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## Short Story

# The Voyageurs.

By C. DELL-SMITH.

The Author of Many a Yarn, Etc.
(Written Specially for The Week.)

The now familiar sight of the turban-crowned sons of the old land of the rajahs, so conspicuous on our streets in the wild and woolly west, suggests a little incident in my earlier experience as a member of the fourth estate which I often recall, and never without a longing to again visit the scene with which it is associated.

The Hindu has always been an interesting personality and ever will be—a mystery that the new world will find a difficulty in handling. His land of antiquity enjoys a charm peculiar in itself, but seems ever a source of trouble to all who undertake to wield the wand of reform. He is, nevertheless, a British subject, and as such must be excused if he considers himself entitled to protection in any land over which the British flag waves, more especially in Canada, where the lowest types of the European and Asiatic are received with favour—by many.

The first occasion, I believe, upon which Canadians were asked to lend a hand in the work of this reform was when that hero, Gordon, organized his historic expedition, and the Canadian voyageurs were recruited to help navigate the Nile. How well they did their work everyone knows. It was on their return journey that I first made the acquaintance of many men now prominent in the public life of this Dominion, and under circumstances which I shall never forget.

In those days I was a junior on a Cork paper. Of course I mean newspaper—an organ which played a prominent part in the history of that beautiful city in the sunny south of Ireland, known as "Cork's own Town."

It was a busy day, and as I looked over the assignment-book, I realized that my work was mapped out on a very liberal scale. Just then a telegram was handed in from Queenstown, at the mouth of the harbor, which read:

"Hot time here. Send man down"
—Flanagan.

Flanagan was our Queenstown correspondent, but he was one of those fellows who was happier when dealing with society news than handling more stern topics. Whenever there was anything serious on, we were always sure of a wire from him to "send down a man."

I happened to be the only member of the reportorial staff at hand, and our news editor handed me over the "flimsy," saying: "You'd better attend to that. There may be something in it."

Within a few minutes I was on my way to Queenstown, wondering what sort of a "hot time" they were having there.

Landing at my destination, I quickly took in the situation. A ship had arrived in port that morning, and it was said that all hands were ashore celebrating. Clearly they were not soldiers; they were not sailors, and their ship was not an emigrant craft. Who were they? What were they? Where did they come from? They were a fine body of strapping young fellows, and were evidently resolved upon having a good time.

Their ship was lying at anchor out in the harbor, with Spike Island—the old convict station—in the distance, and here ashore was a more numerous body of men than she was likely to carry as a crew. Was it possible that they were in Queenstown for "keeps"?

Espying one of the number who was togged out in semi-uniform, I approached, and introducing myself as a news-monger, asked for a few particulars.

The gentleman of the brass buttons and tinsel grasped my hand very affectionately as he assured me: "I'm one o' thim meself."

He spoke with a "brogue" as sweet as my own—and mine was the genuine article in those days.

David Marks Carley, now manager of the Daily Canadian, of Nelson—one of the brightest and most versatile newspapermen of the country—was that man.

In his own good style, my friend "Dave" gave me a graphic account of the voyage up the Nile, as one of the voyageurs, introducing a lot of the spice of the trip. For instance, he described and encampment on the banks of the historic river on the occasion of a big day's athletic sports. The programme was a lengthy one, and the keenest competition was manifested throughout, the voyageurs, as usual, taking a prominent part. National feeling ran high, adding to the vim of each event. The English, the Irish and the Scotch were well represented, and as the Canucks, who were not of French descent, belonged to one or other of these nationalities they so identified themselves. Great interest centered in the long jump, considering that there were not a few semi-professionals among the contestants. It looked as if the event would be won by the English; but the Irish enthusiasts pushed "Big Bill' Gallaher (now the popular representative of Yale-Cariboo in the Dominion Parliament) to the fore. "Big Bill" measured the ground of his opponent, and with a wild hurrah from his Irish backers took the leap, leaving the imprint of his heels in the sand some four inches ahead of the best mark made. The Irish had won, and it was an Irish-Canadian voyageur who saved the day.

Many other such incidents, in which men now prominent in various walks of life in this country, figured, were narrated by my entertaining friend; who also humourously dilated upon the disappointment experienced by the crocodiles as they attacked the empty cans—sad tokens of western civilization—with which the voyageurs and their comrades strewed the banks of the Nile. There may possibly have been some British Columbia canned salmon there, too. No matter about that: this is not a fish story.

But, to return to the voyageurs. Nearly all those who landed at Queenstown that day were Irish, or of Irish descent. On this account they were given special shore leave. The proximity of Queenstown to Cork, and Cork to the Blarney Stone, was an extra inducement to make a landing, be the stay on terra firma ever so brief. If they could not kiss the blarney stone, was there not the chance of some acceptable substitute among the pretty spectators who smiled so bewitchingly from under those gay-coloured shawls?

Surely the possesors of accents so sweet must have inherited them from some one who had performed the act of osculation on that treasured stone of fame and felicity!

Visitors to Queenstown will know what pretty, bewitching girls the barmaids there are. Those who have not had the good fortune of such a visit, will certainly have heard of the young ladies. However, the Canadian voyageurs were not long ashore before they made the discovery. They visited them all, and must have completed their rounds before my arrival on the scene.

In Western Canada when a distinguished party—such as the voyageurs undoubtedly were—visit, they are generally accorded "the freedom of the city." Not so in Ireland. On this occasion an over-officious policeman interfered with the harmless jocularity of the distinguished visitors, and the distinguished visitors very naturally resented the interference.

Now, if there is one thing more than another that an Irish policeman objects to, it is to have his authority questioned—especially by a "foreigner," this particular official had heard that these men were Canadian voyageurs. Surely such a title was foreign enough for anything! He told them that "he" would arrest the whole crowd if there was any noise. The threat was received with derisive laughter, not alone by the men addressed, but by the good-humoured crowd who witnessed the incident. This had the effect of rialling the man with the baton, and he proceeded to make an arrest. The prisoner, one of the voyageurs, was promptly rescued, and then "the ruxions," as they used to say at Danneybrook Fair, began. Reinforcements of police were sent down from Cork, and without any apparent investigation nearly all


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the voyageurs were run in. They took their arrest very philosophically, and spent rather a pleasant night in custody.

The news quickly spread, with the usual exaggerations. The incident was magnified into a riot of great proportions, and for a time the excitement was intense. Then people began to ask what had those terrible men done. Nobody could be found to prefer a charge against them, except of course the unhappy policeman who made the first arrest. Public sympathy was altogether with the voyageurs.

The following morning in company with my friend of the previous day—who the police magistrate took to be the captain of the ship—I went into court, and in the magistrate's private room explained to that gentleman, the whole circumstances of the case, as an eye-witness. A fine specimen of justice the venerable old gentleman was. After a talk with the police, he asked the "captain" if he would undertake that the men would return to their ship if set at liberty. This undertaking was promptly given, whereupon all hands were honorably discharged, and with an intimation, too, that they need not be in any particular hurry getting on board, unless they desired it.

Subsequently we had a very pleasant little chat with his worship, who was evidently much interested in the story of the Nile voyage. Before parting he asked the "captain": "What did those men of yours mean to do yesterday?"

"They had an idea that they'd free Ireland, I suppose," was the prompt reply, to which no particular significance was intended.

"Well, they were charged with 'downing' the Irish," laughingly retorted his worship, as he nodded at a decanter which stood on the sideboard, "downing the cra'tur."

All the boys were anxious to see as much of the country as possible during their brief stay in port. It was my privilege to act as guide, philosopher and friend to one of them. We took an Irish jaunting car and drove in the direction of the Castle. I well remember the sorry figure my friend cut as he held for grim death to either end of his seat as the car swayed to and fro, while the garrulous jarvey from his seat in the "dickey" would pick a fly off his horse's head with the lash of his whip. Oh, but that fellow was an expert—a typical Irish city jarvey. He knew everything and everybody around, with that peculiar faculty for making fun.

Approaching a village some miles from town, I suggested the propriety of putting up for lunch.

"Arrah, wait, sir, till we get to B——(naming the next stopping place, some half dozen miles distant) If the horse knows yer aitin' he'll be wantin' his oats too, an' its not his dinner hour. I don't loike to give him bad habits. But he ginerally takes a drink about this toime, an' if ye don't moind, I'll pull up fornint the hotel here, an' give him won out of the trough."

The hint was too broad to be mistaken. The horse had his drink, and so had the driver.

As soon as we arrived at B——, we each had an appetite such as the clear, bracing Irish air seldom fails to impart. We had a table to ourselves in the snug little dining-room, and were waited upon by one of the proprietor's daughters. I introduced my friend, informing the young lady that he had travelled considerably in Canada and the United States. To all this he graciously assented.

"Were you ever in Chicago?" she asked.

"Chicago!" echoed our friend (who had never been there). "I know every street in the place, and nearly every man, woman and child in it."

"I have a brother, Pat, living there," volunteered the young lady. "Perhaps you know him?"

"Very likely, miss." What's his business?"

"The last time we heard from him he was a butcher."

Here the lady had a call to another table, and during her momentary absence my friend gave me a nudge, and whispered: "What's the name?"

"Doyle," I replied, innocently.

Returning Miss Doyle resumed: "Perhaps you may have met him."

"Pat Doyle, the butcher! my dear Miss, you have mentioned the name of one of my dearest friends in Chicago. Pat Doyle! And do you tell me, Miss, that you're the sister I have so often heard my friend Pat speak of?"

"I'm his only sister," said the young lady modestly. "There's only two years between us."

At this moment the voyageur arose, and taking the young lady by both hands, pressed them most affectionately. "Did I ever think I'd have the pleasure of meeting Pat Doyle's sister. I do believe I've got poor Pat's photo in my bag aboard." Here he gently raised the lady's hand to his lips and reverently kissed it.

I retained my seat, not knowing how to act in such a pathetic scene. The voyageur was still holding on to Miss Doyle with no apparent immediate intention of letting go. I began to think that if there were any of her gentlemen admirers around we might be having a repetition of the Queenstown scene of the previous day on a small scale.

Finally Miss Doyle announced that she, too, had one of Pat's photos, and begged to be excused while she went to the family album for it. In her absence I asked the voyageur if he had ever met Pat Doyle.

"The devil ever; I was never in Chicago in my life."

Here the lady returned with the photo of a gentleman, which she handed over for inspection.

"Poor Pat, poor Pat," exclaimed the voyageur, as he raised the picture and kissed it.

To say that I was apprehensive of danger from the turn things had taken is to put it mildly, more especially when I saw the girl's father, mother and two big brothers brought in and introduced to Pat's particular friend from Chicago. They made a very interesting family group for an hour or so, when I returned to suggest that it was time to be moving.

The suggestion was not at all favourably received. The look that voyageur gave me haunts me still. It said as plainly as if the words were uttered: "Would you be heartless enough to tear me from the hospitable relatives of my friend Pat Doyle, who (fortunately for me) is in Chicago?"

But business was business with me. I had to be back at the office at a certain hour that evening, so I was obliged to leave my friend with the friends of his friend, Pat Doyle, of Chicago.

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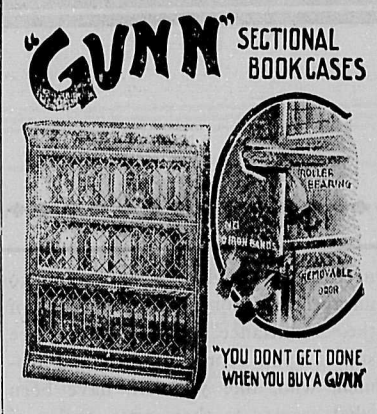


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If it should so happen that no one has wished you the season's greetings, know that from a quiet room in this beautiful city, a greeting goes forth to you, whoever "you" may be. As a Canadian and an Imperialist I am proud of the splendid battle which lone men are fighting in this great battlefield of colonisation—for it is a battlefield, and who should realise it more clearly than the granddaughter of an intrepid fine "old English gentleman" who came to Canada long before it was a Dominion, and left as a legacy to her who writes, a firm belief in the magnificent future of this vast country.

