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EDITORIAL

e English migrant.

The Canadian press is never tired of discussing the English immigrant, and the Englishman in Canada. is poor benighted mortal is dealt with der various headings, but the favourite es are the "Tenderfoot," the "Remittance Man," and the "Egoist." Even ast papers have undertaken to put him ght on various matters with respect to ich his ignorance is supposed to be lossal. The fact that his mentors try put him right by the use of bad English and "second class words" may be ken as a matter of course, for even his terest enemies are constrained to con- s that he can both write and speak mother tongue. The assumption of Canadian press is that the Englishman uld line up with every other class of migrant, subdue his natural impulses, ordinate his individuality and grace- lly submit to be moulded on the Cana- n type. Needless to say there is just t inextinguishable spark of individual- about the young Englishman which s no ambition to be moulded on Cana- n lines, or any other lines than those ich tradition has endeared to him. rthermore he finds it impossible to for- t that he belongs to a governing race, d that wherever Englishmen have gone y have not only not succumbed to the bduing and assimilating influences of land of their adoption, but in the long n have imposed their own ideas, and aintained their ascendency. Holding ese views, which alas are sadly at vari- ce with those recently expressed by a ast paper, The Week has particular easure in quoting portions of an editorial ich appeared only last week in the Mon- eal Herald. No one will accuse the erald of being anti-Canadian or pro- ritish, but under Mr. Brierley's direction has always been fair, and in respect of l matters outside party politics—broad. he editorial throws a little new light on old subject, and for this reason is re- ectfully commended to the attention of l Canadians, but in particular to the ttention of editors who are prone when ealing with this subject to express second lass ideas in third class language:

"The attitude of any country towards mmigration is of two kinds, the collective iew, in which the community as a whole onsiders what sort of new population is est for building up the community as a hole, and the individual view, in which hose who come into personal relations ith the new immigrant (employers, land mpanies, and such) consider what best its their immediate interests. Assured- , it is the individual and immediate view at is to the fore at this moment in Ca- ada, when the cry of 'No English need pply' goes up to heaven from all parts of e land. A few years ago, when Eng- sh immigration was almost an unattain- ble ideal, before the Englishman began swarm over here and establish personal elations in the country, the Canadian na- ion collectively yearned for him. He as the ideal nation-builder. The dream of our immigration policy was to lure him here in vaster and ever vaster numbers. We put our shoulders to the wheel to get him, and we succeeded. What reason have we today for changing our former opinion of the ultimate value of the Englishman as stuff for the making of nations? Not a whit. All that we know about him from personal experience is that in the moment of his first awakening in new surroundings he is, as a type, helpless and indocile, unable for a time to do much for himself, and unwilling to do much for others as others want it done. But it is a general principle that the higher an animal is in the scale of species, the more incapable are its young in the period immediately after birth. May not a good deal of this principle apply also to the immigrant in the first days and months of his new life in a new land? From the standpoint of the employer, the ideal immigrant is the man who will simply carry out the ideas that already prevail in the country, with quick apprehension and immediate docility. But are these men exactly the type to fertilize the life of the young country, to broaden its mind and strengthen its heart, to give it a stronger national character? Are they the highest species of new-born Canadians? It hardly seems so. Are we not figuring too much on what use some Canadians can make of our new immigrant within the first year of his life in Canada, and too little on what he may contribute to the nationhood of the country ten, twenty or fifty years hence? It is not by such figuring that Canada is to be built up. Let us revert to the old collective view of the Englishman, the man of the great 'pioneer race,' the man whose forbears established parliamentary government and created the greatest literature in the world; and let us forget a little about the awful nuisance that an unacclimated Englishman may make of himself in Canada for a twelve-month or so."

Martin Luther

In The Week issue of March 28th, comment was made upon a lengthy letter on the subject of "Martin Luther and the Bible," which had just appeared in the Colonist. The purpose of the comment was two-fold: First to deprecate the introduction of religious controversy into the pages of secular journals, and on this point The Week wishes to reiterate what it then said, that "no good purpose could be served by opening up the columns of a newspaper to religious controversy." The second purpose of the comment was to criticize the writer of the letter in question for using heated language in connection with such a topic. The Week has no knowledge whatever of the gentleman in question, beyond the fact that he is an honoured priest of the Roman Catholic church, a church to which this paper has been uniformly friendly, and for the support of whose institutions it has always given the free use of its columns. The criticism was based upon a misleading statement made by the Colonist in inserting his letter to the effect that it had omitted certain portions because of the unsuitable language used. The Week had no reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement and was undoubtedly justified in assuming it to be correct. It turns out, however, that the Colonist was not justified in making any such reflection upon the controversial methods of Father Caine. The portions of his letter omitted were argumentative, and their omission altogether marred the effect of the argument. With this explanation The Week desires in fairness to Father Caine to say that since the criticism directed at him was due to misrepresentation by the Colonist; it was unjustifiable, and is withdrawn. This explanation is entirely voluntary; The Week has had no communication whatever with Father Caine at the time of writing. The Week never hesitates to criticise where there is room, criticism is its vocation, but the strength of its position depends upon the fairness of its criticism, a characteristic which it is determined to preserve.

Western Banks.

It seems only yesterday that The Week was hammering away at the Banking institutions of Canada because of their neglect of Western interests. The series of articles published in these columns were quoted in every paper of importance in the Dominion, and in the main their conclusions were endorsed. The remedy suggested was the establishment of Western Banks, and this policy is rapidly meeting with popular fa.our. Its "raison d'etre" lies in the fact that the Western branches of Eastern banks are simply collecting agencies which deplete the country of its currency. When this declaration was made in The Week articles, one or two local managers demurred, but the statement was never seriously contested. Since then additional evidence has come to hand which more than justifies the position taken up by The Week. Within the last ten days a leading Canadian Bank has written a letter to a Bank Manager in Victoria telling him in so many words that he must not advance another dollar under any circumstances or on any security, that his business is "to secure deposits and to ship them East without delay." Although I have no evidence I cannot doubt that other local managers have received similar communications. When The Week informs its readers that the particular bank in question is accountable for over two million dollars of local deposits the iniquity of the system becomes apparent, and every Western man will emphatically endorse the opinion that the time has come when their business should be handled by Western Banks. In this connection there are two gratifying features of the situation, the first is that the pioneer Western Bank, the Northern, has just issued its second annual report showing splendid progress and a rapidly increasing business. The Northern Bank is governed by an enlightened policy and controlled by local Directors who are thoroughly in touch with the country. In addition it has absorbed the Crown Bank of Canada, and by so doing acquired a large increase of business. Another very gratifying feature is revealed by a careful examination of the list of shareholders which shows that more than 90 per cent. of these reside West of the Great Lakes. If the same enlightened policy which has hitherto governed this institution is continued it will in a few years vie with the large financial institutions of Canada. The other gratifying circumstance in connection with Western Banks is the securing of a Charter and the successful flotation of the Bank of Vancouver. Mr. Alexander L. Dewar is the moving spirit of this new enterprise, and having regard to financial conditions during the last six months he has made a marvellous success of the promotion. All the directors are British Columbia men, with large businesses and large interests at stake in the Province. Sufficient capital has already been subscribed to ensure the opening of the head office within a short time, and it is likely before the 30th of June that Western Canada will have two flourishing banks to offset the destructive policy of currency exportation which has pressed so heavily during the last few days.

The School By-law.

The Week has not always been able to support the by-laws which have been submitted by the City Council to the ratepayers. The present by-law to raise $70,000 in order to increase the school accommodation is one which on every ground should receive support. The time is not opportune to build a new High School. Such a school properly equipped and thoroughly up-to-date in every respect would cost $150,000. There is a greater need for a substantial increase in the ordinary school accommodation, and the trustees are to be commended for the policy which they have decided to adopt. Statistics go to show that the present population of Victoria approximates closely to 35,000. This is an increase of 10,000 since the last census, of which probably 5,000 have been added during the last year and a half. Adequate school accommodation is a "sine qua non" in any progressive city and Victoria is undoubtedly progressing. To refuse this grant would be not only to increase the present congestion, but to retard growth and to discourage newcomers, to say nothing of inflicting a hardship upon the children themselves. The Week cordially endorses what it believes to be a very wise policy and the best possible solution of a difficulty.

Commercialism In Literature.

At the recent business luncheon of the Canadian Club, a local critic opposed the endorsation of Mr. Wellington Dowler's fine national song on the ground that to do so savoured of commercialism. The speaker presumably meant that Mr. Dowler intended to exploit the Club for commercial purposes. The Club evidently did not think so, and unanimously passed a resolution recommending the composition to the consideration of the Quebec Commemoration Committee. What many readers of The Week are asking is why the same critic moved a resolution at the previous meeting of the Club endorsing the project of Mr. Dawson who came before it with a purely commercial proposition which should never even have been submitted to the Club, and for the support of which his business manager had already raised upwards of $80,000. One reader suggests "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel," but an old timer is probably much nearer the mark when he suggests "Wheels within wheels."

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

By C. H. GIBBONS

(An interview, written specially for The Week.)

(Continued)

"Railway lines, being built, with us are maintained and operated on business principles. Competition assures a marked superiority in equipment and service which one looks for in vain on government railways secure in an imperishable monopoly, and whose proprietors are therefore content that anything will do, so long as people are able to get from place to place, and that there may be no criticism as to waste in luxurious appointment of rolling stock or extravagant salaries—so termed by the worker for wages who wields the ever-to-be-considered Labor vote—such as would be commanded by the specialist in railway affairs most competent to direct the business he has made his life study, and in which he is an expert.

"To view the matter from another standpoint: when private railway enterprise builds speculatively into new country, the first objective is the creation of traffic which will justify in the eyes of the capitalists interested the large investments made. Hence we see these capitalists infinitely the more ready to venture further money in co-operation with the prospector or the miner in the development of his claim, in the establishment of reduction works, in the equipment of timber camps and the erection and operation of saw-mills, in the exploitation of fisheries, in the providing of palatial hotels, opera houses, etc.—in a hundred and one activities making for the support of an industrious population and the augmentation of the national wealth as well as the national capacity for self-support. These secondary industrial investments are each looked to to provide their legitimate profit to the investors. At the same time they are obviously of the greatest importance to the state, and profits thus brought to the pockets of the capitalists, supplementing the earnings from their original railway investments, enable them to look with equanimity upon lower dividends than would be satisfactory in the event of their railway holdings constituting their only stake in the country.

"To those to whom the dream of nationalization appeals so strongly by reason of the vgaueness with which all allied considerations are understood, it may be fairly said that the experience of Australia and New Zealand proves the utter non-serviceability of government railways as colonization agents. In Canada the railway is a necesasry forerunner of settlement. In Australia and New Zealand the country must first be settled up before it can induce the government to provide railway facilities. Indeed, the most liberal policy as to railway building adopted in the southern Commonwealth (that of Queensland) would be viewed in Canada as cruiously short-sighted. This policy is to require a guarantee of a substantial portion of the cost from the applicants for a new railway line, then resident within the area to be benefited. How many railways would have been built within the "sea of mountains" pictured by Hon. Edward Blake, and how many cities and towns, mining and timber camps would have arisen, should Canada or any of its western provinces have followed the nationalization programme instead of adhering to the support of controlled private enterprise? Of course the Australian railways provide, too, for a little army of uniformed officials who have secured appointment through the machinery of politics rather than by reason of their peculiar fitness in the profession of railroading. The wage scale everywhere in Australia save in Victoria, is one which American railway men would not consider for a moment.

"Victoria, where the railways are in the hands of a Canadian, Mr. Thomas Tait, is the model railroading state of the Southern Cross country, and they assure you with pride in Melbourne that this service is absolutely the finest in the world—although anyone who has used American railways cannot agree with them. In appointment of first-class rolling stock they are twenty years behind the United States or Canada. As for speed and wage-paying—passenger and freight tariffs are about parallel with ours—the following figures will perhaps interest Canadians. I quote them from a letter to me of Mr. L. McClelland, Secretary of the Victoria Railway Commission, of the 3rd August last, and they represent the maximum speed and wage attainments on Australasian railways:

Class of Train.	Maximum Speed.
Through Express	41.04 miles
Passenger	39.97 "
Suburban Passenger	23.89 "
Mixed	25.18 "
Express Goods	25.18 "
Through Goods	19.89 "
Roadside Goods	19.89 "

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Artisan class, apprentices, 1s 3d to 4s 9d per diem.

Non-artisan class, unskilled labor, 2s to 5s per diem.

Station, yard, and way and works staff, including foremen, 6s to 12s per diem.

Signal and train-running staff, 7s to 11s 6d per diem.

Locomotive running staff, 6s to 14s per diem.

"It should be borne in mind that these figures represent the maximum wages under government ownership in Australia, and also that the apprentice system is worked to the extreme. The higher ratings are reached only by slow advance during a long period of years. Hence the post never made a slip. This great goal of the railroader's ambition carries the magnificent wage of about $3.50 per day, while the maximum wage for unskilled labor is $1.25. And this is in the country where labor controls politics, and runs public business as it judges best for its own class interests.

