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EDITORIAL

Veterans Of War.

The greatness of any Nation can be measured by its attitude towards the Veterans who have fought its battles. In spite of the prevailing sentiment of Christendom in favour of peace, it is still true that the greatest enthusiasm of which men are capable is aroused by war. When this ceases to be true, the handwriting will have appeared upon the wall. This enthusiasm is not so much an enthusiasm for war as of war, for British born peoples are still slow to enter a quarrel; but once having undertaken it, there is no surrender. He is but a superficial critic whose survey ends with the military spectacle afforded by a campaign; he is the only true critic who looks beneath the surface and studies not only the causes and motives which lead to war but its consequences and its lessons. Not all wars, and not all wars in which British Arms have been engaged, can be justified as to the pretext. But, in the development of corps d'esprit, in the display of valour, in the strengthening of national sentiment, and in the preservation of the finest personal traits which are evoked on the tented field, humanity and the empire have been immeasureably the gainer even by England's foolish wars. This was never better illustrated than in the reference made at the Campaigners' Banquet on Thursday night to the memorable Charge of the Light Brigade. Military critics claim that not only was the order to charge the result of error, but that the charge itself is not accurately depicted in the magnificent lines of Tennyson; but what does that matter? Who would wish to expunge from our historical record the mistaken order, or the charge which followed. Not since the gallant stand made by the Spartans in the Pass of Thermopylae, has any single incident of war so stirred the pulses of men. Well may the great Laureate ask:

'When shall their glory fade?"

While there was no veteran present at the Campaigners' Banquet who had taken part in that glorious charge, there were some who had fought throughout the Crimean war, and one who bore on his breast four clasps representing Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava and Sevastopol. All this took place fifty-four years ago, and it was like opening up a page of ancient history to hear these grizzled and venerable warriors tell in a few simple, halting, words the story of those days. It was no ordinary occasion, the mere feasting and demonstration seemed banal, as the mind reverted to the occurrences which were being celebrated, and as the glowing and eloquent address of Captain Clive Phillips Woolley proceeded from point to point, the battle of Inkerman was unfolded; but far beyond that, the whole Crimean campaign and still beyond that, as the orator so fitly emphasized, the greater struggle between men of different character and different ideals culminating as it only could in the triumph of the fittest, the cleanest and the noblest. Not only Captain Woolley but the veterans who were present at the battle of Inkerman, and who spoke on Thursday night, testified to the fact that it was not won by strategy or skill, but by courage and grit. The great English pro-Consul, Lord Milner, has nearly completed a tour of Canada, in the course of which he has delivered a number of splendid addresses outlining the destiny and duty of the Dominion; he has bid our people look forward, but there can be no greater stimulus to the development of a National and Imperial spirit than to look backward, and regard the deeds which won the Empire. It is an inestimable privilege to be able still to gaze upon men who have figured in the wars of more than half a century ago. It is still more gratifying to find that the young men of the present generation are fired by the same martial zeal, and are just as ready to become "Soldiers of the King" as the Veterans of 1850 were to become "Soldiers of the Queen." No one could have listened to Corporal Cooney's spirited recitation, "The Wreck of the Armored Train," without realising that he was the very embodiment of young fighting Britain, and that while the spirit, which he manifested survives, the battles of the Empire are in safe hands. In the hurry of the moment, the daily press failed to report an exquisite little gem of thanks from Major Wilson, the dozen of Army Veterans, who not only fought in the Crimean, but was one of the gallant brigade who marched under Colin Campbell to the Relief of Lucknow. He was too modest to refer to the fact, but England will never forget that glorious achievement, nor how, amid the horrors of a hopeless siege:

"Ever above the topmost roof
The banner of England flew."

The Campaigners' Association, admirably presided over by Lieutenant Stern, has made a good start; it will appeal to Canadian sentiment from the Atlantic to the Pacific; before long it will be duplicated in every city and town, and while there may be some shrivelled up souls who regard its functions as "a weariness of the flesh," the heart of the Canadian people may be trusted to respond to the sentiment which it represents.

Making History.

A notable incident occurred this week in Montreal, Lord Milner delivered one of his brilliant addresses on Imperialism before the Canadian Club. In the course of his remarks, he said that within the next fifty years Canada would find herself at the parting of the ways and would have to decide whether or not she would remain a portion of the British Empire. He added that the decision would rest entirely with herself and that no external influence could affect the issue. The president, Mr. J. S. Brierley, in replying, made a declaration at once so aposite and so emphatic that according to the local press, it produced a sensation, and the whole audience burst into loud cheering which lasted for several minutes. Mr. Brierley's memorable words were: "Let me tell Lord Milner that Canada has already decided, and that decision is to remain a part of the British Empire." The significance of the incident lies in the fact that it occurred not only in the commercial capital of Canada, but in the chief City of Quebec, that there were many French-Canadians present, that the response of the audience was instant and enthusiastic, and that Mr. Brierley is a typical Canadian, a St. Thomas boy of the old ultra Reform party, which at the time of Confederation lent more than a willing ear to the cry of Secession. Today Mr. Brierley is the successful controller of the Montreal Herald, still a sturdy Grit paper, but more than that he is and has been for some years one of the most fair-minded critics of Anglo-Canadian affairs, and one of the most ardent supporters of a sane Imperialism.

The Englishman In Canada.

The Colonist may dabble in politics and cavort in the field of theology, classical history, and mystical fiction, but the one lure which always draws it is a discussion on the Englishman in Canada. The particular phase of this subject which delights its soul, is a study of the question as to why the said Englishman is unpopular. Passing over the gratuitous character of the assumption, as also the handicap which the Colonist places upon those who might contribute something original to the discussion, by insisting on personal signature, The Week rises to remark that on this subject neither the Colonist nor its handicapped correspondents know it all. Lord Northcliffe may fairly be regarded as an authority. Although he now rejoices in a title, he started life without a dollar in his pocket, and is in every sense of the word a self-made man. Moreover, none of his money has been made by speculation, but through the establishment and development of great industries. Speaking at Montreal recently, Lord Northcliffe pointed out that there is a kind of Englishman sadly underrated in Canada; in fact, just the type most generaly criticised and least understood. To illustrate his meaning, he told of a couple of young men who came out from London wearing eyeglasses and loud-checked knickerbockers, ostensibly hunting mountain goats in the Rockies, but really acting as agents for British investors, agents whom it would not be advisable for any Canadian to attempt to outwit in any financial transaction. He declared that at the present moment four hundred such men, unlikely looking men, are at present scattered over Canada sending reports to clients in London. The more harmless they succeed in seeming, the more effective they prove. He added: "This country has a contempt for the swell, and perhaps it costs you something." Lord Northcliffe also reminded his audience that those Canadians who published advertisements to the effect that "No Englishman need apply," were probably forgetting that their act might give offence to a class of Englishmen who were not in the advertiser's mind at all—the breed of Englishmen who had made Egypt blossom, had reorganized decaying states, and had done much to build new countries all round the world. No doubt a few cranks do come from the Old Country, but all the cranks are not born outside Victoria, and some editors who think they are competent to handle Imperial topics forget that the English people are the great world—colonizers, the backers of exploration, the financiers of wilderness railways, the friends of frontiers-men wherever found. There is an old proverb which runs "When the cat's away the mice will play" and it is difficult to resist the conviction that some Editors are mice.

Gleanings.

