Two minutes later she was back in the office again. "I don't like to trouble you,' she said, but could I get another glass of water?' "'No trouble at all, madam,' said the manager, handing her another glass. "Two minutes later she appeared again. "Certainly, madam,' said the affable manager, 'but could I inquire what you are doing with so much water?' "'I know you'll just scream when I tell you,' said the lady; 'I'm trying to put out a fire in my room.'"

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From Miner to Privy Councillor

One of the most interesting instances of a self-made man is Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P., who rose from being a miner to one of his Majesty's Privy Councillors, and in his book, "From Mine to Ministry," Mr. Thomas Cox Meech has written a biography of Mr. Burt that no lover of courage and devotion to duty should fail to read. The son of a miner, Mr. Burt was born near North Shields in the same year that Queen Victoria ascended the throne, and his childhood was filled with scenes of strikes; while one of his earliest recollections was seeing his father's furniture bundled out of his cottage. "He saw," says Mr. Meech, "mothers and infants the victims of industrial war, cleared out of house and home. Amid the shrieking of women, the pitiful cries of children, yelling, shouting, and tinpanning, colliery carts hauled off the scattered remnants thrown into the gutter by a band of 'candymen,' hired from the big towns and guarded by policeman armed with swords."

Although he is now of the best educated of men, Mr. Burt had little education in his youth except such as is gleaned from the stern school of life. His start in life was made at the early age of ten, when he was engaged as a trapper boy in a mine. "It was his business to open and shut the door which directed one of the air currents in the mine as the tubs came through. At this he worked a nominal twelve hours a day; not from bank to bank, as time in the pit is now counted, but he actually had the strain and wear and responsibility, sitting at his post in the dark, of watching the door for the whole twelve hours. From this position of youthful trust he was promoted to that of a donkey driver, at a wage of 1s. a day."

In spite of his long hours, little Thomas managed to find time to read a good many books, and the passion for reading grew on him to such an extent that he devoted every available minute to his studies. This early devotion to literature no doubt helped to lay the foundation of his future success as a citizen, and after his marriage, at the age of twenty-three, we find Mr. Burt actively interesting himself in various reforms—such as a temperance society and the district school committee. During all these years the conditions of the miners were far from what they ought to be, and the whole of Northumberland and Durham was in a perpetual state of unrest. Mr. Burt's popularity with his fellow-miners was very great, and in 1865 they elected him secretary of the Northumberland Miners' Mutual Confident Association. Nine years later he was sent to the House of Commons—the first miner to be so honored.

In connection with this election some amusing stories have been told. Mr. Burt's opponent was Major Duncan, and wherever, he went the Major was received with every kindness. He made hosts of friends in the villages. They extended hospitality freely to him; and in relating his experiences he said:—"The miners will give me anything I want, with the exception of the thing I want most—and none of them will give me a vote!" They would pass votes of thanks to him for his "lecture" when he addressed a meeting in support of his candidature, and pass it unanimously. Once he was lured by these expressions of friendliness into seeking a vote of confidence as Conservative candidate. Practically only the mover and seconder voted for it—and the Major's comment has become almost a household quotation with northern standards:—"What do you mean? You come in crowds to my meetings, you do not interrupt me; you cheer my speech; and then you vote against me to a man!" "Oh, yes," replied one of the miners, speaking for the rest, "we like you weel enough, but we're gan to vote for Tommy Burt!"

While in London some years ago, Mr. Burt met Mark Twain, at the house of Miss Dorothy Tennant, who afterwards married Stanley, the famous explorer.

Just as Mr. Burt with his quiet dignity was able to sustain his part wherever he went by his natural good taste, so he persistently clung to his earlier resolutions, and, wherever he found himself, he maintained his strict temperance principles, apropos of which, Mark Twain tried to chaff him with a story of his adventures in an American Prohibition State. According to the humorist, he was staying at a hotel in a state where strong drink was not obtainable, and applied for some whiskey. The proprietor told him he could not get it, but could get him anything else he wanted. He could get him whisky if he had been bitten by a snake, as alcohol was supposed to be an antidote to the poison from a serpent's bite.

"Is there a snake anywhere in these parts?" I asked, said Mark Twain, going on with the story.

"Well, a man up the street has one."

"I went up the street to interview the snake, but found I could not get near the place. The people were waiting four deep for their turn to be bitten. I came back and advised the hotel proprietor that a few snakes on the premises would be a good investment."

Mr. Burt could, of course, take a joke as well as any man, and no doubt had his retort ready for Mark Twain.

Of course, it was not until he could put the magic letters M.P. after his name that Mr. Burt really began to come prominently forward, but he soon showed that he was a man to be reckoned with, and Mr. Meech's book is filled with interesting quotations from Mr. Burt's speeches. Although he has risen so high, and achieved so much, Mr. Burt has never forgotten his own humble origin. "In the public life of this country," says our author, "he stands for all that is best in the man of the people. Educated by his own hard study and restless mental toil to a high culture, which had enabled him to meet on equal terms men blessed with greater opportunities; honored by parliament and sovereign, he still remains the miners' representative, in close sympathy with all the miners' needs, ambitions, trials, joys, and sorrows." A truly interesting life story, and one that any man may be proud of.

The MacGregors of the Sahara

Thank heaven, there is still some mystery left in the world. A book with a title like that of "The Masked Tawareks" makes us grateful that we live now and not some hundred years hence, when all the tracts of the world will be accurately mapped and epitomized in gazetters, when no surprise will meet the traveller anywhere, when savage peoples will have died out or have become civilized into shirts and Sunday hats, and wild beasts will survive only as stuffed speciments in museums.