"New Zealand is pre-eminently the country of the common people and the elegancies of polite life are little in evidence. Indeed there seems a restrained antagonism everywhere toward the man who asks for a morning bath or a serviette at table. That accommodation be clean, cheap and wholesome is deemed quite sufficient. The practical success or failure of New Bealand's Socialistic doctrines is altogether a matter of viewpoint. If the objective is individual or material prosperity, New Zealand is the best country in the world to keep away from. If one has no other ambition than to get through life as easily as possible, and exploit the pleasures and the philosophies of the simple life, taking no thought for the morrow, it is ideal. Here in America the mass of the people find their chief occupation and enjoyment in making money by the use of their utmost powers, and developing the great country God has given us. And we don't begrudge a fortune to the man who shows unusual business capacity, and employs it in exploitation of the country. In New Zealand it is axiomic that no one should be richer than his neighbour, no matter if he be shrewd and industrious, and his neighbour a lazy fool. Labor legislation has so penalized industrial enterprise in New Zealand that no expansion is possible, and no capital seeks investment there. 'Carrying on' is the maximum of present success. The men who grasp large opportunities and develop them are agreed that New Zealand under present conditions is no place for them, and have left the country or are leaving it. And under these conditions, with a weakened market for labor, wages in all lines are lower than a Canadian artisan would ever dream of accepting. To fix a wage for so many hours of labor, regardless of the variations in individual skill, experi-

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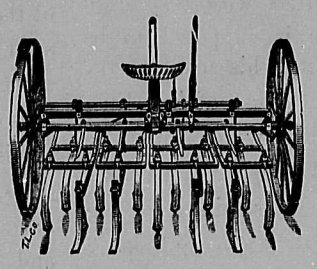

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"And how about the 'Unrest in In-
a," the returned Canadian was
ked, "is it a serious matter?"

"Undoubtedly very serious. What
its origin? Why the inevitable
otism of the Anglo-Saxon, which
pels him to try and convince every-
e of the superiority of his particu-
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eopled with adult children; their gov-
rnment must be paternal for their

good. The sword won India and the sword must hold that Empire, lest race and religious antipathies bathe the land in blood. And Kitchener is the sword to hold it safe.

"Of course the thoughtlessness of our own British Columbia people in their treatment of Indian immigrants needlessly and vexatiously complicates the difficulties which the Indian Council is facing. But we must hope that larger discretion on the part of the western Canadian people will very shortly lighten theis burden."

"An audience," said Mr. William Norris, who has scored the hit of his career in Mr. Henry W. Savage's production of "Tom Jones," "an audience is a peculiar animal. It reminds me at times of the girl and the flatiron—the audience representing the flatiron.

"On a bitter night of late December a kind mistress said to the servant girl:

"'Jennie, it's a frightful night. It presages a white Christmas. And there's no fire in your room. I think child, you'd better take a flatiron to bed with you.'

"'Do ye think so, ma'am?' says Jennie, doubtfully.

"'Yes, I do,' says the mistress, very kindly and firmly. 'I insist on it Don't forget.'

"'Very wel, ma'am,' said Jennie, in a sullen voice.

"The next morning the cold was terrible. The landscape was iron-bound with frost.

"'Well, Jennie,' said the mistress 'did you take that flatiron to bed with you, as I ordered?'

"'Yes, ma'am,' Jennie answered.

"'And how did you make out with it?'

"'Oh, so-so,' said Jennie; 'I think I got it almost warm before morning.'"

Johnny's Query.

"Speaking of infants and others," laughed Rose Stahl, in "The Chorus Lady," "reminds me of a good one I heard this summer.

"The kind lady has taken Johnny bathing that morning. They had come up from the beach and gone into adjoining rooms at the bath-house. After a few minutes Johnny called:

"'Mrs. Smith, let's race getting dressed.'

"'All right, Johnny,' she called back.

"'I've got my stockings on,' called Johnny.

"'So have I,' after a pause.

"'I've got my shoes on.'

"'So have I,' after a pause.

"There was another space, and Johnny called:

"'I've got my pants on.'

"Then a long pause followed, and finally the silence was broken by giggles and a guffaw in the rooms adjoining, but the rafters rang when Johnny called:

"'What are they laughing about Mrs. Smith?'" — February Young's Magazine.

Considerate Old Gentleman.

"Why, gracious, pa," said the only daughter, "what in the world are those queer arrangements you have placed in the vestibule?"

The old gentleman rubbed his gouty foot and chuckled.

"Not much, dearie," he responded. "You see, I noticed how long it takes for you and that young man to say good night, so I fitted up an electric heater to keep your feet from getting cold, and a portable alarm clock to inform you of the breakfast hour."—Chicago News.

Heard in the Museum.

Glass Eeater—Why are all the freaks laughing?

Circassian Girl — Haven't you heard the joke? Why, the midget tried to kiss the fat lady and she said: "Sir! You monster!"—Chicago News.

It Was "So Sudden."

"Miss Eleanor," said he, as they sat on the beach in the moonlight, "will you marry me?"

"This is so sudden!" she cried.

"My love?" he asked.

"No,' she replied; "your nerve."—Judge.

You Can Never Tell.

Ransom—Never judge a man by the umbrella he carries.

Beckly—No; it may not be his.

Height of Folly.

Gertrude—Isn't Percy Rider a reckless youth?

Louise—How so?

Gertrude—He actually ran over a tramp and got the tires of his auto all soiled.—Exchange.

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"Mine," said the minister, sadly, "is worth about $7.63 a Sunday. And I have to take my chances on the coin's being good."—Cleveland Leader.

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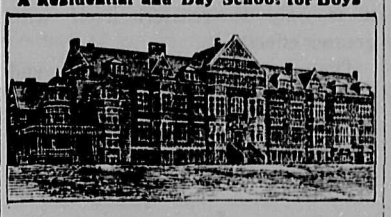

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Personality.

The longer I live the more I am convinced that it is personality which counts every time. I do not know who invented the phrase, but quite a number of years ago our leaders of political warfare in the Old Country were very fond of assuring the electorate that it was a matter of "measures and not men." I have always regarded this as the prelude to the political machine, and all those organizations which aim at the suppression of individuality and the exaltation of party platforms.

Of course the purpose of the cry was to consolidate party support for the candidate on the ground that being the nominee of the party he should be accepted enthusiastically in spite of his personal shortcomings. This is a doctrine which has spread far and wide of late years, and in the United States and Canada especially nearly every political nominee is the product of the Convention. Once the selection has been made every member of the party is supposed to fall in line.

As a broad principle I am not prepared to condemn this modus operandi, because although it has many objectionable features it is probably necessary under our present system of party government. The first thing to seek in all forms of Government is a means of fixing and enforcing responsibility, and up to date it has been found impossible to do this outside the discipline ensured by party organizations. But even this system does not exclude the matter of personality, and it is upon atht subject that I wish to say a little.

Personality counts in all the affairs of life, its vital principle can neither be extinguished nor suppressed by artificial means. It is true that many a good man has been downed by cliqueism or by the repeated onslaught of a section of his party, but the cases are rare indeed where this has been effectually done unless the man had "a white streak" somewhere. In the competition of public life courage and combativeness are an essential part of the equipment. A man may possess all the gifts and graces, but if he lacks these he will go down to defeat at some time or another. In the moment of greatest stress he will turn his face to the wall.

It is not the man who carries a chip on his shoulder and always wants to scrap who exemplifies the qualities I refer to, but rather he who is slow to quarrel but once in for it would die rather than yield. Looking back over a pretty long career I can recall many men who have dropped out of public life simply because of the white streak. The most notable of all is probably Lord Roseberry who had the ball at his feet and a long and glorious career opening out before him, but allowed himself to be sidetracked rather than fight. A man who deliberately chooses to plough "the lonely furrow" when his country is calling can never be more than a dilletante loiterer in the path of duty. For this reason I attach no importance to the rumors that Lord Rosebery may emerge from his retirement to take an active part once more in the Government of the country. He has too often been found wanting, and despite his brilliant gifts, which are unsurpassed and almost unapproached by those of any political leader of the day, it may be taken as a settled fact that he will never again be trusted iether by his party or by the country.

But I have deviated somewhat because I set out to emphasize the point that personality is all powerful, and that neither circumstances nor environment can down a man if he has both talent and courage.

Again and again I have seen this illustrated in the case of men who have been unfortunate enough to make enemies of their own party, sometimes by thoughtlessness, oftentimes because their rise was too rapid, and could not be tolerated by meaner minds. At other times because they were newcomers and had the audacity to ignore "the traditions of the elders," and went in to win from the very start. All this energy and determination is very distasteful to venerable antiquity. "Slow and sure" is an old proverb and it contains a great truth, but it is not all the truth, and a too close adherence to the letter in violation of the spirit of the proverb has kept more than one community far behind the times. Then many a man becomes an object of envy if he establishes his claim to recognition above his fellows. Still he has this consoling reflection that though the few may be jealous the many will applaud. The rank and file can always be trusted to size up a man correctly. If they know him to be just and true they will follow him, and he will be recognized as their leader. No party organization, no cliqueism can defeat him, not even the busy tongue of slander nor the doubtful inuendo are effective weapons if he keeps up his courage and retains the confidence of the crowd.

Leaders and would-be leaders sometimes forget this, and they play off smartness and the machine against character. They are bound to lose, not necessarily at the beginning of the conflict, but assuredly at the end. Things are moving rapidly now-a-days, the machine has had its innings, the party whip has cracked long and loud. The party Shiboleth has served its purpose, but all are weakened before an advancing public opinion. Personality has come into its own, men of talent are being summoned from omscurity and before the smart ones know will be directing affairs. Not that there is any substitute for brains, but natural law is permanent, and while it suffers a temporary eclipse it is only to reassert itself with greater effect.

The next few years will see the end of systems and methods which have flourished for too long, and the reassertion of the power and influence of personality.

Bohemian.

To Match His Descendants.

"I see they have discovered where George Washington told a lie once."

"What did he do that for?"

"I don't know—perhaps to qualify as Father of His Country."

Music and The Drama.

Victoria Theatre.

This popular house has furnished two excellent entertainments during the present week. On Monday night that old favourite the Burgomaster was performed by an all round good company in which Gus Weinburg was easily the star. This excellent comedian is an artist who produces his effects without apparent effort. He has lost none of his skill nor freshness, and every point was as well made on Monday as if it were the first performance. He was well supported by Leo Kendal, as Doodle, and by Ruth White as Willie Van Astorbilt. The chorus if not numerous was attractive, more so than the average, and the whole performance gave general satisfaction.

Mary Mannering.

On Thursday night Mary Mannering, the popular American actress, supported by a well-balanced Company appeared at the Victoria Theatre in "Glorious Betsy." Miss Mannering ha sbeen touring with this play during the whole of the present season, and has been greeted everywhere with enthusiasm. Being an American actress presenting an American play it might naturally be expected that she would achieve success south of the line as her charming personality and high reputation are a guarantee for excellence under any circumstances. Victoria, influenced by none of these considerations and rendered doubly critical through several recent disappointments in American stars, has more than endorsed the verdict of her own countrymen. "Glorious Betsy" as presented by Miss Mannering can only be described as a glorious success.

It is doubtful if Miss Mannering's performance does not register the high water mark of excellence in her dramatic career. The part suits her; it is a pleasing one, and it has a range possessed by none of her previous portraitures, which furnishes full scope for all her matured powers. Nothing could possibly be daintier, more infections or more fascinating than her comedy in the first two acts. Hardly since the days of Adelaide Neilson has this class of character been so delightfully portrayed. Betsy as represented by Miss Mannering, is the very embodiment of youthful spirits, vivacity and archness. Any society belle of the 20th century might well envy the graces of this one of a hundred years ago, as she dazzled and perplexed and cajoled alternately until all the young beaux of society were crazy about her, all loved her, and yet all were handled so daintily and generously that they remained her firm friends, and gracefully yielded to the real Prince Charming.

The third and fourth acts were of a different calibre altogether; the fourth was probably the most satisfying from an artistic standpoint. Few actresses could have suggested so exquisitely the heart-broken girl, who by the irony of fate returned to Baltimore besieged on all hands to tell of her successes in France, vainly trying to hide from loving eyes the fact that she was humiliated and heart-broken, and yet struggling through her tears to put a brave face on the situation and to reassure those who cared for her so tenderly. The perfectly natural, unstrained womanly demeanour of Miss Mannering throughout this trying act was beyond all praise, and in that supreme moment when in the semi-darkness of her room Jerome returned and her dazed senses but slowly recognized him, she had one piercing moment which thrilled.

But from a dramatic standpoint her greatest work was in the third act where she confronts the inscrutable Napoleon on the deck of La Cigale. This act made great demands upon her dramatic intelligence and skill, and she rose to them all, and played with a force, an intensity and an abandon of which no one would have suspected the light-hearted girl

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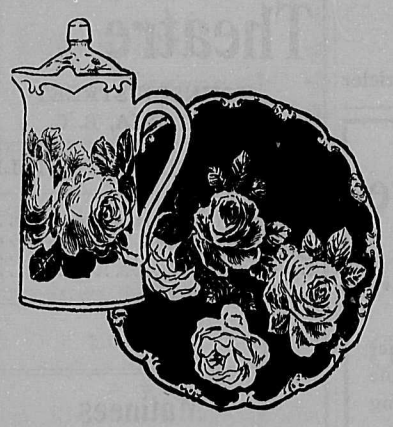

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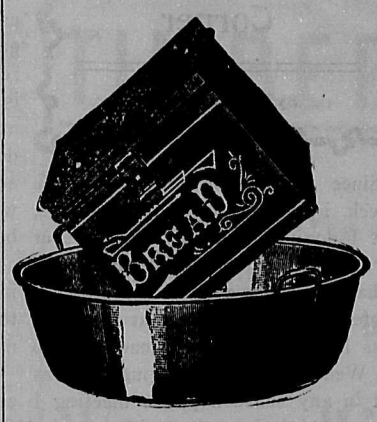

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porting Comment.

