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THE PASSING SHOW.

A Review of Local and Foreign Events and Topics by the Editor.

In the Provincial Legislature—The Law of Divorce—Postal Rates to Canada Throttling Canadian Industries—The Future of Education—B. C. Mining Association—The Kaien Island Agreement—More Mormonism—Farcical Education.

Whatever may be thought of the decision of the Government not to introduce any railway legislation this session, it must be conceded that the Premier has displayed consummate tact in making a full statement on the subject at the first sitting of the House. If the Executive Council had decided that for the third session of the present parliament the same policy had to be pursued as in the two preceding ones, the House and the province could not know it too soon. The reasons that led to such a decision do not all lie on the surface. One was more than hinted at by the Premier when he said that many of the persons behind the proposals which had been submitted to the Government were practically men of straw, seeking personal gain rather than the public interest. His further remark that it was necessary to ascertain the capability of the promoters to carry out the provisions of the charter they sought, goes far to suggest a second reason for pursuing a policy of "masterly inactivity. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the pronouncement on these points will be entirely satisfactory to everyone but the grafters. The continued resistance of the Government to all demands for land grants must also be commended as in line with the unmistakable concensus of public opinion. There remains, however, the consderation so forcibly expressed by Mr. Macgowan, himself a supporter of the Government, in one of the best speeches ever delivered in the House, that the day may not yet have arrived when they could afford to harden their hearts against every appeal for aid in railway building. It is true, as he so well stated, that there are valleys containing thousands, ond possibly hundreds of thousands, of acres of fertile land which, not lying in the track of any through lines, would remain unsettled, perhaps for years, if Government aid were not granted. In some instances local effort had, with a confidence and persistence worthy of all praise, exhausted itself, and it became a choice between Provincial aid and relegating "bona fide" projects to an indefinite future. This was well and truly said. Mr. Macgowan could have named several local schemes coming within that category, and all who desire the progress and development of the province will hope that he will be able before the close of the present session to impress his views upon the Government and to convince them that, whilst endorsing their attitude towards grafters and charter-mongers, the public will consider they owe a duty to genuine projects for local development which can only be discharged by such legitimate aid as the province is both able and willing to afford.

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British Columbia is the only province in Canada retaining the power to deal with divorce. All the other provinces have to refer such matters to Ottawa. Is this an advantage or otherwise? In arriving at a conclusion many points have to be considered. The first is that the result of the Supreme Court decision leaving this power in the hands of the provincial courts has been the granting of an average of a score or so of divorces every year in British Columbia, which is more than the average throughout the rest of the Dominion. This might argue either that too many are granted here or too few elsewhere. Which is it? The answer to this will depend on the standpoint. Those who beleve that the marriage tie is so sacred that it should never be dissolved except by death will find one divorce too many. On the other hand, those whose ideas have advanced with the growth of American sentiment until they favor the granting of divorce on the most trivial and farcical grounds will approve the retention of any system which facilitates the indulgence of their roving propensities. We opine, however, that neither of these extremists represents the sober sense of the twentieth century. Whilst upholding the sacred character of marriage, we demur to the contention that its sacredness is maintained by its compulsory continuance after it has become a hollow mockery. On the other hand, we protest just as strongly against the clamor of those who would simply make an honorable institution a mere convenience. The vastly improved status of woman in the Christian era logically and inevitably necessitates some concession to her insistent demand for release from intolerable conditions. Those conditions are pretty well understood and agreed upon by thinking people. On the other hand, there are few capable of seriously regarding the problems of twentieth century social life who do not consider that so-called "advanced" thought has gone further in one direction than conservative moralists lag in the other The concensus of all honest and enlightened opinion is that divorce instead of being the first remedy for marital differences should be the "*dernier resort.*" Having regard to the care with which the law is administered in this province, and especially in view of recent decisions, we see no reason to apprehend danger to the cause of public morality or private happiness by the continued exercise of their rights in this regard by British Columbia courts.

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Canadians are often twitted with being luke-warm, to say the least of it, in their regard for English methods and ideas. Anyone who has lived in different parts of the Dominion knows that there is no place here for the Englishman unless he has "money to burn," or it willing to dig. Canada belongs to the Scotch. It was destined from the time when "the morning stars sang together" to be their inheritance and possession, and although Victoria has done much to redeem the West from this reproach, there are not wanting signs that the overflow tide of Western immigration may land the aggressive Sandy on our shores in formidable strength. The reasons for this delectable state of affairs are numerous. The most generally recognized is that so many remittance men, with their impedimenta of strange ha ha's, leggings, knickerbockers, riding breeches and baths have strewn the land with "flotsam and jetsam" until nearly every ten-acre lot has its English scare-crow, don't cher know." This, forsooth, is taken by the Canuck to represent—save the mark! the Mother Country. Such a farcical conception is kept alive not only by the Canadian but by the American press. But the mischief does not stop here. Perhaps the Empire would still stand if Canada continued to accept this caricature of a simalacrum as the typical Englishman, for generations to come, and in any case it would be a comforting delusion for brither Scot, but that all the affairs of state, all Imperial matters of the highest order, all social life and personal conduct in England should be viewed throughout the same distorted medium is surely not a matter of unimportance. This is due to two demonstrable causes, the smug complacency of the average Scotch-Canadian, who will never cease to agitate for the substitution of "Bruttish" for English, and the crass obstinacy of both English and Canadian governments in continuing an embargo, in the form of excessive postal rates on books, papers and magazines imported from the Old Country and allowing disloyal American trash to flood our book shelves. An English publication costs 8 cents a pound to mail to Canada. An American paper or book costs ½ a cent. It is too much to expect that Scotch or even French-Canadian governments will do anything to remedy this state of affairs, but the little remnant of English stalwarts, who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and who may be regarded as the last hope of British loyalty, may effect much if they would make a united appeal to the Home Government in the interests of true Imperialism, and a patriotic spirit which cannot be quenched even by the waters of adversity.

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Some "loyal" Canadians, of the Duncan Ross type, take credit to themselves for having smoothed the path of American railroad corporations who wished to exploit southern British Columbia for the benefit of United States cities and smelters. In advocating this course it was suspected at the time, and is now known, that they were not looking to the future, but to the present realization of material benefit, on the basis of the ancient proverb, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Nearly a year after the initiation of their policy Great Northern train crews still live on the American side of the line, and work on the Canadian side. No round-houses have been built, no construction or repair shops erected. Coal and coke are still hauled out of Canada, through United States territory 300 miles, then back itno Canada. Not one reduction has been effected in transportation rates. There is no competition in this regard. Twelve train crews have been laid off in Nelson alone, because their work is now done by American crews in United States territory. And as a final "bon buoche" the phlanthropic institution over which J. J. Hill presides has raised the rates on zinc ores in the Slocan from $1 to $2.50, just as that new industry was getting on its feet, for the sole purpose of diverting Canadian ores from a Canadian smelter at Frank to United States smelters. The local paper, edited by a most capable man, says "this is one of the worst railway impositions yet placed on the mineral industry, and emphasizes the fact that government control of railway rates is a farce." It also emphasizes something else, that when political tyros fall into the hands of professional lobbyists public interest goes to the wall. It proves further that Canada will pay dearly for the temporary aberration under the influence of which she conceded "free trade" in railway policy to a protectionist rival.

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A few years ago a mining association for British Columbia was formed in Victoria. Its birth was heralded with a great flourish of trumpets and rosy predictions were indulged in as to its prospects and achievements. Some appearance of reality and oraisemblance to a mining association was imparted by the allegiance of a few prominent mining men, of whom Mr. J. B. Hobson was chief. The rank and file had as little to do with the industry, and knew as little of it, as the gentleman who, for a consideration, consented to act as secretary. Nearly every petty storekeeper in the province has at one time or another been solicited to become a member on payment of a nominal sum. Meetings have been held, resolutions have been passed, governments have been interviewed, tons of proceedings have been printed, and never distributed, and not one single result has followed except to squander $3,000 or $4,000 of good money, let off a few million cubic feet of gas, and develop innumerable hostilities among the cosmopolitan and heterogeneous members of this incongruous and nondescript organization. Its last and most fittng symbol is a deserted office on Government street, Victoria, with a profusion of gilt lettering in the foreground, and a choice assortment of cobwebs, dust and litter in the background. Now some misguided persons advocate the resurrecting of the moribund, the galvanizing of the corpse into life. Let it stay dead. An industry yielding $21,000,000 this year is worthy of representation by men who are directly interested and who have some ideas. Mr. Hobson is coming to reside in Victoria, let us hope that instead of allowing himself again to be made the tool of politicians he will take the initiative in forming a genuine mining association, from which all grafters and fakirs will be excluded, and which can speak with authority for the industry on behalf of which it claims support.

