

The Editor's Review Of Current Topics.

The Mayor Must Act. The Special Committee appointed to report on the subject of adulterated food in Victoria has completed its labors, and found that the civic by-laws are adequate for the protection of the community, and only need enforcing. They find, further, that the responsibility for their enforcement rests with the Mayor. This is a conclusion with which no one who has studied the question will differ. When THE WEEK first drew attention to the matter, it was pointed out that the Chief Magistrate was the one to see that the law was enforced. One of the first steps taken in the crusade was to interview and elicit the statement that Dr. Tolmie was the official to attend to the necessary inspections; but this admission was coupled with the expression of opinion that Dr. Tolmie has too much to do, and, further, was insufficiently paid. The responsibility for the present condition of affairs rests first with the present Mayor, and then with his predecessors. Neither meat nor milk have been inspected in accordance with the special requirements of the Act. The excuse that no suitable Inspector exists, is paltry, and the suggestion that if a special one is required, the city cannot afford the extra expense, is unworthy of any Alderman. The remarks of Alderman Yates are in exceedingly bad taste, and show that he neither appreciates the gravity of the situation, nor the responsibilities of his position as a public representative. The facts are as stated by THE WEEK, and as they will be re-stated until remedied. Milk adulterated with formaldehyde, glucose and boracic acid, and diseased meat, are being sold daily in Victoria. A well known firm has recently hawked a tuberculous cow for sale. The civic by-laws call for inspection and a report by the sanitary Inspector or Medical Officer at least once every two months. It is now three years since such a report was made. THE WEEK has offered to prove all these facts for more than a month, but the Special Committee has sat, investigated and reported without calling on us to do so. Obviously they regard this wholesale adulteration of food as a joke. THE WEEK went further, and offered to give the name of the chemist supplying the adulterants; it has not been asked to do so. The retort of Alderman Yates, who, like Gratiano, "talks an infinite deal of nothing," is that he has only heard of one complaint, and that was from a person seeking the position of Sanitary Inspector. Has Alderman Yates ever heard of Mrs. Dennis Harris or Mrs. Wall? These ladies authorize THE WEEK to use their names in support of the charges, and are willing to give evidence. Does Alderman Yates suggest that either of them is seeking the position of Sanitary Inspector? Here, for this week, we leave the matter; the evil has been pointed out, the Committee has shirked the

opportunity of proving the charges, it has been abundantly shown that the present by-laws are adequate for the protection of the public—if they are not enforced promptly and effectively, the fault rests with the Mayor, whose chief duty is to protect the health of the community.

A Good Chance. The Canadian Mining and Smelting Company is now one of the strongest corporations in the West. It owns the St. Eugene, War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and the Canadian Smelter, Trail. The management is looking for a suitable site at the Coast for a concentrator where ores of various grades can be assembled and reduced preparatory to smelting. Two conditions only dominate the selection of a site, a geographical position convenient for the transportation of ores from many points at the minimum cost, and cheap power, which means electricity generated by water. Vancouver is an ideal place, and commands both requirements. No effort should be spared to induce Mr. Aldridge to settle there; it would form a good centre for Mainland and Island, until the mines on the latter are sufficiently developed to justify the erection of one for itself.

The Mining Exchange. Mr. George Sheldon Williams is to be congratulated on the excellence of the April number of the B. C. Mining Exchange. From a modest beginning it has branched out into a comprehensive, reliable and interesting epitome of the mining affairs of the Province. In the current number it justly rebukes the "knocking" propensities of its waning competitor, The B. C. Mining Record in a carefully written article on the British Empire mine. It also has an excellent illustrated report on the Windy Arm district, and an expert report on the Mount Sicker and Brenton properties. Needless to say, the editor does not use his exchange to vent personal spleen.

Texas Lynching. Not infrequently the punishment fits the crime, but it is a rarer thing to find the verdict fit the punishment. The action of white men in lynching negroes in the Southern States is sometimes adversely criticized by those who have never lived in the South, and who do not know the negro. The people of Dallas, Texas, have achieved all that the utmost requirements of the case could suggest in connection with the following incident which is related with a delicacy as commendable as the equity of the finding: "Willie Duncan, a twenty-year-old negro, was lynched at Oak-woods, Tex., recently. An inquest was held over the body by Justice of the Peace M. O. Johnson, who acted as coroner, and the following is his verdict: After a thorough investigation, the court finds that one

Willie Duncan, alias George Lawrence, did commit a crime that placed him beyond the protection of the law, and the court is of the opinion that he got swift and speedy justice by Judge Lynch, whom we did not have the honor of meeting when he came to the little town of Oak-woods."

Cry for Water. A Fernie despatch appearing in all the Coast dailies, states that there is something approaching a panic in the Coal City at the action of the C. N. P.C. Company in raising the water rates to \$50 per annum. Many charges have been laid at the door of that grinding monopoly, but if the present report is confirmed, it would surpass them all as an outrage on public sentiment, and an infringement of the liberties of the community, which would speedily result in government interference in the interest of health. Nothing could so effectively advance the cause of those who are more and more insistently clamoring for public ownership of public utilities.

Bad Form. The Laurier administration has been singularly unfortunate in its dealings with all matters military. The Hutton and Dundonald incidents are still fresh in the public mind, but on neither of these historic occasions did the Minister of Militia display greater ineptitude than in dealing with the transfer of the garrison at Esquimalt from the Imperial to the Dominion control. English officers, who are gentlemen, even if they have the misfortune to serve under Sir Frederic Borden, have been kept waiting now for several days without instruction or enlightenment as to their future movements. Just when it may please the Ottawa authorities to order them to "move on" is entirely a matter of conjecture, but even the most hide-bound partizan must blush for his country when he has to contemplate the spectacle of British officers being treated with a lack of courtesy which would be despicable, even if it occurred, in the connection with the discharge of a gang of section-men, or lumber-jacks. The whole attitude of the Canadian government towards the Imperial troops and Imperial defence has been lamentable, but mean and contemptible as is its policy, there was surely no necessity to descend to discourtesy and rudeness in effecting a change, which, but for the Little Englander spirit in the government, would never have been made. The whole policy has been "cheap," and it is now becoming "nasty." No self-respecting Canadian will be found to endorse it.

Canada Growing. The development of the resources of the Dominion is progressing at a rate which astonishes all who are conversant with the figures. The stereotyped phrase, "by leaps and bounds," is hardly expressive enough to keep pace with the marvellous expansion of our trade. Three good harvests have set the seal on the prosperity of the North-

west, and while it is permissible, without being pessimistic, to suggest that we shall have bad harvests again, and that one is about due, the fact remains that the figures of the Department of Trade and Commerce are such as to kindle a feeling of satisfaction and pride wherever they are known. Canada promises to have a foreign trade this year of over \$500,000,000. Not bad for a country with a population of between six and six and a half millions. The United States, for instance, had a population of 25,000,000 or more before they could show a similar record. The foreign trade of the Dominion for the nine months ended March 31st amounted to \$396,859,305, or \$55,750,000 more than for the same period of the previous fiscal year. This promises to go above the five hundred million mark for the year ended June 30th. The imports for the nine months are at \$207,202,000, which is an increase of \$18,500,000. The domestic exports are valued at \$176,394,000, an increase of \$31,500,000. Total imports over domestic exports for the nine months are nearly \$31,000,000.

Indecent Post Cards. Attention has recently been called to the sale of indecent post cards, and the police caused Section 179 of the Code setting forth the penalty (two years' imprisonment) to be published in the public press. Grossly indecent cards manufactured in Vienna are still on sale in Victoria, and should be suppressed.

To Limit Fortunes. President Roosevelt has been called strenuous, and no one can deny that he merits the appellation. Having expended some of his surplus energy on treaty making, race suicide, and match-making, he is now turning his attention to the subject of the limitation of individual fortunes. The details of his scheme have not yet been published, and it may be with this trouble, as with the birth-rate, that the President-Reformer can do no more than point to an evil which defies any remedy. Still there is occasion for alarm, especially among editors and newspaper men generally, lest he should impose any absolute limit to the number of millions they may acquire. It is claimed that a heavy tax on large fortunes, or on their transfer, would be a restraint to thrift. If this gloomy foreboding is correct, we should certainly vote against any such proposal, and if the zeal of the strenuous one is likely to run to legislation, the public

should have plenty of notice, so that they may "govern themselves accordingly." It occurs to the average man that there are matters of greater urgency and more probable of attainment than to prevent Rockefeller or Carnegie becoming richer. Why not begin at the other end, and reduce the profits of the rich by increasing the earnings of the poor? This would be a project worthy even of a Roosevelt, and it has the merit of practicability.

Poultry Raising. Hon. Sydney Fisher has been enlivening the dull routine of his departmental office by experimenting with a hennery, at the public expense. Just what the Minister expected to do with this harmless, but costly, pastime does not appear, but since it is known that indigent ladies do make a profit out of poultry raising, Mr. Fisher has successfully established one thing—that any rancher's wife in the Dominion can give him pointers in the coaxing of eggs from the domestic feathered biped. According to a facetious contemporary, whose methods we eschew, it cost Mr. Fisher \$2.60 to produce a dollar's worth of chicken. No less than \$8,554 were spent on this little hobby of the Minister, only to yield a net loss of more than \$5,000. Even so, this pastime is both cheap and harmless compared with the toys of the rapacious Sifton, with his North Atlantic Trading Company, at \$200,000 a year, to say nothing of Yukon concessions, Northwest coal areas, and Saskatchewan land deals. By all means, let Mr. Fisher have his chickens.

Why Neglect the Children? The Victoria Day Celebration Committee has done good work in the Capital City, and prepared an excellent programme, but there is at least one important omission. Where do the children come in? On such a day, when the memory of the best of Queens is being honored, there should certainly be some place in the programme for the school children. In all Eastern, and at any rate some Western, cities this is made a prominent feature of the proceedings. Why not in Victoria? This is not the only respect in which the children receive less attention than in other cities. Why is it? Surely the teachers are not less considerate, or less anxious, to instil principles of loyalty, and reverence. All that is needed is a leader and organization. The reverence fitting to the occasion should not all be allowed to evaporate in fireworks and sport.

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Condolences to Sweeney.

The chairman of the General Hospital Committee is strictly up against it and condolences are in order. He has to propitiate the Woman's Auxiliary, a voluntary organization that has done a vast amount of good, and has in return been treated with scant courtesy by his board. There may have been a little excess of zeal on the part of the ladies, but that is the most excusable of all errors, and could never justify the ignoring of repeated letters, and the ultimate easy acquiescence in the dissolution of a useful, if not indispensable, organization. If THE WEEK is not greatly mistaken there is more in this than meets the eye, and it will yet have to see daylight.

Seats for Women.

The Vancouver daily press has now taken up the subject first broached by THE WEEK—the providing of seats for shop-girls. All that is necessary is for the press to expose the evil fearlessly, and it will be remedied instantly. Public opinion, expressed through the correspondence column, should jog the press.

A Daniel Come to Judgment.