The public has heard enough of politics for a time, and with the return of Martin Burrell for Yale and H. S. Goodeve for Kootenay the new Parliament will be complete. The Week only refers to the situation in order to quote some pertinent remarks from as reliable and independent an authority as Toronto Saturday Night. The Editor criticises the Opposition, for failing to present an adequate policy to the country, and sagely remarks that it is not enough for an Opposition to expose the wrong-doing of a ministry, it must inspire the confidence of the country. Saturday Night holds that in respect of tarnished party leaders, always excepting Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden, the Conservatives were as badly off as the Liberals and that the country was not likely to tolerate Foster, Fowler and Bennet as substitutes for Sifton, Hyman and Emerson. Saturday Night regrets that the campaign was fought on 'low lines," and declares that "there were such charges and counter-charges that our jails should at this moment be filled with dishonest public men or with those who slandered them." An incisive editorial winds up with the remark: "It cannot satisfy Sir Wilfrid's ambitions to be merely the successful bread winner for his hungry political followers. He has shown largeness of vision in several large affairs, but he has to a great extent left unsatisfied those longings of the Liberal party for drastic improvements in methods of Government which the party so earnestly expresses when out of office. There are few Liberals in the country who would not be glad to see him remove the reproach that the old Liberal platform was merely used to get in on, and left to decay on the spot where it was erected."

Explanatory.

In the last issue of The Week a letter appeared censuring the conduct of the returning officer in Victoria at the recent Federal election. Complaint has been made that the letter did not bear the writer's signature and in certain quarters it has been suggested that it was not genuine. The returning officer, apparently in ignorance of the ethics of journalism applied to The Week for the writer's name, which of course had to be refused. The Week, however, wishes to state that the letter was written by a well-known professional gentleman in the City and handed in for publication in the usual way, and The Week accepts full responsibility for its publication and further has received the thanks of members of both political parties for publishing it.

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge:

It is commonly supposed that man makes his own happiness or misery. Woman assuredly does the same. Ever since the sex adopted the attitude of every woman being a law unto herself it has been the fashion for women to brook no interference. Indeed, the modern woman has no prouder boast than that of her independence, so much so that she has adopted the unpleasant habit of flaunting it before men in season and out of season, until one and all alike have grown weary of hearing the fact shouted from the house-tops that the woman of today intends to work out her own salvation.

The pity is that the experiment apparently has not been productive of much success. It does not appear that women are either happier or better for the taking of their own destiny into their own hands. It is all very well for them to boast of leaving shaken off the fetters of domesticity, and to exult over having solved the problem of reducing their responsibilities to the minimum; yet somehow the majority seem to have made a hash of the undertaking. We find the consulting rooms of doctors filled with women whose chief characteristics are that they are all young and to all appearances blessed with an abundance of this world's goods; but one and all alike are suffering from a depressing lethargy and an infinite capacity for being bored. It is all very well to complain that social existence is getting too complicated, and to prate of the wear and tear or the nervous energy expended by women today. When all is said and done it is not the really busy members of the community who are the first to break down with the fashionable complaint of "nerves," but the drones of society, who take life with languid ease and survey everything from a blase point of view, declaring that they are far too bored ever to be interested and enthusiastic concerning anything. Formerly this state of lethargy and indolent ease was confined to the rich; now women in every rank of life are growing luxurious and idle. On all sides they are to be heard professing themselves incapable of doing any kind of work or taking any interest in their immediate surroundings. Mrs. Jones, Smith and Robinson, who formerly found their sole interest or pleasure in the care of their homes and their children, nowadays imagine they have a soul above such duties. Consequently they give their housekeeping over to servants, and send their children early to school. The result is that there is a growing percentage of women who have literally nothing to do but shop, play bridge, motor dress or devote themselves to the pursuit of amusement from morning to night. Small wonder that all too soon life ceases to hold any interest for them, and they become, first bored, then depressed, and finally turn into nervous wrecks—a prey to every hysterical ailment that the mind of man or the imagination of woman can conceive. And the mischief is that society has set its seal of approval upon the fashion for being bored. The more blase and critical a woman is the more she assumes an air of superiority and patronage. Hence society, particularly the feminine portion, is fast coming to answer to the description of the philosopher who wrote it down as "an awful horde formed of two mighty tribes—the bores and bored."

It is all very well to pride oneself upon being so blase that one is bored with everything. The woman who yields to this languid depression is taking the first step towards a nervous breakdown, which, is in nine cases out of ten the result of having nothing in particular to do.

Of late much has been said and more has been written concerning the donning and the doffing of the matinee hat. In the future we are told that we are to hear even more of playgoer's views concerning this subject, upon which men and women will apparently never see eye to eye. Meanwhile the silent battle between the sexes wages untiringly, and hats are growing bigger. To the male mind the feminine attitude of resistance upon so trivial a point as the removal of a hat seems inconceivable. To the feminine mind, insistence upon so great a sacrifice appears unchivalrous and inconsiderate to a degree. Already the question of character in hats has been dealt with. "Show me a woman's hat and I will tell you her innermost characteristics," said a philosopher, who has made a life study of the sex. He might have gone even further, and proved that not only are hats delineators of character but that they have an extraordinary influence over the feminine mind. For will not women who are humane and tender-hearted in everything else suddenly throw all such feelings to the winds when confronted with the irresistible temptation to possess a hat wreathed with masses of slaughtered birds and the plumes of the egret and osprey.

In vain have sermons been preached upon the cruelty of such fashions; in vain have been published the murderous statistics of birds that are annually killed for the adornment of tender-hearted womenkind.

BABETTE.

Short Story

RAILHEAD.

A TALE OF MYSTERY.

By Perceval Landon.*

(Continued from last week.)

Silbermeister passed a hand over his face and thought. Whatever the origin of this message was, the message itself was unmistakable. He reached for his bull's-eye lantern, saw it was burning well, turned out the lamp on the table, and rose silently. He moved across to the door that separated his living-room from the baggage-room, very quietly opened the door, and waited. One minute dragged its slow length along, then two, then three, and still Silbermeister stood in the darkness as motionless as the jamb of the door. There was no sound inside or outside the station house. So still was the silence that, as Silbermeister said, a man could hear his blood circulating round the drum of his own ear—rather a good expression, Torrens thought.

At last the tension was relieved. There was a sound, more like the sound of a gnawing mouse than anything else, and Silbermeister sank silently to his knee to listen more intently. A touch which, infinitesimal though it was, could only have been made by iron upon iron, betrayed the whole circumstance to him. There was a man in the coffin, and the man had so contrived the lid that he could get out of the coffin without attracting the notice of Silbermeister till it was too late. There was at the same moment the sound of a cautiously planted footstep on the platform outside. Silbermeister acted at once. Some of the cases of railway material that had been sent up that evening contained steel rods, and were as much as two men could carry into the room. Silbermeister was a strong man but he hardly knew how he managed unaided to drag down one of the packing cases and set it on top of the coffin with a crash that almost crushed it in.