The result of the football matches tween the All-Island vs. All-Mainnd have proven very unsatisfactory, e second like the first ending in draw. While I did not agree with e selection committee in some of e decisions they arrived at, I still ought that the Islanders would win d I was rather disappointed with e result, but there is some consolaon in knowing that the Islanders are ven credit for having the better of e play. I am more than pleased to arn, however, that the Victoria resentatives acquitted themselves in most creditable manner. There was great deal of adverse criticism over e selection of any players from is end of the island and the fact at they did as good if not better ork than those from up the line is matter of congratulation. The team selected by the committee was alred at the last minute by the abnce of Graham from the forward e—Brightman of the Bays taking s place. Graham is a very consistt player, but I doubt very much the team was weakened by his abence, as in my opinion Brightman s entitled to his place. But after manner in which Graham failed put in his appearance I would not e him a place if he was the best ward in Canada. Any time a yer is chosen to fill a position d does not think enough of the me to notify the committee that he unable to play, is not entitled to place and I hope the committee will member the action of Graham in last match.

This afternoon will in all probabilwitness the last game in the Island series when Ladysmith and Nanaimo line up for the final game at Oak Bay. There is considerable hard feeling between these teams, so much so that several importations have been made from the Mainland and I am creditably informed that Nanaimo will have no less than nine Vancouver players on their line up. As far as I can learn Ladysmith will have one, making ten out of the twenty-two players practically paid men. This in my opinion is a very bad state of affairs, and unless the Association takes some stand on the question at its annual meeting the future of football on the Island is doomed. It is all very well allowing professionals to play with amateurs, but I do not think that the committee ever had any idea that such drastic measures would be taken by the Up-Island teams. Despite the fact that the Nanaimo team is mostly composed of outsiders who have been registered only long enough to qualify I do not think that they will be sufficiently strong to hold last year's champions and I am looking for Ladysmith to win. The committee acted very wisely in their selection of a referee. No better man in the Province than T. J. Mahoney of New Westminster could be secured. He is very strict, impartial and knows the rules thoroughly and the teams can rest assured that it will be their play and not the action of the referee which will win or lose the match. The game will be played at Oak Bay and special arrangements have been made for handling the crowd.

I have to congratulate the Victoria West intermediate team on their success in winning the intermediate championship of Vancouver Island and I can only hope that they will soon be able to include British Columbia. On the whole their play last Saturday when they defeated the Ladysmith team, did not impress me as championship form and unless they improve it will be difficult for them to defeat the champions from the Mainland. The goal and back division is strong, but the three half-backs were about as fast as an ice wagon. Time after time the forwards would take the ball up the field only to have it sent well down to the backs owing to the fact that the halves were not in position. This style of playing will not make champions and had it not been for the spectators who continually urged these players to get in their place it is extremely doubtful whether the result would have been the same. Despite this the team won but it would be well if in the next match the halves made extra efforts to win the game.

It does not take long for decisions on athletic matters to travel and I am pleased to see that the sporting authority of Toronto has commented very favorably on the action of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association on its stand for amateurism. The action of the Association in this respect is not taken very kindly to, in Vancouver, several of the players absolutely refusing to play unless there is something coming, and as the Vancouver team has decided to amalgamate with the Vancouver Athletic Club it is hard to see how the players from this club at least will receive any rake-off. There is some talk of the disgruntled ones forming an independent team. They figure that the Vancouver Club will be only too pleased to ruin their franchise in the league over to them after July 1st, but in my opinion they have another think coming. The men at the head of the Vancouver Club are known as stayers and I will be greatly surprised if they do not carry the club through as they have started.

The boxing tournament which took place in the Victoria Theatre on Tuesday evening last proved the worst kind of a fiasco. The arrangements were badly managed, the price of admission was on par with that charged to see championship events in San Francisco when the best men in the business can be seen, and last but not least the two bouts were, to say the least, "rotten." The first bout was advertised for 8.30 but the principals did not put in an appearance till 9.10 and then the men knew very little of the game. It was scheduled for ten rounds, but it only went three, the decision being given for an alleged foul. I do not like to criticize the third man in the ring, but in this instance was closer to the participants than he was and although I was watching the men closely I failed to see a low blow land, and in this I was supported by the majority at the ring side. The boxer to whom the decision was given was very tired and it was an after thought that caused him to claim a foul. McNamee as a fighter might be all right but as a referee he is a failure. The main event lasted about five minutes. But from the style of boxing it was sufficient. Adams, the much-touted Welsh Wonder, is not in the same class as Paris. It was claimed that he was put out by striking a water pail as he fell, but in my opinion it was a left jolt in the wind and a right swing to the jaw that did the work. I do not like to cast cold water on the ambitions of any rising athlete but in this instance I certainly think that Adams should make an effort to find some vocation more suitable, for he is certainly not cut out for a boxer. In comparison with the show put on by the Victoria West Athletic Club the exhibition was a frost, the only redeeming feature being the fact that the staff of the Victoria theatre handled the seating of the spectators.

UMPIRE.

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An establishment that will invest several thousands of dollars in catalogues for distribution among the merchants in British Columbia certainly has faith as to th egreat prospects within its boundaries—not faith, but positive assurance. Not many business houses in British Columbia have reached the half-century mark, and E. G. Prior & Co. are among the pioneers who, through large expenditures in the direction referred to, give proof of the confidence they have in the continued prosperity of the Province in which their catalogue will be distributed. Their Fiftieth Anniversary Catalogue is supplied the trade only, and is not a mailing edition.

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

Since my connection with The Week, I have criticised many things, but I do not think anyone has ever accused me of being a literary critic. I happened however to be filling a professional engagement at the business luncheon of the Canadian Club on Wednesday, and although it was not in any sense a public meeting I do not think I am straining a point when I refer to a very interesting incident which occurred.

Those of my readers who attended the Paardeburg celebration at the Empress Hotel will remember the splendid patriotic song which Mr. W. J. Dowler recited on that occasion. It has since been set to music by another well known Victorian, Mr. Geo. Werner, and on Wednesday the members of the Canadian Club heard it delightfully rendered by Mr. Gideon Hicks. The upshot was that the Club unanimously decided to recommend it to the celebration committee with a view to its performance at Quebec in July next and its possible acceptance as the national song of Canada.

Two members of the club very properly pointed out that the poem might be open to criticism, and that it was a somewhat unusual course for the Club to endorse the composition, but as President Lampman said, the occasion was an exceptional one, and the song as rendered appealed so strongly to those present, as to set the seal of excellence upon its sentiment, and upon the musical accompaniment.

The argument used against its acceptance turned out to be the strongest argument in its favour, that while it might not satisfy all the canons of criticism, it possessed the indefinable something which appealed both to the sentiment and the senses of the hearers. This is about all that can be said of most national anthems. Mr. Dowler's composition is far above any which has come under my notice as a national patriotic song. The music to which it is wedded is not only appropriate but inspiring and I should be greatly surprised if the whole is not accepted by the celebration committee.

I share the general regret felt by the citizens of Victoria at the unfortunate experience of Alderman Meston. However one may differ from him on some subjects everyone agrees that he is a citizen of irreproachable character, and honest intention. Circumstances have placed him in an invidious position. If he had consulted the able counsel who conducted his case in the courts before, instead of after, the event he would have saved himself a lot of trouble. He has committed a technical breach of the law, but must be held morally blameless. One lesson may be learned by intending candidates for Aldermanic honors, and that is what they should carefully examine their financial position, their qualifications, and their relations to the city before embarking on a candidature.

The subject of the new police uniforms is still agitating the minds of the Commissioners and the force. I am satisfied that Victorians to a man, and I believe to a woman, will be disappointed if the British Uniform is not adopted. All the tenders to hand ask a slightly lower price for this than for the American, and to purchase the latter under the circumstances would not only be running counter to public opinion, and to the express wish of several public bodies, but would be entirely inconsistent with the action of the Commissioners in opening the question at all if they did not intend to make the change, subject only to the question of cost. It is not necessary here to ventilate the objections which have been raised to the British uniform, suffice it to say that the only ones urged are based upon sartorial considerations which certainly will not appeal to the ratepayers.

I am sorry that the City Council has not seen fit to accept my "bona fide" offer to plant and fence the triangular space at the corner of Government and Belleville Streets. I gather, however, from a report of a recent meeting that the Parks Board is going to do it ,if so I have gained my point, but the work will not be done as quickly as if the Council had accepted my offer. Moreover I doubt whether it will be done as cheaply, but I am not anxious to go into the contracting business, nor am I looking for trouble. I want to see Victoria made clean and tidy; nature has made her beautiful.

At the request of a prominent citizen I said something last week about the demoralization of young boys in Victoria, and promised to return to the subject. After discussing the matter with the authorities I have decided not to publish certain facts which have come to my knowledge, because to do so would be to defeat the ends of justice, but I wish to say that unless parents can be aroused to a keener sense of their personal responsibility than at present exists in many quarters, deplorable conditions, which are known to a few, will intensify. Girls of fifteen and sixteen require at least as much looking after as boys of the same age, and unrelated men of adult age are not always their best protectors. The old-fashioned custom of chaperonage was a wise one, and its utility is not confined to any class, although its vogue may be. The father or mother who allows a young girl to be out at night without themselves providing a proper escort is neglecting a very serious duty, and, as society is constituted today, taking serious risks.

I do not think that in this respect Victoria is worse, I rather think that it is better than most other cities, but here as elsewhere a very real problem exists of which many parents seem to be oblivious; it would be too unfair to suggest that they are purposely indifferent. Naturally a Lounger who lounges at all hours of the day and night and whose main duty is to gather unconsidered trifles sees many things that will not bear inspection, and many more of which little can be said. The pity of the position under review is that the very people who have most need to lay these words to heart will probably never imagine as they read that they possess any interest for them. So naturally do we fall into the error of fitting the cap on some other person.

Lounger.

IN THE OLD LAND.

By RAMBLER.

Well now to our wanderings, since I last wrote. This is All Saints or All Souls or All Somebody's day.

After leaving Aberdeen we journeyed on to Inverness, calling at a place named Ellon to see an old lady who was a contemporary of my fathers and remembered my grandfather well. She is ninety-four years old, with all her faculties, except that she is deaf, wonderfully smart, with eyesight better than yours or mine. Truly the Scotch women are great livers. She was very anxious to see us, but I am afraid was disappointed. The trouble with all very old people is that they never seem to realize that others all advance in years. After we left she said to her daughter-in-law in a tone of surprise, "Ai, Ai, but they are grown up bodies." I imagine she expected to see a boy and girl.

There is nothing much of interest to see at Inverness, except Highlanders and you do come across some fine specimens of manhood there. I was looking up the directory in the hotel and out of curiosity counted the number of pages devoted to Macdonalds and Frasers. They appeared to be the most numerous. Well, there were over fourteen pages of the former and eleven of the latter. How they ever located a particular one is a mystery for they all bear just a few common Christian names. We drove out to see the battlefield of Culloden. I obtained a very good photo of the Cairn erected upon it. All round are headstones shewing where those of the different clans fell. How little one can realize the very often serious results of one's, at the time, apparently trivial actions.

Before the battle, Prince Charlie, ignorant of the extreme jealousy of the Celtic character, stationed the Macdonald clan, which was by far the most numerous, on the left wing, instead of the right—and placed the Macintoshes there instead, with the consequence that the Macdonalds during the whole of the fighting stood sullenly looking on and absolutely refused to take a hand in it, notwithstanding the entreaties of their chiefs. Now a great many military authorities say that it is extremely probable if they had acted otherwise, the day would have gone in favor of the Highlanders, and Prince Charlie would have gained the Crown, thereby changing the course of history. The poor Macintoshes were so elated at being placed where they were that they bore the brunt of the battle, and were nearly exterminated. Visiting the scene of the fight and expecting to go through the country where Prince Charlie wandered for five months before he escaped to France led me to read a full account of such wanderings. How he managed to elude the English is marvelous, with a £30,000 price on his head—and in a district so small that you could lose it in Macpherson's old constituency of Burrard, and absolutely overrun with thousands of soldiers. It speaks eloquently for the trustworthiness and fidelity of the Highland Character.

Most tourists go from Inverness down the Caledonian canal and thence along the West Coast, but as we had in British Columbia seen plenty of rocks, bays and seas, decided to take the Highland Railway through the heart of Scotland. Some forty miles south of Inverness you pass through the Macintosh country. I was rather amused at an incident that happened while we were in that district. I drew my wife's attention to Moy Lake a beautiful piece of water, with an island in the middle, upon which are the ruins of the Macintosh stronghold, and at the upper end of which is the modern castle of the Macintosh Chief of that clan. Not a soul in the carriage took the slightest interest in what I was saying though they all heard me, until a man suddenly remembered that the Prince of Wales had stayed with Macintosh some two weeks previously and supplemented my remarks to that effect. In an instant all hands got up off their seats, made for the window with craning necks to see the Castle, nearly crushing the life out of me in their anxiety to see a place where the Prince of Wales had stayed, thereby illustrating a peculiar phase in the English character. The district, with all its old historical associations had no interest to them until it was connected with royalty.

Our first stay off was at Pitlochry at the foot of the Gary Glen, where Dundee, with his Highlanders nearly annihilated the English Army under General Mackay, at the battle of Killicrankie. I took a photo of the place where an English soldier pursued by clansmen is said to have leaped to safety over the falls of the river. The late Queen doubted whether such a feat were possible and it was then looked upon as a myth, until an Englishman showed some years later its feasibility by duplicating it. The guide was a Cockney woman married to a Highlander. He looked on, she did all the talking. It was very funny to hear her say "when the henemy pressed 'im." One scarcely expected to meet with such language in the heart of Scotland.

This puts me in mind that the other day while traveling in an omnibus through Picadilly there were Cockneys sitting upon the opposite seat. They were very excited about the treatment they had received from somebody and in their denunciations of him one said: "Damn im hany ow, hi would like to ang im has igh has Aman." I will bet you the drinks when I return to Vancouver that neither you or anyone of the usual crowd can pronounce that sentence aloud, and yet you persist that the mass of the people over here speak English. They will never repent either I am afraid. Though I must confess no woman that I have ever heard speak with as nice and pleasant an accent as the educated refined Englishwoman.

