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THE GIANT AWAKE—A few years ago, when the Oriental question began to be a live issue in Canadian politics, and some irresponsible politicians spoke contemptuously of the Eastern races, a few wiseacres shook their heads and said, "Wait a bit. You don't know these people. Japan is an alert stripling, full of juvenility and aggressiveness. China is a giant asleep." Almost on the words came a rude awakening for those who had belittled Japan. At a single stride the subjects of the Mikado emerged from comparative obscurity to the front rank of a world-power, and in the process annihilated the fleet and whipped the army of one of the greatest Powers. Today Japan is settling down to the work of governing along the most advanced methods of Western civilization, and no account can be taken of the future, which does not concede that empire an influential position. And now the giant is awake, and awake with a vengeance. Not yet, as smart penny-a-liners predicted, to over-run the Western world as a "yellow peril," but to set an example to the whole world how to transform a venerable autocracy into a republic, almost by a stroke of the pen, almost without the shedding of a drop of blood, and, most marvellous of all, with the acquiescence of a ruling dynasty which has been firmly seated on the throne for three hundred years. Whatever else this remarkable episode illustrates, it must be taken as proof positive of the strength of character with which the most populous race in the world is gifted, and surely demonstrates the possession of diplomatic power of the highest order. But less curiosity centres in the fait accompli than in the future of the great Chinese Republic. We have now four hundred million people, emancipated from the thralldom of an oligarchy, enjoying for the first time in their history the freedom of constitutional democratic government, at liberty to elect their own representatives, and through them to voice the popular demand in a country which has heretofore been ruled exclusively by a bureaucracy of the most eclectic type. The new republic will have many problems to solve, not the least formidable of which will spring from the dense ignorance of the preponderant mass of the people. But there are compensating characteristics of the Chinese race which should make for a peaceful solution of these problems, and it must never be forgotten that the nation is the custodian of the most ancient forms of philosophy known in the world, and has an educated upper class, possibly more highly cultured than the leaders of thought in any other country. The interest centres on the policy which the new republic will adopt, whether one of expansion or of internal development. If the latter, then the world may breathe easily for a time. If the former, then a race so reflective, so patient, so impassive, and so determined, will have to be reckoned with in the not distant future. While it is impossible not to view with satisfaction the emancipation of so historic an empire, it cannot be doubted that this very emancipation may add to the responsibilities and anxieties of all the Great Powers.

TWO NOTABLE UTTERANCES—On Wednesday afternoon Premier McBride, in addressing the Legislative Assembly, spoke on two subjects of the highest importance. He reported the success of his Government in paving the way for a satisfactory entente with the Dominion Government on the subject of "Better Terms" and "Asiatic Immigration." These may be regarded as the two great questions of policy which have engaged the attention of the Provincial Government since Mr. McBride first assumed the reins of office. Other important matters, such as railway construction, gigantic though they may be, are more a matter of domestic concern. But these two questions are on a higher plane, and involve matters of principle. With reference to the former, it was always contended by the Liberal Press that Mr. McBride was only making it a political football. All that The Week has to say on this point is that if that was his object, he worked a great deal harder than was necessary. As a matter of fact, he has always had a clear-cut policy on this subject. He has never wavered in his determination to fight it to a finish, in spite of the sneering application of the term, he carried it literally to "the foot of the throne" where he succeeded in balking Sir Wilfrid Laurier. When the Liberals were defeated it was said that the matter would be dropped. Mr. Borden, at any rate, would never be troubled with it, but one of the first things Mr. McBride did, was to renew his demands at Ottawa; and now, to the mortification of the Liberal Press in general and the Victoria Times in particular, he is able to announce that Mr. Borden has agreed to the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the claims of B. C. to more favourable fiscal treatment, with the promise to implement the recommendations of the Commission. If this is not satisfactory to the Liberal Press it is highly satisfactory to the people of British Columbia, which, as everyone knows, is a very different thing at present. On the subject of Asiatic Immigration, Mr. McBride's negotiations have been equally successful. He has secured an undertaking from Mr. Borden that whenever the subject is being dealt with by the Dominion Government, the Government of B. C. shall be consulted. This means that nothing will be done without opportunity being afforded for the wishes of the Province to be expressed, and it would be illogical to assume that any other result would follow than the adoption of a policy in line with the views of the Province most directly affected. In making this announcement to the House, Mr. McBride reiterated in the most emphatic manner his adherence to the policy which he has always advocated of a "white" British Columbia and a "white" Canada, and there was not a little significance in his statement that what Australasia and Natal had done without injury to the Empire could surely be done by Canada. Once again The Week cannot refrain from saying that if this is not satisfactory to the Liberal Press, that circumstance only tends to accentuate still further how widely it is out of touch with the public sentiment of the country.

THE SIEVE ON THE HILL—The Week is fairly tired of referring to Smith's Hill Reservoir, but in view of the occurrences of the present week, the subject cannot be ignored. The Week was the first paper to point out the defective workmanship in this reservoir, and to specify in what respect it was defective. It expresesd the opinion at that time that from $35,000 to $40,000 would be required to put it right, and it advocated a system which would have rendered it water-tight for all time. The Morley Council adopted a policy of tinkering, which did little or no good. Then it proposed a policy of painting, which, however, some kind fate saved it from perpetrating. Finally it fell back on Mr. Thomas Stedham, a contractor who had failed to make good on the Dallas Road Sea Wall, and who had to be replaced as manager of that work. Mr. Stedham undertook to make the reservoir practically water-tight and to build a partition wall across it, for the sum of $19,000. The work was to have been completed within thirty days. It is now sixty. The work is not half done; the contractor has been discharged on the recommendation of a competent engineer; it is doubtful if the work actually done is worth a cent, and it is certain that it is not in any particular according to specification. Moreover, the contractor has received somethink like $5,000, and for all practical purposes the City gets nothing. If Mr. Thompson of Seattle had not been engaged, and if he had not been a competent, honest, and fearless man, the contractor might have gone on tinkering for months. The Week does not hesitate to say that there has been culpable negligence. The men directly responsible are the inspectors, who were entrusted with the work of seeing that the contractor lived up to his specifications. They have not done it. Indirectly the blame rests on the City Engineer, who seems to suppose that his responsibility ended when he had appointed inspectors, and who failed to exercise that general supervision which would easily have enabled him to detect the bad work. Now that the City Council know the facts, and will be sustained in any action they may see fit to take by the report of Mr. Thompson, public opinion will demand that they put an end to such tomfoolery as has been practiced in connection with Smith's Hill Reservoir, however drastic the necessary steps may be.

COMING ELECTION—The Victoria Times is sitting up all night to worry itself about the coming election. In fact worry about elections is a chronic condition with that paper. It has achieved a remarkable record for predicting when Provincial elections will not take place. However, it is probably within the mark when it suggests that there may be one before the end of the present year. No doubt it is worrying on general principles, because it knows perfectly well that the McBride administration is safely entrenched, and can reasonably look forward to many years of service. But is is worrying particularly because it professes to have found out that the Government is legislating and manoeuvreing and doing all the things that governments are in the habit of doing, in order to ensure another term. That is surely something to wonder at! But The Week ventures to suggest that the Times has overshot the mark a little in one respect. It thinks that Mr. McBride's chief anxiety is to eliminate the modicum of opposition which exists in the present House, and to come back without a solitary opponent, of course always excepting the Socialist members. The Week knows as little about Mr McBride's personal wishes in this matter as the Times, but ventures to doubt whether the leader of an Opposition House reclines on a bed of roses The Week is not alone in its opinion that the House would be better constituted with a "de facto" Opposition. It may be heresy to say so, because the ambition of party leaders to gain every seat they can is universally recognized. Still, The Week believes in honest criticism and believes in the value and importance of an effective Opposition. It is not necessary to suggest all the reasons why this is so. Some of them lie on the surface and some do not, but while there can be no question of the triumphant return of Mr. McBride's administration, whenever he sees fit to appeal to the country, it would not be a matter of unmixed regret if half a dozen capable men were found on the Opposition benches to voice the opinions of those who think that no Government is absolutely perfect, however good it may be.

LIQUOR ACT—Even the Victoria Times admits that Mr. Bowser's Liquor Act is an effective piece of legislation, and it is driven to the somewhat vapid criticism that it centralizes power in the hands of the Attorney-General and his agents. Of course the corollary to this is that the power will be used for political purposes, but that is the usual vagary of the Times. There is an old adage about not looking a gift horse in the mouth, and most people are content to know that under the new Liquor Act drunkenness has greatly diminished and law-breakers have received exemplary punishment. All impartial observers admit that Mr. Bowser's Liquor Act has done more for the cause of Temperance than Local Option, the Scott Act, Prohibition, or any similar class of legislation could have done. The amendments now proposed are as admirable and will be as effective as any of the standing clauses of the Act. They are being introduced as a result of a year's experience of its working, and as they are calculated to put an end to the most objectionable practise of "boot-legging" and to render effective the "interdict" clauses, it will be seen that they touch two vital points, and if successful in achieving their purpose, will lay the Province under a further debt of obligation to Mr. Bowser. It will take a great deal more than ill-natured snarling to turn him aside from his avowed purpose of advancing the cause of Temperance in a just and reasonable manner.

SIR EDWARD GREY, K.G.—Not since the days of the great Horace Walpole has a Garter been conferred upon a Commoner. This makes the action of King George in conferring the Garter available through the death of the Duke of Fife on Sir Edward Grey all the more notable. To know Sir Edward Grey is to admire, to respect and to love him. He has a brilliant intellect, a sound judgment, and just that touch of aloofness which has distinguished so many great Englishmen. Although comparatively young, he has long since attained to the class of public men who are both brilliant and safe. His one weakness as a leader is that he has little aggressiveness, and it is not quite certain that he loves fighting. Still, whatever the future may have in store for him he will always fill a foremost position in the councils of the Empire.

AT THE ARENA—Ice hockey continues to forge its way to the front as the most popular claimant for public favour. At the championship match between Victoria and Vancouver, a week yesterday, the Arena was practically sold out except for a few boxes, and it is safe to say that no such crowd has ever before been gathered in a Victoria building. The most pleasing feature of the matter is not merely that people go to the matches but that they become enthusiastic and take the keenest possible interest in the proceedings. Everything conspires to render championship hockey matches the pride and sensation of the season. The speed of the game, the high pitch of excitement among players and spectators, the keen rivalry of the teams, the skill and gracefulness of the play, all combine to produce exhilaration and delight. Ice hockey is doing great things for Victoria, and there should not be a vacant seat at the remaining matches of the season. With Victoria in the lead and the team going strong, there is no reason why the championship should not come to the Capital City.

THE MORNING SUN—The Morning Sun, a new Liberal paper, has been published this week in Vancouver. It is an interesting, newsy, well-arranged sheet, and if the standard of the first few issues can be maintained, it is well worth the modest subscription rate of $3 a year Assuming that Vancouver wanted a Liberal paper, there was certainly a good opening. The men in charge of The Morning Sun are recognized stalwarts of the Liberal Party, and can be counted on to do their duty. There is this advantage about The Morning Sun that it will not "wobble," and as it is typographically a credit to the producers, it should meet with the success which its initial issues deserve.

