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The Passing Show.

Proposed Battle of Flowers—Notes on Events and Gossip of the Week.

The principal topic in Victoria at present is the celebration of Victoria Day. Various suggestions are being made to the committee in charge of arrangements, and the most interesting of these is the proposal to hold a "Battle of Flowers." It has been decided that a parade of automobiles, etc., shall form part of the programme, and clearly this would be more interesting and very much more beautiful if the vehicles were decorated with some of the proceeds of our many beautiful flower gardens. The "Battle of Flowers" is an old institution in the popular tourist resorts—and other towns to which tourists seldom penetrate—of Southern Europe, and of late years has been introduced into English watering places. It is the most charming of all methods of floral display. If this is included in the celebration programme ladies with artistic taste will have a splendid opportunity to exercise their skill. The procession should consist of all kinds of light vehicles, and also bicycles. The ordinary bicycle is capable of very artistic floral decoration, and in recent "Battles" in the old world, bicycles have frequently been awarded prizes, from first prize downwards. The attractiveness of a decorated bicycle, by the way, is often greatly enhanced by having a pretty girl as rider, and children, particularly, fit in well with flower schemes. There are two principal ideas among competitors in Battles of Flowers, one being beauty or originality of design and the other involving color schemes. The Week believes that if this flower festival is included in the Victoria Day programme, it will become a regular feature in all future celebrations.

With the commencement of summer—and it has been quite warm in Victoria this week—the local Tourist Association has entered upon an active campaign, and the secretary, Mr. Cuthbert is off south after the uncertain tourist. The Association has a large stock of illustrated advertizing pamphlets—oddly called by the newspapers "Literature"—and these are being sent where they will be likely to have most effect. Victoria's attractions are being steadily increased. The new park at the Gorge is being put into nice condition, a number of men being now at work clearing up the property, which has recently been acquired by the city. The new line of the electric railway to the Gorge is now in operation, although construction work is not fully completed. Cars, for the present, will leave the corner of Government and Yates street at the hour and half hour.

Another improvement—and one that has been sorely needed in Victoria—which is under consideration is the making of a suitable bathing place. Although Victoria's climate is warm, the sea water that circulates around the island is uncommonly cold—much too cold for the ordinary mortal to enjoy a swim in. However, a fairly warm little cove, at the foot of St. Lawrence street, has been discovered, and Mr. Thos. Hooper, the architect, has submitted to the Tourist Association a sketch plan of a bathing pavilion, which it is proposed to erect. Nothing has been definitely decided upon as yet.

Mr. Vincent Harper has written to the Colonist to explain that some of his critics have contrived to fasten upon him responsibility for the sociological and religious views of "Dr. Croft," the central figure in the novel, "The Mortgage on the Brain." He takes exception to this, and avers that he does not sympathise with "Dr. Croft's" ideas at all. However, the reviewer of the book for The Week, did not make this mistake, but showed that the physchological theory around which the story is built was not meant to be taken seriously. It is quite certain, however, that nine out of ten readers of "The Mortgage on the Brain" would suppose the author to sympathise with "Dr. Croft's" strictures on the clergy and established institutions in general. That is one of the inevitable results of writing a novel in "the first person singular."

After all it is more than probable that the regatta this year will be held on the Gorge as usual. The celebration committee was actuated by excellent intentions when it decided in favor of transferring the scene of the canoe and boat races to the harbor, but popular opinion is strongly opposed to the change.

The question of jurisdiction over fish trap sites as between the Province and the Dominion, is to be tested in the courts. Messrs. Langley & Martin have received instructions from the department of justice at Ottawa to represent the federal governmen on the question of rights in connection with fish trap sites, which is to come before the Supreme court of the province. The case arises in connection with the attempt of B. J. Short of Vancouver to erect traps at Clover Point, off the Dallas road. Mr. Short has a Dominion licence, but was refused foreshore rights by the province on the ground that the sit applied for was outside the territory decided upon as open for that purpose. The sites for the purpose of trap fishing were put up to competition some time ago and disposed of. In order to settle the question of right it has been decided to bring a stated case before a judge of the Supreme court. Attorney-General Wilson is understood to contend that the province has rights beyond that along the shore line.

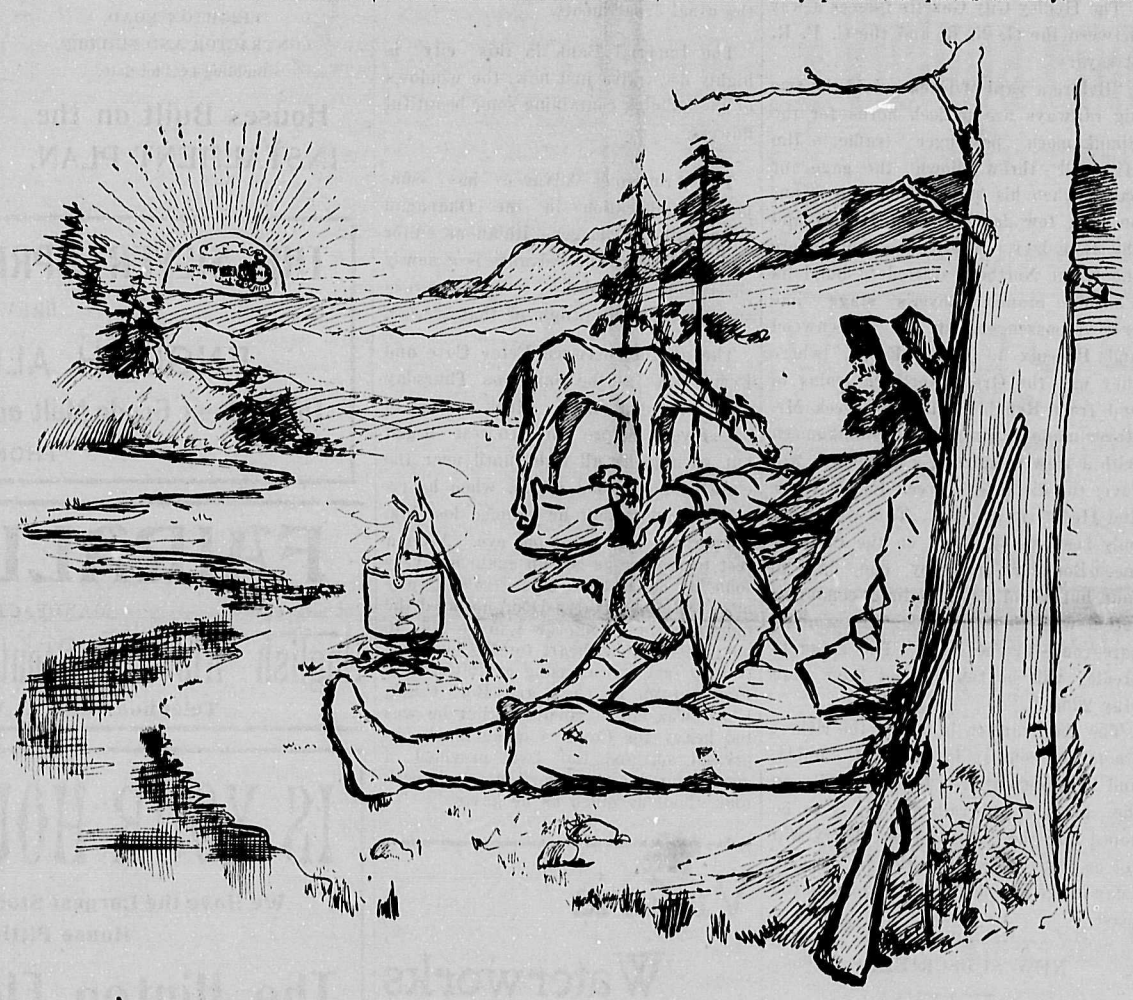
The statement given to The Week by the Rev. W. W. Bolton, and published in the sport column, anent the local lacrosse situation, deserves the serious consideration of the public. Lacrosse is a splendid game, both from the players' and the spectators' points of view, but Victorians cannot expect to secure a first-class team in a day, nor yet unless they will encourage the players by turning out regularly to local matches. Mr. Bolton is an enthusiast in the cause of amateur sport, and has made great efforts in the cause in Victoria, and his success in his present office of president of the Lacrosse Club is assured if the public responds to his appeal for generous patronage for the games. Mr. Bolton's plan for laying the foundation for champion teams of the future by the organization of the boys of the city within the club is excellent in every way.

The Presbyterian synod of British Columbia and Alberta opened in First Presbyterian church, of this city, on Wednesday evening, and various matters of importance have been discussed. The new moderator is the Rev. John Logan, of Eburne.

The Vancouver Spring Assize Court, Mr. Justice Duff presiding, opened on Wednesday. It is the first assize in British Columbia in which judge and counsel appeared without wigs. A number of serious cases are on the list.

Mr. J. A. Campbell, well known in Victoria and New Westminster, having formerly lived in both cities, recently passed through McGill University, obtaining the degree of B. S.

Mr. E. R. Ricketts, the popular manager of the Vancouver opera house, has taken over the New Westminster opera house and intends to have some fine shows running in the Royal City at exhibition time. The opera house at Westminster has changed hands frequently during the last few years and has not proved profitable to any of those who tried to make it go. Mr. Ricketts, however, may have better luck and anyhow he can afford to await the coming of better times with the growth of the town.



Dawn in the Similkameen

The New May Day.

And What It Stands For—Why Socialism Will Prove a Failure

By Arnold Watson.

The old May Day has passed away and given place to the new May Day. Although the charming old, rural festival is yet celebrated in some of the villages of Old England, it has really ceased to exist as a national celebration of the coming of spring. With the gradual decline of the agricultural industry in the Old Land and the resultant up-building of big manufacturing centres, the Rural Spirit itself is vanishing, and in its place arises the Industrial Spirit—gloomy, smoky, unpoetic!

The factory hand, the miner and the artisan have little use for floral festivals, May poles and queens of May. Their lives generally are devoid of the joy in things beautiful that comes only to those living in close harmony with Mother Nature. Theirs is the struggle for existence—the fight for the necessaries of life—the battle for bread on a field of labor devoid of any enthusiam in the cause.

So we have the new May Day, devoted to demonstrations by the various labor organizations and Socialist groups in Europe and America. The victory of the practical over the poetical seems to be complete. For not even the most ardent Socialist or Unionist can derive any spiritual exaltation from his cause—the motto of which might well be: "Life is a failure: Let us get all we can out of it for ourselves."