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We commented last week on the tenacity of the elders of the Mormon church to the practice of polygamy. Since our remarks were penned Dr. D. M. Wolfe, professor of theology in the Brigham Young College, a Mormon institution at Logan, Utah, has resigned and renounced his belief in the Mormon faith because during a recent trip to Mexico he found polygamy being both taught and practised in a new colony. If he had visited the new Mormon settlement in southern Alberta he would have found the same conditions.

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Public education is a perennial theme for the essayist and the journalist. It would take volumes to exhaust a single phase of its genius and administration. Few profound thinkers do not believe that the educational system of Canada and the United States is a farce. It does not turn out well trained, disciplined, reverent boys and girls, but precocious little prigs. There are at least two, and probably three, reasons for this. The first is that there is a lamentable lack of men teachers and so education, and in particular school-training, is deprived of its essential virile quality. Second, the curriculum contains at least three subjects out of every four utterly worthless for any direct or indirect purpose. What ordinary average child is a particle the better for the smattering of botany, chemistry, physiology, classics or hygiene it gets at the public school, to say nothing of the 10 per cent. of its time obviously wasted on drawing? Such special subjects are all very well for specially gifted scholars, which probably average less than 5 per cent. Meanwhile not 5 per cent. of the pupils, even of the High school, leave with the abiliyt to spell, or write, or speak their mother tongue correctly, as every man who has employed a would-be stenographer or typist knows. It is about time that our faddist educatonalists abandoned 75 per cent. of the present curriculum in the interests of honest, thorough education. Our remarks are enforced by a very high authority in the United States, Rev. W. D. Simmonds, who in a recent address in Boston said that "public education has been a failure. Crime has increased with education. The teacher should prepare the pupils not for examinations, but for life," The third obstacle is the moral turpitude of parents, and that is ever with us.

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The Nelson News has an editorial on the subject of "Woman Suffrage," with special reference to the Bill introduced in the local legislature by the Socialist member, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, who has constituted himself the champion of the fair sex, having in the course of one week pinned upon his coat lappel the crest of the ladies of the province, and the token of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. All this is strictly in line with the principles of Socialism, which make for equality or nothing, including equality of the sexes. The Nelson News, whilst lacking the temerity to make any final pronouncement on the subject, pertinently asks why if women cannot be induced to take an active interest in civic government, will they be more likely to do so in political affairs? The Nelson Daily News as usual derives its ideas from that recalcitrant organ of the "*unco guid,*" the Toronto Globe which points out that in the recent civic election in Toronto, where the only issue was the closing of saloons, only 13.8 per cent. of the women found on the register took the trouble to vote. This is of all subjects the one about which women reformers have made the most fuss. What have they to say for the attitude of their sex, when a determined vote would have closed thirty bar-rooms and ten liquor stores? We pause for a reply from J. H. Hawthornthwaite and the women suffragists.

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The British Elections—Right Hon. G. H. Finch Returned-

The British Elections.

As we go to press the result of the elections in the old country clearly shows that all forecasts failed to indicate the overwhelming flood-tide of success that has attended the Liberal party at the polls. Even the sensational defeat of Mr. Balfour in Manchester is dwarfed into littleness by the magnificent triumph of Mr. Chamberlain in Birmingham. A solid seven for the industrial capital of England is something to be proud of, and must be taken not only as a tribute to Mr. Chamberlain but an endorsation of his policy. When he started out four years ago to educate his countrymen in "fiscal reform" he said that not one, or even two, elections would settle the question, and we do not doubt that he is more than satisfied with the progress already made. If his health keeps good for three or four years more Mr. Chamberlain will induce the country to accept at least an installment of his proposals, and in any case he will be the central figure of interest in the Unionist ranks and more formidable in opposition than he has ever been in office.

A Gratifying Triumph.

A cable despatch received as The Week is going to press announces the gratifying victory of the Right Hon. G. H. Finch in the Rutlandshire Division. The right honourable gentleman has represented this constituency for thirty-eight years, consecutively having sat in ten parliaments. At his last contested election his majority was 1,400. To-day, in spite of the wave of Liberal reaction sweeping through the country, he has been returned by the substantial majority of 484. Needless to say the right honourable gentleman, who is the father of the managing director of The Week, is a Conservative.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The municipal elections in Victoria have resulted in two surprises. The people who despised the chances of Mr. A. J. Morley and made too "cock sure" of a victory for Mr. Hayward had a rude awakening when they found that the dark horse had won in a canter. Mr. Morley's victory is due to his pluck and to the conviction on the part of the ratepayers that it is sometimes a good thing to infuse new blood into the body politic. It is a hopeful signe that the people have in this instance broken away from the "traditions of the elders" and the hide-bound conservatism and dull stagnation which characterize our administration of public affairs. It may be the first step towards emancipation and progress. The dry bones may yet live.

The other surprise is equally disconcerting to those who believed and acted on the principle that two wrongs make a right. Miss Cameron's position at the head of the poll for School Trustees is not an endorsation of her conduct in the drawing controversy and enquiry. There can be no two opinions about that, even among her most loyal friends, but it is a protest against the manner in which she has been treated. The return of three of the retiring Trustees shows that they are not held blameworthy, and therefore if a popular verdict means anything it means, in this case, that the Department of Education should set its house in order, and when dusting and sweeping try to unearth those "missing documents.

Miss Mason is visiting her brother, Dr. Mason of Calgary.

The victorious New Zealand team, which is about to conclude a tour of England with only one defeat against it, is to return to the Antipodes via Vancouver, and supporters of the game in the Terminal City are endeavoring to arrange a game between the visitors and an all-B. C. team. It is to be hoped that the match can be arranged, but if the management has any hopes at all of getting the game they should get their team into training immediately and not delay until a week or so before the game.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Jas. A. Douglas desires to tender his grateful thanks to all who assisted in his return as Senior Alderman for South Ward.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Electors of North Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I desire to express my sincere thanks to you for your votes and influence in securing my re-election to the Aldermanic Board. W. F. FULLERTON.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Electors of Central Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to express my most sincere thanks for your votes and influence in the recent election. L. GOODACRE.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Electors of Central Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I desire to express my sincere thanks for your votes and influence in the recent election. A. STEWART.

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LEWIS HALL.

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"Companies Act, 1897."

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Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and six.

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A. MACKAY.

December 8th, 1905.

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W. F. TEETZEL.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

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SOCIAL NEWS

On Tuesday evening Government House was the scene of one of the largest balls ever given in Victoria, Sir Henri entertaining over 1,000 British Columbians. The Governor received his guests in the drawing room and was assisted by his daughter, Mrs. Nanton, who wore a handsome gown of black and gold, carrying red carnations. A large number of Vancouverites came over to attend this, the first ball given at Government House for some years. Words can hardly describe the brightness and beauty of the scene, the officers of the army, navy and militia in their uniforms mingling with the many lovely dresses of the ladies. A few extras were played to allow time for the Governor and Mrs. Nanton to receive, and then the official lancers took place as follows: The Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Gordon Hunter; Col. Prior, Mrs. Nanton; Commander Hunt, Mrs. Prior; Senator Macdonald, Mrs. P. A. Irving; Mr. Justice Irving, Mrs. Macdonald; Mr. Justice Martin, Mrs. Sloan; Mr. W. Sloan, Mrs. McBride; Hon. R. McBride, Mrs. Tatlow; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Mrs. R. G. Green.

The ball room was most effectively decorated with flags and red, white and blue electric lights arranged with evergreens. In the drawing room pink and green was the color scheme, palest of pink carnations and smilax being used principally. The supper room and tables were sweetly pretty, decorated with yellow daffodils and yellow shaded lights. In the halls and corners of the rooms were huge palms and ferns.

The floor was excellent, and the music, provided by the orchestra under the management of Mr. Pherdner, was all that could be wished for, the many encores accounting for this merry gathering not breaking up till the early hours. By the kindness of Capt. Troup the Vancouver boat was held over till 3 a. m. to enable many to attend. The complete list of invitations was 1,600, including, of course, many from the mainland and island towns.