An old writer once said that there was a time for everything. A modern writer has said that there is a place for everything. Now, according to a popular dramatist, if you get the time, the place, and the girl you have that happy conjunction which is supposed to work out ideally. But suppose there is no girl and instead, a kennel of yelping curs. Suppose the place is an improvised domicile in close proximity to a business office, and finally suppose the time is not as it should be, casual or periodic, but unintermittent, then I venture to think that you have a conjunction which not even Omar Khayyam could have rhapsodized about. Such a conclusion is so inevitable that I am not at all surprised that the office staff of a well known business house, not a thousand miles from the old Alexandra Club finds a canine menagerie to be a distraction. I have been asked to voice the grievance and feel sure that this not very specific reference will be effective, because I know that the men who own the dogs are "good sports."

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I was stopped on the street on Tuesday by a well known man about town, who wished to compliment The Week on the very marked benefits resulting from its campaign against the loose conduct of some of the restaurants in town. His identical words were, "You tell your editor that if he never does anything else worth mentioning, he has made the ——— Grill respectable. I can now take my wife and daughters to supper. A month ago I couldn't." My reply was, "That's all very well, but the kind of thing complained of is very much like mud, if you squeeze it out of your hand it oozes between your fingers, and I am very much afraid it is simply a case of displacement." Still, the great thing is to get it out of the show window, for there can be no question that the bulk of the harm done by loose conduct is due to the example it sets and the innate imitative faculty with which nature has endowed young people.

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A kindred subject to the last one touched upon has been brought to the public notice this week by the prosecution of a certain hotel on a charge of using the premises for improper purposes. The case fell through owing to that "bete noir" of public prosecutors, "the lack of conclusive evidence," but the settlement was obviously a compromise and the remarks of the Magistrate left no doubt in the public mind that he considered the case a suitable one to have been brought into court. The grounds on which he dismissed it were clearly set forth. He said that the evidence was such as would not have secured a conviction before the jury, a circumstance of which, with the utmost fairness, he proceeded to give the defendant the benefit. All the same he ordered a housecleaning and suggested that it should be thorough. I know a good deal more about this house than I care to say, because I happened to be acquainted with a young fellow who owes his downfall very largely to what took place within its walls recently. I therefore speak whereof I know, when I say that the housecleaning is badly needed and it cannot be too prompt or too thorough. I also wish to say in this connection that the proprietor, who, I understand, is not a Canadian, has had some experience in San Francisco or Los Angeles, and supposed that the Victoria standard was about the same. It is about time he took a tumble to himself and realized the difference.

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My old friend the interdict has been having the stage almost to himself this week. He has figured before the Police Commissioners, before the City Council, before the Committee at the House, and before the House itself. It is rather a strange irony of fate that a waif and stray of such individual unimportance should be considered worthy of so much attention. Indeed, I venture to suggest that it is one of the most hopeful signs of the times, and now that the interdict is being treated as an unfortunate weakling, instead of a hardened criminal, I venture to think there is some hope for his redemption. I have never forgotten that poem which I read as a boy, although I am not clear today as to who wrote it. I have a vague notion it may have been Tom Hood, but the title has remained with me, "Poor Tom, a City Waif." In those days the case of Tom was regarded as hopeless. He was looked upon as just so much lost humanity, down and out, to stretch out a helping hand to whom was wasted energy. But then in those days insane persons were regarded as "de trop," and the most suitable treatment that which culminated in the shortest time. Today insanity is neither a crime nor a detestation, but a disease which in most cases may be either cured or ameliorated, and the humane methods of treatment such as that followed at Coquitlam are achieving marvellous results. Who knows what may happen to the interdict? It only needs a little firmness and a little kindness combined. First we had the firmness without the kindness, and the interdict showed he had some backbone by summoning up sufficient determination and cunning to dodge the law. Then we went to the other extreme and had the kindness without the firmness, which threw the interdict on his own resources and found him too weak to resist. Now we are to have the kindness and the firmness working together, and with some knowledge of the subject I venture to predict that in a very few years honest administration of the new law will remove seventy-five per cent. of the interdicts from the list. I am particularly glad that the Attorney-General is making it an offense against the law for an interdict to be allowed on licensed premises. That has been the weakness hitherto. The only way to avoid temptation is not to go where it is, and the only way to prevent that is to punish the saloon-keeper who harbours the interdict, and at the same time compel the latter to share the responsibility.

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Three cheers for Smith's Hill Reservoir, but with respect to Mr. Thomas Stedham, erstwhile contractor and contractor's manager, I am afraid I cannot join in the chorus, "For he's a jolly good fellow!" I think Smith's Hill Reservoir is a thousand times worse than a white elephant and a thousand times worse to get over than the Pons Asinorum. What amuses me is that no contractor seems able to do good work there, that no inspector seems able to detect bad work, and that no city engineer seems able to find out what is going on until it is too late. It is really the funniest thing in municipal errors that I have ever known, and so simple withal. A contract calls for an inch of cement and an inspector allows an average of half an inch. A contract calls for rocks not exceeding eight inches in a concrete wall, and an inspector allows rocks of twenty inches. Now in a rock the difference between these dimensions is as five to one, and yet the inspector does not wear spectacles and is supposed to have a good eyesight. Moreover, I am credibly informed that he is furnished with a measuring tape by the Engineering Department entirely free of charge. Then I read that the concrete has been allowed to run through the moulds and spread itself on the bottom of the reservoir, leaving apertures in the wall through which rats could run. It was suggested that this was a source of weakness, but I am now told that it was done purposely in order to furnish a relief weir for the water, otherwise the pressure would have carried the wall away. One would have thought that this weakness could have been overcome by building a thicker wall, still it is well known that on all engineering matters authorities differ, and the rat-burrowing system may be the newest and best, although I doubt it. Possibly, my editor will have something to say on this subject, but in case he should overlook one point, I would venture to suggest that the ratepayers are interested in this perpetual money waster and that however highly they may appreciate the rat system in a classical poem they will hardly appreciate the connection between a rat-riddled reservoir and a rat-ridden town, especially as they have to pay the piper.

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I want to say a word on a gruesome subject and my only apology is that I believe I was the first to draw attention to the matter four or five years ago. I refer to the encroachment of the sea on Ross Bay Cemetery and the interference with the graves. I admit that there has been a little exaggeration in saying that a hundred and fifty bodies, or any such number, have been washed out to sea during the storms. But having constantly visited the shore skirting Ross Bay, I can vouch for the fact that the remains of scores of bodies had been washed out of the graves during the last four or five years. As there have been few interments in this part of the Cemetery for many years past, it is quite understandable that the remains consisted entirely of bones, and time and time again after a storm I have seen bones lying at the foot of the embankment, others lodged half-way down, and some exposed from the sides of graves which had been opened. I only refer to this matter in order to emphasize the scandal which has existed and which is now being remedied. In this connection I would like to say a word about the very important letter of Mr. Justice Gregory protesting against the removal of any more remains without the consent of the representatives of the families interested, or otherwise the alternative of special permissive legislation. It is hardly necessary to say that the learned Judge is correct and that it is a gross breach of the law to remove any of these remains without consent. There are many people in Victoria who can bear me out in the statement that nothing is more difficult in the Old Country than to obtain such permission. I well recall an instance in Birmingham twenty years ago when the L. & N. W. Railway Co. wanted to disturb a portion of a cemetery in order to widen their railway into New Street Station. They had to get special legislation. They had to purchase a new burying ground. The contents of each grave had to be carefully removed and preserved intact, and re-interred in a similar relative position to the other graves, with the original headstone restored. In fact when the work was completed it had cost in the neighbourhood of two hundred thousand pounds and furnished an exact duplicate of the original burying ground. I would not advocate such drastic measures in the present instance, but the necessary work should be done after proper permission and always in a reverent manner.

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lle. Narelle and John McCormack

On Monday evening, February the h, the Ladies' Musical Society and advance notices of John McCor ck, Irish tenor, "the greatest tenor he world" perhaps, except possibly uso, packed the Victoria Theatre. concert was a huge success, if cess be measured by the recog- d standard of the New World—box-office receipts. From an ar- tic standpoint it might have been tter and it might have been worse. e honours were carried off by Miss relle, who was an incomparably er artist than McCormack, al- ough she had an inferior voice. e sang with a verve, a finish, and faultless production to which he did t attain. The "great lyric tenor" hieved a popular success, by dint singing a programme composed al- st entirely of simple Irish ballads. s two incursions into grand opera alled the tenors of the Lambardy era Company with disastrous re- ts to Mr. McCormack. Still, it is haps not fair to criticize him from s standpoint as he is purely and nply a lyric tenor. His voice is re and sweet; it is not particularly ong, and his top notes are decided- weak and have a tendency to be- me falsetto. There is more than a ggestion that he may develop into freak tenor. However, the audi- ce seemed pleased; it was just the d of simple love-song programme t all young people like and think greatest thing in the world, and Mr. McCormack looked strong and althy, there is no reason why he uld not for many years bring tears the eyes of susceptible ladies and esick swains while he sings of the ulations of love-makers in the Dis- ssful Isle.

Momus.

The Empress Theatre

Compared with the offering of last ek, that which has been presented crowded houses during the current en days has been feeble in the extreme. Vaudeville has its ups and downs, and this weeks sees one of the latter. The first turn is by far the best and Lew Palmore with his "boomerang" hats certainly scored heavily and one would have expected to see him winding up a first-class show instead of introducing a third-rate one. He was followed by Melia & Fernand Dorys, advertised as from the Opera Ballet, Paris. Their act may or may not have been technically excellent, but the fact remains that it entirely failed to please a Victoria audience and on Wednesday night the deadly silence which greeted the conclusion was appalling. Adler & Arline were just sufficiently amusing to provoke an occasional laugh, though that was caused for the most part by their by-play and not by their act. At the same time Mr. Adler has a useful gift of animal noise imitation. The distinguished character comedian, Lew Welch & Co., put on about the most uninteresting and worst acted comedy playlet that the writer has ever had the misfortune to witness. The lady lacked elocution, the hero was unsympathetic and Lew Welch was anything but a Jew comedian. The bill was relieved by the appearance of Leo Beers at the piano whose songs, patter and illustrative music were amusing. Another dancing act by the Original Society Texas Tommy Dancers concluded the performance.

The Crystal Theatre

Seldom has the writer seen a more dainty and perfect set of films than those which appeared at the Crystal at the beginning of the week when Miss Mabel Taliaferro appeared in the part of Cinderella in the pantomime of that name. The setting, acting and photographing were all of the best and it is safe to say that the many who were attracted to the house by the huge poster announcing the event, left more than satisfied with what they had seen.

The Majestic Theatre

The piece de resistance this week at the Majestic has most certainly been the magnificent representation of the Battle of Trafalgar which was presented on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Every detail was most distinct, and the whole panorama was awe-inspiring. The Death of Nelson was treated in a most reverent manner and the production could not fail to serve as a lesson in patriotism to all those who witnessed it.

Romano's Theatre

There has been a plentiful variety of comedy, drama and instruction at the Government Street house this week, and the bill-boards which have been displayed outside have in no wise deceived those who have been thereby attracted within. A big feature of Romano's is the orchestra and during the past week it has been more than playing up to its usual standard.