It may be fantastic—but there is a vision of someone I am speaking to, someone in a lonely room; it may be a shack in some remote district; it may be one of those uncomfortable rooms in a cheap hotel or boarding house. I cannot tell, for the vision is not "crystal clear." But the "you" of the vision is lonely, is down in his luck. Letters have not come from "home," funds are getting low; the "job" you expected has not materialised—everything is just "rotten."

That species of "Peter Pan" which survives in the inner being of every one of us and refuses to "throw up" is tugging at your heart strings. You want all sorts of things, which you have not got. You would just like to be a brat of a boy again and hang up your stocking, and find all that you long for in it.

Yes, I know. Two years ago you went with a "jolly crowd" to see "Peter Pan" in London, and Phyllis Dare, was too fascinating in the "Pillow dance." When Peter Pan called upon the audience to revive the dying fairy. Tink-a-bell, by showing how they believed in fairies, "you," with grizzled officers and staid Cabinet Ministers, and keen-faced Professional men, clapped, until you tired, for the "Peter Pan" was uppermost in your nature, and you were for the moment just a "jolly brat" of a boy.

Now you have left the delights of Piccadilly behind you, but Peter Pan is still in your being. Your "people" are having a "rippin' time" and you are lonely and down in your luck, and "the bottom has fallen out of the whole blooming thing." You have been reading the smart utterances of the press men who journeyed through Canada last summer, and made merry at the expense of the "remittance man" and you feel sore. Don't! It is easy to be "smart" at the expense of the men who are struggling to readjust their ideas of life—that is when you travel as the guest of one of the most magnificent corporations in the civilised world! But, please cheer up "you"—for some day when there is leisure and the necessary "funds" I am going to unravel the story of the success of the "remittance" man. There are scores upon scores of men and women, who, like yourself, have been what seemed to them ages, cycles of years, seeking for their proper niche in this vast Dominion of Canada, and they have sought and found it, but they forget to enlighten the world as to the length of time they were dependent upon "remittances" from home. Failures are always conspicuous, successful men and women have no time to devote to a story of the way in which they reached their goal.

Yes, I think I know just what you are feeling, but please cheer up, believe in fairies, good fairies, and as Bernard Shaw says, "You never can tell." Luck may change with the turn of the year. It may be that you are, for the first time, learning lessons that you never learned at school. Oh, I know I shouldn't remind you of those happy days. It makes it "beastly hard."

What shall we talk about? Your pipe has gone out. Don't give it such a vicious rap against the edge of the table. Is it Piccadilly you are thinking of? Piccadilly with "Solomons," in all its glory and a gardenia for your button hole, for the moderate price of half a crown? The lights are streaming on the wet roadway. The hum of the motors and the roll of the hansoms. Ah, yes; I know full well what comes crowding into your brain. Your "people," that vague, indefinite phrase which may include, as a cockney maid once expressed it "Lords and Dukes and things"—are crowding into your memory. The hall "at home" is decorated with ivy and holly. The butler is spick and span. Everything is so charming, so well ordered, so, so different to the stern reality of the present. But do cheer up. You are on "your own" facing all sorts of things that are ten times better than the indefinite future rising from a terribly definite, and most alluring past.

I never passed through Piccadilly on the top of an omnibus—my favourite amusement while in London—without gazing through the windows of Clubland and speculating on the "probable sons of the Empire" who were seated in those luxurious rooms. Perhaps "you" were one of them—who knows?—and shall I tell "you" the truth? My faith in your ability to "arrive" some day as a citizen of a wide-world Empire never deserted me. That is the truth—the absolute truth. I have known men, just like "you," reared in luxury—debonair, careless, getting into all sorts and manner of "scrapes," but coming out all right in the long run. You will seek in the darkness, will fumble, stumble, fall, and get up again ,and as Lord Rosebery says, "Muddle through successfully." Yes, "you" know just as well as I do, that it is the fashion to disparage "our own," to exalt the "humble working man" to a plane which he can never hope to reach. To legislate for and to preach and to rant—about the glory of "The People." But "THE people" are those who win out in the end.

If "You" could only have faith in yourself. Today perhaps you are down in the depths. I expect you know something about swimming, as well as diving. No, this savours of "preachment." I don't want to preach and I hate maxims. So I feel sure, do "you?" Proverbs and Maxims belong to "Sairey Gamp" and her kindred.

By the way did "you" ever read "Perverted Proverbs," by Colonel Coldstreamer. Captain Graham, the brilliant young A.D.C. of Lord Minto, and who is now—or was a short time ago—private secretary to Lord Rosebery. Well, he wrote the most delightful series of "Perverted Proverbs" among them "Still Daughters run cheap" and "Uneasy lies the tooth that wears a crown," I remember as especially good.

Are you not amused at the amount that is written about "The Simple Life?"—which is in truth the most complex life in the world for those who have had generations behind them of those who bequeathed "wants" innumerable. My own idea is that "simplicity" is a condition of mind which allows you to enjoy with equal zest, "Peche Melba" at the Carlton in London, or salt pork and potatoes from the frying pan in the prairie or bush. It isn't dependent on the externals, Chippendale chairs and frugal fare. It just means taking life as you find it, in the palace or in the shack.

I used to be tremendously amused at the people who followed the cult of the simple life in England—and made a gigantic effort to effect what was an impossibility. You can't complain, of what Canada offers you in the way of an opportunity for living the most simple existence in the world, can you? But the one thing that is most absurd in this latest fad, is that those good souls who try to live what they believe to be the most excellent form of life on this earth, render the lives of others most complex by ceaselessly striving to induce

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Shallcross returned to Vancouver last week.

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Mr. Frank Lloyd of Westholme is in the city, a guest at the King Edward.

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Mr. R. B. Halhed and Mr. W. R. Rudyard of Chemainus were registered at the Balmoral on Wednesday.

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Mr. R. Nixon of Shawnigan Lake spent a few days in town during the past week.

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Mr. Fraser Bescoe of Comox spent the week end in Victoria and returned home by the City of Nanaimo on Tuesday.

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The engagement has been announced of Miss Dolly McPherson, one of Vancouver's well known society girls, to Mr. T. Blackwell.

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Mrs. Rae Green who has been visiting in Vernon for the past few months, has returned to Vancouver again.

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Mr. Lloyd Hall and his brother, Mr. Frank Hall, of Vancouver, are visiting Mr. Blakemore at "The Bungalow," Cook street, for the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. T. M. Foote, well known in Victoria social circles, is acting manager of the Bank of Commerce at Greenwood, in place of Mr. J. T. Beattie, who is at present away on a holiday.

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Miss Clare Charleson entertained at a small tea on Monday afternoon, in honour of Miss Vivian Macneil. The guests were Mrs. Bruce MacKeddie, Mrs. P. Malkin, Mrs. Alexis Martin, Mrs. Hall, Miss MacKeddie, Miss Viola Duchesnay, Miss Ida Cambie, Miss Maude Moore, Miss Geraldine Cambie, Miss Lilian Burns, Miss G. Duchestal and Miss Laura Jukes.

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The Misses Le Sueur entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening. Among the invited guests were: Mrs. Keith Wilson, Mrs. Norton, Miss King, Miss Heyland, Miss Bulwer, Miss Foster, Messrs. Jeffson, A. P. LeSueur, Ashby and F. Foster.

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Among those present at the Private Skating Club on Tuesday last were: Mrs. Genge, Miss Genevieve Irving, Miss Irving, Miss Paula Irving, Miss Phyllis Mason, Miss O. Irving, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Hickey, Miss Moresby, Miss V. Hickey, Miss V. Pooley, Miss Wigley, Miss Browne, Miss Newcombe, Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Troupe, Miss Browne, Miss Johnston, Messrs. Wright, Monteith, C. Brown, Hagerty, Martin, Arbuckle, J. Browne, Bromley, Troupe, Lawson, Prior, Dr. Boyd, McDougall.

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Mrs. Cross of Foul Bay Road, entertained the Five Hundred Club Wednesday afternoon; the Christmas decorations of red and green were very appropriate. The table was arranged with holly and smilax and illuminated with red candles surmounted by crimson shades. Mrs. Stewart Robertson assisted at the tea table. The first prize for 500 was won by Mrs. Little, and the other players were: Mrs. Spratt, Matthews, Matson, T. S. Gore, Tye, C. M. Roberts, W. S. Gore, Freeman, C. Todd, Gibb, McBride, Griffiths, Hannington, Crosse and Blackwood.

### Morley's Municipal Midden Muddle.

Do you know the Municipal Midden,
Where the City's foul garbage is hidden?
The Council's grand rat farm
Is James Bay's chief charm
In a city that's Alderman-ridden.

Yes, we know the Municipal Midden
Where the Aldermen ought to be hidden,
For the stench that they make
And their promises break
Is something which should be forbidden.

### Under Surveillance.

Towne—That was my car that just passed.

Browne—Well, why didn't you run after it? You could have caught it.

Towne—No, I couldn't. The motorman was looking at me.

## Music and The Drama.

### "The Stronger Sex."

On Monday evening last Mgr. Ricketts staged Valentine's play, "The Stronger Sex," at the Victoria theatre, with Maude Fealy in the leading part. I only saw this actress once before, when I formed a favourable impression. She was then fresh and unspoiled, with a keen dramatic sense and a degree of earnestness and sincerity rarely found in a young actress. She has not improved. Today she is far less natural and while she retains a certain amount of personal magnetism, and daintiness of movement and manner, she is developing into a poseur. Her voice has taken on a tone of artificiality and lacks the ring of conviction which it once had. Moreover she is too self-conscious to be successful in the more serious moments of the play. Unless I am greatly mistaken unwise friends and possibly some dramatic critics have burned too much incense at her shrine. She is not yet spoiled but she is on the way and if she does not wish to degenerate into a mere star, she would do well to revert to the simpler methods which she acquired ten or twelve years ago under able tuition.

The play is amusing but not convincing, and many of the situations too improbable to be interesting, also there is a streak of the melo-dramatic verging on burlesque running through it. The ridiculous scene in which the heroine threatens her husband with a revolver is entirely out of place in anything but melo-drama. Miss Fealy is capable of better work; she is handicapped by a weak voice and a prim manner from ever becoming a great or powerful actor, but in her own milieu she is capable of going far, later on she will develop into an ideal Becky Sharpe. Perhaps the highest praise that can honestly be given to her performance in "The Stronger Sex" is that at times she recalled Mrs. Fiske in her celebrated portraiture of Thackeray's eccentric character.

### New Grand Theatre.

The programme at the New Grand this week is one of the best which Mgr. Jameson has put on this season. While there are no fireworks there is an all round excellence which has proved attractive. The best turn is by the three Keltons who have a most amusing novelty musical act. The four Onetti Sisters are also very good in their gymnastic turn.

The particular feature of the bill arranged for next week at the New Grand, promised by Mr. Jamieson to be the strongest and most expensive ever put on at this theatre, is the whirlwind dancing and acrobatic act of Ameen Abou Hamed and his troupe of eight Arabs. Ameen and his talented assistants have long been an entertaining vaudeville attraction in eastern cities, and for many years were featured on the big circuits of Europe. The act is attractively costumed and wonderfully clever and sensational and has made an immense hit in all the circuit cities it has played. Other big acts, worthy to be features on any bill, are Gray and Graham, "The Musical Bell Boy, and the Military Maid"; Lizzie Evans and Jefferson Lloyd, in the comedy sketch, "The Old Love"; The Rosaries, tight and slack wire artists, and Evangeline Metcalf, singing and acrobatic dancing. Thos. J. Price will sing the illustrated song, "If I only had a Home, Sweet Home"; New Moving Pictures are entitled "The Cupboard" and "Plank," and the orchestra under the direction of Prof. Nagel, will play the "Oberon" overture by C. M. Von Weber.