The moment he had done so, all pretence was at an end, and the man within it shouted to his accomplice outside. The answer was a blow on the door like a battering-ram. The packing-case might hold down the man for some time yet, so Silbermeister leapt back into his living-

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A TALE OF MYSTERY

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room to meet the new danger, only to find the door on to the platform being battered through just above the bolt. He picked up his revolver, and in order to make sure there should be no attack from behind, aimed at the coffin and pulled the trigger. There was no response. It was clear that treachery had been at work. His black servant had seized the opportunity while Silbermeister escorted the inspector to the engine of opening and emptying it—an easy task, as it was lying on the table. There was no time to turn back to the baggage-room. Seizing a small crowbar, Silbermeister had only just time to dash to the door, through the hole in which his Negro servant's arm was now thrusting itself feeling for the bolt. He gripped the man's hand and pulled it into the room until the Negro's arm-pit was forced up against the splintered hole in the door. He struck at it with the crowbar, and the Negro screamed like a hare. He struck again, and again, and again. He hardly knows what happened during that awful minute. He went on striking blindly and mechanically at what had suddenly become a man's sleeve. In the baggage-room he had just left, the tremendous exertions of the imprisoned man were making the room resound, and the packing-case on the top of the coffin rocked to and fro. Silbermeister paid no attention. He lost his head. Both lamps were now out, and all he could do in the darkness was to go on hitting at what he held.

Suddenly there was the whistle of an approaching engine. No train was due until the following morning, but Silbermeister admitted that at the moment he hardly regarded anything as unusual. A couple of armed men and the inspector leapt down on to the platform, collared the Negro servant, who by that time was hanging half unconscious from the hole in the door, and burst in just in time to intercept the man in the baggage-room who had at last overturned the packing-case above him, and was crushing his way out through the lid of the coffin. It was an extraordinary scene.

The inspector pulled the Negro servant, with his arm one pulp of splintered bone and blood, into the room and thrust him roughly aside. He fell without a moan into the corner. The two men then brought the burglar into the living-room between them. Silbermeister went back to the table, sat down, and put his head between his hands. The inspector looked at him for a moment in amazement as he raised his head and said: "Thank God!" After a pause he added: "Why did you come?"

The inspector answered:

"Your telegram caught us just before we left Castleton again. It was lucky, wasn't it?" he added grimly.

Silbermeister again raised his head from his hands, and as if he had heard nothing, said:

"But why did you come?"

The inspector, a trifle gravely, said: "I told you, your telegram just reached us in time."

There was another pause of ten seconds, and then Silbermeister pointed to the disconnected instrument, and said once more:

"Why did you come?" His eyes turned in his head: "I sent no message;" and then he fell on the floor in a dead faint.

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A Spirit in Prison

If Robert Hichens had never written "The Garden of Allah" his fame would have rested on his latest book, "A Spirit in Prison." While it falls below the standard of that exquisite piece of literary craft first mentioned, it has more than a suggestion of the same air of mysticism and is characterized throughout by the same deftness and delicacy of touch.

There are other respects, however, in which it is distinctly reminiscent of the author's later book, "The Call of the Blood." The scene is in Italy, the Sicilian spirit is the motive of the story, and the book is redolent of the warm sensuous atmosphere of the South.

It is, however, a much greater book than "The Call of the Blood," for while the latter is a story, "A Spirit in Prison" is a study. The former presents no problems, and if one looks beneath the surface it is rather a lesson in physiology than in psychology. The latter is a careful critical study in psychology dealing with a fine complex character, and working out with marvellous success and inimitable skill a plot in which mother and daughter are in love with the same man.

There is nothing banal about the book or the conception. The situation is evolved very gradually, and is handled as only a master of human passion could handle it. One false stroke would have spoilt the picture, but it never appears; the tender affection of mother and daughter for each other, their mutual solicitude and their fine regard for the man whose destiny is so interwoven with their own are all admirably portrayed; indeed the book might be regarded as a study in the incidence of three fine natures.

People who revel in character analysis will find something here of the choicest kind; but the charm of the book lies in its versatility; for while everything contributes to the working out of the great problem, the story is interwoven with many threads of interest. It opens with a tragedy and a mystery. The adored husband of Hermione has been murdered by a jealous Sicilian whose sweetheart he had lured. The body was discovered under circumstances which enabled those who wished to keep the truth from her to maintain that his death was an accident. The truth was only known to a faithful Sicilian servant Gaspare, and an artist friend Emile. Their one object in life was to prevent the fatal truth becoming known to Hermione and her daughter Vere. They succeeded until Vere had grown up to the verge of womanhood, but, bit by bit their sea-wall of defence was broken down; circumstance on circumstance combined to render it more vulnerable.

Isolation on a beautiful island in the Bay of Naples served their purpose for many years, but "truth will out," and from a dozen different directions the attack was finally focussed until it culminated in disclosure. Meanwhile the tender and beautiful solicitude of Emile had endeared him to both women, and the finest chapters of the book are those which portray the dawning of the truth upon the mind of Hermione.

The relations between Vere and Ruffo are sketched with a delicacy which reminds one of Paul and Virginia, and the situation is by no means an easy one to handle. Ruffo's identity is never dreamt of by Hermione or Vere, and the plot unfolds while they are both in the dark. The reader is kept in breathless expectancy, and the subtlety of the author is evinced in the method by which, long before circumstances reveal the truth, he sets the blood a-tingling.

I cannot refrain from comparing the work of Robert Hichens with that of Marion Crawford; both have chosen their most successful milieu beneath Italian skies, but while the one has produced beautiful statuary, the other has given us flesh and blood. Hichens' creations are more virile, and if less exquisitely finished and polished, they are more natural and more convincing. There is in them the throb of life, and they grip. As one reads "A Spirit in Prison," one hears the sobs of Hermione, and at times the tension becomes painful; yet there is no vein of pessimism in the book, and Hichens triumphs over Crawford in that his optimism is more convincing. Crawford is optimistic temperamentally; Hichens logically.

The minor characters are just as skilfully drawn as the leading ones; life in Naples becomes a picture, vivid and impressive. The happy insouicance of the Italian fisherman is well depicted and life upon an Italian island becomes under the graphic pencil of the author more than ever a "dolce far niente."

I doubt if any more satisfactory book, judged from the purely literary standpoint, has been published this year. It may not deal with the loftiest themes, but it grapples with one of the profoundest problems of human life, and in doing so it pierces the white.

Bohemian.

("A Spirit in Prison," published by Copp Clark Co., Toronto. Price $1.50).

Note.—Last week I was led into an inadvertent error. An old Victorian paid me a visit in order to assure me that the General Luard who recently met with such a tragic fate in London was the same as the Captain Luard who came to Victoria with the Royal Engineers. Today Colonel Wolfenden called to point out that a mistake had been made and that Captain Luard died thirty years ago. It is the more regrettable that this slip should have been made, because several relatives of Captain Luard still reside in the neighbourhood of Victoria, so to them I make the "amende," together with this explanation. Singular to relate, however, Colonel Wolfenden knew General Luard fifty years ago and actually gave him his first military drill at Brompton Barracks, when young Luard entered the service. This was in 1857.

LITERARY NOTES.

Crawford At His Best.

Mr. Crawford brings his Fair Margaret trilogy to an exciting close in "The Diva's Ruby," the third book in the series begun with "Fair Margaret" and continued with "The Primadonna." In many respects the last book is the best of the three. The final struggle for Margaret's hand between Logotheti, the Greek financier and the American millionaire Van Torp, furnishes the theme. It will be remembered that at the close of "The Primadonna" Margaret had become engaged to marry Logotheti. To those readers who have followed these characters from one book to another and have come to know them like old friends, it was not an altogether satisfactory engagement. Logotheti, with his eloquent waistcoats and his spectacular method of lovemaking, was not an ideal lover for the charming English girl who had won fame on the operatic stage. But the Greek, with all his eccentricities, was a strong character, and in the last two books he improves immensely. Indeed, for a time in "The Diva's Ruby" he seems to come near to satisfying the demands of an ideal lover. But powerful as he is, he is never a match for Rufus Van Torp, whom Mr. Crawford calls a Crown-Grasper; and though the outcome of the struggle is in doubt until almost the last page, there is no resisting the gradual drift of the reader's sympathies. Incidentally, the fight between Logotheti and Van Torp involves a story of a wonderful ruby mine in Central Asia, of its pillage and some of the very strange results thereof.