The Red Rose

Not since the days of "Florodora" has there been a musical comedy with a score so popular as that of "The Red Rose," which comes to the Victoria Theatre on Tuesday, February 20. There are twenty-two numbers in it and every one appears to appeal to the individual taste of some portion of the audience. The composer,

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Reading Character by Handwriting

By Bohemian

There are many methods by which character can be read. The simplest and most unerring is by intuition, a gift far more general among women than men. I would not be so ungallant as to endorse the smart definition which raised such a laugh in the Victoria Theatre a month ago: that "intuition is the thing that women use instead of brains," but it may be mentioned in this connection because a large audience seemed to be almost a unit in its support. Of one thing, however, I am sure, and that is, that in nine cases out of ten woman's intuition in reading character is a safer guide than man's powers of observation and deduction. The reason for this is obvious, and with all respect to the suffragettes, I am not afraid to state it; namely, that woman being the weaker vessel, at any rate physically, nature has endowed her with an additional means of protection. If I were condemned by a man, it would worry me little, because I should know that unless he were animated by malice, he was simply relying on his powers of logical reasoning upon known data, and as no man could have all the data necessary to fully appraise one human character, I should have the satisfaction of knowing that the judgment rested upon imperfect knowledge. With a woman's judgment it would be different. Data would be of little use to her, because she lacks the judicial mind to arrange it and to balance one piece of evidence against another. With her there is no balancing and weighing. She makes hysterical grabs at the first thing that offers, and accepts or rejects on the impulse, when she brings her reason into play. But leave her alone and she will inevitably gravitate towards a correct estimate of the character of all the people with whom she associates. If one finds, as is not uncommon, that woman reverses her judgments, it is not the result of intuition; it means that she has abandoned the safe guide with which nature endowed her and embarked in the unknown fields of speculation and calculation. But let it be said to her credit that when the impulse has spent itself, her natural sense of justice and her unwillingness to inflict hurt will send her once more to nature's mentor. Not so with man. Once he has arrived at what his lordly nature deems a logical conclusion, there is hardly any power on earth that will shift him, and so he will go on through life, misjudging, and die too stubborn to admit his error, even if he has discovered it. When I started out on these reflections, I had it in mind to say something about other methods of judging character. At any rate, if they are not complete methods in themselves, they are aids. Phrenology and physiology must be at once conceded an important place in the list. Something can be said for palmistry, at any rate, in its physical denotings, and in spite of the ill repute into which it has fallen. But a great deal more can be said for reading of character by handwriting. It is an art with a scientific basis and in the hands of an intelligent, honest person can be made very effective. I intend some day to get sufficient information from my esteemed colleague, "Tau," to write an article on this subject alone, of course, without revealing too much of the stage mechanism. But I am sure that anyone who has followed his excellent delineations of character in the columns of The Week must be convinced that he practises a legitimate art and practises it skilfully. Anyone could deal in generalities, and as the work is all secret it would be easy to please correspondents by accrediting them with quite a number of the best known virtues and a few of the commonest failings of humanity. But when the delineator tells a Government clerk that he is a good shot, when he tells a man who twenty years ago was the middle-weight amateur boxing champion of England that he has been a great athlete, it must be admitted that he has a scientific method in arriving at results, because he is a perfect stranger to Victoria, and is not personally acquainted with a single individual whose handwriting has been submitted to him. I am not writing this as a "boost" at all, but I think it is interesting information which many of my readers would be glad to have. I am sure the services of such an expert, if intelligently used might prove invaluable both in business and private affairs.

Bohemian.

Reminiscences of Lord Carnarvon

Written Specially for the Week by Gilbert Malcolm Sproat

Having reminded the reader of the intimate connection of Lord Carnarvon with the early history of British Columbia, and of the Dominion, I may as well add here, a word or two inabout the later, better known, "Carnarvon Terms," merely to recall a few interesting particulars, without discussing the general dolorous subject.

The reader may, or may not, know that the official historic materials on the famous "Through Railway" question, exist in good shape for appreciation. The original Papers, Provincial, Dominion and Imperial, on that subject, were printed for circulation as pamphlets, by order of our Legislative Assembly, 5 May, 1880, and one of these is on my table. Probably, other persons have copies, and, of course, the Provincial Library is supplied. The papers, which begin 14 August, 1869, and end 4 May, 1880, give as fair a relation of events as can be expected, considering the diverse interests and opportunities of the parties concerned. Comprising, however, as they do, 171 printed pages, short excerpts from them, such as, from time to time, appear in our newspapers, hardly can be very informative. The student of that era, as, indeed, of any other era in our history, should know, not only the chronology of events, but, also, as far as may be, contemporary parties and persons in the far-removed separate places on different sides of a continent, not to mention the distant Home-Country. These difficulties of inter-appreciation in the present case, are not easily overcome, but, from the British Columbian point of view, certain facts stand out clearly.

There never was any dispute as to the general policy stated in the preamble of the Confederation Act, 1867, namely, that "Union would conduce to the welfare of the Provinces" * * * "federally united" * * * "and promote the interests of the British Empire," etc.; nor, as to the following propositions laid down by the Home Government, in recommending British Columbia, in 1869, to join Canada: (1) That to secure the common welfare of East and West, easy internal communication, through British Territory, was indispensable; (2) That, owing to the distance between Ottawa and Victoria, the absence of such communication was a real difficulty in the way of immediate union; (3) That this, however, would operate as a mere temporary drawback on the advantages of union, as it would be sure to force onwards the operations necessary to remove it.

The above were the Home Government propositions, which Oominion, for its part, appeared, then, to recognize. The latter, for instance, admitted, that, without easy communication and internal transit, the proposed union could not be effective; moreover, that easy communication could mean nothing less than a railway, and, that the temporary drawback on the advantages of union, mentioned by the Home Government, should not be allowed to exist for more than 10 years from the date of union. The above principles, and some other provisions, were embodied accordingly in the Terms of Union, mutually accepted, in 1871, by British Columbia and Canada, approved by British Columbia, was assumed, or the Provincial Legislature, and (as in hoped), by both Houses of the Parliament of Canada. The latter assumption, however, did not prove to be well-based, in its entirety, as may be shortly shown.

Public opinion, throughout Eastern Canada, more particularly in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, soon appeared to be distinctly unfavourable to the obligation respecting railway construction, as expressed in the 11th section of the Terms of Union. This opinion was very actuative in the Canadian House of Commons. The usual Macdonald Government majority in that session, of from 50 to 70, was reduced to merely 10, in support of section eleven, and this, be it noted, only after the adoption of an accompanying Resolution, that the work should be by private enterprise, and not by the Dominion Government, and, that public aid should consist of land grants, and of such subsidy in money, or other aid, "not increasing the present rate of taxation," as the Parliament of Canada should thereafter determine. The effect of this provision, in a system of Parliamentary Government of course, strictly, was to modify, and, indeed, abrogate, an essential part of the Terms of Union. Hhe succeeding Mackenzie Government (which assumed office at Ottawa in November, 1873), accepted the situation established by its predecessor, as imposing such condition of diligence on the obligation, as was consistent with moderate expenditure, and with no increase in the then rate of taxation, both governments having had, or having, in this matter, as above said, the mandate of Eastern public opinion.

In the crisis thus reached, it was for British Columbia to determine, whether she would withdraw from the Union, or seek the aid of the Home Government, in further negotiation. This was the genesis of the so-called "Carnarvon Terms," which really never amounted to much, except in delaying the secession of British Columbia. The resolution to secede was not adopted by the B. C. Legislative Assembly until the 30th August, 1878, and when, with a petition thereanent, to the Queen, it reached Ottawa, 11 October, 1878, the ministry had resigned, and the papers remained there unnoticed for a time, not being sent on from Ottawa to London until 24th February, 1879. The "secesh" resolution, in our Assembly, had been carried by no more than 14 against 9, still I suppose it had its uses, though nobody really wanted secession.

A better card, though not winning, was in getting Carnarvon, four years earlier, to offer his arbitration between British Columbia and Canada. This was entirely my own doing, without suggestion or assistance from anyone. The proposal pleased Carnarvon, and would, I thought, save much "palaver and scribble" in negotiations. It was approved by the Government here, and the Dominion said, it would gladly accept his lordship's offer, were it possible to define, with any degree of exactitude, the matter in dispute—a polite way of shelving the proposal. The facts are contained in the official pamphlet hereinbefore referred to. Difficult is it, for us moderns, to appreciate the effect of the old slow means of communication. Premier Walkem, having left Victoria a day or two before the arrival of my advices re arbitration, spent some time at Ottawa before proceeding to London, where, to his surprise, he first heard of Carnarvon's offer to arbitrate.

Any reader of the above voluminous pamphlet, who wishes to understand the British Columbia side of the case, will find a recapitulation and review in G. A. Walkem's letter to Lord Carnarvon, 31st October, 1874 (page 202 of the pamphlet). This was meant to be a stiffener," as His Lordship's grip of the case seemed to be relaxing. Commonly, the authorship was attributed to me, but, in fact, Walkem did his full half share of the work. It took us about a week to write it, in a room in a little street off the Strand, in London. The summary, as a work of art, was well spoken of at the Colonial Office, and, as I heard later, also at Ottawa. Under-Secretary Herbert sounded Walkem, as to a decoration, but Walkem did not seem to care for that mark of honour —a public spirited, honest, good man he was.

Early Winters

(By Edgar Fawcett)

Quite a little has been written with respect to the winter of 50 years ago, and some doubt is thrown on its severity and length. I well remember both, and had practical experience of it too. I remember first, and most important, that the price of necessaries went up terribly, and it was not only the poor who felt the pinch. I was sent one day to Wilson & Murray's grocery on Fort Street for 50c worth of potatoes, and afterwards for beef steak. All I got for the 50c they put in a 12th paper bag, and the beef steak was 25c a pound. Bread was 25c a loaf, but they were honest loaves, and sold as I have before stated in one of my reminiscences, by the Hudson's Bay Co. at their bakery on the site of the Five Sisters' Block. The Company had a good stock of flour, thus keeping down the price. It was distressing to see the poor cattle starving (to death in many cases), people being unprovided for such a long and severe siege of cold and especially snow. With respect to the latter, I might say, it was everywhere from three to six feet deep in the suburbs.

To make the cold more felt, the houses of fifty years ago were constructed much lighter than now, many not being lathed and plastered but merely boards nailed on scantling with clap-boards nailed on the outside and canvas lined and papered on the inside When a cold north wind was blowing these clap-boards contracted and expanded, at the time letting off reports like pistol shots It was indeed difficult to keep warm in bed, but we were young and well able to bear the cold and discomforts of the times.

I had my experience in this also, as my brother and myself had to go to what was known then as Pemberton's swamp to bring home our cow which had calved out there without our knowledge, just before the snow commenced. Fortunately some good soul who had found out the fact, let us know and we waded through the snow from town to bring her home. We never reckoned on such a job as it turned out a day's work and very laborious. My brother carried the calf on his back while I drove the cow, keeping her off my brother. The exposure was too much for the newly-calved cow and she died, which was a great loss to us at that time.

There is little doubt our winters as a rule were more severe, with more snow in those days than now. Before my time on the arrival of the Princess Royal from England for the Hudson's Bay Co., the harbour was frozen over, so that they walked out to where she was anchored in the harbour and her freight was brought to the shore on sleds. I have seen James Bay frozen many times above the bridge and skated on the upper part when a youth. To conclude, I might state that there were cases where people turned out their straw mattresses to feed animals. It just strikes me that the present price of meat and vegetables would be more in keeping with those days than they are with these fine mild winters.

Since writing the above my brother confirms what I say re straw mattresses being fed to animals, even i Victoria. He says it was comm during that severe and long winte I might also say that straw mattress were very commonly used under ha ones, it being some years later befo wire ones came into use here, t first one Judge Begbie got from En land.

Dingley Dell,
February 10, 1912.