The masked Tawareks! Critical honesty compels us to say that the author is a mighty long while in getting at them; but the journey and the search are thoroughly enjoyable. The Tawareks are the people we hear of so often in connection with French extension in North Africa. The Sahara is their country—the Sahara of sand, loneliness and desolation; the Sahara of the oasis, the palm plantation and the solitary mosque. As to the origin of the Tawareks and their language let the learned decide. Our author describes them as a Berber race; but, whatever their history or descent, certain it is that today they are nomads of the Sahara who levy blackmail on all those who use the caravan routes through the desert, and, failing concession of their demands, make free to pay themselves in the "good old way, the simple plan." They live in small wandering communities far from the settled haunts of other peoples, to whom they are known chiefly as raiders who come like a whirlwind upon the encampment in the dark before the dawn, and make no scruple to take human life if they are resisted. To visit the Tawareks, note their ways and customs, and if possible photograph their countenances, was the object of our author. This last promised to be difficult, for it is a point of almost religious etiquette to keep the face covered up to the level of the eyes with a folded cloth. How Mr. King found his Tawareks at last, and succeeded in taking photographs of three of their women, who were persuaded to unveil in the absence of men, makes most interesting reading. The countenance of the young male Tawarek whom, with much greater difficulty than in the case of the women, he induced to uncover his face is extremely fine as reproduced in the photography. The youth might be poet as well as warrior. How far it is typical the author does not say, and probably cannot, as he had few opprtunities of seeing uncovered faces. But he tells us enough of other characteristics of the Tawareks, the pride, the dignity, the small well-formed hands, the stature, the fearlessness, to wake in us that ancient belief in the open air as the true sphere of man's perfection and ennoblement.

men to the desert scenes so well described in the book, how the desires of youth are stirred once more. Again we learn the true significance of that sadly misused word "oasis" as we follow the little company of men and camels through some long day's journey over the limitless sand, so hot that it can scarcely be held in the hand, so unpermanent that the piled-up mounds and dunes shift from year to year, so loose that in places one sinks in it ankle-deep. In due time, but never before desired, appear in the distance the specks of tufted palms. The camel quickens its pace until it reaches the hollow where lies stretched a green place of shrubs, trees, berries and flowers, a place of mud houses, mud mosques and—water. On the morrow the desert again, and sand, and as far as the next oasis. We have read of all this before, of the glare, the sky colors, the mirages, the salt pools, but we do not remember to have heard of the "weird, unaccountable droning of the Sahara" at all hours by day and night. The booming of London we know, and the long moan of the sea, and the crooning of the night winds among the hills, but that droning of the Sahara is a thing we would go far to hear for its own sake. Indeed the book shows as how Sahara can be no mere waste while the Tawareks survive.

France has painted the Sahara into her maps as her own. And most strange it is to read the description of a Sheik's house wherein cheap French trinkets and ornaments were mingled with objects of true Arab art and fabrication. Nickel alarm clocks and china shepherdesses have reached the oasises, but over the Sahara as a habitable place prevail the Tawareks. Civilization requires that he should not harry caravans and exact blackmail, but we have a sneaking desire that he may long continue to do so.—London "Outlook."

SOME FAMILY SKELETONS.

In the great gallery at Lord Roseberry's palatial home, The Durdans, near Epsom, among the portraits of his ancestors, and yet a little apart from them, is the picture of a young and exceedingly beautiful girl.

The original of this painting, which never fails to attract the attention of visitors, was a certain Kitty Canham, a village beauty of Thorpe-le-Soken, in Essex.

Mated when a little more than a child to a man whom she disliked, Kitty fled to London, and, after various adventures, married under an assumed name the Lord Dalmeny, who would, had he lived, been the third Earl of Roseberry. The young couple went abroad, and four years were spent happily in travelling from place to place. Then, at Verona, Kitty sickened and died, a victim to the remorse born of her guilty secret.

But ere the end came the unhappy girl found strength to confess to Lord Dalmeny the wrong she had wrought him, and begged him, as a last favor, to promise to carry her body back to the home of her childhood and bury it in the village churchyard. The promise was readily given and faithfully kept, the young man travelling to Thorpe-le-Sekon, via Harwich with her embalmed remains in one big chest and her dresses and jewelry in another.

Arrived at his destination, he at once sought out the deceased's first husband, and the two followed her to the grave next day. Three years later Dalmeny, broken-hearted, died also, leaving his young brother Neil to succeed to the earldom.

Such is the story of the Roseberry's one family skeleton. It is pathetic rather than grisly. But the exact reverse holds good with regard to the history attached to the specimens belonging to the Earl of Ferrers. For their particular skeleton is that of an ancestor who was hanged.

The crime, for which he died, was committed by Lawrence Shirley, third Earl Ferrers, the scene of the tragedy being his lordship's private room at Staunton Harold in Leicestershire, then, as now the principal seat of the family. The victim was the murderer's own steward. He had been summoned there by the earl to go into certain business matters matters about which there had been disputes. These disputes were, it would appear, then and there renewed; and in the end the earl, a man of violent temper, ordered his retainer to sign a paper containing a confession of dishonesty. On his refusal, he shot him dead.

His lordship was in due course brought to trial before his peers in Westminster Hall, and being found guilty was sentenced to death. He was hanged at Tyburn, with a silken rope for the possession of which he bought three rounds while yet the body was dangling.