I climbed up to the top of Ben Y Vrackie, one of the highest mountains in Central Scotland, overtaking on the way many younger men, so that I realize I am not getting very old yet. Had a grand view ,but oh, the desolation! How in the world the Clansmen ever existed is a mystery. It was well for them they had the rich lowlands to raid upon. From Pittsburg we took the train to Aberfeldy and drove thence to Kenmore at the foot of Loch Fay. Opposite the hotel is a pretty little island upon which are the ruins of a very ancient Abbey, where Sybilla, the Queen of Alexander the First is buried. A

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Social and Personal.

r. Stanley Lamb spent a few days own.

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r. Mahue of Mandins was a visitor own during the week.

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Ir. Dick Mainguy of Westholme nt a week in town.

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ieut. Kingscote is enjoying some ing at Cowichan Lake.

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Irs. Roy Troupe has left on a visit Berkeley, California.

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Iiss Noel Moresby returned last nday from Seattle.

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Iiss Robertson of Westholme was guest of Mrs. Carew Gibson, dur- the week.

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Ir. Grahame Williams returned on day from Seattle where he spent w days.

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Iiss Boultbee of Vancouver was stered at the Empress during the k.

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Ir. and Mrs. Oscar Schoefield of stholme are registered at the Bal- al.

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rs. Purdy of Bellingham was re- ered at the Empress for a few s last week.

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rs. Landes returned to Seattle last dnesday after spending a few days Victoria.

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r. Fritz Claxton of San Francisco he guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart ertson.

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rs. Streatfield came in from Saa- and spent a couple of days in n.

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iss Vera Gosnell returned from a to Tacoma and Bellingham last day.

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r. E. P. Colley is expected on day evening from England, after bsence of five or six months.

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rs. Stephen Phipps and her father, F. Maitland Dougal, came down Cowichan on Tuesday returning Wednesday afternoon.

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e engagement is announced of Gertrude Savage to Mr. T. O. Kay, both formerly of Winnipeg, of this ciyt. The wedding has arranged to take place at the end e summer.

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r. and Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson t a few days last week at their y little summer cottage on the s of the beautiful Cowichan , returning home with a splendid et.

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r. Fletcher and Mr. Foster of the adian Bank of Commerce, were ts at Princess Hotell on Cowshr ts at Price's Hotel on Cowichan e during the week. They enjoy- some excellent fly-fishing, March wn proving itself to be the favored

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he marriage was solemnized at ist church, Bath, England, on the inst., by the Rev. Claude S. Bird, er of the bridegroom, assisted by by B. Norton Thompson and Rev. P. Hanks, of Mr. Claude Cecil of Sintaluta, Saskatchewan, to Amy Ethel Holley, daughter of late Lt.-Col. George Hunt Holley e 101st regiment.

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hursday last at St. Mark's Episco- Church, Seattle, there was united arriage Mr. A. W. Johnson, of treal, and Miss Edna B. Beards- of Azusa, Cal. The bride, who charmingly gowned in a tan-col- tailor suit with picture hat to h, was given away by Mr. Percy odenrath of Vancouver, while Mr. ett B. Duncan of Nome, acted as man. A wedding luncheon was wards served at The Rathskellar in the evening the couple were s of Mr. James Fallon to dinner e Butler Annex. They spent the here at The Empress returning ancouver, where they will reside, rday. Mr. Johnson is well n in business circles in Victoria.

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e residence of Mrs. George Mat- thews, Lampson St., was the scene of the meeting of the "Five Hundred Club" on Wednesday afternoon. Some very close and exciting play was witnessed. Mrs. Courtney, however, made the highest score. The house had been sweetly arranged with daffodils and clusters of primroses, filling the air with their delicious perfume.

The competitors were Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Crosse, Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Shallcrosse, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. C. Roberts, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Troupe, Mrs. Crowe-Baker, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Raymour, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Stretfield, Mrs. Arthur Wolfenden and Miss Monteith assisted with the tea while Mrs. Stuart Robertson acted as scorer.

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"Yez wor thot! Oi hurr-rud th' corporal say yez got so scared yez wint into a barn an' stuck yez head into an egg crate, bedad!"—Chicago News.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated near Coal Creek, Renfrew District, B.C.: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of section 88, and marked J. Hastie and H. J. Kirby; thence west 80 chains to northeast corner of section 87; thence north 80 chains; thence east to western boundary of the E. & N. Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's lands to point of commencement.

Staked March 17th, 1908.

JAMES HASTIE.
H. J. KIRBY.

April 11

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I hereby certify that "The Ferro-Concrete Construction Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Cincinnati in Hamilton County, Ohio.

The amount of the capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Henry Graham Lawson, Solicitor, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this company has been established and registered are: Manufacturing and dealing in fire-proofing and building material of all kinds, and constructing, equipping and owning buildings, bridges and structures of all kinds, and all things incident thereto, of engaging in a general contracting business; and of acquiring, holding, owning and disposing of all rights, patent and otherwise, necessary and convenient for the prosecution of its business.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile west-north-west from Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

G. E. GIBSON.
March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of bay inside of Jesse Island, one quarter of a mile north of Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

H. G. ANDERSON.
March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NOTICE

The bridge at Craigflower over Victoria Arm is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 9th March, 1908.

$1,000 Reward

THE GOVERNMENT of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA hereby offers a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men who, on the 25th day of February, 1908, at the Gorge Hotel, near the City of Victoria, B.C., armed with revolvers, entered and, while committing a robbery in the said Hotel, shot and wounded one Richard Dancey.

DESCRIPTION.

No. 1—Man about 5 feet 11 inches in height, slim build, dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap.

No. 2—Man about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; slim build; dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap. Both men were armed with dark-colored revolvers and wore long white cotton masks.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of either one of the said men.

By order, F. S. HUSSEY,

Superintendent of Provincial Police.
Victoria, B.C., 26th February, 1908.

OMINECA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Marie Philippi, of Omaha, occupation, Lady, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 21, township 1, range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, being said section 21.

Dated January 15th, 1908.

MARIE PHILIPPI.
Feb. 15 A. Olson, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

D. R. YOUNG.
Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

C. A. YOUNG,
Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one mile and a quarter north of Skidegate Inlet and mouth of the Honna River, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

B. M. RICHARDSON.
Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

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Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

R. W. RAYSAY,
Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, about 100 feet west of the wharf; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south along the shore back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 C. G. JOHNSTONE.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the entrance of said bay, running west 80 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence east along the shore of bay inside of Jesse Island; thence northerly along the shore of Blinkinsop Bay to the place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

O. C. BASS.
March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the outlet of the creek at the head of bay, running north along the shore 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence west 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

L. P. LOCKE.
March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the head of Blinkinsop Bay, 50 feet north of the creek running to the bay; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

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Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.
Apl. 4 R. D. HOYT.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Rupert.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Frank Kelly, of Victoria, B.C., timber cruiser, intend to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

6. Commencing at a post planted at northwest corner of T. L. 16186, Section 3, Township 33; thence east 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

December 17th, 1907.

Apl 4 FRANK KELLY.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, on Graham Island, B.C.:

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1, thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.
Apl 4 J. O. HOYT.

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Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.
Apl. 4 W. L. ARCHAMBEAU.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted in the northwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement containing 640 acres.

Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.
Apl. 4 JOHN DEARBORN.

In The Old Land.

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nice drive which we took was across the Lyon River with its junction with the Tay and up Glen Lyon, one of the grandest and gloomiest glens in the Highlands, passing on the way and commanding the principal ford of the river, much used before there were any bridges. Comrie Castle ruins, the ancient citadel of the Menzies family. About half way up the Glen upon a knoll with sides about as steep as the roof of a house, is a castle very seldom visited and not mentioned in any of the guide books, called Caribane, once the stronghold of Campbell of Glenlyon. In connection with this man there is a very pathetic story, too long however to relate the particulars of in a letter, concerning one of the Chiefs of the McGregor clan who married his daughter through the instrumentality of another Campbell Chief of collateral branch called Black Duncan of the Cowl. He was outlawed and eventually beheaded.

RAMBLER.

Music and Drama.

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of the previous acts capable. Her handling of the situation with Napoleon on the one hand and Jerome on the other was simply superb. With a less firm touch this episode might easily have become melo-dramatic, and only Miss Mannering's great acting invested it with realism. The whole scene rings false from a dramatic standpoint but for that the actress is not responsible, and she fairly triumphed over a dramatic obsession.

Miss Mannering has reached maturity in the full possession of her beauty, a fine stage presence and high dramatic endowment. She has shown in "Glorious Betsy" that she could shine in classic roles, and she would make no mistake in abandoning modern American plays and turning her attention to higher work. Since her last visit to Victoria something has imparted a touch of humanness to her acting which it lacked before.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell has chosen for her one appearance here on the night of Monday, April 13, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray. When criticized the other day for her choice of plays as being confined solely to those of women who have had more or less disagreeable pasts, Mrs. Campbell answered: "I play the roles that are the most sympathetic to me; there is no reason why a woman with a future should not be as interesting as a woman with a past, but you must remember I made my first London success in the role of a lady who had a good bit of a past, and just as that past clung to Mrs. Tanqueray in Pinero's play, so that heroine has clung to my reputation." It was in fact, Mrs. Campbell who made Pinero famous as a serious dramatist by her wonderful performance of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." A few years later Pinero wrote for her "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith." In neither role has any actress seriously challenged her supremacy, although many have tried.

Society is taking an unprecedented interest in her coming engagement, an interest which is awakened by something more than the symptuous wardrobe which the English actress has brought with her for the tour. From inquiries and advance orders for seats that has been received during the past few days, it is evident that the theatre will hold an audience rarely equalled in brilliancy.

A Concert Tour.

Music-loiving residents of the smaller centres of population, as well as the chief cities, will be deeply interested in the announcement made by Mr. C. H. Gibbons, who recently returned from the direction of Madame Albani's notable round-the-world tour, of his intention to shortly send the rising young violinist, Francis Armstrong en tour through the Province, associated in such concert work with Lilian Fisher, a notably good soprano, last season starring in "Mam-selle 'Awkins" under the Klaw & Erlanger direction. The tour it is understood will be inaugurated at Duncan, probably on Saturday, the 25th, engagements at Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Cumberland and Alberni following, previous to the beginning of the Mainland tour, which will extend until the 1st of June. Miss Fisher is under contract to be in New York again by August 1 to begin rehearsals of a new comic opera in which she will have the leading part with one of the Kirke La Shelle companies on the road next season.

The New Grand.

The performance at the New Grand this week is good without being super-excellent. It hardly, however, bears out the claims which were made for it in the advance notice. Better individual turns have been seen, for instance the top liner is a little dramatic skit entitled "The Cracksman." Richard Buhler, the leading character has a very poor conception of the gentleman burglar, as he was played by the inimitable Willard, who created The Spider in the Silver King. Buhler is far too stagey and artificial, and if he toned down his performance it would be much more effective. Even gentlemen burglars do not jump all about the room like an animated marionet at the slightest noise. The lady who played up to him in the little skit was much more natural and therefore more effective. The most meritorious performance was that of the Robert Dumont Co., the comedy acrobats, they were exceedingly clever and their looping across the stage, underneath the table was exceptionally good work. The Doria Opera Trio were very good in their operatic selections, notably in the one from Faust. Two turns could be cut out with advantage, that of Wesson and Walters and that of Lefevre and Frankie St. John, the one on account of an undoubted approach to vulgarity, the other on account of inanity.

Next week's bill is promised to be fully equal to that of this week, and, in the sketch which is to be the big feature even better, for "The Visitor," presented by the noted actor, Porter J. White, and his company of three, is said to be the best ever shown in a Sullivan-Considine playhouse on the coast. Other big features will be The Ascott-Eddy Trio in a pantomimic acrobatic act; the Musical Bennetts in a novel musical act, the three Walton Brothers, baritones, in an original singing sketch entitled "In Camp"; Musical Lowe, Xylophone artist extraordinary, and late soloist with Sousa's Band; Mart Fuller, monologist; Thos. J. Price, in the illustrated song, "Stingy Moon"; New Moving Pictures, entitled "Will He Overtake Them?" and "Funny Face Competition," and a new overture by the Orchestra.

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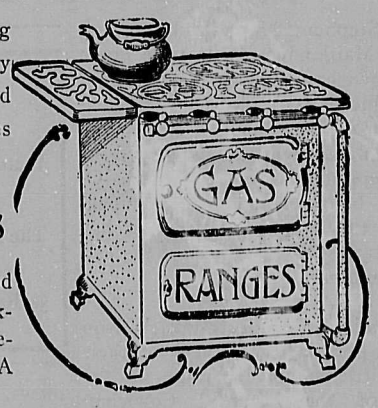

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EDITORIAL

he English mmigrant.