Correspondenc

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HOME RULE

Victoria, Feb. 15, 191
To the Editor of The Week:

Dear Sir,—Loyal Irishmen thankful indeed to you for staunch, unshifty editorials wh have recently appeared in The W on Home Rule.

I need not tell you, sir, there not a spot within the Empire m unfitted today to be granted Ho Rule than Ireland. Ulster alon "fit," but does not want it, at price.

When the whole civilized world horrified by the barbarous murd outrages, and maiming of dumb mals, young and old, committed "Home Rule Land-Leaguers" in early eighties, the province of Uls alone stood steadfastly for law order, with a deep-rooted hatred the "agitators," who they knew all the mischief, and kept safely of "the line of fire." Some of th "agitators" were convicted in early eighties, jailed, became "m tyrs," and have since been sitting the British House of Commo Then "more power" to Sir Edw Carson for standing with his back Ulster Hall (See Punch Jan. 2 "Ulster was right" to prevent "f speech" in such a place, by such n on February 8th, 1912.

"NO HOME RULE."

THERE CAME A CRY

From the mountain's crest there came a c
That pierced the deeps of night;
'Twas only the cry of the eagle,
That told me of its flight.

From the forest's heart there came a wa
That shrilled from tree to tree;
'Twas only the cry of the owlet,
That the night brought back to me.

From the river's edge there came a sigh,
That bridged a gulf of years;
'Twas only a snap of the heart-strings,
And a breath from the land of tears.

CRUEL LIPS

Lips that ne'er before were kind
Have smiled upon me sleeping,
All night mine eyes with love were blind
What's left today but weeping?

From your kisses as I lay
Fires of love were kindled:
Where shall I warm my heart today
Now fancy's flame hath dwindled?

Cruel lips, Ah! cure my pain,
Tarry past the dreaming,
Or let me never wake again
From such delicious seeming.

—Paul England.

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FEBRUARY 7 TO 14

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A. Chisholm—Summit St.—Dwelling	1,700
J. W. and H. L. Hescott—Cornwall St.—Dwelling	1,700
H. J. and E. E. Miller—Rosil St.—Dwelling	1,975
bruary 9—	
British Home Builders—Linden Ave.—Dwelling	5,700
Mrs. S. Brady—Superior St.—Dwelling	4,000
McIntosh & Barr—Blackwood St.—Dwelling	1,600
C. Harris—Alpha St.—Dwelling	1,950
bruary 10—	
N. H. Canfield—Fernwood Rd.—Dwelling	3,000
bruary 12—	
Wm. Dunford—Trutch Street—Dwelling	4,000
O. Ruffar—St. Charles—Temp. Dwelling	150
T. L. Toye—Leonard St.—Dwelling	2,650
bruary 13—	
P. Lanchick—Highview St.—Dwelling	1,200
H. Moore—Madison St.—Garage	250
H. Hart—Wellington—Dwelling	4,000
Mrs. D. M. Brady—Wellington St.—Dwelling	4,000
J. Arbuthnot—Rockland Ave.—Conservatory	2,900
H. H. Hayes & Co.—First St.—Dwelling	1,750
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H. H. Hayes & Co.—First St.—2 Dwellings, each	1,750
Robt. Hetherington—Cedar Hill Road—Dwelling	1,900
Robt. Hetherington—Wellington St.—Dwelling	3,500
E. E. Hardwick—Denman St.—Dwelling	1,850
Wm. C. Stedham—View St.—2 Dwellings, each	1,900
bruary 14—	
E. Jackson—Cook St.—Addition	500
Bungalow Co.—Clover and Moss—Dwelling	2,500
D. Bell—Cook St.—Dwelling	2,600

VALUE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES

The value of the British Columbia fisheries, although it shows ite a large decrease from that of the year before, is yet $2,698,197 ead of that of the year 1908-9. Unfortunately, New Brunswick, rince Edward Island and Quebec have again fallen behind.

The following table shows the relative values of the principal com-ercial fishes returning $100,000 and upwards, in their order of rank r the year 1910-11, with the amount of increase when compared with e values for the year 1909-10:

Kinds of Fish	Value	Increase	Decrease
lmon	$7,205,871	.....	$998,653
od	5,921,248	$2,008,442	.....
bsters	3,784,099	120,953	.....
erring	2,278,842	.....	475,909
alibut	1,251,839	11,353	.....
addock	1,218,759	389,206	.....
hitefish	983,594	.....	16,532
rout	825,290	204,167	.....
nelts	797,066	.....	71,776
rdines	539,227	.....	12,067
ckerel	508,513	.....	176,980
ake and Cusks	508,354	140,915	.....
llock	405,925	80,392	.....
ackerel	400,182	.....	547,889
ke	330,729	.....	19,627
ams and quahaugs	383,529	41,551	.....
sters	198,689	.....	53,215
ewives	137,278	37,192	.....
ls	110,802	10,687	.....

The foregoing table shows a phenomenal increase in the value of d, due to the coincidence of high prices with a big catch.

It is gratifying to note that there is a substantial increase in the lue of lobsters over that of the previous year. The total value is ll considerably less than that of 1908-09. Halibut maintains a steady crease from year to year.

A very striking falling off in the value of mackerel is recorded, the tal value for 1910-11 being not more than half the average annual lue of the last twenty years. The Nova Scotia coast is almost tirely responsible for the big decrease. It is rather interesting to te in this connection that Prince Edward Island produced a value nsiderably in excess of that of the previous year.

It is difficult to assign a cause for such a falling off in this fishery; t there can be no doubt that the means of capture in common use had good deal to do with it. Schools of mackerel are erratic in their ovements, swarming into the bays and harbors in the course of some

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seasons, and practically deserting them during others. In the latter event there can be only one result; namely, a diminished catch—even though the fish may be plentiful a few miles off shore—owing to the fact that the fishing gear is largely fixed close to the shore.

TARIFF COMMISSION'S APPOINTMENT

The appointment of a tariff commission and a definition of its scope and powers is provided for in the following resolution of which notice has been given by the Honourable W. T. White, Minister of Finance:—

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide for a Tariff Commission consisting of three members to be appointed by the Governor in Council, whose duty it shall be

Duties Defined

(1) To make, under the direction of the Minister of Finance, in respect of any goods produced in or imported into Canada inquiry as to: (a) The price and cost of raw materials in Canada and elsewhere, and the cost of transportation thereof from the place of production to the place of use or consumption; (b) the cost of production in Canada and elsewhere; (c) the cost of transportation from the place of production to the place of use or consumption, whether in Canada or elsewhere; (d) the cost, efficiency and conditions of labour in Canada and elsewhere; (e) the prices received by producers, manufacturers, wholesale dealers, retailers and other distributors in Canada and elsewhere; (f) all conditions and factors which affect or enter into the cost of production and the price to the consumers in Canada; (g) generally all the conditions affecting production, manufacture, cost and price in Canada, as compared with other countries, and to report to the Minister.

(2) To make inquiry into any other matter upon which the Minister desires information in relation to any goods which if brought into Canada or produced in Canada are subject to or exempt from duties of Customs, and to report to the Minister.

(3) To hold, when empowered by the Governor in Council, an inquiry under section twelve of the Customs tariff, 1907, in the same manner as the Judge of the Exchequer Court or any other Judge therein referred to may hold inquiry when so empowered.

(4) To inquire into any other matter or thing in relation to the trade or commerce of Canada which the Governor in Council sees fit to refer to the commission for inquiry and report.

The commissioners are to be given power to summon witnesses and to take evidence. The Chairman of the commission is to get $7,500 and the other two members $7,000. The Secretary is to be paid not more than $3,000.

B. C. ELECTRIC INCREASING POWER

Doubling of its power supply is the improvement already under way by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company. The company has a large plant on the north arm of Burrard Inlet, and it is proposed to construct another tunnel to Lake Buntzen and duplicate its generating plant on the shore of the inlet. It is proposed also to increase the output of its auxiliary steam plant from 12,000 to 20,000 horsepower. This will give 105,000 horsepower, and the work will involve the expenditure of approximately $1,000,000. An effort will be made to complete the work at the end of the present year. Three Doble waterwheels, with a capacity of 14,000 horse-power each, will be needed and the contract for these has been let to the John McDougall Caledonian Iron Works Company, Limited, of Montreal. The generators will be manufactured by Messrs. Dick, Kerr & Company, London. This work will be the largest development enterprise in hand for the present in the province.

PACIFIC COAST FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

A dividend of 10 per cent. and 2 per cent. cash bonus has been paid to the shareholders of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company for the year ended March 31, 1911, on the paid-up capital stock. The company's assets have increased from $795,135 to $1,099,928, the subscribed capital from $561,800 to $775,000, the paid-up capital from $370,300 to $483,127 and the surplus over all liabilities from $156,188 to $214,580, after providing for $51,135, the amount necessary to pay the present dividend and bonus. The company's net agency premiums written in Canada for 1911 amounted to $17,028 more than the previous year with a loss ratio of 37.40 per cent., which is almost 20 per cent. lower than 1910 and 12 per cent. below the company's average loss ratio for the past nine years, from 1902 to 1910, inclusive. During the past year over $200,000 of the company's stock was taken up.

AMERICAN COMPANY ENTERS CANADIAN FIELD

Mr. Percy Robertson, the well-known fire insurance broker of Toronto, has been appointed chief agent for the Germania Fire Insurance Company of New York. This company has been granted a provincial and also a Dominion charter. The Germania Fire Insurance Company began business in 1859. According to the latest Government report the paid-up capital amounts to $1,000,000, the assets aggregate $6,648,971, while the net surplus totals $2,021,740. Mr. Robertson's office is located in the Canada Permanent Chambers, Toronto.

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Dominion *and* Provincial News

The disappearance of the snow and the continued mild weather are delighting the hearts of the miners and prospectors, who see in them the promise of an unusually early revival of activity. According to the latest reports the snow is gone from the Similkameen trail for at least 15 miles from Hope, and the same conditions prevail in the valleys of Silver Creek and the Coquihalla.

Letters received by local men from out of town business associates indicate that practically every property in the Coquihalla valley will be worked this year.

Work will be resumed also at the Aufeas Mines on Wardle Creek as soon as the snow is gone to the level of the lower tunnel. The first block of stock put on the market is all sold or contracted for and funds for work are already available.

C. P. R. Steamers Attempting to Break Ice on West Arm and Arrow Lakes

The C. P. R. steamer Minto made a further effort recently to break through the ice at the Narrows on the Arrow lakes, in order to open up through communication and permit of a tri-weekly service being run between Nakusp and West Robson. The ice, however, still remains of considerable thickness and is packed hard. It is expected that the connections with the main line will be handled via the Slocan route now till the change to the summer timetable, as the water is too low on the Arrow lakes to allow any boat except the Minto at present to get through, and is likely to remain that way till the spring rise.

The Ymir on Kootenay lake will make a further attempt to open up the West Arm in a few days, and as soon as this can be done the boats will resume running into Nelson, and the Moyie will likely be placed on her former run between Nelson and Crawford Bay.

English Lady Gardeners Will Visit Kelowna

Mr. F. R. E. DeHart has received a letter from Mr. J. S. Redmayne, of London, England, author of a work on fruit-growing in the "Dry Belt" of British Columbia, conveying the interesting information that a party of some twenty English lady gardeners will visit Kelowna about the end of August and will spend about two months in the district, engaging in fruit-picking, if work of that nature is available for them. They will camp out and will have their own cook. They will be in charge of Miss Turner, F.H.S., Principal of the Arlesey Colonial Training School for English Ladies, who was formerly head gardener to Mr. Baillies, of Dochfour, Inverness-shire, one of the finest estates in the Highlands.