As might be expected, the book is a sheer delight to those who appreciate fine workmanship in fiction. Mr. Crawford tells his story so easily, with such apparently careless digressions and so little appearance of effort, that the skill he has shown in its construction is in danger of being overlooked. He has the happy gift of inspiring the most critical reader with a sense of security against awkward mistakes and "breaks." Mr. Crawford's knowledge of the world is prodigious. Whether he is among Asiatic peasants and herdsmen, on the deck of a steam yacht, in the audience of the Festspielhaus at Bayreuth, or in a London drawing-room, he is equally at home. He is continually making little incidental remarks which show how keenly he has observed the world and human nature. He is not what is known as an epigrammatic writer, for his main purpose is to tell a good story and tell it simply and naturally. Yet there are bits of observation and reflection scattered all through this delightful tale, that might well be the envy of a professed maker of epigrams. Of Van Torp, the millionaire, with his reputation for hardness and his curious impulses of generosity, he says, "the righteous judged him with the ferocious integrity of men who never take a penny unjustly nor give one away under any circumstances." Van Torp himself says hundreds of good things. "I'd rather your impression should improve than get worse," he remarks to Margaret Donne. "The only real trouble with Lucifer was he started too high up." Someone asks him what "stock" is. "Stocks," say the financier, "is a little plant which, when well watered, will grow like the mustard seed till all the birds of Wall Street make their nests in its branches." A more thoroughly human millionaire than this never walked in the pages of a novel. Van Torp is one of Mr. Crawford's great characters; he is worthy to live in the same book with the charming primadonna, Margaret Donne.

(The Diva's Ruby, published by Macmillan & Co., Toronto. Price $1.50.)

Music and The Drama.

The Girl, The Time and The Place.

On Monday evening the Victoria theatre had a return visit from The Girl, The Time and The Place Company. Everything was pretty much the same as on the last occasion when this well balanced Company amused and delighted Victorians. While from the dramatic standpoint the play is but a trifle, it is nevertheless a thorough mirth maker. The chimmie Fadden dialect of Hicks the Gambler being just as fresh and amusing as ever. There was a good house and unstinted applause.

Nordica.

Mme. Nordica stands today upon a pedestal of her own. The greatest dramatic soprano of the day, possessed of all the rarest musical gifts, the pet of every opera house in Europe and the idol of New York's exclusive set that fill the golden horseshoe at the Metropolitan Opera House. She is a master of the truest artistic interpretation. She is the best equipped vocalist in the musical world.

Always a delight to the eye, she was never more so than she is today. In superb health, she is physically as typical a "daughter of the gods" as she is the very queen of song.

Nordica of today is a different artist from the Nordica of a few years ago. As great as she was then, she is very much greater today. Her art has developed and broadened and her musical horizons have widened.

Nordica at Ocean Grove.

Mme. Nordica received one of the ovations of her life at Ocean Grove last month (August) where she sang with a chorus of seven hundred voices before an immense audience of over twelve thousand people. The great Ocean Grove Auditorium was packed to its capacity, over one thousand people being on the stage alone. Prominent people from all parts of the country were present and many distinguished foreign guests.

Nordica's wonderful voice seemed fresher and sweeter than ever, carrying her hearers fairly off their feet with enthusiasm and winning round after round of applause. In her opening number of Gounod's "Gallia" she was supported by the New York Festival Chorus of five hundred voices uniting with the local chorus of two hundred. They received a rousing welcome. Mme. Nordica also appeared in the Aria, "Hear, Ye Israel," from the "Elijah," and a series of French and German songs.

Each number aroused greater enthusiasm than the last and she was overwhelmed with floral offerings. When, at the close of the concert, she finally broke away from the throng of over three thousand people who waited at the stage door, the top of her automobile was covered deep with flowers, fully half of which had to be left behind for want of room. It was a most suspicious omen for the great prima donna's continued success.

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By THE LOUNGER

Whatever may be the case elsewhere, Victoria presents abundant evidences of vitality, and although in some departments business may be a little slack, the one thing that tells, building, is going on as merrily as ever. The best assurance that a community can have of a prosperous future is extensive building operations Men who put their money into this do so for a permanent income, and as a rule in order to establish an investment at a comparatively low rate of interest. Victoria contains very little jerry building, the residences that have sprung up since the boom started two and a half years ago, are as a rule both substantial and well designed. The business blocks erected during that period compare favourably with any in the West, in fact I do not know where you would find a better block anywhere than that erected at the foot of Fort street by Pither & Leiser.

Strolling round this morning I noticed two brick structures in course of erection on Yates and Johnson streets, and a well known local capitalist is having plans prepared for a two hundred and fifty thousand-dollar block near the centre of the City which will contain stores, offices and a large Assembly hall. Everything will be in the latest style, with marble portico, and a central court-yard, and the design aims as much at architectural beauty as at utility.

I can count at least half a dozen permanent structures in brick or stone which have been run up during the last two years, and am not without hope that some of the old buildings on Government street will before long give place to something modern and more in keeping with the progressive character of the city.

This reminds me of a conversation I overheard between two ladies, who, like myself, were waiting for a car on Fort street the other night; it was raining pretty heavily and the outlook was none too bright; I suppose the atmospheric conditions produced a corresponding effect on the ladies' spirits.

Said one: "Isn't Victoria horrid now?"

The other replied: "Frightful; I can't understand how anyone who had money enough to get out could spend the winter here."

I felt very much inclined to chip in and ask the lady where she would go; certainly nowhere to better the climate, even if we are having the first wet spell in six months. But, I found that it wasn't all a question of climate. She went on to say that there was nothing doing, no fun, no amusement of any kind, no entertainment and no sport. I concluded that the dear creature was suffering from "ennui," due to lack of occupation. I am not surprized that anyone should find time drag, even in Victoria, if they have nothing definite to do, and if they live solely for amusement. No change of climate or environment would remedy that. I like fun as much as anybody and get my fill of it, but if it were not sandwiched between pretty thick crusts of hard work, I imagine it would satiate.

Whilst on this subject I should like to tell of two ladies who have solved the problem of making a business of pleasure; their movements are so methodical that, barring Sunday, which I assume they spend in church, I can place them for nearly every moment of the week, and it is the same every week.

I think they rise before noon, and they invariably lunch together at one o'clock. When A does not go to B's house, B goes to A's. After lunch they play bridge until four o'clock, then they go down town, do a little shopping and either take tea at Clay's or make a call and fill in with tea and bridge until 6.45. Then there is a feverish rush for the up-town car and a hurried toilet to make the dinner hour with "hubby." At 8.20 precisely they can always be found on the down-town car dressed for the theatre. Whenever there is a performance at the Victoria, they are there; failing that, their second string in the New Grand; varied with an occasional concert and a very occasional dip into Pantages; in the latter instance escorted by men just down "from the North."