Joseph Martin, K.C., says: "It strikes me as nonsensical to say that the British Columbia Board of Dental Examiners has the power to prevent members of the dental profession advertising. If there is such a power, it should be annulled at once. The benchers of the Law Society undertook to stop advertising once, but they are not doing anything at it now. There are lawyers who are advertising, though you will be told by some, if you inquire, that it is very unprofessional." This is the opinion of a sound lawyer, and a man of common sense; it will be endorsed by the general public. The dental "profession" is giving itself airs.

Touch Not, Taste Not, Handle Not.

This is to be the motto of North Vancouver, and outsiders will watch with interest the attempts of the pioneers of a new city to keep out "the accursed thing." The only effective method would be to people it with Mohammedans, and to this there might be objection on other grounds.

Vancouver Theatre and Drama.

THE WEEK is in a position to state that arrangements are under way for the appearance in Vancouver very shortly of Sarah Bernhardt, the celebrated actress. Mme. Sarah is not allowed to play in Trust houses, as she is managed by the Schuberts, and as they have no local theatre, she will play in an immense circus tent while in Vancouver. The same programme will be followed in Seattle. The official list of the cities to be visited by the French actress and her company includes San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver. What reception will be given this actress after her well known slurring remarks concerning Canadians, made recently in Montreal, remains to be seen. In Texas the huge tent was overcrowded to capacity every performance.

The Pringle Company is playing tonight at the Vancouver, this being their closing performance after a very fair week. The Pringle Company can be classed only as fair, and does not touch the last stock company which played at the Vancouver. Another company will open here on May 14th.

The improvements to the Vancouver Opera House are already under way, and bricklayers are busy at the back of the theatre. The interior will not be touched until the stock season closes, in about eight weeks' time.

Work on the new East End Theatre seems to be suspended.

Sporting Comment.

I wonder if the American papers will head the great victory of William Sherring, of Hamilton, Ont., in the Marathon race at the Athens meet, as "America Still in the Lead"? This time it was Canada in the lead, and Sherring, one of the four Canadians at the meet, won this race, which is probably the feature of the entire program of sports.

More automobiles are appearing every

day on the streets of Vancouver and Victoria. The Winton people have just opened a garage on Seymour street in Vancouver, and the Waltham-Orient cars will soon be stocked by a new agency in Vancouver.

The roller skating rink, which has been closed for repairs for ten days for repairs, was reopened yesterday. The new floor is of hard wood, and is a pippin.

Mount Pleasant is certainly after the championship in the B.C.A.L.A. Scotty Williamson is their latest addition, and Scotty is a valuable addition to any club. Williamson played last year with Seattle, and with Yorye, now in Victoria, and Eddie Milne, was one of the mainstays of the team. There is a hint going round that Eddie would like to get back to Victoria, and if they can secure him, the Victoria team will be fortunate.

If the report be true that Mount Pleasant is offering money contracts to players, steps should be taken at once to put a stop to it. The writer is well aware that they have approached at least one city player with a strong financial talk.

Cranbrook will have a professional lacrosse team this summer. Sandy Cowan, late of Seattle, signs a contract to play there this summer some time ago; and Walter Matheson, of Vancouver, now announces his intention of going to the Interior town. Last fall a certain Vancouver player and Sandy Cowan, of Seattle, each received \$100 a game for three games played in the Interior town. Who says Cranbrook is not sporty?

The action of the Brockton Point Club in asking 40 per cent of the gate receipts for all lacrosse matches played at the Point this year will result in the club losing that source of revenue, for it is now practically settled that both the Vancouver teams will play at Recreation Park this year, and by next season will have grounds of their own.

The Pacific Coast Baseball League has passed into oblivion. It has been tottering for the past three years, and the Seattle club dropped about \$50,000 on their team, but they have been reimbursed by the sale of their park. A new league will likely be formed at once, Seattle and Portland going into the Pacific Northwest League, and the schedule of that league being rearranged. Certain Seattle capitalists are also considering placing a team in Vancouver, but the great question is, Where will they play? For Recreation Park has already been arranged for lacrosse.

The Vancouver Jockey Club has secured a renewal of their lease of the Hastings track for five years, and will hold a four days' meet during the latter part of this month.

A bicycle-polo club was organized in Vancouver this week, and practice will soon be commenced. It is hoped to arrange to form teams in Victoria, New Westminster, Victoria and Tacoma, and draw up a regular schedule of matches. A resume of the rules of the game will be published in these columns in our next issue.

Entries for the Vancouver Dog Show, which opens next Wednesday, closed on Wednesday, and a fine lot of dogs are entered for competition. The show promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the club.

—CANUCK.

VANCOUVER SOCIAL

Mrs. Williams returned on Sunday from Southern California, where she spent the winter months.

Mrs. George Soames, a well-known society leader of Winnipeg, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Honor Soames, is at the Vancouver, on her way home to the Prairie Capital after a visit to Victoria.

Mr. Alex. Haggart, a well-known business man of Winnipeg, accompanied by Mrs. Haggart, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Stuart Livingston, of the firm of Messrs. Livingston, Garrett & King, returned on Saturday from a business trip to Toronto.

Mrs. J. S. Emerson and Miss Jean Wilson returned on Saturday from Bellingham, where they have been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Hurst, of Swinton, Yorkshire, England, arrived here on

April 26th, and will make their future home in this city.

Mr. Joseph M. Mackay and Miss Mackay left for New Zealand by the steamer Moana on Friday.

Mr. James W. Evans, brother-in-law of Mr. T. J. Hunter, bookkeeper for Messrs. Webster Bros., has arrived here with his wife from San Francisco.

Mrs. Thomas H. Mackay, recently of Heather street, but now living at 2532 Ontario street, will not receive again until the first Wednesday in June.

Mr. F. C. Gamble has returned to Victoria.

Mrs. Thomas Wilson, wife of the fruit inspector of this city, is staying in Victoria.

W. C. Thompson, of Vernon, is paying a business visit to Vancouver and other Coast points.

Mr. O. H. Becker, travelling freight agent of the C.P.R., passed through Vernon last week on his way to the south. Mr. Becker is looking into conditions in the Okanagan in order to size up the crops.

Miss Amy L. Inglis arrived in the city on Friday's train from Oakland, and is now staying with Mrs. Simpson, on Nicola street.

Mr. Justice Duff returned to Victoria on Saturday.

Mrs. James Macaulay and daughter, Miss Dorothy Macaulay, have returned from a six months' trip to the Motherland. They were met at St. John by Mr. Macaulay about a month ago, and have since been visiting friends in the East.

Miss Strelvel, who has been visiting friends in the city since her return from California, left for her home in Winnipeg on Sunday afternoon.

Mme. Glendinning, soprano, and Miss Helen Munro, pianist and vocalist, both well known artists located in this city, recently gave a recital in Vernon, which was much enjoyed by the residents of that town.

NEW WESTMINSTER SOCIAL.

Mrs. Edgar Duthie entertained at tea on Friday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. A. E. Graeme, Mrs. R. E. Walker, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Doyle, Miss Charleson, Miss Clute, Miss Martin, Miss E. Homer, Miss Corbould and Miss Grace Corbould. Among those present were: Mrs. William Wolfenden, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. R. H. Gordon, Mrs. A. H. Gordon, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. C. E. Lewis, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Macgowan, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. McBain, Mrs. Charleson, Mrs. J. Stillwell, Mrs. Clute, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Malins, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. F. J. Couthard, Mrs. G. E. Corbould, Mrs. James Leamy, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. McColl, Miss Wright, Miss Doherty, Miss Leamy, Miss Lewis, Miss Clute, Miss Maritn, Miss Corbould, Miss Grace Corbould, Miss Charleson, Miss E. Brown, Miss Helen Macgowan, Miss Freese, Miss Fletcher, Miss Burnett, and others.

Mrs. Arthur Malins left on Tuesday for Victoria, where she will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Fagan.

Mrs. M. M. English entertained at tea on Saturday, the guests being Mrs. J. S. Clute, sr., Mrs. J. Stillwell Clute, jr., Mrs. Corbould, and Miss Wright.

Mrs. A. S. Graeme entertained at bridge on Monday afternoon, the guests being Mrs. Arthur Malins, Mrs. Duthie, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Bert, Gordon, Miss Corbould, Miss Wright, and Miss E. Homer.

The closing meeting of the Musical Club was held on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Homer, Third avenue. Those taking part were: Mrs. J. A. Diamond, Miss Freese, Miss Brown, Miss Lewis, Miss Clute, Miss Charleson, Mrs. Watson, Miss Peele, Miss Vera Corbould, Miss Alice Rickman, Miss E. Homer, and Miss Constance Smith. Among those present were: Mrs. C. E. Lewis, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Yuengling, Mrs. Duthie, Miss Corbould, Miss Wright, Miss Cicely Gault (Rosland), Mrs. J. R. Grant, and others.

Miss Cicely Gault, of Rosland, is visiting in the city, the guest of Miss Vera Corbould.

There will be another fine line of club juggling next week at the Grand when the Burke Brothers will visit Victoria. It will be remembered what a splendid turn was given in this art a few weeks ago, and the Burke Brothers are quite up to the mark of the last experts. Frederick Roberts will sing "Dear Old Hills of California," with illustrated pictures. Tom Ripley, whom everyone should hear if possible, is one of the cleverest minstrel comedians on this Coast, and the Gregsons have a great reputation as singers and dancers. Perhaps one of the best features of the bill will be found in the novelty musical act of the Clemenso Brothers. Altogether Manager Jamieson appears to have secured a first-rate company for the second week in May.

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MUSIC AND THE STAGE

On Saturday last the Magpie Minstrels repeated their entertainment at the Victoria Theatre, Victoria, for the benefit of the San Francisco relief fund. As on the preceding Wednesday, the house was thronged with an appreciative audience. Undoubtedly Victoria has much to be proud of, in being able to raise such an exceptionally talented company within her own bounds. There are few cities where every character which goes to make up a successful minstrel troupe could be so well represented as in this product of the capital City. There is no need to criticize the performers, or the performance in detail; this has been done already, and, besides, every one who takes any interest in such matters went to either one show or the other. It is an open question whether "Harry" or the drum suffered most on the perilous exit after the turn of McKillican's Band. What a fortune "Fred" could make on the stage as a female impersonator. The whole affair was an immense success, and reflects the utmost credit on all concerned in it.

Next week there will be no performance at the Victoria Theatre, but on Friday booking will be open for the Albani concert, to be held on the following Tuesday, the 15th inst. This is the great artist's "good-bye" visit to Canada, and it is a matter for much congratulation for Victoria has been chosen as one of the places where she will sing. Born in 1852 at Chambley, Que., Madame Albani commenced to sing at the early age of four, ceiving her first training from her father, Joseph Lajeunesse; her first public appearance took place in the Mechanics' Hall, Montreal, when she was only eight years of age, and a few years later she made a successful tour of the Canadian Provinces with her sister. Her name of Albani was given her by her singing master, Lamperti, it being the family name of an extinct Italian house. Madame Albani will be supported by Miss Eva Gauthier, contralto, who is also a French-Canadian, and has studied under William Shakespeare, a pupil of Lamperti; by Mr. Albert Archdeacon, baritone, who first won renown in Grand Opera at Covent Garden, London; by Miss Verne, solo pianist, who has accompanied the prima donna on her tour to this country in 1903; and by Mr. Haydyn Wood, violinist, who has achieved a great success in London both as a virtuoso and as a composer. Mr. Frank Watkins will act as accompanist and conductor, having made two journeys in the past with Madame Albani. It is claimed that Mr. Watkins has no equal in the world as an accompanist to the voice. The concert is to be given under the auspices of the Victoria Musical Society, who will supply a chorus of 100 voices.

