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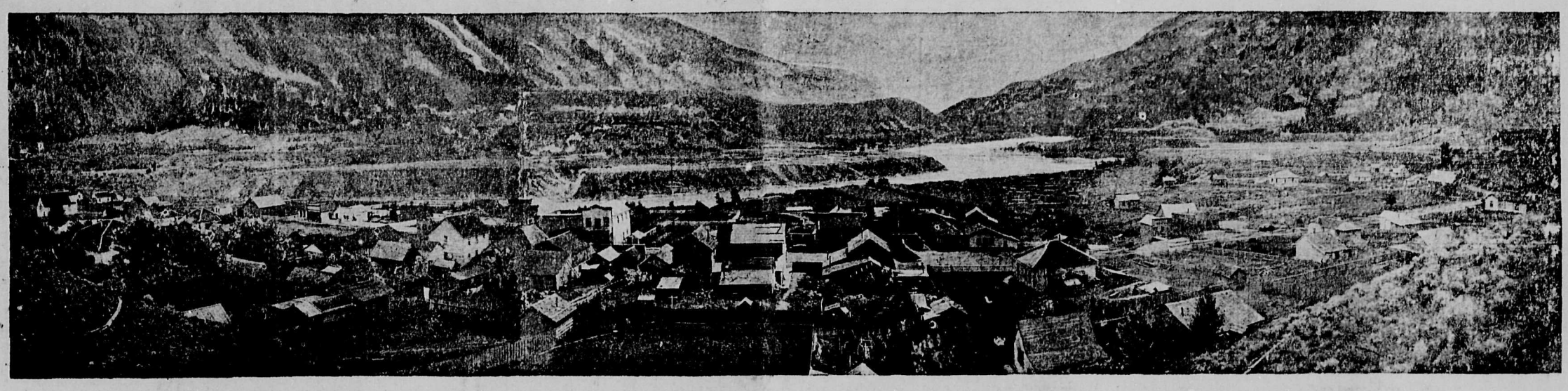

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Provincial Politics

STUART HENDERSON EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS.

Mr. Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft, who has been East on professional business, has been interviewed by "The Toronto World" and gives his views on the political situation in British Columbia. Being the President of the Provincial Liberal Association, Mr. Henderson may be regarded as voicing the sentiments of his party, and, therefore, his words will be of particular interest to all our readers. The "Toronto World" reports as follows:

"Mr. Henderson, in the course of conversation, stated that in the last five years British Columbia has had six Premiers- Turner, Semlin, Martin, Dunsmuir, Prior and McBride-- and the following have held cabinet offices in that time, in addition to the above, Eberts, Baker, C. B. Martin, Wells, McKechnie, Hume, Cotton, Henderson, Curtis, Beeby, Ryder, Pooley, Crown, Prentice, McInnes. Murphy, Green, Wilson, McPhillips and Tatlow.

Absence of Policy.

"You can readily see the absence of settled policy, owing to the constant change. Many have thought that party lines were the only solution and to that view, at first very unfavorably received by the local political lights all with few exceptions have now come. Mr. Martin and Mr. Eberts have been the two ablest men during that period, and directed much of the legislation, However, with no settled parties, no settled allegiance, it was nothing for a man to change from one side of the House to the other, consequent upon the grant in a session to the constituency that he represented, or the absence of such a grant. Now the member must belong to one party or the other in order to have any inflaence.

"British Columbia, which at the present time, with its resources of mineral, timber, fish and ranching, ought to be the most prosperous province in the Dominion is not so. Unsettled government, unsettled conditions, false booming, at one time empirical legislation, and retroactive measures have all conduced to render capital, the chief necessity, rather coy of investment in the province. A settled government, a political party responsible, not a few individuals ruling by a system of spoils and sometimes spoilation, be that sentiment Grit or Tory, will advance the Province rapidly until it is the wealthiest in the Dominion.

Stagnate of Late.