The grandfather of Mr. William Gully, a speaker of the House of Commons, was a prize-fighter. There is little to be ashamed of in the possession of this brand of family skeleton; and as a matter of fact, it is pretty generally averred that the right honorable gentleman was rather proud of the fact than otherwise.

For John Gully, the ancestor in question, was, despite his profession, a thoroughly good-hearted, genuine sort of fellow; a staunch friend and generous enemy. He got into the King's Bench Prison for debt when barely twenty-one years of age, through "backing a bill" for a friend and was got out of it again by another friend, Henry Pease, the then champion of England, who gave a boxing exhibition in the jail yard for Gully's benefit.

There is no older or prouder family in England than that of which Baron Mowbray and Stourton is the present reigning representative. They were a turbulent lot, too, in times past, and so many of them have lost their heads for political offences that the fact of one among them—the eighth Baron it was—having been hanged for murder stands out even more prominently than it probably otherwise would do.

The victims were two yeomen farmers named Hartgill, father and son, who together took a prominent part in resisting the encroachments of their powerful neighbor, Lord Stourton, on the common lands of the parish wherein they all resided.

The Hartgills fought the baron in the courts of law, and won; whereupon, his lordship gathered together an armed band of his servants and retainers, went and seized the two unfortunate farmers in broad daylight.

They were hurried off, bound and helpless, to Stourton House, and there beaten to death with bludgeons, Lord Stourton looking on approvingly, and remarking, in answer to one of the actual murderers, that he would see that "they should no more be called to account for it than if they had killed two sheep." In this he was mistaken, however, for both he and they were called very sharply to account for it; nor could all his lordship's influence save them or himself from the fate which he, at all events had richly merited. His retainers were gibbeted near the scene of their crime. Lord Stourton was hanged at Salisbury and buried within the cathedral, the silken rope

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HANKEY'S FLIGHT

The members of the Lyre Club were discussing aeronautics. It began by Waterton, who writes leading articles for the Daily Blunder, holding forth on the probabilities of German invasion. "Chich" protested that such an idea was up in the air. Rupert Jones agreed, declaring that that was the great danger of the future.

"Why shouldn't we invade Germany in British airships before they invade us?" said young Ford.

"Impossible!" replied Rupert Jones who is always serious. "We are behind the times in aeronautics as in everything else. Our Government offers no encouragement to the inventive mind."

"If it did, I should be able to retired," observed Waterton, of the Daily Blunder.

"Shouldn't red-hot, bubblin' patriotism be enough encouragement by itself?" suddenly asked Hankey.

Nicholas Felix Hankey is an honorary member of the Lyres. He is a pale young America, with smooth hair, a thoughtful, melancholy face, and a soft voice. He smiles rarely, but when he does his expression is as bland and child-like as the heathen Chinee.

"That's all very well," grumbled "Chich," in answer to his remark. "But when the patriotism of most people is only lukewarm, how can it bubble?"

"That's so! You're right," said Hankey. "I confess I'm prejudiced on this subject. The Hankeys have always fought for their country. Our fam'ly first came into prominence in the War of Independence—ancestor was playin' in the Washington's yard when George operated on the cherry tree—and we've kept on the patriotic racket ever since."

"Then why don't you stop in your own country?" asked Rupert Jones bluntly.

"Always been a traveller," said Hankey. "Went on the road as a 'drummer' when I left college—Cornell University, electrical engineer—and began to study aernoautics many years ago."

"What is a 'drummer'? asked young Ford.

"Commercial traveller, sonny," said Nicholas Felix. "My line was electrical fittings—designed 'em myself, always had a taste for art—but when I got struck on airships, my word! I gave up everything else. Yes, sir! Airships are an absorbin' study. I don't know anything to beat 'em. My brother and I—never heard of my brother? Why, every man, woman, and child in the United States of America knows Senator Hankey—well, my brother and I started this thing together. It was before Bert got sent to Congress, thanks to the affection of his fellow-citizens, and the expenditure of a hundred thousand dollars."

"Where did you get the money to play with aeroplanes?" asked Waterton.

Hankey, whose imperturbable temper was never ruffled by interruptions, explained that his father was a famous speculator until he met with financial reverses—to give his exact words, "The old codger went bust on real estate"—and then described to us how he invented his first airship, assisted by his brother, the Senator, and started operations by erecting a workshop on a bit of waste land in New Jersey.

"Say! I haven't worked so hard since I played football for Yale—special invitation, because I happened to be the fastest 'half-back' on record," continued Hankey, in a parenthesis, "and Bert and I got flying in less than six months. Of course it was an advantage having grown up, as you might say, in the same 'block' as the Wright brothers—chums all our lives—but the Hankey airship was en-tirely and com-pletely my own invention. Won't trouble you boys with technicalities, but you ask any aeronaut what he thinks of the Hankey Principle and I guess his answer may surprise you.

"Well, sir, Bert and I kept our plans dark. Met with a few accidents, but that didn't worry us any—I studied surgery, you know, in Michigan, and it's a perfect cinch to see Bert set a bone—and this was the beauty of my invention, you could pack it up!"

"Pack it up?" repeated Waterton.

"That's so," answered Hankey, "We could pack it into a fair-sized trunk, and con-vey it over the ocean as snug as a bicycle or a sewin' machine."

"What was the object of packing it up?" asked Rupert Jones.