Have Struck Ore on Cascade Falls Mine

The cutting of the big galena vein on the Cascade Falls Mining Company's property on Salmon river, at a depth on the vein of about 150 feet, is the most interesting feature in mining circles for the past week. At the Red Cliff the new raise from the main tunnel is up to the 300-foot level, and on the first another drill was placed in operation in the upper workings. Some sixteen tons of high grade galena ore has been raw-hided down from the Northern Terminus to the Red Cliff ready for shipment to the outside. The closing of the Ben Bolt is believed to foreshadow an early announcement of the consolidation of this property with the Portland Canal Mining Company's holdings, and when work is resumed it is expected to be on a larger scale than ever.

Small Debts Court For Merritt

The promise made to the delegates to Victoria of a "Small Debts Court" for Merritt has already materialized, and a Judge has been appointed. Last week J. S. Morgan received the appointment to act, under the Magistrate's Act, as stipendiary magistrate for the city of Merritt and the district comprised within a radius of three miles of Merritt. He is further appointed as Judge, under the provisions of the Small Debts Court Act, and is authorized to exercise within the same jurisdiction. This gives the authority to Magistrate Morgan to hear all claims for debts not exceeding $100 which may arise within the above radius, which includes Middlesboro, Collettville, Coutlee and Shulus. The oaths of office and allegiance were taken before H. S. Cleasby, J.P., last Friday.

Where Was This?

A man remarked the other day that as the result of a real estate deal whereby he had cleaned up several hundred dollars, that he was going to have some butter, no matter what it cost, and at least one dozen of fresh eggs. He would get a four or five-pound roast of the best beef the butcher shop could provide and intended to be so extravagant as to buy a quarter of a ham. When one sits down to think of it it is awful to contemplate the desire for luxuries that the possession of a few dollars gives.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Water Branch.

In the matter of the Board of Investigation created by Part III. of the "Water Act" for the determination of water rights existing on the 12th day of March, 1909; and in the matter of the following creeks in the New Westminster Water District:—

Alta or Summit Lake.
Alpha Lake.
Allan Creek.
Britannia Creek.
Boulder Creek.
Clementine Creek.
Capilano River.
East Branch of Capilano River.
Chee-kee Creek.
Cheakamus River.
Cheakumus River, North Branch.
Cheakamus River, South-east Fork.
Cold Creek.
Caldwell Creek.
Cathedral Canyon.
Crocker Creek.
Cypress Creek.
Daisy Lake.
Deer Creek.
Eight-mile Creek or Soo River.
Elaha or Squamish River.
Furry Creek.
Fitzsimmons Creek.
Green Lake.
Houlgate Creek.
Holmden Creek.
High Falls Creek.
Lynn Creek.
Lewis Creek.
Mineral Creek.
Mamquam River.
Little Mamquam River.
McCartney Creek.
Mosquito Creek.
Mislilooet River.
Mackay Creek.
Mud Creek.
Martin Creek.
McDonald Creek.
Nita Lake.
Nelson Creek.
Olsen Creek.
Rice Lake.
Shone Creek.
Seymour Creek.
Stoney Creek.
Upper Stoney Creek.
South Valley Creek.
Skookum River.
Summit or Alta Lake.
Soo River or Eight-mile Creek.
Sunshine Creek.
Silver Falls.
Sisters Creek.
Squamish or Elaha River.
South Squamish River.
Swift Creek.
Shovelnose Creek.
Shannon Creek.
Straamus or Stroamus River.
Trafalgar Creek.
Tenderfoot Creek.
Thames Stream.
Unnamed creek flowing into Lynn Creek.
Nnnamed creek flowing into Nelson Creek.
Unnamed creek flowing into Seymour Creek.
Unnamed creek flowing into Squamish River through District Lot 977.
Unnamed stream in District Lot 549.
Stream running through District Lot 600, Group 1.
Stream on Block 43 of Subdivision of District Lots 771 and 547, Group 1.
Unnamed stream running in on north boundary of District Lot 626.
Stream on District Lot 271.
Small creek running through Lot 775 in southerly direction.
Small stream running into North Arm, Burrard Inlet, opposite works of the Vancouver Power Company.
Unnamed mountain stream coming in on the north boundary-line of Lot 25, in Municipality of North Vancouver.
Small stream running in a southerly direction into Burrard Inlet, about one mile and a half east of Seymour Creek.
Unnamed stream flowing through E. ½ of District Lot 1240, Group 1.
Unnamed stream running east and west through Lot 950, southern portion.
Creek running through District Lots 979 and 812, Group 1.
Unnamed stream flowing through eastern portion of District Lot 2028.
Unnamed stream close to eastern boundary of same.
Unnamed stream rising in Lot 1494, North Vancouver District.
Unnamed stream on west shore of Mainland emptying into Howe Sound opposite east shore Bowen Island.
Unnamed stream having its source north of District Lot 559, and running in a southerly direction through the said lot into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream which runs through Lot 2049 and Lot 2048.
Unnamed stream which runs southerly through subdivision of north-easterly part of District Lot 871.
Unnamed creek on Lot 230, about 12 chains from south-west corner.
Unnamed stream running from Lot 1406 through Lots 1360 and 2048 into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream which passes through District Lot 881, flowing south-westwards into District Lot 785, and through District Lot 880.
Unnamed stream passing through District Lot 785 westwards.
Unnamed creek flowing through District Lots 1301, 869, 803, and 862.
Unnamed stream on north boundary of District Lot 882.
Unnamed stream flowing south-easterly through District Lots 2003 and 2004.
Unnamed creek entering North Arm of Burrard Inlet on west side, between Brighton Beach and Point Beautiful.
First gulch south of Schooner Harbour, and running through Lot 2076, Group 1.
Unnamed creek running through easterly part of District Lot 801, North Vancouver.
Unnamed creek running westerly from Snow Flat, on Lots 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, Group 1, and all unnamed springs, streams, creeks, ponds, gulches, and lakes tributary to or in the vicinity of the above-named streams.

Take notice that each and every person, partnership, company, or municipality who, on the said 12th day of March, 1909, had water rights on any of the above-mentioned creeks, is directed to forward on or before the 29th day of February, 1912, to the Chief Water Commissioner at the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, a memorandum of claim in writing as required by section 27 of the said Act as amended. Printed forms for such memorandum (Form No. 19) can be obtained from any of the Water Commissioners in the Province;

And take notice that the said Board of Investigation intends to proceed to tabulate such claims on or about the 30th day of March, 1912.

After the claims have been tabulated by the Board, notice will be given of the places and days on which evidence and argument will be heard at local points.

Dated at Victoria this 13th day of January, 1912.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Steel Fittings, Vaults—Government Offices, New Westminster.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Steel Fittings, Vaults, Government Offices, New Westminster," will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon of Friday, the 16th day of February, 1912, for furnishing and fitting in place steel shelving, etc., required for the vaults of the Government Offices at New Westminster.

Plans and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 1st of February, at the offices of the Government Agent, New Westminster; the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court-house, Vancouver, and the Department of Public Works, Victoria.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equivalent to 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he 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 forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. E. GRIFFITH,
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B.C., 30th January, 1912.

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NOTICE

In the Matter of the Victoria Canning Company of British Columbia, Limited Liability.

TAKE NOTICE that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above Company will be held on Friday, the 9th day of February, 1912, at the registered office of the company, No. 1117 Wharf Street, in the City of Victoria, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Creditors of the above Company are required on or before the 9th day of February, 1912, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator of the said Company, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 25th day of January, A.D. 1912.

J. H. LAWSON,
Liquidator.

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"WATER ACT, 1909."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, holder of Water Licences Nos. 1919 and 1920, granted by the Water Commissioner for the Victoria Water District, for the diversion of 1,000 cubic feet per second of water from the Puntledge River, a tributary of Courtenay River, has submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a map or plan of the works by which it intends to divert the said water and conduct it to the place where it shall be used for generating electric power as described in the said Licences.

That the undertaking of the said Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, as set out in the said plans is hereby approved, and the said Company is hereby authorized to construct and execute the following works in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted and filed in the office of the Chief Water Commissioner at Victoria, viz.:—

A. An impounding dam near the outlet of Comox Lake.

B. Lowering the bed of Puntledge River and the hereinafter described diversion dam to an increased depth of five feet or less.

C. A diversion dam on Puntledge River about 2,800 feet below the impounding dam above described.

D. The works necessary for the transmission of the power generated under the above Licences on and in the vicinity of lands belonging to the said Company.

That the Company may exercise its powers within the Comox and Nelson Land Districts.

That no capital be required beyond that already subscribed and paid up.

That the works shall be begun on or before the first day of May next, and shall be completed and in actual operation on or before the 31st December, 1913.

With the proviso that during the construction of the said works any engineer appointed by the Minister of Lands for that purpose shall have free access to all parts of the works for the purpose of inspecting the same and of ascertaining that the construction thereof is in accordance with the plans and specifications herein referred to, and that the cost of such inspection shall be paid by the Company.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1911.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing over the lands described as Lot No. 2130, Group One, New Westminster District, by reason of a notice bearing date of the 26th day of June, 1907, and published in the British Columbia Gazette on August 29th, 1907, is cancelled so as to permit of a lease of the lands being given to Albert Scott.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT
District of Sayward

TAKE notice that Frank H. Sager of Victoria, occupation Labourer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 23, on Gorge Harbour, Cortes Island, Sayward District, B. C., thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Dated 6th December, 1911.

FRANK H. SAGER.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve existing over Lot 6623, Group One, Kootenay District, formerly embraced in Timber License No. 16727, by reason of a notice bearing date of 24th December, 1907, and published in the British Columbia Gazette of 27th December, 1907, is cancelled in order that a sale of the said lands may be effected to Elizabeth C. Cummings.

ROBT. A RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
February 8th, 1912.

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"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the matter of an Application for a fresh Certificate of Title to Lot 5 of Lots 27 and 28, of part of Section 5, Map 759, Victoria City.

NOTICE is hereby given of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof, to issue a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of the Certificate of Title issued to Albert G. Sargison on the 27th of February, 1908, and numbered 17277C, which has been lost.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 29th day of January, 1912.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve established by notice published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1884, and dated the 13th August, 1884, is cancelled in so far as the same relates to Fractional Sections 2 and 11, Township 12, and that portion of Section 35, Township 10, Kootenay District, lying North of the C. P. R. right of way and West of the E. & N. Railway right of way in order that a sale of the said lands may be made to Henry L. Simons.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act granting to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Vancouver, the Honourable Paulus Emilius Irving, Alfred Cornelius Flumerfelt, George Alan Kirk and Cuyler Armstrong Holland, commonly known as the Trustees of the Christ Church Trust Estate more ample and definite powers of dealing with the lands and property vested in or held by them as such trustees and in particular power to sell, exchange, lease and mortgage and otherwise dispose of all the said lands and property and to apply and use all monies produced thereby and any lands received by exchange to and for any of the purposes of the trusts without respect to the source from which the same may have been obtained or to the particular trust upon which lands given in exchange may have been held but that such powers shall only be exercised respectively upon the written consents of parties interested therein and upon the conditions to be more particularly set forth in the petition to be presented to the said Legislative Assembly upon the said application and in particular that none of the powers of the Trustees shall be exercisable by less than three Trustees acting together and further that the Trustees may be at liberty to invest the trust funds upon first mortgage of realty situate in British Columbia, and that all lands of which the Trustees shall be registered as owners or entitled to be registered as such at the time vested.