The Grand Theatre, has returned to its form of a fortnight ago. Nothing more could be asked for in the way of a vaudeville show, when such turns as those given by Rapoli and Geo. Yeoman are to be seen for 25 cents. As a juggler, Rapoli is marvellous, his best trick perhaps being the one with the billiard ball and two cues. A pretty sight is his juggling with flaming torches on a darkened stage. All through his performance runs a certain vein of humor, caused by the by-play between the chief and his attendant. The Grand is worth a visit, if it be only to see Rapoli. Yeoman, the German comedian, is extremely funny, and sings a remarkably clever pot-pourri of popular airs at the conclusion of his turn. The comedy sketch by Lewitt and Ashmore partakes of the nature of the old comedy, "The Private Secretary." There is really nothing in it except extravagant burlesque, but none the less one is bound to laugh. The antics are so absurd that it is impossible to sit with a grave face, and after all this is the business of comedy to create a laugh. Frederick Roberts has introduced a change this week in the illustrated song; instead of the sentimental ditty all about the "Old Home," etc., he is singing "Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown," with comic slides. The effect is good, and was well received. Mildred Manning gives a turn as a soubrette, and the moving pictures depict the adventures of a modern Oliver Twist.

Hope is like the sun, because it brightens prospects.

THE APOTHEOSIS OF THE EGO

(With apologies to Kipling and "L'Envoi.")

Whenever we get up to heaven, and stake out our vacuum space,
We'll run it by law and order, and study the ethics of grace;
We'll put in all modern improvements, and do it in first-class style—
Just cater for high-class tourists, and keep out the rank and file.

We'll start an Association to boom up our Paradise home,
To gather in straying angels, condemned for a space to roam;
We'll show them our marble houses and beautiful golden streets,
Our homes for busted aldermen, our charming drunkards' retreats.

And ——— shall sit in his office, with his halo of burnished gold,
To boost up the joys of Heaven, as he did in the city of old;
And he'll draw his meagre stipend, and nip his little tots,
As he lures the Heavenly phantoms to buy Celestial lots.

His office shall be in the forefront, slap up against the throne,
And as each good deed's recorded, he'll claim it for his own;
He'll stand right at the entrance, wearing his business grin,
Catching the sinners with money, and trying to force them in.

If business ever should slacken, he'll go on a trip to hell,
And boost up the joys of Heaven by telling the sinners it's "swell";
He'll lecture on marble fountains, and the ice-cold storage room,
And put Lucifer out of business by starting a Heavenly boom.

And those whose wings are damaged, whose halo's a trifle bent,
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L'ENVOI.

Then they all will be sick of ———, and he'll move from the Heavenly Zone;
Purchase some brimstone and matches, and start up a place of his own.

A doggerel bard, who has some ideas, has forwarded THE WEEK the above verses, with the request that we would publish them. He offers a leather medal to the first person who correctly unearth the buried hero. THE WEEK is entirely at a loss to know who the person referred to is—perhaps some of our readers can help us out.

AN EXPLANATION.

Captain Clive Phillips Wolley, one of the valued subscribers to THE WEEK, has called our attention to the fact that several poems have appeared in our columns without the author's name, the most notable instance being "At the Church Gate," by W. M. Thackeray. In that case we must plead guilty to an oversight, but, having gone through our file from January 1st to date, we find that of twenty-eight poems, or sets of verses, printed, the author's name, or initials, as the case may be, are attached to twenty. Of the other eight, the Thackeray one is the only one of which we know the author. Not being able to afford the luxury of a poet laureate on our staff, we have to crib all our poetry from the exchanges, and it is often the case that no author's name appears there. It would hardly be reasonable to credit the exchange, which has obviously copied from somewhere else, so we have simply inserted it as it appeared in the paper from which we took it. However, in future to avoid the appearance of complimenting our own staff too highly by leaving it to be supposed that Babette, Monica, The Lounge, or Bohemian could produce anything which could be mistaken for Thackeray's, even in Clubland, we beg to announce that no verses appearing in the pages of THE WEEK are by a member of the staff, unless their name is appended. Meanwhile, if any of our readers can tell us the author of either of the following poems which we have recently printed, we shall value the information. "A Persian Rose," "True Love," "Kindly Omit Flowers," and "The First Blossom." We are open to receive original verses of merit at all times.

Automobiles are becoming established on a popular scale in Victoria, and no one wishes to hamper them unduly, but it may not be amiss, apropos of a tendency to develop a thirty-mile speed in the city limits, whether there are any by-laws governing this matter.

A six weeks, engagement will put a lot of conceit into a man; but six minutes of married life are sufficient to take it out.

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VICTORIA SOCIAL

Mrs. Rhodes entertained at luncheon on Thursday at her home, on Rockland avenue. The table was very artistically decorated in shades of mauve, this being the color used. Those present were: Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. A. Malins, (New Westminster), Mrs. Hamfield, Mrs. D. Rogers, Mrs. Little, Mrs. B. Tye, and Mrs. Sprat

Miss Phyllis was hostess at a jolly little luncheon party at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Ambury, Moss street. Amongst those present were: Miss Eberts, Mrs. Bert Langley, Miss Chipman, Miss Foster, Miss Genevieve Irving, Miss Violet Powell, Miss Flumerfelt, Miss Todd, and Miss May Mason.

Mrs. Carmichael entertained on Thursday at the tea hour, in honor of Mrs. J. J. Shallcross. The table decorations were lilac and lily of the valley. Those present were: Mrs. J. Shallcross, Mrs. K. C. Cox, Mrs. C. J. Fagan, Mrs. A. Malins, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Innis, Miss Maire Gaudin, and Mrs. R. Jones.

Miss Ethel Brynner, who has been visiting Mrs. Hollyer, returned to her home in New Westminster on Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Malins, of New Westminster, who has been visiting Mrs. C. J. Fagan, returns home tomorrow night.

Mrs. G. Courtney is a guest of Miss Brignall, of Vancouver.

Miss Gibb is visiting Mrs. Fleet Robertson, of Rockland avenue.

The marriage of Mr. Stanley M. Johnson and Miss Helen Clute is arranged to take place in June in New Westminster.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and family went down to the "Charmer" to see them off on Wednesday, when they left for Halifax.

Archbishop Orth

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(Extract from His Grace's speech.)

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Currency and Banking.

From far and near we have received requests for a continuance of our articles on the above subject. Our readers need be under no misapprehension on this point. Having put our hand to the plough, we do not intend to stop until the ground is tilled and fertile, ready for the great harvest which we foresee coming to British Columbia. Just as a stone, or even a breath of wind ruffles up the surface of a lake or stagnant pool, so is it the duty of a newspaper article, by calling attention to evils or weaknesses, to ruffle up what frequently is stagnation in public affairs.

To the unobservant, the stone merely sinks to the bottom, but to the thinker and observer the little pebble has done a good deed in nature's laboratory—it has put life into stagnant water; its ripples extend from shore to shore; it has assisted, in however minute a degree, in preventing the surface becoming choked with a rank growth of putrid and useless matter.

Next week our fourth article on the topic of "Currency and Banking" will appear. Meanwhile, let us see what good has been accomplished by our little pebbles. Readers of THE WEEK may rest assured the articles have been carefully studied and scrutinized, not only by the heads of the branch banks in Victoria, but also by the management and directorate of these Eastern institutions in their faraway headquarters. They have called forth a half-column article published in the majority of the Eastern papers, and copied into our local press as words of wisdom and warning from a banking magnate in the East. The literary effusion we call attention to, took the shape of a warning to the West in connection with the establishment of new banks, drawing attention to the fact that years ago a number of new, hastily-constructed banks had met with disaster, but absolutely ignoring the additional, and all-important, fact, that these failures took place before the present banking laws of Canada were established, whereby a new bank gives every atom as much security as the older institutions. Before it can commence business, a new bank is bound to safeguard the money entrusted to it in exactly the same manner as the wealthiest and strongest bank in Canada.

The article in question, when dissected, was merely a clever attempt to hoodwink the Western public, and if possible prevent the natural and absolutely essential desire of Western men to control their own banking institutions.

Coming nearer home, we find our little pebbles productive of good and immediate results. The bank returns are being published more regularly, and in a comparative form; also resolutions have been tabled at the Board of Trade for these banking returns to be included in a systematic manner in the Annual Report, and kept ready for enquiries at the Board of Trade offices. These are most material points, because in the new era of prosperity which has struck Victoria our banking returns will compare with lean years; we have had to stand the odium of the lean years, and it is only justice that we should reap a little advantage from the comparison.

As already mentioned in THE WEEK,

the gist of our articles was brought before parliament during last session; and getting down to material accomplishments, we are glad to learn from two of the leading printers that they have recently received quite a number of orders for printing "Verbum sat sapienti."

We are glad to note that within three months of the appearance of our articles, a Western bank, established by Western men, with Western ideas, commences business in Victoria. Naturally we should have been all the more appreciative had this great reform emanated from the Far West, and included a number of our foremost business men on its directorate. Time will, however, work wonders in that direction. Meanwhile the new institution may rest assured that if it has come to Victoria for the purpose of advancing local business, and not for the mere purpose of securing local capital to exploit other cities and Provinces, every active and thoughtful man in Victoria will bless it with good words, and do their utmost to make it a living part of our community.

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Invest at Home.

The following editorial from the Revelstoke Mail-Herald is so excellent that we make no apology for reproducing it. We will only add that what is true of that city is true of many others we could name in British Columbia. "Invest at Home," is a good motto.

"Revelstoke has been a playground for the fakir, and that too under the cloak of citizens who should have had more sense. Marconi agents came along, and with a get-rich-quick scheme which will never materialize raked in thousands of dollars, people even borrowing money and mortgaging their property to get into the wild-cat scheme. An insurance promoter came along, and with the story of big dividends, sold stock to the value of \$30,000. Fakir Phillips, of the York County Loan, sent two young men here, who, with promises of remarkable investments, filled up pass-books galore, till the subscribers found they had really been making charitable donations to Phillips and his numerous 'lady' friends and associate schemers. The fame of Revelstoke as an 'easy' town even reached far-off Persia, and a dark-skinned heathen anglicised his name from 'Petros' to 'Rev. Dr. Day,' and changed his occupation from a rug merchant to a Christian missionary and philanthropist, who sold Armenian flesh and blood to citizens of this and other towns in exchange for a few thousand dollars' worth of bank bills, on the proceeds of which he returned to Persia to live in luxury during the term of his natural life. The object of these reminders is to show people the folly of going into these wild-cat and get-rich-quick schemes, and to remind them that Revelstoke affords the best and soundest investments, which, with sufficient capital, will bring as good returns as can be got anywhere. There are here, right at home, where their investments will be under their own eyes, opportunities for investing in the shares of mercantile and industrial pursuits, lands, buildings, fruit farms and other enterprises, which cannot fail to bring large and profitable returns. It would be a good idea for Revelstoke and its people if they would recognize this, make their investments at home, and realize they can get as good investments here as anywhere."

