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Better Terms For Province

How the Two Parties Stand on the Subject.

The chief issue discussed by Conservative speakers in the campaign in British Columbia is the re-arrangement of the financial terms between the Dominion and this province, and this they call "Better Terms."

They say that successive delegations have gone to Ottawa to demand "better terms."

This statement is untrue, because no delegation ever went to Ottawa from this province to demand a re-arrangement of the financial terms between the Dominion and the province.

They say that Col. Prior in 1901 demanded better terms.

Col. Prior did not in 1901 or at any other time demand better terms for the province.

It follows as a matter of course that what was never demanded could never have been refused.

The whole subject of the financial relations between all the provinces and the Dominion has engaged the attention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and he has promised to take it up. The Conservatives say that he has not promised to give British Columbia exceptional treatment. He certainly has not, but he has not said that he will not agree that the province shall receive exceptional treatment, if a case for it can be made out. They say that Mr. Borden has promised to give the province exceptional treatment, if he comes into power. He has not done so. All that Mr. Borden has said is that he thinks the matter ought to be looked into to see if any grievances exist.

Do not confuse "better terms" with larger annual appropriations in the Estimates. Appropriations vary from year to year. The financial arrangements between the provinces and the Dominion are permanent, and are not subject to change from year to year.

"Better terms" is not an issue between the two parties, because both parties are agreed that the terms between the provinces and the Dominion ought to be re-arranged.

But, say the Conservatives, in the re-arrangement, if it includes all the provinces, British Columbia will fare worse than ever. How do they know? What reason have they for saying that justice will not be done the province? We may feel quite sure that if British Columbia can make out a good case for exceptional treatment, exceptional treatment will be accorded. The great obstacle to the recognition of any claim for exceptional treatment is the extravagant manner in which the affairs of this province are carried on. The enormous and costly governmental establishment maintained in this province is a terrible handicap when we claim exceptional treatment. It is out of all proportion as compared with the expenses of the other provinces. Granted that it must necessarily cost more to carry on the government of a large province like British Columbia, where settlement is so scattered; this is no excuse for borrowing money to pay salaries, as British Columbia has done.

British Columbia will get better terms, and will get them from the Liberals; but any terms will be of little use, as long as we keep in power at Victoria a government that will not adopt principles of economy in administering the revenue.

WHAT BRITISH COLUMBIA ASKED.

In the year 1901 Hon. James Dunsmuir, then provincial Premier, presented to the Ottawa government a memorandum asking certain things. This memorandum was the basis of Col. Prior's speech in the Commons which has been described by Conservatives as a demand for better terms. In this speech Col. Prior asked:

That a larger share of the Chinese head tax should be paid to the province.

That a prohibitive tax should be put upon Chinese immigration.

That subsidies should be granted to ships built in Canada.

That a bounty should be paid on lead produced in the province.

Random Reflections

BUT four days more to bind the spell.

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THE fool and his election bet are shortly separated.

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LESS than two months to Christmas! Have you commenced saving for the presents?

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POSITIVELY the nicest thing about the election to the general reader of the newspapers, is that it will soon be over.

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THE Grand Jury with George Riley as foreman made the big hit when they filed into the opera house Saturday evening.

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TIMOTHY EATON lost $7000 worth of jewellery by burglars the other day. Possibly some westerner taking a crude way of getting even.

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NOW that O. C. B. has gone to England with the Attorney-General, S. P-r-y M - - ls has re-emerged from the tall timber.

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THE Japanese intend having a big celebration on the 3rd proximo whichever way the election goes. It is the Mikado's birthday also by the way.

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POOR old Dan, the police patrol horse, is dead. Green apples, politics and disgust over departmental red tape proved more than he could stand.

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MR. PULLEN in his lecture on "Wild Things" made no reference to what Col. Prior said when the words of Albert Edward McPhillips arose to damn him.

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THE Treasurer of the United States is entitled to the full measure of sympathy born of fellow feeling. According to the despatches he cannot meet the demand for small bills.

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APROPOS of the Russian's outrageous act in firing upon the inoffensive North Sea trawling fleet, it is now a case of "EVERY MAN EXPECTS ENGLAND TO DO HER DUTY."

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MAYOR Manson of Nanaimo is not ambitious. All he wants in the way of fame is a line in the Parliamentary Companion mentioning that he was the man defeated by Mr. Sloan, M.P. in 1904.

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THE soda fountain is at rest until another spring; "the lobster with its crimson vest is now the proper thing; the lad who erst for thirty cents could give his girl a time, now hands the waiter dollars three, whence he gets back a dime.

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EVEN if the papers have nothing in them but politics, the cloud has ever a silver lining. No one has been obliged this campaign to listen to speeches by Mr. A. E. McPhillips. And the tuneful voice of Robert Cassidy falls on other air.

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"WE'RE sorry
For Lauria"
is the fearsome attempt at campaign poetry perpetrated by an Eastern Conservative journal. Perhaps it will permit of an amendment:—
"We're sorrier
For E. Gallier."

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WHEN you ask someone to "please pass the butter" now-a-days do you happen to think it is Cowichan or Delta creamery that you get as a rule, and that it's better by far than any California or Oregon importation? In the old Tory days all the table butter that Victorians used came from the country to the sonth of Canada.

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WHEN the Tories hung out their committee room banner on Yates street, it will be noted that they played up LIBERAL in the biggest red letters the painter had, and then tacked on Conservative in another place and very much smaller letters. That Liberal-Conservative hyphenation is a fraud anyway. The local members of the party would seem to be ashamed of the Conservative portion, and anxious to inveigle voters into their nest by giving

The Corps and Its Band.

Threatened With "Court Martial" Bandmaster Finn Becomes a Civilian.

The Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, Col. Hall commanding, is to-day virtually without a hand, despite the fact that the finest musical organization of Canada has until the past few days been identified with the regiment and carried the name and fame of Victoria and the regiment through the western states. That is the practical summing up of the situation.

When the band left upon its World's Fair and concert tour, by special permission of His Excellency the Governor General, President Roosevelt, and the governors of each of the states to be visited or even traversed, it was well understood that some few soloists were to be added for the trip, selected with consideration solely of their musicianly ability, who would round out the band and make it a worthy advertisement for the corps and the city. The band went away; it more than made good; and when it returned home received the icy stare from those for whom it had worked loyally.

The stare wasn't enough. Its concerts were indifferently supported by the regiment, and to cap the climax it is understood that Bandmaster Finn was waited upon on Wednesday by Major Hibben (officially) and informed that he must not re-assume the uniform of the regiment until he had satisfactorily met a series of accusations or charges in connection with the tour.

In effect the bandmaster is summoned for court-martial. As the maximum of his punishment upon conviction would be dismissal from the regiment, and as the officers take this method of rewarding his long service to the city and the regiment, he has grasped the bull by the horns and will forthwith retire from His Majesty's service.

So will his men, and the Fifth Regiment band as it was last Tuesday evening is therefore but a memory.

The two gravest counts in the indictment preferred against the bandmaster are said to be that he permitted certain bandsmen, not upon the rolls of the regiment, to appear in the uniform of His Majesty's Fifth Regiment during the recent tour, some of these being not even subjects of His Majesty; also that he authorized and permitted the use of the word "Royal" prefixing "Canadian Artillery" in advertisements used during the World's Fair engagements.

Mr. Finn will probably remain here, if Victoria wants a first class band, hold his present fine forces together and improve them, and introduce to the public Finn's Victoria Band.

THEY are telling a good one on a certain aristocratic young Englishman who was taken to witness the joys of a social dance at one of the logging centres of British Columbia, the "assembly" proving something of a catch-as-catch-can affair. Yankee, Canuck, French-Canadian, Swede—all nations were represented among the gentlemen dancers. There would have been a woeful shortage of ladies but for the presence of a number of dusky damsels from the reservation. Warming up to the spirit of the occasion, the Englishman onlooker finally approached one of the handkerchief-crowned maidens and inquired with cheerful condescension, "Suppose we dance this one?" The youthful klootchman shrank into her shawl as though to emphasize the intense frigidity of her reproof to the presumptuous. "Halo introduce," said she.

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WHEN the workingman listens to the flow of Conservatve igneous atmosphere at this election time, he might stop the gallant Colonel long enough to inquire how it was the Conservatives could never find a way to keep the Chinese out? The Liberals have found the way and applied it. There hasn't a single Chinaman arrived since last January.

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THERE is such a thing as natural sequence. Riley had twice as many electors as Col. Prior at his nomination meeting. He had twice as many names on his nomination paper, and he will

A Musical Delight

Concerts by Mr. Finn's Musicians of Surprising Excellence—Vocal Soloists.

The Fifth Regiment Band has come home—and to a large extent gone home; for the signs of negative if not active antagonism to the musicianly organization that has been doing Victoria honor abroad were so much in evidence that all thoughts of holding the band together have for the present at least been reluctantly abandoned. The added musicians have gone to their homes, and the echoes of the "Anvil Chorus" still ring in the ears of Victorians, with "Please Go 'Way and Let Me Sleep" for a double encore.

Not that all Victoria showed either hostility to or inappreciation of the band as reinforced for the concert tour. The music lovers of the city who went to the first concert perfunctorily, attended the second with delightful anticipation, and actually enthused at the third, for the merit of the band justified.

It took longer for Mr. Finn and his musicians to make their quality felt than it would a strange organization. The people of Victoria had been tacitly told that their band had proved itself far and away the best on the Coast or in Canada—ranking with the Royal Italian and a little bit above Ta Kilties, which played this month before the King at Balmoral. And they couldn't believe it. Everyone was from Missouri—"You've got to show me" was the watchword. So they were shown.

The band proved for its numbers and the instrumentation the best yet heard here, not only in so-called "popular" selections, but in classic works of dignity and grandeur demanding for their adequate interpretation a very high degree of musical intelligence and musicianly education. To play such selections as the Grand March and Soldiers' Chorus from Wagner's "Tannhauser," the famous Rossini overture from "Semiramide" and others in the repertoire that might be named, and to play them intelligently and effectively, calls for more than superficial skill and demands a high standard of musicianly ability on the part of every performer, with inborn talent in direction on the part of the conductor. Mr. Finn, whose extreme modesty of style in conducting has been praised by all the critics of the middle west, has his forces under perfect control, and the band's playing of the most intricate classics as well as the brightest and simplest two-steps or cake walks leaves nothing to be desired.

"It is not as dramatic in florid music as Creatore's band," observed one critic Tuesday evening, "but it is more thorough and reliable. If Finn were a little more demonstrative and dramatic in his conducting, the general public would be more appreciative, although it wouldn't improve the band one iota. He has his forces splendidly in hand and their shadings, phrasings and ensemble unity are all that anyone could ask. Finn's work is evidently well done at the rehearsals and when the band comes before the public it could go it alone."

It is perhaps unnecessary to say much of Friday and Saturday's concerts now, they being pretty much ancient history, and the benefit concert of Tuesday being in fact a crystallization of the best in the band's repertoire. The entire programme for it was good music. Such intricate and magnificent classics as Wagner's "Tannhauser' 'and Rossini's "Semiramide" were played with taste, expression and understanding that made them no longer unintelligible combinations of sound to the musically uneducated. And higher compliment can scarcely be expressed. In lighter, daintier, simpler works of mere melody the band was equally at home, adding beauties and harmonies inobtrusively which really improved the works under interpretation. The instrumental soloists also—Sergeant Carroll, on flute and piccolo, Bandsman M. Gumbert the master of the clarinet, and Bandsman Driscoll (cornet)—were delightfully efficient, and their musicianly efforts will linger long in pleasant memory. Of Bandsman Driscoll's cornet playing it may be said that it is the sweetest and most velvety and purest toned Victorians have ever enjoyed.