Dated the 28th day of December, 1911.

CREASE & CREASE,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed on the envelope "Tenders for 'Lillooet's' Supplies," will be received up to noon Tuesday, February 13th, 1912, for the supply of Coal, Gasolene, Ship Chandlery, Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnish, Greases, Rope, Fittings, Packings, Coal Oil, etc., required for the use of the Canadian Government Ship "Lillooet," during the season of 1912-1913.

The supplies must be of the best quality of their several kinds, and must be delivered at Esquimalt, B.C., or, in the case of Coal, Coal Oil, and Gasolene, at Prince Rupert, B.C.

The Department of Naval Service reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.

Forms of tender may be obtained at the offices of the undersigned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

GEORGE PHILLIPS,
Naval Store Officer.

H. M. C. Naval Yard,
Esquimalt, B. C.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

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ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 3

TAKE notice that Herbert Sutherland, of Bella Coola, occupation Engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 20 chains east from the north-west corner of Section 23, Township 6, Bella Coola; thence south 20 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 20 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated January 8th, 1912.

HERBERT SUTHERLAND.

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"Companies Act"
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Company intends one month after date to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies to permit its name to be changed to Murray and Aves, Limited.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 6th day of February, 1912.

VICTORIA HOME CONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

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Character by Hand-writing

The Editor of The Week wishes to call special attention to this Department, which is conducted by an English gentleman, a 'Varsity man of high attainments. Character reading from hand-writing is a scientific study, entirely devoid of charlatanism and is possibly the most reliable index of all, because hand-writing records the development of character, and its index is not confined to natural traits. It is an interesting study, not merely in enabling us to see ourselves as others see us, but may be turned to important account submitting the hand-writing of persons with whom we have business relations. Indeed, viewed in this aspect, it is only a reasonable precaution to learn all that the chirographist can tell us. Before deciding to institute this Department the Editor of The Week imposed the severest tests, submitting the hand-writing of well-known persons entirely unknown to the gentleman conducting this Department, who is a stranger to Victoria and a recent arrival. He is prepared to guarantee absolute accuracy and hopes that the readers of The Week will avail themselves of what is a genuine privilege.

RULES

1. All persons wishing to consult "Tau" must enclose a specimen of hand-writing, consisting of not less than six lines written in ink on unruled paper. A portion of a letter is much better than copied matter. It may be signed with their own name or not, but there must be an initial or nom-de-plume to identify the answer, which will appear in the next issue of The Week.

2. Each specimen of hand-writing must be accompanied by a P. O. for $1.00. Stamps will not be accepted, and the outside of the envelope should be indited "Hand-writing." Absolute privacy is guaranteed.

REPLIES

Notice—Correspondents desiring to submit their handwriting for delineation by "Tau" are reminded that the charge is now $1.00. This increase has been necessitated by the popularity of the department and the large demands now made upon the time of the expert. The advance was noted in last issue, but several correspondents have overlooked it and sent the former fee of fifty cents.

L. I. L.—You have more than average brain-power, and you are distinctly intellectual, fond of music and singing. You are careful, indeed inclined to be stingy with money. Not an egotist, neither are you vain, but critical and given to reflection and melancholy. At times you are cheerful but with a cynical humour. Somewhat a philosopher, ambition is not great, but you are active and you are by no means lazy. You could write, and write well, if not much. You note inconsistency in small matters, irritability, and a little selfishness Affection is fair, and honour and religious feeling are both good. Altogether yours is not an easy character to read, you are a little out of the common.

VENUS—I am greatly honoured; how dare I write ought save good about you? However, I will venture. Your character abounds in originality under control. You have a very high appreciation of all that is good in art, society, nature, morals, etc. Guided by the uncertain beliefs you act up to them. Affectionate, unselfish, charitable, you deserve and obtain the esteem of your friends. The highest refinement is yours, coupled with an educated taste. As for faults I notice a certain vanity, some affectation, and a desire to be talked about, a fondness for having your own way when your good sense tells you that is wrong. You have distinct histrionic leanings, you should act and act well. Most of your numerous traits are on the big side; you have energy, ambition, courage, and steadfastness, you are candid and, on the whole, truthful. You are fond of spending money, but you do not waste it.

LONDON, BEAUMONT—Slightly erratic, energetic, with fair ambition, you are devoid of originality, and there is very little constructive ability evinced. Not much of a speaker, what you say is to the point. Observant and with some imagination, you have much tact and courtesy. Will-power is not very strong, moral and religious feeling is high, and you appreciate home life, and you are fond of children. There is mathematical ability, and you have neatness, accuracy, and order. You should be a good card-player, and fond of most games. Artistic feeling is weak, neither are you much of an organizer, sense of justice is well developed, and jealousy is non-existant.

M. S. D.—You have a good clear business head with decided powers of acquisitiveness, and a keen sense of values. Your will-power is fair and is allied to a good deal of ambition. Your tastes are not artistic, and in matters of dress you are inclined to be loud. You are somewhat aggressive, lacking in tact, egotistical and vain, you make enemies and wonder how you have done it. At times, too, you are inclined to be unscrupulous, and there is a good deal of vindictiveness in your character. Affection is fair and some moral sense is indicated.

S. A. D.—Yes, Victoria is a fine city, I think you will like it when you pay us a visit; in the meantime here is your character for you: Your artistic sense is somewhat undeveloped. You are hardworking without being brilliant in any particular way, ambition is fair, also your sense of observation. Your temper is hasty and strong but you quickly forgive and do not hesitate to ask forgiveness yourself. Mathematical power is weak, you lack logic and the power of clear, concise expression, there is some jealousy, and a little, a very little, inconsistency. You are not extravagant but you like comfort. Unselfish and warm-hearted, you have many friends. You have a fine sense of honour, you are very straightforward and you possess a deep religious feeling; in some matters you are too confiding, in others too reserved, even secretive. On the whole you are optimistic.

A. A. B., COTTONWOOD—Your writing is rather unformed but I gather the following from it: With very little art you are quick and practised at figures. Having plenty of commonsense you are good at business, at commerce you should do well. Your energy and ambition are both good, but you lack the ability to scheme and plan. Conscientious, straightforward and upright, you do not lack belief in yourself or courage to fight your battles. Your moral and religious sense is high, you hate meanness. You are a poor speaker, a better thinker. No jealousy or vanity, and very little egotism. You are both affectionate and kind-hearted. Fond of hunting and shooting.

B. L. L.—Impulsive, energetic and ambitious, your commonsense is well developed. Although you are methodical, you miss details and you lack keen observation. You cloak yourself too closely in the mantle of your own ideas, and have a difficulty in reaching the standpoint of others. Affectionate, fond of society and travelling, you are a bright and cheerful companion with a lively sense of humour. Your artistic tastes incline towards music, you have no jealousy or vanity, and very little real selfishness. You are candid, straightforward and honourable with a good moral sense and a good idea of justice. You are fond of an outdoor life and its sports, and you are attracted by the opposite sex.

NELSON—You should certainly visit Victoria. Yes, England is always "Home" to me and I have been an exile for ten years. And now to satisfy your aroused curiosity: Your prominent trait is certainly caution, allied too, with energy. Appreciating art, you have no talent. You are not extravagant, you detest waste, and you can save. Optimistic on the whole, you are subject to fits of depression; tactful and courteous, you are straightforward, and your sense of humour is good. You are able to reason and argue, you are distinctly logical, yet your mathematical powers are not great. Your energy is not very great, but you are a steady worker. Inclined to slur over details, on the whole you are easy-going with a good temper. Will-power is fair, and I note some inconsistency. You are fond of children and of home life in general. Your writing is unique in this; you formed thirty-six "T's" in your letter to me, and did not cross one.

T. A. K.—You have a good business capacity, and common sense is fair. Not impulsive yet energetic. Sanguine and hopeful, you bear your troubles with a stout heart, although at times I suspect, you have a good grumble. I note some inconsistency, a little jealousy, and a poor sense of justice. Affectionate, you are reserved, this although you are a good talker. Artistic feeling and good taste is marked; moral feeling too, is pronounced but I do not think you are always truthful in small matters, in the more important affairs of life you would be. Your memory is excellent, you are fond of both animals and flowers, and you are capable of great sacrifices for those you love.

NOAH—Bright, enthusiastic and impulsive, you lack both mental and moral ballast, this although your heart and sentiments are excellent. Although precise you are not tidy, though you have method, you are not neat. The approbation of others you seek, the advice of many you ask. A greater talker than thinker, nevertheless your brain-power is good. Temper is hot and hasty, but you acknowledge an error at once, and you forgive readily. Memory and mathematics are both poor. You have good taste if not artistic, you are fond of music and should sing. Imaginative and somewhat credulous, you exaggerate, occasionally crossing the line t'wixt truth and falsehood; you are fond of an outdoor life; your energy is, I fear, often wasted on trifles instead of real work.

SHEM—Active, energetic, you are also dogged and determined. Gifted with brains, you use them, having plenty of initiative. Egotism is pronounced and self-approval is perceptible, with a strong will you lay your course, sometimes inconsiderately. Observation is poor but you have method and an idea of order with some ability to organise. I note a touch of irritable jealousy, but you also have some tact and patience. Moral sense is good, you are both affectionate and honourable, straightforward and truthful. There is a lack of sympathy and consideration, otherwise a good, if slightly erratic character. You are fond of travelling and of fresh scenes.

HAM—On the whole you are a forceful personage, one whose active energy not seldom outruns his discretion. Business-like, clear-headed, you are quick to seize the salient points in any matter. Candid and critical, you lack caution and tact. Affectionate, attracted to the opposite sex, you are fond of domestic life, though not averse to roughing it. Justice is fair, sense of honour good, and you have an excellent moral sense. You have a good opinion of yourself and your own powers, you are a good friend, on the whole optimistic but not credulous. Your artistic sense is weak, and I imagine you are lacking somewhat in courtesy.

JAPHET—You have an uncommonly feminine hand, and, in the following remarks, I assume that you are a woman. Refined and artistic, your character is nicely balanced, excess of any sort should be entirely foreign to you. Cheerful and bright, affectionate and domesticated, you are a pleasing companion and friend. With tact and diplomacy you are candid and sincere. Thoughtful for others your moral and religious tendencies are distinctly high. Although a home bird you are fond of society and of all sports and games, and you take a keen and lively interest in all that is going on. I note a strong, controlled temper, some jealousy, self-satisfaction, a little vanity and an occasional curious unscrupulous mood.

RIVERSIDE—After your expressions I feel some trepidation in attempting to analyse your writing, but here is what I see: Generally speaking you are optimistic, generous, open-handed, fond of comfort, and disliking any semblance of roughing it. Although not artistic you are cultured and your taste is fair. Clear-headed, methodical and business-like, although not tremendously energetic and ambitious, you are a steady and conscientious worker. You possess both originality and imagination, you are fond of reading and you have studied a good deal. You have tact and discretion, and though your will is not weak, you can give way gracefully. Not irritable, your temper is not always as well controlled as you would like. I note an undeveloped power for mathematics. Accuracy is weak, observation is present, and method is well marked.

PERTINENT—Thank you. Departing from my usual custom, here is a list which will concisely fulfil your request:

Failings—Lack of initiative; poor power of observation; uncharitableness; weak energy; injustice to others; a rooted prejudice; weak artistic feeling.