Now this is what I call doing the thing thoroughly and making a business of it, and why not? Water cannot rise above its level, neither can intellect. The children have a nurse, "hubby" has his club, life is short, if you can't do as you please, what's the use of living? And yet there are ladies who profess to find Victoria dull in the winter time!

Victoria, unlike every other place I know, has its big gooseberry season in winter, at least, this is the opinion of the Editor of "The Colonist," who has just started a discussion for the twentieth time on "Why the Englishman is not popular in Canada." He is meeting with a pretty generous response from ladies and gentlemen of leisure who mostly represent rural constituencies. The Editor is rejoiced to find that most of his correspondents agree with his own opinion, that it is all the Englishman's fault that he is not popular. It is very interesting to be told that he comes out here either as a hopeless incurable or a "degenerate" of whom his family is, as a rule, glad to be rid. That he retains all his insularities, that he is not adaptable, and that instead of being willing to learn, he is anxious to teach.

In a letter published on Wednesday we are smugly told that there is no room for the man who is not prepared to "take off his coat and exemplify his intellect by his hands." I am getting just a little bit sick of the maundering of "The Colonist" on this subject, and the method which the Editor has adopted to elicit an expression of opinion is not conducive to accuracy in statement or to getting at the kernel of the matter.

As a lounging Englishman myself, I should be personally obliged if the Editor of the Colonist would leave us alone. He is perpetually laying unholy hands upon matters with respect to which he has received no enlightenment. The Englishman in Canada is perfectly well able to take care of himself, which embraces a great deal more than merely holding his own in a business deal. I think we should all be willing to concede that we cannot play "euchre" with those who were born in British North America; but there are compensations, and among the chief of these must be numbered the satisfaction of either hiding something of ourselves from the vulgar gaze or displaying it in a manner which puzzles the Philistine.

LOUNGER.

The Substitute.

Dining room or table scenes on the stage are usually very tiresome affairs to the audience. The most noticeable exception to this rule is found in Max Figman's new comedy, "The Substitute." There is a brief supper scene in the second act of this play that keeps the audience in a scream of laughter from beginning to end. Hardly a word is spoken during the scene, yet the laughter is so prolonged it frequently interrupts the action of the play. "The Substitute" is the most elaborate scenic production that manager John Cort has ever provided any of his stars. The comedy is bright and interesting and the company an unusually strong one. In fact, there is every reason why the theatre should be crowded when Mr. Figman brings "The Substitute" to the Victoria next Tuesday night, November 10.

A Similarity.

"What do you think of the Darwinian theory?" asked the girl who is improving her mind.

"The Darwinian theory," answered Miss Cayenne, is very much like good advice. It seems all right enough for people in whom you're not interested, but doesn't help much for personal use.

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4th November, 1908.

To the Editor The Week.

Dear Sir,—The cost of living in this city of Victoria, as well as generally throughout the Province, has increased so much during the past two or three years that I think I need not apologize for asking some space to suggest means whereby the cost of some of the most necessary items could be reduced if a paternal government would exercise its powers in the interest of the people at large.

The particular items I refer to are coal and wood, which, it must be admitted, are outrageously high in price, when you consider that we are in a country which produces both most abundantly.

Take first the item of coal, for which the consumer here has to pay from $6.50 to $7.50 per ton, while I am credibly informed that the very same article is delivered f.o.b. for San Francisco (if not actually sold there) for from $4.50 to $5.00 per ton. (I am open to correction as to exact figures).

The cure for this is clearly the imposition of an export duty heavy enough to make it more profitable to sell here than abroad. Now it is within the power of our local government to impose such a tax; increase the provincial revenue and benefit, and earn the gratitude of its own people.

With regard to the second item, viz., wood, the price of which was raised to its present height during a wood famine which occurred more than two years ago, and has never since been lowered. It is plain that there must be a "combine" amongst the dealers, and this ought to be investigated, and if proved to be a fact, should be broken up, though I must admit that this is a more delicate matter to handle.

The prices we have to pay for farm produce are, also, undoubtedly, high, but this is not an unmixed evil, because the money goes (or should go) into the pockets of our own farmers. In Seattle, however, they have formed a "Farmers' Market," and thus producer and consumer are brought into direct contact to the mutual advantage of both parties.

The fuel question is the only one the government can deal with and it should do so without delay, for, I can assure you, Mr. Editor, that many people who would like to stay here, feel obliged, owing to the excessive cost of living, to leave, while many who would like to come and settle are deterred from doing so for the same reason; so, as the Times says, "It is up to the local government to do something," and, perhaps, if this matter is brought to their notice they may show that they are willing to help the people, and, incidentally, the city.

I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

URBIS AMICUS.

Victoria, Nov. 4, 1908.

Editor The Week.

Dear Sir,—A lecture recently delivered in this city by the Rev. E. T. Dustan of Australia in which he points with well merited pride to the intelligent, patriotic, humane and up-to-date legislation of that Commonwealth in the interests of the masses. He said in part, that the spirit of public ownership permeates Australia's national policy and the government of the several states have tried to make things easier for the working people and they have largely succeeded so that now there is no such thing as hiring girls for six months on experience and then discharging without any usages being paid them (A voice: They do that in Victoria now), but a minimum usage has been fixed which must be paid from the start. If there was any one thing more than another that the reverend lecturer was thankful for it was the old age system of Australia. Many more interesting things were spoken but we as Canadian workmen as a whole are more interested in labour legislation and view it as a national disgrace to the people of Canada that there is no statutory protection for the working people of this fair Dominion in their daily toil. They are forced to compete with Asiatic cheap labour and the off-scourings of Europe, to say nothing of the remittance man whose advertisement we often see and it generally reads: "Position wanted—salary no object."

Besides the lamentable neglect of our government to fix adequate minimum usage and hours of labour and more favourable conditions generally we are indirectly taxed for nearly everything in wear and the food we eat. Our tea, coffee, sugar, tobacco, tools, overalls, gum boots, coal oil. Just see how we are taxed on that last mentioned article here in Victoria. We are forced to pay 50 cents per gallon for it while I notice by the B. C. Refining Company, Ltd., prospectus, that from 15 cents to 18 cents per gallon will give a good profit. Now wil someone explain where the extra rake-off of 35 cents per gallon goes to. When we consider the high national tariff on the necessaries of life it is an easy matter to see that every working man in Canada contributes to the Dominion revenue at least $125 per year, so that a man who has lived continuously in Canada for 35 or 40 years has paid to the government in indirect taxation some five thousand dollars and surely in his few declining years, if he needs it, a portion of this large sum should be returned to him as old age pension without unnecessary strings to it, or does the inhuman Cartwright sentiment still prevail in Canada towards the working people which is: "Let them work harder and eat less."

R. P. GRANT.

General Luard.

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 4, 1908.

To the Editor of The Week.

Sir,—My attention has been directed to an article in your issue of the 31st October, headed "Hounded," in which it is stated that the Major-General Luard, a retired officer of the Royal Engineers, who recently committed suicide in England under such distressing circumstances, was the same officer whose portrait appears in the account published by me of the journey of the Detachment of Royal Engineers selected to serve in British Columbia, which landed in Esquimalt on the 12th April, 1859.

I wish to point out that you have been misinformed as to the identity of these two officers. Captain Henry Reynolds Luard, who served in B.C. from 1859 to 1863, and who will be remembered by many old-timers, joined the service on the 1st October, 1847, and died many years ago. The unfortunate Major-General Charles Edward Luard, who was hounded to death, as you say, joined the service on the 15th May, 1857.