### Pantages Theatre.

Two good sketch teams, a dancer, one of the best in his line, a trio of first class acrobats; some good Illustrated Song singing and a splendid series of amusing moving pictures make up a programme that is pleasing the patrons of this popular playhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Chick introduce a good comedy sketch, entitled "Charity Begins at Home." It is very amusing and creates a good many laughs. Dancing Davey is certainly well named. He is a dancer in every sense of the word. His triple time dancing is worthy of special mention. Hall & Colborn, as the "Swede and the Happy Girl," are clever artists. Mr. Hall's Swede character is good and his dialect is about perfection. Miss Colborn makes a hit singing her coon song, "Oh, Mr. Brown." The Three Azards, the European marvels, are recognized as being one of the very best trios of acrobats that has yet visited the city. Their feats are really wonderful and cleverly executed, most of their stunts being entirely new. Miss Crawford is singing a very pretty ballad entitled "Let Me Hear the Songs My Mother Used to Sing," which is well received.

The Pantagescope has a series of very amusing motion pictures. The list of artists for next week is not yet completed, but Manager Ormond promises something good for Xmas week.

### The Nature of the Brute.

Ma—Do you think the baby will like these new blocks I've got for him?

Pa—He will, if we pretend that they aren't meant for him to play with.

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The Chartered Bank of British Columbia is being formed to meet in part the increased banking accommodation required by the natural and steady expansion of business, coincident with the great development of the country and especially of British Columbia, and, while organizing to conduct a general banking business, will give special consideration to the industries and commerce of the Province, and is being established primarily for this purpose, and through its connections in Great Britain, the United States and Eastern Canada, it will be able to greatly facilitate the investment of outside capital in the various enterprises of the Province.

British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central Northern Interior and Vancouver Island by railway constructions will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank having its CHIEF OFFICE in the Province and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

Under the banking laws of Canada a Chartered Bank has also this additional earning power—that for every dollar of paid-up capital it can issue its bills to that amount, thus doubling the earning power of its Stockholders' money.

For instance, the Authorized Capital of the Chartered Bank of British Columbia is $2,000,000.

If this were fully paid-up the Bank could issue $2,000,000 in bills, thus earning for its stockholders' dividends on $4,000,000, giving the Bank a double earning power on its capital.

The profits on Bank Stock are distributed to the Stockholders in two ways:

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It is therefore scarcely necessary to point out that the shares of chartered banks in Canada are recognized as being among the safest and most profitable of investments.

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The following table shows what some Canadian Banks have done in the past for their shareholders:

| Bank. | Par Value. | Present Selling Price | Annual Dividend Now Paid Per Cent. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal ..... | $100 | $235 | 10 |
| Commerce ..... | $100 | $160 | 8 |
| Nova Scotia ..... | $100 | $279 | 12 |
| British ..... | $100 | $155 | 7 |
| Merchants ..... | $100 | $156 | 8 |
| Dominion ..... | $100 | $220 | 12 |
| Toronto ..... | $100 | $202 | 10 |
| Royal ..... | $100 | $225 | 10 |
| Hamilton ..... | $100 | $185 | 10 |
| Traders ..... | $100 | $125 | 7 |
| Imperial ..... | $100 | $198 | 11 |
| Standard ..... | $100 | $213 | 12 |
| Molsons ..... | $100 | $190 | 10 |
| East. Townships ... | $100 | $156 | 8 |
| Ottawa ..... | $100 | $215 | 10 |

The actual returns of existing Canadian Banking Institutions to shareholders, after setting aside a portion of the yearly earnings as a "Reserve Fund," or "Rest Account," have ranged for the past ten years from 6 to as high as 12 per cent. per annum, and payable half-yearly.

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The gentlemen who have consented to act as Provisional Directors are large stockholders who have been successful in their own business affairs and in whom the public has the highest confidence.

Their selection will have to be ratified by the first meeting of the shareholders. Additional directors will also be selected from among the Shareholders at the said meeting by the Shareholders themselves, so that they will have a direct opportunity of seeing that the affairs of the Bank are entrusted to careful and competent management.

Arrangements have been made whereby the office of General Manager will be filled by a well-known and experienced banker.

## Terms of Subscription

The terms of subscription are $10 premium on each share upon the signing of subscription; $10 upon each share of stock within thirty days after date of subscription, and $10 on each share of stock upon allotment by the Provisional Directors, and eight equal monthly payments of $10 each per share, the first of such payments to be made thirty days after allotment, and the succeeding payments at intervals of thirty days. On payments made in advance of monthly instalments, interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed.

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The Western Provinces and British Columbia in particular have for some considerable time felt the urgent need of an institution such as the proposed Bank of Vancouver. The formation of new industries and the developing of those already established, has been seriously retarded for want of ordinary financial accommodation, and the primary object of this new bank will be to alleviate the situation by largely confining its operations to the splendid field awaiting it in the Pacific Coast Provinces, and more especially in British Columbia.

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The Bank of Hamilton has its head office in Hamilton.
The standing of these banks is beyond question.

| | Par Value of Stock per Share | Present. Value Per Share. | Rest Account or Undivided Profits. |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Bank of Montreal | $100.00 | $260.00 | $11,000,000.00 |
| The Bank of Toronto | 100.00 | 235.00 | 4,500,000.00 |
| The Bank of Ottawa | 100.00 | 226.00 | 3,000,000.00 |
| The Bank of Hamilton | 100.00 | 217.00 | 2,500,000.00 |

The above banks, while doing a general banking business throughout the Dominion, each aims at fostering and developing business and trade, SPECIALLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES AND DISTRICTS.

THE BANK OF VANCOUVER will aim to do the same, that is, to encourage and promote legitimate business in BRITISH COLUMBIA PARTICULARLY.

The Capital asked for is $2,000,000.00 in 20,000 shares of $100.00 each. The first $500,000.00 of stock is offered the public at a premium of 10 per cent., that is, at $110.00 per share.

Payments can be made in full or on the instalment plan. Interest will be allowed at 3 per cent. per annum upon the par value of the stock until organization.

The provisional directors, when appointed, will reserve the right to increase the premium upon the remainder of the stock, also to allot or reject any subscription in whole or in part.

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## Editorial Notes.

Christmas Greetings to the Venerable Bishop Cridge, one of the most picturesque figures in Canada today; a pioneer who has known Victoria from its infancy, a godly man who for fifty-two years has ministered to its spiritual requirements, a saint who in these last days exercises an uplifting influence on all who come in contact with him. Never was there a finer illustration of the irresistible force of a pure life. Victoria is proud of many things, but Bishop Cridge is its most priceless possession.

Whilst Christmas finds Vancouver with some complaining in her streets, circumstances are far better than are to be found in most Western cities. The anticipations of The Week have been realized, and on work being offered by the City it has been found that far fewer actually needed employment than was supposed. There is every reason to believe that early in the New Year, much earlier than usual, the lumber mills will resume operation. There is no considerable slackening of demand and as financial conditions readjust themselves business will flow into the usual channels. What is needed at the present moment is an exercise of that much vaunted virtue—patience—with a dash of the traditional optimistic Christmas spirit.

The Colonist is greatly perturbed over the subject of the onslaught now being made in the public press upon the Lieutenant-Governor. It is restrained by a sense of delicacy from joining in the hue and cry of the extreme Liberal papers which demand his resignation; on the other hand it has to work over-time to conciliate its financial backers whose prime object in life is to remove the scalp of the L. G. Never was a more emphatic illustration of an institution between the devil and the deep sea. The natural consequence is highly amusing. Editorial succeeds editorial without touching the point at issue, and a Philadelphia lawyer could not disentangle any coherent argument from the series. The only thing that is made perfectly clear is that the Colonist is in the throes of an intense yearning for "independence."

A late despatch tells of the death of Joseph Israel Tarte. His was a life worthy of study, with many chapters of public interest. He was easily the most brilliant politician, since the death of Mercier, among the French Canadians, a brainy, intellectual man with personal magnetism, and tremendous force of character. Like many brilliant men he was erratic, and lacked stability; add to this that he possessed an inherent love of intrigue, and his failure is explained. Less than ten years ago he was regarded as "the master of the Administration," and he seemed to accept the role, only to find that his act of treachery during the absence of Sir Wilfred Laurier and Mr. Fielding at the Colonial Conference, must reap the result which invariably follows disloyalty. In many respeces he resembled Lord Randolph Churchill; he threw himself out of the Ministry in a similar manner, and at once became an almost negligible quantity. In private life he was much beloved, and possessed qualities which endeared him to all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance.

The Colonist very appropriately draws attention to a despatch from Ottawa which states that the Dominion Government is being solicited to make a substantial contribution to the fund for entertaining the Iron and Steel Association of Great Britain should they decide to visit Canada next year. There is reason to believe that Mr. Fielding has practically promised financial assistance, and that the action of the Canadian Mining Institute will almost certainly result in a grant of $20,000. No part of Canada would derive more benefit from such a visit than British Columbia, and anything that can be done to strengthen the hands of Mr. Lamb and his associates in their demands should be done and done quickly. The Victoria Board of Trade should telegraph their wishes to Mr. Fielding and the Vancouver Board of Trade might do the same. In spite of the conflicting opinions expressed by so-called experts, this Province is ready for the establishment of an Iron and Steel making industry, and can demonstrate the fact to practical men.

Police Magistrate Jay is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which he is discharging the duties of his office. In the Stadthagen assault case he certainly made "the punishment fit the crime" when he held that extreme provocation might justify an assault, and whilst dismissing the case mulcted the prosecutor in costs. Equally wise was his decision in the Dallas Hotel case. It would have been a gross miscarriage of justice if so serious a charge had failed of full investigation through such a technicality as was raised by Mr. Moresby, who of course was justified in doing his best for his client. Whatever the ultimate decision may be it cannot be too widely known that in the Police Magistrate we have a public servant who is no respector of persons, and that the leading hotel in the City is as certain of conviction as the smallest saloon if an offence is proved.

The present outlook of the Mayoralty contest indicates the probability of a three-cornered fight, but it is hardly likely that the calibre of the contestants will arouse any enthusiasm or take many voters to the poll. With two or three exceptions the same may be said of the Aldermen. It is little short of a calamity that the citizens of Victoria take so little interest in municipal affairs that few men of influence or quality can be induced to shoulder the white man's burden.

No one will dispute that Lord Kelvin was the greatest of living scientists, a man with the intuitions of a genius. Those who class him with Newton and Faraday have good reason for their judgment, and the whole of the civilized world will lay a wreath upon his tomb. So great was he that men had come to regard him as infallible and yet it is not to detract from his real merit to recall the fact that in 1901 he declared that wireless telegraphy would never become a commercial success.

## A Personal Note.

On behalf of all and sundry associated with the literary staff of The Week, I am deputed to extend to our readers a hearty Christmas Greeting. To ask them to exercise that charity which is suitable at this season in respect of our many shortcomings to assure them that our efforts during the past year have constituted a labour of love. We have been fearless, and unsparing in our criticism of those things which in our judgment have been inimical to the public interest. No bogey has been to big for us to attack. If we could not slay it with one weapon, we have dipped into our armoury for another, the rapier for choice, the club as a "dernier ressort."

Some people have thought us unkind, but that is only because they have failed to understand our motives. We have had no axe to grind and have never received a cent for grinding other peoples'. When we cannot say what we like, how we like and when we like, we shall close our desks and slip quietly away, but that will hardly be as long as The Week stays in business.

There are some who think we have hit too hard, at this time will such please remember that as a rule we have gone after big game, and this requires a big gun. We have not hunted individuals except as they advocated bad principles, and we have never fallen into the too prevalent error of attacking the individual rather than his argument.

On the other hand we plead guilty to many sins "of omission and commission," of which none are as cognizant as ourselves. We ask our readers to remember that we have not been fighting our own battles but theirs, that we had nothing to gain beyond the satisfaction of helping to strengthen public opinion in its condemnation of abuses and its approval of all that is "just and true and of good report."

We have been greatly encouraged during the present year by the numerous letters of appreciation which have been received and which the editor has always generously handed to the staff. Appreciation is the one thing which journalists live for. Bread and butter does not matter, we should often be in sorry case if it did, but appreciation is the breath of our nostrils, and The Week has had its full share of late. I wish I could convey an adequate sense of the obligation which we feel towards our many friends who have furnished us with information and voluntarily brought under our notice matters of public importance. Such a clientele is invaluable to any paper, and we have tried to prove ourselves worthy of the confidence.