Good Points—Truthfulness; affectionate disposition; absence of jealousy; commonsense well marked; steadfast but reasonable will; high moral tone; deep and fervent religious feelings.

You are careful and precise but apt to be narrow in your views and life. I consider that your good points, allied to your general character, far outweigh your bad ones, which, after all, might be worse.

BUMPKIN—Generally speaking, your character and writing bear a shadowy resemblance to Pertinent's. I see no jealousy, very little selfishness, and a fair generosity. You are not impulsive but you have a fair energy. Tactful and cautious you decide and act with deliberation. Candid and truthful your sense of honour and morality is distinctly high. Capable of deep affection, you are domesticated, clever at needle-work, and with a nice taste in dress. Fond of social life, theatres, dances, etc., you hold yourself in, and you are reserved in many matters. On the whole you are sanguine. Your temper and will-power are strong; the former, which has caused you a lot of trouble, is now more under control.

H. C.—I am glad I was successful with your friend, I hope I may be able to give you equally accurate results. Methodical and precise, you have observation and powers of deduction. Generous but not extravagant, you are warm-hearted, will do a good turn to others, and you are generally cheerful. An able critic, you are charitably disposed towards the shortcomings of others. Your thoughts and acts are well controlled, you are not rash, though you are active and with a fair amount of energy. Having courage, you will fight hard for what is right and just, but you require friendship and sympathy. Affectionate, fond of children, and home life, you are studious and thoughtful. Temper, well under control, is indicated. Your feelings of justice, honour, and morality, are all good. I note some jealousy, a slight vacillation, and your will-power might be more pronounced. Mathematical powers of average ability are indicated, and on the whole you have a sanguine disposition.

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Gossip from the Stalls

(Continued from Page 3)

Robert Hood Bowers, has made a fortune in royalties from his work. He seems to have grasped the secret of writing musicianly and at the same time popular airs. Mr. Bowers is a stickler for the proper interpretation of his work and for that reason local playgoers will hear many instruments rarely seen in the orchestra pit of the theatre.

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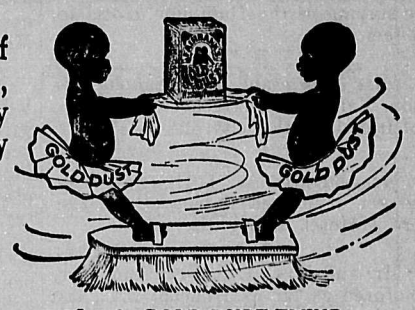

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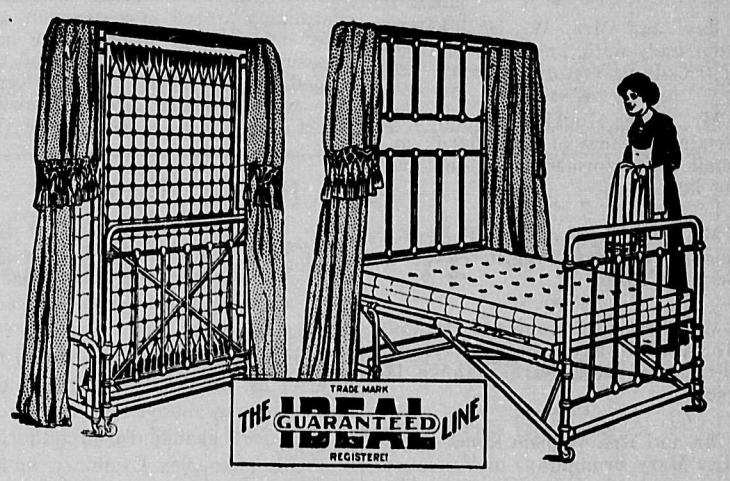

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Society

Mrs. M. H. Suain is a guest at the Empress Hotel from San Francisco.

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Mr. B. J. Perry of this city has returned from an extended trip abroad.

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Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Proctor, from Vancouver, were among the many guests in the city last week.

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Mr. R. W. Haggen of Revelstoke, is staying at the Dominion Hotel for a few days.

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Miss Nelson and Miss Blanche Nelson, Vancouver, have been the guests of friends in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hogg of Vancouver have been staying at the Empress Hotel during the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gore and party motored as far as Duncan, B.C., last Sunday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davie of Seattle are registered at the King Edward Hotel.

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Mr. Baker accompanied by Miss N. Baker, Vancouver, were guests during the week at the Empress Hotel.

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Miss H. Ramsay, Enderby, B.C., is the guest of Mrs. Stevenson, Burdette Avenue.

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Mrs. James Raymur and Miss Neveda Raymur have returned from a short visit to Southern California.

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Mr. James McGowan, Vancouver, B. C., paid a flying visit to Victoria during the week.

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Mrs. D. H. McRae, from Nanaimo, has been a guest at the Prince George hotel.

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Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson, from Ladysmith, have been the guest of friends in Victoria.

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Mrs. Innes Hopkins, Esquimalt, entertained a few of her friends at a small and informal dance one evening last week.

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Mr. J. A. Cooper, from Toronto, is among the guests registered at the Empress Hotel.

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Mrs. Beresford Hogg and Mr. Colin Hogg, who have been staying at Shawnigan Lake, were in town last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy (nee Miss Mary Broughton) of Vancouver, have returned from their wedding trip and are now residing in this city.

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Mrs. Mainguy, accompanied by Miss Anderson of this city, who has been her guest for some months past, were in town for a few days during the week.

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Dr. Robert McKechnie, of Vancouver, president of the Provincial Medical Council, paid a brief visit to Victoria last week.

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Mrs. E. J. McFeeley was hostess of a most enjoyable dance at her home in Vancouver, given in honour of her guest, Mrs. Chisholm, of this city.

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Dr. J. D. Hunter of this city, has left for London, Ontario, where his marriage to Miss Anita Hunt, of that city, will take place on the 20th of this month.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans and daughter of Brandon, Manitoba, were recent guests in the city and were registered at the Empress Hotel.

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Miss Walbran, of Heywood Avenue, gave a most enjoyable "Valentine party" to a large circle of friends on Wednesday evening, when the guests present had an exceedingly happy time.

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Mrs. E. J. McFeely, of Vancouver, was the hostess of a very enjoyable dance last Friday evening at her home on Burnaby Street, give in honour of Miss Chisholm, of Victoria, who is at present staying with her.

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The engagement has been announced recently of Miss Madge Holden, eldest daughter of Mrs. F. Clark Holden of this city, and Lieutenant Roland Henry Moore Bury, R. N., youngest son of Mr. James A. Bury, of Beechgrove, Kingston, Ireland.

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Mrs. William Swinerton announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Sophie Eileen Weldon, to Mr. Fred. Grant Brown, eldest son of Mr. J. Brown, Union Bay. The marriage has been arranged to take place on Wednesday evening, March 6th, at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

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On Monday, February 12th, Miss Verna Liddell, was given a surprise party by a number of her friends at her home at James Bay. Among those present were: Miss A. Irvine, Miss O. Greenshaw, Miss M. Lindsey, Miss E. Jeune, the Misses Ricketts, and the Messrs. D. Cochenour, K. Rowbottom, R. McBrady, A. Crapper, D. Gordon, B. Hovey, B. Whitefield and others.

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The marriage was solemnized recently of Miss Mabel Spears, lately of Westminster College, Toronto, and Mr. Stanley McLeod, of Vancouver, B.C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James R. Fraser, of Chalmers Presbyterian church at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Alexander Speaks, Uxbridge, Ontario. The bride wore a smart suit of gray with fur hat and carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The honeymoon is being spent in Bermuda.

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The marriage was celebrated at Christ Church Cathedral on February 8th, of Miss F. E. M. Kent, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Kent, of London, England, and Mr. F. J. D. Wright, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wright, of Notts, England. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dean Doull. The bride who was charmingly attired in a gown of old rose, set off by a large picture hat, was supported by her father and attended by her sister, Miss E. Kent, who wore a smart gown of brown velvet. Mr. H. Kent, brother of the bride supported the bridegroom. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left on the noon boat for Vancouver and the Sound cities, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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Mrs. Bernard Heisterman, Pemberton Road, was hostess on Wednesday afternoon last of a most enjoyable tea. The drawing-room and tea table were tastefully decorated with daffodils and greenery. Among the guests present were: Mrs. McBride, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Flummerfelt, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. Jos. Wlison, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. H. Heisterman, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Mrs. Rattenbury, Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Blaiklock, Miss Rome, Miss Ross Arbuthnot, Miss Hannington, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. McCallum, the Misses Pages, Miss Mason, Miss Ramsay, Mrs. B. Tye, Mrs. Blackwood, the Misses Blackwood, the Misses Pitts, Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Rismuller, Miss Phyllis Mason, Mrs. Ambery, Miss Angus, Miss Renny, Mrs. Jack Rithet and others.

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Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, at her charming residence on Linden Ave., was hostess last week of a smart tea, given in honour of Mrs. Jack Templeton, who has returned from her honeymoon to take up her residence in this city. Among the guests were: Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Bernard Heisterman, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Miss Eberts, Miss Lorna Eberts, Miss Mason, Miss Ramsay, Mrs. Arthur Gore, Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Rome, Miss Rome, Miss Arbuthnot, Miss Day, Miss Pooley, Miss Elinor Hannington, Mrs. Lindsay, the Misses Page, Miss Fell, Miss Lorna Wadmore, Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Miss Gillespie, the Misses Lawson, Miss Helen Peters and others. The tea-table, which was daintily adorned with pink carnations and asparagus fern, was presided over by Mrs. Bernard Heisterman, who poured tea.

Pacific Highways

With their goal almost in sight Chester Lawrence and T. J. Beaudette, who are pathfinding the Pacific Highway from Los Angeles to the City of Mexico, have been held up by insurrectos, and their lives threatened, and otherwise annoyed so that their trip has been abandoned on authority of the Los Angeles Examiner, under whose direction Lawrence is working.

This information was received at the headquarters of the Pacific Highway Association in a telegram which did not state whether or no the pathfinders would be able to bring their Cadillac car out of the country or not. The chances are that the car will have to be abandoned, and that the representatives of the Pacific Highway Association will do well to escape with their lives, although from the meagre information that has been received there is no indication that there is immediate danger.

It is to be regretted very much that the insurrection if it had to come, could not be delayed a few days, as the hardest part of the trip had been covered, and it does not seem quite fair that these hardy pioneers should travel so far and accomplish such wonderful results in laying out a new route for automobile travel without having the satisfaction and the reward of accomplishing what they started out to do.

The log and photographs that Lawrence and Beaudette have taken during the trip will prove invaluable to the collection of road information that the Pacific Highway is gradually acquiring, covering the route of this International Trunk Line Highway from Alaska to the Isthmus of Panama.

There is no question but what as soon as the internal strife of the Republic of Mexico settles that the people will turn to road building, and this trip, although not completed, will mark the beginning of a new era for highway construction by our Southern neighbors. Undoubtedly fitting recognition of this pioneer work will be made by the Pacific Highway Association at their annual convention at San Francisco August 5th, 6th and 7th.

Although it will be impossible to award the pathfinders the medal that they started out to get, President Ronald and other highway officials feel that a great deal of credit is due both the Los Angeles Examiner, and Don Lee, the Cadillac agent, whose car was used on this trip. Just how this recognition will be evolved of course has not been decided upon, but it is to be expected that the Executive Council of the Pacific Highway Association will plan something that will be in line with the strenuous work that has been done by Lawrence and Beaudette, although definite information has not been received.