For the Tuesday benefit, the band had the cordially volunteered assistance of three popular home vocalists—Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. H. C. Briggs (nee Jeanne MsAlpine) and Mr. Herbert Kent. The latter, whose voice and method are familiar to all, sang Rodney's "Clang of the Forge," and for an encore number Noel Johnson's "God's Eternity." Mrs. Pooley gave Frederick Clay's "I'll Sing the Songs of Araby," and Massenet's dainty morceau, "Open Now Thy Blue Eyes," each eminently suited to both her temperament and her method. To many sincere admirers, Mrs. Pooley, with her ethereal, spirituelle beauty, might well be honored as a modern priestess of the purity of classic music—and never more insistently did this thought present itself than on Tuesday evening when in her richly simple, clinging ivory gown she stood upon the stage of the Victoria to sing "the songs of Araby." Her voice was not at its best, yet it took her audience compellingly and immediately far away from the material world and its grossness into a dreamland realm whose harmonies are a lacelike tracery of gossamer. Mrs. Pooley's music is a religion rather than a romance; she unconsciously idealizes every song she sings, and it is doubtful if anything in her repertoire more appeals to her temperamentally than does Clay's tribute to the mystical Araby.

Mrs. Briggs in her singing is very much Mrs. Pooley's artistic antithesis. Her voice is vibrant with the passion and the pathos of life. It is a rich, melodious instrument of unusual sweetness, sympathetic quality, and magnetic charm. Her treatment of Denza's "A May Morning" had in it all the sunshine and the freshness of life's springtime; her presentation of James Whitcomb Riley's exquisite little ballad, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry" (the setting being that of P. A. Schhnecker) eliminated all consideration of technique, taking its story straight to the heart and winning the tribute of moist eyes rather than of vociferous applause. If one might be permitted to say so, Mrs. Briggs' voice and her ability to feel the singer's message as she gives it, bring her very close to the kingdom of musical geniuses. Upon one so temperamentally endowed, there is placed an obligation to the "public" as well as to domesticity. The poor old world is hungry for just such singers of folk songs, and it is no disparagement of Mrs. Briggs' fine "method"—indeed most positively the reverse—to say that it is quite subordinate and secondary to her intuitive understanding of and ability to express, the song thoughts of the common people. Patti's grandest arias and most intricate exhibition passages failed to enthrone her in the heart of nations; that was left for accomplishment to her singing of "Annie Laurie" and of "Home Sweet Home."

Perhaps no finer compliment was paid Mrs. Briggs after Tuesday evening's concert than that of the celebrated soloists coming with the band. Mr. Gumbert was spokesman for them in talking over the incidents of the concert.

"If we could only have known what she would sing and how she was going to sing it," he said, "so that we could have given her all the rich chords of an orchestral accompaniment—with the organ tones of the basses, a 'cello, the violins, flute and clarinets—well I would rather have worked for her than take a week's salary."

In connection with the Tuesday concert it would be unfair in the extreme to overlook the very artistic and well subordinated accompaniments of Miss Gertrude Loewen, who proved herself during the evening ar artiste in this but little appreciated department of piano playing.

As Tuesday's concert is not likely soon to be duplicated in its quality in this western city, "Progress" presents hereunder the complete programme which music-lovers will desire for souvenir presentation:

Grand March and Soldiers' Chorus from "Tannhauser" .. ..Wagner
Minuet—"The Celebrated"..Paderewski
(Enc) March—"Unser Heinrich" .. .. Paris Chambers
Solo for Clarinet: Serenade—"Polonaise" .. ..Bergeson
(Enc) "La Somnambula"..Cavallini
Bandsman M. Gumbert.
Vocal Solo—"Sing the Songs of Araby" .. .. Frederick Clay
(Enc) "Open Now Thy Blue Eyes" .. .. Massenet
Mrs. R. H. Pooley.
Excerpts from "The Serenade" .. .. Victor Herbert
(Enc) Two Step—"Fraternity Belles" .. .. Cummings
Vocal Solo—"The Clang of the Forge" .. .. Rodney
(Enc) "God's Eternity" .. .. Noel Johnson
Mr. Herbert Kent.
Overture—"Semiramide" .. ..Rossini
(Enc) Highland Patrol—"Wee MacGregor" .. ..
Solo for Cornet—"The Lost Chord" (by request) .. .. Sullivan
(Enc) "Violets" .. Helen Wright
Bandsman B. Driscoll.
Vocal Solo—"A May Morning"..Denza
(Enc) "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry" .. .. P. A. Schhnecker
Mrs. H. C. Briggs.
Caprice—"Mazurka" .. .. Gay
(Enc) Intermezzo—"The Gondoliers" .. .. Powell
(Enc) Characteristic March—"Noisy Bill" .. ..Lousey
Grand Selection of Irish Airs..Godfrey
Maple Leaf—God Save the King.

It is dodging the issue to blame "counter attractions" or "political engagements" for the very meagre representations of the Victoria public at each of the first two concerts given by the band of the Fifth Regiment in the Victoria Theatre upon their return from the World's Fair and concert tour. It is also useless to shut the eyes to the regrettable fact that the virtual boycotting of the band expressed in some measure an ill-defined feeling of resentment toward it and its leader on the part of a considerable portion of the community. The band as a musical organization, was one of the finest Canada has ever known; it was far and away the best band in the Northwest; it had done very much to advertise Victoria favorably to hundreds of thousands who hitherto had possibly been ignorant of this city's place upon the map. Then why the thusness? To judge from the remarks of some "critics" of the band, who seem to feel that they have a deep-seated grievance, the trouble was that Bandmaster Finn and his men had been ambitious. They actually dared to want to make a little trip and brush up against the busy, moving artistic world. They had even—whisper the shameful words—hoped to make a little money for themselves as well as give the town a big advertisement! Wasn't it dreadful? Why in any American city—any community such as Seattle or Vancouver, where the people are single-hearted in determination to push the town ahead—they would even have been lionized and idolized for just such a policy. Can it be that Victoria does as her critics assert, actually resent the appearance of any wideawake, rustling activity to show that the town is alive and up-to-date? Can it be that "Please Go 'Way and Let Me Sleep" has been informally adopted as the civic anthem for British Columbia's capital?

Then there were others with the hammer out for the band—those who felt hostile because the best soloists available had been added for the tour, some of them not even Englishmen. There could be but one purpose—to make the band a first class musical body and a credit to the regiment and the city. Criticism on this score smacks very greatly of the narrowest insularity of thought. Outsiders, not of the local regiment or the nation, had been added, to increase the musical proficiency of the band and enhance the prestige of its tour for the corps and the city—in precisely the same manner that added soloists of other nations are now with the bands of the Grenadier Guards and the famous 42nd Highlanders (or Black Watch), the latter having four Germans, two Italians, one Frenchman and one Cincinnati citizen upon its roster to-day. Does anyone venture to suggest that the prestige of the Black Watch suffers thereby? Or is the Kilties' band of Belleville any less successful in advertising that town and Scotland's music because it is more than half made up of outside instrumentalists?

This whole band question seems to have been viewed at home through pessimists' spectacles. Perhaps if the concert band could have been held together for a month at home, enthusiasm (which is slow to show itself in Victoria for anything owed to home enterprise) would have been worked up and the town refused to give up a band that was at once a splendid advertisement and a musical delight. Not one of the much-abused added soloists but wanted to remain and become a resident of Victoria. As a matter of fact but two were not originally Britishers, with a longing at heart for homes under the old flag. If Victorians had stood together with cordial civic patriotism, a guarantee could easily have been arranged—with no burden upon any individual—sufficient to supplement the natural revenue of the band and keep it here complete. A grant of $1,000 per annum from the city, a measure of aid from the tourist association and the Board of Trade, and assurance of patronage at regular concerts, and there would not be much left to guarantee. Surely the possession of a band excelling in quality such travelling organizations as Creatore's, Godfrey's or Ta Kilties would have been more than worth the money as a civic advertisement! And surely, if that were not enough, there are one hundred music lovers in Victoria who could individually well afford $1.00 or $1.50 a month to keep such a band together and Victoria's? "Progress" is assured that if Victoria wants the band as it was last Tuesday evening and will go half way in showing that it wants it, instead of picking, snarling, knocking and abusing over petty items of detail, it can be kept together yet, an honor to the city and the province. Isn't it worth the trial. This paper is young and struggling but it is at least appreciative of good music and patriotic, and it will start the ball rolling with a subscription of $5 monthly to keep the band intact. Will citizens write to "Progress" as to their views in the matter.

Just one word more: It has been freely asked in criticism why, if the band has been so cordially endorsed by all the cities, it had not better patronage, and a balance in hand rather than a deficit at the tour's close. The band was quite unknown. No one looked for such a musicianly organization from any western Canadian backwood's community. It was laying the foundation of its fame on this tour. Were it to go on another tour through the same territory it would make good money. Only on Wednesday last the writer was shown a letter from the management of Krug's Park, the great amusement enterprise of Omaha, Nebraska, offering $500 per week and all living expenses for an engagement of the band from April to September next if they would come—and longer time if desired. The city, should it desire to keep the band touring a portion of each year, could gain in advertising and really have but little to make up to natural revenue.

GREASEPAINT.

The divine Sara Bernhardt this week celebrated her sixtieth birthday anniversary.

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The Fifth Regiment band gave a much appreciated sacred concert at the Vancouver Opera House last Sunday evening.

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The gowns worn by Isadore Rush in "Glittering Gloria" are of a beauty (as one critic expresses it) that would make the ordinary Beethoven or Schubert symphony look like a rank discord.

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The Kootenay towns are to have five weeks of opera by the recently organized "Beggar Prince Opera Co." The prima donna is said to be young and very pretty.

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Arthur Dunn seems something of a specialist in runaways. When last seen in this city he was with "The Runaway Girl." Now he brings the latest Casino success, "The Runaways" in which there are three prima donnas, six comedians, and four distinct groups of show girls.

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The management of the Victoria have provided a modernly appointed cloak room with free attendance and mirrors where lady patrons of the house can see that their "hair is all right," etc., etc. It isn't the fault of the management if it isn't patronized as it should be.

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Well played selections on a variety of instruments are contributed by Young and Brooks at the Grand this week. One of the best is Miss Brooks' solo on the French horn. Their closing selection is a laughable imitation of a country dance.

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Sue Blanchard, a vocalist who has filled successful engagements at both the Savoy and Lyric is now on the circuit of the picture houses. She possesses two voices—a fair contralto and an excellent soprano that can touch the high spots with scarcely an effort. Miss Blanchard uses both with equal facility and her selections are happily chosen to suit her dual vocal compasses.

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The Vancouver World—in which the management of the Vancouver Opera House no longer advertises—is engaged in a rabid and promiscuous knocking of every attraction at that place of amusement. Rather hard, isn't it, that innocent travelling attractions of merit should thus be the victims of a managerial quarrel in which they have no part?

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One of the most popular of the Fifth Regiment band's encore numbers here—as well as at each of the larger cities visited during the recent tour—was the graceful little two-step "The Husky's Dream," for which Miss Violet Powell of this city is responsible. It is a graceful and original little conceit, melodious and foot inspiring.

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Birthdays seem to come quite frequently in Manager Johnson's family at the Lyric. Rose Perry, the popular balladist, jocosely christened the prima donna of the house, celebrated her arrival at the age of maturity a fortnight ago. This week the merry little comedienne Florence Patterson also had a reminder that she too is turning the pages of life's almanac. Her friends both in and out of the profession will hope that there may be many, many happy returns, and that her shadow may never grow less.

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Some More Haslam Pupi

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That certain railway lines should be subsidized, namely: The Coast-Kootenay; the extension of the Island railway; the Ashcroft & Cariboo railway, and the Kitimaat railway.