Our enemies have not fared any too well, and some of them are in sorry plight, they have our sympathy and it would add to our Christmas joy to know that they have been brought to see the error of their ways even if they yet lack the grace to acknowledge their mistakes. Some of those with whom we have had the bitterest fights are now our warmest friends.

This is the time when we want to thank those of our readers who make it a rule to drop into the office frequently and extend the right hand of fellowship; they hearten us and their sympathy is responsible for the best work we have done. We are also greatly indebted to the men and women, not on our regular staff, who have used the pen so freely in our columns. They realize that there is an open door and that we impose no hampering conditions. If a man has a message he can always deliver it through the columns of The Week.

Before concluding I want to make personal amends in connection with one incident for which I am mainly responsible. I was instructed by the editor to deal critically with the speech of a well known public man on an important occasion. I did so in my own way. He came to see me subsequently and felt deeply aggrieved because he considered that my criticism was a personal attack. Since he was absolutely the last man in the world whom I would attack one of us must be mistaken. Either his judgment is at fault or my right hand must for once have lost whatever cunning it usually possesses; be that as it may, I do not want Christmas time to pass without assuring him that there was no intention to hurt his feelings, and that if I did so I am sincerely sorry. I suppose at times every critic thinks more of the point of his own rapier than of the shield of his opponent, and I am free to confess that the spirit of the West, glorious and exhilirating as it is, develops hard hitting propensities and begets the habit of handling every combatant without gloves.

If there is any other incident which my impetuosity has created, and for which I should express regret, I ask the aggrieved to take "the will for the deed," and in saying this I am sure I speak not only for myself but for every member of the staff. That no one may bear you more malice than I do and that everyone may wish you as happy a Christmas is the sincere desire of

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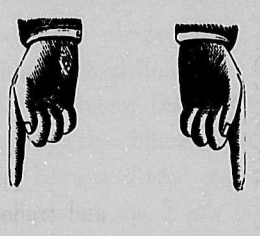

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Nothing else does quite so well for a Man's or a Boy's Christmas as something he can wear. What he wears he'll appreciate.

Man or Boy—what makes so satisfactory a Christmas Gift as a Suit, Overcoat or Rain Coat?

Come in and see what we can do for him.

ALLEN & CO.
Fit-Reform
73 GOVERNMENT ST. VICTORIA

WEEK DECEMBER 23.

The New Grand

SULLIVAN & CONSIDINE, Proprietors.
Management of ROBT. JAMIESON.

MAMMOTH CHRISTMAS BILL

AMEEN ABOU HAMED TROUPE OF ARABS
Eight People. Pyramid Builders, Acrobats and Whirlwind Dancers.

LIZZIE JEFFERSON EVANS and LLOYD
Comedy Sketch, "The Old Love."

GRAY and GRAHAM
The Musical Bell Boy and The Military Maid.

THE ROSARIES
Tight and Slack Wire Artists.

EVANGELINE METCALF
Singing and Acrobatic Dancing.

THOS. J. PRICE, Song Illustrator
"If I Only Had a Home, Sweet Home."

NEW MOVING PICTURES
"The Cupboard." "Plank."

OUR OWN ORCHESTRA
M. Nagel Director.
"Oberon"—
Overture by C. M. Von Weber.

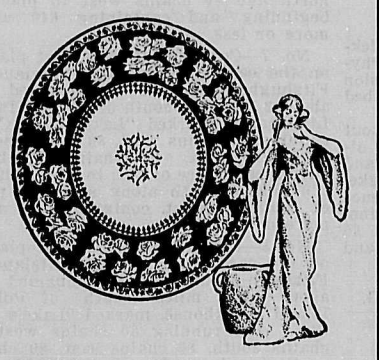
NEXT WEEK
THE EDDY FAMILY!

Weiler Brothers
HOME HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS
VICTORIA, B. C.

A FINE SPECIAL FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

CHILD'S SETS—This set consists of table and two chairs. Set is finished in two styles of finish—red and blue. This is something with which the children will be delighted. Price, per set ..... $3.00

SPECIAL VALUE.



What Your Christmas Store Discloses---

¶ A splendor of Holiday merchandise representing more than half a year's planning, making and gathering.

¶ Thousands of expert workers, both in America and Europe have spent weeks and months in the preparation of this wonderful aggregation of beautiful merchandise, which you are now cordially invited to inspect.

¶ We are confident that nowhere would these splendid things receive such a welcome as from the artistic, beauty-loving women of this city.

¶ The early hours are most comfortable.

# For Your Christmas Table.

The eternal question of meals is easily settled for Christmas. Custom having decreed a Menu for that day the question of what to eat is fixed. But the most important item still remains—the dinner appointments. Undoubtedly the Linen is an item worthy of your most careful consideration. A snowy white, satiny background is indispensible as a setting for the dinner service and if your linen isn't "correct," no matter if all other appointments are perfect, this feature mars your efforts. We have an immense stock fresh from the Bleach Fields of Ireland—the home of "Linen Betterness." The assortment comprises made up cloths and serviettes to match, Table Damask by the yard; smaller articles in plain and hand embroidered linen for table centres, sideboard covers, tea-cloths and d'oylies.

We offer you the best possible linen values. This is made possible through the extensive purchases we make direct from the largest manufacturers. We enjoy an immense business in this line throughout the entire Province, and we have to buy, each year very large quantities. We go direct to the mills and buy for spot cash, getting the best possible prices. We are in this way able to offer you the very best quality linens at prices that are in many instances much lower than are asked for ordinary kinds.

## More Useful Articles for Your Holiday "Spread."

### HANDSOME SILVERWARE

CHEESE SPOONS ..... $1.75
BERRY SPOONS, $2.00 to ..... $2.50
GRAVY LADLES ..... $1.50
SUGAR TONGS ..... $1.50
SALT SPOONS, each ..... 30c
OYSTER FORKS, dozen ..... $6.00
OLIVE SPOONS, each ..... $1.00
BREAD BOARDS, silver mounted..... $5.00
A. D. COFFEE SPOONS, dozen ..... $4.00
TEA SETS, 5 pieces, $30.00..... $25.00
CHOCOLATE POTS ..... $7.50
BON BON TRAYS, $1.50, $1.75 and..... $2.00
NUT BOWLS ..... $5.00
SOUP TUREENS ..... $12.00
NAPKIN RINGS ..... $1.00
KNIFE RESTS, per pair ..... $1.50
INDIVIDUAL CASTERS, salt and pepper, $1.75 to ..... $3.00
BAKE DISHES ..... $7.50
SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS, pair, 40c, 50c, $1.25 to ..... $3.00
PICKLE CASTERS, ten styles, $1.50 to.... $5.00
BUTTER DISHES, $4.50, $5.00 and ..... $5.50
FRUIT STANDS, $4.50, $5.00, $6.00 to.... $8.50
CAKE BASKETS, $4.00, $4.50 to..... $7.00
CAKE PLATES ..... $4.50
BREAD TRAYS ..... $3.75

### NEW DINNER SERVICES

DINNER SERVICE—Semi-porcelain, 94 pieces, white and gold decoration, an extremely neat and pleasing set, at a low price. Per set..$9.00

DINNER SERVICE — Semi-porcelain, plain white, 94 pieces. We have only two sets of this pattern left and we are offering them at a remarkable low price, to clear quickly. Per set ..... $9.75

DINNER SERVICE—Semi-porcelain, apple blossom decoration, 105 pieces of daintiness for little money. This is a stock pattern and you can at any time get matchings. Per set..$15.00

DINNER SERVICE—Vitrified, unchipable surface, 100 pieces in green Clytie decoration. A stock pattern carrying with it the many advantages of the "open stock." Per set....$14.00

DINNER SERVICE—Semi-porcelain, 67 pieces, in the Mikado decoration, a delightful combination of blue and gold. We are offering this set at a popular price. Per set.....$20.00

DINNER SERVICE—Semi-porcelain, 127 pieces in Royal Milan pattern. This is a pretty and popular pattern and excellent value, at, per set ..... $30.00

## The Best China Values Ever Offered.

We are exceedingly proud of our low priced china offerings—the prices offered at from 15c up to 50c. The counters that hold these pieces are among the most interesting in the store today. Many china shipments have been arriving during the past few days that should have been here a month ago. These must disappear before Christmas, so we are making them unusually low. These counters hold china values that aren't equalled elsewhere.

### THE 15c COUNTER

This modest sum will buy here more than twenty-five cents would in most china stores. Odd pieces worth 25c and more have been put on this counter. A hundred different articles.

### THE 25c COUNTER.

On this counter you'll find some of the daintiest china bits—values that run to 50c and more. Odd pieces and delinquent arrivals have been placed here to clear quickly. Excellent gifts.

### THE 50c COUNTER

This counter holds values that run up to and past the dollar mark. Odd pieces and late arrivals worth double and more have been put on this table to sell during the next few days. Handsome china, all.

Weiler Brothers
HOME HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS
VICTORIA, B. C.

FOR THE LITTLE LOVERS OF DOLLS.

DOLL BEDS—In white enamel finish, complete with spring of No. 1 quality. A very pretty little bed at a very moderate price. Each $2.50

DOLL BEDS—In brass. This is a very handsome bed. An aristocratic style that is so different it is in a class by itself. Price, each..$4.00

In Doubt About that Gift: Buy China!

¶ When in doubt buy something in china or glassware, for you never hear a good housekeeper complain about having too many pieces of either.

¶ A stock like ours provides the broadest variety of designs, at the greatest range of prices, in such things as are suitable for wedding, holiday or anniversary gifts.

¶ Come in and see the latest creations fresh from the renowned old-world potteries and glassworks. You will be surprised to learn how far a little money


# Sporting Comment.

The J.B.A.A. Rugby players received another defeat at the hands of the Victoria Club at Oak Bay on Saturday last, which effectually disposes of any doubt as to which is the strongest fifteen. The Victoria Club has won every game played and has during the matches shown a far greater knowledge of the game than their younger opponents and it is largely to this that the Victoria Club can claim the championship.

During the game on Saturday Hebden Gillespie had the misfortune to sprain his ankle. This is very regrettable as his absence will be severely felt in the games against Vancouver and Stanford. We hope that he will have a speedy recovery and will soon be able to take his place on the football and hockey teams.

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A combined Victoria team will journey to Vancouver on Saturday to meet the strongest team that Vancouver can get together. The combination that has been chosen to represent Victoria will not be the best that the Capital City can produce and the team will be fortunate indeed if it can register a victory over the Mainlanders. The absence of Gillespie is very unfortunate, but it was through an accident and the club will have to take its medicine, but there are others who will not make the trip, who could materially strengthen the line-up. The majority of the players are always ready to play at home, but when it comes to making a trip they are not there. This is not as it should be and before Victoria can hope to win the championship they must develop fifteen players who will be ready to take their share of the work away as well as at home. It is very unfortunate that the strongest team could not be induced to make the trip, for this game coming as it does a few days before the big Stanford match will have a material effect on the attendance. If the local club goes to Vancouver and is defeated by a big score there is very little doubt but that the Stanford game in this city will result in a financial loss. If, on the other hand, the local team won, it would insure a record gate, and the players who make the trip will have to exert every effort to win a victory. It is very bad management on the part of both Vancouver Union and the Victoria to arrange a match in Vancouver on this date. At present Rugby is enjoying a boom in Vancouver and it is almost certain that the three games which will be played there by the Stanford team will attract large crowds. On the other hand the game in Victoria is just commencing to gain popularity after several years' relapse. If this game had been played at Oak Bay the supporters of the local club would have had an opportunity of witnessing the play and their verdict at the close of the match would have no small bearing on the financial success of the Stanford match.