Arrangements for going into supper were as follows: The Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Hunter; the Chief Justice, Mrs. Nanton; Col. Prior, Mrs. Irving; Commander Hunt, Mrs. Prior; Senator Macdonald, Mrs. Sloan; Mr. Justice Irving Mrs. Macdonald; Mr. Justice Martin, Mrs. McBride; Mr. Sloan, Mrs. Tatlow; Mr. Macpherson, Mrs. Macpherson; Hon. R. McBride, Mrs. Wilson; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Mrs. R. F. Green; Hon. Chas. Wilson, Mrs. Pooley; Hon. F. J. Fulton, Mrs. Holmes; Hon. R. F. Green, Mrs. Jones; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Mrs. Hall; Col. Holfes, Mrs. Worsnop; Col. English, Mrs. Cooper; Col. Jones, Mrs. Leslie Clay; Col. Hall, Mrs. Allen; Col. Worsnop, Mrs. Bowser; Major Bland, Mrs. Beanlands; Canon Beanlands, Mrs. McNiven; Rev. Leslie Clay, T. W. Paterson; Hon. A. E. Smith, Mrs. Cameron; Hon. Johann Wulffsohn, Mrs. Stuart Henderson; Rev. C. E. Cooper, Mrs. Harrison; Rev. W. B. Allen, Mrs. Buscombe; Mr. Bowser, Mrs. Bole; Mr. Macgowan Mrs. Lampman; Mr. Drury, Mrs. Fell; Mr. Manson, Mrs. Maitland-Dougall; Mr. McNiven, Mrs. C. C. Fisher; Mr. T. W. Paterson, Miss Gaudin; Mr. Henderson, Mrs. T. R. Smith; Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Davidson; Mr. Gardner Mr. Buscombe, Mr. Price-Ellison, Mr. Maitland-Dougall Mr. Davidson, Mr. C. C. Fisher, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gaudin Dr. Young Mr. T. R. Smith, Judge Harrson, Judge Bole, Judge Lampman Mr. Thornton Fell Mr. Vowell; Mr. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Lugrin; Mr. Lugrin, Mrs. Dunsmuir; Mr. J. Kingham, Mrs. R. B. McMicking; Mr. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. Kingham; Mr. Chas. Vernon, Mrs. Gillespie; Mr. J. Maitland-Dougall, Mrs. Vernon; Mr. Gillespie, Mrs. Wolley; Dr. O. M. Jones, Mrs. Maitland-Dougall; Mr. C. Phillips-Wolley, Mrs. Jones; Mr. H. Abbott, Mrs. R. Beaven; Mr. R. Beaven, Mrs. Powell Mr. H. B. Mackenzie Mrs. Galletly; Mr. Galletly, Mrs. Thynne; Major Dupont; Mr. Gibb, Mrs. Mackenzie; Mr. Badwell, Mrs. Gaudin; Mr. Thynne, Mrs. Burns; Capt. Gaudin, Mrs. Fisher; Mr. C. C. Fisher, Mrs. Kirk; Mr. Luxton, Miss Dupont; Mr. Burns, Mrs. Luxton; Mr. Burns, Mrs. Lingworthy; Mr. Langworthy, Mrs. Bodwell; Mr. Arthur Crease Mrs. Bullen; Mr. Bullen, Mrs. Crease; Mr. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Cuthbert Holmes; Mr. Cuthbert Holmes, Mrs. Gore; Mr. Bulwer, Miss C. Dupont; Mr. Lindley Crease, Mrs. Roper; Major Heneage Miss Payne; Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor; Capt. Troup, Mrs. Troup; Mr. Eberts Mrs. Eberts; Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Roper, Col. Glassop, Major Boultbee Capt. Tait, Capt. and Mrs. Parry; officers of Shearwater, Egeria and Barracks.

Amongst others were noticed: Mrs. Gordon Hunter, in a very handsome gown of black and silver sequined net; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, wearing a lovely gown of gold sequins; Mrs. Herman Robertson in white; Mrs. Bullen looked well in mauve silk with lovely lace, Mrs. D. M. Rogers, black over white; Mrs. R. McBride, in a lovely dress of white lace over taffeta; Mrs. Green, black; Miss McBride, white; Miss Loewen, white satin; Mrs. S. Lamb, white with pale blue girdle; Mrs. Coles, pale blue with red carnations; Mrs. T. Gore, white; Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, in a dainty frock of white silk; Mrs. Fell. Mrs. Stuart Robertson, the Misses Fraser, Miss Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bogg; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Miss Keefer, Major and Mrs. Nicholls and the Misses Nicholls; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Moresby, Mr. Kingsmill. Miss Ethel Brown in pale blue, Mr. E. Browne, Mr. J. Cambie, Mrs. Brae in a sweet gown of lovely old lace over mauve silk, Mr. F. Brae, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Williams, Mrs. and Miss E. M. Johnstons, Miss Barton in white Mr. and Mrs. James L. Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayward, Miss Jay. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. and the Misses Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. Logan, Miss Tberts, Mrs. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Miss Pooley, Mr. F. Lamb, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Dalby, Miss Fell Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie Mr. and Mrs. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Spratt, Mr. E. Wallace, Miss Cotton, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Ellis, Miss Robert, Miss Newcomb, Miss Monteith, Miss Newling, Mr. Gore, Miss Arbuckle, Miss Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. Dennison, Capt. Walbran, Dr. and Mrs. Watt, Dr. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Brett, Mr. and Miss Angus; Miss Mutter, Capt. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hollyer, Mrs. Montieth, Mr. R. Montieth, Mr. A. Montieth, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. Schwengers, Mr. Foote, Miss Gosnell, Mrs. Ohlandt, Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas, Mr. Fraser, Rev. W., Mrs. and the Misses Sweet Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootten, Mr. Roy, Mr. Troup Mr. D. Martin, the Misses Devereux, Mr. Fraser, Misses Kennedy, Mr. and rMs. Frank Ward, the Misses Sehl, Miss Beanlands, Mrs. and Miss Tilton, and many others.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1906.

Vancouver.

More Commissioners—The Royal City Hospital--Colliers on Vancouver--Theatre Prices—The Police—Theatre Exits and Fire—Freak Vocalists—Sports—Rennie Seed Co.—Social.

Vancouver has a sensation in a certain Madame Yulisse, the wife of a plodding school teacher in Ontario. Whilst he, good worthy man, is peacefully pursuing his honorable vocation Madame is dazzling the Terminal City with jewels galore, gorgeous gowns, a shocking—that is electric shocking—voice, and trills the like of which have never been heard before. The "prima donna," who studied recently under Madame Marchesi (an old lady of 85) in Paris, claims to be "the only living singer who sings the arietta from Mirella, and the Indian Bell Song from Lakme in the original high key. In the end she takes B natural, octave above the high C. A musical critic who heard the performance on the 9th inst., thus describes it for the benefit of "The Week": Madame Yulisse is a musical freak, she has no middle register ,where the bulk of all vocalization is done. She did touch B natural, but it was wth a 'jerk' from which she instantly relapsed. I am doubtful whether she did not do it in 'falsetto.' She is not a singer, but a vocal trickster. Her methods are as peculiar as her vocalism. She has the footlights turned up when she appears and turned out for the other artists, including Madame Clary, who is a singer. Although she is a curiosity of the first order. I understand she sings in a city church choir for $25 a month."

This marvellous "prima donna" spent a week in Victoria last month, but mercifully passed eastwards without inflicting her vocal gymnastics on our citizens. Let us hope the danger is over.

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More Vancouver Commissioners.

When the Provincial Government appointed a board of police commissioners for Vancouver, how certain civic politicians did howl! The cry they sent up was heard as far as Ottawa, and some of them thought that they made enough racket to be heard even at Downing street. But now comes the great surprise! These same civic politicians are advocating the entire control of their city by commissions. One alderman advocates the placing of all the civic departments under the management of an executive board of three salaried members, on the same lines as the board of control in Toronto. The proposer believes that three practical men could save the city much useless expense, and by relieving the aldermen of their heavier duties would also relieve them of their gratuities, for they would then be expected to serve for the honor and not for the $25 per month. Then again, we have another commission proposed. Mayor Buscombe wants to have the control of the city waterworks handed over to a commission. The council endorsed the idea, but first decided to submit it to the electors to give their opinion at a general election.