That fish hatcheries should be built and fish traps permitted.

That an assay office should be established in the province.

WHAT SIR WILFRID LAURIER PROMISED.

In reply to Col. Prior Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised:

That the matter of the assay office should receive immediate attention.

That the province should receive a larger share of the Chinese head tax.

That after the report of the Commission then sitting, the question of increasing the Chinese head tax would be taken up.

That necessary railways in the province should receive aid.

He said that a bounty to ships was a large question of general application and could not then be considered.

He did not say anything about a bounty on lead.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DONE.

Since 1901 the government has increased the share of the province in the Chinese head tax, and in two years the province received nearly half a million dollars because of such increase.

The Chinese head tax has been made prohibitive.

A bounty has been given to lead produced in the province.

The extension of the Island railway has been subsidized.

The Spence's Bridge-Nicola railway has been subsidized.

The Lardeau railway has been subsidized.

The Midway and Vernon railway has been subsidized.

The Kootenay Central railway has been subsidized.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has been provided for, and this renders the subsidizing of the Ashcroft-Cariboo and the Kitimaat railways unnecessary.

A subsidy has been promised to the East-Kootenay railway, as soon as the rival companies agree among themselves.

Several large fish hatcheries have been provided for.

Fish traps have been permitted.

An assay office was established at Vancouver and arrangements made for the assaying of Yukon gold at the provincial assay office at Victoria.

CONTRACTS COMPARED.

Compare the Canadian Pacific contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

Mileage to be built by the Canadian Pacific: 1900 miles.

Mileage to be built by the Grand Trunk Pacific: 1,600 miles.

Cash subsidy to the Canadian Pacific: $25,000,000.

Cash subsidy to the Grand Trunk Pacific: Nothing.

Land subsidy to the Canadian Pacific: 25,000,000 acres.

Land subsidy to the Grand Trunk Pacific: Not a single acre.

Mileage presented to the Canadian Pacific: 643 miles.

Mileage presented to the Grand Trunk Pacific: None.

Mileage leased by the government to the Canadian Pacific: None.

Mileage leased by the government to the Grand Trunk Pacific: 1,800 miles.

Government control of the Canadian Pacific: Absolutely none.

Government control of the Grand Trunk Pacific: Absolute.

Liability assumed by the government in addition to the subsidy to aid the Canadian Pacific: $30,000,000.

Liability assumed by the government on account of the Grand Trunk Pacific: $14,000,000.

Time when the government can take over the Canadian Pacific: Never.

Time when the government can take over the Grand Trunk Pacific: In fifty years.

The Canadian Pacific did not bind itself to send its traffic to Canadian seaports.

The Grand Trunk Pacific is specially bound to send its traffic to Canadian seaports unless it is routed otherwise by the shipper.

Exemption of the Canadian Pacific railway from taxation: Forever.

Exemption of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway from taxation: None.

TAXES AND REVENUE.

The rate of taxation is lower under the Liberal tariff than under the Conservative tariff.

Yet the revenue is greater. Why is this?

The rate of postage is lower under the Liberal administration, yet the Post Office Department has a surplus instead of a series of deficits, as under the Conservative administration. The reason is that lower postage leads to an increase in correspondence.

So lower duties lead to an increase in imports and a larger customs revenue.

These increased imports have not interfered with Canadian manufacturers, who were never as prosperous as under the Liberal tariff.

The consequence of the increased imports is a large annual surplus.

The Conservatives say there should be no surplus, but that the duties should be reduced so as to reduce the taxes of the people.

They also say that the duties should be increased so as to give adequate protection.

When in the first days of the N. P. they had small surpluses, they greatly rejoiced over them.

WHY TIMES HAVE BEEN GOOD SINCE 1901.

The Conservative policy may be fairly stated as follows: Protect manufacturers, and they will be prosperous and draw the whole country with them on the road to prosperity.

The experiment was tried for eighteen years, and the result was something very near akin to disaster.

The Liberal policy recognizes that Canadian interests are many-sided.

The Liberals aimed to assist manufacturers by increasing the free list by adding to it raw materials used in manufactures. The result has been that our factories have had more orders than they could fill.

They established a great steel industry by a liberal bonus.

They revived the lead industry by a liberal bonus.

They assisted the agricultural industry by establishing cold storage, by appointing officials to superintend the export of Canadian farm produce and its receipt at points of destination; by distributing improved seeds; by securing the removal of the United States quarantine on Canadian cattle; by encouraging the export of fruit; by encouraging the improvement of live stock; by the establishment of dairies.

They inaugurated the British preference and thus directly brought about a greater trade between Canada and the United Kingdom.

They engaged in a broad immigration plan, which brought hundreds of thousands of people, all having more or less money, into the Dominion.

The vast sum of money brought in by immigrants, the enormous total of the cash received from the United Kingdom from the sales of our products there; the great outlay in connection with the steel industry; these have immensely increased the volume of money in circulation and the increased volume of trade has given employment to every man who wished for work.

Ready sale for our products, plenty of work for all, and a large amount of money in circulation constitute prosperity, and these Canada has enjoyed since 1896 by reason of the policy of the Liberals.

Some few weeks ago "Progress" registered a protest against this city and province being neglected by the Scottish herring fishery expert brought out by the federal government, whose advice has so much improved the business of the Eastern Canadian fisheries. It was pointed out by this paper that the West as well as the East has herring fisheries that are worthy development, and that the expert should come here too. This week the word is received from Ottawa that he will. He is indeed already on the way to examine and report upon the advisability of establishing the herring industry on the Pacific Coast according to Scotch methods. Experts of the department feel that the time has arrived when the herring of the Pacific waters should be utilized for food. Another example of the government that does things!

Among the decorations on the Nelson monument, London, on Trafalgar Day, was an autumn-tinted maple leaf bearing an anchor of lichen and the emblems —the rose, the shamrock and the thistle. It was from the Esquimalt branch of the Navy League.

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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

There is talk of new theatres in this city as well as at other points in the Northwest. An indefinite rumor has it that plans are being prepared by the C. P. R. for a first class opera house adjacent to and in connection with their new tourist hotel in this city. The Northwest Theatrical Association also threatens to buy and build here, in which connection the following from Seattle will be read with interest. It may be noted that no one here appears to know anything about the organization or its enterprising intentions: "The erection of a new popular-priced theatre in Vancouver is likely to take place at an early date. The new amusement house is to be erected and conducted by the Northwest Theatrical Association, which now controls some forty theatres in the principal cities on the Northwest Pacific coast. Besides the proposed new theatre in Vancouver, similar houses are to be erected in Seattle, Victoria, Tacoma, Bellingham, Spokane and Portland. The Northwestern Theatrical Association proposes to run the new houses on lines somewhat similar to the present ten-cent vaudeville houses which have recently met with such premonenal success and are rapidly multiplying all over the coast. The new circuit of theatres will of course be in opposition to the present vaudeville circuits, and an interesting theatrical war may be waged for supremacy. This condition has been brought about by the invasion of the Northwest by a big vaudeville combine, and it is understood that Congressman Timothy Sullivan of New York and the Considine Brothers of New York and Seattle together with a number of other well known theatrical managers, are behind the enterprise. The site of the first of these new theatres for Tacoma has already been purchased at a heavy cost, and construction will soon be under way. A location for a new theatre in Bellingham has already been secured. Negotiations are understood to be pending now in Seattle for a site."

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The comedy for next week at the Savoy, "Finnigan Alley," is modern in every respect. It is different from the average Irish play, the scene and plot being laid in New York and not in Ireland. It is droll, from an Irish standpoint, and very humorous. Finnigan, at one time being a hod carrier, suddenly rose in wealth by the sale of a tract of land, where oil was discovered, still holding an interest in the property. He is known as Finnigan the oil king. His wife, anxious to mingle with the upper ten, forces her husband to forsake the alley, his old residence, and move to Fifth avenue. Their intention is to learn French and mingle in Society. The developments are excruciatingly funny throughout. In addition there will be the usual large and excellent vaudeville bill.

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Vancouver papers seem to have taken great offence at the "Wizard of Oz" feature of singing "Sammy" at the occupant of one of the boxes. They talk viciously of the insult offered in thus singling out one of the audience for negative notoriety. Oh dear, oh dear! "Sammy" has caught on in every part of America just because it is made a personal appeal to someone in every "Wizard" audience. The target is invariably consulted before the performance and it is with his permission that the individual method is applied. No one therefore takes any offence but the super-sensitive critics.

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"Progress" desires to speak for many patrons of the Victoria Theatre in complimenting Manager Boscowitz and Mr. Sampson, leader of the house orchestra, upon the uniform excellence of that important adjunct. It plays good music and plays it well. There are few cities of Victoria's population possessing a better theatre orchestra. It is easy enough and general enough to grumble when the orchestra is not just what it should be, but music-loving playgoers are apt to forget to mention it when the conditions are altogether satisfactory. Hence these few remarks.

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There is a chance of Victorians seeing that wonderful old allegorical and morality play "Everyman" toward the end of the season. Although nearly four hundred years old in its present form it has not lost its power to attract large audiences and teach immortal truths.

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The singing of the Woodland quartette is said to be an attractive feature of Florence Gale's "As You Like It," while the scenic accompaniments are in keeping with the play, the forest scene, with real leaves rustling beneath the feet of the players, being as charming a woodland setting as could be desired.

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THE BROADENING OF CANADA.

For eighteen years wheat has been successfully cultivated at Fort Vermillion on the Peace River in latitude 58 deg. 30 min. north. It may be safely assumed, therefore ,that mixed farming can be successfully carried on as far as 60 deg. north. In Russia mixed farming is successfully carried on much furtner north than this. The great city of St. Petersburg is in latitude 60, and Finland, an agricultural country, lies all north of St. Petersburg. This gives us a stretch of territory across Canada eleven degrees in width, between the International boundary on the south, the 60th parallel on the north, Hudson's Bay on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west, that can be made available for settlement by the estatblishment of transportation facilities. A similar area in the United States embraces the states of Washington, Oregon, half of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and the two Dakotas.

It has been demonstrated that the part of Canada referred to has a greater area of arable land than the part of the United States just described. It has not yet been demonstrated, but all the evidence indicates that the mineral wealth of the part of Canada referred to is greater than the mineral wealth of the part of the United States referred to. The timber resources of the former are greater than those of the latter. Of the fisheries the same thing can be said. There is as great an area in the former as in the latter that can be rendered highly profitable for farming by the introduction of irrigation. The area of pasture land is fully as great in the Canadian area as in the corresponding portion of the United States.

East of the great Canadian area just mentioned lie the vast hinterlands of Ontario and Quebec, known to be rich in natural resources. Here is room for homes for hundreds of thousands of people.

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It is for the broadening of Canada that the Liberal Party stands under the statesmanlike and patriotic leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE LIBERALS AND THE EMPIRE.

No man can justly lay the charge of disloyalty to the Empire at the door of either political party. Upon one thing we all agree. However much we may dissent from each other's views as to the best way of accomplishing it, we are as one man in the desire to promote imperial unity and enhance the glory and prosperity of the British Empire.