The Canadian press is never tired of discussing the English immigrant, and the Englishman in Canada. his poor benighted mortal is dealt with nder various headings, but the favourite nes are the "Tenderfoot," the "Remittance Man," and the "Egoist." Even oast papers have undertaken to put him ght on various matters with respect to hich his ignorance is supposed to be olossal. The fact that his mentors try put him right by the use of bad English and "second class words" may be ken as a matter of course, for even his tterest enemies are constrained to conss that he can both write and speak s mother tongue. The assumption of e Canadian press is that the Englishman ould line up with every other class of nmigrant, subdue his natural impulses, bordinate his individuality and gracelly submit to be moulded on the Canaan type. Needless to say there is just at inextinguishable spark of individualy about the young Englishman which s no ambition to be moulded on Canaan lines, or any other lines than those hich tradition has endeared to him. urthermore he finds it impossible to fort that he belongs to a governing race, d that wherever Englishmen have gone ey have not only not succumbed to the bduing and assimilating influences of e land of their adoption, but in the long n have imposed their own ideas, and aintained their ascendency. Holding ese views, which alas are sadly at varince with those recently expressed by a oast paper, The Week has particular easure in quoting portions of an editorial hich appeared only last week in the Montreal Herald. No one will accuse the Herald of being anti-Canadian or proritish, but under Mr. Brierley's direction has always been fair, and in respect of l matters outside party politics—broad. he editorial throws a little new light on n old subject, and for this reason is repectfully commended to the attention of ll Canadians, but in particular to the ttention of editors who are prone when ealing with this subject to express second lass ideas in third class language:

"The attitude of any country towards mmigration is of two kinds, the collective iew, in which the community as a whole onsiders what sort of new population is est for building up the community as a hole, and the individual view, in which hose who come into personal relations ith the new immigrant (employers, land ompanies, and such) consider what best its their immediate interests. Assuredy, it is the individual and immediate view at is to the fore at this moment in Canada, when the cry of 'No English need pply' goes up to heaven from all parts of e land. A few years ago, when English immigration was almost an unattainble ideal, before the Englishman began swarm over here and establish personal elations in the country, the Canadian nation collectively yearned for him. He as the ideal nation-builder. The dream of our immigration policy was to lure him here in vaster and ever vaster numbers. We put our shoulders to the wheel to get him, and we succeeded. What reason have we today for changing our former opinion of the ultimate value of the Englishman as stuff for the making of nations? Not a whit. All that we know about him from personal experience is that in the moment of his first awakening in new surroundings he is, as a type, helpless and indocile, unable for a time to do much for himself, and unwilling to do much for others as others want it done. But it is a general principle that the higher an animal is in the scale of species, the more incapable are its young in the period immediately after birth. May not a good deal of this principle apply also to the immigrant in the first days and months of his new life in a new land? From the standpoint of the employer, the ideal immigrant is the man who will simply carry out the ideas that already prevail in the country, with quick apprehension and immediate docility. But are these men exactly the type to fertilize the life of the young country, to broaden its mind and strengthen its heart, to give it a stronger national character? Are they the highest species of new-born Canadians? It hardly seems so. Are we not figuring too much on what use some Canadians can make of our new immigrant within the first year of his life in Canada, and too little on what he may contribute to the nationhood of the country ten, twenty or fifty years hence? It is not by such figuring that Canada is to be built up. Let us revert to the old collective view of the Englishman, the man of the great 'pioneer race,' the man whose forbears established parliamentary government and created the greatest literature in the world; and let us forget a little about the awful nuisance that an unacclimated Englishman may make of himself in Canada for a twelve-month or so."

Martin Luther

In The Week issue of March 28th, comment was made upon a lengthy letter on the subject of "Martin Luther and the Bible," which had just appeared in the Colonist. The purpose of the comment was two-fold: First to deprecate the introduction of religious controversy into the pages of secular journals, and on this point The Week wishes to reiterate what it then said, that "no good purpose could be served by opening up the columns of a newspaper to religious controversy." The second purpose of the comment was to criticize the writer of the letter in question for using heated language in connection with such a topic. The Week has no knowledge whatever of the gentleman in question, beyond the fact that he is an honoured priest of the Roman Catholic church, a church to which this paper has been uniformly friendly, and for the support of whose institutions it has always given the free use of its columns. The criticism was based upon a misleading statement made by the Colonist in inserting his letter to the effect that it had omitted certain portions because of the unsuitable language used. The Week had no reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement and was undoubtedly justified in assuming it to be correct. It turns out, however, that the Colonist was not justified in making any such reflection upon the controversial methods of Father Caine. The portions of his letter omitted were argumentative, and their omission altogether marred the effect of the argument. With this explanation The Week desires in fairness to Father Caine to say that since the criticism directed at him was due to misrepresentation by the Colonist; it was unjustifiable, and is withdrawn. This explanation is entirely voluntary; The Week has had no communication whatever with Father Caine at the time of writing. The Week never hesitates to criticise where there is room, criticism is its vocation, but the strength of its position depends upon the fairness of its criticism, a characteristic which it is determined to preserve.

Western Banks.

It seems only yesterday that The Week was hammering away at the Banking institutions of Canada because of their neglect of Western interests. The series of articles published in these columns were quoted in every paper of importance in the Dominion, and in the main their conclusions were endorsed. The remedy suggested was the establishment of Western Banks, and this policy is rapidly meeting with popular favour. Its "raison d'etre" lies in the fact that the Western branches of Eastern banks are simply collecting agencies which deplete the country of its currency. When this declaration was made in The Week articles, one or two local managers demurred, but the statement was never seriously contested. Since then additional evidence has come to hand which more than justifies the position taken up by The Week. Within the last ten days a leading Canadian Bank has written a letter to a Bank Manager in Victoria telling him in so many words that he must not advance another dollar under any circumstances or on any security, that his business is "to secure deposits and to ship them East without delay." Although I have no evidence I cannot doubt that other local managers have received similar communications. When The Week informs its readers that the particular bank in question is accountable for over two million dollars of local deposits the iniquity of the system becomes apparent, and every Western man will emphatically endorse the opinion that the time has come when their business should be handled by Western Banks. In this connection there are two gratifying features of the situation, the first is that the pioneer Western Bank, the Northern, has just issued its second annual report showing splendid progress and a rapidly increasing business. The Northern Bank is governed by an enlightened policy and controlled by local Directors who are thoroughly in touch with the country. In addition it has absorbed the Crown Bank of Canada, and by so doing acquired a large increase of business. Another very gratifying feature is revealed by a careful examination of the list of shareholders which shows that more than 90 per cent. of these reside West of the Great Lakes. If the same enlightened policy which has hitherto governed this institution is continued it will in a few years vie with the large financial institutions of Canada. The other gratifying circumstance in connection with Western Banks is the securing of a Charter and the successful flotation of the Bank of Vancouver. Mr. Alexander L. Dewar is the moving spirit of this new enterprise, and having regard to financial conditions during the last six months he has made a marvellous success of the promotion. All the directors are British Columbia men, with large businesses and large interests at stake in the Province. Sufficient capital has already been subscribed to ensure the opening of the head office within a short time, and it is likely before the 30th of June that Western Canada will have two flourishing banks to offset the destructive policy of currency exportation which has pressed so heavily during the last few days.

The School By-law.

The Week has not always been able to support the by-laws which have been submitted by the City Council to the ratepayers. The present by-law to raise $70,000 in order to increase the school accommodation is one which on every ground should receive support. The time is not opportune to build a new High School. Such a school properly equipped and thoroughly up-to-date in every respect would cost $150,000. There is a greater need for a substantial increase in the ordinary school accommodation, and the trustees are to be commended for the policy which they have decided to adopt. Statistics go to show that the present population of Victoria approximates closely to 35,000. This is an increase of 10,000 since the last census, of which probably 5,000 have been added during the last year and a half. Adequate school accommodation is a "sine qua non" in any progressive city and Victoria is undoubtedly progressing. To refuse this grant would be not only to increase the present congestion, but to retard growth and to discourage newcomers, to say nothing of inflicting a hardship upon the children themselves. The Week cordially endorses what it believes to be a very wise policy and the best possible solution of a difficulty.

Commercialism In Literature.

At the recent business luncheon of the Canadian Club, a local critic opposed the endorsation of Mr. Wellington Dowler's fine national song on the ground that to do so savoured of commercialism. The speaker presumably meant that Mr. Dowler intended to exploit the Club for commercial purposes. The Club evidently did not think so, and unanimously passed a resolution recommending the composition to the consideration of the Quebec Commemoration Committee. What many readers of The Week are asking is why the same critic moved a resolution at the previous meeting of the Club endorsing the project of Mr. Dawson who came before it with a purely commercial proposition which should never even have been submitted to the Club, and for the support of which his business manager had already raised upwards of $80,000. One reader suggests "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel," but an old timer is probably much nearer the mark when he suggests "Wheels within wheels."

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

By C. H. GIBBONS

(An interview, written specially for The Week.)

(Continued)

"Railway lines, being built, with us are maintained and operated on business principles. Competition assures a marked superiority in equipment and service which one looks for in vain on government railways secure in an imperishable monopoly, and whose proprietors are therefore content that anything will do, so long as people are able to get from place to place, and that there may be no criticism as to waste in luxurious appointment of rolling stock or extravagant salaries—so termed by the worker for wages who wields the ever-to-be-considered Labor vote—such as would be commanded by the specialist in railway affairs most competent to direct the business he has made his life study, and in which he is an expert.

"To view the matter from another standpoint: when private railway enterprise builds speculatively into new country, the first objective is the creation of traffic which will justify in the eyes of the capitalists interested the large investments made. Hence we see these capitalists infinitely the more ready to venture further money in co-operation with the prospector or the miner in the development of his claim, in the establishment of reduction works, in the equipment of timber camps and the erection and operation of saw-mills, in the exploitation of fisheries, in the providing of palatial hotels, opera houses, etc.—in a hundred and one activities making for the support of an industrious population and the augmentation of the national wealth as well as the national capacity for self-support. These secondary industrial investments are each looked to to provide their legitimate profit to the investors. At the same time they are obviously of the greatest importance to the state, and profits thus brought to the pockets of the capitalists, supplementing the earnings from their original railway investments, enable them to look with equanimity upon lower dividends than would be satisfactory in the event of their railway holdings constituting their only stake in the country.

"To those to whom the dream of nationalization appeals so strongly by reason of the vgaueness with which all allied considerations are understood, it may be fairly said that the experience of Australia and New Zealand proves the utter non-serviceability of government railways as colonization agents. In Canada the railway is a necesasry forerunner of settlement. In Australia and New Zealand the country must first be settled up before it can induce the government to provide railway facilities. Indeed, the most liberal policy as to railway building adopted in the southern Commonwealth (that of Queensland) would be viewed in Canada as cruiously short-sighted. This policy is to require a guarantee of a substantial portion of the cost from the applicants for a new railway line, then resident within the area to be benefited. How many railways would have been built within the "sea of mountains" pictured by Hon. Edward Blake, and how many cities and towns, mining and timber camps would have arisen, should Canada or any of its western provinces have followed the nationalization programme instead of adhering to the support of controlled private enterprise? Of course the Australian railways provide, too, for a little army of uniformed officials who have secured appointment through the machinery of politics rather than by reason of their peculiar fitness in the profession of railroading. The wage scale everywhere in Australia save in Victoria, is one which American railway men would not consider for a moment.

"Victoria, where the railways are in the hands of a Canadian, Mr. Thomas Tait, is the model railroading state of the Southern Cross country, and they assure you with pride in Melbourne that this service is absolutely the finest in the world—although anyone who has used American railways cannot agree with them. In appointment of first-class rolling stock they are twenty years behind the United States or Canada. As for speed and wage-paying—passenger and freight tariffs are about parallel with ours—the following figures will perhaps interest Canadians. I quote them from a letter to me of Mr. L. McClelland, Secretary of the Victoria Railway Commission, of the 3rd August last, and they represent the maximum speed and wage attainments on Australasian railways:

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"It should be borne in mind that these figures represent the maximum wages under government ownership in Australia, and also that the apprentice system is worked to the extreme. The higher ratings are reached only by slow advance during a long period of years. Hence the post never made a slip. This great goal of the railroader's ambition carries the magnificent wage of about $3.50 per day, while the maximum wage for unskilled labor is $1.25. And this is in the country where labor controls politics, and runs public business as it judges best for its own class interests.

"New Zealand is pre-eminently the country of the common people and the elegancies of polite life are little in evidence. Indeed there seems a restrained antagonism everywhere toward the man who asks for a morning bath or a serviette at table. That accommodation be clean, cheap and wholesome is deemed quite sufficient. The practical success or failure of New Bealand's Socialistic doctrines is altogether a matter of viewpoint. If the objective is individual or material prosperity, New Zealand is the best country in the world to keep away from. If one has no other ambition than to get through life as easily as possible, and exploit the pleasures and the philosophies of the simple life, taking no thought for the morrow, it is ideal. Here in America the mass of the people find their chief occupation and enjoyment in making money by the use of their utmost powers, and developing the great country God has given us. And we don't begrudge a fortune to the man who shows unusual business capacity, and employs it in exploitation of the country. In New Zealand it is axiomic that no one should be richer than his neighbour, no matter if he be shrewd and industrious, and his neighbour a lazy fool. Labor legislation has so penalized industrial enterprise in New Zealand that no expansion is possible, and no capital seeks investment there. 'Carrying on' is the maximum of present success. The men who grasp large opportunities and develop them are agreed that New Zealand under present conditions is no place for them, and have left the country or are leaving it. And under these conditions, with a weakened market for labor, wages in all lines are lower than a Canadian artisan would ever dream of accepting. To fix a wage for so many hours of labor, regardless of the variations in individual skill, experi-

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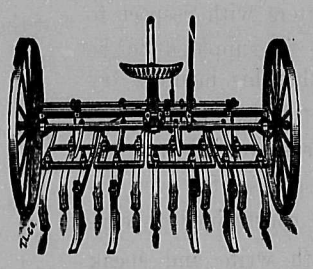

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ce, industry, application and special-ed aptitude, seems on its face a ractical denial of the wisdom of the reator in not casting every man om the same mental and physical ould. It also operates forthwith in ractice toward lowering the standard f individual efficiency, crushing am-ition, and exiling inventive genius. Vhere the laws of the land prescribe he wage in all crafts upon the basis f time-serving, the good workman s bound to deteriorate and the less fficient workman to cease striving or self-improvement in his calling. Manufacturers and other large em-loyers of labor in New Zealand tell vorkman of this generation is less ou today that the New Zealand vorkman of this generation is less fficient, less painstaking and less am-itious than his predecessor of a de-ade ago. And it is only natural, where legislation insists upon the ood workman and the bad being qually rewarded. The whole sys-em makes inevitably for the lowering f the standard of individual efficien-y, whereas under keen competition, he individual is impelled to excel in vhatever calling may be his, to cul-ivate his industry and skill, and ftentimes develop inventive genius. And with all the legislative enact-ents to compel improvement of the vorker's condition in New Zealand, is t improved? The market for his ervices is becoming daily more re-tricted. New lines of enterprise re not springing up, for capital is ot offering where it is challenged as n arch-enemy. The constant haras-ing of established enterprises re-uces their capacity for payments out ven at the demands of labor. Wages re low, and when the New Zealand vorkman of today seeks fortune in ny of the high-wage countries, he nds that he is no longer the equal f his fellow craftsman developed un-er competitive conditions stimula-ive of individual efficiency. He is oing backward in his value as an ndustrial factor, instead of forward. And as the unit retrogrades, so does e country built upon units."