"The railway development has been simply stagnant of late and transportation is a serious question with us. The C.P.R. have a monoply, and well they know they have it and they make every one in the Province feel they have it. The present Government formed by McBride, a young man 32 years of age, who entered parliament in 1898, is entirely Conservative, and he has bright, active associates, formed early in June, at the time parliament was prorogued. On June 16 the House was dissolved by the Act of 1902. All the electoral lists of voters were cancelled on dissolution of the then parliament, and until August 15 every male, 21 years of age, British subject, one month in the riding, six months in the Province, is entitled to vote, provided by affidavit he makes application to be enrolled, and elects one or other of the constituences—one man one vote yrevails.

"McBride is not of that wing of the Conservative party hitherto dominant in the provincial politics of British Columbia. It is a question if he can unite the discordant elements of his party. He has not given a seat in his cabinet to any of that wing of his party and many of the bitterest and most outspoken of the oponents of the McBride government are Tories. On the other hand, the Liberals, by the resignation of Mr. Martin, have become united as they never were before."

INDIVIDUALITY.

Making of Handmade Goods Will Cultivate It in Canadians.

In Canada, above all other countries, we have great need to encourage individuality, for our system of public education, however excellent, takes but little count of the individual, and from a certain standpoint we are educating on a system which tends to destroy anything like strong individuality. In fact, if you take the spirit which prevails in our smaller towns and villages you will find a positive resentment against the man or woman who dares to strike out in any line of his own. Go into our large stores and you will find one huge table covered with the same form of hat, reproduced a thousand times. Pass into the mantle department, and on great trees hang coats and jackets of the exact cut and make and color; and all this is influencing our people and their view of individuality and its right to assert itself in any line in life. With all our boasted freedom, as compared to the past, we fall into line like mild-eyed sheep and follow the mass. In the old days we might have been led by individuals; to-day it is the unthinking crowd that takes the lead. How many people think or care what has been the origin or inspiration of any fashion we follow so blindly? Surely there is nothing so deadening, so calculated to still the best that is in the human soul, as indifference. Can the Society for Arts and Crafts stir up the public to take an intelligent interest in the thought and virtue which are expressed in the handmade article, they will bring closer to the mass of purchasers in the Dominion the problems which face the men and women who design and execute the work they propose to encourage. Those great factories hide so much from us that is beautiful and worthy in human lives and the struggles of the workers to beautify their own lives by contact with beautiful things. Can we but encourage work which will not separate men and women from their homes and their children, can we but raise the taste of the richer classes in the Dominion so that they will take into consideration all that a good handmade article represents and be willing to pay for that ideal quality of human individuality, as well as for the time and labor expended on its construction, we shall have much to thank the Society of Arts and Crafts in Canada for. —Lally Bernard, in The Globe.

A Hopeful View.

We could expel the Acadiars again, the abstract Acadians, but we would take abundant care that an exception was made in the case of Evangeline and Gabriel. For of that crowd of sensitive, pulsating life hurried to the ships these two stand out as the only human beings. The expulsion of the Acadians has been justified by Mr. Parkman, and many a tender and troubled conscience will bless him for the soothing peace he has brought. The expulsion was all right. It was just the thing. But that refers only to Acadians in the abstract. So long as our language is spoken Evangeline and Gabriel will be like the ghost of Banquo at the feast.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. McIntosh, of Pemberton, was in town this week.

Chas, Case, of Bridge River, was in town last Wednesday.

Messrs Brandon and Clark are camping out at Anderson Lake,

Miss Watkinson, of Lytton Road, was visiting friends in town this week.

The Mining Engineer, who has been examining the Ample Mine property, returned to town last night.

Dan Hurley was down from Bridge River this week, and reports excellent showing at the Lorne.

Miss K. Santini returned from the Coast last evening, and will spend her vacation at home.

At the political meeting in town last Saturday, Dr. Sanson was chosen as the Liberal candidate for Lillooet.

Mr. and Mrs. Wray, who have been visiting Mr W. W. Brown, left for the Coast last Wednesday morning.

"Tried Everything."

Yes, Sir, It's true, poor Tom is gone,
We buried him a week ago;
'Twas inflamation following on
A heavy cold he caught, you know.