New Royal City Hospital.

William Holland Keary, for the fifth term mayor of New Westminster, is nothing if enterprising and energetic. During his term of office has has secured many public benefits for the Royal City, and he is now engaged on a crusade for a new hospital building. Every year repairs have to be made to the present Royal Columbian Hospital building, and every year these repairs are costing a large sum of money. As the old building is hardly in keeping with modern surgical ideas, Mr. Keary believes that a new building should be erected and Mr. Keary is making his beliefs known. He suggests a new brick or stone building on modern lines, erected one wing at a time if necessary. The initial cost would be in the neighborhood of $40,000, to be raised as follows: Provincial government, $15,000; New Westminster city council, $5,000; unknown donor already promised $5,000, and to be raised by popular subscription $15,000. The object is a worthy one, and it is to be hoped will receive proper consideration from the government in making up the estimates.

"Colliers'" on Vancouver.

"Colliers'," the well known American weekly magazine and review, has given editorial notce to the growth of Western Canada's metropolis, and already the real estate men and speculators have jumped prices ten per cent. The American editor predicts a population of a million for Vancouver before many years pass by. Vancouver is now growing and not booming. It is having a rapid but steady growth, and the youth of 1905 is a full grown man in 1906, and showing no sign of strain on that account. All lines of business are prospering; new industries coming in and everybody has a light heart and hopes for a great future for their city. Even Americans who arrived here with the idea that all growth and prosperity was confined to the United States, have now become ardent "boomers" of the Terminal City. Perhaps the greatest effect of this growth is felt at the land registry office, where applications for registrations are piling in at such a rate that it is impossible for the staff to keep pace with them. They are crowded for room and overdone with work. Registrar Abbott and his staff of nine clerks are doing more work in Vancouver than are four registrars and nine clerks in the offices at Nelson, New Westminster, Kamloops and Victoria. Several of the clerks in the local office are only employed as temporary help, but the legislature will be asked before the close of this session to provide for several extra clerks. It is true of Vancouver: "By sea and land we prosper."

Why is it that theatres in British Columbia have to charge twenty-five cents to see what is only a part of a show, which charges but ten cents admssion in other Coast cities?

Vancouver Police.

The Vancouver police commissioners are said to have intentions of replacing the present chief of police with a new man. There has been no open friction between the present chief and the commissioners, and it is not even hinted that Chief North has not done what he thought to be his duty. But there have been reports of incompetence on the force for some months, and the recent fiasco of the detectives in letting young Fisher, alias Jones, slip through their fingers and get over to Blaine, has caused a public demand for better work. There are a number of so-called detectives on the force in Vancouver, and the report is that some of them are not at all competent, even to keep track of suspects once they hit the trial. It is said that the office of chief of police has been offered to Provincial Constable Bullock-Webster, but that he had refused the offer. Jailer Grady has also come in for considerable criticism lately, and some candidates for aldermen have been asked if they would favor having him fired if they were elected. Sergt. Butler is also said to be in disfavor.

Vancouver Theatre Exits.

Shortly after the great Iroquois theatre disaster in Chicago about a year ago there was a great deal of anxiety all over the continent as to the safety of public buildings and theatres. The fire wardens in Vancouver and Victoria got busy and caused many improvements in the theatres in the way of emergency exits. Then when the spasm had left them these officials calmly proceeded to forget all about it. The opera house in Vancouver has not deviated from the orders given, but the Grand theatre is a veritable fire trap. The aisles are barely two feet wide and there are only three narrow exits. The building is packed to its full capacity every night, and the proprietors are always scheming to find some way to crowd a few more people into the building. Should some of the scenery catch fire and the audience stampede the result would be terrible, and the Iroquois disaster would have a repetition in Vancouver. Who ever is responsible, be he fire warden, policeman or building nspector, should delay no longer, but take immediate and emphatic action to ensure the safety of the public.

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Mr. F. R .Graton, of Vancouver, and Miss Anna Schroder were married at Sherwood, Ore., last week by Rev. Charles A. Hay. They will reside in this city.

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The annual ball of the West End Lacrosse Club, held in Pender hall on Tuesday evening, was one of the social events of the season. The attendance was large and all present had a most enjoyable time. Refreshments were served at midnight. The chaperones were Mesdames A. E. Tuck, G. W. Baylay and W. R. Payne.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macey, of 1665 Seventh avenue, Fairview, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday night. The couple were married at Malcolme, Ont., and have spent 32 years in British Columbia, and therefore may be termed as pioneers. They have fifteen children and eleven grand children.

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During the Christmas festivities, Mr. John Royall Reid, Vancouver, manager of the Westinghouse Electric Co., and Miss Katherine Harwood Taylor, were married at Southside, Va. The event was one of the most brilliant of the season in the southern city.

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Postmaster and Mrs. Miller have left on a holiday trip to California, which will extend over three months.

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Miss Sadie Brenton is visiting friends in Seattle and from there will go to Victoria for a week.

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Mrs. Oscar Olmstead and Mrs. Thomas Malloy and children, of North Vancouver, have left on a trip to Calfornia.

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Mrs. Lucas Hunt entertained a few friends at her residence, Fairview, last eveniig.

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A dance will be given in aid of St. Paul's church funds in O'Brien's hall on Tuesday evening.

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Mrs. Charles Henshaw entertained at tea hour on Monday of last week in honor of Miss Florence Wilson, of England, who soon leaves for China.

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Mrs. Green made a pleasant hostess at dinner on Wednesday, after which the party occupied a box at the opera to witness the performance of "When Johniy Comes Marching Home."

A very interesting bridge party took place at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Burns on Friday.

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Mrs. A. A. Garnon gave a jolly progressive whist party at her residence on Hastings street on Thursday evening. Mrs. C. Lambert and Mr. J. C. Bonneau secured first prizes, while the second prizes were awarded to Mrs. Proule and Mr. S. Morin. Supper was served in Mrs. Gagnon's usual dainty style. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bonneau, Mr. and Mrs. A. Savard, Mr. and Mrs. P. Tardiff, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. J. De Guldron, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Proule, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. S. Morin, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morriset, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Quelett, Miss A. Ferris, Miss B. Morriset, Miss Bonneap Miss L. Bonneau, Miss I. Savard, Miss E. Savard, Mr. L. Quelett, Mr. J. Duclos, Mr. E. Morin, Mr. C. Peters, Mr. C. Gagnon.

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Miss Cartwright entertained at tea hour on Tuesday.

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Mrs. L. G. McPhillips gave a small farewell tea on Friday in honor of Mrs. Lockwood.

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Mrs. W. H. Rourke (nee Rudolph) of Davie street, held her post-nuptial reception on Thursday.

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Mrs. Berdoe gave a jolly dance at her residence on Broughton street on Monday night in honor of Miss Graeme Lockwood.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mueller celebrated their silver wedding on Tuesday evening of last week.

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Mrs. W. E. Burns entertained at bridge on Friday night in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Hall, of Peterboro, Ont. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Senkler, Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Dr. and Mrs. J. Senkler, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Lilian Burns, Miss Wey, Mr. B. Smith and Dr. Keith.

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Mrs. Leslie Wright, Barclay street, gave a very enjoyable euchre party on Friday evening in honor of Miss McPhillips, of Winnipeg.

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Madame de Gendron entertained a number of her friends at a party given in Smith's hall, Cordova street on Tuesday evening. Dancing was the principal amusement At midnight the guests adjourned to the residence of the hostess and partook of a dainty supper. The party was concluded with musical selections and songs.

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The Maple Leaf Dancing Club held its regular fortnightly assembly in Pender hall on Thursday.

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The marriage of Miss Eva Mary Louise, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peter, to Mr. Charles H. Wilson, is announced to take place on January 31st.

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Miss Florence Wilson is the guest of Mrs. J. M. LeFevre, Georgia street. Miss Wilson intends leaving for the Orient shortly.

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The music and songs of Auld Scotia were greatly in evidence on Wednesday evening in the O'Brien hall, at the concert and dance given by the St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society. The concert occupied the first part of the evening, after the floor had been cleared dancing was indulged in until midnight.

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Mrs. MacBeth (nee Hamilton) held her post-nuptial reception on Thursday afternoon and evening at her residence on Seymour street.