Another matter that has not been touched on is the lack of interest that is being shown by the players themselves in practice. During the past week it was understood that practices would be held on Tuesday and Thursday. Although this was made known in the daily press there were only three out on Tuesday. This is a very poor showing for any team that expects to win the championship of the Province. There has been no excuse about the weather, for it has been exceptionally fine. If Victoria is to win regular practices should be the order at least three night of the week and if possible more. In Vancouver the players are working every evening and the player who does not practice will not be given his place on the line-up against Stanford. This is as it should be and the sooner the Victoria club follows the example of the Mainlanders the better it will be for the club.

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It is very seldom in these degenerate days of sport, when prize-fighters seldom enter the arena without wearing mits as big as pillows to find two exponents of the manly art, of self defence, in this city who would be willing to enter the ring for a fight with bare knuckles. This occured no later than Wednesday, when James Barnswell, a colored sealer, known among his friends as Victoria Joe Gans, and T. Fischer, the pugilistic representative of a small colony of Germans in this city, settled their grievances at a spot on the road to Goldstream. The fight was not scheduled to go any number of rounds, but it lasted a much shorter time than was anticipated. The exact time is said to have been six minutes when Joe Gans walked into a jab on the point of the jaw and he remained in slumberland for five minutes before realizing what had happened. A good number of the sporting element of the city braved a chilly north wind, in automobiles, to witness the mill.

The Esquimalt soccer team gave the leaders in the race for the city championship a decided scare on Saturday when they not only prevented them from scoring until the last three minutes, but scored themselves during the first period of the game. The match was closely contested from start to finish and lads from the Naval village having the better of the play. The Y.M.C.A. had decidedly hard luck on Saturday when they played a draw with the Shearwater. They had the best of the play and were leading by one goal when one of their backs accidently put the ball through their own goal.

UMPIRE.

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**The Message of Christmas.**

Joy to the world—joy!
Awaken to the music of the spheres.
Behold! the Promise manifest appears,
Let all the earth be tuned to one glad song,
And join the chorus of the angel throng,
'Tis Christmas morn! Lo! Christ is born!
Joy to the world—Joy!

Hope to the world—hope!
Each happy bell is telling as it rings
The steadfastness of God's eternal things:
The stronghold stands;—a little Babe's faint voice,
Hath sent the Watchword round the world:—"Rejoice"!
'Tis Christmas morn! Lo! Christ is born!
Hope to the world—Hope!

Peace to the world—peace!
Let Love prevail, the sounds of strife be still,
Proclaim abroad the gospel of Goodwill;
The sweet evangel of a Greater Thought,
That we may live more nearly as we ought.
'Tis Christmas morn! Lo! Christ is born!
Peace to the world—Peace!

—Blanche E. Holt Murison.

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**Literary Notes.**

Lieut. Col. R. Wolfenden, I.S.O., V.D., King's Printer, has published an edition de luxe of the Emigrant Soldier's Gazette and Cape Horn Chronicle. This unique work was originally published on manuscript forms furnished by Captain Marsh, R.E., during the voyage from Gravesend to Vancouver Island of the detachment of Royal Engineers selected for service in British Columbia, between the 10th of October, 1858, and the 12th of April, 1859. In many respects it is a remarkable publication; its literary quality is of a high order whilst the scientific notes and observations are invaluable. A dip into these pages furnishes the best insight into the occupations and anticipations of the able and accomplished men who did so much to bring Vancouver Island to the knowledge of the world. Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden is one of the few survivors of that gallant band. The preparation of this work has been for him a labour of love. This is evidenced in the tender care with which he has developed its details. The issue is an invaluable contribution to the early history of the province, and will undoubtedly be accepted as a standard work. It is beautifully illustrated and anyone fortunate enough to secure one of the few copies will consider that he has a treasure. The Week extends to Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden its heartiest thanks for the compliment of being permitted to receive and review so unique a work, and wishes him a very happy Christmas and years of health and prosperity yet to come.

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A fashion paper says that dark brown is the thing for men's early morning wear. After he has made a night of it, a man's tongue is fashionably colored.

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We don't notice any editors' names in the list of patriotic gentlemen who are supplying the ready money in the financial district at this juncture.

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 417.

THIS is to certify that "The New Zealand 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 Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million pounds, divided into ten thousand shares of one hundred pounds each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and James Hill Lawson, merchant, 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 28th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

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

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:

To carry on the business of fire and marine insurance in all its branches or such of those branches as the Company shall from time to time determine, and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of those objects.

Dec. 14.

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NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 2.

TAKE NOTICE that George Young and Arthur Bell of Victoria, B.C., Timber Dealers. intend to apply for special license over the following described lands on the Sheemahantz River, Rivers Inlet:

No. 1—Commencing at a post planted on the south bank of the Sheemahantz River at the northwest corner, being one mile east and 10 chains south of the mouth of Evelyn River; thence east 120 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

Nov. 9th, 1907.

No. 2—Commencing at a post planted on the south bank of the Sheemahantz River, five chains west of the mouth of Marvel Creek, being the southeast corner, thence west 64 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence east 64 chains; thence south 100 chains to point of commencement.

Nov. 8th, 1907.

No. 3—Commencing at a post planted 10 chains east of the southeast corner of T. L. 14065, and about one and one-half miles west of the Neechantz River being the northeast corner post; thence south 100 chains; thence west 64 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence west 64 chains to point of commencement.

GEORGE YOUNG & ARTHUR BELL,
Dec. 14 George Young, Agent.

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NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of New Westminster.

TAKE NOTICE that Harry McMicken Keefer of Vancouver, occupation Broker, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on the N. E. Coast of Savary Island and about 25 chains from the easterly end of the Island, thence west 20 chains to low water mark; thence south 400 chains along low water mark; thence east 20 chains to high water mark; thence north 400 chains to point of commencement, and containing eight hundred acres, more or less.

Dated Dec. 2nd, 1907.

Dec 14 HARRY McMICKENKEEFER.

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NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of New Westminster.

TAKE NOTICE that Frederick Patrick Rogers of Vancouver, occupation carpenter, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the S. W. corner of Lot 1347, G. I., New Westminster district; thence west 20 chains; thence north 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence south 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

Dated November 26th, 1907.

FREDERICK PATRICK ROGERS.
Dec.14

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

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the claim of S. A. Ramsay, being about sixteen miles west of McCoy's Cove on the north side of Cumshewa Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north 80 chains; west 80 chains; south 80 chains; east 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 4th day of December, A.D. 1907.

WALTER B. PITFIELD.
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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

Commencing at a post planted two miles west of the northwest corner of the claim of S. A. Ramsay, being about eighteen miles west of McCoy's Cove on the north side of Cumshewa Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south 80 chains; east 80 chains; north 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 4th day of December, A.D. 1907.

JOHN A. McMASTER,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the claim of John John A. McMaster, being about eighteen miles west of McCoy's Cove on the north side of Cumshewa Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north 80 chains; east 80 chains; south 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 4th day of December, A.D. 1907.

J. A. HINTON,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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THOMAS COOPER,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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G. A. FRASER,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Commencing at a post planted two miles west of the northwest corner of the claim of John A. McMaster, being about twenty miles west of McCoy's Cove, on the north side of Cumshewa Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south 80 chains; east 80 chains; north 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

C. J. SPRATT,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the claim of C. J. Spratt, being about twenty miles west of McCoy's Cove, on the north side of Cumshewa Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north 80 chains; east 80 chains; south 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 4th day of December, A.D. 1907.

J. W. RUTLEDGE,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Located this 4th day of December, A.D. 1907.

D. C. McDONALD,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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

Commencing at a post planted two miles north of the northwest corner of the claim of Robert Hamilton, being about six miles north of the Cowgitz mines on the north shore of Skiedgate Inlet on Slate Chuck Creek, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south 80 chains; east 80 chains; north 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 26th day of November, A.D. 1907.

J. H. YOUNG,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the claim of J. H. Young, being about six miles north of the Cowgitz mines on the north shore of Skidegate Inlet, on Slate Chuck Creek, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south 80 chains; west 80 chains; north 80 chains; east 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

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J. F. YOUNG,
Dec 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Commencing at the post planted at the northwest corner of the claim of J. H. Young, being about six miles north of the Cowgitz Mines on the north shore of Skidegate Inlet, on Slate Chuck Creek, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north 80 chains; east 80 chains; south 80 chains; west 80 chains back to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located this 26th day of November, A.D. 1907.

FRED. YOUNG,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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Located this 26th day of November, A. D. 1907.

ROBERT YOUNG,
Dec. 14 A. A. McPhail, Agent.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Rupert.

TAKE NOTICE that Horace Bunnell, of Vancouver occupation, Timber Cruiser, intends to apply for a special timber licence over the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 280 chains north of the southeast corner of lease number 222; thence east one hundred and sixty (160) chains; thence north forty (40) chains; thence west one hundred and sixty chains; thence south forty (40) chains to place of commencement.

Staked October 28th, 1907.

Nov. 30 HORACE BUNNELL.

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DISTRICT OF CASSIAR.

TAKE NOTICE that The Hidden Creek Mining Co., of Vancouver, occupation, ———, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land, about 3 acres:

Commencing at a post planted at the south east corner post of Lot 479; thence north one chain; thence southwesterly parellel to high water mark, about 30 chains to west boundary of Lot 479; thence south about one chain forty links to high water mark and thence along high water mark to point of commencement.

Dated Nov. 25th, 1907.

HIDDEN CREEK MINING CO.,
Dec. 7 Per J. Herrick MacGregor.

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NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 2.

TAKE NOTICE that George Young and Arthur Bell of Victoria, B. C., Timber Dealers, intend to apply for the rite to lease the following described foreshore lands, commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner about one hundred feet west from the mouth of a small creek on the north shore of Owekano River or about 250 yards east of the small island at its mouth; thence westerly for 25 chains along high water; thence north 4 chains to the post of the B. C. C. Co. (October 28), thence west 30 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 30 cmains; thence north 10 chains; thence east 25 chains; thence north 10 chains to point of commencement, containing 75 acres, more or less.

November 18, 1907.

GEORGE YOUNG & ARTHUR BELL,
George Young, Agent,

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TAKE NOTICE that George Young and Arthur Bell of Victoria, B.C., Timber Dealers, intend to apply for the rite to lease the following described foreshore lands in Rivers Inlet, commencing at a post planted on the east bank of a small creek at the heaf of Rivers Inlet on the south shore, being the southeast corner post; thence southwesterly along high water mark for 30 chains; thence north 10 chains; thence north easterly 30 chains; thence south 10 chains to point of commencement; containing thirty acres more or less.

Staked Nov. 18, 1907.

GEORGE YOUNG & ARTHUR BELL.
George Young, Agent,

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TAKE NOTICE that George Young and Arthur Bell, of Victoria, B.C., Timber Dealers, intend to apply for the rite to purchase the following described lands in Kildalla Bay, Rivers Inlet; commencing at this post planted on the east side of the Bay about one-third of a mile from the point at the mouth of the Bay, being the southwest corner post; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 90 chains to beach; thence south along beach to point of commencement; containing 40 acres, more or less.

Staked Nov. 25, 1907.

GEORGE YOUNG & ARTHUR BELL.
Dec. 7 George Young, Agent.

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# B. C. Timber Maps

of All Districts

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VANCOUVER, B. C.


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COAST LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that Michael Crane, of Port Harvey, B.C., occupation, Timber Cruiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Situate on Quatse Bay, Coast District:

Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Quatse Bay at the S. W. corner of old T. L. 7712; thence north 30 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 20 chains more or less to shore of Quatse Bay; thence westerly following shore of Quatse Bay to point of commencement, containing 60 acres, more or less.

Dated October 2nd, 1907.

Nov. 9 MICHAEL CRANE.

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NOTICE TO LOGGERS.

Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River.

**Piles.**

ALTERNATIVE sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Piles, Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River," will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to and including Tuesday, the 31st of December, 1907, for furnishing and delivering at the bridge site on the North Arm of the Fraser River, on the line of the Cemetery Road, fir and cedar piles.

About six hundred (600) will be required, varying in length from twenty (20) to forty-five (45) feet. They must be straight, sound, and not less than ten (10 inches at the small end. No butts will be accepted.

Further printed particulars can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Tenderers must state the price per lineal foot for piles delivered.

The successful tenderer will be furnished with a list giving the number of piles required and the length of each.