"He thought it wasn't much at first,
And took same patent pills, and then
A dose of Dover's powder, just
To open up the pores again.

"And Mother, she is pretty good
At doctoring with roots and such,
She fixed up everything she could
But didn't seem to help him much.

"So then we sent for Doctor Hill
To come and try what he could do,
And he said Tom was bad, but still
Allowed that he could pull him through.

"He puked him first with ipecac,
Then physicked him with calomel
And put some blisters on his back,
And some upon his chest as well.

"Then something else attacked him, too,
'Hyper-catharsis,' some one said,
And doctor gave him catechu,
Tannin and Acetate of Lead,

"How he did sweat! he'd get as wet
As if he'd fallen in the creek, Sir,
And doctor made me go and get
Red bark and vitriol elixir.

"We gave him brandy, wine and gin,
Until at last he shook his head
And pushed the cup with hand so thin,
Please let me die in peace, he said.

"And so, poor Tom, he had to go—
Oh, how I miss him from my side—
But it's a comfort now to know
That every blessed thing was tried."

Poor soul, thy ignorance is bliss,
And I've no heart to tell thee this:—
Thy Tom perhaps would not have died,
If "everything" had not been "tried."

Lillooet.

MADAME ALBANI GYE.

A Lesson in Her Life for Canadians Who Stay at Home.

If Madame Albani Gye was a great singer, she is still a great musician, devoted to the uplifting and aggrandizement of her art. So true is the inspiration of her artistic feeling that she does not hesitate to bring in her train voices which are fresh and full, clear and true, without one thought that they may furnish a contrast to her own—a contrast which would be avoided by a woman of less great fibre than the prima donna, whose modest demeanor has endeared her to thousands of those struggling in the musical profession.

There is much concerning the life of Albani which has never been published, and will never be published, which would prove of great interest to Canadians. Possibly no artist has ever obtained such a world-wide reputation as Albani for qualities which have made her the pride of the race from which she sprung. The fact that she took the name of Albany, from which city in the United States she received her first serious aid in her subsequent career, points to the fact that gratitude is one of her many virtues. This ought to be a lesson to Canadians to keep a look-out for all possible means of helping their native-born artists in the future, says The Toronto News. But the one most charming aspect of Albani's character is the retention of that modesty of demeanor which her conventual training had so thoroughly instilled. One cannot be in her presence for any time without recognising that, great as is the artist, the strength of her honest womanly attributes is greater. She has carried unsullied, through all the difficulties of a long musical career and through all the emotional pitfalls which surround the artist in grand opera, the reputation of that excellent type of French-Canadian woman who is upright in every action of her private and public life, without a taint of prudery or puritanism, who has all the tact and finesse necessary to make her a welcome guest in social gatherings in every part of the world, and who yet carries under her cloak of spontaniety and gaiety the veritable chain armor of the self-respecting, spiritually-minded woman.

Latest Assyrian Finds.

The well-known Assyriologist, Dr. Hugo Winckler, has unearthed and published an account of the legislation promulgated by King Amraphel of Babylon, which, so far as is known at present, was the first book of laws given to the world. King Amraphel lived 2,250 years B.C., and is mentioned in the Bible as a contemporary or Abraham, so that his statutes were drawn up fully five centuries before the laws of Moses. They number 282, and contain the following:—If a woman who sells beverages gives bad value for the money paid to her, she shall be thrown into water. If a wife be a spendthrift, or if she otherwise neglect her duties, her husband may put her away without compensation; but if a man put away his wife for no other reason than that she has no children, he shall return her whole dowry. If a betrothal be rescinded, the man shall pay the woman compensation. A widow with grown-up children may not marry again without permission from a judge.

Russia Not Conquered.

In 1870 one clause of the Treaty of Paris was abrogated; in 1902 another. On both occasions Russia has been accused of faithlessness. If she could be frank with her accusers she would say that an individual or a nation is not morally bound by any promise which may be extorted by armed forces. The vital point to be

SELECTED NEWS.

Domestic and Foreign

The Pope still lives.

The sockeye are slow in entering the Fraser.

The Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, has resigned.

The Hon. R.F. Green is the Conservative candidate in Kaslo.

The Berelli comet is now visible to the naked eye.

The C. P. R. round house at Kamloops, was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. Incendiarism is suspected.

The first fatal railway accident in Gt. Britain for 18 months occurred at Southport last Wednesday, when the express left the rails and 8 persons were killed.

Fruit Culture.

In a recent lecture on "Fruit Culture" delivered before a meeting of residents of Ladysmith, Mr. R. M. Palmer had many things to say of interest to farmers throughout the Province. Here are a few of his main points:

For an orchard, slopes are more preferable to low lands, being less subject to frosts.

Peaches are accepted as the standard whereby to gauge the hardiness and tenderness of fruits. If peaches thrived in any spot, many other fruits could be grown there to advantage.

Of all aspects the South Western is the best; the worst are the eastern points of the compass.

Whereever fir trees have grown the soil is sour, and the only thing that will really grow well and thrive there is the blackberry. Such soil should be generously top-dressed with stable manure, well rotted, and lime. This should be spread lightly on the surface and gently worked in with the rake or harrow.

Every new district invariably falls into the hands of the travelling tree pedlar. British Columbia has suffered much from this cause; in fact, it has suffered more from the importation of worthless plants than it has from all the fruit pests put together. Get plants from B. C. nurseries, and then if there is anything wrong with the goods you can get at the sellers.—Colonist.

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Reform

Every one should be able to give a good reason for voting for his candidate at the forthcoming elections. Undoubtedly the most will be done by political self-seekers to confuse the mind of the voter, but there seems to be no real danger when the voter is prepared to refuse to sell his vote, or to be unduly influenced by friend or foe. The individual vote may seem of little value but it is all-important, and on it depend the issues of political life, therefore let us vote, without expecting a fee or reward, for the person we judge most worthy. That fees and rewards are expected, and even songht for, by some classes of society, is undoubted, but it is also a fact that many give a clean vote. Let the number of the latter be increased, for on that depends the well-being of the West.

Lynchings.

The lynching of negroes, once confined to the Southern States, is now extending to the North. During the month of June eighteen negroes were lynched in the United States. Mississippi led with seven, Georgia came next with five. Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, Delaware, and Montana, had one each. Now, many of the leaders among the blacks are urging their people to arm themselves, and to return in kind any attack made on them.

The race war, so often predicted, seems to be now on.

Mining

There are more young men in the colleges of the country taking mining courses than ever before. Of late years the vast resources of the United States have been used as a lever by which young men, seeing the greatness of the industry and its enormous future, have by scores taken up a mining or metallurgical course at some of the many colleges of the country. There is indeed a very bright future for those making mining a study, for a good mining engineer or metallurgist will always be in demand, and, because of the country's expansion, there will be plenty of work for every competent man who has made mining and its kindred branch a study. SIMILKAMEEN STAR.

Repartee

A young Japanese was riding down town in a city hall train the other morning. A fresh-looking young man, who had been eying him all along, suddenly said:

"What sort of a 'nese' are you anyway? A Chinese or a Japanese?"

Quick as a wink the reply came: "What sort of a 'key' are you anyway; a monkey, a donkey, or a Yankee?"—CHICAGO INTER-OCEAN

QUESTION!

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With all is help against the drink habit any man who wants to lift from his life the handicap of liquor using can do so with immediate results. This guaranteed treatment is within reach of all. Convenient terms can be arranged satisfactory to any one who is at all reasonable, though, as all people understand, it does not compare with the worthless quack cures advertised at so much per package, or "Free", etc. It is a different matter from all this to perfect a course of thorough, special, personal treatment that will really do the work and cure forever. It is a serious undertaking and requires a high form of scientific professional work. All the different kinds of cases are handled under guaranteed results. Only skill that is developed to the highest can do it. Only professional fees can pay for the time it requires, though they are made moderate and convenient for anybody. The methods of practice used in this work has cost years of time, vast study and expensive experiments. The originator, Dr. William H. Saunders, had attracted wide notice for his works on Nervous diseases long before perfecting this treatment. And still nothing but care and personal attention to cases today makes it possible for him to accomplish the absolute cures which he guarantees. So the reader will see this treatment means thorough scientific, professional attention. But it also means results that are absolutely certain. The splendid first effects on a man are alone worth the entire cost of treatment.