TWO VERSIONS

Sing, and the world's harmonious,
Grumble, and things go wrong,
And all the time
You are out of rhyme
With the busy, bustling throng.
Kick, and there's trouble brewing,
Whistle, and life is gay,
And the world's in tune
Like a day in June,
And the clouds all melt away.

Smile, and the world smiles mit you;
Laugh, and the world vill roar;
Howl, and the world vill leaf you
Und nefer come back no more.
For all of us couldn't peen handsome,
Nor all of us veer goot clothes;
But a shmile vas not expensive,
Und covers a world of woes. —Ex.

A child's extremity is the parents' opportunity.

Does a bride feel cheap when she is "given away"?

The heat of passion is of no use for cooking purposes.

BADINAGE

By BOHEMIAN.

The Victoria Day Celebration Committee have done good work, and prepared a splendid programme. The only regret is that they could not see their way to include the contemplated military display. If Victorians enter with a zest and unanimity into the celebration, it will be a huge success.

I went to hear Frederic Warde at the Victoria Theatre last week, and enjoyed the most intellectual treat of the season. He is one of the best living elocutionists—almost, if not quite, the last representative of the old traditional school, of which Sam Phelps was the shining light, and Charles Dillon the last star. No modern methods are at once as satisfactory and effective as those employed by Mr. Warde. No superfluous gesture, no redundancy of manner, no tricks of speech. His is the "art that conceals art," and one has to go back to the days, now long ago, when Walter Montgomery recited Shakespeare's plays with all the skill of Frederic Warde, and an added touch of humanity that makes the memory of his portrayals one of a lifetime. J. C. M. Bellew followed, but did not possess the dramatic instinct in so fine a degree, and was more effective in Dickens. After the lapse of years, came Samuel Brandram, who made a greater popular success than either, his Falstaff in particular being a unique creation, and easily the best since Charles Calvert's palmy days. Brandram, however, had not the delicate artistic sense of his predecessors; he lacked their musical voice and intellectual conception. Now, we have Frederic Warde, who ranks higher than Brandram, and is not an unworthy successor of the other two. I wonder if perchance any Victorian has heard Montgomery. Many may have heard Bellew, but I should be interested to know about poor Montgomery, who met with such a tragic end in the late sixties.

A Victoria girl received a proposal by telegraph, and a request to wire at once. Upon being told by the operator that she could get ten words sent for a quarter, she wired: "Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes."

The young men are leaving Victoria in such numbers that the outlook for matrimonial ventures is becoming decidedly blue, which leads me to suggest that the excellent example set by the distressed damsels of San Francisco might be followed with advantage. An Oakland paper says that Twenty-five young women of good families, whose homes were destroyed in San Francisco, started a marriage bureau on the water front recently. A big sign proclaimed that that they want husbands as chest protectors.

You may not see elephants in the B. C. Saddlery Store, but gaze in the window and see the trunks. The display is large, but the price is small. There is everything in the trunk line—from the Saratoga to the bather's delight.

What is there in a name? Not one is so sweet that the owner would not prefer to change it—if a lady. The Federal government should get Mr. Blanchard Dodge to change his; it is an unfortunate cognomen with which to afflict the advance agent of the G. T. P. Variety is charming; why Dodge again?

To allay the anxious fears of many kind enquirers, I wish to say, in defence of my esteemed colleague, "Babette," that she is not really as fond of "Extra Dry" as her flippant verses might indicate. Nor is "bibbling" as much in her line as "fribbling." At times her effervescent spirits can only find an outlet through the medium of verse, in which the poetic license figures conspicuously. Perhaps my meaning can be better expressed through the same medium. Babette loquitur:

Dear Madge, if you think that in "Mum's Extra Dry"
My sorrows to drown I persistently try,
I beg to assure you the joke is a screamy 'un,
More suited by far to the tastes of
—BOHEMIAN.

Babies are very wonderful. They don't even blush when mothers, in their presence, describe their good points to visitors.

Kootenay Letter.

Nelson, B. C., April 24.—The banquet given by the Sons of England last evening in honor of the great martyr, St. George was a credit to that organization and to Nelson. It was given at the Hume Hotel, and the spacious dining room was well filled with the guests. Speech and song, patriotic and inspiring, were the features of a splendid and memorable evening. Of late the ranks of the Sons of England have been swelled by the accession to the population of Nelson of a number of young English ranchers, all more or less well-to-do, who have come to the shores of Lake Kootenay to aid in the raising of the banner crop of strawberries and other fruits. It is estimated that the crop for this year will be away in advance of those of years which have gone before, although each year has been an advance upon its predecessor.

The advent of the newcomers is partly due to the skillful advertising of the local press, and in no small degree to the efforts of the members of the Twenty Thousand Club. That institution is likely to prove of infinite service to the city, if it does not fall in the rut which estopped the wheels of its predecessors. It has copied one feature from Spokane, which is the constant change of the personnel of the executive committee, but has conservatively minimized the effect of this by claiming for its president, vice president, secretary and honorary secretary a place on the councils of every committee, and as each of the other committees is only three strong in number, the result being that the elected committee is always swappable. It has not copied the tactics of the Victoria organization, and newspapermen and railway officials are not upon the councils of the club, though, of course, fervently urged to help along the good work. And the work is being done. The greatest trouble is not the apathy of the public. The public are not apathetic when it is realized that a good work is being done, they merely balk when the bona fides of such an institution is doubted. It is the reluctance of business men to give up their transactions. The rancher who makes a good harvest of fruit seldom condescends to figures which when published broadcast will attract others. It is most difficult to obtain not alone the actual tonnage handled by the various mines and mills in the country, and some of the smelters are equally reluctant, but when it comes to the output of the various metals, the information can hardly be obtained at all. Everybody hears of Westralians, New Zealand and The Rand, because the returns are published monthly, and the returns of British Columbia mines would be published equally readily if they were available. Of course in the countries spoken of the information must be given to the government. It is so in British Columbia, but the government is pledged, pledged voluntarily, not to disseminate this information except in yearly and belated blue books, although such information is just what is wanted to attract the settler and the capitalists. For if the mines are working, the rancher will find in their employes a ready market. The more mines working, the better the field for the rancher and farmer. It would be a good thing if the various organizations, such as the Twenty Thousand Club here and the similar clubs in Victoria and Vancouver, would unite in a memorial to a much-requested government, and get the information indicated.

There is quite a move in mining here, and within a few weeks much important news will be divulged of the transactions which are as yet withheld because of their lack of formal completion.

The Nelson Cricket Club is thinking of sending a team down to the Coast this summer, if the clubs of Victoria and Vancouver would accept the challenge and arrange a date for a series of matches.

Please Copy.

The other day the principal of a certain young lady's boarding school noticed one of the girls wiping her knife on the table cloth, and pounced on her at once. "Is that what you do at home?" the principal asked indignantly. "Oh, no," answered the girl quickly, "we have clean knives."

Lady—Show me some books suitable for this child, please. No fiction; but absolute truth, and without absurdly fanciful pictures.

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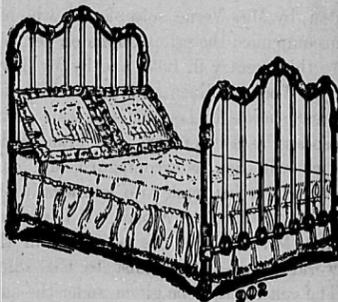
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NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS

In Spite of Traducers.

The fifth annual meeting of the Similkameen Coal Company was held in Nelson last week, and a strong board of directors elected for the ensuing year. W. E. Gosnell was made president, and S. M. Brydges vice-president. In spite of the attempts of The B. C. Mining Record to damage the interests of this company, by insinuating that its property is worthless, THE WEEK is in a position to state that its assets include five square miles coal lands of proved quality and extent. The advent of the Great Northern Railway will bring these areas as well as the townsite and other holdings, of the company into the market, and if the shareholders pull together there is no reason why they should not realize a handsome margin on their investment. The fact that D. R. Young did not handle the management judiciously in 1901-'02 is no reason why a so-called mining journal should do its best to prejudice the interests of a "bona fide" investors by traducing a "bona fide" investment.

Through Kananaskis Pass.

The Fernie Free Press gives an interesting account of a trip made by three Fernietes through Kananaskis Pass. This is the natural outlet from the Elk Valley, and whenever the C.P.R. builds the connecting link between Michel and Kananaskis the Upper Elk Valley will become one of the most prosperous sections of the Kootenay. In addition to coal fields almost as extensive as those of the Crow's Nest Pass, there are timber lands and large cultivatable areas, where "timothy" can be grown to an almost unlimited extent. The Free Press says: "They are a stalwart trio, and during their trip they walked a long distance, one day covering 35 miles. They explored the west fork of the Elk River nearly to its source, and then continued up the main stream to its source—a small lake about a mile wide, near the divide. Here they found fish in such quantities that to hear them tell it would sound like a fairy tale to a devotee at Walton's shrine. On their solemn word, one line caught thirty or forty pounds of beautiful trout in twenty minutes. Some distance further on was the "Pass," and there on the other side they discovered two other small lakes, which they called Kananaskis and Upper Kananaskis. They saw little game during the whole trip. There were many evidences of old Indian encampments in the upper part of the valley, and the cause of the scarcity of game is only too apparent."

A Handsome Contribution.

A Calgary exchange says that among the many contributions to the fund for the relief of distressed San Franciscans must be included the popular firm of P. Burns & Co., who have given the handsome sum of \$5,000.

Surveying to Nicola.

The advent of a railway into the Nicola is changing the whole condition of affairs in that beautiful section of the country. Not only has the main section of 46 miles been completed, but branches are already being constructed, and the C.P.R. surveyors are rapidly locating others, especially one from the Forks to Nicola. In a few years this will be one of the busiest steam coal camps in the Province, and supplies will be drawn for use on the main line of the C.P.R., as well as for local requirements.

Bound for the North.

Lieut.-Col. Prior arrived in Kamloops on Thursday, and in company with Mr. Mitchell, the local manager, of the E. G. Prior Co., Ltd., left for a tour of the Nicola and Cariboo districts.

Something Missing.

A Provincial exchange says: "The Vancouver Province has a department in its Saturday issue, entitled, 'What the Fighting Men Have Been Doing This Week,' and in two columns of matter no mention is made of Joe Martin."

Coming to the Front.

Hyde Baker, son of Col. Baker, has for some years been one of the largest property owners in Cranbrook, and has done

much to build up that thriving town, but hitherto his natural modesty has kept him in the background. He has for the first time been induced to come out of his shell, and is to become a member of the City Council. This should be the beginning of a long career of public service, which may perpetuate the traditions of an honorable name.