Thoughtful people, who live at a distance, might suppose that here in British Columbia, in this vast, virgin land, we might escape the clamor of industrial strife. But we do not. Except among the French-Canadians there is little poetry in Canada. The country lies too far north; its people are practical, progressive, political. They are more distinctively a nation of shopkeepers than the English ever were. And the working classes work for what they can get, asking only for the highest pay and the shortest hours of labor—not content by any means, because they have, as a general rule, no interest in their work. Canada, therefore, in spite of its youthfulness, provides a good field for industrial strife. This is especially true of British Columbia. In Eastern Canada there still lingers with the so-called working classes the memory of bad times: times so bad that a man was willing to work for very small pay, and not only willing, but anxious to do it. And this took some of the fighting spirit out of the class. Here, in British Columbia, there are no painful memories. Our "wage slaves," as our friends of the Socialist party call them, have been gathered from some of the most virile States in the Union, or from the ranks of the dissatisfied workers of Great Britain and Europe. Our "wage slaves" are born fighters—for less work and more pay. And so we find Unionism powerful; and less selfish, but more revolutionary, Socialism gaining ground rapidly. It is only the inevitable conflict between these two great parties in the ranks of the workers that will enable the other political parties in Canada—the Conservatives and the Liberals—to continue in business for any great length of time, unless the settlement of the Northwest Territories provides a sufficient agricultural vote to counterbalance the industrial vote of the manufacturing and mining centres.

That is a fair statement of the situation in Canada, and thoughtful people should face it. The favorite policy with many newspapers of casting ridicule upon Socialism will not do, and the policy of abuse is quite as ineffectual. The coming struggle is not between the "rich" and the "poor"; for in British Columbia, as elsewhere in less degree, the so-called "working man" is in receipt of better pay than the majority of the professional workers and business men. The struggle is really between individualism and communism, the one party consisting of those who have enthusiasm in their work, ambition in their hearts and hope in the mysteries of life, and the other party practically devoid of religion, unambitious, desirous only of annihilating the struggle for existence and securing the maximum of physical comfort with the minimum of the discomfort of work. Socialism seeks to reduce all men to a dead level of soft-handed satisfaction. Individualism claims for each man the right to develop his individuality, and incidentally, it must be admitted, to profit by utilizing other men as stepping stones to his goal.

The Socialist party of this province has a platform, but that platform does not suggest to the student the true inwardness of Socialism. There are many brands of this particular "ism." Some of the brands are singularly attractive, and do possess enthusiasm of almost a religious order. This is the Socialism of Tolstoy and of European drawing-rooms—spiritual, ladylike and altogether unpractical. The real article is industrial Socialism, and that is the brand in use on this continent.

Now, Industrial Socialism is entirely practical. Those who prophesy its success base their views on the fact that the majority of the people in any country are workers of whose work the minority—"the classes"—derive a share of the proceeds without earning them. Wherever the franchise is extended so as to include these workers, there, eventually, the Socialists claim, they must succeed.

This view, I think, is fairly accurate. Just how long the "education" of the great mass of wage-earners to Socialist doctrine will take, it is impossible to prophesy, but in the United States it may take less time than the majority of political students imagin. The question I wish to consider is this: Granted Socialism triumphant, can it remain so? I contend that it can not.

Some Socialists to the contrary notwithstanding, it is well-assured that Socialism is opposed—and necessarily opposed—to Christianity, as understood by the Christian Churches. Socialists desire to remove from the human mind the hope of future happiness and the fear of future pain in any existence beyond the grave. These doctrines serve to prevent concentration of mind upon existing conditions—and their improvement. The Socialist dislikes above all else the spirit

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which moved the Apostle Paul, when he wrote: "If in this life only we have hope, then are we of all men the most miserable." The Socialist must oppose the spirit of self-sacrifice, of which the Cross is the Christian symbol; he is obliged to regard self-sacrific almost as a criminal weakness. He may endeavor to propitiate religious folk by showing that many of the teachings of the Founder of Christianity are "socialistic," but he knows, in his heart, that the triumph of Socialism means the downfall of the Christian church—the removal from human thought of what he terms "priestly superstitions." This is one of the things that will put a period to the permanency of Triumphant Socialism; for no matter how generous the allowance of beef and potatoes and of time for "self-improvement" and other forms of physical and mental self-indulgence, made under a Socialist regime, there will gradually form a party of soul-hungry folk who, deprived of the consolations of religious faith, will think themselves, "of all men the most miserable." Then will begin religious meeting, "conventicles," and secret missions, and finally a flame of religious revival before which the carefully and scientifically erected fabric of Socialism will wither up and die, and the foundations of a new "Capitalistic System" of government will be laid in the return of the people to the land—to agricultural life and to nature—and in the re-erection of places of public worship.

There is no finality in the development of social systems. The human race goes through cycle after cycle of primitiveness and civilization—Socialism is but a return, on a large and "industrial" scale, to one of the most primitive forms of society—and all that remains unchanged is the heart of man, dissatisfied but hopeful.

There is another death principle in the Socialistic life, and perhaps this is the most fatal of all the germs of disease contained in it, and that is the necessary but entirely fictitious doctrine of the "equality of man." In all the history of the human race there is not one tittle of evidence in support of this most hopeless of all heresies. It is absurd on the face of it; no man honestly subscribes to it. It is like Devil worship, fascinating but imbecile. I am aware that many of the leaders in the Socialistic movement claim that equality—that is to say equality of reward for services—would not exist under Socialism, but I am inclined to doubt if, under that system, any ten men would agree to the eleventh having a larger portion of beef and potatoes, or more wives or a larger share of any other luxury, than allowed to themselves. But the eleventh man probably would have brains enough to get the larger share—and he would be, theoretically, an offender against the state—so that our criminal class would be derived probably from the brainiest—the high class—instead of from those of feeble intelligence, as at present.

Under Socialism, every man must work a little, which is good; but he will work without any higher incentive than that he must work, which is bad. The home, as we understand it, will go. I know many Socialists say it will not, but these either do not really comprehend Socialism or they are trying to deceive us. Marriage is part of the capitalistic system; there is the principle of property involved in the possession of a wife or a husband. Some men and some women would get more than their share of wives and husbands respectively, and the other men and women would not like it. Socialism cannot eradicate human passions, and I am afraid that the Socialistic Home would not be nearly as happy or free from crime as the Capitalistic Home is.

For all these and other reasons, I regard the success of Socialism as highly probable in America, and I regard its downfall as absolutely certain. Also I forsee, some day, the revival of the old May Day festivities in the place of the Labor Demonstrations and Socialistic Harangues that now beset us on the eve of summertime.

A mine deal of some importance in the Boundary country was completed last week, when a half interest in the Denero Grande, in Long Lake camp, was bonded to the Jewel Company, a Scottish concern with headquarters in London. The interest bonded belonged to C. J. McArthur and Mrs. Mary McArthur, his mother. The price is $3,250.

Dawn in the Similkameen

Promise of Railroad Construction This Year Will Mean Activity in this Rich District.

A boom in the Similkameen is commencing as the result of railway construction in that promising country, and the adjoining Boundary district also is prosperous. The Greenwood Times says: "There is going to be lively times in the Boundary and west of it during the coming summer. There is no doubt of a railroad from Midway west, possibly two, for it is believed that construction will shortly be commenced on the Midway & Vernon, as well as the Great Northern. The construction of these two roads will bring a large amount of money into the Boundary, the West Fork and the country from Midway west to the Similkameen. Already considerable freight is being hauled by teams from the Great Northern depot at Phoenix to Greenwood, and to the west. Hotels are doing a better business than they have for years. Everything points to, if not a boom, increased prosperity in the Boundary."

The Hedley City Gazette forsees a war between the G. N. R. and the C. P. R. It says:

"Before a yard of track is laid the two big railways are to lock horns for the Similkameen passenger traffic. Jim Hill will throw down the gage of battle when his stage coach line is put on in a few days between Hedley and the Boundary. Many months before the Great Northern started to build its Phoenix branch Royer's stage line carried passengers out of Greenwood and Phoenix to Grand Forks, where they met the Great Northern trains to and from Republic, and last week Mr. Royer made a trip into the Similkameen with a view to starting a line which will cover the distance between Kettle River and Hedley in one day. This would not only beat the C. P. R. on the Similkameen-Boundary traffic by one day to four, but would also give direct communication with Spokane and offer an alternate route to the coast. The stage to Hedley will be running not later than May 22nd."

The Similkameen is one of the richest tracts of country in British Columbia, and development will follow rapidly on the heels of the railway. It is to be hoped that the trade of this country will not be lost to our own cities by too long delay in the completion of the road to the coast.

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A compressed air locomotive haulage system is to be installed at No. 8 mine, Michel. There will be two compressed air locomotives with a capacity for 1,200 tons daily. The cost of the plant will be about $30,000.

The Sandon Standard works out the profits of the Trail smelter at $14.93 on a ton of the ore of the average quality shipped from Slocan mines. It is said that the capacity of this smelter is to be trebled in the near future.

A new paper is to be started at Midway with Mr. C. M. Crouse as editor. Mr. Crouse formerly ran the "Advance" in that township.

"Tanaka the Coward" is the title of a pretty Japanese story written by Mr. Gordon Smith, of the Colonist staff, and printed in the May number of the Canadian Magazine. This number is of more than usual interest. Among the contents, an article by the editor on the Militia Council, is timely and interestingly written, and there are a number of stories and poems of merit, in addition to the usual departments.

The Imperial Bank in this city is highly decorative just now, the windows of the building containing some beautiful flowers.

The Armstrong Advance has commenced publication in the Okanagan town with Mr. Eugene Rhian as editor and publisher. The Advance is a newsy sheet and will doubtless receive generous support from the people of that section.

The meeting between Percy Cove and Perry Mack at the Savoy on Thursday night proved a fiasco. Mack seemed to be nervous before the contest began but went along all right until near the close of the second round, when he received a blow that he claimed lost him temporarily the use of one eye. After a rest to recover he got up again but very soon lay down and declined to take any more. Referee Harry Dodd declared the fight off. Mack appeared to be able to box, but he lacks heart for the business. A very fast and amusing exhibition was then put up by Cove and Bert Clark. Clark was not in condition, but he was too heavy for Cove to make much impressin on, and the two provided a good-natured bit of sport in which each took about as much as he gave.

Victoria Waterworks

Attention is called to Sec. 22 of the "Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1900," which reads as follows: "No person shall sprinkle, or use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the City upon lawns, gardens, yards, or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 in the morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 in the evening, unless the water so used be supplied by meter.

JAS. L. RAYMUR,
Water Commissioner.

City Hall, 4th May, 1905.