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Mrs. Arthur Thynne gave an especially enjoyable children's party on Monday evening of last week in honor of Miss Graeme Lockwood.

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A party was given by Miss L. Woods and Miss L. Nason at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Powell street, on Thursday evening. Music and games halped to pass the evening quickly away.

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The annual dance of the Hudson's Bay Company's employees took place in Pender hall on Monday night. About two hundred people were present and a delightful evening was spent. After supper, which was served at midnight, dancing was again in order and was kept up till an early hour.

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The members of Courts Ladysmith and Pacific A. O. F. intend holding a dance in O'Brien's hall on Wednesday, February 7th.

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The members of the Whitney Pedro Club held a progressive pedro party onTuesday evening. The early part of the evening was spent playing that noble game, after which tasty refreshments were served and an impromptu dance concluded the party.

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A jolly children's dance was given by several prominent hostesses in St. Paul's school room on Friday evening. About 80 children were present. The chaperons were Mrs. Green, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Creery.

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Miss Brookbridge, who has been visiting this city for a while, left for her home in Liverpool on Saturday.

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Mr. William Holden returned Friday morning from an extended trip to New York and other Eastern cities.

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Mrs. Vass, of Seymour street, entertained on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Vass intend leaving for Nelson soon.

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Mrs. A. M. Tyson, of Burrard street, returned on Sunday from an extended trip through the East.

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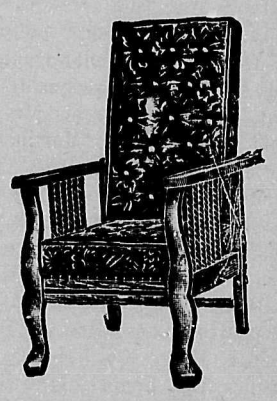
Mrs. E. J. Grant, of Rossland, and her two little daughters are guests of Mrs. J. Grant, of Hamilton street.



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Municipal Elections — A ..Labor Mayor for Rossland—President of Agrcultural Society for Nelson—Rev. Baer Falls Down in Attempt to Revive Tribune—Mining Activity. .. .. ..

Nelson, Jan. 15.—This is the week of elections in the Kootenay country and things political are getting very busy. In Rossland the development of the week has been the withdrawal of Alderman Embleton from the mayoral candidature. This, apparently, leaves P. R. Macdonald, alderman, alone in the field. It is possible, however, that the mayor, Charles Hamilton, may be called upon to run. The election of P. R. Macdonald would be a nemesis. For years Rossland has been run by the faction which is against the miners' union. Now P. R. Macdonald has always been a prominent union man. He was secretary of the union is still secretary. He was president of the Brtish Columbia end of the Western Federation of Miners, and is, of course, still one of its influential men. Now this particular labor organization has been denounced from the provincial judicial bench as a public enemy. And Rossland appoints one of its chief officers its mayor! What chance would Charles Hamilton have if he ran? Personally he is respected in Rossland. He has been often alderman. He is one of its leading lawyers. He was the police commissioner who resigned as a protest to public gambling. But Hamilton is of that party that has run Rossland since its incorporation. None of Rossland's mayors have been working men. Often there was none or but one miner on its aldermanic board. Rossland owns nothing to-day but its water system. Its people are overwhelmingly in favor of owning its own public franchises. But these are owned by private companies. Mining companies place their magazines within the city limits regardless of the law, and the city raises no protest. The city is in consequence severely damaged and no one lifts his voice. The West Kootenay Power & Light Company supplies Rossland with light and power, and Rossland finds itself without money to secure its franchises on their lapse. The money has been spent on a thousand and one things, which, however good in themselves brought no direct revenue to the city. This state of things is not blamed upon the waning fortunes of that city during the past few years, but is blamed upon its administrators. This being the case, rightly or wrongly, P. R. Macdonald will be elected mayor. Whether he can do better than his predecessors remains to be seen. He can hardly do worse.

Nelson is in an infinitely superior position. The town is increasing in size. Its real estate assessments are not inflated. It has a big job before it in the erection and running of its own power plant to supply power to its leased tramway system, to its many small manufacturers and for its lighting. All these things will bring revenue to the city. When that revenue is coming in there will be ample time for the grading of streets and the beautifying of its public thoroughfares and parks. The policy is exactly the reverse of that in vogue in its younger sister and rival, Rossland. It has been so far successful. The Progressive party, nicknamed the Houstonites, and declared to be by the opposition or citizen's party, as made up of the hoi polloi rather than the men of influence, declare that this policy is theirs. The Progressives, in fact, translate the Mussulman cry, Allah-il-allah, Muhammed rasul allah, as "Nelson is great and Houston is its prophet!" The citizen party, however, declare as emphatically that the reverse is the case, and that Nelson's success is due to itself and exits in spite of the effort of John Houston and his following, the Progressives. The fight is warm, feeling running almost as high as if the redoubtable John were here to lead his devotees into the fray. Heading the party is John Malone, president of the Agricultural Society. In the east ward he has two grocers and a ship carpenter for his aldermen, and in the west another grocer, the port steward and an insurance agent. This is the make-up on one side. On the other is Alderman Gillett, a contractor, who has a doctor, a financier and a shoemaker of Socialistic celebrity, which, by the way, ebbs and flows, a not infrequent characteristic of the men who ply the awl. In the west ward the make-up is an ex-minister of mines, a large property owner and a real estate agent. As to the issue, there isn't one. The thing to do is to complete the power plant. The Malone people say that we are the people who started the scheme against all opposition, and we are to be trusted to carry it through. The Gillett people say, why our chief man is a contractor, and of course he is the man to complete the power plant and he means to do it. The Progressive retort that he means to do nothing of the kind!

And so the war goes on. There is one thing certain that if the Gillett party, which looks like winning, do not put the power plant scheme through, the Progressives will run the city of Nelson for many a year to come after their failure.

John Houston's evening paper has dropped, probably completely. The Rev. W. W. Baer tried in vain to rescuscitate it. The morning paper has a large circulation in and out of the city. It is Liberal, particularly, and positively Liberal. The evening paper would have to be as particularly and positively Conservative. But the morning paper is not a progressive organ. The evening paper would have to be a Progressive organ as well as a Conservative. On the Gillett ticket are three Conservatives, on the Malone ticket all are either Conservatives, or have no particular political leaning. So the morning paper gets the Liberal support and a great portion of the Conservative (this latter is probably against the grain of its editor).

While there is nothing particular to chronicle in mining this week, it will be seen from the list of shipments that the Kootenay country has been very busy in its workaday hours when its mind is not troubled with fatuous politics.

At the Street Corner.

By the Lounger.

"Manners maketh man," and women, too, I suppose, the worthy bishop, who founded the school of Winchester would have said if he had been asked. Possibly in his day women were possessed of such charming manners that he considered it unnecessary to make mention of them. It is a good thing for his peace of mind that he never had the opportunty of observing the conduct of many of the ladies who patronise the Watson theatre. The essence of good manners is a consideration for the feelings and comfort of others. Why then do so many ladies insist on beginning to get ready to go out about five minutes before the end of the last scene? I have noticed this tendency on many occasions, and I think it time that some remarks were made about it.

To begin with the practice is extremely annoying to those who are sitting behind any lady who suddenly bounces out of her seat, and puts on her cloak; when several women do the same thing there is of necessity a considerable amount of noise, whch distracts the attention of those listening to the play. Moreover, it is distinctly rude to the members of the company, who have been working hard all the evening to amuse others. There can surely be no need for such an excessive hurry to get out. The theatre is always over long before the last car has departed. Why then this unseemly haste? The Lounger would feel that he had really accomplished one useful thing in this world if this meets the eye of an offender, and she resolved, like Buster Brown, not to do it again.

While on the subject of theatres and manners, I should also like to know why so few men in this city take their hats off when the National Anthem is played. I can understand a rabid Socialist deliberately keeping his head-covering on as a sign of independence, but here it seems to be the rule and not the exception, and yet Canada boasts of her loyalty.