The history of Canada establishes the proposition that the chief factor in keeping Canada within the Empire has been the Liberal Party. Not that the Conservative Party has sought to weaken the imperial bonds; but because that party has failed to realize, as it now fails to realize, that these bonds must be voluntarily assumed and be elastic, not rigid and obligatory. The Empire is kept together not by Acts of Parliament or the decrees of the Colonial Office. It is by the devotion of the people, whether their homes are in the United Kingdom, in the Australian bush or on the Canadian prairie, to the principles of British law, the grandeur of British traditions, the liberty possible under British institutions. In these things the outlying portions of the Empire do not occupy a subordinate position to the Mother Country. They are equal partners in this great heritage. King Edward is as much king of Canada as he is of England, not because Canada is subject to England, but because Canada stands side by side with England for all that the British name stands for. No other view of the case would be tolerated by the Canadian people. In times gone by the Conservatives sought to impose other views upon the people of British North America, with the result that the Crown was threatened for a time with the loss of its greatest appanage across the seas. The Liberal Party asserted that Imperial unity was impossible without perfect freedom, and the statesmen of Britain promptly recognized the truth of the contention, so that it was at least accepted by the Conservative Party in this country.

Since 1896 the opportunity came to do something to promote the cause which we all have so deeply at heart, and it was promptly seized by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The reference is to the British preference. This was a free offer to the United Kingdom of an advantatge in Canadian markets over and above any other country. The Conservatives condemned it. They said there should be no preference without some compensating advantage. Here they made a great and characteristic error. They showed, as they have so otten shown, that they did not appreciate the nature of the Imperial tie. The effect of the offer of a preference, which offer required no formal acceptance by the home government, was to create a feeling of the warmest sympathy in the United Kingdom for Canada, and to set on foot a movement for general inter-Imperial preference. Here was a perfectly voluntary step towards Imperial unification. It is producing great material as well as sentimental consequences.

The Liberals insist that in things of this kind Canada shall be left perfectly free to act as suits the pockets and the sentiment of the people. The British preference appealed to the sentiment of the people in the Mother Country as well as in Canada, and it has also appealed to the pockets of the people in both countries. If the Conservatives had been in power there would have been no British preference.

In matters other than those affecting trade the Liberals have put Canada in such a position in the eyes of the world, that for the first time the nations have realized that the Imperial tie means something—that the British Empire is more than a geographical expression. The greatest figure in the Empire today, when questions of British unity are considered is, next to His Majesty the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Chamberlain is seeking in his own way by Acts of Parliament to bring about a closer union, and is unfortunately alienating as many people as he attracts. Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the other hand takes the position that each component part of the Empire shall do as its loyalty and interests dictate, and by following these trustworthy guides he has done more to bring about the consummation of what we have all so much at heart than any other subject of Edward VII.

ABOUT WHARVES.

Mr. Clive Phillipps-Wolley says that the wharf at Ladysmith is a bribe to the voters of that city. He has protested against it in as strong language as he could find in his vocabulary.

Mr. Wolley lives upon an island in Saanich Inlet. He and his household are the only inhabitants of the island. The provincial government has built him a wharf.

According to Mr. Wolley it is all right for the provincial government to borrow money to build him a wharf, but all wrong for the Dominion government to expend a small part of the surplus in building a wharf for the four thousand people of Ladysmith.

After the Liberals came into power there was an outcry against them on the part of the Conservatives because, while the federal revenue was expended in building wharves in the eastern provinces, not a dollar was spent for that purpose in British Columbia. Now that through the representations of Mr. Smith the grievance has been remedied, the Conservative candidate in Nanaimo district condemns the expenditure. He does not pretend to say that the wharves are not needed. What he says is that the money which the wharves cost should be given back to the people who paid it. The provincial government built Mr. Wolley a wharf; he doubtless thinks that the Dominion government should give him some of the surplus to buy himself a launch.

AN ABSURD CLAIM.

The local Conservatives say that the question of better terms for British Columbit should be left to arbitration; one arbitrator to be chosen by the local government, one by the federal government and one by the Colonial office. Mr. Borden has not assented to any such absurd proposition. He says that he will inquire into the matter.

Mr. Borden is not so ridiculous as to propose or to agree to anything so utterly nonsensical as that the interference of the Imperial Government shall be asked in a purely Canadian matter. When the other provinces asked for better terms, the subject was taken up by the federal government and after inquiry was settled. To do this it is not necessary to alter the B. N. A. Act. Canada is quite competent to manage its own affairs, and no man in the position of premier of the Dominion would for a single moment entertain a suggestion that the Colonial office should be asked to interfere.

PAPERS AND POLITICS.

If this paper is not altogether at sea in understanding of the public, the policy of tne party newspapers—and more particularly the Colonist—in immensely exaggerating the value of all that is said on the side they happen to favor, and belittling, misrepresenting, ridiculing and suppressing what is said by the other fellow, is about worn out insofar as it influencing the common sense elector is concerned. It may be one variety of journalism to distort the evidence presented by an opponent, in the editorial columns, which are supposed to contain the arguments of the paper. It may be—but "Progress" doubts it.

Assuredly it is rubbish to use the news columns as the Colonist is using them—lengthy and minute improved reports of everything that is said on the Conservative side, punctuated with all kinds of applause and manifestations of popular approval. Tacked on to these meagre, distorted, insulting and in many cases actually and deliberately untruthful "reports" (save the word) of an opponent's meeting or argument.

It is small compliment to the intelligence of the citizen to assume that he is to be influenced favorably by such tactics. The rational inference would be that in disgust he will vote contra to the paper presenting in itself such utter recklessness in its alleged chronicling of public addresses.

The newspaper of to-day that wields an influence must have the respect of the public for its fairness. It cannot have and report political news and arguments pro and con in the manner of which the Colonist has latterly given illustration. The public newspaper that gives fairly, in no matter how concise form, the arguments and the legitimate supporting evidence of both parties, and from such evidence argues a case honestly for the side that it may chance to champion, is bound to carry weight.

The paper that sees everything one way, and abuses, belittles and beslimes its opponents until the day of the voting, with innumerable false statements of facts, is pretty sure to be doing the explaining as to why all its predictions of success are found equally untrue with its other reports, on the evening of the election.

The editor of the Cranbrook Herald struck a true note when he wrote last week: "A man who will write the kind of parrot editorials appearing in the ——— is a detriment to the party he supports. No man believes that all the good of humanity is confined to any one party, and the political history of Canada furnishes sufficient reason for no party man to cast the first stone. Such rabid, radical, nonsensical utterances would not influence the inmates of the New Westminster insane asylum. It costs nothing to be decent, but it takes intelligence to be fair in a political discussion."

No matter which side of the political fence it is on, the paper that tells the truth and treats opponens with fairness and courtesy during a political campaign, is the only one that in these days is of use to the party fortunate enough to have its intelligent support.

"PROVINCE AND THE PARTY.

"The Vancouver Daily Province, which used to be a strong Liberal paper, is not discussing politics at all this election."

So saith the Colonist editorially, in the hope that the suggested conversion of the Province from the error of Liberal ways may be taken to heart by some wavering elector, to the gain of the Conservative party.

No one in Vancouver needs to be informed of the meaning of the Province's position. Its support would not be welcomed by or helpful to the Conservative party; it cannot as a mouthpiece of the C. P. R. support the party which aims to give Canada a new transcontinental road.

Thanks to the Daniel come to judgment over in the Colonist office, attention is directed to a very significant circumstance which the people of Victoria will do well to bear in mind.

The Province is not supporting the Liberal party in this campaign because the C. P. R. doesn't want it to—knowing that Liberal success means good bye to its monopoly of transcontinental railway business in Canada.

H. M. S. Bonaventure's **Rugby men** are looking for a game with Victoria's intermediates.

The attention of "Progress" has been directed to the growing practice of residents of neighbor American cities—who appreciate the thoroughness of our Canadian public school system—sending their children here to visit indefinitely with aunts or other relatives, in order that they may attend Victoria schools. There are upwards of twenty of these pupils now here according to report, whose people are American citizens in other parts, pay no taxes here, and have not the slightest claim upon the educational privileges of this city or province. It's worth looking into when the election excitement is over.

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The Week in Society

A good attendance of the youth and beauty of the city and their gallant Service neighbors; charmingly artistic decorations; the best of music; a floor like glass; by far the best supper ever served in connection with such a function in Victoria; and indefatigible attention to the comfort and pleasure of their guests by the members of the various committees concerned. These were what made the annual hospital ball, held at the Assembly Hall on Thursday evening of this week, a record breaker in its successes and its artistic and pleasurable quality. It was by far greater a success than any had dared to hope—and for that success to all the contributory agencies and not the least the patronizing public, be all praise. Upwards of 250 couples are estimated to have been in attendance, and the opinion of all appears to be crystallized in the most complimentary verdict above epitomized. The loveliness of the decorations in particular call for especial admiration. As the Colonist aptly expressed it yesterday morning, "Had a committee of artists or color scheme specialists been engaged it is doubtful if they could have equalled the results achieved by the hospital ball committee in transforming Assembly Hall into a veritable scene of fairyland. The main scheme was the laying out of the floor as a vast oval, at the four corners of which had been placed resting and lounging booths, furnished in sumptuous fashion with gorgeous rugs and carpets, elegantly upholstered chairs, settees and divans, made cosy with soft cushions of exquisite colors. The orchestra (Fifth Regiment) occupied the right hand corner entering, where they discoursed in comfort and amid elegance and peace the strains that enlivened the happy dancers; the four corners could not be excelled for their arrangement and elegance. They resembled parts of the drawing rooms of a great mansion. Portieres of richly varied shades lent an Oriental touch of piquancy to the effect. Electric lights in delicately-tinted shades shed a flood of soft radiance over the highly polished floor. On the walls were displayed banners and bunting amidst festoons of evergreens and wreaths of beautiful flowers. At the farther end of the hall were the buffet and luncheon rooms, a dream of loveliness with its shaded lamps, its silver and damask, and skillfully prepared cold dishes laid out awaiting the attack of the hungry dancers."

It was the supper room in particular which challenged superlative admiration. For the decorations here one leading society women of exceptional taste and executive ability was responsible, she also supplying the charming decorations of the tables and the wealth of silver. The room was a picture from every point of view, papered in rich warm reds and greens, into which the scheme of adornment blended harmoniously. At the foot of the room was a graceful sateen screen of green upon which the significant and familiar Helvetian cross stood out in scarlet cloth, a similar device in small electric globes adorning the opposite end of the ball room. The windows were festooned with smilax and crimson and snowy berries; long streamers of ribbon accentuating the airy and bewitching effect; while from the ceiling depended festoons and streamers of green with innumerable Oriental lanterns. The tables enabled the general color scheme to be still further effectively carried out in blossoms of scarlet and white. The ball room too was admirably treated by the decorators from His Majesty's ships, and the cosy corners fitted up by the Westside Spencers and Weiler Bros. once again attested the art knowledge of these enterprising firms. At the right of the entrance to the ballroom another delightful sitting out room was arranged by Mrs. Verrinder a la Hawaii—delightfully cool and restful. Native belts, grasses, etc., were used in the adornment of the walls which were done in a delicate tints of cream, conspicuously displayed, being the appropriate greeting of the Hawaiians, "Aloah," and equally appropriate and inspiring mottoes being crushed with the cushions. The lights were shaded with Hawaiian native paper and no tribute could be superlative in the praise bestowed upon this picturesque room.

The music was irreproachable and contained all the latest and most inspiring dance selections. But the supper! For it Mrs. C. W. Rhodes is entitled to the highest praise. In quality, arrangement, everything—it is pronounced the best supper and the best served of which Victoria dance attendants have any personal knowledge.

Space and time—the inexorable enemies of the press—forbid the publication this week of deserved reference to the happy throng who graced the function with their presence. As complete a list as it is possible to compile will however be given by "Progress" in its next issue. The following composed the ladies committee of arrangement: Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. E.G. Prior, Mrs. Richard McBride, Mrs. A .W. Jones, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Robert Day, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Albert Griffiths, Mrs. Ford Verrinder, Mrs. James A. Douglas, Mrs. Rowland Machin, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. Goulding Wilson, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. R. E. Brett, Mrs. W. Broderick, Mrs. W. Dalby, Mrs.Thomas Lee, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mrs. Frank Watkis, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. C. E. Redfern, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Edward Hasell.