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Social

The wedding of Miss Violet Tyrwhitt-Drake, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and niece of Mr. Justice M. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of this city, to Captain Muspratt-Williams, R.A., which took place on Wednesday at Christ Church Cathedral, was a most brilliant social event. The church was prettily decorated with festoons of white lilac and smilax. The altar was adorned with beautiful lillies and narcissus. A full choir was in attendance, and the impressive ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Columbia, assisted by the Rev. Canon Beanlands and the Rev. C. E. Cooper, of St. Saviour's church. The bride, whose gown was of rich ivory brocade and beautiful old lace, looked most charming. Her misty wedding veil was gracefully draped over her head and shoulders, and caught up with dainty sprays of orange blossoms, and she carried a magnificent bouquet of white bridal roses and ferns. The maid of honor was Miss Frances Drake, sister of the bride. Her gown was of the softest white silk and chiffon, and she carried pink roses. The two little bridesmaids, Miss Jocelyn Bridgman and Miss Nora Jones, were also daintily gowned in white and carried pink roses. Two pretty little flower girls, Miss K. Dunsmuir and Miss Marjorie Rome, performed their part in the proceedings in a graceful manner, scattering white blossoms along the bridal pathway. The groom was supported by Capt. Cockburn, R.A., and was in full dress uniform. After the ceremony the happy pair proceeded down the aisle beneath the crossed swords of a guard of honor formed by the officers from the barracks. They were then driven to the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Wallace, where the bridal party and relatives enjoyed the wedding breakfast. Capt. and Mrs. Muspratt-Williams left for Shawnigan Lake, where they will spend some time, before taking up their residence on the Esquimalt road.

Among the smartly gowned guests at the church were Mrs. Bunbury, in a lovely mauve frock with white picture hat; Hon. Mrs. Hood in green cloth with white lace, and large black hat; Mrs. H. Croft wore a becoming gown of black voile and lace, with black picture hat; Miss O'Reilly was in a smart grey costume, with toque to match; Miss E. Browne wore a pretty soft brown lustre frock, with large brown hat; Mrs. O. M. Jones was in a pretty white cloth gown, and Miss Brady looked well in grey. Mrs. Parry wore a soft grey cloth frock, with black picture hat; Mrs. Bland wore a white cloth, black hat, with crimson roses; Mrs. Wright was in a dainty creation of pale blue, and large pale blue hat with pink roses; Mrs. Prior wore dark grey, with lace trimmings; Mrs. Lampman was smartly gowned in brown; Miss N. Dupont wore a green cloth frock with large green hat; Mrs. G. H. Burns was in tan colored silk, with lace; Mrs. Watts wore pale green cloth, with lace motifs and large hat; Mrs. Bridgman wore grey voile, with grey toque; Mrs. Crease was in white cloth; Mrs. Cuppage wore dark blue, with large hat; Miss Foster was in pale grey cloth; Miss Holmes wore a smart blue lustre suit, with hat to match; Miss Keefer was in navy blue, with smart blue and white toque; Mrs. Rome wore black silk, with sequin trimmings; Miss K. Devereux wore grey, and Miss F. Devereux was in white; Mrs. Perrin wore black, with white trimmings; Mrs. Troup was smartly gowned in cream cloth, with red chiffon hat; Miss Beanlands wore grey cloth, with hat to match. Following is a list of the wedding presents:

Officers of the garrison, silver tea service; N. C. officers and men of 58th Co., R. G. A., canteen of forks and spoons and 2 silver candlesticks; Mrs. Mood (England), silver coffee pot; Miss O. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Mrs. Wallace, old lace; Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Mr. A. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Mrs. Murray (England), cheque; Mr. and Mrs. E. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Miss Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Rev. F. Tyrwhitt-Drake (England), cheque; Mrs. Chester-Master (England), cheque; Hon. Mr. Justice Tyrwhitt-Drake, cheque; Madame Moltedi (England), cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Munro, cheque; Miss C. Tyrwhitt-Drake, pair cut glass vases; Mr. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, pair of silver muffiniers; Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, silver teaspoons; the Misses Bridgman, coffee cups; Mr. and Mrs. Crease, embroidered tea cosy; Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnardicton, Chinese gong; Mrs. Oliver, mustard pot; Mrs. A. Dumbleton, pair of Chinese dishes; Rev. S. and Miss Ard, Chinese tea cups; Mr. H. E. Newton, pair of large silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Hutton Harrop, silver crumb scroop and plate; Mrs. McTavish, pearl brooch; Mrs. Raymur, brooch; Mrs. and Miss Holmes, silver frame; Miss Clara Dupont, berry spoon; Mrs. and the Misses Pooley, picture; Mrs. Solly, poker work box; "Ah Tom," Chinese screen; Mrs. Dunsmuir, silver mirror; Capt. and Mrs. Wright, pair silver candlesticks; Mrs. English (Halifax), cigarette case; Mrs. Elliston, 4 menue holders; Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, framed water color; Miss Norah Jones, silver smelling salts; Miss Brady, Dresden china vase; Mrs. Kitto, jug; Miss Marjorie Rome and Mr. Fred Rome, silver nutcrackers; Mrs. Rowe, sachets; Rev. A. Shears, book of poems; Mrs. A. T. Drake, cheque; Mrs. and Miss Sea, cut glass and silver marmalade dish; Miss F. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mr. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake, glass; Mrs. Powell, silver card case; Mrs. Vernon, drawn work dolies; Mrs. Dumbleton, gold nugget broach; Mrs. and Miss Campbell, silver teaspoons; Mrs. McNaughton Jones, embroidered collar and cuffs; Miss McNaughton Jones, cut glass salt cellars; Miss Mary Lawson, worked slippers; Mrs. and Miss Browne, silver pickle fork; Mr. Flumerfelt, silver salver; Lieut. R. G. Talbot, R. N. (England), 2 silver bon bon dishes; Colonel and the Misses Logan (England), silver clock; Mrs and the Misses Webber (England), 2 gold hatpins; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, large cut glass bowl; Mrs. Macrae, Chinese enamel vase; Lady Parsons (Halifax), Maltese lace doilies; Mrs. Lucas, silver and cut glass scent bottle; Miss Keefer, Miss Bell and Miss S. Pemberton, vase; Mrs. and Miss Hickey, silver frame; Dr. Duncan, silver sugar spoon; Mrs. Blaiklock, pin cushion, handerchief and parasol; Mrs. Croft, pair silver hair brushes; Major Dupont, silver salt cellars; Mr. and Mrs. Laing, vase; Judge and Miss O'Reilly, large silver frame; Miss Jennie Lawson, lace handkerchief; Miss M. Pitts, frame; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard, silver frame; Mr. Frank and Jack O'Reilly, vases; Miss Ethel Pitts, painted chiffon doilies; A Friend, silver raseline pot; Mrs. Fordham (Vancouver), two cut glass dishes; Mrs. Rithet, cut glass water bottle; Mrs. M. Langley, silver egg cup and spoon; Misses Daisy and Links Langley, silver sugar spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Kermode, large silver fork; Misses Ethel and Harriet Rhodes, silver sugar and berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Raymur, silver berry spoon; Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, gun metal pencil; Mrs. J. H. Todd and family, Chinese vase; Mr. and Mrs. John Irving, olive dish; Miss Newton, two water colors; Miss L. Elford, Longfellow's poems; Capt. and Mrs. Troup, inlaid Chinese vase; Mr. A. J. Galletly, silver frame; Misses M. and L. Little, vase; Mrs. and Miss Tuck, Chinese incense pot; Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, silver fish slice fork; Col. and Mrs. Jones, silver fruit knives; Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, silver sauce boat; Miss Violet Powell, silver toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, silver tea strainer; Mr. J. R. Rowe, cheque; Mrs. Tatlow, silver frame; Mrs. Whitwell, silver spoon.

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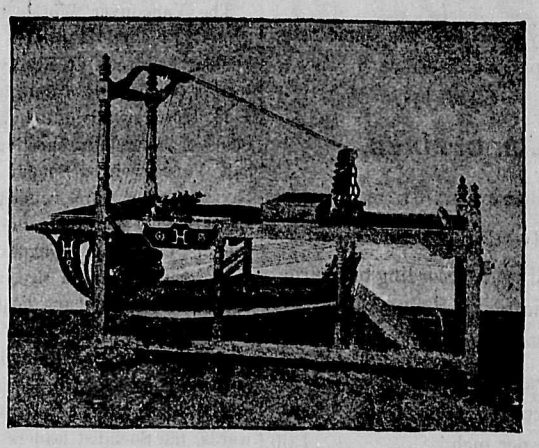
The first really large social function since the beginning of the gay season was the fancy dress dance in aid of the children's ward for the Jubilee hospital, which was held on Friday week in the Assembly hall. One cannot say the gathering was a large one, but from a dancer's point of view the number present was just right. The decorations were very bright and artistic, and the supper excellent and well served. Miss Thain and Mr. Fawcett rendered their usual splendid dance music, they were assisted by Mr. Leslie Ellis, whose beautiful whistling in the different two-steps and waltzes was much appreciated and proved very effective. "In Society," a bright and lively two-step that was heard for the first time in public at this dance, is the production of Mr. Herbert Leiser, a well known Victorian, who undoubtedly is a gifted composer. Some of the fancy costumes worn were decidedly novel and pretty. The most noticable, perhaps, were those worn by the Misses Schl. Miss E. Schl appeared in a very chic French soubrette costume in the time of the gay court of Louis XV., when Pompadour held sway. Miss D. Schl's dainty frock of roses and lattice work of green represented a "Pergola of Roses." Mrs. Lester wore a becoming Spanish dancer's costume; the Misses Pitts were in pretty Geisha costumes; Miss A. McQuade was a dainty court lady; Mrs. Kent's Folly costume was very effective and well carried out; Miss Noel Moresby was a pretty "shepherdess"; Miss Johns looked well as an old fashioned lady; Miss Netta Heyland was very pretty as "Janice Meredith", Miss Newcombe wore an 1830 gown, with powder and patches; Miss E. Browne represented a chic black and yellow French poster girl; Miss Baiss' old "Mother Goose" costume was perfection; Miss Fell wore a dainty Dolly Varden gown; the Misses Butchart were in Geisha costumes; Miss Agnes Wooten looked well in a picturesque country costume; Miss Austin was a "red cross nurse"; Miss Green represented "Cambridge" and wore a student's gown and cap made of the pale blue. Among the others present were Mrs. Poff in pink brocade with lace panels and bertha; Miss E. Loewen in white silk and lace; Miss Florence Drake wore pale yellow with overdress of cream lace; Miss Phipps was in black, with red croses; the Misses Nicholles wore pretty frocks of white silk; Mrs. Eberts wore a striking gown of black silk and lace, with black and white applique; Miss Gowen looked smart in pale blue silk with cream lace and pink roses; Mrs. H. A. Goward wore a becoming white silk frock; Mrs. Norton was in pale pink and lace; Miss Monteith looked well in green sat'n with overdress of net and sequins; Miss Nellie Dupont wore white with red roses in corsage and hair; Miss V. Pooley wore a dainty pale blue silk frock; Miss D. Langley was in black net and sequins; Mrs. Troup wore a handsome gown of white silk crepe with beautiful lace insertion and garnitures; Miss Monteith was prettily gowned in white point d'espirit; Miss Bosswell wore black with bertha of white lace; Miss Bullen wore pale blue crepe with satin ribbon trimmings and lace motiffs; Mrs. Genge wore white silk and chiffon; Mrs. Parry was smartly gowned in cream lace, with pale blue velvet and sequin trimmings; Mrs. Hinton wore black, with pink velvet and lace; Mrs. Janion wore black, and Mrs. Phipps was in grey silk brocade; Miss Tuck wore black net over white silk; Mrs. Rocke Robertson wore black sequins; Miss Eberts wore a fluffy creation of white; Mrs. D. M. Rogers was handsome in a gown of white lace over white taffeta; Mrs. Simpson wore black chiffon and sequins; Miss Todd wore black net with pale blue garnitures; Mrs. Patterson looked well in cream satin with pink roses and pearl pasmeuterie; Miss Bell wore pale green chiffon with pink; Miss Pooley wore pink stripped silk, with cream lace; Miss Heater was in pale blue silk; Mrs. Verrinder wore ecru lace over pink satin; Miss Roberts, of Vancouver, wore a handsome white satin gown with cream lace applique; Miss Wollaston was in black and Mrs. Rathom wore a lilac silk gown with violets; Mrs. Fagan was in a dainty frock of pink chiffon and silk, and Mrs. Bullen wore a handsome lavender silk gown with cream lace; Miss Angus wore black net; Miss Amy Angus was in white. Several officers of the Fifth Regiment turned out in uniform, amongst those noticed were: Major Hibben, Capt. McConnan, Capt. R. Angus, Lieut. Sydney Booth, and Lieut. L. H. Garnett. Others present were: Messrs. G. A. Taylor, H. J. S. Muskett, Herbert Kent, G. P. Colley, R. Ford Verrinder, Sydney Child-Hamilton, John Poff, — Fraser, D. M. Rogers, — Rogers, John Nicholles, J. A. Hinton, F. B. Gregory, J. Musgrave, Thomas Watson, J. E. Bridgman, E. Browne, J. D. Wells, Gillespie, R. Johnston, S. J. Pitts, V. Jacobson, Bernard Schwengers, J. A. Rithet, F. B. Pemberton, — Grant, Percy Keefer, Leonard Foot, Beauchamp Tye, James, Henry and John Lawson, Henry Austin, Blanchard Bell, G. Keefer, John Cambie, Henry G. Dalby, Wm. Irving, D. Hanington, Basil Prior, Shirley J. Patton, Charles McKilligan, George Simpson, Douglas Bullen, Charles M. L. Scott (Snearwater), J. Kiewan (Shearwater), J. Y. Simpson, A. Cruse, H. F. Langton, Capt. Troup, Drs. Herman Robertson and Edward S. Hasell, and H. A. Goward in an American cadet uniform.