Who is responsible for the upkeep of the church-yard which lies just outside the cathedral? Is it because we have a cemetery to use now that God's acre is allowed to go from bad to worse, and to become an eye-sore to the people? I have heard many complain of its aspect so I went on a tour of inspection. Like the Queen of Sheba, I found that the half had not been told. The palings are broken down, some of the grave-stones are overturned, the grass has been permitted to grow until it is positively rank. There must be many in Victoria who have relations, probably pioneers, buried in that consecrated piece of ground; I do not think that it would be a great hardship for such to club together to put the plot into thorough repair. My knowledge of law is limited, but I do not believe that the city council are the responsible parties in this case. No one can fail to see that the burying-ground as it is, is a very poor advertsement to the town, both from the point of view of beauty and of sentiment.

The Lounger sometimes makes predictions, but never unless he is certain; in that case he is prepared to bet on them. He is going to do so now, for he has heard on very good authority that the dignity of the office of Lieut.-Governor is not likely to lose anything, as far as insignia, and the proper wearing of it goes, when Sir Henri retires. For, now don't look surprised and say: "Oh. he has been mentioned before." The Honorable Mr. Justice Archer Martin is the man chosen. If you do not believe me wait and see if I am wrong before you scoff. Anyway why should you scoff? If it comes off, and it will, let's all hope for another Royal visit. There will not be any lack of due ceremonial, we may all be sure of that.

What o sorry thing it is to have to vote at this time of the year. I have wandered down the street trying to look as though my vote and influence could do untold wonders, and have watched all kinds of well-known people who are running for office, or rather who were running stop and speak affably to men who were obviously strangers, but they never came to solocit my patronage. One man did though, now that I come to thnk of it; I was walking down Government street when a man came up to me and started talking. I did not know him from Adam, but I guessed that he was a candidate, and somehow I began to feel very thirsty; why, I cannot tell; it grew on me. Well we went on talking about the weather and the mud and other interesting topics, when he suddenly broke off and said: "I hope you will pardon me, seeing that we are strangers, but I should like to ask a favor of you." Obviously a candidate I thought, and the thirst grew. "Certainly, my dear sir," I replied, "command me in anything." "Well then if you could possibly let me have a dollar till the day after to-morrow I should be most awfully obliged." My thirst suddenly went off.

I have been asked to mention a subject which is hardly new to these columns, the mud on the causeway. It is wearisome for me to write, and for you to read the same old complaint week after week, but it must be done. It is your own fault. Badger the authorities until they are compelled to keep the streets in better order. Thre is a grand opportunity for the new council to show what they can do; if they clean the roads to start with they will have earned the gratitude of all the citizens. At present it is impossible to cross the streets in many places without getting filthy, and it is no better on the sidewalks, as the passing horses splash the pedestrian with mud.

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Dog in the Manger.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Co. have earned an unenviable reputation by pursuing a "dog in the manger" policy with respect to the city of Nelson and using all the weight of their corporate influence and wealth to thwart the wish of the citizens to own and operate a public utility. As the matter to "subjudice" the result of their monopolistic campaign is not yet known. Now they have cast their eyes further afield and have the effrontery to apply to the Provincial Legislature for an alteration in their charter which would enable them to extend their clutches into the Boundary district, and put the Cascade Water, Light & Power Co. out of business. The members of the British Columbia Legislature have not sunk so low as the promoters of this confirscatory measure, and it is hardly likely that they will look with favor on a policy which would not only inflict a gross injustice on an English company, but would give a black eye to the investment of outside capital for the development of the resources of British Columbia.

Ignorance in Excelsis.

The Boundary Creek Times is no longer edited by that fire-eatng swashbuckler of political lobbyists—Duncan Ross. He has resigned his poition to H. O. Lamb of Winnipeg in order to allow himself more time to exploit Great Northern schemes, and incidentally to pave the way for the success of Martin Burrill at the next Federal election.

In the last issue of the paper, before leaving, Duncan worked off a screed about the railway policy of the McBride government, which he declared was all cut and dried and involved legislation "to confirm the C. P. R. in an enormous land grant and bonus that corporation to build a railway which it is forced to build by the enterprise of its competing road without money or lands. Just about the time this prescient effusion reached the coast the Premier was announcing to the legislative assembly that there would be no railway bill this session. This is about on a par for accuracy with the average statements of the member from Yale, Kootenay.

All Canadian Route.

Canadians have never been satisfied with the route to the Yukon by way of the White Pass Railway and have ever since the melancholy fate of the Mackenzie Mann project cherished the hope that som day an all Canadian route would be established. It is doubtful, however, whether the proved resources of the country justify the granting of a charter for the purpose. The first flush of the gold excitement has passed. Placer mining has subsided into an industry of very moderate dimensions. Lode mining has not been developed to any considerable extent. Th production of gold has fallen from a maximum of $25,000,000 to $11,000,000. It is not a lnmbering or agricultural country, nor could a line be located that would not pass through at least 1000 miles of unproductive country, with no "Northwest" on the other side. For these reasons there are grave doubts whether the application of President John Hendry of the N. W. & Y. Railway is anything more than a bluff.

Progressive Vernon.

The capital of the Okanagan Valley is more than holding its own in the rush for "fresh fields and pastures new" on the part of Northwest settlers seeking a milder climate. Last year more than $1,000 worth of new buildings were erected and 9,000 fruit trees were set out. Vernon holds the key to the beautiful valley

Grub Staking.

The Frank Sentinel tells a pretty story of a well-known Western celebrity, C. P. Hill, going to San Francisco to chase John McKane in order to recover untold millions from him. Those who know C. P. Hill have no doubt he wll succeed if pertinacity can do it. On the other hand no one who knows the Scotch John McKane will believe that he will part with a cent for sentimental reasons. The Frank Sentinel thus describes the incident:

"It was not many years ago that millionaire McKane, formerly a well-known man of the Kootenays, but now a Croesus of the new Nevada gold fields, was not as ruch as he is now. That was when Tonopah's riches were being heralded to the world and he wanted to go there and try his fortune. Mr. Hill was one of the men who made it possible for him to do so. He grub staked McKane, who did strike it rich, and in a few years became immensely wealthy. When it eame to the divy he balked and Mr. Hill has never been able to get an accounting. Mr. Hill claims an eighth of the sundry and divers millions McKane has amassed as the result of the assistance he received and has instituted suit in the United States courts to recover. His trip to 'Frisco is for the purpose of prosecuting the suit.

Racing For Nicola.

Latet advices from Spence's Bridge show that record work has been done on the railway built by the C. P. R. into the Nicola coal fields. One season has sufficed to do the bulk of the grading, and the laying of the steel has already commenced from the Spence's Bridge end. Competent judges agreed that the whole forty-six miles will be completed the coming spring, and then it is expected that the additional fifty miles to Hedley will be built by June, 1907.

An Able Presentment.

J. R. Robertson of Revelstoke has issued in the Mail Herald the best exposition and defence of the L. D. A. that has yet appeared. It is a complete answer to the tissue of misrepresentations with which the opponents of Sunday rest have flooded the country. No Canadian desirous of preserving and protecting the best traditions of the race will differ materially with Mr. Robertson on any phase of the important question which he so ably handles.

Prediction Realized.

It is with regret that the news of the stoppage of all development work in the mines of the Tyee Copper Co. was received by the outside world this week. After the recent report of the eminent American expert, and all the hysterical efforts of a friendly press have failed to galvanize it into life.

Prosperous Boundary.

No part of the province can show such satisfactory development in mining as the Boundary. It seems hardly credible that the country which poor Father "Pat" was boosting eight years ago last year produced little short of 1,000,000 tons of ore, and this year bids fair to exceed that figure. It may be interesting to recapitulate the totals for the six years ending December 31, 1905. They are as follows. 1900. 62,389 tons; 1901, 348,439 tons; 1902, 460.000 tons; 1903, 697,404 tons; 1904, 837,666 tons; 1905, 941,817 tons.

A Novel Suggestion.

A correspondent of the Cumberland daily makes a novel suggestion for the economical handling of public business. It is that the school staff should divide the work. One should act as mayor, another as constable, another as collector, another as magistrate. Since the suggestion is obviously made in good faith, the author cannot have lived in Victoria, for he says there would be no friction under such an arrangement.

W. R. Ross and His Mission.

The genial and popular member for Fernie has a large order on his hands. The Fernie Ledge, which runs first to tell Mr. Ross what his duty to his constituency is, says that all the people expect him to take back after the session is over is a new jail, a new court house and some road money. If he accomplished all this the Ledge would do its best to prevent him from returning to Victoria in another parliament. Such is gratitude.

Well Done, Enderby.