Each tender 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 Honourable the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250), 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. The 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 form supplied, signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Nov. 30 Public Works Engineer.

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COAST LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that John Manson, of Cortez Island, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Situate on Mist Island, Port Harvey Bay:

Commencing at a post planted at the S. W. corner of Mist Island; thence following the shore line of said Mist Island in a northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly direction to point of commencement, being all of Mist Island, and containing 40 acres more or less.

Dated October 9th, 1907.

JOHN MANSON,
Nov. 9 By Michael Crane, Agent.

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OMINECA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast, Range 5.

TAKE NOTICE that Edgar McMicking, of Victoria, B.C., occupation, Physician, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about two miles distant and in a westerly direction from the Stuart River and about three miles south of Stuart Lake, marked E. M.'s S. E. Corner; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated 5th November, 1907.

Nov. 9 EDGAR McMICKING.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bridge. North Arm Fraser River.

**Superstructure of Swing Span.**

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Superstructure Metal for Swing Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River," will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C., up to and including Tuesday, the 31st of December, 1907, for manufacturing and delivering, f. o. b., scow at Vancouver or New Westminster, all the metal work required for the superstructure of a steel swing span.

Drawings, specifications, condition of contract and tender may be seen by intending tenderers on and after Tuesday, the 26th of November, 1907, at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Lands and Works Department, and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court House, Vancouver, B.C.

Each tender 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 Honourable 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. The cheques or certificates of deposit of successful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

The successful tenderer will be called upon to furnish a bond, himself and two securities, satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of $1,000 each, or to furnish a bond of a Guarantee Company satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner in the sum of $3,000 for the due fulfilment of the work contracted for.

Upon the execution of the contract and a satisfactory bond being supplied, signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Nov. 30 Public Works Engineer.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.

TAKE NOTICE that Alva Maloney, of Centralia, Wash., occupation, Timber Cruiser, intends to apply for a special timber licence over the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about five chains south of the south shore of Johnstone Straits, and 24 degrees west of south of Milly Island; thence south eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to post of commencement.

Dated Nov. 8th, 1907.

Nov. 30 ALVA MALONEY.
District of Rupert.

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DISTRICT OF CASSIAR.

TAKE NOTICE that The Hidden Creek Mining Co., of Vancouver, occupation, ————, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 308, Cassiar District; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south to shore line of Goose Bay; thence easterly along shore line to the south boundary of Lot 308 and thence west to point of commencement, containing about 200 acres.

Date Nov. 11th, 1907.

HIDDEN CREEK MINING CO.,
Nov. 16 Per J. H. McGregor

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 5 of Lot 7 of Section 10, (Map 280), Esquimalt District, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to said lot, issued to George A. Coldwell on the 6th day of June, 1899, and numbered 5296C.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 21st day of November, 1907.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Nov. 23 Registrar-General.

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COAST LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast, Range 3.

TAKE NOTICE that Wm. H. Flett and Albert B. Moses, of Seattle, Wash., Timber Dealers, intend to apply for a special licence over the following described lands:

No. 6—Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Hunter Island, on Lama passage at the mouth of Fanny Creek, at a post planted in the northwest corner and marked "Lake's N.W. Cor.," running 80 chains south, 80 chains north and 80 chains west to place of beginning, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 7—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Hunter Island on Fitzhugh Sound, in an unnamed bay about 2 1-2 miles south of Pointer Island Lighthouse, marked "Lake's S.E. Cor.," running 40 chains west, 80 chains north, 40 chains west, 40 chains north, 80 chains east more or less to shore, thence 120 chains south along shore to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

No. 8—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Hunter Island on Fitzhugh Sound, in an unnamed bay about 2 1-2 miles south of Pointer Island Lighthouse, marked "Lake's N.E. Cor.," and running 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Located October 16, 1907.

WM. H. FLETT,
ALBERT B. MOSES,
Nov. 23 Per Harry A. Lake, Agent.

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DISTRICT OF RUPERT, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. A. McEachran, lumberman, of Victoria, B.C., intende to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

No. 1—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of section 5, township 25, situated in the vicinity of the West Arm of Quatsino Sound, about one mile distant in a northerly direction from the northeast corner of timber lease 196; thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 2—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 8, township 25, about one mile distant in a northerly direction from northeast corner of timber lease 196; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 3—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of section 4, township 25, about one mile distant in an easterly direction from claim No. 2; thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 4—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 9, township 25, about one mile distant in aneasterly direction from claim No. 2; thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains to post of commencement.

No, 5.—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 16, township 25, about one mile in a northerly direction from claim No. 4; thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 6—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 17, township 25, about one mile in a northerly direction from claim No. 4; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 7—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 18, township 25, about one mile westerly from claim No. 6; thence north 80 chains; west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 8—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 13, township 32, about one mile westerly from claim No. 7; thence north 80 chains; west 80 chains; south 80 chains; east 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 9—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 14, township 32, about one mile westerly from claim No. 8; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 10—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 15, township 32, about one mile westerly from claim No. 9; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to post of commencement.

No. 11—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of section 22, township 32, about one mile northerly from claim No. 10; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to post of commencement.

Dated October 22nd, 1907.

J. A. McEACHRAN,
Nov. 23 Per Geo. H. Jackson, Agent.


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## A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge:

"Coming out" is an event in the life of the society girl which she looks forward to from the very day that she realises that she can "come out." Whether she is to have a tea, which nowadays is the most popular form of introducing a girl, or a dance, it is the one event which looms up ahead of all else. She thinks about it, dreams about it, and talks about it until her family feel that they must become crazy and heartily wish the affair were all over.

All girls like to have things to remember their first winter by, one of last season's fads was a "memory book," in which was kept a record of the first winter and it is so easy, that any girl who wishes can in this way have an interesting record of her debut in society. The memory book is made of leather, of good size, and outside is painted in neat letters: "Events of My First Winter in Society," with the date of the year.

As to the contents of this unique diary here are a few of the usual early entries: The first thing is the invitation to the coming out dance, tea or reception, and then the signatures of all the girls who attended. Each girl, before writing her name, writes some remark about the affair. Then comes her own remarks, and the names of the gentlemen she has met, interesting little incidents. Later on the book grows full with the records of all the "first season's" festivities.

It is one of the tenets of chivalry to call all women angels, but to my mind there is a trace of the other thing in those women who ensnare big-hearted men and hold them captive through a truly iniquitous display of weakness.

The spurious invalid; the perfectly well, and strong nervous wreck; the fat and healthy, dyspeptic; the athletic well of tears, the woman, in short, who preys upon a man's sympathy, pity, tender-heartedness—what you will—to keep him in subjection to her, such a woman is a vampire beside which the vampire of Burne, Jones and Kipling was a babe in arms. Every grown man who has cut his wisdom teeth can defend himself against the peroxide blonde dressed in red, but the drooping violet dressed in mauve or grey, or the ingenue in white swiss, or the limpid-eyed siren in baby blue will ensnare the big-hearted man who knows nothing of woman until he will think it a privilege to pay her bills and creep around at her heels.

While royalty can boast of a social influence which extends all over the world, it is powerless with regard to Dame Fashion. There are only two sovereigns who can be said to have exercised any influence upon fashion, and it is a peculiar fact that neither of them was of royal birth. The one was Empress Josephine, whose style of dress still exists to this day in the form of Empire gowns. The other was Empress Eugenie, whom Napoleon III. in the public announcement of his marriage described as a "parvenu." For seventeen years, through the reign of her husband, this great-granddaughter of a Scotch grocery trader who was United States Consul at Malaga, may be said to have dictated the feminine fashions not alone of France, but likewise of the entire civilised and uncivilised universe; for when Eugenie visited the seraglio of the Sultan at Constantinople, and the harem of the Khedive of Egypt, on the occasion of her trip to the Orient in connection with the opening of the Suez Canal, she found to her amazement that the inmates, in lieu of being arrayed either in the fantastic costumes of the Turkish women of the Opera Comique, or in the garb of nature, as one might be tempted to believe from the paintings of Gerome and others who have portrayed the interior of many Mohammedan harems from mere hearsay, were attired in the latest creations of the great costumers of Paris, their toilets conforming in every respect to the decrees which she, Eugenie herself, had issued.

But it is not only the women who decline to conform to the tastes of royalty in matters of fashion. The men show themselves even still more recalcitrant to the crown where dress is concerned. This King Edward has found, on a number of occasions, not only during his forty years of social regency as heir apparent, but also since his accession to the throne. All powerful as is his influence in other respects, he has never succeeded in securing allegiance in matters of dress, and has many failures of this kind to his record. Thus, he has on several occasions endeavoured, without success, to introduce an evening dress coat of different cut and hue to the ordinary black swallow-tail garment which apparently defies all attempts to dislodge it. Nor has he been any happier with the single-breasted frock coat, in the matter of gloves, of the style of trousers or the shape of the hat. Thus the Tyrolese hat which he imported from Marienbad several years ago, and which he frequently wears at shooting parties, has never really caught on among his lieges, and his endeavour to arrest the wane of the long and tyrannic reign of the silk "topper" has been powerless to stay its phenomenal decline in popular favour.

*Babette*

### Warning.

"One of them said: 'I will pay Saturday night, if I live.' He's dead!

"Another said: 'See you tomorrow. He's blind!

"Still another said: 'I hope to pay this week, or go to H.' He's gone!"

### He Was Sized Up.

He—It has always been my rule to spend as I go.

She—Indeed; in that way I suppose you have saved considerable money?

### Woes of Wall Street.

Pity poor Wall street! Unable to trust any longer in stocks, bonds, banks or trust companies, a wicked president declines to let it trust in God.

### More Congenial.

Mrs. Oatcake—Would you chop some wood for dinner?

Gentle Jenkins—No, mum! But as you make so kind an offer I really would cut some pie.

Grandma—In my day, women didn't fly around out of doors as they do now. They would sit at home and spin.

Gladys—But now they go out and spin much better if they have a good fast auto.

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DISTRICT OF CASSAIR.

TAKE NOTICE that The Hidden Creek Mining Co., of Vancouver, occupation, ———, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land, about 40 acres:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 479; thence following high water mark south and west to the southeast corner of Lot 308; thence east five chains; thence north and east following a line parallel to high water mark about 80 chains to a point 5 chains south of point of commencement and thence to said point of commencement.

Dated Nov. 25th, 1907.

HIDDEN CREEK MINING CO.,
Dec. 7 Per J. Herrick MacGregor.


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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The British and Canadian Land Company, Limited," 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 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 Victoria, and Charles W. Wilson, gentleman, 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 21st day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

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

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

1. To deal in lands and real and personal property, as principals as well as agents or factors for others, in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere, and to acquire the same upon such terms as may be agreed upon, and to pay therefor in cash or in paid-up non-assessable shares in the capital stock of the Company;

2. To acquire, own, lease, sell and dispose of shares, debentures and securities in any other companies engaged in the same business which this Company is authorised to carry on, and to purchase the assets of such other companies or of any persons doing a similar business, and to pay for the same, wholly or in part in cash, non-assessable shares, bonds or securities of the Company;

3. To issue bonds or debentures in such amounts,, for such purposes and bearing such rate of interest as the majority of shareholders may determine, and to secure the same by transfering to a trustee or to trustees the whole or part of the Company's property, real or personal, movable or immovable.