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DEATH OF MR. SUTHERLAND.

By the death of the Hon. James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, Sir Wilfrid Laurier loses a staunch friend and an able political ally. Mr. Sutherland was one of the "solid" men of the Liberal party in Ontario, and in addition to his qualities as a sound business man he possessed a pleasing personality which won for him considerable popularity. Mr. Sutherland had no claims to statesmanship, and he has not achieved any particular political work, nevertheless his name will be long remembered and his memory honored by the people o. Canada. The passing of Mr. Sutherland leaves Sir Wilfrid Laurier almost the only survivor in the political sphere, o. the original cabinet of "all the talents."

TROUBLE AT SALMO.

The employment by the Kootenay Shingle Company of a number of Chinese and Japs in its mill at Salmo has been seized upon by certain political discontents at Nelson, namely, Mr. Houston, Mr. S. S. Taylor and Mr. F. J. Deane, as a pretext for attacking the provincial government, and this pretext has been used for like purpose by some of our Liberal newspapers.

Of course, the matter is no concern of the government. The mill company can employ whom it pleases—unless thereby it breaks contracts with other persons, who would have the usual legal remedy. But the incident serves to show to what straits the opposition party is driven in seeking for a cause for criticism of the provincial government. The government has done all in its power to keep Oriental labor out of British Columbia; the Liberal party of Canada, on the contrary, has done all in its power to negative those efforts. But the law must protect the rights of Orientals already in the country, and if the shingle mill company at Salmo chooses to employ that class of labor, it has a right to do so, and that labor must be protected by the government from attack by all and sundry.

SHOCK FOR THE WORLD.

The Vancouver World, the organ of Scotch Presbyterianism in British Columbia, has been dreadfully shocked by certain confessions of unbelief by Messrs. J. H. Hawthornthwaite and Parker Williams at a Socialist meeting in the city hall, Vancouver, on Sunday evening last. Says the poor, flabbergasted, old World: "Still admiration for admitted courage cannot overcome indignation at the coarse reviling of all that the tenderest hearts of history have held most dear. . . . The greatest fact in the world to-day is the prevalence and spread of a healthy adherence to Christian principles, and yet, with a few rough, profane words, the Socialist leaders would sweep all this away! Into a Christian city, with church spires rising on every hand and with thousands of devout persons weekly attending divine service, they came and, renting a hall owned by the citizens of Vancouver, they sneer at the heart secrets of their fellow men!" Now, this is all humbug, and a very narrow, sectarian sort of humbug at that. How can the Socialists with a "few profane words" sweep away the fabric of Christianity? If they can, then the Christianity so easily swept away must be a poor sort of easily scared faith. The picture drawn by the World of Vancouver's "thousands of devout persons weekly attending divine service" is truly pathetic. They must have been attending very weakly indeed if their devotions in the churches were disturbed by the forceful Hawthornthwaite and the jocular Parker Williams in the city hall!

It is this weekly—and weakly—devotion of so large a proportion of self-styled Christians that lays the churches open to the attacks and the sneers of non-believers. If more of our "devout" people would worship God on other days besides Sundays and bring a little more of their Christianity into their daily life, yes, and into their business, too, the Christian church would have no reason to fear the railings of unbelief. But this "weekly" devoutness, coupled with smart "business" methods on the other six days in the week, cannot attract the sympathy of outsiders. Church spires do not necessarily indicate genuine faith, and the "heart secrets" of many of the regular church goers in Vancouver and elsewhere may well deserve the sneers of Socialists, Republicans, and Monarchists. And it does not require great "courage" to sneer.

It is not by Sabbath observance, nor yet by wailings over the preachings of unbelievers, nor yet by this weekly devoutness that Christianity can hope for an abiding place in the heart of humanity.

LAND GRANTS.

A reader of The Week writes to inquire whether we are opposed to any sort of government assistance to railways. "Judging from your article in the issue of the 29th," he writes, "you appear to have taken a position that no land should be given to railways; and, as the province has no spare cash, I do not see how any bonus can be furnished." Our correspondent has misunderstood the tenor of the article referred to. We were referring to certain definite proposals made by railway promoters to the provincial government, one of which was for a bonus of 15,000 acres per mile and exemption from taxation so long as the lands remained in possession of the railway. In no case, we understand, did the promoters offer to take the land as it might come along the route of the projected railway, but required the right to pick and choose the land in blocks. Proposals of this character should not, in our opinion, receive any consideration. The amount of land asked for is excessive, and the right of selection means that all the best land in the country goes to the railway while the comparatively worthless tracts are left on the hands of the government. The question of bonusing railways depends upon the circumstances in each case. In some parts of the province where railway construction is needed no bonus whatever should be necessary—as in the Similkameen, for instance. In the northern country, where settlement is very sparse, there may be some justice in demands for government assistance, and a grant of lands might be given without evil consequences, always providing that the lands are to be held by the railway under conditions favorable to settlement and with some sort of government control over freight rates as a "quid pro quo." Again, some sort of bonus might be necessary to induce the constructors of a railway to take a route favorable to the interests of British Columbia trade and less favorable to the economic working of the road from the point of view of the constructors and owners. Mr. Hill, for instance, might prefer a route for the Coast-Kootenay which would tend to divert the trade of the Similkameen from British Columbia, and it might pay the province to induce him to change his plans. But demands of 15,000 to 20,000 acres of selected land are immoderate and belong to a period in the political history of the province that is past, and will never, we hope, be reverted to.

DOG CATCHING.

Of late a number of complimentary paragraphs have appeared in the daily papers of Victoria concerning the "good work" performed by the poundkeeper in "ridding the city of dogs." We understand that the poundkeeper is performing his duty as laid down by the civic authorities, but that this performance is "good work" or is desirable, we question. Numerous complaints have reached this office from people who take exception to this method of impounding dogs and we must confess that it does not say much for the civic idea of "liberty"—either for the dogs or for their owners. Moreover, if we are to credit our informant, the campaign of the "dog catcher" is not exclusively directed against homeless dogs who have no visible means of support. A lady who calls the dog catcher "that horrid man," accuses him of "prowling round residences and learning the names of dogs and then getting them by calling them by name and enticing them off the premises with pieces of meat." This is an awful accusation, truly. Another lady declares that the methods adopted are cruel. She writes: "The other day a beautiful, big dog was sitting on the edge of Government street and the dog catcher came creeping up behind the animal, which gave a scream of terror, like a child's scream, when the net was suddenly thrown over it. Then the poor dog was banged into the cage as roughly as possible,"—to the discomfort of the dog and also the lady's nerves, no doubt. The dog catcher, however, does not seem to have all the fun, for the other day someone, whose dog had lost its liberty, broke down a piece of the fence and let out the prisoners.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

In its favorite attitude of lower-middle-class prejudice, the Victoria Times is never dull. It reminds us of the Rev. Mr. Sniggins. If the Times went to church it would be found, we are sure, in the "Little Bethel" type of temple, wherein "services," in a spirit chastened of vanity, are called "gospel meetings." It would wear black gloves, rather long in the fingers, and a self-satisfied air of virtue and assured salvation. Also it would listen, with uncommon fortitude, to harrowing descriptions of the particular brand of fiery torture reserved for the vain and worldly persons, whose carriage wheels cast dust upon it as it progressed towards the Little Bethel. The latest subject which this part of the mental paraphernalia of the Times has taken under consideration is vital statistics. The Times has discovered that in that most religious city of Toronto the "well-to-do" classes—those higher in the social scale than the lower-middle-class, you know—are not producing so many infants as are the other classes, and the Times deduces the inferiority of Toronto society people either physically or morally—we are not sure which. The Times apparently is a convert to Presidentroosevelt ism. Now, the greater productiveness in infants of the working classes is the rule the world over, and has no sort of relation to any good qualities of mind, body or soul. In the old-fashioned countries, where the worker has achieved only a very small measure of emancipation, the worker has a large family in much the same cheerful spirit as that in which the ruined gambler gives his last dollar to a beggar. Either that, or else he has regard to the earning capacity of his children. In Great Britain, the poorer classes begin the family business in their 'teens, because they have no idea of self-control, and do not care how many hostages they give to fortune. In the slums of the big cities of England and Scotland, and especially of the latter country, the result of this can be very clearly seen—and a pitiful sight it is, and full of danger to the moral welfare of the community. In Canada, also, the working classes marry in haste and raise big families; but their children can earn good money at an early age, and their education is paid for by the general public and especially by those who, as members of what the Times calls "the clawses," are not so eager to increase the population. In British Columbia, the "workingman" is about the only sort of man who can afford the luxury of marriage before he is forty, and so, of course, he has a good start of the comparatively poverty-stricken "clawses." This is a country in which the printer works less time and makes more money than the writer; in which the miner makes good wages and the mine owners—or shareholders—are ruined; in which the man who waters the streets gets more pay than the schoolmaster, and in which Muscle generally is much better business than Brain. The "clawses" have gone under in British Columbia and no mistake about it. Why, then, should they be expected to produce innumerable young "clawsites" whose brains would be sucked dry in turn, by the pampered workers? Most unnatural proceeding!