"And how about the 'Unrest in In-a," the returned Canadian was sked, "is it a serious matter?"

"Undoubtedly very serious. What s its origin? Why the inevitable gotism of the Anglo-Saxon, which mpels him to try and convince every-ne of the superiority of his particu-ar civilization and methods. The yellow peril' is the inevitable result f our sending our missionaries, lerical and commercial, to China and apan, there to boast of our super-rity and urge the Japanese to adopt ur standards. They did, and now hey are the most dangerous menace o our own commercial and political upremacy and to the peace of the vorld. In India we have not been ontent to rule the alien and divorce aces as firm but kindly fathers. We ave urged the native to live by Eng-ish rule, which is in no sense appli-able to his traditions, temperament r talents. We have applauded his eclaration for university education. And the universities have turned out heir thousands of book-learned In-dian natives for whose educational attainments the work-a-day world of-fers no market. They promptly be-come political agitators—patriotically oo—following exactly upon the se-quences of cause and effect, naturally ccepting the theories of government we have urged them in our English chools to admire. And in India it s hard to find argument to justify he denial of Home Rule, when all he ablest jurists and other leaders f thought are native; and so the owers that be have to come back to he old doctrines of expediency and orce. It is forbidden to hold meet-ngs of more than twenty people, or o discuss political or semi-political natters. This closure will not suffice o do ought but stimulate in the end he growth of the seed of discontent own by English pride and thought-essness.

"And it all comes back to the fact hat we in our egotism think every ace should live and manage affairs s we do. Nature never meant it so. India, for example, is on the whole eopled with adult children; their gov-ernment must be paternal for their good. The sword won India and the sword must hold that Empire, lest race and religious antipathies bathe the land in blood. And Kitchener is the sword to hold it safe.

"Of course the thoughtlessness of our own British Columbia people in their treatment of Indian immigrants needlessly and vexatiously complicates the difficulties which the Indian Council is facing. But we must hope that larger discretion on the part of the western Canadian people will very shortly lighten theis burden."

"An audience," said Mr. William Norris, who has scored the hit of his career in Mr. Henry W. Savage's production of "Tom Jones," "an audience is a peculiar animal. It reminds me at times of the girl and the flatiron—the audience representing the flatiron.

"On a bitter night of late December a kind mistress said to the servant girl:

"'Jennie, it's a frightful night. It presages a white Christmas. And there's no fire in your room. I think child, you'd better take a flatiron to bed with you.'

"'Do ye think so, ma'am?' says Jennie, doubtfully.

"'Yes, I do,' says the mistress, very kindly and firmly. 'I insist on it Don't forget.'

"'Very wel, ma'am,' said Jennie, in a sullen voice.

"The next morning the cold was terrible. The landscape was iron-bound with frost.

"'Well, Jennie,' said the mistress 'did you take that flatiron to bed with you, as I ordered?'

"'Yes, ma'am,' Jennie answered.

"'And how did you make out with it?'

"'Oh, so-so,' said Jennie; 'I think I got it almost warm before morning.'"

Johnny's Query.

"Speaking of infants and others," laughed Rose Stahl, in "The Chorus Lady," "reminds me of a good one I heard this summer.

"The kind lady has taken Johnny bathing that morning. They had come up from the beach and gone into adjoining rooms at the bath-house. After a few minutes Johnny called:

"'Mrs. Smith, let's race getting dressed.'

"'All right, Johnny,' she called back.

"'I've got my stockings on,' called Johnny.

"'So have I,' after a pause.

"'I've got my shoes on.'

"'So have I,' after a pause.

"There was another space, and Johnny called:

"'I've got my pants on.'

"Then a long pause followed, and finally the silence was broken by giggles and a guffaw in the rooms adjoining, but the rafters rang when Johnny called:

"'What are they laughing about Mrs. Smith?'" — February Young's Magazine.

Considerate Old Gentleman.

"Why, gracious, pa," said the only daughter, "what in the world are those queer arrangements you have placed in the vestibule?"

The old gentleman rubbed his gouty foot and chuckled.

"Not much, dearie," he responded. "You see, I noticed how long it takes for you and that young man to say good night, so I fitted up an electric heater to keep your feet from getting cold, and a portable alarm clock to inform you of the breakfast hour."—Chicago News.

Heard in the Museum.

Glass Eeater—Why are all the freaks laughing?

Circassian Girl — Haven't you heard the joke? Why, the midget tried to kiss the fat lady and she said: "Sir! You monster!"—Chicago News.

It Was "So Sudden."

"Miss Eleanor," said he, as they sat on the beach in the moonlight, "will you marry me?"

"This is so sudden!" she cried.

"My love?" he asked.

"No,' she replied; "your nerve."—Judge.

You Can Never Tell.

Ransom—Never judge a man by the umbrella he carries.

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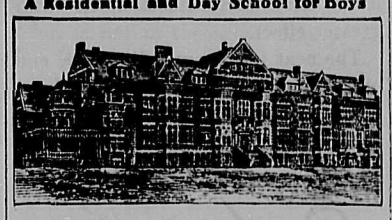

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Personality.

The longer I live the more I am convinced that it is personality which counts every time. I do not know who invented the phrase, but quite a number of years ago our leaders of political warfare in the Old Country were very fond of assuring the electorate that it was a matter of "measures and not men." I have always regarded this as the prelude to the political machine, and all those organizations which aim at the suppression of individuality and the exaltation of party platforms.

Of course the purpose of the cry was to consolidate party support for the candidate on the ground that being the nominee of the party he should be accepted enthusiastically in spite of his personal shortcomings. This is a doctrine which has spread far and wide of late years, and in the United States and Canada especially nearly every political nominee is the product of the Convention. Once the selection has been made every member of the party is supposed to fall in line.

As a broad principle I am not prepared to condemn this modus operandi, because although it has many objectionable features it is probably necessary under our present system of party government. The first thing to seek in all forms of Government is a means of fixing and enforcing responsibility, and up to date it has been found impossible to do this outside the discipline ensured by party organizations. But even this system does not exclude the matter of personality, and it is upon atht subject that I wish to say a little.

Personality counts in all the affairs of life, its vital principle can neither be extinguished nor suppressed by artificial means. It is true that many a good man has been downed by cliqueism or by the repeated onslaught of a section of his party, but the cases are rare indeed where this has been effectually done unless the man had "a white streak" somewhere. In the competition of public life courage and combativeness are an essential part of the equipment. A man may possess all the gifts and graces, but if he lacks these he will go down to defeat at some time or another. In the moment of greatest stress he will turn his face to the wall.

It is not the man who carries a chip on his shoulder and always wants to scrap who exemplifies the qualities I refer to, but rather he who is slow to quarrel but once in for it would die rather than yield. Looking back over a pretty long career I can recall many men who have dropped out of public life simply because of the white streak. The most notable of all is probably Lord Roseberry who had the ball at his feet and a long and glorious career opening out before him, but allowed himself to be sidetracked rather than fight. A man who deliberately chooses to plough "the lonely furrow" when his country is calling can never be more than a dilletante loiterer in the path of duty. For this reason I attach no importance to the rumors that Lord Rosebery may emerge from his retirement to take an active part once more in the Government of the country. He has too often been found wanting, and despite his brilliant gifts, which are unsurpassed and almost unapproached by those of any political leader of the day, it may be taken as a settled fact that he will never again be trusted iether by his party or by the country.

But I have deviated somewhat because I set out to emphasize the point that personality is all powerful, and that neither circumstances nor environment can down a man if he has both talent and courage.

Again and again I have seen this illustrated in the case of men who have been unfortunate enough to make enemies of their own party, sometimes by thoughtlessness, oftentimes because their rise was too rapid, and could not be tolerated by meaner minds. At other times because they were newcomers and had the audacity to ignore "the traditions of the elders," and went in to win from the very start. All this energy and determination is very distasteful to venerable antiquity. "Slow and sure" is an old proverb and it contains a great truth, but it is not all the truth, and a too close adherence to the letter in violation of the spirit of the proverb has kept more than one community far behind the times. Then many a man becomes an object of envy if he establishes his claim to recognition above his fellows. Still he has this consoling reflection that though the few may be jealous the many will applaud. The rank and file can always be trusted to size up a man correctly. If they know him to be just and true they will follow him, and he will be recognized as their leader. No party organization, no cliqueism can defeat him, not even the busy tongue of slander nor the doubtful inuendo are effective weapons if he keeps up his courage and retains the confidence of the crowd.

Leaders and would-be leaders sometimes forget this, and they play off smartness and the machine against character. They are bound to lose, not necessarily at the beginning of the conflict, but assuredly at the end. Things are moving rapidly now-a-days, the machine has had its innings, the party whip has cracked long and loud. The party Shiboleth has served its purpose, but all are weakened before an advancing public opinion. Personality has come into its own, men of talent are being summoned from omscurity and before the smart ones know will be directing affairs. Not that there is any substitute for brains, but natural law is permanent, and while it suffers a temporary eclipse it is only to reassert itself with greater effect.

The next few years will see the end of systems and methods which have flourished for too long, and the reassertion of the power and influence of personality.

Bohemian.

To Match His Descendants.

"I see they have discovered where George Washington told a lie once."

"What did he do that for?"

"I don't know—perhaps to qualify as Father of His Country."

Music and The Drama.

Victoria Theatre.

This popular house has furnished two excellent entertainments during the present week. On Monday night that old favourite the Burgomaster was performed by an all round good company in which Gus Weinburg was easily the star. This excellent comedian is an artist who produces his effects without apparent effort. He has lost none of his skill nor freshness, and every point was as well made on Monday as if it were the first performance. He was well supported by Leo Kendal, as Doodle, and by Ruth White as Willie Van Astorbilt. The chorus if not numerous was attractive, more so than the average, and the whole performance gave general satisfaction.

Mary Mannering.

On Thursday night Mary Mannering, the popular American actress, supported by a well-balanced Company appeared at the Victoria Theatre in "Glorious Betsy." Miss Mannering ha sbeen touring with this play during the whole of the present season, and has been greeted everywhere with enthusiasm. Being an American actress presenting an American play it might naturally be expected that she would achieve success south of the line as her charming personality and high reputation are a guarantee for excellence under any circumstances. Victoria, influenced by none of these considerations and rendered doubly critical through several recent disappointments in American stars, has more than endorsed the verdict of her own countrymen. "Glorious Betsy" as presented by Miss Mannering can only be described as a glorious success.

It is doubtful if Miss Mannering's performance does not register the high water mark of excellence in her dramatic career. The part suits her; it is a pleasing one, and it has a range possessed by none of her previous portraitures, which furnishes full scope for all her matured powers. Nothing could possibly be daintier, more infections or more fascinating than her comedy in the first two acts. Hardly since the days of Adelaide Neilson has this class of character been so delightfully portrayed. Betsy as represented by Miss Mannering, is the very embodiment of youthful spirits, vivacity and archness. Any society belle of the 20th century might well envy the graces of this one of a hundred years ago, as she dazzled and perplexed and cajoled alternately until all the young beaux of society were crazy about her, all loved her, and yet all were handled so daintily and generously that they remained her firm friends, and gracefully yielded to the real Prince Charming.

The third and fourth acts were of a different calibre altogether; the fourth was probably the most satisfying from an artistic standpoint. Few actresses could have suggested so exquisitely the heart-broken girl, who by the irony of fate returned to Baltimore besieged on all hands to tell of her successes in France, vainly trying to hide from loving eyes the fact that she was humiliated and heart-broken, and yet struggling through her tears to put a brave face on the situation and to reassure those who cared for her so tenderly. The perfectly natural, unstrained womanly demeanour of Miss Mannering throughout this trying act was beyond all praise, and in that supreme moment when in the semi-darkness of her room Jerome returned and her dazed senses but slowly recognized him, she had one piercing moment which thrilled.