By publishing the above you will oblige not only myself but many of the friends of the late Captain Henry Reynolds Luard.

R. WOLFENDEN, Lt.-Col.,
(late R. E.)

Conservative Policy.

November 1st, 1908.

Editor The Week.

Dear Sir,—Pray allow me to express the great pleasure and satisfaction I got from reading your editorial in the current number of The Week; whilst, no doubt, it is any easy thing to be wise after the event it is a curious fact that this very absence of a strong constructive policy as far as the Conservative party were concerned has been on more than one occasion discussed by me with gentlemen interested in our cause, and I predicted that it would do us a lot of harm.

As you wisely point out, katabolism by itself is alright as far as it goes but, from a synthetic standpoint, katabolism unaccompanied by anabolism is a negative force.

Whilst it is perfectly true that such matters as Better Terms and the keeping of British Columbia a white man's country are questions of paramount importance to this Province, still at the same time there are surely matters of imperial interest to us, as an integral portion of a great Empire, which were worthy of a prominent place in the propaganda of our Conservative candidates.

Yours very truly,

CONSERVATIVE.

The Late Elections.

Victoria, Nov. 3, 1908.

To the Editor The Weew.

Sir,—The result of the Victoria election is known, and the Liberals find themselves where they belong, and small pity for them, for as I predicted in one of my letters to you their mode of working would be one of the principal rocks on which they would be wrecked. To the Victoria Times I will say, you did not help your cause out much; for the future cease to be so abusive; forget politics, for you know nothing about the business. Go in for journalism, build yourselves more comodious and respectable looking premises; try to improve and push your city along; be more liberal, and subscribe for telegraphic dispatches; give the people more interesting and instructive reading; do these things and you may find yourselves in a different position the next time a Liberal is elected if you live long enough. To the merchants of Victoria who employ white labour alone (and there are not a few) I will say you are the men who sometimes forget self, and has the interest of your city at heart, and from all accounts the greatest harmony exists between employer and those employed. To those who would suddenly become rich by the employment of Asiatics at the expense of white labour, I say, forget self for a while; treat the white workingman white, and he won't be a man if he does not treat you white. **You won't be here** all the time and when you do have to quit try to think when you are about to go, you will feel far happier to think you have left some kindly memories behind, than to think you would be unwept, unhonoured and unsung.

A VICTORIA WORKINGMAN.

Sporting Comment.

If the Association football players of this city intend to make any showing against the outside teams they must get down to business very quickly otherwise the season will be over with the locals away in the rut. Already the local combination has suffered defeat twice at the hands of the Ladysmith club and this team has in turn been beaten by Vancouver and Seattle and on the dope it is not very hard to figure out where Victoria gets off at. For this considerable of the blame must necessarily be laid to the executive of the local association. As an example of their business ability I have only to refer to the match which is scheduled for this afternoon at Oak Bay against the Nanaimo team. Fancy nothing definite being known of this game until Wednesday evening, but such was a fact nevertheless. It cannot be expected that the players can do themselves justice if they do not know what games are coming off. It was officially learned on Wednesday that the game would be played. A meeting was held Wednesday evening and the team selected. Thursday was taken up notifying those who are team and all the available time for practice was Friday afternoon a truly nice arrangement, for a team that has never played together. The team should have had at least four days' notice of the personnel. In the same connection I have to refer to the manner in which the local league is conducted. This, to say the least, is a farce as there is neither head nor tail to it. These games are arranged with the utmost irregularity. Apparently the two heads of the association are running things to suit themselves. This is not as it should be and unless the executive of the associate gets busy and arranges a regular schedule of games and make the teams play whether they like it or not the game will soon fall into disrepute in this city after strenuous efforts have been taken to bring it to its present state. If the officers find they are not capable of conducting the league as it should be, let them resign and give others an opportunity to show what can be done. As a suggestion I would say that a meeting of the executive should be held every Monday evening to map out the programme for the following Saturday or arrange a schedule and go by it.

Now, as to the Island League. This competition will soon start and it will be up to the city clubs to say how many elevens will represent this city. Last season there were three or four teams and at that time it was the concensus of opinion that a mistake had been made and had one team been entered I am perfectly satisfied that a much better showing would have been made. The question is now agitating the minds of the various clubs in the city that before deciding mature consideration will be given to every point. For myself I am of the opinion that one first class eleven should be entered. This will insure a first class team being chosen. I care not whether it is the Bays, Victoria West, Garrison or Esquimalt or a combined Victoria team, but let that team be made up of the best from each club. The championship used to be held in Victoria, but it has not been here for some time, but it due and this season should see the trophy resting in Victoria. Let two or three or for that matter one competent man be selected to act as a selection committee. Then let twenty-two players, the strongest in their respective positions, be selected and then battle for the final eleven. This would not only give the players an opportunity to show their worth but it would also tend to increase the treasury and let the eleven best represent Victoria. It is not too late to act; it is only for one team to take the initiative and the others will follow. So get busy fellows and play for the honour of Victoria.

I was agreeably surprised at the showing the Vancouver Rugby team has so far made against the California fifteen as I expected to see them defeated. A draw and a win, however fell to the lot of the Northerners and the result of the remaining games will be awaited with interest. In referring to both games Billy Necombe receives his share of mention and there can be little doubt that he did not deserve it.

The local Rugby players did not have a practice Saturday, but that would not hurt them as several of the players were under the weather. From now on, however, the practices must be well attended if any showing is to be made in the race for the championship of B. C.

This afternoon at Oak Bay the Victoria team will meet the Nanaimo bunch in a league match and on Monday the locals will line up against the Vancouver team. Both of these games should be well worth witnessing and there should be good crowds at both games.

I learn on good authority that within the next few days twenty-four race horses, the property of I. D. Chappelle, will arrive in this city to remain for the winter. It has always been contended that Victoria is ideally located for winter training, and now that the track has been put in fine repair and good warm stalls have been provided there is no reason why they should not all be occupied. The fact that Mr. Chappelle has practically decided to winter in this city is very significant when it is taken into consideration that he has already experienced a winter in Victoria and has come back. The last two years were spent in Oregon, but owing to the unusual amount of rain it is almost impossible to work a horse. Here however, it is different, and I know horses that have been roaded every day during the winter without inconvenience to the driver. This speaks for itself and with Chappelle and his string heading this way it would not be surprising if others followed.

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Social and Personal.

Mrs. Fred. Jones is entertaining a few friends at Bridge next Tuesday.

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Mrs. Blackwood was among the numerous hallowe'en hostesses last week

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Miss Charleston, Vancouver, is visiting Mrs. R. Jones of Esquimalt.

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Mrs. McGill, Seattle, is staying with friends in Victoria.

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Mrs. H. B. Good of Nanaimo is staying with Mrs. Leigh-Spencer.

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Miss Beatrice Gaudin has returned home from Vancouver.

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Major and Miss Henage were visitors in town during the week.

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Mrs. Dunne of Westholme paid a visit to Victoria during the week.

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Mrs. Beckett of Winnipeg is the guest of Mrs. Sutherland, Pemberton Road.

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Mr. C. Croker Fox, Vancouver, was guest at the Balmoral during a short visit to Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Matson left last week on a trip to the Old Country.

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Mr. F. B. Pemberton was a passenger to Vancouver by Wednesday's boat.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burchell of Thetis Island spent a few days in town this week.

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Miss Y. Holmes of Westholme has been staying with Miss Bullen, Esquimalt.