What particular virtue, then, does the lower-middle-class prejudice of the Times see in the production of large families? Do these not result, as often as not, from selfishness and indifference to the welfare of the Home and the Community? In our experience the most prolific people, in cities especially, are the least capable of looking after themselves, and consequently the most useless to the community in which they dwell. But perhaps the Times thinks that they usually vote "Grit."

VARIOUS VIEWS.

THE B. C. CONTINGENT.

The solid seven Liberal members at Ottawa do not seem able to help British Columbia to do away with the Oriental labor plague.—Kamloops Standard.

MANY MISFORTUNES.

To-morrow is the first anniversary of the Fernie fire, and the second anniversary of the Frank landslide and the editor's marriage. It will probably be an earthquake to-morrow.—Fernie Free Press.

"PUNCH" FOR HUSBAND?

I wish I could see the things which you are looking for—millionaire and all; but I do not. There is a marriage in store, and perhaps before you are through with it, you will long for the days when you earned your own living.—"Grandma's" reply to "Judy" in the Colonist.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?

The procession of the citizens of Spring Ridge to the council chamber on Monday evening to present their grievances seems like a revival of the old times when the people of England came to the bar of the House of Commons to present their petitions to that august body. This method of appeal came to be so tiring to the Commons that in the reign of Charles II. an act was passed limiting the number that might appear before the bar to 20.—Victoria Colonist.

THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL.

The settlement and development of Southeast Kootenay is progressing rapidly. The territory tributary to Fort Steel abounds in agricultural, mineral and forest wealth. The Kootenay Central railway when built will open up this territory and settlers will pour into the Kootenay valley, while the products of the forest, the mines and the farms find a market in the near-by mining camps. With a Dominion grant of $3,200 per mile, there seems to be no reason why actual construction should not be started on the Kootenay Central within 30 days. Fort Steele Prospector.

A BESETTING SIN.

And speaking of paying subscriptions, is it not strange that a man can take a paper year after year and ignore subscription statements? Such an individual must have an exalted opinion of himself and imagine that the mere fact that his name is on the list is sufficient honor to the paper without paying over any filthy lucre.—Cranbrook Herald.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation covering Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 30th January, 1901, has been cancelled, and that Crown lands thereon will be open to sale, pre-emption and other disposition under the provisions of the Land Act, on and after the 21st July next.

W. S. GORE.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 20th April, 1905.

LONG DISTANCE FLIRTATION.

We wish to call the attention of the government telephone department to the fact that no tariff for kisses over the wire has been issued. A certain young man (well known in Hedley) who has well developed lady-killing propensities frequently indulges in this form of love-making. If it does not stop soon the "rubbers" along the line will be getting jealous and registering a kick.—Penticton note in Hedley Gazette.

OTTAWA IN A HURRY FOR ONCE.

Ottawa authorities have been more expeditious than in the past years, and have disallowed the anti-Japanese legislation passed at the recent session of the British Columbia House. There were three acts quashed—regulating immigration, employment of Asiatics under franchises granted for private acts, and the amended coal mines regulation act. No doubt the laws will be all re-enacted at the next meeting of the legislature.—Slocan Drill.

A "PROPER" CONSTABLE.

During the latter part of last week it was noticed that Tom Banks, the representative of the majesty of the law, passed the News office window with eyes devoutedly averted. This was wondered at, until it transpired that the innocent cause of the tumult in the mighty man's brain was a little card in said window bearing the title, "Wash Day in the Garden of Eden," and representing two palm trees, between which was stretched a line, on which hung two little leaves of that ancient and valued tree, the fig. Now Guardian Tom has declared this to be a most indecent and immoral picture. In what manner he does not state.—Cumberland News.

THE WEEK'S POLICY.

P. F. Godenrath, travelling correspondent for The Week, after spending several days in the city gathering material and photographs for an illustrated article on Revelstoke and the district, left this morning for Arrowhead en route to Ne

on. Victoria's latest journalistic claim-nt for public recognition, as a provincial llustrated paper, has much to commend t in its clean up-to-date business ethods, free from the usual paid write-p graft, so often inflicted on the busi-ess interests and the articles contribut-d by its hustling correspondent reflect a ne of honesty which is refreshing.—evelstoke Herald.

TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY.

The *Toronto Globe* states that doom waits the present Dominion government it continues to fly in the face of public inion, and intimates that the better ass of Liberals will turn it down. Com-g from the Globe this means a great eal, but the present domineering atti-ide of the Laurier government is noth-g new. All governments when theyink they have the cinch, owing to a rge majority, invariably become tyran-ical, and the people are compelled to ep in and tie their hands in order to ve the country.—Ferine Ledge.

LONDON LETTER.

London, April 17, 1905.

Dear Victoria,—It is time I wrote you y letter for April. There is not much ing in England, chief interest centres it did when I wrote last on Parlia-ent and how long this present govern-ent can last. Houses are not letting ell for the season, and it is a bad look ut both for debutantes and trade. I ent last Wednesday after dinner to e ladies' gallery in the House of Com-ons. The ladies' gallery, I must tell u, is most secluded; you can scarcely e out, and certainly no one can see in. t has always been rather a puzzle to e why the wives and daughters of mmoners are treated so badly in this espect, whilst the wives and daughters f peers have a beautiful open gallery ith heaps of room in it to which they ay go whenever they please. It is true at all the interest centres in the Com-ons, whilst the House of Lords is sually exceedingly dull. However, not-ithstanding all the drawbacks I man-ged to hear and see fairly well. It as a debate on Home Rule, and per-ps distinguished most by a good and ry firm speech from Redmond, the ader of the Nationalists. Mr. Red-ond has a pleasant voice and excellent oice of language, but I gathered that e Irish expect the next government (if be Liberal) to give them Home Rule, d that they will take nothing less, the Liberals probably have a pleasant me in front of them! I also heard Sir enry Campbell Bannerman, the leader the opposition, speak—he is rather osy though amusing at times; and stly I heard Mr. Balfour, who speaks ry well, and though sarcastic, never ecends to rudeness. Watching and aring him speak I could understand e fascination he exercises over his rty in the House of Commons.

To turn to lighter matters: I have en to four parties not long ago. The st at Derby House. This was a poli-cal party, which brought a good many eople together—some interesting and me dull. The Speaker having a din-er that evening, nearly every man was uniform, which added greatly to the icturesqueness of the scene. You must agine to yourself, therefore, a crowd mposed of privy councellors in court ess, soldiers (either present or past) of fferent regiments. Yoemanry (and their niforms are usually the smartest of the ot), and lord lieutenants and deputy eutenants, and here and there a plain urt suit of black velvet forming a easant contrast to the more brilliant niforms of the rest of the company. he hostess, Lady Derby, was dressed emerald green velvet, and she wore me very fine diamonds. As we ar-ived early we were able to take up a ood position overlooking the staircase, d watch all the guests come up to ake hands with their host and hostess. his is a most entertaining occupation. ome mount the stairs looking so pleased ith themselves, while others are auche" and awkward, while the really eat ones of the earth, so to speak, me up with that calm dignity which nselfconsciousness and an assured sition give.

A great many chiffon velvet frocks are rn in the evening. They are very fective and becoming, particularly if e color is soft. The most gaugeous ock worn at this party was that of the chess of Somerset. It was of very deep pink satin, almost magenta, with a very long train. But I am afraid, my dear Victoria, I am no hand at describing dresses as I hardly ever notice what people have got on. The second party I went to was at Louther Lodge. This was quite a small affair. It is a very charming house, and there are some very nice things in it, and there are always some interesting people to be found at Mrs. Louther's parties, for she is found of art, literature, etc.

The third party I went to was given by Lady Esther Smith. This was very crowded, and I found lots of friends. The people were smart, and a good many people were there who do not usually go to parties. The fourth and last party was given by Lady Hylton. There was some very good music. Holmann played his 'cello as beautifully as usual. I could listen to him all night. There were some good vocalists, too, and Marie Braima sang a long cycle, during which silence was requested, but as she sang for quite half an hour, people got rather wearied, and I don't think I ever saw a more amusing sight than all these smartly dressed ladies listening with varing expressions of boredom and forced to forgo their favorite pastime of talking. Perhaps on the whole this was the party I most enjoyed, for the music was exceedingly good, and there were a great many nice people there.

In the country the hunting is over, and famous hunting resorts, such as Melton, are now deserted. The Melton steeple chases were as good as usual, and there was a crowd of well-known people there. Smart clothes and hats were rather spoilt by the rain, and it was the same at Croxten park next day. It is always a bore to put on your best hat and have it spoilt.

There are one or two interesting engagements announced. Lady Mary Trefuse's two daughters are engaged, one to Mr. Thomas Coke, son of Lord Leicester, and the other to Mr. Arthur Crighton, son of Lord Erne. The Misses Truefuses are both popular and good looking. Lord Lock, one of the tallest men in the Guards, is engaged to Lady Margaret Compton, only daughter of Lord Northampton. She is not yet nineteen. Lord Lock is very popular, and has seen active service both in South Africa and Egypt. There have been two deaths among the important persons, one being that of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who lived to be eighty-three, and left over a hundred descendants. By her death more than half the great families in England are put into mourning. She was a wonderful woman, and enjoyed full possession of her faculties up to the last. Deep sympathy is also felt for Lady St. Helire, better known as Lady Jeune, in the loss of her distinguished husband, a man well-known and much liked in society, and also known for his legal ability as president of the divorce court, from which he had but lately retired, and when he received his well-earned peerage. Honors are not always deserved, but this one was.