"That was the great point," said Hankey, "Have you forgotten that my brother was an influential Senator? He laid the plans of our airship before the President—we always put up at the White House when we visit Washington—and Mr. Taft spoke these extraordinary words, 'Hank!' he said to me, 'could you smuggle this cute little invention of yours into Europe? 'That would be as easy, sir,' I said to him 'as rolling off a log.' Then the President pondered for a bit, looking at me kinder doubtfully, but I went on kamly eatin' my oysters, and I kicked Bert under the table to leave everything to me.

"'Hank,' says the President at last, 'I want you and your brother to take a bird's eye view of Germany on behalf of this great and glorious country.' I naturally asked him why Germany? We are very friendly to Germans in the U-nited States. 'That is my affair, Hank,' says Mr. Taft, squarin' his shoulders. 'What I want to know is—will you do it?' 'Sir,' says I, offering the President my hand across the table, 'I'm your man!' So we settled terms and closed the deal."

"What did he pay you, Hankey?" asked Rupert Jones.

"That little matter," replied Hankey, solemnly, "is between me and my conscience. Well, sir, Bert and I started for Europe within a week. I was two years at sea—first mate, mercantile service—so I'm always ready to start on a journey good an' slick. Landed at Bremen, with our two 'grips' and the airship packed as snugly as a slice of salmon in a tin—I ran the biggest salmon-packing factory in British Columbia for six months, so I know what I'm talkin' about—and then we took the train to Saxony."

"Because I knew of a quiet little place on the shores of the Elbe where we could get our machine into shape—spent my holidays there when I was studying music at Leipzic—and there we made all arrangements for the great flight. We were both of us close as clams—not a word to anybody—and the villagers just thought we were a couple of 'luneys' makin' believe to be dickey-birds.

"Success crowned our efforts—that was a favorite expression of mine when I wrote political articles for a leadin' Boston journal—and at last the eventful day came."

Hankey spoke the last words most earnestly, and became very solemn.

"We launched our sky boat at nine o'clock in the evening," he continued. "It was a fine, clear night, the middle of last month, with moonlight flooding the waves of cloud—been a poet all my life, published three airship sailed aloft, like a heron ov books of sonnets—and our wonderful er the prairies. My brother was crew and I was captain. The river Elbe was beneath us, like a tangled ribbon between its rocky shores. We dropped a private greetin' to the King of Saxony as we sailed over Dresden—his Majesty has always been real chummy to me—and headed for Germany."

"How fast did you sail?" interposed "Chich."

"Tre-mendous speed!" replied Hankey. "There was a stiff breeze, but luckily it blew at our backs. Bert steered at the beginnin' of the trip, and he kinder lost his way and we found ourselves 'skooting' across Bohemia before we knew where we were. That didn't worry us any. We'd gotten our machine fairly in hand and the whole blessed night to play about. So we just had a look at Bavaria, saw Austria-Hungary in the distance, and skirted Switzerland as neatly as a taxi cuts across the top of Bond street.

"Then at the dead hour of night, I took my place at the helm and turned her head towards the heart of Germany. Wurtemburg dropped behind—Stuttgart—Frankfurt—then I began to get my bearings, and I let her rip!

"Say, boys, it was great! It was glorious! My brother, the Senator, took notes—everybody knows that he and I are champion shorthand writers—and I kept on the lookout for Berlin.

"It was close on dawn when we sailed over the outskirts of the city. 'Guess we'd better drop down a bit,' said Bert. 'Right,' said I, and we proceeded to do it. Then—a turrble thing happened!"

Nicholas Felix paused, looked at each of us in turn with his soft eyes, and went on in a deep, impressive voice.

"Boys, we were seen! We were spotted! We were ob-served! The trouble began with shoutin' and runnin' about at one of the military stations on the outskirts of the capital. We could see 'em plainly through our glasses. There were groups of men gathered together in the courtyard, all of 'em gesticulatin' and pointin' up at the sky. 'Let's bolt!' said Bert, gettin' scared. 'No, sir!' said I, 'We're in for fun, and, by ginger! we'll have it!'

"So I dropped as near to the earth as I dared. My word! It was more excitin' than a football match in the U-nited States. The news flew, and soldiers seemed to spring out of the ground. I guess they thought we were the first ship of the vanguard of an aerial foreign navy.

"They began to shout to us to descend. 'Catch me!' said I to Bert. We kamly sailed away from the barracks over the city. Lights flashed into the windows, and people ran out of the houses. Troops of soldiers, routed out of their beds, began to pour into the streets. You never heard such a yellin' and roarin' and guttural shoutin'! It was simply terrific. Bert and I fairly chuckled, and then I was seized with an inspiration—we sailed away in the direction of Potsdam!

"They must have 'phoned to say we were coming, for I tell you boys, by the time we got to the royal residence the whole of the Imperial fam'ly were out on the roof of the palace. There they were, ladies and lad-dies and all, clingin' round his Imperial Majesty, who was dressed in a special costoom in honor of the occasion—a kinder military-naval-aerial suit—and I naturally thought they would give us a cordial reception.

"No, boys! It was too good an opportunity for His Majesty to miss. We could see him wavin' his hand and almost hear him givin' orders, and the next minute—bang, bang, bang! All the princes began to pop away at our airship with their revolvers. It was darned unfriendly, to say the least of it.