4. To sell, improve, lease, divide, mortgage, charge or dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Company, whether real or personal:

5. To take and accept mortgages, charges and liens on real or personal property, or any other security whatever, and bearing interest or otherwise, as the Company may see fit, from purchasers or debtors of the Company, and to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of all or any of such securities, and to borrow money, draw, make, accept, endorse and execute any bills of exchange, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, guarantees and evidences of indebtedness of all kinds or other negotiable securities, and to secure the same by mortgages or otherwise upon the property or assets of the Company, and generally to use its credit in any other way for the purpose of facilitating the conduct of any business which the Company is authorised to perform:

6. To amalgamate with any other company having objects similar to those of the Company, or to sell or otherwise dispose of the undertaking, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the Company shall see fit, and in particular for the bonds, shares, debentures, stock or securities of any other company having objects similar to those of the Company:

7. To apply the bonds, debentures, funds and capital stock of the Company, and to issue fully paid-up shares of the Company in payment or part payment of the purchase price of any property, real or personal, acquired by the Company, or of the goodwill, rights and franchises in the same or in payment for services rendered and work performed for the Company, and in the purchase of the bonds, stocks, property or assets of any other company or companies having objects similar to those of the Company, and carrying on business in the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere:

8. To advance money to purchasers or lessees of the Company's lands for building purposes or for improvements, and to take mortgages, hypothecs, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase money of any property sold by the Company, or of any money due to the Company from purchasers for building purposes or other improvements, and to sell or otherwise dispose of said mortgages, hypothecs, liens and charges, and temporarily, and pending the obtaining of investments therefor in the manner hereinbefore provided for, to invest the surplus funds of the Company in such approved securities as trustees are usually authorised to invest funds which are entrusted to them.

Dec. 7

## Musings Without Malice.

By LALLY BERNARD.

(Continued from Page Four)

them to do the same! If you find it easier to have some one clean your boots for you, they think you are a "modern degenerate." I know that there is a pile in the corner of your room, extremely muddy and without a vestige of "shine."

Cheer up dear "you"—things will come right in the end. Now that is what a young friend of mine calls a "bromide," all the stupid, trite sayings with which we regale our friends and acquaintances are called "bromides" and it makes you horribly uncomfortable when you realise how very little else we contribute to the conversation of society.

Good-bye, my "musings" have come to an end—for it is very late and there is always tomorrow on the heels of today.

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TAKE NOTICE that M. Brennan, of Ootso Lake, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

*Commencing* at a post marked M. B. Southeast Corner, situated about 40 chains north and 40 chains east of Lot 325, N.E. Cor.; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains south; thence 60 chains east to point of commencemnent, containing 240 acres.

Dated November 15, 1907.

De. 14 MARK BRENNAN.

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TAKE NOTICE that Jashua Kingham, of Victoria, B.C., occupation merchant, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the Kispiox River at J. W. Smith's N. E. corner, 40 miles from Hazelton; thence west 60.27 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 46.86 chains; thence south 80 chains, more or less, along the Kispoix River to the point of commencement, containing 400 acres more or less.

September 12, 1907.

JOSHUA KINGHAM.

Oct.19 A. W. Harvey, Agent.

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TAKE NOTICE that A. W. Harvey, of Victoria, B.C., land surveyor, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of the Kispoix River, fifty miles above Hazelton; thence following the sinuosities of the north bank of the Kispoix River, first southerly and then northerly about four miles to a post due east of the point of commencement; thence east 58.22 chains to point of commencement, containing 450 acres, more or less.

Oct.19 ARTHUR W. HARVEY.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Rupert, Kathleen Lake.

TAKE NOTICE that Enoch A. White, of Victoria, B.C., lumberman, intends to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

8. *Commencing* at a post planted at the southwest corner of T. L. 16,381, on Kathleen Lake, marked "E. A. W.'s N.W. corner post to Claim No. 8"; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to commencement.

Staked November 30th, 1907.

District of Rupert, Kathleen Lake.

1. Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of T. L. 13,045, on Kathleen Lake, marked "E. A. W.'s S.W. corner post to Claim No. 1"; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 140 chains; thence south 20 chains to T. L. 13,045; thence following north line of T. L. 13,045 east and south to commencement.

Staked November 30th, 1907.

ENOCH A. WHITE.

Dec. 21 T. D. Harris, Agent.

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District of Rupert, Quatsino Sound.

(c) Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of P. R. 1,745, on Marble Creek, marked "E. A. W.'s N.W. corner post to Claim C."; thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 120 chains to commencement.

Staked December 5th, 1907.

Dated Victoria, B.C., Dec. 10th, 1907.

District of Rupert, Quatsino Sound.

(d) Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot 192, on Quatsino Narrows, marked "E. A. W.'s S. W. corner post to Claim D."; thence east about 30 chains to T. L. 14,467; thence north 80 chains; thence east about 80 chains to Marble Creek; thence north and west along shore to Indian Reserve; thence south and west along *line of Indian Reserve to Quatsino Narrows*; thence following shore of said narrows southwesterly to commencement.

Dated Victoria, December 10th, 1907.

ENOCH A. WHITE.

Dec. 21 Thomas D. Harris, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to prospect for coal upon the following described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia.

Commencing at a post marked M. B.'s S. W. Corner post, placed at the S. W. corner of section 24, township 10, thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated November 27th, 10.30 a.m., 1907.

MURRAY BROWN.

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to prospect for coal upon the following described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia:

Commencing at a post marked Z. M. H.'s S.E. Corner post, placed at the S.E. corner of section 23, township 10, thence north 160 chains; thence west about 30 chains; thence south following shore line of Lake Yakoun 160 chains more or less; thence east about 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 27th, 10.30 a.m., 1907.

Z. M. HAMILTON,

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend [illegible]ply to the Hon. Chief Commissione[illegible]s and Works for a special licen[illegible] prospect for coal upon the followi[illegible] described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia.

Commencing at a post marked L. B. V.D.'s N.W. Corner post placed at the N. W. corner of section 13, township 10, thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 27th, 10.38 a.m., 1907.

L. B. VAN DECAR.

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a special license to prospect for coal upon the following described land, situate on Graham Island, *Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province* of British Columbia:

Commencing at a post marked D. D.'s N.E. corner post, placed at the N.E. Corner of section 14, township 10, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north along shore of Lake Yakoun 80 chains more or less; thence east about 70 chains more or less, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 27th, 10.42 a.m., 1907.

DAN DONALD.

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to prospect for coal upon the following described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia:

Commencing at a post planted W. A. R.'s N.E. corner post, placed at the N.E. corner of section 11, township 10, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 27th, 11.50 a.m., 1907.

W. A. ROBERTSON.

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to prospect for coal on the following described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia.

Commencing at a post marked J. R. S.'s N.W. corner post, placed at the N.W. corner of section 12, township 10, thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less..

Dated November 27th, 11.55 a.m., 1907.

J. R. STEWART,

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a special license to prospect for coal upon the following described land, situate on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, in the Province of British Columbia:

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Dated November 27th, 12.55 p.m., 1907.

Dec.21 J. E. DOYEN, Locator.

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Dated November 27th, 1.05 p.m., 1907.

JOHN T. JOHNSTON,

Dec. 21 J. E. Doyen, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the District of Skeena, Graham Island, Province of British Columbia:—Commencing at a post marked "Thomas Franklin's N.W. corner," and planted at the northwest corner of section 13, township 16 thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north to the point of commencement.

Staked November 27th, 1.45 p.m., 1907.

THOS. FRANKLIN.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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Staked November 27th, 1.30 p.m., 1907.

JAMES SCOTT,

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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Staked November 27th, 1.15 p.m., 1907.

AMOS ADSIT.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the District of Skeena, Graham Island, Province of British Columbia:—Commencing at a post marked "Alfred Carey's S.E. corner," and planted at the southeast corner of section 23, township 10; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement.

Staked Nov. 27th, 1 p.m., 1907.

ALFRED CAREY,

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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Staked Nov. 28th, 9.30 a.m., 1907.

ELLEN J. BAILLIE.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the District of Skeena, Graham Island, Province of British Columbia:—Commencing at a post marked "Robert G. Johnston's N. W. corner," and planted at the northwest corner of section 12, township 10; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north to the voint of commencement.

Staked Nov. 28th, 9.30 a.m., 1907.

Dec. 21 ROBERT G. JOHNSTON.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the District of *Skeena, Graham Island, Province of* British Columbia:—Commencing at a post marked "George B. Baillie's N.W. corner," and planted at the northwest corner of section 1, township 11; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north to the point of commencement.

Staked Nov. 28th, 11.30 a.m., 1907.

GEORGE B. BAILLIE.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the District of Skeena, Graham Island, Province of British Columbia:—Commencing at a post marked "Sarah C. Johnston's N.E. corner," and planted at the northeast corner of section 2, township 11; thence *80 chains south; thence 80 chains* west; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement.

Staked Nov. 28th, 11.30 a.m., 1907.

SARAH C. JOHNSTON.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands situated in the District of Skeena, Graham Island, Province of British Columbia: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of section 10, township 10; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement.

Staked November 27th, 11.45 a.m., 1907

JOHN G. JOHNSTON.

Dec. 21 Robert G. Johnston, Agent.

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### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Private Bills.**

The time limited by the rules of the house for the presentation of petitions for leave to introduce private bills expires on Monday, 27 January, 1908.

Bills must be presented to the house by Thursday, 6th February, 1908.

Reports on bills will not be received after Thursday, 13th February, 1908.

Copies of the bill, petition and notices must be deposited with the undersigned, and the house fees paid, not later than Wednesday, 8th January, 1908.

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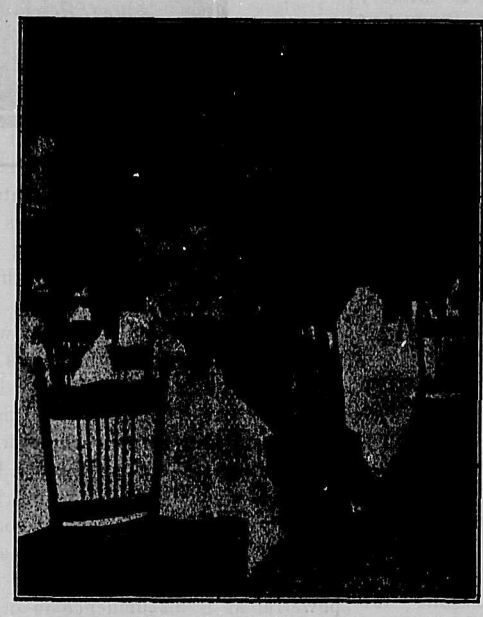

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Communications will be inserted whether signed by the real name of the writer or a nom de plume, but the writer's name and address must be given to the editor as an evidence of *bona fides*. In no case will it be divulged without consent.

Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C.,
December 17, 1907.

To the Editor The Week.

Sir,—As a reader of your interesting and plucky little paper may I express my regret that it should be disfigured by exhibitions of bad taste such as your correspondent, "Rambler" is guilty of in his letter published in your last issue.

Catholics especially cannot fail to regard his remarks as a gratuitous insult to themselves and to things and persons they hold sacred.

Out of curiosity Rambler goes to two noted Catholic churches. Granting that he has no sympathy with what he sees there, does he consider it good form to heap insulting criticism on people into whose buildings he has intruded?

His remarks fall naturally under two divisions:

First, we are asked to credit two rather startling lies which are followed up by some very silly criticism.

Lie the first is to the effect that he saw "a full-size statue of Mary attired in modern costume." Further comment is needless.

Number two is an old favourite much used by anti-Catholic fanatics. It informs us "that Mary is gradually ousting her Son from his high position." I may remark that Catholics are not idolaters and do not worship creatures.

If Catholics are to profit by Rambler's criticism they must measure their devotion by the size of the objects used to excite or stimulate it.

There are, however, certain practical bars to the carrying out of this no doubt excellent idea.

Let Rambler try some day in a moment of religious exaltation to carry a cross with a "full size" figure on it round an ordinary church. I venture to think that, after the experiment, an "image about a foot long" will be found large enough to meet his highest aspirations.

Disgusted with his experience at the oratory "Rambler" pays a visit to the Carmelite Monks' church at Kensington only to find that he must pay untold gold for a seat.

If we can credit it, he actually had to contribute six cents towards the support of men who, even if we do not accept their doctrine, are doing a magnificent work for society and carry consolation to thousands of their own creed all over the world.

Fearing to trespass too far on the hospitality of your columns, I will conclude with the hope that some other correspondent will assist me in teaching your traveller manners.

Wishing "Rambler" the compliments of the season and a speedy return to his abode on the confines of civilisation where no doubt he is a shining light and an example of gentility.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc.,
G. LLEWELLYN-WOOD.