Reliable Engines Appreciated.

To all of our readers interested in launches, we would draw their attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Rochussen & Collis, Machinery Agents, 7 Yates street, Victoria. This firm has just opened an office at 435 Granville street, Vancouver, in order to cope with their rapidly increasing business on the Mainland. Owing to the success attending the sale of their coal oil engines for launches and fishing boats, a few remarks to the boating fraternity (and in this category may be included a large number of Vancouver Island people) may not be out of place.

The advantages of the coal oil engines are many. There are no electric sparkers or batteries to get out of order, and thus a continual source of trouble is obviated. The saving in the cost of operation is about 40 per cent—based on actual running tests—and as coal oil is obtainable in out of the way places, there is no danger of running out of a fuel supply. Coal oil is absolutely safe from explosion. The claims made for these engines of simplicity, reliability, economy and safety are borne out in operation.

There are several of these engines around Victoria and Coast points. Last month a trial was made of a 15-h.p. grine engine, which is installed in a boat built in Vancouver. This trial resulted in a very satisfactory manner to the owners of the boat. A purchaser of one of these engines has the following to say in answer to a letter from Messrs. Rochussen & Collis, enquiring as to the working of the engine: "Would say that the oil engine I got from you is giving every satisfaction, and is all the makers claim for it. You may refer any prospective purchaser to me, and I will always have a good word for the engine." To anyone interested, we may say the Messrs. Rochussen & Collis will be pleased to show one of these engines in operation, by appointment. The stationary oil engines are also becoming well known and appreciated. One of our enterprising Island ranchers has a 15-h.p. oil engine running his small portable saw mill. We also note that The Kelowna Courier has purchased an engine of this type to take the place of a gasoline engine. Messrs. Rochussen & Collis have received a very good account of its running qualities from the editor and proprietor of that paper. They will be pleased to furnish full particulars of either the marine or stationary engines, upon application.

Cui Bono;

G. E. Winkler, J. H. Mitchell, J. W. Edmunds and D. F. Gladdon, four respectable men, occupying good positions in the community, have just been liberated from Kamloops jail, after serving a term of four weeks' imprisonment for expelling Chinese laborers from Penticton. They voluntarily elected to sacrifice their liberty rather than pay, or permit their friends to pay, a fine, in order to attract attention to the attempt of the Okanagan Land Company to introduce Chinese labor. They have gained their point, but their action has evoked no enthusiasm, and whilst sympathizing with their object one cannot refrain from the mental query, "Cui bono?"

Adonis Evergreen.

A. B. Mackenzie, the ever-popular de-bonnair of Rossland, was recently tendered a birthday party on Tuesday evening by about eighteen of his friends. The entertainment included a fine supper, followed by songs, stories, recitations and two presentations to the guest of the evening. One was a scarf pin, and the other a complete set of cut-glass. A very pleasant time was spent.

In slavery days a negro was discovered in a hotel office walking up and down. "Here, you nigger," said the proprietor, "who do you belong to?" "Deed, massa," the negro replied, "I dunno till de poker game now goin' on upstairs is finished."

Not the Laying Kind.

A few days ago a rather bashful young woman went into a Southern grocery store with some chickens to sell. She inquired the price of fowls, and at the same time put hers on the counter. The clerk didn't notice that the chickens' feet were tied, and asked her if they would lay there. She bit her handkerchief, turned her head, and said, "No, sir; they are roosters."

Shades of the prison-house begin to close upon the growing boy.—Wordsworth.

Remembered the Text.

A little Topeka girl came home from church the other day, and was asked what the minister's text was. "I know it all right," she asserted. "Well, repeat it," her questioner demanded. "Don't be afraid and I will get you a bed-quilt," was the astounding answer. Investigation proved that the central thought of the sermon had been, "Fear not, and I will send you a comforter."

Hardly Complimentary.

Two Irish farmers, who had not seen each other for a long time, met at a fair. They had a lot of things to tell each other. "Shure, it's married I am," says Murphy. "You don't tell me so," said Moran. "Faix, yes," says Murphy, "an' I've got a fine, healthy bhoj, which the neighbors say is the very picture of me." Moran looked for a moment at Murphy, who was not, to say the least, remarkable for his good looks, and then said, "Och, well, what's the harum, so long as the child's healthy?"

His Ears Frozen.

One frosty morning a farmer called to his son to go and harness the donkey. It so happened that night, the door being left open, a young bullock had strayed into the stable and driven the donkey out. Johnnie, in his hurry, took no matches with him to provide a light, and could not see the difference. Being a long time away, his father came after him to see what he was doing, saying, "Johnnie, wot are you doing?" Johnnie replied, "I can't get the collar over his head. His ears be froze."

All Recognized Her.

The four old captains of Salt Marsh, after carefully studying the attractions offered by the mind-reader who was to hold forth in the town hall, decided to attend the tournament. "We can go right from the post office when mail's in," said Captain Gregg, most adventurous of the four, "and there doesn't seem to be any need to consult our women folk, so far as I know. Most likely we shan't stay more'n a few minutes." They were all agreed as to the advisability of this plan, and the next evening saw them seated in the last row, with interest written on their faces. After a few preliminary exhibitions, which caused the scattered audience to gasp and wriggle, the mind-reader said, in a solemn tone, "There is one person in this audience who has been thinking ever since he came in here of a person who is perhaps the strongest influence in his life—a small, determined looking woman, with eyes that snap and—" At this point the four old captains rose as if moved by a single spring and filed from the hall. When they reached the safety of the steps, Captain Gregg turned to the others, and spoke in a hoarse whisper, "Which one of us do you suppose he meant?"

Cabby Transformed.

Those who have tried the new Baker Street and Waterloo "tube" have nothing but good words for it. Its opening has helped to solve the traffic problem of Central London. Soon the metropolis will hardly know itself, owing to the large number of improvements that are being made each day in joining up the heart of London with the outlying districts.

Not a day passes but one or more new motor-omnibuses makes an appearance. I have been pleased to see that the new motor-omnibus companies are, as far as possible, employing cabmen and horse omnibus drivers as chauffeurs of the new vehicles. A man absolutely fresh to the game could not, of course, compete with the driver who has spent most of his life wending his way in and out among the traffic. Nevertheless, it takes some time for the ex-cabman to get accustomed to driving a motor-omnibus, and the pretty frequent cases of collisions with lamp-posts at street corners are due to the fact that at first the drivers are liable to misjudge the distances.

OLLA PODRIDA

Bathos.

"How glorious it is to be engaged in a purely intellectual occupation," murmured a young maiden gazing rapturously into the admiring eyes of the editor. "Your own mental faculties for tools, and the whole universe for a workshop. Now, tell me," she added, "what do you find the most difficult thing connected with your noble profession?" "Paying the staff," said the editor."

A Congenial Occupation.

A Yorkshire nobleman insisted on his head gardener taking on as an apprentice a young lad in whom his lordship was interested. The lad was very lazy, and the gardener was not at all pleased at having such a youth thrust upon him. Some time after, his lordship, walking in the garden, came upon his gardener, and said, "Well, John, how is my young friend getting on with you?" "Oh, he's doin' fine," replied the gardener, with a sarcastic grin. "He's workin' away there on the very job that suits him." "I'm glad to hear that," said his lordship. "What is it he is doing?" "Chasing snails off the walk," was the cutting reply.

Corrected.

Mother (whose children have had an education superior to her own), to her small daughter, whom she is in the act of smacking—"I'll learn you not to contradict me.

Small Daughter (between her sobs)—Teach, mother, teach.—Punch.

A Slight Mistake.

Senator Long, of Kansas, didn't mingle much in society when he was in the House of Representatives. A few days ago he went with his wife to a reception at the house of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia. The Longs went in. The Senator shook hands with Mrs. Elkins, who received them both graciously. Then he went on down the line, shaking hands with everybody else he saw. The person at the end of the line was a very distinguished looking man, and the Senator greeted him warmly. "Who was that man at the end of the line with whom I shook hands?" asked the Senator of Mrs. Long, when they had greeted everybody. "That?" asked Mrs. Long, "oh, that was the butler."

All in the Contract.

The Minister—And does your papa say grace at the table too?

The Angel Child—Yes, sir; but he does not say it like you do.

The Minister—What does he say?

The Angel Child—He sits down an' looks around an' says, "Good Lord, what a dinner."

Seen It.

Mary—Have you seen Mabel's engagement ring?

Bessie—Seen it? Why I wore it all last summer.

THE SEVEN AGES

A little laugh,
A little fun;
A blossom bordered
Way to run.

A getting tall,
And serious too;
And then the school
To labor through.

Then blossom bordered
Ways of love—
Just two on earth,
And stars above.

Then to the altar,
Then away
To homely cares
Of every day.

Then joys untold,
Then new delight!
A baby crying
In the night.

Then something more,
Then parent's glee—
A grandchild
Climbing on your knee.

And then to sleep;
Green sod above,
But life's worth living,
For the love.

—Ey.

THE MOTHERLAND

Hands Across the Sea,
Exchanges With Our Kindred.

In Another Plane.

Rudyard Kipling, by lifting the veil a little, has shown us what strange things are said in the bazaars in India. The strangest of all, says the writer of "From a London Club Window," in The Liverpool Post, is the one which is now believed by every native in our Eastern Empire—namely that General Kuroki, that marvellous Japanese commander, is no other than Sir Hector MacDonald. Many people have never believed that our brilliant general is really dead, and not long ago there appeared in The Times a reward of a thousand pounds to anyone who had seen his dead body.

Windsor Castle Haunted.

It is well known (writes Becket in The Liverpool Post) that Windsor Castle is believed by the household, and others whose duties lead them there at different times, to be "haunted." It is easy for a sceptic to smile at such an old-fashioned notion. Several apparitions of former inhabitants of the Royal residence, however, are so well attested by persons of responsible position, and even by members of the Royal Family themselves, that it is perhaps wiser to reserve judgment, and to the realm of the unexplained. Only a short time ago a housemaid believed she saw an apparition in St. John's Tower. She became ill, and had to be sent home. At Windsor, at least, such things are taken seriously. They happen much more frequently than the public is aware of.

M. A. P. and the Photographer.

The following story of a young lady living in the country, who went to London to be photographed, is told by "M.A. P.," and vouched for by a well known London photographer. After some days the lady, Miss B., was informed the photograph was not a success, and two other sittings took place. Then she received an urgent letter from the photographer, asking her to come up to his studio and to bring a friend with her. Miss B. went, accompanied by her mother, and was shown the amazing results of the three sittings. The pictures of the girl herself were quite good but in each plate there was to be seen standing behind her the figure of a man holding a dagger in his uplifted hand. The features though faint were clearly discernible, and Miss B. recognized them as those of her fiancé, an officer in the Indian Army. The effect of this experience was so great that, after a few days, she wrote out to India, breaking off the engagement.

Cromwell and the Jews.