The Enderby Progress of the 12th inst. publishes the first annual balance sheet of that prosperous and thriving city. It shows all debts paid and $186.91 in cash in the bank. Every dttail of receipts and expenditure is shown with a clearness and precision that are as gratifying as the result. This is a splendid record for an infant municipality.

W. R. Shatford to the Fore.

The Similkameen is well represented by Mr. R. W. Shatford, who has done a good week's work for his constituency. On Monday he made an excellent speech in the Assembly and on Tuesday he and Mrs. Shatford were conspicuous at the ball at Government House, being honored with an invitation to the first supper table.

Rennie Seed Company.

The growth of the west is being recognized every day by the large eastern houses. Among the big companies who have recently opened up in Vancouver, attention must be called to the William Rennie Co., Ltd., the well-known seed firm. This company has opened a commidious seed warehouse on Hastings street, Vancouver, and are prepared to fill orders without the delay of sending to Eastern Canada. In this ossue of The Week the company advertises a special order to readers of the paper.

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Hon. Charles E. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McLean are staying at Rockabella for the season.

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Miss Mabel Tatlow left on Thursday evening for a brief visit to friends in Armstrong and Vernon.

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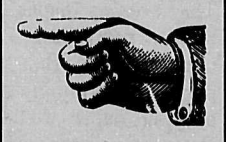
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MUSIC AND THE STAGE

The theatre we always have with us, but it is rarely that we are given a treat like that which was placed before the audience which greeted Messrs. Jerome K. Jerome and Charles Battell Loomis at the Institute hall last Tuesday evening. It was unfortunate that on the night selected there should also have been counter attractions, such as the ball at Government House, which robbed the meeting of the presence of the Lieut.-Governor and party. However, even thus it was a large audience which assembled to be amused by the two well known humorists. It goes without saying that not one person left the hall disappointed. Mr. C. H. Lugrin, in the absence of Sir Henri, took the chair and introduced the reciters.

Mr. Jerome relied entirely on a fund of stories and comic sketches, without using a book at all. For an hour, divided into two periods, between which Mr. Loomis appeared, he kept his audience in a roar of laughter. His two sketches entitled "Ladies Shopping" and "Shopping by the book of Conversations" were particularly well received. Mr. Loomis in his reading of the "Gusher" at an afternoon tea party scored a big success, as he did in the story of the Irish woman and the gramophone. The prevailing feeling among the audience at the close may be expressed in the words of the well-known song, "Let 'em all come."

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At the Victoria this week Miss Lansing Rowan, assisted by Mr. Harry Farhney, has been occupying the boards. For the excessively small sum of 30 cents it has been possible to witness good drama from the best seats in the house. On the afternoon of the day when this column meets the public eye, there will be presented a grand representation of Alexandre Dumas' famous romance, "The Count of Monte Christo." Early next week Louis James, who has appeared with success before in Victoria, will portray "Virginius," a role immortalized by Edwin Forrest. Mr. James has always been a favorite in Victoria and will no doubt be greeted by a large house. On Trusday, 25th, the Pollard Company, who are well known here, will commence an eight-night engagement.

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In the early part of the week Watson's gave a very fine representation of Hall Caine's masterpiece, "The Christian." In spite of the fact that Miss Mae Keane, who has been playing the part of the leading lady for some time, had to leave hurriedly the night before, owing to serious domestic affliction, the play went off without a hitch. Miss Elizabeth Hale, who will play Miss Keane's parts, although she only had a few hours in which to prepare the part of Polly Love, gave great satisfaction. Miss Sadie Reynolds, who had very little longer in which to get ready for the trying part of Glory Quayle, showed herself equal to the emergency. Albert J. Watson, as Horatio Drake, acted well, and was well supported by the other members of the company. Tonight will be played "British Born." Next week the Watson company are leaving Victoria for a week at Nanaimo, and the McKandless Merry Makers, a colored minstrel company, will dispense amusement to the patrons of the theatre.

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Manager Jamieson at the Grand has been giving his usual good show, the ever popular moving pictures, "The escape from Sing-Sing,' 'etc. Voteela and Nina, female gymnasts, are well worth seeing. Their performances on the rings are far out of the ordinary exhibitions of this kind. Vardon, Perry and Wilber, musical comedians and dancers, deserved the applause they received. Mandolins were their favorite instruments and the audience seemed to thnk that they had made a wise choice in this line. Gilbert's performing animals, two dogs, three monkeys, three goats, and one small pony composed one of the best animal troupes which has visited Victoria for some time. Children always enjoy such shows, and there will be plenty of opportunities on Saturday for the parent who wants to give the youngsters a treat to take them to this. Miss Alice Wildermere's new song, "The Golden Bridge," was very good. Next week will appear The Great Albini, who is not unknown to ths city; since his last visit, however, he has largely increased his stock n trade. He is a prestidigitator of superlative merit. His great feature, and the one which prolonged his engagement in Seattle, is his demonstrations in telepathy. Mr. and Mrs. Young give a rural comedy. Al Shane, a Hebrew comedian, and Vardaman, a female impersonator, complete the list.

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At the Savoy the principal attractions have been J. H. Fielding, in his latest farce comedy entitled "Egypt," and the Ashtons, an acrobatic troupe, which rightly claim to be "the wonders of the world." Mddles. Hall and Bonner are to be congratulated on their singing, which is distinctly above the average, while Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weaver in their comedy are provocative of much mirth.

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Victoria, B. C., January 9, 1906.

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Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Skeena river, about three-quarters mile below Copper river and adjoining Wm. Bosded's pre-emption, and beginning at a post planted and marked J. W. Graham's initial post, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 160 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. W. GRAHAM, Locator

A. E. JOHNSON, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Skeena river, one mile below Skeena Canyon, and beginning at a post planted near Singlehurst wagon road and marked S. B. Johnson's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

S. B. JOHNSON, Locator.

Louis Anderson, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post marked southeast corner, situated 20 chains west of the west line of the Kitwangah Indian Reserve, at a point where said line crosses the Skeena river, running 20 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 40 chains east, to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

Dated December 8th, 1905.

R. S. SARGENT, Locator.

JOHN FOUNTAIN, Agent.

APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Range V., Coast Dist., B. C., viz.: Commencing at the N. W. corner of L. 273, Range V., Coast Dist., and thence Ast. north 20 chains, thence Ast. west 40 chains, thence Ast. east 20 chains, thence Ast. north 40 chains and thence Ast. east to point of commencement.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

E. C. COLLISON,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

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Agent.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

H. A. COLLISON,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Kumdis Slough, Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands. Commencing at a stake marked Geo. W. Morrow's N.W. corner; thence running east 40 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

GEO. W. MORROW,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following deschibed lands, situated near Quan River, Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands. Commencing at a stake marked L. Morrow's S.E. corner; thence running 40 chains east; thence 160 chains south; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

L. MORROW,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated near head of Juskatla, Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands. Commencing at a stake marked H. A. Collison's N.W. corner; thence running 40 chains east; thence 160 chains south; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains to point of commencement.

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H. A. COLLISON,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

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Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 8, 1905.

JOHN C. K. SEALY, Locator.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

L. MORROW,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated about centre of Juskatla and known as Harrison's Island, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

JOHN R. SCOTT,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of L s and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated near Mammon River, Juskatla, Masset Inlet, Queen Charlotte Island. Commencing at a stake marked Percy Harrison's N.W. corner; thence running 40 chains east; thence 160 chains north; thence west 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

PERCY HARRISON.

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PERCY HARRISON.

APPLICATIONS FOR TIMBER LICENCES.

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GEO. W. MORROW,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

JOHN R. SCOTT,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

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Dated at Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, October 23rd, 1905.