"Bert was as pale as a ghost. 'Hoch der Kaiser! Es lebe der Kaiser!' I shouted at the top of my voice to give 'em confidence, but, of Bang! Bang! It was louder and Bang! Bang! ...It was louder and perial Guard had been trotted on to and louder, for a troop of the Imthe roof and began to blaze away at a word from their royal master.

"'S'pose we get a move on?' said I to Bert, and I turned her round and slowly, quietly—it was the most elegant, dignified thing you ever saw in your life—we sailed away.

"The city behind us looked on fire, and the musket shots grew fainter and fainter. The sun was high before we descended on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Say, boys, we dropped to earth as gently as a Sparrow comin' down on a chimney-pot, and the very next day we started for America. But I wanted to spend an evening at the Lyre Club, so I just took in London on my way."

"What became of your airship, Hank?" asked half-a-dozen voices at once.

Hankey shook his head with a gloomy smile, and impressively uttered the single word:

"Bust!"

"Did you lose everything, Hank?" asked Waterton.

"Yes, sir, everything!" answered Hankey, in a sad resigned voice. "But you see I bear it like a philosopher. There is only one thing that I value more than philosophy, boys, and that thing is the truth."
—Peggy Webling, in M. A. P.

A Warning to Parents

Last week Josephine Carr was released from prison after serving three years for an unusual offence for a child of twelve years. She threw an infant down a cliff and killed it in order to steal the carriage it occupied. The case was revived by the release of the girl and some worthy parents were heard to say, "How shocking! What a little fiend she must have been!"

Excuse us, worthy parent; she was once just a common child; as human as your own little one; just as precious to the heart of a mother and as innocent in the eyes of a father as your own baby. But, motherless, and worse than homeless, she roamed the streets of Toronto, drifting into the Arab life that develops that inclination to evil which every nature includes.

And how about your own child? Is your boy better employed these long evenings, or is he "bumming," with those who are—well, not on your visiting list? Is your girl of twelve or fifteen meeting the trains to make eyes at travellers when you think she is at school, and taking long walks to noweher these, warm, darv evenings?

Perhaps it's none of our business, but it may be your business or that of your friends, to come around and ask us "not to put it in the paper just as it happened" one of these days, and then you may realise that it IS our business. We need not more than distantly hint that it would not be the first time such a request has been given as to the inadvisability of referring to certain matters that came into public notice more or less.

You think your boy too manly and your girl too innocent for this warning to be any use to you. Perhaps they are—around the house; but the youths who are taught to emulate Buster Brown at five may well teach themselves Dick Turpin or Jesse James at fifteen, and the girl who wanders down the track half a mile this evening may wander a long distance further along the same line of steels before ten years. There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst, that the dividing line is, after all, very easily reached in a careless saunter with no-where in particular as ultimate destination.

How many young people of this generation, from fifteen to twenty-one, are fitting themselves for further usefulness in life, or even for earning a competent living in trade or profession? Plenty of them are not at school and not at work, and what do parents expect them to turn into? The street will never fit them for the business of life, and its tendency is only too apparent without going to Toronto for examples.

The parents who keep their children at school and see that they are in school or at work at home or learning some good trade or business; and know where they are spending their evenings and with whom, will have their children rise up and call them blessed some day, and will save themselves a pile of worry and perhaps some bitter tears later in life.

The children of today are just like you were at the same age, only a little older in development and without the wisdom and prudence that years bring, and if you cast a reflective eye on your own character at their age you will probably arrive at the conclusion that with present day facilities for evil and no withstaying control, you might have developed into a character not exactly such as you would approve of from your present mature standpoint. — Grand Forks Gazette.

Model Farm is Fulfilling Aim

One of the principal reasons for which the model dairy, lately placed in commission at Mission Junction, was originally conceived was the educational effect it would have on the other dairy men throughout the province, and by doing so generally raise the standard of milk sold in the large cities of British Columbia.

This ambition on the part of the backers of the enterprise is now being fully realized. Hardly a week passes but what brings its quota of pilgrims to the shrine of "pure milk" and on the strenth of the starting of the Mission Junction farm, a number of similar dairies are being built all over the province.

One of the most recent visitors to the farm was Mr. Edwin G. Smith, of Duncan, Vancouver Island.

Mr. Smith, who returned from the farm yesterday was most enthusiastic over the model dairy. During his recent trip, he has visited the Seattle fair, where he took particular interest in the latest improved methods of dairying on exhibition there.

To a World reporter who interviewed him yesterday, Mr. Smith stated that in all his trip he had not seen anything in the way of sanitary dairying implements that were not to be found on the Mission Junction farm.

"The place is wonderful," he explained.

"The effect a farm of that nature will have on improving quality of the milk that in future will be sold in this city, has only to be given a moment's thought to be realized.

"The object, of course, in planning the dairy was to provide to this city a supply of pure milk that would reduce the infant mortality. The affair is being financed by Vancouver people, and should be given every support by the people of this city. It is only a matter of a short time when the model farm will own its own refrigerator car and will be in a position to ship its product right into the city without their ever having been out of cold storage on the trip. This will mean that when the milk is placed at the door of the consumer here it will be almost as fresh, and every bit as sanitary as when it left the cow.

"In view of the conditions under which the milkers live, their product cannot help but be sanitary. The barns which contain the cows are so constructed that a current of fresh air is continually passing through them, and all sewerage is immediately drained off by the dip which the floors are given. All the feed for the animals is grown on the 640 acres that is under cultivation for hay and other dairy crops right on the farm. When completed there will be 400 on the farm, all of which will be under the personal care and supervision of Mr. F. M. Logan, who recently gave up the position of live-stock and dairying commissioners to the provincial government to accept the post of manager to the Vancouver Hygienic Dairy Farm."