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Mr. John Merritt of Vancouver was guest at the Empress for a few days this week.

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Mrs. Fred. Jones entertained a few friends at dinner on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Phil Austin held her post-nuptial reception on Tuesday last at her pretty residence on the Dallas Road.

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Mrs. H. A. Goward will receive at her new residence, Oak Bay, on the first Friday in every month.

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Mrs. John Arbuthnot and Miss Arbuthnot are leaving shortly for Southern California.

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Mr. H. Owen, who has been in the North for the last six months, has returned to Victoria for the winter.

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On Friday evening of last week the Misses Ellis, Gorge Road, made very charming hostesses at an informal dance.

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Miss Elsie Bullen left on Friday last, the 6th, for Honolulu, a slight mistake occurring in the date in last week's columns.

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The many friends of Miss Gertrude ...ckey will be delighted to hear that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness, to leave St. Joseph's.

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"The Pixies," a most charming and amusing operetta, is being arranged, and will take place on the 20th and ...t of this month in aid of the Seamen's Institution.

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Mrs. Baynes-Reed gave an informal ... for her daughter, Mrs. Spicer-...mpson, who leaves shortly with her husband for England. Among the guests were Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. ...rce, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Denison, ...s. Wheatly and others.

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The house and refreshment table ...e delightfully arranged with chrysanthemums, smilax and ferns. The musical programme was provided by ...s Thain's orchestra.

Among the guests were: The Misses ...s, Mackay, Dupont, Cross, Gilles-... V. Pooley, P. Irving, O'Reilly, ...bidge, Peters, Beaven, Brown, ...ker, Spencer and the Messrs. Par-... Beaven, Wilkerson, Kingscote, ...on, Spalding, Williams, Gillespie, ...erty, Brown, Bromley, Ard.

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The Bridge Club met at Mrs. Grif-..., at the Aberdeen on Tuesday last, ...lightful afternoon was spent, Mrs. ...e being the fortunate winner of ... prize.

The tea table was elaborately arranged with pale pink carnations and ...nds of smilax and was ably pre-...d over by Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. ...t Robertson.

The competitors were Mrs. Beckett, ... Spratt, Mrs. J. Raymour, Mrs. ..., Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Love, Mrs. ...erts, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Blackwood, ... Rismueller, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. Hind, ... Griffiths, Miss Newcombe, and ... S. Blackwood.

A very jolly dance took place at the Cosy Corner Tea Rooms, Fort St., last Monday evening, when a few of the bachelors entertained their friends. A splendid programme was provided by Miss Thain's orchestra, introducing several new and catchy dances.

Among those present were: Captain and Mrs. Parry, Captain and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Furlonger, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Basil Coombe, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Little, Miss Phyllys Green, Miss J. Lawson, Miss K. Cobbett, Miss Norah Coombe, Miss Paula Irving, Miss Perry, Miss Genevieve Irving, Miss Helen Peters, Miss Beth Irving, Miss Winona Troupe, Miss Charleston, and the Messrs. Parker, Bald, Glen, Fraser, Eaton, Pemberton, Keefer, Hagerty, Dewdney, Arbuckle, McDougal, Cambie, Monteith, Lawson.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Government House, Victoria.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Porte Cochere, Government House, Victoria," will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Thursday, 12th November, 1908, for the erection and completion of a Porte Cochere at Government House, Victoria.

Drawings, specifications and forms of contract and tender may be seen, on and after the 1st November next, at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Lands and Works Department, Victoria.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in the sum of $300.00, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. Cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 30th October, 1908.

Nov. 7

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.

No. 460.

This is to certify that the "Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver and C. H. Macaulay, General Insurance Agent, whose address is Vancouver aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirtieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: For the purpose of making insurance against losses by fire and against maritime losses.

Nov. 7.

TAKE NOTICE that Samuel George Marling, of Victoria, real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land for quarrying purposes:—Commencing at a post planted on Lorimer Creek, about one-quarter mile from the Gordon River; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement.

SAMUEL GEORGE MARLING,
Nov. 7 Alfred Deacon, Agent.

YOUNG ENGLISH WOMAN SEEKS engagement as help or companion; domesticated, linguist, willing to travel. Apply L. W., care Week Office, Victoria, B.C.

No. 354.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Jordan River Lumber Company of New York," has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, County of New York, State of New York.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria and J. D. Lutz, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

The Company is limited.c

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

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Oct. 17

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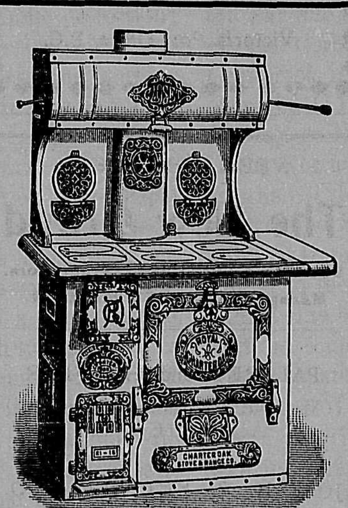

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LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.

No. 452.

THI SIS TO CERTIFY that the "National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Hartford, Connecticut.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and W. A. Lawson, Insurance Agent, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this tenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:—To make insurance against the loss by fire on all kinds of real, mixed and personal property of every name and description, and are also authorized to insure on vessels of all descriptions, and on all kinds of goods and merchandise; and said Corporation shall be liable to make good, and to pay to the several persons who may or shall be insured by the said Corporation for all losses they may sustain in the subject matter insured, in accordance with the terms of the contract of insurance and of the form of the policies issued by said Company, which said policies, and all other contracts of said Company, may be made with or without the common seal of said Company, and shall be signed by the President or Vice-President and countersigned by the Secretary, and, being so signed and executed, shall be obligatory on said Company. To make insurance against loss or damage by wind or hail storms, lightning, tornadoes, cyclones, leakage of sprinklers and sprinkler systems installed or maintained for the purpose of protecting against fire, and explosions, whether fire ensues or not; provided the same shall be clearly expressed in the policy, but nothing herein shall be construed to empower said company to insure against loss or damage to person or property resulting from explosions of steam boilers.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the mater of an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 1, Block 14, (Map 537A), Town of Port Essington.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above land issued to Edward Ebbs Charleson on the 28th day of March, 1905, and numbered 10977C.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 18th day of August, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that William H. Perkins, of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Station Agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted three and one-half miles east of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to the point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated June 30, 1908.

Aug. 15 WILLIAM H. PERKINS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Vancouver Island Trunk Road—Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8.

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS superscribed "Tender for Section , Vancouver Island Trunk Road," will be received by the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to and including Monday, the 21st day of September, 1908, for constructing and completing Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8, each Section being two miles, more or less, in length, of the Vancouver Island Trunk Road.

Plans, profiles, drawings, specifications and forms of contract and tender may be seen by intending tenderers, on and after Monday, the 31st day of August, 1908, at the office of the undersigned, Lands and Yorks Department, Victoria, B.C., and at the office of the Government Agent, Duncan, B.C.

Intending tenderers can obtain one set of the location plans and profile, and of the specification of each or any Section, for the sum of five ($5) dollars per set, on application to the Public Works Engineer.

Each separate tender shall be for one Section of the road only, and must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the order of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of two hundred and fifty ($250) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline or neglect to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out, on the forms supplied, separately for each Section of the road as specified, signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers, accompanied by the above-mentioned cheque and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The Chief Commissioner is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., August, 1908.