While Cromwell was Lord Protector the Jews offered him £5,000 to allow them to build a synagogue in London. He pointed a day to receive a deputation of them at Whitehall. When they arrived they found an assembly of clergy, merchants and leading citizens. Cromwell ordered the Jews to speak first. Then it was the turn of the clergy, who inveighed bitterly against them. "Why, look you now," said Oliver, "will not these men of God be some day called into the Church? I it not every Christian man's duty to forward the good end all he can? Religion prevails in this nation; it is the only place in the world where it is taught in its full purity. 'It not our duty to encourage them to settle where they would learn the truth, and not exclude them, and have them among idolaters?' This stopped the clergy. He then turned to the merchants, who complained that the Jews would take away all trade from them, they were so false and mean. "'Tis true," returned Cromwell, "they are the meanest and most abused of all people. Can you really be afraid such a people should be able to prevail in trade and credit over the merchants of England, the noblest and most esteemed merchants of the whole world?" He so over-ruled all arguments, carried his points, and extended his protection to the Jews.

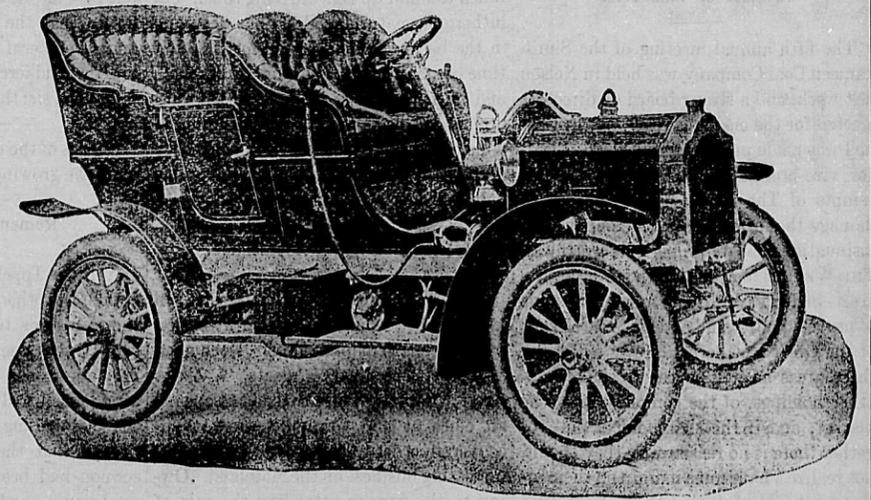
Keep telling a boy he never will amount to anything, and he generally won't.

We suppose a man is called "woman's protector" for the reason that he protects her from others imposing on her, preferring to do it all himself.

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Epsom Races.

Next Tuesday week the spring holiday season in London will reach its culminating point by the holding of Epsom Races. The City and Suburban is a popular event, and now that we can reach the Downs by three lines of railway we ought to think ourselves far luckier than our ancestors, who had to go in jolting shandrydams and other dreadful vehicles. Epsom is said to have been a favorite resort of Queen Elizabeth, and here she had her first row with the Earl of Essex. Lizzie, as you know, could readily cut up "ruff," but this gives no clue to the origin of "Ruff's Guide to the Turf." Nonsuch was settled upon Annie, Queen of James I., whose physicians, hearing of the spa, soon found it to contain what a few old-fashioned people called "Epsom salts." As the Court doctors discovered the spring, so the Court gallants got up the races. They were first held at irregular intervals. In 1648, a meeting of the Royalists was held on Bansted Downs (by which name the Epsom Downs is occasionally referred to in old documents), "under the pretence of a horse race." But the reign of James I. was the starting point of horse racing, and cups and tankards were given galore.

"What did your firm sack Knox for?" asked the first salesman. "He gave away a trade secret," replied the other. "You don't say?" "Yes, he told a customer that our governor is an old scoundrel, and the governor overheard him."

Agent—Here, madam, is a book that will tell you how to manage a husband. Woman—But, my dear lady, what I want is a book that will tell me how to get one, and I'll manage him all right.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the south end of Chamis Bay, Kokshittle Arm, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains to point of commencement, exclusive of Indian Reserve, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 14th, 1906. Application No. 1.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the northwest corner of Location No. 1, thence north 120 chains, thence east 80 chains, more or less to the beach, thence 40 chains south, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 14th, 1906. Application No. 2.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the southwest corner of Indian Reserve, on Easy Creek, Kokshittle Arm, Kyuquot Sound, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 120 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence 40 chains more or less to beach, thence following beach to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 14th, 1906. Application No. 3.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted 40 chains south of No. 3 Location post, thence south 40 chains, thence west to the west shore of Easy Creek, thence north westerly along shore of Easy Creek to the east line of No. 3, thence south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 14th, 1906. Application No. 4.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the northeast of Kokshittle Indian Reserve, at the head of Kokshittle Arm, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 16th, 1906. Application No. 5.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the northwest corner of Location No. 5, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 16th, 1906. Application No. 6.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of Kaoo-Winch River, Kokshittle Arm, near the mouth, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 16th, 1906. Application No. 7.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and

carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the beach, bearing north from the east end of Moketas Island, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south to beach, thence following beach to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 17th, 1906. Application No. 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing from a post planted on the north shore of Moketas Island, thence south to shore line, thence west following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 17th, 1906. Application No. 9.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near No. 9 Location Post, thence easterly following shore line to southeast corner of No. 9 Location, thence north to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 17th, 1906. Application No. 10.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the east shore about one-half mile from the head of Tahsish Arm, thence east 20 chains, thence north 120 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence south to head of Tahsish Arm, thence following the shore to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 18th, 1906. Application No. 11.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Tahsish Arm, near head, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east to Tahsish River, thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 18th, 1906. Application No. 12.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank, near the mouth of Artlish River, Tahsish Arm, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west to Tahsish Arm, thence south to point of commencement, thence from 80 chains south on the east line, thence south 80 chains, thence west to Tahsish Arm, thence following shore line to post, containing 640 acres more or less, exclusive of Indian Reserve.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 18th, 1906. Application No. 13.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the northwest corner of Merhale Indian Reserve, Tahsish Arm, thence north following shore line to Indian Reserve line, thence following Reserve line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 19th, 1906. Application No. 14.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the south shore near the head of Narrow Gut Creek, thence south 120 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north to river, thence west following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 19th, 1906. Application No. 15.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the south bank of Narrow Gut River, 1-2 miles from mouth, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south to river, thence following river to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 21st, 1906. Application No. 16.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the east line of Location No. 16, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north to river, thence west following river to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 21st, 1906. Application No. 17.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of Narrow Gut River, near northeast corner of Location No. 17, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 22nd, 1906. Application No. 18.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted near the northwest corner of Location No. 12, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN HIRSCH, HARRY EDWARDS, Agent. Kyuquot, West Coast Vancouver Island, B.C., April 20th, 1906. Application No. 19.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land: Commencing at a post marked "J. L.'s N. W. Cor. Post," being situated on the left bank of Skeena River, 20 chains above its junction with Lakelse River, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains (more or less) to Lakelse River, thence west 20 chains to the Skeena, thence north 20 chains along the Skeena to the point of beginning, containing 40 acres (more or less).

JNO. LITTLE, Locator. GEO. LITTLE, Agent. Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., March 19th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate near Maple Bay, on Portland Canal: Commencing at a post marked "N. H. M.'s, N. W. Cor.," thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to the north line of Lot 490, thence west 20 chains, more or less, to shore line of the small bay, north of Maple Point, thence northerly along shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

NORTON H. MORRISON. Staked March 7th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 14, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

JOSEPH DUBOIS, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described land, situated on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands: Commencing at a post planted on the south side of a river, about two miles east of its mouth, which is about one mile northeast of Frederick Island, thence southerly 80 chains, thence westerly 80 chains, thence northerly 80 chains, thence easterly 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Located 4th January, 1906. GORDON M. GRANT. Dated this 18th day of April, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post at the northwest corner of Lot 450, New Westminster District, thence southeasterly along high water mark to the south-west corner post of said lot, and extending westwards to deep water, at right angles to a line drawn between said posts.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. March 28th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described land, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of land staked and applied for by Gordon M. Grant, thence northerly 80 chains, thence westerly 80 chains, thence southerly 80 chains, thence easterly 80 chains, to the point of commencement.

Located 4th January, 1906. WM. DEE. Dated this 18th day of April, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described land, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of land staked and applied for by Gordon M. Grant, thence northerly 80 chains, thence westerly 80 chains, thence southerly 80 chains, thence easterly 80 chains, to the point of commencement.

Located 4th January, 1906. E. COATES. Dated this 18th day of April, 1906.

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Canada. Province of British Columbia. No. 337.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Colonial Assurance Company" is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba. The amount of the capital of the Company is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into two thousand five hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Albert E. McPhillips, Barrister-at-Law, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six. (L.S.) S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:— To make and effect contracts of insurance or re-insurance with any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, against any loss or damage by fire, lightning, tornado, cyclone, hurricane, or hail storm on any houses, stores or other buildings whatsoever, and on any goods, chattels or personal property whatsoever; and also to make and effect contracts of insurance and re-insurance or corporate, against loss or damage of or to ships, boats, vessels, steamboats or other craft or property conveyed in or upon such ships, boats, vessels, steamboats or other craft, and the freight due or to grow due in respect thereof, or on any timber or other property of any description, conveyed in any manner upon all or any of such ships, boats, vessels, steamboats or other craft, or on any railway or stored in any warehouse or railway station, and generally to do all matters and things related to or connected with marine insurance or re-insurance; and also to make and effect contracts of insurance and re-insurance thereof, with any person or persons, body politic or corporate against loss or damage by death, disease or accident to horses, cattle and all kinds of live stock; and to cause themselves to be re-insured against any loss or risk they may have incurred in the course of their business, and generally to do and perform all other necessary matters and things connected with and proper to promote those objects.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 33, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

M. H. WALKER, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 26, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

JAMES COOPER KEITH, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 2, Township 7, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

A. O. WALKER, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 4, Township 9, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

MARY ISABELLA KEITH, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the south half of Section 8, and the south half of Section 7, in Township 9, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, B.C., said to contain 640 acres, more or less.

A. B. DIPLOCK. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

JOHN EDWARDS POWIS, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C., for permission to purchase the southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 11, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley, 19th, 1906.

H. C. HARMON, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

A. L. NEWSON, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C., for permission to purchase the southeast quarter of Section 13, in Township 6, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, B.C., said to contain 160 acres, more or less.

F. J. SCHOFIELD. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 27, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

ANNE JANE KEITH, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh92

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 15, in Township 8, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, B.C., said to contain 640 acres, more or less.

C. WENTWORTH SAREL. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 22, in Township 8, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, B.C., said to contain 640 acres, more or less.