But from a dramatic standpoint her greatest work was in the third act where she confronts the inscrutable Napoleon on the deck of La Cigale. This act made great demands upon her dramatic intelligence and skill, and she rose to them all, and played with a force, an intensity and an abandon of which no one would have suspected the light-hearted girl

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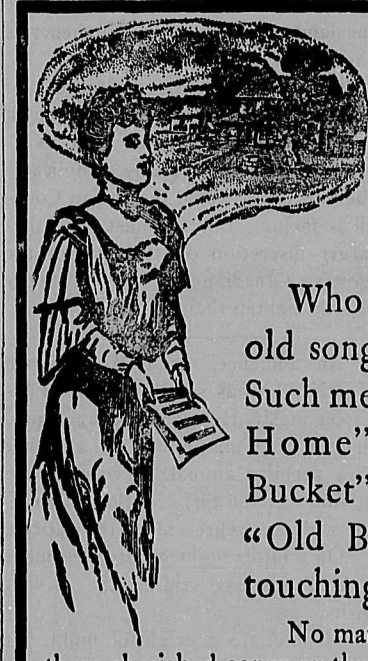

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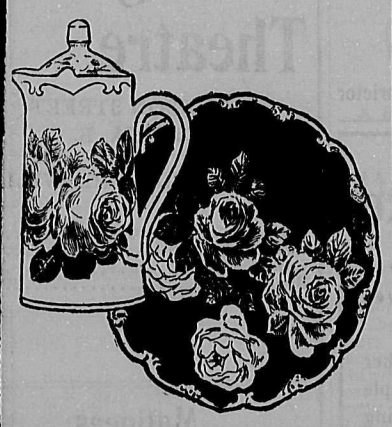

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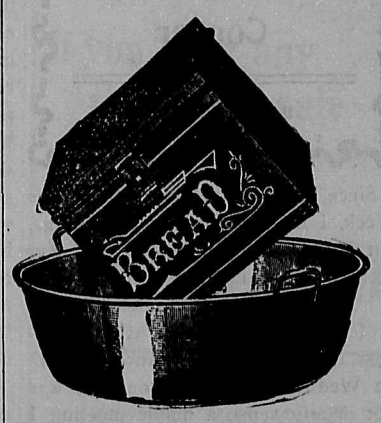

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porting Comment.

he result of the football matches veen the All-Island vs. All-Main- have proven very unsatisfactory, second like the first ending in aw. While I did not agree with selection committee in some of decisions they arrived at, I still ght that the Islanders would win I was rather disappointed with result, but there is some consola- in knowing that the Islanders are n credit for having the better of play. I am more than pleased to n, however, that the Victoria re- sentatives acquitted themselves in ost creditable manner. There was reat deal of adverse criticism over selection of any players from end of the island and the fact they did as good if not better k than those from up the line is atter of congratulation. The team elected by the committee was al- d at the last minute by the ab- e of Graham from the forward —Brightman of the Bays taking place. Graham is a very consist- player, but I doubt very much e team was weakened by his ab- ce, as in my opinion Brightman entitled to his place. But after manner in which Graham failed ut in his appearance I would not him a place if he was the best ard in Canada. Any time a er is chosen to fill a position does not think enough of the e to notify the committee that he able to play, is not entitled to ce and I hope the committee will ember the action of Graham in last match.

is afternoon will in all probabil- itness the last game in the Island series when Ladysmith and Nanaimo line up for the final game at Oak Bay. There is considerable hard feeling between these teams, so much so that several importations have been made from the Mainland and I am creditably informed that Nanaimo will have no less than nine Vancouver players on their line up. As far as I can learn Ladysmith will have one, making ten out of the twenty-two players practically paid men. This in my opinion is a very bad state of affairs, and unless the Association takes some stand on the question at its annual meeting the future of football on the Island is doomed. It is all very well allowing professionals to play with amateurs, but I do not think that the committee ever had any idea that such drastic measures would be taken by the Up-Island teams. Despite the fact that the Nanaimo team is mostly composed of outsiders who have been registered only long enough to qualify I do not think that they will be sufficiently strong to hold last year's champions and I am looking for Ladysmith to win. The committee acted very wisely in their selection of a referee. No better man in the Province than T. J. Mahoney of New Westminster could be secured. He is very strict, impartial and knows the rules thoroughly and the teams can rest assured that it will be their play and not the action of the referee which will win or lose the match. The game will be played at Oak Bay and special arrangements have been made for handling the crowd.

I have to congratulate the Victoria West intermediate team on their success in winning the intermediate championship of Vancouver Island and I can only hope that they will soon be able to include British Columbia. On the whole their play last Saturday when they defeated the Ladysmith team, did not impress me as championship form and unless they improve it will be difficult for them to defeat the champions from the Mainland. The goal and back division is strong, but the three half-backs were about as fast as an ice wagon. Time after time the forwards would take the ball up the field only to have it sent well down to the backs owing to the fact that the halves were not in position. This style of playing will not make champions and had it not been for the spectators who continually urged these players to get in their place it is extremely doubtful whether the result would have been the same. Despite this the team won but it would be well if in the next match the halves made extra efforts to win the game.

It does not take long for decisions on athletic matters to travel and I am pleased to see that the sporting authority of Toronto has commented very favorably on the action of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association on its stand for amateurism. The action of the Association in this respect is not taken very kindly to, in Vancouver, several of the players absolutely refusing to play unless there is something coming, and as the Vancouver team has decided to amalgamate with the Vancouver Athletic Club it is hard to see how the players from this club at least will receive any rake-off. There is some talk of the disgruntled ones forming an independent team. They figure that the Vancouver Club will be only too pleased to ruin their franchise in the league over to them after July 1st, but in my opinion they have another think coming. The men at the head of the Vancouver Club are known as stayers and I will be greatly surprised if they do not carry the club through as they have started.

The boxing tournament which took place in the Victoria Theatre on Tuesday evening last proved the worst kind of a fiasco. The arrangements were badly managed, the price of admission was on par with that charged to see championship events in San Francisco when the best men in the business can be seen, and last but not least the two bouts were, to say the least, "rotten." The first bout was advertised for 8.30 but the principals did not put in an appearance till 9.10 and then the men knew very little of the game. It was scheduled for ten rounds, but it only went three, the decision being given for an alleged foul. I do not like to criticize the third man in the ring, but in this instance was closer to the participants than he was and although I was watching the men closely I failed to see a low blow land, and in this I was supported by the majority at the ring side. The boxer to whom the decision was given was very tired and it was an after thought that caused him to claim a foul. McNamee as a fighter might be all right but as a referee he is a failure. The main event lasted about five minutes. But from the style of boxing it was sufficient. Adams, the much-touted Welsh Wonder, is not in the same class as Paris. It was claimed that he was put out by striking a water pail as he fell, but in my opinion it was a left jolt in the wind and a right swing to the jaw that did the work. I do not like to cast cold water on the ambitions of any rising athlete but in this instance I certainly think that Adams should make an effort to find some vocation more suitable, for he is certainly not cut out for a boxer. In comparison with the show put on by the Victoria West Athletic Club the exhibition was a frost, the only redeeming feature being the fact that the staff of the Victoria theatre handled the seating of the spectators.

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E. G. Prior & Co.'s New Catalogue.

The distinction of issuing the first large General Hardware Catalogue in British Columbia belongs to E. G. Prior & Co., who are now distributing to the trade a large volume of over 650 pages, 8x11 in., weight 5¾ lbs., which is appropriately referred to as their "Fiftieth Anniversary Catalogue." The Catalogue contains some 3,500 illustrations, covering every conceivable article of hardware and kindred goods for which there is a demand in this section of the country.

The average British Columbian would hardly expect a book of such large dimensions to be issued outside of Toronto or Montreal, but it remained for the progressive hardware house of Victoria to take the initiative.

A chief compiler and several assistants were employed for one year on the work, the better part of one of the largest printing plants in Victoria was engaged for a like period on the printing and binding, and, viewed from an industrial standpoint, there is just cause for pride in that the mechanical part was executed by a local printing concern, and against outside competition.

An establishment that will invest several thousands of dollars in catalogues for distribution among the merchants in British Columbia certainly has faith as to th egreat prospects within its boundaries—not faith, but positive assurance. Not many business houses in British Columbia have reached the half-century mark, and E. G. Prior & Co. are among the pioneers who, through large expenditures in the direction referred to, give proof of the confidence they have in the continued prosperity of the Province in which their catalogue will be distributed. Their Fiftieth Anniversary Catalogue is supplied the trade

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

Since my connection with The Week, I have criticised many things, but I do not think anyone has ever accused me of being a literary critic. I happened however to be filling a professional engagement at the business luncheon of the Canadian Club on Wednesday, and although it was not in any sense a public meeting I do not think I am straining a point when I refer to a very interesting incident which occurred.

Those of my readers who attended the Paardeburg celebration at the Empress Hotel will remember the splendid patriotic song which Mr. W. J. Dowler recited on that occasion. It has since been set to music by another well known Victorian, Mr. Geo. Werner, and on Wednesday the members of the Canadian Club heard it delightfully rendered by Mr. Gideon Hicks. The upshot was that the Club unanimously decided to recommend it to the celebration committee with a view to its performance at Quebec in July next and its possible acceptance as the national song of Canada.

Two members of the club very properly pointed out that the poem might be open to criticism, and that it was a somewhat unusual course for the Club to endorse the composition, but as President Lampman said, the occasion was an exceptional one, and the song as rendered appealed so strongly to those present, as to set the seal of excellence upon its sentiment, and upon the musical accompaniment.

The argument used against its acceptance turned out to be the strongest argument in its favour, that while it might not satisfy all the canons of criticism, it possessed the indefinable something which appealed both to the sentiment and the senses of the hearers. This is about all that can be said of most national anthems. Mr. Dowler's composition is far above any which has come under my notice as a national patriotic song. The music to which it is wedded is not only appropriate but inspiring and I should be greatly surprised if the whole is not accepted by the celebration committee.

I share the general regret felt by the citizens of Victoria at the unfortunate experience of Alderman Meston. However one may differ from him on some subjects everyone agrees that he is a citizen of irreproachable character, and honest intention. Circumstances have placed him in an invidious position. If he had consulted the able counsel who conducted his case in the courts before, instead of after, the event he would have saved himself a lot of trouble. He has committed a technical breach of the law, but must be held morally blameless. One lesson may be learned by intending candidates for Aldermanic honors, and that is what they should carefully examine their financial position, their qualifications, and their relations to the city before embarking on a candidature.

The subject of the new police uniforms is still agitating the minds of the Commissioners and the force. I am satisfied that Victorians to a man, and I believe to a woman, will be disappointed if the British Uniform is not adopted. All the tenders to hand ask a slightly lower price for this than for the American, and to purchase the latter under the circumstances would not only be running counter to public opinion, and to the express wish of several public bodies, but would be entirely inconsistent with the action of the Commissioners in opening the question at all if they did not intend to make the change, subject only to the question of cost. It is not necessary here to ventilate the objections which have been raised to the British uniform, suffice it to say that the only ones urged are based upon sartorial considerations which certainly will not appeal to the ratepayers.

I am sorry that the City Council has not seen fit to accept my "bona fide" offer to plant and fence the triangular space at the corner of Government and Belleville Streets. I gather, however, from a report of a recent meeting that the Parks Board is going to do it ,if so I have gained my point, but the work will not be done as quickly as if the Council had accepted my offer. Moreover I doubt whether it will be done as cheaply, but I am not anxious to go into the contracting business, nor am I looking for trouble. I want to see Victoria made clean and tidy; nature has made her beautiful.

At the request of a prominent citizen I said something last week about the demoralization of young boys in Victoria, and promised to return to the subject. After discussing the matter with the authorities I have decided not to publish certain facts which have come to my knowledge, because to do so would be to defeat the ends of justice, but I wish to say that unless parents can be aroused to a keener sense of their personal responsibility than at present exists in many quarters, deplorable conditions, which are known to a few, will intensify. Girls of fifteen and sixteen require at least as much looking after as boys of the same age, and unrelated men of adult age are not always their best protectors. The old-fashioned custom of chaperonage was a wise one, and its utility is not confined to any class, although its vogue may be. The father or mother who allows a young girl to be out at night without themselves providing a proper escort is neglecting a very serious duty, and, as society is constituted today, taking serious risks.

I do not think that in this respect Victoria is worse, I rather think that it is better than most other cities, but here as elsewhere a very real problem exists of which many parents seem to be oblivious; it would be too unfair to suggest that they are purposely indifferent. Naturally a Lounger who lounges at all hours of the day and night and whose main duty is to gather unconsidered trifles sees many things that will not bear inspection, and many more of which little can be said. The pity of the position under review is that the very people who have most need to lay these words to heart will probably never imagine as they read that they possess any interest for them. So naturally do we fall into the error of fitting the cap on some other person.

Lounger.

IN THE OLD LAND.

By RAMBLER.

Well now to our wanderings, since I last wrote. This is All Saints or All Souls or All Somebody's day.

After leaving Aberdeen we journeyed on to Inverness, calling at a place named Ellon to see an old lady who was a contemporary of my fathers and remembered my grandfather well. She is ninety-four years old, with all her faculties, except that she is deaf, wonderfully smart, with eyesight better than yours or mine. Truly the Scotch women are great livers. She was very anxious to see us, but I am afraid was disappointed. The trouble with all very old people is that they never seem to realize that others all advance in years. After we left she said to her daughter-in-law in a tone of surprise, "Ai, Ai, but they are grown up bodies." I imagine she expected to see a boy and girl.

There is nothing much of interest to see at Inverness, except Highlanders and you do come across some fine specimens of manhood there. I was looking up the directory in the hotel and out of curiosity counted the number of pages devoted to Macdonalds and Frasers. They appeared to be the most numerous. Well, there were over fourteen pages of the former and eleven of the latter. How they ever located a particular one is a mystery for they all bear just a few common Christian names. We drove out to see the battlefield of Culloden. I obtained a very good photo of the Cairn erected upon it. All round are headstones shewing where those of the different clans fell. How little one can realize the very often serious results of one's, at the time, apparently trivial actions.

Before the battle, Prince Charlie, ignorant of the extreme jealousy of the Celtic character, stationed the Macdonald clan, which was by far the most numerous, on the left wing, instead of the right—and placed the Macintoshes there instead, with the consequence that the Macdonalds during the whole of the fighting stood sullenly looking on and absolutely refused to take a hand in it, notwithstanding the entreaties of their chiefs. Now a great many military authorities say that it is extremely probable if they had acted otherwise, the day would have gone in favor of the Highlanders, and Prince Charlie would have gained the Crown, thereby changing the course of history. The poor Macintoshes were so elated at being placed where they were that they bore the brunt of the battle, and were nearly exterminated. Visiting the scene of the fight and expecting to go through the country where Prince Charlie wandered for five months before he escaped to France led me to read a full account of such wanderings. How he managed to elude the English is marvelous, with a £30,000 price on his head—and in a district so small that you could lose it in Macpherson's old constituency of Burrard, and absolutely overrun with thousands of soldiers. It speaks eloquently for the trustworthiness and fidelity of the Highland Character.