As a result of his trip Mr. Smith will, on his return to his farm at Duncan, making extensive changes, with a view to bringing his farm there up to the standard of the model dairy.—Vancouver World.

GRAFTERS IN JAPAN.

Twenty-three Japanese politicians, members either of the present diet or the preceding one, were given sentences of varying lengths following their convictions of complicity in the graft revealed in the recent expose of the sugar scandal.

As a result of the investigations into the conduct of the marine department of Canada a few employees lost their jobs and with a reprimand to those in higher authority the incident closed.

Japan deals with its political grafters in the same manner that it would deal with the criminal who deliberately steals from another.

Canada deals with the political grafters from the standpoint of that fatalism which accepts graft as inevitable in the body politic—something which may be condemned in theory but which may not be curbed in practice.

In Canada success is measured by the foot rule of attainment of political honors or cash. If a man wins to Parliament or a Cabinet portfolio, he is rated successful. If he gathers much gear on the way he is so much more successful. If he stands for principle and fails to win political honors or wealth he is condemned as a failure.

Canada's public concience fails to teach Canadian public men that political honesty is the best policy. The only measure of success which Canadians appear to understand is that which is emblazoned in letters of gold on the purple mantle of power. Canada fails to distinguish between the crime that writes itself in golden letters on purple and fine linen and that which is chalked up on the slate in a police station.

But Japan makes no distinction between the crime of political graft and ordinary theft.

Canada makes a distinction between political graft and common theft and glorifies the political grafter while the ordinary thief goes to jail.

Japan has at least set one example which might be emulated with profit by Canada—Saturday Sunset.

ANECDOTAL.

Roy Bean, one of the noted characters of Texas, died a short time ago. When Bean was police Magistrate and coroner of a small town in Greene county, he was called upon to hold an inquest upon the body of a cowboy who had been found dead. Upon the corpse was found a pistol and $40. Bean fined the corpse the forty for carrying concealed weapons, and put the money away in his jeans. Not a bean did he give to the country.

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The following incident is related of Nat Goodwin the actor. Not long ago Goodwin was standing on the corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, where three car lines lines converge, when a seedy looking individual, apparently from the country, approached him questioningly. "I want to go to Brooklyn Bridge," he said, looking in perplexity at the cars rushing in six different directions. "Very well," said Goodwin, severely; "you can go this time, but never ask me again."

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Andrew Carnegie tells this as one of his experiences at Skibo. Soon after he had bought Skibo there was a circus exhibiting in the neighborhood of the castle, and one of the main attractions was an orang-outang. One night the orang-outang got out, fell over the cliff and was killed. In the morning two of the keepers, looking over the grounds, ran across the body of the dead orang-outang. One of them scratched his head and said' "He ain't no 'Ilander, that's sure." The other said: "He ain't no Lowlander, they ain't got so much hair on 'em." After a while one of them proposed to the other as follows: "I'll go up to the kirk and see the parson, and you go up to Mr. Carnegie and see if any of his American gentry is missing."

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Heroes of the Church

The care taken to insure the proper identification of the remains of Paul Jones some years ago led the Rev. Dr. William J. White, pastor of the Church of Visitation, in Brooklyn, to speak on the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward relics. After discussing the means of proving the authenticity of relics, he went on to say:

"The question of the authenticity of relics has always been open to wide discussion. In 1215 the Fourth Lateran Council forbade relics to be sold or to be exposed outside their cases or shrines and prohibited the public veneration of new relics till their authenticity had been approved by the Pope.

"The Council of Trent renewed these prohibitions and further required Bishops to decide on the authenticity of new relics after careful consulation with theologians or the Bishops of their respective provinces In 1881 the Cardinal Vicar of Rome warned Bishops against spurious relics.

"The custom of honoring the remains of martyrs is very ancient. In 107 the bones of St. Ignatius of Antioch were gathered in a linen cloth 'as a precious treasure.' When Polycarp's body was burned, in 167, the Christians exhumed the bones they could find 'as more precious than costly stones and more valuable than gold.'

"In the fifth, sixth and seventh centuries the tombs of the martyrs in the Catacombs outside Rome became places of pilgrimage and were enlarged into chapels whose walls are still covered with pious invocations of the visitors.

"About this time a movement to bring the remains of the martyrs from the Catacombs into the city began, caused by the desire of the Popes to protect subterranean cemeteries from desecration at the hands of barbarian invaders, and also because they wished to consecrate new churches that were then being built. In the Church of St. Prassede alone 2,380 bodies were interred.

"So keen was the search for relics and bodies of saints that abuses began to creep in at the beginning of the eighth century. The sale of relics became common, but was condemned by the Popes. The Deacon Duesdona, who had charge of the Cemetery of Sts. Peter and Marcellinus, seems to have been the chief offender. He sold bodies from this cemetery beyond the Alps, in what is now southern Germany.

"The many paintings in Europe of the Saviour and the Virgin Mary supposed to be painted by St. Luke or by the angels are of Byzantine origin; they were brought from the East during the iconoclastic heresies. The Holy Face which is preserved in St. Peter's and exposed for veneration on Holy Thursday of each year belongs to this class.

"The Crusaders brought many relics from Palestine and Constantinople, the authenticity of some of which is doubtful.