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Very truly yours,
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St. John's School, Grey Horse, Okla., Sept. 27, 1902.

Dr. W. H. Saunders,

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Very respectfully,
Sister Superior,

St. John's School, Gray Horse, Okla., Dec. 28, 1902.

Dr. W. H. Saunders.

Dear Sir:—I wrote you some time ago about publishing my letters. I hesitated because they were written in haste, and I doubt if they are fit to publish. It is a debt of gratitude on my part and if the letters will benefit you in any way, make use of them. It is the only means I have to make any return for your kindness. This I ask—leave out my name, and simply sign, Sister Superior, and of course omit the name of the patients Mr. C..... is doing well. He does not crave whiskey at all.

With best wishes of the season,

I am, very truly yours,
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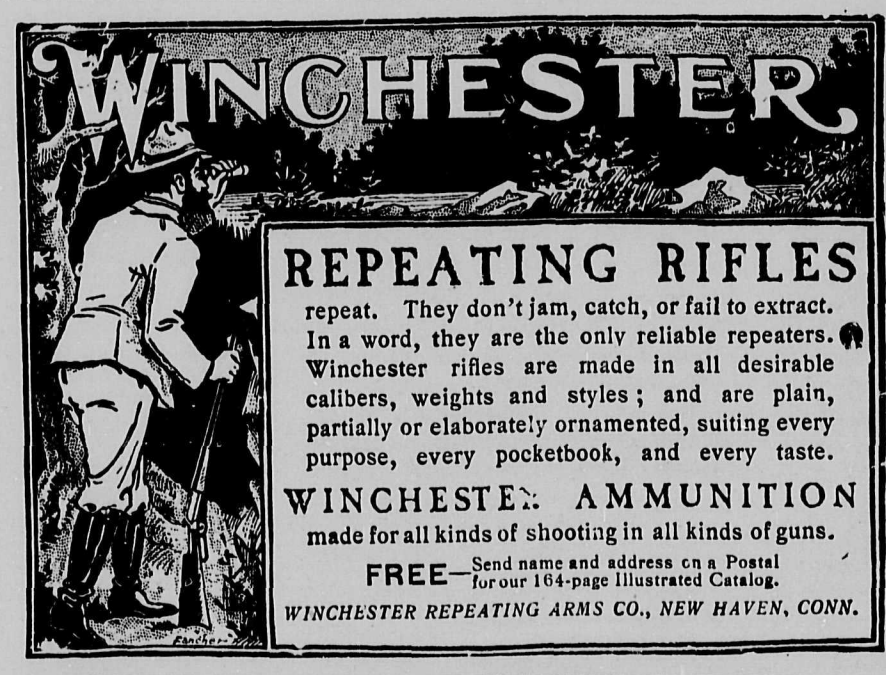

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Talking About Canada.

"When I first came to the Senate," said Senator Cullom to those lunching at the same table in the Senate restaurant the other day, "I had great ideas about a greater United States. My eyes were not turned southward, where everybody seems to be looking nowadays, but northward; I was lust as sure as sure that before this time we should have gobbled up Canada. I did not think that we were going up there, and make a conquest of the country, but I could not see any chance of its getting away from us. Why, when I was elected the record time, and went out to Illinois to make my bow to the Legislature, my little speech was filled with the annexation of Canada. Since that time, I have watched Canada slipping farther and farther away from us, until now it takes a brave man even to suggest that some day the Stars and Stripes may float beyond our northern boundary. I have often wondered if any of the members of that Legislature remember my speech. If they do, they must think that I am a mighty bad prophet."

"Yes," said Senator Burrows, who had listened as befitted a man so much Mr. Cullom's junior, "you could not pry Canada away from Great Britain now with a jimmy."—Chicago News.