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At the Church of the Holy Saviour, West Victoria, on Wednesday last, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp celebrataed the wedding of Mr. George Bullows-Smith, late of Birmingham, England, and Miss Margaret Ellen Lena, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nunn of Constance avenue. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Daly and Miss Clara Williams, and the best man Mr. Alfred H. Nunn, brother of the briide. The bride's gown was of white silk crepe trimmed with point d'esprite lace and bebe ribbon and her attendants wore white nun's veiling, and carried, as did the bride, handsome bouquets of roses and carnations. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome ring, while to the bridesmaids he gave pretty gold crosses. Among the wedding remembrances were:

Silver tea set, Mr. R. H. Nunn; Singer sewing machine, Mrs. R. H. Nunn; silver and gold salt shells, Mr. and Mrs. King; vase, Benares ware, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nunn; oak and silver salad bowl, Mr. Clark; gentleman's companion, Mr. Harris; gold-plated ink-stand, Mrs. May Leeman; glass and silver flower vase, Miss Clara Williams; oak and willow butter dish with silver knife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas; glass candlesticks with shades, Miss Doran; tapestry sofa cushion, Miss Mabel Porter, London, England; fruit dish, Mrs. Simpson; chocolate pitcher, flower vases and Maltese lace handkerchief, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kent; set carvers, Mr. and Mrs. Maltravers; cucumber dish, Mrs. Davis; silver and glass cruet, Mr. May; silver bon-bon dish, Mr. A. Nunn; cut glass and silver vinagrette, Mrs. and Miss Turner; oak and silver butter cooler, Mr. Eccles and family; silver berry spoon, Mr. Merton; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mrs. Harding; glass and silver bon-bon dish, Mr. Laurie; half-dozen silver coffee spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Master B. Matthews; half-dozen silver teaspoons, Mr. R. Ritchie; oak and silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Copeland; point lace handkerchief, Miss Helen Lombard; rose centre piece with doylies and gold sovereign brooch, Miss Alice Doran; fruit dish, Mr. annd Mrs. Hardaker; tea cosy, Miss Jordan; silver salad spoon, and fork, Employees Spencer's Arcade; silver button hook, Mr. Bessonette; cut glass and silver salt and pepper shaker, Mr. J. L. Lombard; orange blossoms, Miss Ethel Daly.

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At the residence of the bride's mother, 45½View View street on Wednesday evening the marriage took place of Miss Sarah McGillivray to Mr. Peter Turner Luscomb, late of Toronto and formerly of Montreal. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell in the presence of the relatives and a few intimate friends. The rooms were tastefully decorated with crysanthemums, ivy and flags. The bridal pair plighted their troth beneath an arch of ivy in the centre of which hung a beautiful bell of crysanthemums and ferns. The bridal party assembled to the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, played by Mrs. Hemmings, sister of the groom. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Angus McGillivray, looked very charming in a beautiful gown of white organdie, trimmed with chiffon and ribbon, and carried white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Kate McGillivray, who wore a dainty grey gown, and carried pink carnations. Mr. H. Keown supported the groom. After the supper the happy couple left for their home amidst a shower of rice and good wishes. The going away gown was of dark green cloth trimmed with velvet, with white plush hat, trimmed with autumn foliage. The presents were numerous, valuable and beautiful.

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Calvary Baptist Church was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening, the fortunes of Mr. Herbert Bruce and Miss Margaret H. Roe being united in the presence of a numerous company of friends by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. F. Vichert. The church had been appropriately decorated for the occasion by the friends of the bride, very pretty effects being secured with roses, smilax and chrysanthemums. The ceremony was performed beneath a chrysanthemum bell for which Miss Mary Hutcheson and Mr. Walter Ford were to be thanked. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. Robert Roe, was smartly gowned in white voile over silk, with veil trimmed with pearls and orange blossoms; her bouquet was of white carnations and bridal roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Jeannie Gribbon, also wore white voile over silk, and carried white carnations. Miss Flora Allen made a charming little flower girl, and Rev. Mr. Carson was best man. After the ceremony intimate friends were present at a wedding dinner and reception at the home on David street of Mr. and Mrs. Roe, the evening being merrily employed until the hour of the bride's and groom's departure by the Princess Beatrice on their wedding tour of Puget Sound cities. The bride's going away costume was of green tweed trimmed with green and white—beaver chapeau to match. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome fur and his souvenir to the bridesmaid a gold cross and chain. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce upon the expiry of the honeymoon will make their home in Victoria West.

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At Vancouver on Wednesday an interesting discussion over proposed changes in the Anglican canons conerning the marriage ceremony took place at the opening session of the annual meeting of the synod of New Westminster, During the session an amendment was introduced to prohibit any Anglican clergyman performing a marriage ceremony in a private house except by the special permission of the bishop of the diocese. It was pointed out that the amending clause could easily be evaded, and the motion was finally withdrawn after considerable discussion. But the feeling of the majority of the clergymen present at the meeting of the synod was so overwhelmingly in favor of the amendment that the Bishop announced that its provisions are to be carried out as fully as if the amendment had gone into force.

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At the Fives' Court, Work Point Barracks, on Wednesday evening, the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club gave a social which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who attended. The court was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The handsome silver cups won by the soldiers at association football and rifle shooting were displayed, and when the guests had admired them, dancing commenced, and the merry-makers continued until the early morning . Refreshments were served during the evening. The entertainment was a dlightful one and the next dance is being looked forward to with much eagerness.

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Mr. Colin Maclennan, of Vancouver entertained last Sunday afternoon in honor of Miss Ella Walker, the well known Canadian soprano, and Miss Sophie Pemberton of Victoria. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ferrie, Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Plunkett, Mrs. Lefevre, Mrs. Mills (San Francisco), Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Walker, Miss Pemberton, Miss Ella Walker, Miss McHendry (London, Eng.), Miss Tupper, Miss Moore, Miss Jean Mackinnon, Miss S. Richards, Miss Esme Baker, Mr. Hart McHarg, Mr deMille, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Griffin, Mr. R. Sheldon Williams and Mr. Tyler.

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The officers of the flagship Grafton were hosts at a farewell dinner given on Wednesday evening in honor of their brother officers of the Shearwater, who are on the eve of departure for the Motherland, their commission being at the point of expiry. The men of the Grafton also arranged and carried out with great eclat on Wednesday evening, a farewell entertainment for the Shearwater's company, the Masonic Hall at Esquimalt being the scene of the festivities.

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Many Coast friends will read with interest of the marriage at St. James Church, London, Ont., on the 20th instant, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, of Mr. J. Colborne Coote of that city, and Miss Eunice B. Harrison, eldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Harrison of Nanaimo.

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The Week in Society

Continued from page 5.

Five hundred is this season the popular card game, quite supplanting bridge in the affection of lady card players. The Tramp Club is one of the newly formed and thoroughly congenial social organizations whose mission in the world is to test the individual skill of its members at Five Hundred in weekly meetings at the homes of hospitable associates. This week the gathering was at the residence of Mr. C. N. Gowen, MacGregor avenue, on Wednesday.

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Miss Susie Richards of Vancouver entertained at the tea hour last Saturday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Sophie Pemberton of Victoria: Among the guests present were Lady Tupper and Miss Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. G. D. Johnson, Mrs. Dunbar Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Green, Mrs. and Miss Hamersley, the Misses Agassiz, and Mr. Maclennan.

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Many Sons of St. George attended the excellent banquet given by the local lodges of that order on Tuesday evening in honor of P. G. P., Bro. Sharp of Los Angeles, who after attending the Supreme Convention of the order at Chicago, has been visiting all the lodges in the Dominion of Canada and the Pacific jurisdiction.

Rev. G. K. B. Adams was called upon this week to officiate at the marriage of Captain H. R. Bilton of Hobart, Tasmania, and Miss Margaret McKenzie, the wedding taking place at the Metropolitan parsonage. Miss Lily Jenkins was bridesmaid, and Mr. J. McDonald acted as best man.

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Cards have been received by Victoria friends for the marriage of Mr. Norman K. Luxton of Banff and Miss Georgiana Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McDougall, on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo.

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Rev. E. G. Miller officiated recently at the marriage of Mr. John H. Rudd and Miss Annabelle Hood, both of this city. The wedding was at 13 Alfred street.

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Congratulations are being extended to Mr. T. P. Patton and Miss Florence (Flo.) Gowen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowen of MacGregor avenue, upon the announcement of their engagement in marriage.

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It is understood that the marriage of Mr. Joseph D. Pemberton and Miss Baiss will be celebrated at Christ Church Catahedral during the coming month, while the wedding of Captain Blandy and Miss Vernon occurs in January.

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The Bugle Band of the Fifth Regiment C. A. gave their first annual dinner at the Hotel Victoria yesterday evening, the occasion being one of much jollity and good feeling.

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Many invitations have been issued for the masquerade to be given at A. O. U. W. hall on Monday week under the management of Mrs. Lester.

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Mrs. Townley of Vancouver gave quite a large tea last Saturday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Robert Townley.

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Invitations are out for a Hallow E'en party to be given by Miss Nason and Miss Bowron.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. Cecil Fry and Miss Ena White.

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The Misses Tupper, Vancouver, gave a small informal dance last night.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