ARNOLD E. KEALY. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Canada. Province of British Columbia. No. 341.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

of America, or in any other country, colony or settlement, to enable the Company to carry on business there:

To promote and procure the incorporation of any company or companies in the United States of America, or in any other country, colony or settlement, formed for the purpose of carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, and to subscribe for, hold, and guarantee all or any of the shares and securities of such company, and to deal with and dispose of such shares and securities in such manner as the directors think fit, and to employ any such company as the agents of this Company:

(a) To undertake and execute trusts, administrations, agencies and receiverships, and any other offices or employments of trust or confidence, either in the name of the Company or by any of its officers, or other person or persons nominated in this behalf by the Company, and to indemnify any such officers or persons as aforesaid, and to carry on in the United Kingdom or any Colony or Dependency thereof, the Empire of India, the United States of America, or in any foreign countries, any other business which may conveniently or advantageously be combined with the business of the Company as described in the original Memorandum of Association scheduled to the "Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company, Limited, Act, 1890," as extended by Order of Court, dated the 8th day of July, 1893:

(b) In particular, to guarantee the payment of money secured by or payable under debenture bonds or stock, contracts, mortgages, charges, obligations or securities of any Company, or of any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, or of any persons whomsoever, whether corporate or unincorporate:

(c) To guarantee the title to or quiet enjoyment of property, whether absolutely, or subject to any qualifications or conditions, and to guarantee persons interested or about to become interested in any property against loss, and against actions, proceedings, claims or demands in respect of any imperfections or insufficiency or deficiency of title or value, or in respect of any incumbrances, burdens or outstanding rights:

(d) To contract with leaseholders, borrowers, lenders, persons whose fidelity is or is intended to be guaranteed and others for the establishment, provision and payment of sinking funds, redemption funds, depreciation funds, endowment funds, and any other special funds, and that either in consideration of a lump sum, or of an annual premium or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as may be arranged:

(e) To furnish, provide or guarantee deposits, and guarantee funds required in relation to any contract, concession, decree, enactment, property or privilege, and the carrying out of the same, or in relation to any tender or application for the same:

(f) To appoint and form agencies by means of Local Boards of Directors, or otherwise in any city, town, or place in the United Kingdom or any Colony or Dependency, thereof the Empire of India, the United States of America, or in any foreign countries, for the purpose of enabling the Company to carry on any of its business at home or abroad, and to discontinue and reconstitute any such agencies:

(g) To purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire any undertakings, businesses, goodwill, assets or properties real or personal, whether belonging to incorporated bodies or otherwise in the United Kingdom or such other places or countries as above mentioned, which may be considered conducive to the more efficient or economical carrying on of any of the businesses or objects of the Company, or which may conveniently or advantageously be combined therewith, or any shares or interests therein, and as a term of such acquisition, to undertake, endorse or guarantee all or any of the liabilities or policies or other obligations of any Company or person in regard to any businesses or other property so acquired:

(h) To pay for the acquisition of any business or other property which the Company is authorized to acquire, either in cash or in bonds, debentures or shares, or to be treated as either wholly or in part paid up, or partly in cash and partly in bonds, debentures, or such shares as aforesaid, or in such other manner as the Company may deem expedient:

(i) To apply for and obtain such statutes, laws or authorities in the United Kingdom, the Colonies or Dependencies thereof, the Empire of India, or from any foreign Government or State as may be deemed requisite for promoting the objects of the Company, or for securing its rights, or giving it a legal position, or for limiting the liability of the shareholders elsewhere than in the United Kingdom:

(j) To add to, extend and improve, and to manage, develop, sell and dispose of, or to let on lease or otherwise turn to account any of the lands or other property of the Company:

(k) To sell or otherwise dispose of the undertaking and goodwill of the business, and the assets and property of the Company or any part thereof or interest therein, to any other company or persons, or to amalgamate such undertaking or business with that of any other company, and to promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the undertaking, businesses, assets, or property of this Company, or for any other purpose which may appear to be calculated to benefit this Company:

(l) To borrow or raise money, and for such purpose to mortgage or charge the undertaking, or all or any part of the property of the Company, and to make, draw, accept, endorse, execute and issue on behalf of the Company, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments:

(m) To re-issue or otherwise provide for all or any risks of the Company, and to effect counter-guarantees:

(n) To do all things which may appear to the Company to be incidental or conducive to any of the objects of the Company. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

B. S. BROOKS, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1906. ap5

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Skeena River District, near Kitlasas Canyon, on left side of Gold Creek: Commencing at a post marked "A.E.M., S.W. Corner," thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

A. E. MACDONALD, Locator. A. E. JOHNSTON, Agent. Dated March 13th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 33, Township 8, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

M. H. WALKER, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 5, Township 9, Range 5, Coast District, Bulkley Valley.

W. R. FLEWIN. L. DUBOIS, Locator. JOHN DORSEY, Agent. Vancouver, B.C., March 28th, 1906. mh29

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—

With so many "after Lenten" gaities in prospect, I feel you are ruefully sure contemplating your wardrobe and considering the possibility of inducing two evening frocks to do duty for four. For dinners and theatre jaunts, as well as the rather nondescript form of entertainment called an "evening party," one may manage to eke out an extra frock by means of that friend of woman, the lace or spangled robe and a spare slip; but a ball or dance does demand absolute freshness, not only of the upper, but in the lower, draperies. A very pretty dancing frock, whose charms have laid siege to my fickle heart, is of pink tulle sprinkled with silver sequins. At the foot of the skirt there is a deep bias band of pale pink messaline, the silvery sheen characteristic of this silk harmonizing charmingly with the tulle which falls in rather deep vandkyes over the upper edge, each point being embroidered with paillettes. There is a "bébé" bodice gathered into a deep, tightly-swathed belt, the "décolletage" being square. Both sleeves and corsage are quaintly threaded with silver ribbon tied with funny little winged bows. Does not my description cause your heart to flutter with longing?

The very newest dinner gowns are of moiré silk of substantial quality. There is a craze just now for watered effects, not only in silks, but also in cretonnes, naperies and the like. The moiré evening gown has its economical aspect also, as it demands no trimming beyond a bertha or fichu of lace. Naturally one would prefer this to be rosepoint or choice Brussels or the finest Irish, but failing these, there are plenty of pretty, soft needle-run effects and clever imitations to supply the deficiency. The sleeves vary, but generally are of lace to correspond and in the case of black gowns therelief thus afforded is especially becoming.

Poring over a volume of pictures, in which are represented the toilettes of from 1850 to 1860, known as the Second Empire Period, I found numbers of notions that the dressmakers and milliners have culled for our glorification this spring. The Spanish mantilla was worn in those days in honor of the Empress Eugénie, sometimes draped about the head and fixed in its place by a Spanish rose of a rich red damask shade; sometimes posed across the shoulders and knotted in front like a fichu, with a red rose in the centre of the knot.

Flounces with scalloped edges were in great request and each flounce was headed by a "bouillonnée" of silk or fabric. I have seen flounces of precisely that type upon some of the nicest frocks; and she who possesses a Spanish mantilla is indeed to be envied by the rest of her sex, for nothing is richer or more sought after in these days than beautiful lace of this description gracefully draped over an evening bodice.

We are all putting our houses in order at present, and trying, at any rate, to make them match the brilliance of the spring that has now made itself manifest to us. Naturally, therefore, the subject of curtains and blinds, to say nothing of household naperies, is an absorbingly interesting one, and of course the question of where to go for reasonable window draperies is paramount. Weiler Brothers have undoubtedly the very best assortment of curtain stuffs from which to select, the designs and colorings of their Madras muslins are especially artistic and effective.

Before leaving the seasonable subject of spring cleaning and renovations, the "Hausfrau" may be reminded of two indispensable minutiae of her store cupboard. The verb "to polish" is one that the exigencies eternally bid one to construe. It is a law of nature—and a particular one of Victoria to boot—tha everything grows dull, and everything requires the never-ending process of "rubbing up." Therefore, to accomplish that necessity with the least possible amount of labor and expense, I should advise you to consult the Melrose Company as regards the best polishes, floor stains, enamels and paints; also remember to view their choice display of high class wall coverings, and make your selections before it is too late.

Married life is dull, says a writer in a new ladies' paper, because of the human limitations of woman. There are times when every wife thinks that possibly there may be redeeming features in polyg-

amy. There are times when she finds that her husband expects her to be a grub and a butterfly, a companion and a cook, an economist and a fashion plate, a clinging vine and a tower of strength. Almost every woman can and does fill one of these roles acceptably, and if her husband could be satisfied with one charm at a time, she could make married life interesting enough for him; but when he demands the whole category of charms and virtues to be massed in one individual, she necessarily fails.

But to return to the subject of shopping. Have you by any chance seen the splendid display of purses, shopping bags, etc., lately exhibited in the window of Challoner & Mitchell? I have, and have also noticed rows of tourists, country cousins, not to mention the proper society lady "flattening their noses", as the elegant phrase goes, against those seductive window panes.

Speaking of tourists, reminds me of a funny incident that I witnessed the other day in a quaint little store with the sign, "Old brass and antiques." She was an American tourist; the sign doubtless took her fancy, and she entered. After examining the brassware, her eyes fell upon a fantastic bit of pottery. "My, isn't that the cutest thing you ever saw? and so odd, do tell!" The clerk bowed. "How much?" The excessively polite young salesman named the price, doubled it because he spotted her for an American. "Is it really as old as that—one hundred years?" she asked, with great interest. "Quite, lady, quite; doubtless much older," suavely answered the clerk, hoping, no doubt, the Recording Angel turned a deaf ear. So she bought and carried off her treasure in high glee. May it never be her lot to know that that costly "antique" is but a reproduction and a very bad one at that. It only arrived a few days before, and there is a place in Germany where they turn them out by the ton.

I am indeed flattered that The Lounger should deign to notice my poor verses; I am still more flattered to think that they even roused him to "burst forth in song" at the end of his last week's "column of wit." I can but clap my hands and cry, "Encore!" However, it behooves me to defend my monopoly by also offering a hint to "beauty" when in trouble:

If beauty perchance has to worry or fret,
Her solace should be, not a mild cigarette;
"Extra Dry," I advise, and why need there be quibbling,
So long as her fretting is cured by her bibbling?

—BABETTE.

THE WAY TO DO IT

Exercise three times a day;
(With apologies to Whitehorse Star.)

Exercise three times a day;
Feed yourself on simple fare,
Mostly made of bran and hay;
Revel in the open air;
Never give way to your fears,
Sleep just like a baby;
Then you'll live a hundred years—
Maybe.

Wear no wraps about your throat,
Do not eat late lunches;
Do, oh! do not rock the boat;
Shy away from punches.
Do not drink too many beers,
Let not debts distress;
Then you'll live a hundred years—
More or less.

Don't dispute with men who wear
Larger fists than you;
Do not give way to despair,
Though the rent is due;
Do not waste your strength in tears;
As for trouble, scout it;
Then you'll live a hundred years—
Don't doubt it.

Do not umpire baseball games;
Don't for office run;
Do not call a fellow names
If he has a gun.
Unto wisdom lend your ears;
Shun the festive schooner;
Then you'll live a hundred years—
If you don't die sooner.

Sunday Closing in Germany.