### Parsimony versus Patriotism, Or the Treatment of "Our Boys" in B.C.

To the Editor of The Week:

Sir,—As it is universally conceded that young men are the backbone of the nation, I make no apology for entering the lists on behalf of a section of the community that has not hitherto been accorded either the sympathy or recognition that its numbers and importance demand. And first I would say that the class I more particularly have in view in writing this letter consists of the lads from 16 to 20 employed in our offices and stores. This class I maintain in the majority of cases is absurdly underpaid. Numerous instances have come under my notice where young fellows, between the ages indicated, who have been employed for two or three years as clerks or assistants, and whose hours of service vary from eight to ten or eleven hours per day, receive the miserable pittance of from $17 to $25 per month. Now I ask, considering the expensive rate of living in Victoria today, where is the inducement for a young man to remain in employment in this town where the remuneration is so ridiculously inadequate? There is absolutely none, and the result is as might naturally be anticipated, that the best and most enterprising of our youths are migrating in increasing numbers to the neighbouring republic where their services receive a much more generous appreciation. The serious aspect of this matter is this: that our loss is a distinct gain to the adjacent country because, feeling that they were in a manner compelled to leave, at such an impressionable age, they readily respond to kindlier recognition, and throw in their lot, heart and soul, with the country that has befriended them, and turn their backs forever on the land of their birth. This being so where does our Patriotism come in? Another and most important phase of the subject is the hardship it entails on the parents. If the parents pinch and save to bring up their children as creditable and useful members of the community, they have a right to expect, when they go out into situations, that their services shall be remunerated so that at the age of 17 or 18, if capable and deserving, they shall be able to support themselves instead of continuing to be a drain on the slender resources of the parent. I maintain that $20 per month is altogether inadequate considering the high rate of living at present obtaining in this city, and yet this is the pittance doled out to young men by some of the biggest merchants in town. And not only so, but in some cases that have come under my notice, they have cut out the little Christmas gift that formerly was almost universally accorded. There is one thing very certain that such a policy will eventually rebound against the merchants themselves as indeed it is beginning to do now. Policy and Patriotism alike demand a change and that soon, otherwise clerks may combine and organize,—a method that seems to work like a charm in other activities,—and what is denied to denied to Justice will be conceded to Force.

We want to keep our boys under the Old Flag, and the Country needs them; we parents have done our duty by them, let the merchants do their duty to them and cease to insult their manhood by tendering a wage that even the despised Chinaman would jeeringly decline.

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December 11th, 1907.

### "Westward Ho!"

With the spirit of Yuletide pulsating throughout its 128 pages and cover "Westward Ho!" for December is a remarkable production of Western writers, artists and presses and is a credit to its publishers, Messrs. Blakemore & Godenrath, a well as to Vancouver. This month's issue is devoted largely to Vancouver. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe, the secretary of the Tourist Association and Mr. Howland Hoadley, formerly on the staff of The World, both contributing stories on the "Terminal City," which are well illustrated by pen and ink sketches by Mr. S. P. Judge and Mr. E. Stanley Mitton. Captain Clive Phillips Wolley has a sweet poem entitled "Heard in the Club." For the pioneers of both Victoria and Vancouver the sketch entitled "Life at Fort Simpson Twenty Years Ago," will be of considerable interest. A Vancouver author of children's stories, Mrs. Annie C. Dalton, has a most amusing and clever story, "How the Blue Pig Made Believe," which is illustrated by Mr. J. Kyle, A.R.C.A. Mr. Bonnycastle Dale, the well known Canadian naturalist, continues his series of stories of animal life with one on the Muskrat, which is illustrated by his own photographs. Besides the regular departments, "Home Arts and Crifts," "A Page For Cook" and "Helps to Smile," there are over two dozen short stories and poems. Mr. Wm. Blakemore, the editor, continues his series of "Men I Have Met," with a sketch of Henry M. Stanley. Altogether the December issue is distinctly creditable and certainly seasonable. —Vancouver World.

### A Christmas Treat.

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## Exclusia and Its Critics.

The writer of the critique on "Exclusia" in the B. C. Saturday Sunset of December 14, omitted to read the author's directions for taking his little chocolate-coated tabloid. In these directions it is explicitly stated the tabloid should only be taken when "the mind is free from cant and humbug"; it also states that a few doses of "history," taken after a light "ethnical" lunch, in quantities suited to the "mental capabilities" of the reader will materially assist the beneficial results. These directions were entirely overlooked by the critic, with the result that he has perpetrated about a column and a half of trash in the attempt to hoodwink the readers of his family journal as to the real and easily understood arguments contained in "Exclusia." We may also charitably surmise that the intention was not so much deliberate, as due to lack of mental appreciation on the part of the writer of the critique.

The "B. C. Saturday Sunset" asks for specific and concrete examples of the benefits which the people of British Columbia have derived from Asiatics; he shall have them, for evidently he must be a "newcomer" into the West and devoid of knowledge on this topic.

Tens of thousands of our women folk educated amidst more luxurious environments in Great Britain, Eastern Canada, and the Eastern States, have had the more difficult domestic environment of Western life smoothed and, in a great measure, made easy through the patient toil of Oriental servants. It is no exaggeration to say that fully one-half of our tenderly nurtured women folk would never have been able to continuously reside in British Columbia in the early stages of her history, and even today for the matter of that, were it not for this domestic assistance.

Several millions of white men during the past fifty years have had their appetites stayed and filled from the labours of a few thousand Chinese cooks; not merely the labouring man taking his twenty-five cent meal; but also the wealthy man who sits down to an elaborate menu; and including thousands of families struggling and toiling midway between the working man and the wealthy man; all have been fed through the efforts of the despised Chink, and in spite of a few adverse comments, they have been well fed at a minimum of cost.

Practically every house and homestead in British Columbia has had the assistance of Oriental labour in some portion of its building operations.

Had it not been for the Chinese market gardener, we should have been practically destitute of fresh vegetables; for in these days the immigrant white man scouts the very idea of tilling the soil in the humble capacity of a market gardener. It is a shame that British Columbia depends in a great measure on California and other outside places for her vegetable products. Had it not been for the Chinese that shame would be greater still.

In Victoria and Vancouver we are accustomed to boast about our beautiful homes and rich furnishings; instead of the stereotyped Eastern Canadian homestead with its abominable and inartistic golden oak furniture, in British Columbia practically every home has visible examples of rich Oriental furnishings; this we owe to the Oriental, combined with our comparative proximity to the Orient and the, at present, open door.

In addition to these material benefits, the white man has in his midst a wonderful lesson in sobriety, patience, and endurance; this lesson is given him by the Oriental whom he despises, and is in all probability one of the root causes of dislike.

The problem of the negro in the Southern States was not bequeathed by George Washington; it became a problem only when the Northern States acted too impulsively. Had the liberation of the negro in the Southern States been accomplished gradually, friction would not have been engendered and the defeated Southerner would not have retaliated with the exclusion of the black man, which is the cause of the whole trouble.

The critic in the B. C. Saturday Sunset states they have proved on the front page of their paper that Japan will ultimately require no foreign merchandise, as she will shortly entirely satisfy her own demands. What nonsense! Does England satisfy her own demands because she is the greatest manufacturing country in the world? Does Germany satisfy her own demands? Do the United States satisfy their own demands? Certainly not! The greater their manufactures and power, the greater the demands they make on other countries. The writer of this critique really should read up a little political economy before attempting to tackle such a subject. For his guidance I would tell him the more Japan manufactures, the more she will require of foreign nations, and the more she requires from foreign nations, and mixes with foreign nations, the quicker will the wages of the Asiatic in his own country rise to the same level as the wages of the white man.

The writer of this critique perpetrates blunder after blunder; he states "if a specific argument is needed to show that a policy of exclusion as applied to commodities does not cause degeneration and decay, we need only look to the South of us where the greatest republic that has been—has grown in the shortest period under the highest tariff wall — exclusion — known in modern history." I am sorry to note, he already includes our neighbours to the South amongst the great has beens, but I would treat them as in being; the United States is not yet as great as the Republic of Rome, and never will be, for the opportunity does not exist. The United States has grown in spite of the tariff wall. Mr. Davies states in his pamphlet that exclusion is an impossibility; this very wall of tariff to which the critic in the B. C. Saturday Sunset draws attention, proves Mr. Davies' contention up to the hilt, for in spite of this wall, the United States imports annually, eight hundred million dollars worth of foreign produce and manufactures. This tariff wall is a wire fence, the meshes of which are very wide. The only results of the wall of tariffs have been to accumulate the wealth of the United States into the hands of a few millionaires; instead of advancing, her labouring classes are degenerating; the gulf between the poor and the wealthy has widened to such an extent that it requires a small army under a leading general to maintain the peace in one well known mining district.

The shirt maker in New York receives no more for her daily toil than the shirt maker in London of whom Hood sang—"Stitch! Stitch! Stitch!' The purchasing power of a dollar in London is considerably higher than in New York; this is what the United States have gained by exclusion of commodities; she is great and mighty today because her Eastern ports are open doors through which the races of the world have been welcomed, and it is that racial impact which has produced her energy and wealth.

The concluding criticism of this ignorant critic is a regret by him that Mr. Davies did not name one nation which ever survived by allowing itself to be over-run by the hordes of other races. Mr. Davies naturally gave his readers the credit of at least an elementary education in history, which would of course include the knowledge that the race to which we are proud to belong, was over-run and for a time overwhelmed by William The Conqueror and his Norman horde. The submerging, however, was only for a time, for out of that impact the Anglo-Saxon selected the best that was in the Norman, rivetted it into his own nature, and today in a great measure, rules the world. The word "allowing" is used by the critic in a false sense; there are two ways of defending one's self against an on-rush of new-comers. The one is to sit like a child, wring your hands, and cry to your mother to protect you. The other is to enact the part of a man; to find out what the newcomer has which you have not got; to equip yourself at all points for the contest, and, like the Anglo-Saxon of old, inevitably conquer.

PENDRAGON.

# Hatley Park.

(By an Eye-Witness)

Down by the Lagoon near Colwood, there is an amount of activity in land clearing and preparing for house building which has made the good people of that section sit up and rub their eyes.

A gang of Japanese, numbering about a dozen ,are busy wheeling out soil from the site of a large residence which will be built in the near future. A gang of whites, further up from the water, are stumping a piece of ground, which will be beautified artificially.

Meeting some of the workmen, I asked them how they liked working in the country. That part was not so bad, but it was explained to me that the wages were very low—$1.75 per day, but the worst was the food and lodging problem.

Some of the men, who were engaged in Victoria, walked down to Colwood on a Sunday afternoon, so as to be in time for Monday's work. Arriving at the Park in the evening, they saw Gladding, the overseer, who asked them if they had brought their grub. No word of the absence of any sort of cookhouse had been mentioned when the men were hired; they expected there was such a place to go to on their arrival at the works.

For sleeping quarters, these whites were forced to use an old roothouse and some old pig sties. Bunks they had to fashion out of rough boards picked up off the sodden ground, and their blankets were damp from the contact two weeks later. Cooking was done in some fashion over an open fire outside, and the climax came when one mid-day this particular lot of men were forced to go back to work without food, being unable to get the meal in time.

Remonstrance with Gladding was of no avail. "There is plenty of wood and good water here, what more do you want?" he is reported to have said.

Efforts were made to get him to vouch for board at two neighbouring hotels, but without avail. Some of the men eventually got board at one of these houses on their own representations, but lodgings were unprocurable, and the lowly pig pen had to serve.

Finally the caretaker of the estate, out of pity for their condition, gave the men an old stove which they set up in the roothouse and which greatly improved conditions.

Some men who have applied to the man in charge of the excavating for the house, were told that $1.25 was what was paid, "the same as the Gardener (Gladding) was paying. If more was paid, his men would quit."

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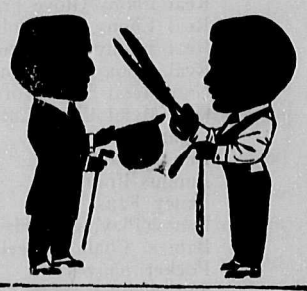

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