J. M. COLLISON,
Per Percy Harrison,
Agent.

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge: A new and charming idea for ball and evening gowns is the new silver tulle. It has a fairly large mesh and is studded at intervals with little octagonal silver studs or beads. A gown that I have lately seen of that fabric has rather a full skirt, with two wide "bouillonees" of the tulle gathered in the middle and edged with chinchilla near the bottom. Between them is introduced a trimming formed of intersected medallions of ecru lace embroidered with silver thread. The corsage is made rather full and fussy about the "decolletage," with a very deep belt of silver tissue. The old-world Beauvais embroideries also look well on these silver dresses; their soft, mellow colourings harmonize so well wth the soft grey. Green velvet also looks very well if judiciously introduced. Quite a novel idea is the introduction of jewelled chiffon or net as a go-between betwixt the silk foundation and the outer robe of chiffon or lace. An example may be quoted in a white Ninon dress, adorned with heavy ring-shaped motifs of black lace, beneath which is a slip of white chiffon powdered with gold sequins. The ultimate foundation was of chine silk. The same idea is seen in the case of a gown of striped gauze interlined with chiffon narrowly striped with silver tinsel. The effect is curious rather than pleasing at first sight, but for dancing frocks the idea has distinct possibilities, his it not? These are some of the latest "fashion hints," as far as ball frocks are concerned, and of course you expected me to write of these things, as you are doubtless "thinking out" gowns to wear at the many balls that are on the "tapis."

One that I particularly look forward to is that of the Native Sons, which is to take place on February 2nd at the Assembly hall. I hear that the gallant committee who have the arrangements for this ball in hand have secured the same splendid orchestra that they had last year.

I say "gallant committee" because these noble sons of B. C. go to any amount of trouble and expense to make their annual ball a success, which it invariably is, from a lady's point of view, anyhow. So be sure you make John take you to this ball, if not to anything else the whole season. It is quite true what you say about husbands hating to go to dances, but just say you will go yourself or with someone else. A little indifference to John now and then is a good thing. Don't worry about breaking his heart. It may be more or less handsomely pieced. And if on any occasion it is absolutely necessary that you should have your own way, don't tell him so. Just make it a matter of "compromise." Marriage, like the government, should be a series of compromises. What I mean is illustrated by a story a young benedict once told. "When we were furnishing our house," he said, "she wanted crimson furniture and I wanted blue. We wrangled pretty hotly for a while, but at last we compromised on dark green."

This week the stores are particularly attractive, owing to the many sales in progress and the wonderful bargains that are to be had in consequence. I am forever meeting some one who has just nvested in "such a beautiful pair of boots (or shoes) at the Paterson Shoe Co. for merely a song," they say. And it is quite true that splendid bargains are to be had here, for I am told that this is the most exceptional boot and shoe sale ever held in Victoria. Their dancing slippers and especially smart for the money.

In Spencer's the specialties in women's, men's, children's and household matters are attractive exceedingly and the prices correspondingly low. Warm and shapely coats that bestow comfort and chic on the wearer, opera mantles of fitting elaboration, tailor mades of admirable outline, dainty silk gowns for evening occasions, not to mention "fantasies" in "dressers" of the most seductive. Silken petticoats, great in effect as low in price, and blouses ornate and varied are all dealt with. Nor are infantile externals omitted from Spencer's Arcade; everything, from the layette to the school girl's utfit is successfully catered for and provided. Women who appreciate lace will find an unusually well-selected collection at this sale, while all accessories of the household from linen pillow-cases to down quilts are to be had here at reasonable prices. As one of the finest shopping centres in Victoria Spencer's Arcade has always had its clientele. A chief favourite resort of our up-to-date requirements, it increasingly justifies itself of its many admirers.

"There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream." But what a rude awakening for the lately betrothed one if, when she attends "their first ball," she finds her ideal looking more like a caricature than the splendid, manly fellow she thought him. There's no excuse for any man to "turn out" in ill-fitting or old-fashiond dress clothes, frayed shirt, unsightly made-up bow tie and gloves the fingers of which hang limp at the tips when there is such a smart gentleman's outfitting establishment as Finch & Finch. Here everything that a gentleman requires for this gay and festive season of dances, balls, etc., is obtainable at moderate prices, and be in waistcoat, gloves or tie it bears the "Hall mark" of good style and quality coming from this well-known firm.

Apropos of balls, etc., Challoner & Mitchell are exhibiting a choice collection of the daintiest feather fans imaginable, and so cheap, too. For $1.50 you can get the smartest and most serviceable little "bunch of feathers" in the shape of a fan, and one that may be worn with any colored frock. Besides, a "wee" fan is so useful, not only for dances, but also for theatres, dinners, etc. The French lady of fashion declares that too strong a light brings "crow's feet," hence she is never without her "petit eventail." And for a debutante they have the dearest, tiny white ostrich feather fans; just large enough to hide "the bashful blushes that creep into her cheek."

"En passant" I must not forget to mention Challoner& Mitchell's special showing of clocks, articles of furniture that are as necessary in every well-regulated household as chairs and tables. They have also some of those dear old Swiss clocks in natural wood, with brass numerals. These, as you know, are the fad of the moment for panelled halls, dining rooms and dens. They appeal to one as being most artistic and in keeping with all apartments furnished in wood.

I never pass the Hinton Electric Company's show rooms that I do not succumb to the temptation to enter, so fascinating is the peep one gets of their artistic fixtures from outside. And really the prices of these electric fittings are so moderate that I do wonder at people still using the simple drop cord and untid ypaper shade. But one invariably comes across this sort of thng in many well-to-do homes of to-day.

Did I never tell you about that wonderfully fascinating art pottery called "Bretby" ware? Then "listen to my song, it won't take long." Of course it will be one of praise, for who could inspect the beautiful display of this artistic pottery at Weiler Bros., without "bursting forth in song of praise?" The chief characteristic of "Bretby" ware is its originality. This is not merely confined to novelty of design, but extends also to the variety of color lovely bleshrd lu shrd shrdluuuuunu schemes in which it is produced. The lovely blending of colors is one of the main features of this ware. Another feature is the number of what one may term natural styles which it has been male to represent, one of which is an imitation of carved bamboo; another is an imitation of repousse work, while yet another is a representation of carved oak. The manufacturers of this original pottery have reason to be proud of the charming combination of colour in conjunction with the beauty of design which characterize the general range of this beautiful ware, and which include many articles without which the modern home is incomplete, such as pedestals and pots, umbrella stands, vases, jardinieres, etc. etc It may be ueful for you to know that Weiler Bros. are the sole agents for Victoria, B. C.

And now my weekly gossip is drawing to a close and I am looking forward to a bottle of "White Rock." Think you there is a more refreshing drink in existence? I know of none that is more delightful —especially after a gossip.

'BABETTE."

SOCIAL NEWS.

Mrs. George L. Courtney and daughter are visiting Mrs. B. W. Greer of Vancouver.

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Miss T. Roberts of Kuper island is visitign Miss Newcombe of Dallas Road.

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Mrs. Roper of Cherry Creek, Kamloops, is paying a short visit to the coast, staying at the Driard.

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Mrs. A. F. Griffiths is visiting friends in Vancouver.

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Mr. J. S. Clute of New Westminster was in town this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. Fagan.

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Miss Ruby Fell is leaving next week on a trip to England. She will spend some time in Eastern Canada en route.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson are home again from the east.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. D.Leeming and Miss A. McKenzie of Victoria West.

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Mrs. Snyder of White Horse, who has been in the Jubilee Hospital for some time, has recovered sufficiently to move to "Cherry Bank," where she expects to be for a few weeks before going back to White Horse.

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Miss Violet Hickey left on Tuesday night for Vancouver on a visit to friends.

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Mrs. Rithet, accompanied by her son and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Genge, is spending the winter in California.

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Miss Noel Moresby and Miss Edwards are spending a few days with friend in Seattle.

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Mrs. Erb left on Thursday evening for Los Angeles, where she will spend the rest of the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward expect to leave shortly for California.

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The wedding of Mr. James Leisk and Miss Madge Armstrong of Nanaimo will take place on Wednesday. January 24th, at Christ Church cathedral.

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Mr. Stuart of Satly Park has returned from a trip to England and is at present staying at the Driard.

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Mr. Frank Denning and wife of Tacoma are registered at the King Edward.

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The next dance to be given by the Invitation Dancing Club will take place on the 29th at A. O. U. W. Hall.

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Invitations have been issued by the officers of the Egeria and Shearwater for a dance to be held in the Assembly rooms on February 7th.

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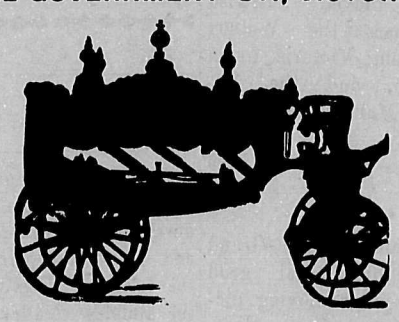

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