Mr. Arthur Cliffe writes from Frankfurt-on-Main on March 11th:—"In view of the recent debate in the House of Lords on the closing of shops on Sundays, it is a peculiar coincidence that today is the first Sunday on which a more rigorous system of closing is being enforced in Frankfurt-on-Main. Hitherto Sunday rest was practically limited to the afternoon, but now, in this part of Germany, at least, all shops and offices are compelled to keep closed the whole day, with the following exceptions: Dealers in fruit, vegetables and milk, as well as butchers, bakers and grocers, may keep open till 10 a.m.; confectioners and flower shops from 12 to 1, and restaurants all day long.—London Times.

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

At last the glorious summer is here, in name as well as in fact. For many weeks we have been enjoying weather such as is seldom to be found in April, but unfortunately there is a sort of superstition that until the first of May arrives it is not correct to talk about the season as summer. However, there is no such difficulty. May-day has come and gone, and we are launched into the summer of 1906 with every good auspice. The outlook is as promising as could possibly be expected. There can be no doubt but that Victoria is "booming" to a greater extent than during the past few years. Everyone is looking forward to a season of big profits and small losses, and if they are too sanguine—well, it is May-time, when all of us may reasonably be expected to be full of hope.

But there are precautions to be taken at this same coming of summer. It is during the heated dog-days that the demon fever enlists as his allies all the refuse piles and heaps of filth that he can command, to disseminate seeds of disease amongst the foolish who will not be warned and be clean. I saw lately in a New Westminster paper that the City Council had requested the authorities to issue a proclamation putting into effect the sanitary regulations of the Provincial Board of Health, with regard to this same "dumping" of refuse in public places. That such a step should be necessary is a scandal, but are we without sin in our Capital City? How many times have I called attention to the state of the plot of ground lying behind Johnson street? And nothing is done. There have been inspectors down to see for themselves how bad the conditions are which prevail there, but there has been no improvement made. People shrug their shoulders, and say, "Oh, well, that is the Chinese quarter, you know, and they always keep their back premises like that." It is not such a very long time ago that there was an epidemic of small-pox in Victoria, which, though it was grossly exaggerated by the press, was serious enough. It took the city a very long time to recover from the scare. If such another one were to occur, the citizens, through the executive, would only have themselves to blame. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," is an old proverb, and one that is well worth keeping perpetually in mind. But if the body politic will not bestir itself in this respect, it is not likely that the individual, especially the individual "heathen Chinese" will observe the second of the common-sense commandments.

There is another lesson which might well be taken to heart, now that we may expect the hot weather. Fire Chief Carlyle, of the Vancouver Fire Brigade, has carried his point and managed to put through a by-law imposing a fine on people ringing a false fire alarm. During one month there had been eight false alarms. There is nothing which can be more foolish than this. It is either the work of some weak-minded idiot, who thinks it a great joke to bring the fire brigade out for nothing (such a fool may be classed one step lower than the small boy who rings a door bell, and then runs away), or else it is the work of some hysterical householder, who is too nervous to pick up a burning piece of coal from the hearth. The natural consequence is to incline the fire force to remember the old story of "Wolf, Wolf!" and to be slack in turning out when a real call does come; though be it said to their credit that this has never occurred yet. And this is by no means a feature peculiar to Vancouver. I have seen the Victoria Fire brigade turn out many a time, and return within ten minutes, because of a "false alarm."

The result of modern education is to be seen in the present strike at Winnipeg, which is being conducted by the newsboys against The Free Press. I have not had an opportunity of going into the details with any thoroughness, and therefore will carefully abstain from giving an opinion on the ethics of this particular strike. But there is something rather ludicrous in the idea of a paper of the reputation and circulation of The Free Press being "hung up" because the management is engaged in a little dispute as to whether the boys are to buy the paper at a cent or at half

a cent. The boys appear to be "backing up" the other two papers in the Prairie City, who still sell their issues at the old rate of half a cent to the street vendors.

It is the intention of the authorities, as far as in them lies, to make North Vancouver a temperance town a; excellent idea. But what town was ever made a temperance town against its will? So long as whiskey is distilled, so long will it be sold, even if every town, hamlet and house were prohibitionist.

Why has Victoria no rolling skater rink? This question was propounded to me the other day, in Government street, and I could only vaguely answer "Why?" Some ten years ago there was such an institution in the Philharmonic Hall, but it was allowed to fall into disuse, and now there is nothing of the kind. In Vancouver the skating rink appears to be well patronized, and gives pleasure and exercise to many who cannot afford the time necessary for other sports. It might be well to give this matter a little serious consideration.

We all play different parts in the comedy of this life, and The Lounger sometimes varies the tedious monotony of his existence by doing little canvassing for the benefit of THE WEEK. In this he is successful, occasionally. The other day I was trying to induce an ancient dame to patronize this classic production. She seemed interested, and encouraged me to talk more of the objects, etc., of the paper. Then I made my "break." After expatiating on the advantages which were gained from a careful perusal, I said, "And, then, Madam, you see, that as we appear every Saturday morning, you are sure of some interesting reading matter on Sunday afternoon." "Sir," she said, with becoming asperity; "for Sunday reading, I have the Bible." What would you have done under the circumstances? I fled.

How many people in this Western country appreciate a walk through Chinatown? To a careful observer there is a quaint charm to be found amongst these aliens, living right in our midst, with habits and customs so dissimilar from ours. It is just as easy to study foreigners and their ways right at our own doors, as it is to go far off to their country; and far cheaper. Three small Chinese boys playing marbles interested me vastly on Tuesday night. It was just an ordinary game of marbles, but the way they gesticulated over it, and the excitement they showed gave the game quite a different appearance. I could not help thinking, also, how much longer the white boys' trousers would last if he were to cultivate the habit of "squatting," instead of kneeling in the dust. I envy these boys the privilege of wearing the pretty clothes they do. Why cannot we all clothe ourselves in scarlet and purple, with comfortable, loose continuations in a delicate mauve? What a much more picturesque community we should be. And I have an idea that life would be much easier; it is impossible to imagine a dun invading one's room clad in the finery of the East, and being really nasty about his account. Business and black coats go together; business is always a worry, so let us abolish the black coat.

If I dressed as a heathen Chinese,
I am sure I should happier be;
Clad in scarlet and mauve,
With a pig-tail, by Jove—
No business would then worry me.

Victoria Social.

Mr. John McKay returned on Monday from San Francisco, where he was when the earthquake occurred.

Colonel Holmes is able to be about again after a long illness.

Miss Rita McTavish has returned from a trip to Vancouver and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shallcross arrived on Saturday last, and are at present staying at the Dallas.

Mrs. Frank Hannington and her son are spending a few weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Green spent few days with Mrs. E. A. Carew Gibson last week on their way home from their honeymoon. They left for Vancouver on Friday night, where they will reside for the present.

Mrs. G. Campbell is a guest of Mrs. F.H. Worlock, Dallas Road.

Captain Blandy arrived on Friday night to spend his leave of absence here after which he will leave for England. While here Captain and Mrs. Blandy are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Vernon, of Humboldt street.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Cox, of Bamfield Creek, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Innes, of Maple Croft, Dallas Road.

Mrs. V. Innes, of Vancouver, accompanied by her sister, Miss Scholefield, who has been staying at Cherry Bank for a week, left on Monday for Vancouver.

Mr. Gerard Clute, of the Royal Bank of Canada, New Westminster, returned home on Monday, after a two weeks' visit to his sister, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye.

On Friday last Mrs. Little entertained at luncheon, in honor of Mrs. G. Taylor, the following ladies being present: Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. J. Dunsuir, Mrs. D. Eberts, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Robertson.

Mr. C. Lefroy, of Vernon, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ellis, of the Gorge Road.

The many friends of Miss M. Kitto will be glad to hear she is recovering very well after an operation for appendicitis in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Burke and Miss Powell were amongst the arrivals from San Francisco this week, both relating painful stories of the great misery existing there.

Miss Florence McClure, of Vancouver, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. Boggs, of Victoria West.

Miss Alice Bell is visiting friends in Seattle.

Miss Holmes, of Duncans, is visiting Miss Bullen, Esquimalt Road.

Rev. Ernest Sharp's family left on Monday for Toronto, where they will reside in future.

On Wednesday, April 25th, the marriage took place at Kuper Island of Miss M. E. Roberts, youngest daughter of the late R. J. and Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. John O. Walcot, late of Shropshire, England. The bride wore a lovely gown of crepe-de-clune, with a real lace veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair fern, and was attended by Miss Edith Maitland Dougall, who looked very sweet in a white gown, with large picture hat. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Percy Roberts, and R. Gibbs acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Archdeacon Scriver. After the wedding breakfast, the happy couple left to take the afternoon train at Chemainus. The bride's travelling dress was of green canvas cloth, with hat to match. After the honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Walcot will reside at their pretty little home on the north end of Salt Spring Island.

On Friday afternoon last, despite the dull weather, a large number of people attended the Garrison Sports at Work Point Barracks, this being the last entertainment of Colonel English and his officers. Tea and refreshments were served from a daintily decorated table, done in pale pink and white roses. Here the officers were assisted by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Hood and Mrs. Elliston. Amongst those present were: The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nanton, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Lucy Macdonald, Captain and Mrs. Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Burns, Mrs. Pooley, Misses Pooley, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Calthrope, Miss Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Frank Hannington, Mr. Hannington, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Magill, Mrs. Binbury, Mr. Norris, Mrs. Gaudin, Miss K. Gaudin, Miss B. Gaudin, Mrs. and Miss Langley, Mrs. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Miss Arbuckle, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Sharp, Miss Drake, Mrs. Bridgeman, Miss Keefer, Miss Hickey, Miss Violet Hickey, Mrs. and Miss Troup, Miss Marjorie Rome, Miss Bullen, Miss Beth Irving, Miss Bell, Mrs. J. S. Harvey, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Malins, Mrs. A. W. V. Innes, Miss Scholefield, Miss Dunsuir, Miss Helen Peters, Miss Pitts, Misses Devereux, Miss Brae, Miss L. Eberts, Miss Heneage, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Monteith, Miss Gladys Green, Miss Hughes, Miss Tatlow, Mr. and Mrs. Hollyer, Miss Brymner, Miss Chapman, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Muskett, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. and Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. E. Scholefield, Mr. Roger Monteith, Captain Hunt, Mr. Sharp, Mr. A. Gilliespie, Mrs. Little, Captain and Mrs. Blandy, Mr. Twigg, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Pitts, Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Cooper, Miss Mason, Miss Robertson.

Mrs. James Raymur was hostess at a most delightful tea on Tuesday afternoon last, given in honor of Mrs. Taylor, who leaves shortly for Halifax. The tea table, which was beautifully decorated with tulips, was presided over by Mrs. Little and Mrs. John Irving, while Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Hampfield, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye and Mrs. Higgins attended to the wants of the guests. Mrs. Raymur was in dainty white, and the guest of honor wore a white costume with raspberry colored chapeau trimmed with roses. The guests were: Mrs. Rupert, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Angus, Miss Angus, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. James Dunsuir, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Malins (Westminster), Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Blacklock, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Breet, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Hampfield, Mrs. Greeley, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. James Harvey, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Miss Gibb, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Berkley.