"The annals of the Venetian republic frequently make mention of saints' bodies brought from the East by traders. The remains of St. Mark, the Evangelist, found their way to Venice in this way. They were taken in 829 by Venetian merchants from a church in Alexandria, Egypt, which the Arabs were about to destroy. St. Theodore, the early patron saint of Venice, was deposed and the place of honor given to the evangelist whose name, effigy and winged lion occur everywhere in that city. "The city of Beoevento was besieged during the middle ages because it would not give up the body of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, who is now interred in the church of his name on an island in the Tiber. St. Francis of Assisi was buried without witnesses to prevent his body from being stolen by neighboring towns. It was not found until 1818, 600 years after his death.

"There are two classes or grades of relics in the Church. The first is the body of the saint, then come the garments, vestments and worldly belongings.

"The greatest and most authentic relic in the Church is the true cross, the largest portion of which is preserved in the Church of the Holy Cross at Rome. Each Bishop has a portion of the true cross in his pectoral cross. So scarce has this relic become that Leo XIII., in a letter to Bishops of the Church, asked them to will their pectoral crosses to their successors.

"Each student who has made his final studies in Rome is entitled to six different relics upon his leaving there. They are obtained from the Lipsanoteca, a chapel where many relics from the Catacombs are preserved. These relics are generally of the second class.

"The spirit that prompted the American Government to send a warship 5,000 miles to bring back to American soil the remains of a man who fought her battles when she needed fighters is the same spirit that prompts the Catholic Church to venerate the relics of martyrs and saints. They are her heroes.

"Doubt may be cast on the authenticity of some of the relics, as it is still open to question whether we really have interred the remains of John Paul Jones at Annapolis, but Catholics do not pray to a bit of bone or tuft of hair; they venerate and pray to the saint to whom it is supposed to belong, just as the patriotic American who makes a pilgrimage to Annapolis honors the brave American captain, whether his bones are interred there or still lie undisturbed in the Protestant cemetery in Paris."

There are in the United States and Canada five bodies of saints of the first class. The remains of St. Peregrinus are in St. Anselm's Church in The Bronx. St. Vincent de Paul's Church in Detroit has the remains of one of the 2,300 martyrs from the Church of St. Prassede in Rome. St. Alphonsus's Church in Windsor, Ont., has the remains of another one of the martyrs, and St. Louis's Church in Buffalo has two more relics.

The relics of St. Anne are scattered all over the world, but possibly the largest portions outside of Europe are at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste in New York and the Chapel of St. Anne de Beaupre, Canada.

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John L. Believes in Ketchell

Chicago, July 26.—John L. Sullivan, champion of champions, has come to the rescue of Stanley Ketchel, middleweight title holder, who just now is being censured for his showing against Bill Papke in Coffroth's arena at Colma. Sullivan says the result of the battle was indeed a surprise to him but he asserts that something radically wrong must have overtaken Stanley.

He supports the belief that Ketchell, if right, can trim Papke seven times a week and that he can and will batter Jack Johnson to the floor when they clash in October. Sullivan is of the belief that Cofiroth should go through with the Ketchel-Johnson match despite the criticism that has been heaped upon him, and says the result will be an even greater surprise than Ketchel's victory over O'Brien. He says that Jeff and Johnson will never meet and he holds Langford as the king of them all.

Talking of the present fight situation he says:

"Ketchel can beat Johnson; Jeffries and Johnson will never meet, and Sam Langford, if given the chance can trim any living fighter today. There must have been something radically wrong with Ketchel on the afternoon of July 5, for Papke has no license to stay twenty rounds with the Michigan fighter. It is true that he broke his hand, and this is a severe drawback; but there must have been terrible pain or something more for Ketchel to permit his opponent to stay the twenty rounds.

"Ketchel has the punch and he has displayed this and should have dropped Papke early in the fray. His showing, however, should not deprive him of his match with Johnson. Coffroth should go through with this even though censured, for it will pack his house and end in the biggest surprise the ring has had in years. It will bring back the championship to the white race.

"They talk of Jeff fighting Johnson. Jim has gone the pace that forbids him to face a young, strong fellow like Johnson, and he will never enter the ring again.

"Sam Langford is the world's best, and he can trim Johnson, Ketchel, Papke and the rest, one after the other. Johnson knows this and he is sidestepping his fellow fighter at every turn of the road. Langford is consistent, has the punch, knows the game and can whip them all right now, one after the other. Kaufman is too slow—slow as a coach horse—and the others are outclassed; so it's up to Ketchel or Langford to turn the trick, and my bet is that either will do it."

Sullivan deprecated the slump of the sporting games generally, attributing the decline to unsportsmanlike methods.

"Twenty years ago," he said, "the games were clean and for blood. Now they are for the moving pictures and gate money. It is too bad, but a fact.

"If there were a few really good men in the heavyweight division right now a lot of the men who think they are boxers would have to start driving street cars.

"There's no excuse for the present heavyweight condition of affairs. There is plenty of good material in the country. I think a lot of former patrons of the game have fallen away because it has been commercialized too much. It isn't like the old days, when a man would get out in the rain and mud and fight for his title until he dropped. Nowadays a lot more time seems to be taken up haggling about a bonus, in case a man proves to be a drawing card. There ought to be a straight percentage rule in boxing. Some of the greatest battles in the ring were fought for sums a preliminary boxer can beat these days."

TRAILS IN ALBERNI.