Now I must close this long letter, but shall hope to send another in May.

Your friend,

PAULINE.

"Yes," said little Perkins, "I've learned jiu-jitsu."

"Have you, now," said an admiring chorus. "Wonderful science, isn't it?"

"It is. What is more," he continued, "I had an opportunity a few weeks ago of applying my knowledge. I was attacked by an enormous hooligan fellow one night; but I didn't mind. I just remembered what I'd learned, and I applied the 'willy-nilly grip,' which means that you grab your victim by the right elbow, and the left ear, and, thanks to jiu-jitsu, you can lead him wherever you like."

"Excellent. That was splendid."

"It would have been, but the hooligan didn't know jiu-jitsu, and so he picked me up, dusted me against a lamp-post till I thought every bone in my body was broken; then he took what he wanted from my pockets at his leisure and left. But I'm not a bit discouraged; you see, that fellow had never studied jiu-jitsu; if he had, he would have known that my hold rendered him powerless."

Mrs. Wise—How do you like the new nurse girl?

Mr. Wise—Great.

Mrs. Wise—I thought so. That's why I fired her this morning.

Sport

In an interview with the Rev. W. W. Bolton a very clear exposition of the difficulties in the Victoria lacrosse situation was obtained. Mr. Bolton said: "I have stated publicly, and propose to continue on every possible opportunity affirming, that the main reason why we have been on the losing side these years past is to be found, first in lack of internal organization; secondly, in the public of Victoria, and thirdly, in not building up from the child. In accepting the honorable but onerous post of president of the club, I have set before the executive the task of rectifying all these three. The internal organization proceeds apace. The discovery of a copy of the old constitution is a most happy and fortunate occurence. It gives us a basis on which we have not been slow to build. Already the executive have practically redrafted it, and the result will soon be laid before the club for their acceptance. The new method of membership is working splendidly, and I expect to have a roll of 500 members before the end of this month. Some men may discount the true value of organization in games, but my long experience in athletics in general has convinced me that, in the long run, the unorganized sport will fall to pieces, while the organized will steadily grow in strength. Fifteen years ago lacrosse in Victoria was properly organized, and of course a dozen years or so ago we were a winning club. Then by-laws were hidden away and matters were run by tradition, with the result that we have kept on going down to defeat. Occasionally we have put on a spurt, and a bright gleam of light has shone upon our efforts, but it was the last flickering of the candle, and unless we had made up our minds to make a determined effort to replace the game on an organized basis, I am convinced that a professional team would have been our only—and at the same time financially an impossible—salvation. For it has to be faced that Victoria has no love for a struggling team. The public unfortunately want their money's worth, and simply stay away if their team is outclassed. Let us look at New Westminster people, who stood by their team when it was struggling up. The players need the encouragement that a crowd gives, and the club needs the money. Lacrosse is an expensive game, cut down the outlay as much as you will. The public says: 'Give us a winning team and we will support you,' and we say: 'Give us the support and stand by us for a season whilst we work up a winning team.' We have heaps of fine local material. The players only need coaching and practice that they may play the game on clock work system, and we shall yet down the Mainland. But the public, in their haste, will not wait, and so we are forced to get outsiders. I ask the public of Victoria to stand by us this season at every match. The club should be encouraged—not discouraged. Give us ocular proof that we have the whole city behind us, and we will have a team to be proud of. We must, however, ask for time, for we are this year beginning where the club ought to have begun years ago. We have stretched out our hands to the children, and we are going to have every lad in Victoria who tries to learn the national game grow up from his childhood a member of the city's club. Already we have 200 boys in sight, and every one of them will be proud of his club, and it will be his grand aim some day to be one of the chosen few to play lacrosse for his city. It will then be an honor to play for Victoria, and there will be no more going round to men with one's hat in one's hand begging a favor. The executive this year have refused absolutely to run after a player. It is not only unseemly, but it is unsportsmanlike. There may be some who, as formerly, expect the palm of their hand to be crossed before they will play. They must learn that lacrosse in this city is strictly amateur, and that we will go down to defeat gladly rather than play fast and loose with our club's standing. But if the public want their own boys to be paid, let them say so; only count me out; I have never controlled a professional club, and I never will. But if Victoria will stand behind the executive and myself in the biggest contract have as yet undertaken in the round of Victoria's sport, I am confident that they will not be disappointed in the end."

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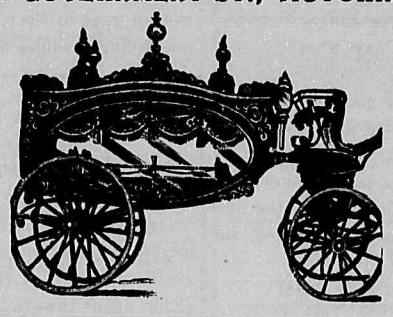
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The semi-annual shoot for the Victoria Gun Club trophy took place on Langford Plains on the 29th ult. The match was won by H. N. Short, who scored 26 out of a possible 30. W. Peden's score was 25 and C. Banfield's 24.

The Victoria Cricket Club commenced business with a practice game on Saturday last.

The statement of the finances of the Island Football Association, presented at a recent meeting, showed the expenditure to have been $186.14, and the receicts $207.60, leaving a balance on hand of $21.46.

The Duke of Fife must be numbered among those unfortunate motorists who have dashed, unconsciously, into a well-laid police "trap." On April 10th his chauffeur, Alfred Lilleywhite, was fined £10 and costs at Haywards Heath police court for exceeding the legal speed limit. There were some ironical coincidences in connection with the case. On April 1st the Duke and Duchess of Fife were motoring to Brighton, and had reached Bolney crossroads when from his hiding-place stepped a uniformed policeman named King. He held up a warning finger. The motor car was stopped, and the Duke, looking surprised, jumped out. Then Police Constable Waghorn came up and informed the Duke that he had been travelling at the rate of 34½ miles an hour.

"Hard lines," said the Duke, laconically. An invitation to go back and inspect electrical timing apparatus invented by the chief constable of East Sussex was declined by the distinguished motorist, who remarked that he would not dispute the word of the police. Up to this point the constables were not aware of the identity of their "victim"; but they were subsequently enlightened by two gentlemen, one a member of the peerage, who had been witnesses of the incident. The chauffeur had tendered his name, and the police were satisfied.

Fears are expressed from all mining camps in Southeast Kootenay that there will be a scarcity of water for mining purposes this summer owing to the unusually light snowfall of the past winter.

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Con. Wolfle reports that the work of installing the aerial tramway on the Foghorn, Ymir, is proceeding rapidly, and that he expects the tram will be ready to operate in the course of a few weeks. The snow at the Foghorn is now much less than at the same period of any previous year.

The Troubles of a Benedict.

Written for The Week.
by M. Dash.

It must have been a man of wide experience who made the remark: "There is only one thing worse than being married, and that is to be single." He had evidently tried both sides, and spoke feelingly, but it may be that his experience as a married man had been different to other people's. Married ladies as a rule have some little peculiarity, and one of the worst is that of worrying about domestic trifles as soon as she retires for the night, and keeping her husband from his well-earned slumbers. Instead of thinking what she should have attended to before going to bed, a married woman thinks of it afterward. While she is revolving these matters in her mind, and while snugly tucked up in bed, the poor husband is musing in front of the stove and wondering how he is going to pay the next month's rent, and stand off the butcher and the baker. Suddenly she exclaims:

"James, did you lock the door?"

"Which door?" says James.

"The cellar door," says she.

"No," says James.

"Well, you'd beter go down and lock it, for I heard someone in the back yard last night."

Accordingly James paddles down the stairs and locks the door. About the time James returns and is going to bed, she remarks:

"Did you shut the stair door?"

"No," says James.

"Well, if it is not shut the cat will get into the room."

"Let her come up, then," says James, ill-naturedly.

"For the lands sake, no," returns his wife; "she'd suck the baby's breath!"

"Let her suck," says James, but he paddles down stairs again without his shoes on, steps on a tin tack with the wicked end up, closes the stair door, swears at the cat and returns to the bedroom. Just as he begins to climb into bed, his wife observes:

"I forgot to bring up some water. Suppose you bring up some in the big tin?"

So James, with another swear, goes down into the dark kitchen, falls over a chair, rasps all the tins off the wall in search of the big tin, and then jerks the stair door open and yells:

"Where the blazes are the matches?"

She gives him a minute direction where to find them, and adds that she would rather go and get the water herself than have the whole neighborhood disturbed about it.

After this James finds the matches, procures the water, comes up stairs and plunges into bed. Presently his wife says:

"James, let us have an understanding about money matters. Now, next week I've got to pay ——"

"I don't know what you have to pay, and don't care!" shouts James, as he lurches round and jams his face against the wall. "All I want is sleep."

"That's all very well for you," snaps his wife, as she pulls the covers viciously; "you never think of the worry and trouble I have; and there is little Bella, who, I believe, is taking the measles."

"Let her take 'em!" says James.

Hereupon she begins to cry softly; but about the time James is falling into a gentle doze, she punches him in the ribs with her elbow, and says:

"Did you hear that scandal about Mrs. Jones?"

"Where?" says James, sleepily.

"Why, Mrs. Jones."

"Where?" inquires James.

"I declare," says his wife, "you are getting more stupid every day! You know Mrs. Jones that lives on the hill? Well, day before yesterday Susan Smith told Mrs. Thompson that Sam Barker had said that Mrs. Jones had ——"

Here she pauses and listens. James is snoring.

With a snort of rage she pulls all the covers off him, wraps herself up in them, and lies awake till 2 a. m., thinking how badly used she is, and what a brute of a husband she's got.

That is the way the average married woman goes to sleep, and that is one of the trifling troubles of a benedict.

TEXADA ISLAND.

Van Anda, April 22.

There is every likelihood that a new industry will soon be in shipping shape up here. An Eastern syndicate has made arrangements with the owners of some claims about three miles from Van Anda to open up the properties which have some rich deposits of galena and zinc ores on them. The shipments of zinc have become regular factors up in the Boundary country, and although this metal has been known to exist on the coast for some time past, yet, up to the present, it has not had any attention given to it. There has been found another vein of spalerite not far away from the above mentioned claims, and it looks as if this new industry was going to become a regular factor in the future output of Texada. Some remarkably fine specimens of argentiferous ores have been brought in of late, as well as of auriferous quartz, and with the well known richness of the Island in very valuable copper ores, those who are confident of Texada's mineral wealth should have a stronger faith in the "Gem of the Gulf" than heretofore.

Some visitors from the United States who lately spent some few days on the Island said that it was quite evident that the people of British Columbia did not know anything about the wealth of the coast, or they would turn their attention to it, and not leave all the best things for their southern neighbors.