Here is the week's budget of personal small talk: After a pleasant stop-over at Banff, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Game of London, Eng., are now visiting Victoria, it being their intention to go on from here to Southern California, and there spend the winter. Mr. Game has been a prominent figure on the London 'Change for many years. . . . Mr. James S. Costigan, the notable hydraulic engineer of Montreal is visiting Victoria friends. . . Mr. A. E. Mollison of Halifax, Yorkshire, and Mr. J. B. Creighton of London, England, are here for a few weeks, their visit being primarily one of pleasure, although they have important interests on the Island which are receiving attention. . . . Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Worsnop have returned to Vancouver after a brief visit with Victoria friends. . . . Mrs. J. Duff Stuart of Vancouver and Mrs. P. Parke of Cache Creek, Cariboo, were the guests for a few days this week of friends in this city. . . Dr. Proctor has been down for a few days from Kamloops, and went home Wednesday. . . After an enjoyable visit with friends here, Mr. J. B. Morris has returned to his home in Montreal. . . Mr. George C. Hinton is back from an extended tour of the East. . . Mrs. Hugo Beaven and Miss Pemberton have returned from a short visit with Vancouver friends. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Franklin are here from Merry Island, Welcome Pass, having come down in connection with the lamented death of Mr. Franklin's father. . . Mr. Jacques Childs, United States consul at Hankow, spent the week here, on his way to his former home at Richmond, Mo. . . Mrs. Gordon Hunter has returned from an extended visit to Eastern cities, Chicago and St. Louis. Her husband, the Chief Justice, is now presiding at the assize trials in the Boundary country. . .Mrs. J. Y. Rochester and Miss Rochester have returned to Vancouver after a pleasant visit with Victoria friends. . . Mr. Forbes G. Vernon spent the greater part of the current week with friends on the Mainland. . . Captain Turner of the Yukon steamer Canadian has arrived to spend the winter at his home in this city. . . . Mr. J. Arthur Hyndman and his bride (nee Anna Janette Forest) of the Terminal City have this week been making a honeymoon visit with Victoria friends. . . Mr. J. Kenneth Macrae of Dawson, formerly a popular member of legal and athletic circles here, is down for a visit with his friends and family, which may extend over the Christmas holidays. . . . Hon. Charles Wilson and Mr. Oscar C. Bass of his department, left on Monday evening for London in connection with the presentation of British Columbia appeals before the judicial committee of the Privy Council. . . . Mrs. F. U. Fawcett with her two children, are visiting with Mrs. Fawcett's father at 308 Carlton street, Toronto. . . Mr. James Dunsmuir, Mr. F. S. Barnard, and a party of friends are enjoying an eight days' shooting trip on Mr. Dunsmuir's steam yacht, the Thistle. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Graham Drinkwater, after a delightful honeymoon in Victoria, left on Tuesday for their home in Montreal, in Mr. Charles Drinkwater's private car. . . Mr. B. P. Schwengers is visiting Mainland friends this week. . . . Miss C. Johnson of Broughton street, Vancouver, is the guest of her friend, Miss Russell. . . Mr. A. G. Mosle, Imperial German consul at Tokyo, who has been enjoying a furlough at home, is in Victoria to-day, and will be a passenger for Yokohama by the Empress sailing on Monday, to again take up his official duties in the Japanese capital. . . Captain N. E. Cousins of the steamship Queen has been granted a month's leave of absence from his command, and will be united in marriage on Monday, at Portland, to a young lady of Minneapolis to whom he became engaged two years ago. Captain Thomas is meanwhile in command of the Victoria-San Francisco liner. . . Mr. A .P. Luxton has returned from a four months' visit to the Old Country. . . Mr. S. A. Spence of Dawson is here to spend the winter months with friends and relatives. . . . Commander Hunt of H .M. S. Shearwater is enjoying a week's hunting and fishing in the neighborhood of Duncans. . . Captain C. J. Brownrigg, late of Rhodesia, S.A., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. T. A. Sea Smith and Miss Brownrigg of Hornby Island. . . . Mrs. D. W. Ross of Portland, Oregon, is a guest of Mrs. J. Whiteley, 44 Vancouver street. . . Miss L. Taylor of Oak Bay avenue, has left on a visit to friends in California. . . The Misses Woods have returned from a pleasant two months' visit with friends in California. . . Dr. E. B. C. Hankington left Montreal for Victoria at the beginning of this week, presumably bringing home his son Darrell, who has been very seriously ill at McGill. . . Dr. Quay has left for San Francisco, en route to Southern California and Mexico, where he will spend the winter. . . Mrs. Herbert Kent, Yates street, will receive in future on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month. . . Miss Tuck of this city was among the guests at a charming farewell tea given for Mrs. E. A. Earle (nee May Salsbury) by Miss Rochester of Vancouver on Tuesday. . Letters have been received from Mr. R. B. Powell, announcing his safe arrival at Suva, Fiji, where he has already entered upon his new duties. Suva is possessed of excellent tennis and cricket clubs, so that "Robbie" will not miss practice at his favorite sport; these organizations were at the departure of the Miowera's mail making active preparations for a grand ball to welcome His Majesty's new representative in the colony, Governor Lutburn..... Mr. J. G. Fordham and his bride (nee Miss Corisande Powell) after several days pleasantly spent in Chicago, and a week in gay Gotham, were to have sailed yesterday from New York for Liverpool. .. .. .. Miss Violet Pooley, youngest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Charles E. Pooley, is on her way home from England and expected to arrive among her family and friends here next week. She has been in the Old Land for upwards of three years. .. .. ..Mr. and Mrs. Honore L. Wilhelm of Seattle have spent the week delightfully in British Columbia's capital. Mr. Wilhelm is editor of "The Coast," Seattle's latest addition to magazinedom. .. .. .. Mr. R. B. Seabrook spent the earlier part of the week in New Westminster,.. Mr. Fred Oliver, manager in Victoria for the Dominion Express Co., proposes to treat himself to a holiday which has been fifteen years accumulating. He will leave for St. Louis and the exposition, en route East, on Monday or Tuesday next. .. .. ..Mrs. A. M. Rant of Atlin is visiting her parents in Victoria, and will probably remain with them until February. .. .. .. Mr. J. H. Brownlee C. E. has returned from a busy season in the Atlin country. .. .. Mr. C. E. Renouf, customs appraiser at Dawson, is renewing Victoria friendships. .. .. ..Mr. B. W. Greer and Mr. H. E. Beasley of the C. P. R. official staff at Vancouver, with Mr. C. A. Godson, formerly of Victoria but now also a representative Vancouverite, have gone back to the Mainland, well satisfied with a hunting trip along the line of the Island railway. .. .. .. Mr. J. G. L. Abbott of Vancouver was the guest this week of his brother, Mr. Hamilton H. Abbott, manager for the C. P. R. .. .. Mr. T. G. Earl of Lytton paid a visit to his many Victoria friends during the current week. .. .. .. Mr. Percy Wollaston returned this week from a flying visit to Atlin and the Yukon mining camps. .. .. .. Mrs. H. B. Runnalls arrived from Skagway on Wednesday of this week, and is visiting Victoria relatives before going on to California where she will spend the winter. .. .. M. Dreyfus of Paris, a distant relative of the world-famous captain, is spending a few days at the Driard. .. .. .. Mr. A. E Woods of New Westminster spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city . . Mr. H. W. Grove, an old-time resident of this city, returned from the Antipodes on Wednesday, and has gone East on a business trip. .. ....Mr. A. Cook left Wednesday on an extended visit to friends in England. .. .. ..Dr. Oronhyatekha, chief ranger of the Canadian Foresters, and one of the most notable orators and business men of Canada, paid Victoria a visit this week. . . . Mrs. H. Austin Goward and daughter are spending this week with Mrs. McManus in Seattle. . . Mrs. A. C. Sheldon of Portland leaves with her little daughter and maid next week for Paris, their sailing being from New York on the 8th November. Mrs. Sheldon, who is well remembered by Victorians (among whom she resided in her ante-nuptial days as Miss Anna Shaw) for her magnificent soprano voice, intends to devote a year at least to study in Europe of music and modern languages. . . . Congratulations are descending in a shower upon Mr. Harry Austin, he having received the appointment to the deputy registrarship of the County Court vacated by the regretted demise of Mr. Arthur Keast. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George L. Courtney are travelling to Detroit, where Mr. Courtney's father passed away on Wednesday morning of this week. . . . Captain J. J. Whiteley has returned from the "far East" .. .. ..Mr. J. W. Haskins has returned from the North after an absence of fourteen months. .. .. .. Mr. A. E. C. Dimmicks, managing director of the Casualty Insurance Co., is expected to pay Victoria a visit shortly. .. .. .. Mr. H. B. Thomson has left on a visit to Toronto. .. .. ..Mr. Osborn, a well known citizen of Honolulu, is a guest at the Balmoral. .. .. .. Mr. George S. B. Perry of Vancouver, for some time of the Colonist staff, is visiting Victoria. .. .. ..Mr. Hugh McLean of Vancouver is spending the week end here. .. .. ..Major Dupont returned from the Mainland Thursday evening, Professor Denjour Jouly accompanying him. .. .. ..Mr. William McNeill has returned from the Mainland and Mr. J. H. Lawson Jr. from Seattle. .. .. .. Miss Winterbourne of Seattle is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Wylde, 219 Fort street. .. .. ..Miss Murray and Mrs. Grace Stott, noted missionaries of the Oriental field, are the guests of Rev. A. Ewing, Menzies street. .. .. .. Mr. G.H. Davy of Bamfield is visiting Victoria friends.

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Orlando—Lover to Rosalind.. .. .. George Sylvester
Adam—Servant to Orlando .. ..Chas B. Kelley
Oliver—Orlando's elder brother .. .. John Alexander
Celia—Companion to Rosalind ....Margaret Bower
Charles—The Court wrestler .. .. Pierre Young
Rosalind—Daughter to the banished Duke .. ..Florence Gale
Touchstone—The Court Jester .. ..Paul Taylor
Le Bear—A Court Butterfly .. .. G. Brengle Hare
Duke Frederick—The Usurper .. ..Frank Stephens
The Banished Duke—Living in exile... .. ..Duncan Lumsden
Amiens, a lord—Attendant in exile.. .. ..Edward Pooley
Jacques, a philosopher—Attendant in exile .. .. Mark Price
Corin—An old shepherd.. .. .. Alex. Paunceford
Sylvius—In love with Phoebe .. ..William Holden
Audrey—A country wench .. .. Leola Fairchild
Phoebe—A shepherdess .. ..Gertrude Fowler
William—A country yokel .. ..William Goodall
Jacques due Bois—Brother to Orlando and Oliver .. .. John Borden

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Well satisfied houses have been the rule at the Grand all week, and large houses too, despite the multitude of counter attractions and the election rush. Young and Brooks' refined musical act is undoubtedly the feature of the week, although the other items are well up. These include the Westsides in their "Nonsense", Kennedy and Vincent in "The Belle and the Bell Boy," the popular Mandeville sisters, singing and dancing and sketch-work team, Mr. Roberts and the pictures. Another super-excellent bill is provided for the coming week, details of which will be found in the advertising columns.

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November provides another series of strong attractions at the Victoria Theatre, beginning with Florence Gale in "As You Like It" next Saturday evening. Others in their order are: Arthur Dunn in "The Runaways"; James J. Jeffries in "Davy Crockett"; the Marino Concert Company.; "The Tenderfoot"; William Morris in "Who's Brown?"; Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle"; "Candida"; Rose Melville in "Sis Hopkins"; and "Arizona."

F. Kermode, curator of the Provincial Museum, has just completed mounting a specimen of Stone's mountain sheep, which will prove a valuable addition to his collection. It was placed at the disposal of the curator by Baron Von Plessen, who shot it 80 miles from Telegraph. There are now specimens of each of the four great varieties on exhibition, namely the Ovis Montana(dark brown in color), the Ovis Stonei(dark), Ovis Fannini (grey) and Ovis Dalli (white). Late arrivals from the Cassiar country say the early fall of snow considerably interfered with several hunting expeditions. Baron Von Plessen, who has been hunting big game, was camped at the head of Dease Lake when the snow fell, and he lost one of his pack horses through the animal being unable to work its way out of the deep snow. The Baron is now hunting grizzlies at the head of the Iskoot river, a tributary of the Stikine.

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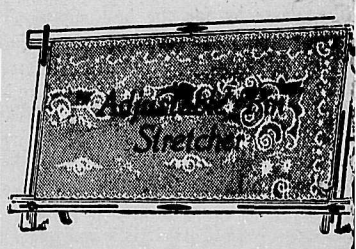

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When at the outset of the present amatic season it was announced that orge Ade's "The County Chairman" uld be one of the early bookings at e local playhouse, "Progress" con-atulated Victorians and assured them t this would be one of the most gen-ely meritorious offerings of the year. ter the presentation of the pretty play Thursday evening last one has no son to alter or amend this predic-n. It was undoubtedly one of the st things of this or any recent season nd the company was as well balanced d efficient as could be wished for. e house, of course for such an extra-d event, was woefully light albeit ap-ciative. Those who have read Ade's ables in Slang" were prepared to re-ve something distinctly amusing from pen when he turned playwright. ventures into the domain of opera ce bear indeed close relationship to Fables, and are of the same effer-cent and merry quality. "The Coun-Chairman" represents a higher stand-d of playwriting—a very consistent d well developed plot, a faithful de-ting of character types peculiar to middle west community not one of hich is burlesqued or over-drawn, a ntinuous flow of natural, merry wit. is a study, a satire, a bit of modern lk history. And it is withal good rama. The cardinal beauty of the ece as given here on Thursday is its perlative naturalness in every detail—scene, of incident ,of personages, of alogue, of action. The company in e western production is of course to-lly different from the original cast in hich Macklyn Arbuckle created the tle part—in which by the way he is till starring. It is, however, every bit s good, and that is something that can-ot be truthfully said of many No. 2 ompanies. In many respects Mr. Theo-dore Roberts is the superior of Ar-buckle. He has more of the fine quality f personal attractiveness, in which he omewhat resembles the late Sol Smith Russell, especially in "A Bachelor's Ro-mance." He has the compelling in-tensity of Nat Goodwin in his artistic handling of his climaxes. And he has a method and individuality of his own that are powerful and most pleasing. One is not saying too much in ventur-ing another prediction—that Theodore Roberts is destined for big things in his profession. George Thatcher as "Sassafras Livingston," the local touch of color, supplied hilarious humor that was unctuous in the extreme and never forced; Mr. R. J. Dillon gave an ad-mirably studied and performed Judge Rigby. In fact all the people of the play but lived their parts in it naturally as in real life—and Ade had done the rest.