MAN WHO PICKED WEEDS.

How Prof. John Macoun Gathered Subjects for Investigation Throughout Western Ontario Last Year.

Last summer a man with a knapsack on his back walked over a large part of Western Ontario, arousing a great deal of curiosity and occasioning some fear by his peculiar conduct. He passed through the counties fronting on Lakes Erie, St. Clair, Huron, and the Georgian Bay. When seen he was generally carrying a bundle of weeds in his hands, and to these he appeared to attach some value. Farmers driving along the road would see him pause, peer into a pasture field, eagerly scale the fence, pull a thistle, put it in his knapsack, and return to the highway. Those driving past would whip up their horses, and keep looking back at him until they passed over the next hill. Perhaps, on getting their last glimpse of him, he might be entering a swamp or gathering mullein leaves. No doubt stories are told all along his line of travel of this strange man, occupying himself in pursuits seemingly quite idle and nonsensical.

Prof. John Macoun.

This man was Prof. John Macoun. He was carrying on investigations into the flora of Western Ontario in connection with the regular work of the Geological Survey of Canada, and the annual summary report of the department has been published. Prof. Macoun was on the way from May 8th until September 7th, and the economic aspect of his work was to look into the fruit-producing capabilities of the country through which he passed. Nothing better indicates the climatic conditions of a region than its wild plant life, and Prof. Macoun, after gathering 1,400 specimens between Niagara and Owen Sound, says he found nothing to indicate a lack of warmth, and everything proved the assertion that the whole district was suitable for the cultivation of fruit, ranging from small fruits to cherries, plums, apples, pears, peaches, and grapes. He not only found these fruits growing, but found nature endorsing by her own unguided efforts the claim of this whole region to be regarded as a fruit country.

What Weeds Teach.

The country bordering on Lake St. Clair, Lake Huron, and part of the Georgian Bay will, he thinks, play a large part in the production of apples for export. On this point he says:

"The soil in most places is of the right kind, being largely mixed with lime, and the climate being cooler than that on Lake Erie, the fruit will be later in ripening, and hence will keep better. . . . . Between Goderich and Southampton the forest everywhere proved the estimate I had formed of it on the lower part of Lake Huron held good. The same terms may be applied to the lower part of the Bruce peninsula, and the country between Southampton and Owen Sound. Indeed, the whole district, extending almost to Collingwood, may be included in the future apple-growing area of Western Ontario."

Violets of the Ottawa.

It was shown last fall that the country about Owen Sound and Meaford could produce a large apple crop, for when supplies failed elsewhere the orchards of that district came to the rescue. Persons severely practical in their work and sympathies may smile to learn that Prof Macoun's assistant "spent some time during May in a further study of the violets of the region about Ottawa, several new species being added to those already known," but botanists must carry on such inquiries so that the whole line of knowledge will advance.

EXPENSIVE BRASS BANDS.

Over Ten Thousand Dollars Paid for a Jeweled Cornet.

The writer was recently accorded the privilege of a peep into the museum attached to the factory of one of the largest firms of brass instrument makers in London. Here are to be seen types, facsimiles and models of every kind of musical instrument that the mind of man has ever devised, invented or produced.

In one corner is a duplicate of what is believed to be the most costly presentation cornet ever produced. It was made to the order of the late czar of Russia and is of sterling silver, richly graven with various devices, among which the arms of the imperial house of Romanoff figure conspicuously. The whole of the ornamentation is of beaten gold filigree work, and the "bell" of the instrument is thickly incrusted with rubies and emeralds. Its net value is a trifle over 2,000 guineas.

A melancholy interest attaches to a battered and blood stained bugle which was picked up on the field of Isandlwana. In addition to the dark patches, which were once splashes of wet blood, sundry fragments of woolly hair were adhering to the bell of the instrument when first found, a pretty conclusive indication that the gallant owner had used it in a last desperate effort to beat off his relentless foes. It may be that some ebony skinned Zulu still wanders about with an indentation in his skull whom it would be difficult to convince that "music hath charms."