The big water works scheme of the Marble Bay mines is being pushed ahead as fast as possible, and the owners will soon have the big pipes discharging at the works, from which they have, during the past few years, shipped so much rich copper ores, and then, it is expected, they will be able to handle larger quantities of the rock.

The Island could, with a little exploitation, soon raise its shipments from three-quarters to one or two millions annually. But many of the owners do not possess the means to open them up to the shipping point. Others have got their "crown grants" and then turned their attention to other channels to recuperate themselves for the past outlays, and the rich ores have to await some more "sunny" day, for it takes, as a rule, more spare cash than the average prospector can put up to properly open up a mine. But it is the "hardy prospector" who invariablly finds our good mines, at least that is the opinion of one who has spent 40 years in British Columbia's mines and its mining districts. The "American" is beginning again to turn his eyes to wherever he hears of "a good thing," as he did in the early days of the now rich Kootenay district. For it was the far-sightedness of the Americans that undoubtedly caused the great development there. We know that our iron, lead, zinc, copper, marble, lime, silver and gold is here all right, so we must have a little patience, and the "capital" will come with which we can take out of old Nature's storehouse those hidden treasures that lie in wait for us. I should thank the powers that be for the great improvement in our roads up here of late, for if this dry weather keeps up we shall soon have them in a fit and proper condition for inspection, without danger of spoiling a 10-cent shine, for which we heartily tender our thanks. We don't expect the inspector for some months. As they promised to send him up "while the wet weather was with us," and that will be in October—from all appearances.

PEARL RAFDRE.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The eighth annual meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Institute was held in Revelstoke last week, and was attended by about 100 teachers from various parts of the province. The teachers gathered in the armories which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The proceedings opened on the 25th inst., when the president, Mr. David Wilson, B. A., spoke on moral and religious teaching. Mr. Wilson held that it was possible to teach children to lead good lives without the authority of some particular form of religious belief. It was decided that the next annual meeting will be held in Victoria. The officers for the ensuing year were then selected as follows: President, F. Eaton, Victoria; 1st vice-president, J. D. Gillis, Victoria; 2nd vice-president, Miss Lawson; 3rd vice-president, A. Gilchrist; treasurer, E. H. Murphy; secretary, Miss Cann. Executive committee: Miss Burns, Nanaimo; R. R. Watson, Tolmie; B. S. McDonald, Ladysmith; Miss Marchant, Victoria; Miss E. Rogers, New Westminster. In the afternoon Dr. G. U. Hay, editor of the Educational Review, St. John, N.B., gave an interesting and instructive address on Nature Study, a number of ladies and gentlemen taking part in the discussion which followed. In the evening the Mayor of Revelstoke addressed the visitors, welcoming them to the city in the name of the residents. Mr. Albert Sullivan, of Nelson, replied on behalf of the teachers, after which a pleasant musical programme was carried out. After the music there was dancing and then a banquet.

On Wednesday Mr. Burns spoken on "Literature" with especial reference to Walter Scott. The Minister of Education (Mr. F. J. Fulton) then spoke for a few minutes, and gave a longer address in the evening, when the spoke about the new Education Act and its effect on the provincial schools. Other addresses were given by Mr. Blair on drawing; by Mr. J. D. Buckman on drawing, and by Dr. Hay on history.

White as the driven snow, and trembling like an agitated blanc mange, Cecelia, the new housemaid, burst into the drawing-room.

"Brandy!" she moaned; "for the sake of all you hold dear, give me a little brandy!"

With tender heart full of misgivings and gloomy forebodings, her mistress hastened to succor the collapsed girl with the required spirit.

"Whatever has happened?" she asked.

"Oh, mum, thank you, that's much better. I don't care so much now. I've just broke the old Sevres vase that was in the morning-room."

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The members of the C. M. B. A. gave another of their delightful whist parties in the Institute hall on Thursday. There were about 50 guests and the evening proved a most enjoyable one. Mrs. McDonald won the ladies prize, and Mr. W. H. Harris carried off the gentlemen's prize. After the whist tournament refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was merrily spent in dancing. Mrs. Bridges provided the music. Among those present were: Mrs. Y. A. Davies, Miss E. Baines, Miss M. Barron, Miss Bayliss, Misses J. and M. Bishop, Misses L. and O. Chambers, Miss Y. Dixon, Misses L. and N. Gray, Mrs. W. H. Harris, Miss Harrison, Miss M. Kerg, Misses Laura and Margaret Lawless, Mrs. G. [illegible] Miss Eva LeBlanc, Misses R. and G. McDonald, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. O'Keefe, Miss O'Keefe, Miss A. M. O'Keefe, Mrs. W. O'Leary, Miss G. G. Pears, Miss Semple, Mrs. H. Sweeney, Messrs. James Anderton, M. Bayliss, R. G. Burnes, J. K. Davies, W. D. Edwards, Charles Geiger, John Ham, A. Lawless, A. McDonald, Pierce O'Connor, Y. O'Keefe, J. W. Power, C. W. Potts, G. F. Radiger, Francis Sere, Michael Steele, William H. P. Sweeney, and L. Toye.

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Invitations have been issued by the Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere for an "at home" to be given at Government House on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst.

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The bachelors' ball in the Odd Fellows' hall, Vernon, Thursday evening, April 27th, was one of the most brilliant and successful that has been held in this city, and reflects the greatest credit upon the gentlemen who were responsible for the arrangements. The ball room looked very attractive, special attention having been devoted to decorations, and the music was particularly good. The supper comprised the usual array of delicacies and luscious dainties, and in fact all the accessories of a most successful ball were in evidence. A large number of invitations had been issued, but counter-attractions probably prevented the acceptance of a number of these, so that the floor was never unpleasantly crowded. The dance was a very pleasant one, and will probably be repeated annually by the bachelors of Vernon.

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Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Piggott, who have for some time past been guests at Cherry Bank, have taken up their residence in the late Mrs. A. A. Green's home on the corner of Stanley avenue and Cadboro Bay road.

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The anniversary "At Home" given by the Odd Fellows of Vernon on Wednesday, April 26th, was very largely attended, and was on the whole a most successful affair. Cards, crocknole and other games were the features of the first part of the evening, and this was followed by a programme of instrumental and vocal music, which was most enjoyable. The duet, "Excelsior," by J. T. Taylor and H. S. Evans, was especially appreciated, eliciting insistent encores, while H. F. Smith's comic songs also proved very popular.

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On Wednesday week last Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. Bernard G. Goward, eldest son of Hr. H. Goward, of "Rockwood," Victoria, and Miss Mary Beale, daughter of the late Major-General E. G. Beale, of the Indian stoff corps, and Mrs. Beale, of "The Bungalow," Cadboro Bay. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, assisted by the Lord Bishop of Columbia and the Rev. Baugh Allen. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. W. Beale. Her bridesmaid was Miss Gibson, and the little maids of honor the Misses Sylvia and Evelyn Cardew. The groom was supported by Mr. Ethelbert Scholefield. Mr. and Mrs. Goward have returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence on St. Charles street.

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The members of Mrs. Dickinson's and Mrs. Simpson's private class are entertaining a number of their friends at a juvenile party this evening at the Assembly hall.

"THE KING OF SIAM."

The "King of Siam," which was produced by a number of clever local amateurs on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week in the Institute hall, was undoubtedly a success in every way. Two big audiences testified with hearty applause their appreciation of the bright and clever way in which the different characters were portrayed. We have seen many amateur performances in Victoria, most of which went off fairly well, and that is about the best that could be said of them. Consequently, we are prepared to be lenient when attending these entertainments, but there was indeed an agreeable surprise in store for those who saw "The King of Siam." It was, of course, not a big attempt, like "The Geisha," and "San Toy," which are not for amateurs, unless most of the principals, stage settings, costumes, etc., are obtained for these performances regardless of expense. But this tuneful little opera is not above the average amateur. It is full of catchy little airs, and was made more attractive by many pretty extras and local hits being introduced, which were thoroughly enjoyed and encored several times. Of the principals Miss Netta Heyland, as Yum Yum,, and Mr. Cecil Berkeley as the King's valet, had perhaps most of the acting and singing to do, which they both did exceedingly well. Miss Heyland possesses a very pretty little voice, and was bright and piquant in her part as an imported English maid. In her duet with the King's valet, "Do you think that you have known me long enough," her acting and singing was worthy of a professional soubrette. The Valet (Mr. Cecil Berkeley) made a capital lover; he also sang in good style "My Little Canoe," with full chorus accompaiment. Miss Mai Todd was charming as Seep-Bet, and her libretto was particularly good. "Chin Chin," her companion, (Miss Alice Bell), was very dainty and sang "My San Domingo Maid" with a chorus of six other pretty maids, very sweetly and was recalled. Mr. Arthur Gore, in the title role was excellent, his voice, which is a fine deep baritone, was well suited to the pompous "King." The part of "Chou Faa," high paymaster-general, was taken by Mr. Basil Prior, who proved himself a very clever young actor. In his song, "As a Minister of Finance I'm a Daisy," he fairly brought down the house, and was heartily applauded. He received good support in Mr. Darrell Hanington, who was "Nung Sang," governor of Tringano. The latter also surprised everyone by his acting and singing. He sang "It was not like this in the olden days," with full chorus, and made a decided hit. This song was cleverly varied by his brother, Mr. Jack Hanington, to admit of several local hits about the departure of the navy, etc. Among the extras introduced, and perhaps one of the prettiest songs of the evening, was "Love," which was sung by Miss Viola Hickey, with a chorus of four other young ladies. She possesses a charming voice, and one that shows careful and good training, her notes being all full and clear, and her intonation of the best. It is hoped that this delightful young singer will be heard more frequently in the future. Miss Gladys Campbell dressed as a "Pierrette," with twelve little girl and boy pierrots and pierrettes, sang "Will you come with me to the Zoo-Zoo." This was another of the prettiest extras of the evening, and was enthusiastically encored. The choruses were all splendid and showed a deal of good training. "The Wedding March" chorus was especially good, also the last one, "O how delightful to live in Siam."

A word must be said of the costumes, which were very effective and pretty. Mr. Arthur Gore's much bejewelled robes were perfect in every detail, as were also the costumes of the other principals. It was regretted that the managing ladies of this delightful production could not arrange to give a matinee. The exact amount that has been cleared is not yet known, but it is estimated that quite a sum has been made over and above the expenses.