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Since the public has learned to look for nothing like a rational plot in comic opera, it is perhaps well that "Glittering Gloria" has been cut down from the measure of pretentious musical comedy to the humble standard of farce—of which it is an illustrious and successful example. It is made for laughing pur-poses, and as Isadore Rush and her clever support gave it last Monday night it admirably fulfils its destiny. It has a consistent framework for its fun, and if the situations are exaggerated the over-accentuation is no more than is quite allowable in such a piece. Miss Rush is the star simply and solely be-cause she is a well known and popular woman of the profession to feature in any touring attraction. There are oth-ers in the company every bit as good as she, and they have equal opportuni-ties in their parts. Mr. Wilton Heriot for example is as Archie Toddleby a carefully studied and cleverly enacted type, besides being excruciatingly enter-taining. Indeed they are all distinct types intelligently portrayed even to Garibaldi, the bulldog with an almost bovine antipathy to red cravats. Mr. George Parsons as Jack James, the mod-el lover transformed into the modern husband; Mr. Thomas A. Kiernan as the Texan's very romantic and poetic secretary; Mr. J. Gunnis Davis as the country solicitor, Zobede Poskett; Mr. Edward M. Favor as Mr. Griddletop, "third assistant superintendent of lug-gage"; Miss Channez Olney, "Jack's" wife; and Miss Lulu Louden, "Archie's" fiancee—all are entitled to their respect-ive little comfortable niches in Fame's temple, and will get them if the critics do the right thing by them. For the farce is very bright and amusing and its presentation wholly adequate. Of course Miss Rush has a couple of new songs—"Gloria" and a very dainty coon song—while Mr. Favor does a succes-sor to "Bedelia" with very nice appre-ciation of novel effects. "Cordelia" it is called, and the singing of the refrain by telephone is quite a happy innova-tion.

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"Isadore Rush isn't the singer she used to be!" Strange, isn't it? Of course the passing of years, the wear and worry of theatre life, sorrow and self-neglect are not to be taken into kindly account. If Miss Rush had been less unselfish as a woman doubtless her equipment as a vocalist would be better than it is. But one can be lenient in criticism knowing what a great, big kindly heart is her's. Victorians heard Miss Rush sing when it was a joy to listen to her rich, full, velvety voice. That was seven or eight or perhaps nine years ago, when she came with Roland Reed in a little comedy known as "The Politician" or "The Nominee" if memory serves aright. It was im-mediately after an amateur minstrel performance in which a Victoria young man had sung "I Want Y', Ma Honey" —or at least had thought at the time that he had sung it. Miss Rush did it in her way, and all the love-cry, the plaintiveness of the little southern rev-erie went straight to the heart. It may have been the star of the company of whom she was thinking as she sang, for it was Roland Reed—cheery, good-hearted, witty, never taking thought of the morrow—to whom her heart was given. And when sickness took him from the stage and the doctors diag-nosed the case as cancer and incurable, it was Miss Rush who forfeited her contracts and volunteered to nurse him to the end, which she did through two long years of sick room servitude, ruin-ing her own constitution the doctors say and spending every dollar of the years' savings that the sick man should want for nothing. She is back on the stage now, still with a kind word or practical aid for anyone in trouble, and "good old girl—there's a heart for you —best fellow of them all" is how her fellow professionals always refer to her. They don't make 'em a much better sort.

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It has long been the journalistic prac-tice in Victoria to resolutely ignore facts in connection with all amateur offerings in the entertainment line, and—no mat-ter what the varying degrees of merit or demerit shown—beplaster all concerned with fulsome flattery and many ad-jectives. "Progress" cannot see that such a policy makes for the improve-ment of the musical and dramatic stand-ard, and therefore must decline to fol-low suit. While recognizing that am-ateur entertainments are not to be judg-ed by the same standards as profession-al, and also bearing in mind that the ef-forts of amateurs to amuse and enter-tain are largely a labor of love and therefore worthy of encouragement, to give all credit when the same is due but to point out weakness and failure in a kindly manner would seem to "Progress more apt to be helpful to the amateur and infinitely better for the public than indiscriminate praise. Hence it may not be said with the local dailies that the entertainment given in A. O. U. W. Hall on Wednesday evening by Mme. Myee and the members of her dramatic school was "a veritable feast of dramatic excellence", The first and last items of the triple bill were pleas-ing examples of light entertainment moderately well done, but in no way en-titled to the superlatives of admiration ladled out. Mme. Myee herself is self-possessed and versatile, a good stock leading woman of average ability. As an instructress she is perhaps even bet-ter than as an actress, while as a stage directress she is sadly wanting in thoroughness. It does not take many violations of the harmonies—such as addressing a sadly pathetic monologue to the imagined portrait in an obviously empty frame—to convert a gem of pathos into howling farce. "The After-noon Rehearsal" was undoubtedly the feature of the triple bill. In it Miss Ethel Green, as again in "Barbara," proved herself a winsome engenue, pos-sessing much girlish grace and natural-ness added to a pretty little singing voice and ability to act out her song with intuitive correctness. She was un-mistakably the bright particular star of the little company. The eccentric com-edy work of Miss Eva Brownlee was also exceedingly well done when one takes into account the difficulty of sub-ordinating a youthful and vivid identity to the impersonation of a rural spinster of uncertain age. Miss Sarah Johnson (as Angelique), Miss M. Rickaby, Miss Ena White and Miss D. Williams (Joy Booth) are less angular and uncertain amateurs than the average, and introduce singing and recitation specialties without too obviously lugging them in by the scruff of the neck. Through Mr. Pal-mer as well as Mr. Ray Worlock being incapacitated from filling the role of

MISS FLORENCE GALE.

Harry Seymour, and Mme. Myee under-taking to be a man for the nonce, "For-get-Me-Nots", the Hanford curtain raiser which naturally has in it a wealth of pathos and abundant material for quiet and impressive work, degenerated into screaming farce, in the face of which the dignified and thorough manner in which Mr. Percy Richardson played the Mor-gan, never for an instant forgetting the age or the subordinate position of that worthy Old Country servant, was par-ticularly admirable. Mme. Myee is at her best in "Barbara," in which she had the support of Miss Green, as Lilie, very daintily done, Mr. Louis York and Mr. Cecil Berkeley. The little play requires however a deeper artistic accentuation than can be expected of amateurs in order to escape flabbiness, if such word may be legitimately coined in such con-nection. Miss Denise Harris (piano) and Mr. Fawcett (violin) provided much appreciated music during the in-tervals of the programme's presentation.

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It is understood that a guarantee of the better class of patronage is neces-sary before the company managers (Messrs. Kane, Shipman and Colvin, of the New York Theatre, N.Y.) will close up the contract for the production here next Saturday of "As You Like It," by Florence Gale's fine company. They claim that if sufficient interest is ar-oused in any good community, the result will be a packed house, which will do justice to the strength and merit of the production. The whole tour is being conducted upon this select basis, and the result is audiences of fashion and ap-preciation. At the time of going to press about 100 prominent playgoers were on the list to help secure the at-traction, and it already gives evidence of success. It is many years since this charming comedy has come anywhere near Victoria ,and an opportunity to witness it will no doubt tax the seat-ing capacity of the theatre. The sale of seats will be opened one day in advance for subscribers, and but one performance will be given.

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"Progress" must politely decline to re-open the correspondence debate with respect to Mr. Charles A. E. Harris and the Musical Festival plan. It has been decided to go in for another fes-tival this year, and all should now work together for the promotion of its suc-cess. If as our correspondent A. R. N. asserts, the balance sheet for the last festival is a fearful and wonderful thing to make out, that may be better disposed of with its authors. If, as claimed, the $500 allowed for Mr. Watkis has never been paid him, it would be better to go after Mr. Harriss, or whomever else is financially responsible, than to discuss the question through the press. "Pro-gress" quite agrees with A. R. N., how-ever, that there is a lot of utter rubbish talked and written as to the great ad-vantage to singers of appearing under Sir Alexander Mackenzie's direction. It is impossible for him or for any other conductor to make anything of a chorus in a single day's acquaintatnce, and it would be better perhaps for the music if Mr. Brown or Mr. Hicks or Mr. Russell or any other capable conductor were to take the work all the way through than to pass the baton to Sir Alexander for the night of the festival.

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Programmes are to hand of the first Harrison Concert of the 1904-5 season, given at the Town Hall, Birmingham, on the evening of the 10th instant, the vocalists including Mme. Adelina Pat-ti, Mr. Santley (who is always associ-ated with Mme Patti on her tours and is a very great favorite with English audiences despite his seventy yeaers), Mr. Gregory Hast (another prime fav-orite of Old Country music lovers), and Miss Carrie James (who makes her professional debut this season). The solo pianiste is another new artiste, Miss Kathleen Arnold; Miss Alice Liebmann, rated the best violiniste of the day, is the soloist upon this royal instrument; and Mr. Frank Watkis of this city the accompanist. The programme is inter-esting to lovers of music and those who like to know what musical fare is being offered to audiences "at home." Here it is:

Duet (violin and piano)—Last move-ment from sonata in E. . . . Beethoven
Miss Alice Liebmann and Miss Kathleen Arnold.
Cavatina—"Nobil Signor—(Gli Ugon-otti) . . . . . Meyerbeer
Miss Carrie James.
Romanza—"Una Furtiva Lagrima"—(L'Elisire d'amore) . . . . . Donizetti
Mr. Gregory Hast.
Recit. and aria—"Ernani, involami"—(Ernani) . . . . . Verdi
Mme. Adelina Patti.
Solo violin—"Zigueuerweisen" . . Sarasate
Miss Alice Liebmann.
Recit. and Romanza—"O lieti di"—(L'Etoile du Nord . . . . . Meyerbeer
Mr. Santley.
Solo piano—"Andante and Rondo Cap-riccioso" . . . . . Mendelssohn
Miss Kathleen Arnold.
Serenade "Quand tu chantes" . . . Gounod
Mme Adelina Patti (violin obli-gato, Miss Liebmann.)

Duet—Piano and violin—"Hungari-an Dance" . . . . . Brahms-Joachim.
Miss Kathleen Arnold and Miss Alice Liebmann.
Song—"Beloved It Is Morn" . . Aylward
Miss Carrie James.
Berceuse—"Angels Guard Thee" . . . . . Godard
Mr. Gregory Hast.
Vocal Waltz—"Il Bacio" . . . . Arditi
Mme. Adelina Patti.
Solo violin—"Canzonetta" . . D'Ambrosio
Miss Alice Liebmann.
Old English Song—"The Friar of Orders Grey" . . . . . Reeve
Mr. Santley.
Solo piano—"Ballade in A flat" . . . . . Chopin
Miss Kathleen Arnold.
Duet—"It is na, Jean" . . M. V. White
Miss Carrie James and Mr. Gregory Hast.