After giving careful consideration to the many applications made by the different branches of the Vancouver Development League for new trails and improvements to old ones, the Provincial government has authorized the government agent at Alberni to proceed at once with practically all the work asked for by the boards of trade of the new and old towns.

Improvement work will be done on the Cowichan trail oper the eleven miles in this district, and it is presumed that authority has been granted for a continuance of the work in the Nanaimo district.

The Horne Lake trail, for five miles, is to be put into good shape, and the trail from New Alberni to Cox Lake will be made fit for easy traveling.

Work will be done on both ends of the Clayoquot-Ucluelet trail, and the trail from Ucluelet to Kennedy Lake will be cleaned up.

It is understood that this is only the bebinning of an extensive policy of opening up the Island which the government intends to carry out next year.—Alberni Pioneer News.

After the execution of Professor Webster of Harvard for the murder of Mr. Parkman, Mrs. Webster went away, and was gone for a long period. On her return to Boston two of her friends, a gentleman and his wife, called upon her. "Now, remember," whispered the wife to her husband, "don't say anything to recall to Mrs. Webster's mind the awful experience she has been through." Just then Mrs. Webster entered, and the man exclaimed: "Why, my dear Mrs. Parkman, I am so glad to see you back."

An ignorant countryman who saw the sea for the first time was much impressed with the effect of the blue water, and asked a fisherman if he could tell him the owner, as he would like to buy a gallon to take home to his wife. The fisherman replied proudly: "Us, me man—we own it!" "Land's sakes!" exclaimed the rustic. "Could you sell me a gallon for fifty cents?" "Sure," said the fisherman; and he disappeared, returning in a few minutes with a jar of water for which he received the countryman's fifty cents. The latter departed with his purchase. Returning later in the day, after the tide had gone out, he gazed in silent wonder at the water, which had receded far from the beach. "Lummo!" he exclaimed, "don't they do a trade!"

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FOR SALE—Wallpaper and Painting Business Stock. Cheap for Cash. Property, etc. Apply J. E. Smith, Roberts street.

FOR SALE—My South African Veteran Bounty Land Certificate issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; good for 320 acres of any Dominion Land open for entry in Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba. Any person over the age of 18 years, Man or Woman, can acquire this land with this certificate. Write or wire, L. E. Telford, 131 Shuter Street, Toronto, Ontario.

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TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to make application to the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ladysmith at their next regular meeting for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me in respect to the premises known as the Pilot Hotel, situate on Lot 9, Block 126, in the City of Ladysmith from myself to Alexander Thomas.

J. R. THOMAS.

Ladysmith, 25th May, 1909.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between Robert Barclay and John Conlin, hotel proprietors, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills due the late firm must be paid to Robert Barclay, who will also pay all bills against the said firm.

J. CONLIN,
ROBERT BARCLAY.

Dated July 2, 1909.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Ladysmith at the next regular meeting, for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by us in respect of the Portland hotel, Ladysmith, B. C., from ourselves to Arthur Leslie Collingwood.

JOHN CONLIN,
JOHN BARCLAY,

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Local and General News Notes

REVIVAL.

On the 1st of August the Rev. Father Clement Caine, of Victoria, B. C., will open an eight-day mission at St. Mary's R. C. Church. Everyone welcome.

To meet your friends and be right at home, while in Victoria, stay at the Rainier Hotel, George Burgy proprietor.

The funniest picture seen at the Novelty Theatre for some time is Jones' New Year's Resolutions. It made the audience laugh and sent them all home in good humor.

To meet your friends and be right at home, while in Victoria, stay at the Rainier Hotel, George Burgy proprietor.

Hon. R. McBride and Hon. Dr. Young will leave for Atlin early in August.

In Ladysmith, on July 24th, to the wife of Mr. George Wilson, Fourth avenue, a daughter.

The men who have secured licenses to engage in wiring for electric light have made a great number of contracts and effpect to be busy the balance of the year.

A fresh coat of paint is adding greatly to the appearance of the E. & N. depot. The freight shed is about completed, and it also will be painted.

There have been many deals in real estate this week, and the most gratifying feature of the sales is that a number of new buildings will be erected during the autumn.

Mrs. Joseph Ramsay, of Nanaimo died at that city last Sunday of heart failure. She was a native of Airdrie, Scotland, and had resided in Nanaimo for the past thirty years.

A letter from Mr. George Hillier, who is now visiting Calgary, is to the effect that everything is booming in that city. Everything looks favorable for a big crop in the Northwest.

His many friends in this city are pleased to have the assurance of C. tive picnic at Sidney on August 7th. city. He certainly will receive a warm welcome,—if he ever comes back.

Mr. George Lawrence, who has the contract for clearing the E. & N. land, is rapidly getting the property ready for occukancy. The stumps are being burnt, and in a few weeks the land will be practically cleared.

The commission appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act," to inquire into all matters connected with the timber resources of the province will hold a session at Nanaimo on the 19th of August.

Dr. Pugsley, accompanied by Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., and a party of Victorians went up to Nanaimo on the noon train yesterday. They were met at the depot here by a number of the faithful followers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

One carload of poles has arrived for the company that is installing the electric lighting plant. They have been unloaded, and are now ready for distribution to the points in the city where they will be required. The boiler and wire have been shipped from the east and should reach here in a week or ten days. Work on the foundation of the power station will be started in a fortnight.

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Construction on two or three more new houses on the E. & N. land will begin within a couple of weeks.

Quite a number of Ladysmith Conservatives will attend the Conservative picnic at Sidney on August 7th.

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