Following is the cast:

The King of Siam....Mr. Arthur Gore
Chou Faa, High Paymaster-General.. ....Mr. Basil Prior
Nung Sang, Governor of Tringano... .. ..Mr. Darrell Hanington
Seep-Bet (daughter of the Governor).. .. ..Miss Todd
Chin Chin (her companion)..... ....Miss Alice Bell
Yum Yum (an imported English maid) ....Miss Heyland
Valet to the King....Mr. Cecil Berkeley

Chorus—Miss Katie King, Miss Beatrice Gaudin, Miss May Newcombe, Miss Noel Moresby, Miss Dorothy Beanlands, Miss Gladys Campbell, Miss Viola Hickey, Miss Mildred Sweet, Miss Nellie Lombard, Miss Ethel Browne, Mr. Leslie Bell, Mr. Shirley Patton, Mr. J. Gibson, Major Hibben, Mr. J. Heyland, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. J. Cambie, Mr. L. Garnett, Mr. Fred. Rome, Mr. Leonard

The Stage

The opening week at the Redmond, under the new regime, has been attended by conspicuous success, and it is impossible to find a weak spot in the excellent programme. The De Monicoes are a pair of first-class acrobats, who do wonders with silver rings and perform one or two balancing feats of a most difficult nature. Claudius truly deserves his title of "Banjo King." He possesses perfect technical knowledge of his instrument, which enables him to play the most difficult compositions with apparent ease. His imitation of a Hebrew singing "Marching Back to Georgia" is quaint and clever. The humorous element in the programme is furnished by Weston and Beasley, who style themselves "Irish comedy sketch team." For some fifteen minutes they face the footlights and provoke much laughter by their quaint mannerisms. They introduce the song "Fishing" with their little sketch, and the whole "turn" is bright. The sisters, Perle and Diamant, give the audience guite a breath of old Madrid. They are two Spanish dancers of most exceptional talent. Their dancing is dainty and their strange Spanish songs are most pleasing. They were previously at the Alhambra theatre, London, where they made a great hit. Monsieur Salvino gives a very entertaining turn, but he shines more as shadowgraphist than musician. Pictured melody and the ever-popular biograph are the two remaining features of this exceptional bill, and they both keep up their reputation as strong favorites.

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The wonderful mare, "Princess Trixie," is the principal attraction at the Grand this week, and she has added many people to her host of admirers. "Trixie's" tricks are of a most unusual order for a horse, and certainly convey the impression that the clever animal understands English. The electric dancing act of Kardel and Zhardna is very pretty. Another strong feature of the bill is the monologist, Murray Hill, who has a most amusing stock of stories and parodies on hand. Gardner and Revere supply the "comedy sketch," of which the dancing is the best part. Mr. Frederick Roberts has a soldier boy song on tap, and the moving pictures are of a very entertaining description.

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The Savoy has been running a good show this week, and the patronage at this popular bachelor resort has been excellent. For next week the management announce a number of notable attractions. John Drew, eccentric comedian, will make his first appearance on Monday, as also will Miss Eileen Ellison, who sings pleasing ballads. Wildermere and Lorne, balladists; J. W. Wood,

Fanny Hatfield--At the Savoy.

comedian; Grace Williams, singer and dancer; Josephine Griffiths and Blanche Trojan, serio-comic, will also appear. Next week will be the last week of the Richard sisters, and of La Rose and Hatfield. The show will be prefaced by the entertaining one-act farce, entitled "Mixed and Muddled."

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The Consolidated Amusement Company announce some pleasing attractions at the Redmond next week. De Mora and Graceata will perform some most difficult acrobatic feats with ease and grace. Kelly and Davis, a clever talking and dancing duo; Rose and Ellis, barrel jumpers, and other acts will be on the programme.

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Dear Madge,—April has blown away, and in its blustering flight carried off the cherry, pear and apple blossoms. May's warmer breath now steals through the trees, stirs the sleeping hawthorn buds that will soon awake, open and blink their litle white and pink eyes in the bright sunshine. The lilac bushes bend under their weight of heavy fragrant blossoms, and the iris bud has burst into beautiful bloom. The trees have added more green leafy frills to their new garments and soon their gaunt limbs will be completely covered. Ah, Madge, what think you at this glorious season of the year? Does it not make you feel glad and rejoice that you are alive to enjoy the beautiful old world? But I know what you will think, you probably imagine that I have "spring fever," and you will advise "Paine's Celery Compound" or "Pink Pills." And you fear lest I shall suddenly be inspired to write sonnets on "Spring." But believe me, my horticultural pursuits, and love of rambling through the woods at this time of the year, have not blunted my desire to give you a few details of a more artificial nature.

In the first place, what a revolution we are undergoing in spring and summer wraps! Some of the new capes and light coats are so graceful, but they must be worn with understanding—a good deal of undersanding, by the way—for certainly it is the tall figure which carries off the shawl and surplice variety to the fullest advantage. Quite a new idea, is a tiny coatee of taffetas, which is just a strip of silk, which clothes the shoulders, and is edged with rucheings of the silk and fastens in front, sometimes tying. These are made in various colorings, and make such handy little wraps for slipping on over a gown. Of course, they have sleeves to the elbow, which are neither properly speaking wings nor puffs, but partaking of the nature of both. My shopping this week has been limited, owing to the fact that my purse is in the same fix also. But I took a peep in at the Westside for your special benefit, and I noticed some very pretty trimmed hats selling for only $2.50, some of these I thought very smart. There were, of course, dozens of other dainty creations in this line. It needs no wailing banshee at our window pane in the dead of night to announce the knell of home-made millinery for the season to come. The new hats are bewitching, delicious in coloring, and so becoming that they demolish at least a decade off one's apparent age; but they are not for the amateur. To begin with, the curves into which practically all the brims are bent up, proclaim at once the need of a master hand. They must be light as air, yet decisive as the mandate of the tax collector. A hint of fumbling is absolutely fatal. I must also tell you of the black cloth skirts that I saw advertised here for $1.25. You know how very useful a black skirt always is, and these are splendid value, the material good, the cut fashionable. I also saw a number of different styles of wash fabrics for 12½ cents per yard. Some of the designs are very pretty, and would make up into decidedly smart and useful shirt waist suits. But amongst the deepest enchantments foretold for summer wear are certain printed muslins of untold fascination, the designs of which are for the most part, floral and decisive in coloring. One possesses a white ground patterned in sprays of blue, and quite a vivid yellow is utilized in a blouse with a yoke of fantastically-shaped lace notifs with blue ribbon work as an accessory. A narrow edging of real lace borders the yoke, and is brought into prominence on the puffed-up elbow sleeves. Positively gorgeous is a garment patterned in roses with a conventional under print in deep reddish browns and green. This has a yoke of lace medallions, which serve as frames for the rose clusters which peep through them. The belt of the moment has many phrases. One of the most popular resembles a corset in miniature more than anything else. The tend is all upwards at the back, whilst in front the line aimed at by the chic Parisienne describes an unbroken and somewhat rigid slope downwards. To ensure this absolute straightness of aspect many of the dressmakers are using pads, whilst the necessary substance is imparted to the fabric by means of a substructure of whalebone. With regard to linens, my own affections are ineradicably set on some in pastel coloring with a plentitude of buttonhole embroidery called "broderie anglaise," I believe, because it is chiefly Swiss, which reminds me of a delightful boy whom all his relatives called Tom, because he had been christened Kenelm. You must not run away with the idea that these colored linens are like anything you have seen before. They have none of that white grain which is apparent in the generality of such fabrics, especially if they happen to be of coarse texture, but are as smooth and delicate of surface as they are in coloring. Weilers are showing this week a beautiful collection of Majolica jardinieres in maroon and pea green colors. This ware is perhaps the most useful and artistic for jardinieres. It is a splendid imitation of that beautiful old decorative enamelled pottery that was so much used in Italy from the fifteenth to the seventeenth century. I have seen a few beautiful old pieces of this ware, that were richly adorned, and the colors of which had remarkable intensity. The modern ware after this style is usually much harder and more perfectly manufactured than the ancient, but of course it is inferior in decorative effect. However, it is very pretty, and the coloring bright and effective. I see they also have a lot of new Austrian and Vienna china tea and coffee cups. Of course you are aware of my fascination for pretty china, therefore, you will know that I speak the truth when I tell you that I spent some time wandering about inspecting this new stock of attractive tea sets, cracker jars, salad bowls, odd tea cups and saucers. Besides, Weilers' are advertising a number of dainty opalescent flower vases for 25 cents and 40 cents each. During the summer months one can never have too many flower vases, so I promptly invested in a few very pretty ones, while I had the chance of getting them cheap.

As regards hairdressing and shampooing, I think Mrs. C. Kosche, on Douglas street, is about the best place to go in the city. She also has many pretty novelties for adorning the tresses for evening wear. One that is charming and becoming is the floral coronet, which is so substantial that at first sight it suggests an absent-minded appearance in a toque. But it is really a very dainty decoration and is particularly suited to debutantes.

Another novelty is a morsel of lace by courtesy called a cap, provided with a couple of coquettish velvet ends and a gold bugle or two, which is worn slightly on the side of the coiffure. In their way these little caps are as seductive as the black patches on the cheek of an eighteenth century belle, and as yet they possess the merit of being decidedly uncommon. Last week I attended a piano recital, where I heard Schirmer's charming "Melodie" played indeed by an artist and interpreted in a most delightful manner. I was so much impressed that I decided to possess myself at once of this beautiful composition, and consequently went to Fletcher Bros., where I found (much to my delight) that they had in stock Schirmer's Library of Musical classics complete. Now au revoir, till next week. BABETTE.

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last is being investigated by the police.

By a head-on collision between freight and passenger train on the C. P. R. main line near Downie's Siding on Saturday evening last, some 14 passengers were badly shaken up, two firemen killed and both drivers seriously injured. The accident was due to a misunderstanding of orders by the crew of the freight train.

Vancouver's growth is illustrated by the value of new buildings, permits for which have been issued during April. The total value is $187,000.

A commission of inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Hugh Hunter, a provincial official, is being held at Princeton by Mr. R. F. Tolmie.

Mr. E. H. Bird, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Fernie, has been transferred to Nanaimo, and Mr. T. B. May, assistant manager of the Dawson branch has been appointed to the Fernie management.

The Bank of Hamilton is to open branch office in Fernie, with Mr. W. J. H. Murison, of Saskatoon, as manager. C. D. Heaver, of Winnipeg, is the accountant.

A dividend of $20 per share has been declared upon the Hedley City Townsite Company's stock. Mr. F. A. Devereaux is the principal shareholder.

The Presbyterian church at Midway was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 24th ult. The alarm was given at the hotel which was filled with Easter holiday guests, many of whom thought that it was the hotel which was on fire, the result being that there was a great rush to get out of the building. After the facts had been made known, one gentleman on returning to his room found same in possession of a very excited lady who was doing her utmost to get into his undershirt, and who was very indignant at his supposed visit to her room. The matter was subsequently explained and no great harm done.

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