Most tourists go from Inverness down the Caledonian canal and thence along the West Coast, but as we had in British Columbia seen plenty of rocks, bays and seas, decided to take the Highland Railway through the heart of Scotland. Some forty miles south of Inverness you pass through the Macintosh country. I was rather amused at an incident that happened while we were in that district. I drew my wife's attention to Moy Lake a beautiful piece of water, with an island in the middle, upon which are the ruins of the Macintosh stronghold, and at the upper end of which is the modern castle of the Macintosh Chief of that clan. Not a soul in the carriage took the slightest interest in what I was saying though they all heard me, until a man suddenly remembered that the Prince of Wales had stayed with Macintosh some two weeks previously and supplemented my remarks to that effect. In an instant all hands got up off their seats, made for the window with craning necks to see the Castle, nearly crushing the life out of me in their anxiety to see a place where the Prince of Wales had stayed, thereby illustrating a peculiar phase in the English character. The district, with all its old historical associations had no interest to them until it was connected with royalty.

Our first stay off was at Pitlochry at the foot of the Gary Glen, where Dundee, with his Highlanders nearly annihilated the English Army under General Mackay, at the battle of Killicrankie. I took a photo of the place where an English soldier pursued by clansmen is said to have leaped to safety over the falls of the river. The late Queen doubted whether such a feat were possible and it was then looked upon as a myth, until an Englishman showed some years later its feasibility by duplicating it. The guide was a Cockney woman married to a Highlander. He looked on, she did all the talking. It was very funny to hear her say "when the henemy pressed 'im." One scarcely expected to meet with such language in the heart of Scotland.

This puts me in mind that the other day while traveling in an omnibus through Picadilly there were Cockneys sitting upon the opposite seat. They were very excited about the treatment they had received from somebody and in their denunciations of him one said: "Damn im hany ow, hi would like to ang im has igh has Aman." I will bet you the drinks when I return to Vancouver that neither you or anyone of the usual crowd can pronounce that sentence aloud, and yet you persist that the mass of the people over here speak English. They will never repent either I am afraid. Though I must confess no woman that I have ever heard speak with as nice and pleasant an accent as the educated refined Englishwoman.

I climbed up to the top of Ben Y Vrackie, one of the highest mountains in Central Scotland, overtaking on the way many younger men, so that I realize I am not getting very old yet. Had a grand view ,but oh, the desolation! How in the world the Clansmen ever existed is a mystery. It was well for them they had the rich lowlands to raid upon. From Pittsburg we took the train to Aberfeldy and drove thence to Kenmore at the foot of Loch Fay. Opposite the hotel is a pretty little island upon which are the ruins of a very ancient Abbey, where Sybilla, the Queen of Alexander the First is buried. A

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ss Noel Moresby returned last lay from Seattle.

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Grahame Williams returned on ay from Seattle where he spent days.

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s Boultbee of Vancouver was ered at the Empress during the

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and Mrs. Oscar Schoefield of holme are registered at the Bal-

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. Purdy of Bellingham was red at the Empress for a few last week.

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s Vera Gosnell returned from a o Tacoma and Bellingham last y.

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E. P. Colley is expected on y evening from England, after sence of five or six months.

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Stephen Phipps and her father, Maitland Dougal, came down Cowichan on Tuesday returning dnesday afternoon.

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engagement is announced of Gertrude Savage to Mr. T. O. , both formerly of Winnipeg, f this ciyt. The wedding has rranged to take place at the end summer.

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and Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson a few days last week at their little summer cottage on the of the beautiful Cowichan eturning home with a splendid

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Fletcher and Mr. Foster of the an Bank of Commerce, were at Princess Hotell on Cowshr at Price's Hotel on Cowichan luring the week. They enjoyne excellent fly-fishing, March proving itself to be the favored

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marriage was solemnized at church, Bath, England, on the st., by the Rev. Claude S. Bird, of the bridegroom, assisted by B. Norton Thompson and Rev. Hanks, of Mr. Claude Cecil of Sintaluta, Saskatchewan, to Amy Ethel Holley, daughter of e Lt.-Col. George Hunt Holley 101st regiment.

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sday last at St. Mark's Episcourch, Seattle, there was united riage Mr. A. W. Johnson, of al, and Miss Edna B. Beards- Azusa, Cal. The bride, who armingly gowned in a tan-colailor suit with picture hat to was given away by Mr. Percy enrath of Vancouver, while Mr. B. Duncan of Nome, acted as an. A wedding luncheon was rds served at The Rathskellar the evening the couple were of Mr. James Fallon to dinner Butler Annex. They spent the ere at The Empress returning ouver, where they will reside, y. Mr. Johnson is well in business circles in Victoria.

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esidence of Mrs. George Matthews, Lampson St., was the scene of the meeting of the "Five Hundred Club" on Wednesday afternoon. Some very close and exciting play was witnessed. Mrs. Courtney, however, made the highest score. The house had been sweetly arranged with daffodils and clusters of primroses, filling the air with their delicious perfume.

The competitors were Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Crosse, Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Shallcrosse, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. C. Roberts, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Troupe, Mrs. Crowe-Baker, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Raymour, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Stretfield, Mrs. Arthur Wolfenden and Miss Monteith assisted with the tea while Mrs. Stuart Robertson acted as scorer.

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"Yez wor thot! Oi hurr-rud th' corporal say yez got so scared yez wint into a barn an' stuck yez head into an egg crate, bedad!"—Chicago News.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated near Coal Creek, Renfrew District, B.C.: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of section 88, and marked J. Hastie and H. J. Kirby; thence west 80 chains to northeast corner of section 87; thence north 80 chains; thence east to western boundary of the E. & N. Railway Company's Lands; thence following said boundary of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's lands to point of commencement.

Staked March 17th, 1908.

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April 11

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TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile west-north-west from Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

G. E. GIBSON.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

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H. G. ANDERSON.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NOTICE

The bridge at Craigflower over Victoria Arm is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 9th March, 1908.

$1,000 Reward

THE GOVERNMENT of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA hereby offers a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men who, on the 25th day of February, 1908, at the Gorge Hotel, near the City of Victoria, B.C., armed with revolvers, entered and, while committing a robbery in the said Hotel, shot and wounded one Richard Dancey.

DESCRIPTION.

No. 1—Man about 5 feet 11 inches in height, slim build, dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap.

No. 2—Man about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; slim build; dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap. Both men were armed with dark-colored revolvers and wore long white cotton masks.

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By order, F. S. HUSSEY,

Superintendent of Provincial Police.
Victoria, B.C., 26th February, 1908.

OMINECA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Marie Philippi, of Omaha, occupation, Lady, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 21, township 1, range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, being said section 21.

Dated January 15th, 1908.

MARIE PHILIPPI.

Feb. 15 A. Olson, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

D. R. YOUNG.

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

C. A. YOUNG,

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one mile and a quarter north of Skidegate Inlet and mouth of the Honna River, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

B. M. RICHARDSON.

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

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Commencing at a post planted at the **northwest corner of B. M.** Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

R. W. RAYSAY,

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, about 100 feet west of the wharf; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south along the shore back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 C. G. JOHNSTONE.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the entrance of said bay, running west 80 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence east along the shore of bay inside of Jesse Island; thence northerly along the shore of Blinkinsop Bay to the place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

O. C. BASS.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the outlet of the creek at the head of bay, running north along the shore 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence west 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

L. P. LOCKE.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the head of Blinkinsop Bay, 50 feet north of the creek running to the bay; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

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Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.

Apl. 4 R. D. HOYT.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Rupert.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Frank Kelly, of Victoria, B.C., timber cruiser, intend to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

6. Commencing at a post planted at northwest corner of T. L. 16186, Section 3, Township 33; thence east 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

December 17th, 1907.

Apl 4 FRANK KELLY.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, on Graham Island, B.C.:

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Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.

Apl 4 J. O. HOYT.

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Apl. 4 W. L. ARCHAMBEAU.

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Graham Island, B.C.

Apl. 4 JOHN DEARBORN.

In The Old Land.

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nice drive which we took was across the Lyon River with its junction with the Tay and up Glen Lyon, one of the grandest and gloomiest glens in the Highlands, passing on the way and commanding the principal ford of the river, much used before there were any bridges. Comrie Castle ruins, the ancient citadel of the Menzies family. About half way up the Glen upon a knoll with sides about as steep as the roof of a house, is a castle very seldom visited and not mentioned in any of the guide books, called Caribane, once the stronghold of Campbell of Glenlyon. In connection with this man there is a very pathetic story, too long however to relate the particulars of in a letter, concerning one of the Chiefs of the McGregor clan who married his daughter through the instrumentality of another Campbell Chief of collateral branch called Black Duncan of the Cowl. He was outlawed and eventually beheaded.

RAMBLER.

Music and Drama.

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of the previous acts capable. Her handling of the situation with Napoleon on the one hand and Jerome on the other was simply superb. With a less firm touch this episode might easily have become melo-dramatic, and only Miss Mannering's great acting invested it with realism. The whole scene rings false from a dramatic standpoint but for that the actress is not responsible, and she fairly triumphed over a dramatic obsession.

Miss Mannering has reached maturity in the full possession of her beauty, a fine stage presence and high dramatic endowment. She has shown in "Glorious Betsy" that she could shine in classic roles, and she would make no mistake in abandoning modern American plays and turning her attention to higher work. Since her last visit to Victoria something has imparted a touch of humanness to her acting which it lacked before.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell has chosen for her one appearance here on the night of Monday, April 13, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray. When criticized the other day for her choice of plays as being confined solely to those of women who have had more or less disagreeable pasts, Mrs. Campbell answered: "I play the roles that are the most sympathetic to me; there is no reason why a woman with a future should not be as interesting as a woman with a past, but you must remember I made my first London success in the role of a lady who had a good bit of a past, and just as that past clung to Mrs. Tanqueray in Pinero's play, so that heroine has clung to my reputation." It was in fact, Mrs. Campbell who made Pinero famous as a serious dramatist by her wonderful performance of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." A few years later Pinero wrote for her "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith." In neither role has any actress seriously challenged her supremacy, although many have tried.

Society is taking an unprecedented interest in her coming engagement, an interest which is awakened by something more than the symptuous wardrobe which the English actress has brought with her for the tour. From inquiries and advance orders for seats that has been received during the past few days, it is evident that the theatre will hold an audience rarely equalled in brilliancy.

A Concert Tour.

Music-loiving residents of the smaller centres of population, as well as the chief cities, will be deeply interested in the announcement made by Mr. C. H. Gibbons, who recently returned from the direction of Madame Albani's notable round-the-world tour, of his intention to shortly send the rising young violinist, Francis Armstrong en tour through the Province, associated in such concert work with Lilian Fisher, a notably good soprano, last season starring in "Mam-selle 'Awkins" under the Klaw & Erlanger direction. The tour it is understood will be inaugurated at Duncan, probably on Saturday, the 25th, engagements at Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Cumberland and Alberni following, previous to the beginning of the Mainland tour, which will extend until the 1st of June. Miss Fisher is under contract to be in New York again by August 1 to begin rehearsals of a new comic opera in which she will have the leading part with one of the Kirke La Shelle companies on the road next season.

The New Grand.

The performance at the New Grand this week is good without being super-excellent. It hardly, however, bears out the claims which were made for it in the advance notice. Better individual turns have been seen, for instance the top liner is a little dramatic skit entitled "The Cracksman." Richard Buhler, the leading character has a very poor conception of the gentleman burglar, as he was played by the inimitable Willard, who created The Spider in the Silver King. Buhler is far too stagey and artificial, and if he toned down his performance it would be much more effective. Even gentlemen burglars do not jump all about the room like an animated marionet at the slightest noise. The lady who played up to him in the little skit was much more natural and therefore more effective. The most meritorious performance was that of the Robert Dumont Co., the comedy acrobats, they were exceedingly clever and their looping across the stage, underneath the table was exceptionally good work. The Doria Opera Trio were very good in their operatic selections, notably in the one from Faust. Two turns could be cut out with advantage, that of Wesson and Walters and that of Lefevre and Frankie St. John, the one on account of an undoubted approach to vulgarity, the other on account of inanity.

Next week's bill is promised to be fully equal to that of this week, and, in the sketch which is to be the big feature even better, for "The Visitor," presented by the noted actor, Porter J. White, and his company of three, is said to be the best ever shown in a Sullivan-Considine playhouse on the coast. Other big features will be The Ascott-Eddy Trio in a pantomimic acrobatic act; the Musical Bennetts in a novel musical act, the three Walton Brothers, baritones, in an original singing sketch entitled "In Camp"; Musical Lowe, Xylophone artist extraordinary, and late soloist with Sousa's Band; Mart Fuller, monologist; Thos. J. Price, in the illustrated song, "Stingy Moon"; New Moving Pictures, entitled "Will He Overtake Them?" and "Funny Face Competition," and a new overture by the Orchestra.

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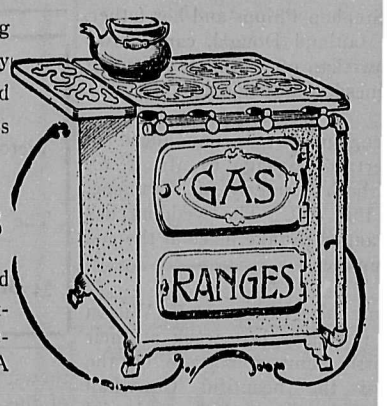

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