Sept. 5

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that Edward L. Thompson, of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Miner, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted five (5) miles southeast of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George; thence south 80 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement and containing 320 acres more or less.

Dated June 30th, 1908.

Aug. 15 EDWARD L. THOMPSON.

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that John A. Morrin, of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted four (4) miles east of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George, thence east 80 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence thence north 40 chains to the point of commencement and containing 320 acres more or less.

Dated June 30, 1908.

Aug. 15 JOHN A. MORRIN.

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that Charles H. Pinker of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Miner, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted five (5) miles southeast of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George, thence south 80 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains to the point of commencement and containing 320 acres more or less.

Dated June 30, 1908.

Aug. 15 CHARLES H. PINKER.

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that John D. MacLean of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Physician, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted four (4) miles east of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to the point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated June 30, 1908.

Aug. 15 JOHN DUNCAN MACLEAN.

CARIBOO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Fort George.

TAKE NOTICE that Donald J. Matheson, of Phoenix, B.C., occupation Postmaster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted four (4) miles east of the southeast corner of Indian Reservation No. 1, Fort George, thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to the point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated June 30, 1908.

Aug. 15 DONALD J. MATHESON.

Shakespeare Says:

"There is a tide in the affairs of man which, taken at the ebb, leads on to fortune."

How often that opportunity is lost through lack of Capital!

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LICENCE TO EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.

No. 454.

This is to certify that "The Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislature authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Temple Building in the City of Victoria, and Robert Ward & Company, Limited Liability, Insurance Agents, whose address is Victoria aforesaid, is the attorney for the company.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eighteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: To transact and carry on the business of insurance and re-insurance against loss or damage from explosion to stationary, marine and locomotive boilers, the machinery connected therewith, or the house or houses, store or stores, or other building or buildings, or vessel, steamer, boat or other craft in which the same are placed or to which they may be attached, or to any goods, wares, merchandise, cargo or other property of any description stored or conveyed therein; and for the said purposes, or any or either of them at any and all times and places, to make and execute written or printed, or partly printed and partly written policies, contracts, agreements or undertakings according to the exigency of the particular case and cases, and generally to do and perform all the necessary matters and things connected with and proper to promote those objects. And they shall have the additional powers of making, entering into and executing policies, contracts, agreements and undertakings, guaranteeing engineers and firemen in actual attedance upon any boiler insured by the said company against loss of life or injury to person, resulting from the explosion thereof.

Sept. 26

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to East half of Sec, 8, R. 6, N. half of Sec. 7, R. 6, W. half of Sec. 6, R. 7, W. half of Sec. 7, R. 7, Quamichan District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said lands issued to James Mearns on the 9th day of December, 1871, and numbered 392A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 29th day of September, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Oct. 3 Registrar-General.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter or an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to west half of Subdivision No. 20 of Suburban Five-Acre Lot No. IX, Victoria City.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said land issued to Richard Baker on the 13th day of May, 1884, and numbered 5662A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 1st day of October, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Oct. 3 Registrar-General.

Notes on Provincial News

In the Nicola.

Recently the business men of Merritt had an interview with Mr. W. O. Mill, superintendent of the C.P.R., to urge upon him the importance of building a suitable railway station. Although the branch line from Spences' Bridge has been in the Nicola nearly a year, no steps have yet been taken towards providing a suitable station. As a result of the interview, assurances were given that within three months a suitable building would be erected at Forty Mile post. This is a tardy but very proper recognition of the growing importance of the Valley.

The Hindu Abroad.

The Hindu in Canada is often as amusing as he is picturesque. He affords lots of entertainment whenever he is in the witness box or the dock. He is an adept at quarreling with his fellow-countrymen, and is just as fond of splitting hairs as of pulling hairs. He has just developed a new craze in Vancouver, for on Monday night he tried to post a letter in a fire alarm box at the corner of Pender and Howe streets. The result was a speedy rush by the fire brigade, who were so prompt that they got there in time to discover the unconscious signaller, who was half scared to death when he realized what he had done. This is a refreshing incident in a civilized country in the year of grace 1908.

Making Good.

Mr. Foster, who recently took editorial charge of the Nelson Daily News, is making good. During the electoral campaign he has furnished his readers with a mass of information and cogent argument moderately stated. He has also manifested considerable skill in unearthing from the files of the public press items affecting the political records of Mr. Smith Curtis and his chief supporter. Among these is a very interesting letter addressed by A. W. Puttee, the well-known labour ex-member for Winnipeg. The letter was addressed to the Socialist candidate for Nanaimo, and explicitly charges Ralph Smith with deserting the cause of labour. The only comment made by the Editor of the Daily News is both short and sweet:

"This Ralph Smith who deserted the cause of labour and was guilty of treachery to the men who elected him, is the man whom Smith Curtis is bringing to Kootenay to tell the labour men here why they should vote for him."

Easy Money.

Three weeks ago the dethroned boss of the Liberal party in Vancouver, during a moment of exhilaration, sent $1,000 to a well known Victoria merchant to be invested at odds of two to one on the chances of the Honourable Wm. Templeman. Needless to say, the merchant had no difficulty in accommodating the speculator, and the $1,000 is now reposing itself safely in the jeans of a well-known Conservative, whose smile is perennially sunny. Few election bets have brought so much satisfaction to the winner as this.

A Surprise.

On Saturday last the football world of Vancouver Island received a rude shock in the defeat of Ladysmith by Vancouver. It was not altogether the mere fact of the defeat, but the score of five to one. Since then the same aggregation has gone down before a Seattle team, and people are beginning to ask themselves what has come over the once impregnable soccer team. Has Jimmy Adam lost his skill? Is the team getting stale? Or is it too early in the season for them to have got into their stride? Be the cause what it may, every lover of the greatest of winter games will regret the present interval of weakness and will hope to see the skippers from the Coal City regain their old position in football circles.

A Good Price.

Opinions differ widely as to the value of agricultural land, but when a farm changes hands, and the price becomes known it is possible to form a fairly reasonable estimate of values. The following cutting from the Armstrong Advertiser shows that Mr. Burnett realized $200 an acre, which without being exhorbitant is a fair market price:

"We learn that Mr. E. R. Burnett has sold his farm of fifty acres to a gentleman from Ontario. We understand the consideration was $10,000. Part of this 50 acres is used for celery growing and its products are known all over the west for "Burnett's celery" has to a great extent called attention to the resources of Armstrong and the Spallumcheen."

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on Graham Island:

No. 1—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot Ten, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

PERCY HARRISON.

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CHARLES HARRISON,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 3—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, opposite the southwest corner of Lot 11, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

HELEN HILL,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 4—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, being ten chains south of the northeast corner of T. L. 12947, thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

GEORGE YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 5—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, one mile west of the southeast corner of Lot Six, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

MARGARET W. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 6—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, one mile west of the southeast corner of Lot Six, thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 7—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Coal Licence 2304, being northwest corner; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

E. M. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 8—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, at the southeast corner of 2306, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN S. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 9—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, opposite the southeast corner of Coal Licence 2306, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

A. J. KITTO,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 10—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, at the northeast corner of Coal Licence 2306, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

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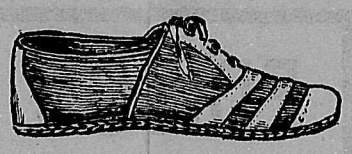

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