Near to this interesting relic is a facsimile of a set of drums which were made for the new Rhodesia horse. The peculiarity lies in the fact that the cases are of aluminium, a precaution rendered necessary by the number of white ants that infest that country. The other instruments are of brass, silver plated, and the whole band cost some £350.

The above is, of course, a comparatively modest turnout. For the real gorgeousness in brass bands it is necessary to inspect some of the costly and magnificent sets of instruments turned out for eastern potentates. The bands of even the smartest of our crack cavalry corps are absolutely not in it, so far as elegance of appearance is concerned, with the private bands of some of our India tributary princes, although probably the latter would have to give the former several points if it came to a musical contest between them.

The private band of the rao of Cutch, for instance, cost originally £900, and most of the instruments are renewed every four or five years. The tiger skin used by the roa's big drummer, which was sent over here to be prepared and mounted, was taken from an animal killed by his highness and measured over 7 feet in length. It is lined throughout with heavy corded crimson silk, and the brute's eyes are simulated by a pair of big yellow diamonds.

Another very fine band was made three years ago to the order of the late shah of Persia. All of the instruments were of pure silver—which, by the way, does not give forth so good a sound as brass, besides being far heavier to handle—inlaid with gold. The total cost of this band de luxe was a trifle under 3,000 guineas. A very different kind of band was that made last year by the same firm for the Mimkish Indians, a tribe of savages living near Alert bay, in British Columbia. The band is nearly all drum, and the mouthpieces of the few brass instruments are tipped with india rubber, to obviate the inconvenience of applying metal to the lips in a temperature of some 30 to 40 degrees below zero.

A curious order was received a short time ago from the emperor of Marocco. It was for 80 clarinets for one band. As the instruments in question were all in one key it is probable that they were to be played in unison. The effect upon an average man of 80 band clarinets blown simultaneously would probably be to create in him a wild desire to take to the woods and become an aborigine. Even to imagine such an ear piercing combination sets one's tympanum quivering.—London Answers.

Origin of Hobson's Choice.

Mr. Harper tells us all there is to be told about Thomas Hobson, the famous carrier between London and Cambridge, who died in 1631. It was from him that the proverb of "Hobson's choice," arose, meaning, of course, a choice which is no choice. "The saying arose from the livery stable business carried on by Hobson at Cambridge, in addition to his carrying trade. He is, indeed, said to have been the first who made a business of letting out saddle horses. His practice, invariably followed, was to refuse to allow any horse in his stable to be taken out of its proper turn. "That or none was his unfailing formula, when the Cambridge students, eager to pick and choose, would have selected their own fancy in horseflesh. Every customer was served alike, without favor."—London Telegraph.

New Railway Car.

A new type of railway carriage was inspected at Newcastle, England, the other day. The dusty, cushioned, padded seats have been replaced by light cane armchairs, comfortably cushioned, four each side, easily removable and permitting of speedy and thorough cleaning of the compartments. The carriages will be put into three trains between Newcastle and Carlisle.

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1—"That this Convention reaffirms the policy of the Party in matters of Provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the Province, as laid down in the Platform adopted in October 1899, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the Province and the building of Provincial Trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principle of Government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit, and to adopt the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the Province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by State aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the Province."

2—That in the meantime and until the Railway p[olicy] above set forth can be accomplished, a genera' Railway Act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations, analagous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3—That to encourage the mining industry, the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on the basis of a percentage of the net profits.

4—That the Government ownership of telephone systems should be brought about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5—That a portion of every coal area to be hereafter disposed of, should be reserved from sale or lease, so that state-owned mines may easily be accessible, if their operation become necessary or advisable.

6—That in the pulp land leases provision should be made for reforesting and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.

7—That the Legislature and government of the Province should persevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

8—That the matter of better subsidies and appropriations for B.C. be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion Government.

9—That the silver lead industries be fostered by the imposition of increased Customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada.

10—That arrangements be made for an amicable adjustment of the relations between employers and employed.

11—That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the Province as far as practicable by means of taxation on the said raw products subject to rebate of the same in whole or in part when manufactured in British Columbia.

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