Writing in a private letter of the opening concert, Mr. Watkis says: "Last night was a repetition of the usual 'Patti' night in every particular, despite the terrible state of the weather—the same crowded house, the same gorgeous dresses, the same extraordinary enthusi-asm—in fact the same everything! Patti wore a sequin dress of some won-derful bronze, and was just as 'perky' as ever. She sang splendidly. Every-body else was in tip-top form and so the concert was a huge success. My, but how the English adore Patti! As some-one said last night, 'they have a two years' hunger upon them; no wonder they, like the immortal Oliver Twist, want more.' There is no fear of Patti wanting an audience in England as long as she has left breath in her body."

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Apropos of the discussion locally, both in and out of the press. anent the contrasted liberally of the British Columbia and the state of Washington game laws to non-residents, Mr.S. Perry Mills writes: "I am afraid that you have been misled about the law now in force in the State of Washington. I took the legal opinion of an American attorney-at-law before writing to the public press. I have also submitted your item in your last issue to my advisor and I send you that part of his opinion which relates to the shooting of game birds, etc. I hope that you will publish the same for the information of your numerous readers."

The enclosure is as follows: "Pierce's code, which only includes the laws of the State of Washington passed up to 1901, does not give the game laws of the State of Washington as they now are on account of the amendments passed at the last session of the legislature, namely in 1903.

"Sec. 5374, providing for the shipping of game out of the state, referred to in 'Progress' is repealed by Chapter 134, page 256 of the laws of the State of Washington of 1903. Section 1, wherein it is provided that no birds, except certain game birds therein enumerated, shall be shipped out of the state but allows the carrying out of the state of those particular enumerated birds, which include ducks, geese, shore birds, snipe, quail, prairie chickens, pheasants and all birds commonly known as game birds.

"Sec. 5384 of Pierce's Code, quoted in 'Progress' is absolutely repealed by Chapter 94, page 142, of the 1903 session laws of Washington, which is as follows 'Be It enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

"'Section 1. That section nine (9) of Chapter CXXIV of the Session laws of 1901 of the State of Washington be and the same is hereby amended to reads as follows: Section 9: It is hereby prohibited and hereafter it shall be unlawful for any resident or non-resident of the State of Washington to hunt for, pursue, take, catch, or kill any of the game animals, fowls or birds protected by the laws of this state during the open season when it is lawful to kill the same, without such person having in his possession at the time of such taking, catching or killing a license therefor, duly issued to him by the auditor of one of the counties of this state, the county auditor of each and every county in the State of Washington being hereby authorized to issue such license under the provisions of this act. Such license shall be numbered and dated and shall contain name and post-office address of the person to whom such license is granted. All licenses provided for in this act shall be issued as follows: Upon application therefor by any person, either a resident or non-resident of this state, an annual license shall be issued to such person by the county auditor to whom such application shall be made for the purpose of hunting for, taking, catching or killing any of the game birds, animals or fowls protected by the laws of the State of Washington, and which said license shall entitle the holder to hunt for, pursue, take, catch or kill any of the game animals or birds within the county where such license is issued, during the open season when it is lawful to kill the same, for the term of one year, in any legal manner as provided by the laws of the State of Washington. The fee for such license shall be one dollar ($1). The county auditor shall pay to the county treasurer all of such fees, to be placed in the game protection fund to be used by the county commissioners for the propagation and protection of game in said county. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which said fines are collected, and placed by him in the game protection fund.

"'Sec. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, for each and every offence, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars ($10) nor more than one hundred dollars ($100) together with the costs of prosecution; or imprisonment in the county jail where the offence is committed of not less than five days (5) nor more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

"'Sec. 3. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.'

"Which covers this whole subject of license, so that the only license required to kill game in this state by a resident or non-resident is $1.00 in each county."

Frederick Courtney Selous, the king of lion and elephant hunters and the original of Rider Haggard's "Allan Quartermain," returned this week to Vancouver , and left at once for England, after a hunting trip with Mr. Sheldon of Philadelphia, which took them pretty close to the Arctic Circle. The greatest big-game hunter of the age is a very modest man, and who reporters asked him for details of his excursion into the wilds, he dismissed the trip as a mere nothing—hardly more exciting than crossing from Cheapside to the Bank of England on a busy day. True he obtained some magnificent specimens of Arctic sheep and some wonderful horns of moose, but these were as nothing compared to the lions he killed in that South Africa which the hero of "King Solomon's Mines" and "Miawa's Revenge" knows so well. Mr. Selous spoke, however, in convincing tones of the wonders of the Northland, "cold, silent and majestic." Although 45 years old none would suspect it of Mr. Selous. He is as spry as a youngster of 30, and his aim is so sure that seldom a moose or Northern animal on which he trains his rifle can hope to escape. It is likely he will pay another visit to the Pacific Coast. His trophies of this hunt follow him by freight. Mr. Selous said that he shot this time, as in Africa, over practically virgin ground. No other sportsmen had ever attempted a trip so far north in the Yukon, though it is possible that prospectors had preceded him. He states that he had a very hard trip and lost at least ten pounds. The territory explored was along the north fork of the McMillan river, a tributary of the Pelly.

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The Fish and Game Club have received the following suggestions regarding amendments to the Game Act from a sportsman at Yreka: "Prohibit an Indian from killing an elk; prohibit the sale of elk tusks; reduce the number to one bull instead of two. If a sportsman comes into the country for the purpose of killing elk, let the persons hired by him for the purpose of assisting be prohibited from killing elk during such service. At present if a good band of elk are found there will be two for the guide, two for the cook and perhaps a packer, in fact there would be the opportunity to kill all the bulls if they felt so disposed. I would also suggest in the matter of licenses that foreigners, instead of paying $50, be made to pay $100 for each elk?" Just now the best herd of elk in British Columbia is believed to be that frequenting the inlets at the head of Kyuquot Sound.

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Grouse are reported exceedingly scarce on the up-coast islands, while within the territory adjacent to Victoria it is rare indeed now to catch a glimpse of any but the willow. The blue grouse have already begun to pack for the winter and are to be found only in the tops of the spruce trees. Pheasants are still fairly plentiful both on the Island and the lower Mainland; while up the line of the E. & N. the mountain quail were never more numerous or in better condition. As for the deer, they too are plentiful, thanks to the prohibition of the sale of venison, and the young hunters are beginning to get a chance. On the Mainland the forest fires have practically exterminated the grouse.

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Victoria meets the Navy at the Canteen ground this afternoon in the first Rugby engagement of the season. The city teaem shows considerable change, and one or two deserved promotions in its composition, which is as follows:—Full back, A. Newcombe; three quarters, S. Patton, L. Bell, A. Sargison, D. Menzies; half backs, W. Newcombe, L. Foote; forwards, F. A. Macrae (captain), J. E. Cornwall, Barnacle, P. Austin, Benson, R. Janion, W. Heath, A. McLean. The club meets Nanaimo, at the Coal City on Saturday next.

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Hacklers Pride won the Cambridgeshire stakes handicap of 21 sovereigns each with 500 sovereigns added for three-year-olds and upwards, one mile and a furlong at the Newmarket Houghton meeting. Vril was second and Napot came third. Seventeen horses started. This race aroused considerable interest locally. The winning ticket in the sweep being entitled to $522, the second about $261 and the third $130. J. Dooler is the fortunate holder of 1085, C. Wilders is next with 812, and Private Wilks takes third money with 1267.

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As a result of representations made by the Fish and Game Club through Senator Templeman a quarter of a million eyed salmon eggs will be sent from the East for the improvement of fishing in Vancouver Island streams and rivers. They will be matured in British Columbia hatcheries. It is the intention to distribute the fry between the Cowichan and Nanaimo rivers. As is well known among sportsmen, the Atlantic salmon readily respond to the fly, while the species found on this coast answer only on rare occasions. The introduction of the former should, therefore, improve the sport to a considerable extent.

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"Chief Watson of Victoria was for years the long-distance running champion of the coast, and it may be the fastest ten mile runner of America," observes the Vancouver Province. "Tom started his professional running in Victoria, and for years had everything his own way on the track. He went to California and beat the best of the professionals there. Then he toured the East, and so far as memory serves did not lose a race, though he went against the best men of them all."

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Robert Leighton, who acted as judge at the recent meeting at the Victoria Driving Park, has gone to California, where he will accept the position of permanent secretary of the California Polo and Pony Racing Association.

The Polo and Pony Racing Association is composed of wealthy Californians, who pursue the sport for the pleasure they derive out of it. Meets are held at Tanforan Park and also at Del Monte.

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The Victoria Hunt Club found it advisable no to proceed with the proposed gymkhana. A trial paper chase will be held today, the muster of the club members being at 2 o'clock at Work Point Barracks. It behoves all interested to see that the run is well attended, as otherwise the weekly meetings are to be discontinued.

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The Garrison drew their Association match with Victoria United last Saturday at Work Point, while H. M .S. Grafton won from Victoria West at Oak Bay Park. This gives the flagship men the league leadership with six points, Victoria United and the Garrison each having three, and Victoria West none.

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As great a turf performance as is recorded in history was that this week of the royal pacer Dan Patchen. At Memphis, Tenn., with runner pace, he went a mile in 1.50 flat, the fastest performance ever done in harness. The old pacing mark was 1.56¼, by Dan Patch in 1903.

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Frank G. Simpson, Winnipeg's famous trapshooter, has re-donated the Robin Hood Powder Co.'s trophy, emblematic of the championship of Canada, to the Company, for perpetual competition among the trapshooters of the Dominion.

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Jimmy Britt, having reconsidered his determination never to mix up with a colored fighter, will go against Joe Gans at San Francisco this evening. The fight promises to be the biggest thing the California sports have seen in years.

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Victoria United and H. M. S Grafton are the rival teams in today's Association football out at Oak Bay Park. Among the juniors North Ward will meet St. Louis College, and the High School oppose the Capitals.

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The trout fishing season ends with the present month according to federal regulations. The authorities are not particular as to their enforcement, however, and the fishing is particularly good just at present at both Sooke and Shawnigan.

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It is not yet for War Eagle so far as Dan McLeod is concerned. The Indian failed to throw him once—to say nothing of the promised three times in the hour.

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The first hockey of the season will be played at Oak Bay this afternoon, Victoria High School trying conclusions with the Hockey Club's intermediate forces.

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Percy Cove and Jockey Bennett will box their return 20-round engagement at Philharmonic Hall on Thursday evening next.

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A protest has been entered by the Garrison in connection with last Saturday's game with Victoria United, which was given a draw.

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Sir Thomas Lipton has given notice that a Shamrock IV. will make a try for the America's cup.

The Victoria Cricket Club closed its season with a balance to the bad of $35—chiefly due to inherited debts being wiped out, and expenditures in connection with the change of grounds. The officers chosen to direct the club's affairs during the ensuing twelvemonth are: Honorary president, His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere; honorary vice-president, Hon. C. E. Pooley; president, Hon. Edgar Dewdney; vice-presidents, Geo. Gillespie, E. V. Bodwell and Mr. Justice Irving; captain, L. O. Garnet; vice-captain, Alexis Martin; honorary secretary, W. H. Binns; honorary treasurer, L. S. V. York; committee of management, R. H. Swinerton, A. W. C. Hilton, J. W. D. York, Barnacle and D. A. Taylor.

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Mr. C. P. Reed of Telegraph creek is credited with having brought from the north a brand new breed of hunting dog—a "bear dog," reputedly possessed of the keenest scent of any of the canine family. Even the grizzly is said to fear this natural enemy, which is built on the lines of the peaceful collie, jet black as to his color. Experiments will probably be made in cross-breeding with familiar hunting strains. The "bear dog" is said to be the first of its kind ever brought from the north, and the Indian Chief from whom Mr. Reed obtained it was very reluctant about letting it go.

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T. W. Piper intends to start the J. B. A. A. chess matches on Monday night.

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