UNITED CHARITY BALL

The committee of the Knights of Columbus who had charge of the United Charity Ball given on the 24th January, desire to publish for the information of the public the following statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with that function:

Receipts

Sale of Tickets	$777.00
Donation, Mr. Mallini	50.00
Petty Cash	1.00
	$828.00

Expenditures

Rent, Alexandra Club	$150.00
Janitor and Cloak-room	8.00
Catering	262.50
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Orchestra	66.00
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'ohn," ses I, "I'm too old," ses I, d I never could abear them." o old," ses 'e, as is halways your way hof halways a-hinterrupting; ch a body can't get in a word geways, as I halways did say to Ma and always will, that oncet let your 'usban' get the hupper l, where har you?;—true Maria, ses, and manys—owever, 'e per-ed me, and so orf I goes along of Ma to catch the tram; which got by the Fountain, tho' why so d I'm sure I don't know, there g no pub or even a little 'otel . And thankful I was to get it e sure, for what with the slop the mud and my new boots, h you never can get boots to fit as I've told your pore dear le afore 'e died, many a time.

ransfers to the Willows," ses Ma to the conductor, a civil gh young man, tho' why wearing aved neck, and quite the gentle-without, I couldn't understand. ng to enjoy yourself at the ey Match Ma'am," ses 'e, alook-very 'ard at me. "None of your erence, young man," ses I, "being enough to be your mother, which was I'd learn you to be asting ectable married ladies if they was ng to enjye theirselves," I ses, l what's more," I ses—and then Ma ses, "Ush," very sudden and hes my 'and. "'E don't mean no ," she whispers, "'e 's only friend-ke." By that time the young fel-'ad gorn, or else I'd a said I was t 'asty, but there, 'e shouldn't a so free.

ye-and-bye we got to town and nged cars for the Willows, tho' of he outlandish names as ever was, always amixed up in my mind a buryin', as your pore dear ncle ses to me, pore lamb, "Never mind, Maria," 'e ses, "plant a wil-hover me, it'll do hall the weep-and you can go 'an 'unt for an-er 'usban!" So, as I was asaying, we pops hinto the car, least-ways r Ma did, being halways a thin man, but the steps bein' that 'igh the platform being that crowded h young fellers, I got one foot on there I sticks till some more of come a shoving up be'ind and two 'em pulled me up in front, and hin oes.

sees Tilly, at least your Ma, as I uld say, astanding up looking quite lady. "Tilly," ses I, "why don't set down?" "Ush, Maria," ses , "the seats are hall full." "Ho," s I, "so they har," and so they s my dear; a lot of bragin young mps asittin' at their ease, and got nerve and imperence to sit there, ilst me and your Ma and two other ies was astanding. "Ho," ses I, loud, "Ho, Hi see the seats har , but Hi can see no genelmen hin s car. No, Tilly," I continues, "nor re ain't no **men** either, there's only t o' tailor's dummys hout for han ng. Hif Hi was a man," I ses, hich thank goodness Hi'm not, I'd t no truck with such rubbage, I'd w all the trash out," I ses.

Meaning?" says one young feller, y cocky.

Them as fancies the cap'll fit them wear it," I ses, very firm, and trouble you to keep your tongue yourself, young man," I ses, "the perence, 'an me a respectable mar-l woman, and you 'an your pals ttin' there like a lot of swallows vittering on a tallygraft pole; I'll n you," I ses, and I pulls at the -rope, "O don't Maria, 'ush, 'ush," s your Ma, which I always knew t, tho' she is my sister, she 'ah no it, not what she should 'ave 'ad. , Tilly," ses I, "I've been hinsult-by this young whippersnapper," I pulls the cord again. "Conduc-" I shouts, "Conductor, this young er——" Hexcuse me Marm," the young feller, getting up in an "urry, "Hallow me to hoffer you my seat, tho' far too small, I fear," and with that 'e and some of 'is pals moves orf, and down I sits with your Ma and the other ladies.

Yes, my dear, if 'e 'adn't happologised hin time I'd a had 'im put orf the car, and pretty quick too.

After a bit we comes to The Willows, and we gets hout at the "Harena," as they calls it. After pushing and scrowging somefink awful, we gets inside, at least we gets as far as the young man whats taking the tickets, and there we 'ad to stop. "Tickets," 'e shouts, and your Mar feels in 'er redicule. "Law, Maria, I never did," ses she. "Why, Tilly," ses I, "you don't mean to say that you've been and lorst them?" ses I.

"I 'ave," ses she, "Ow, whatever shall we do," ses she, "and I 'avnt got enough money," ses she. "Lemme see," says I, a-drawing to one side, for by this time the people to the back of us was a-shoutin' and a-shovin' somethink cruel, and I feels in my pocket which I always ties on before I goes hout, but there, I'd gone and left my purse at 'ome and so I couldn't do nothing.

Well, when your Ma was beginning to cry, and I was a-saying it didn't make no difference, up comes a young feller in a striped jersey.

"What's the matter, ladies?" ses 'e, very polite; "can I do anything for you?" Thank you, young man," ses I, "the matter is that my sister 'ere 'as been and lorst 'er tickets, which 'er 'usban, pore man, 'll take on somethink cruel about it wen we goes 'ome."

"I think we can remedy that, Madam," ses 'e, and I made sure that 'e was going to harsk hus for some more money. "From the Hold Country?" 'e asks. "Yes," says I, "and twenty years service as cook in the 'ighest fambies, and my 'usban, 'e was coachman to Lord ———" "Quite so, Madam," ses the young man, cutting me orf short-like, "will you follow this way, please?" and 'e leads the way hup and halong a passidge till all on a sudden we sees the hinside of the Harena. "'Ere, Madam," ses 'e, "is some seats we reserve for distinguished guests. Hallow me to offer them to you." "Sir," ses I, dropping a curtsey, "hon be'alf of my sister 'ere and myself I thank you." "Not at all Madam," 'e replied, and goes orf and we sits down.

Sich a crowd, all round the building, and such a floor, all of white marble, and at heach hend of it what looked like great coops for turkeys, reminded me of the days at Sittingbourne Park. Bye-and-bye the band, which was a-playing somewheres, stopped sudden-like, and hin comes a lot of young fellers with little sticks a-knocking a little bit of wood hin front hof them. "O," I ses to your Ma, "so thems the 'Ockey players, wheres the ice?" "There," ses your Ma, a-pointing down. "Where?" ses I.

"Don't be silly, Maria, they're walking on it," ses she.

"What?" ses I, "that white stuff,—never—tell me that that's ice Matilda Boffin,—ice your grandmother," ses I.

"It is," ses your Ma, "so there!"

"Well," ses I, beginning to get warm, when all of a sudden the young fellers started achivying each other after the little bit of wood just as if they was all mad, and they kept all on knocking about with their sticks till it was a mercy someone wasn't killed.

Suddingly we 'eard a 'orrible shindy, all the people a-shouting and the bells a-ringing. "Whatever's the matter, Tilly?" I ses to your Ma, "is someone 'urt or is the 'ouse on fire?" "Ush, it's all right," she ses, "look, someone's knocked the bit of wood inside the coop and they call that a goal."

Your Ma was right, and all the noise was over that; before long a young feller got hold of the wood and sent it flying across to the other end and into **that coop,** and then more rackets and rows. After a bit the clock struck and orf they all went, while another feller came on by hisself. Lawamassy, how he could skate, I wouldn't a believed it, not if you gave me a thousand pounds, if I 'adnt see 'im do it; it seemed like as if he 'ad wings and could fly, only you couldn't see them; I declare I wouldn't a been a bit surprised if 'e'd flown right up.

Bye-and-bye back comes the 'Ockey players and at it they went again, one after the other as fast as you please. 'Owever before they'd been at it long one of the players on one side 'it out at one of the other side, 'e being the young feller as took us in, 'it out at 'im with a gallus great stick. "'Ere," ses I, jumping up, play fair, young man, play fair; shame to go and 'it out at 'im like that, shame it is, and I'll report you to the management." "Sit down in front," shouts a lot of people a-sitting be'ind me, and your Ma pulls at me.

"No," ses I, picking up my brella and turning round, "I ain't going to sit down and see a genelman as is a genelman get knocked about, and as for you," ses I, turning to your Ma, "ow you can 'ave the face, Matilda Boffin, to set there and see a pore young lamb what's given you a seat and be'aved as a puffeck genleman to us, knocked about, I, for one, don't know, and I'm orf." And up I gets, and your Ma with me and marches out.

When we gets to the door I says to the young feller what takes the tickets, "'Ow is the young feller what took us in?" "Young O'Connor, it was," I ses. "I guess he's playing a great game tonight." "Young man," I ses, "only just now I saw another feller hit at him, he must be hurt." The young feller laughed until I thought he would never stop. "O Gee, O Gee," 'e kep on saying, and I saw 'e was laughing at us, so I takes 'old of your Ma and I ses, "Tilly, lets be off, Matilda Scroggins ain't going to stand like a stuffed dummy to be laughed at."

We pretty well 'ad the tram to ourselves going 'ome, and when we got there, would you believe it, your Pa was quite wild with your pore Ma because she couldn't tell 'im oo'd won the Match.

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That it is always easy to sit on the under dog.

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That the time to prod a lion is when he is dead.

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That none is quite so sure of this as the jackal.

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That noble sentiments always sound well from pretty lips.

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That people have been known to imagine themselves seized by the vertigo of reform, when in reality they only wanted a change of diet.

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That we are never quite so certain about anything as that the thing we want to do is right.

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That one real reason is worth a multitude of sham excuses.

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That forbidden fruit is only sweet before it is plucked.

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That if we were only half as wise as we think we are, we should never make another mistake.

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That the City Council treated Alderman Cuthbert rather cavalierly.

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That they may possibly have thought him too modest for a newcomer, although they did not say so.

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That he would be well advised to do one thing at a time and do it well.

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That a man's influence in public affairs is not always in proportion to what he thinks he knows.

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That the hardest task of every public man is to convince his colleagues that he doesn't know it all.

That Ex-Mayor Morley worked on this tack for four years, and there were still doubters.

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That Mayor Beckwith and his colleagues mean business and are conducting the business of the city in a dignified manner.

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That what the City Engineer does not know about the work of his own Department would require a standing committee to keep track of.

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That the latest fiasco at Smith's Hill Reservoir must be laid at his door, since the By-law gave him absolute control of his Department.

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That if the City Engineer is not able to appoint competent inspectors, what protection is there against shoddy workmanship?

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That if the cuckoo would pick up the dirt the paving contractors might be induced to resume work.

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That the upper portion of Johnson Street has been out of commission for more than six months.

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That the Dallas Road from Fairfield to Foul Bay will be impossible until next fall.

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That Mackenzie & Mann are said to have purchased the Dallas Hotel.

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That waterfront property between the Outer Wharf and Ogden Point is a bonanza.

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That work will be commenced on Engineer Coste's plans within three months.

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That Sir Donald Mann's capacity for "doing" is only equalled by his capacity for "not saying."

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That he can keep silence in thirteen languages and be eloquent all the time.

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That if the interviewer is to learn anything he must watch the twinkle of his eye.

That the twinkle is said to have conveyed the intelligence that there would be railways through the Bella Coola and Naas Valleys within three years.

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That the alleged settlement of Home Rule is very much like the settlement of coffee grounds—on the surface.

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That if John Redmond & Company think they would find Sir Edward Grey, K.G., easier to handle than Mr. Asquith they have another guess coming.

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That he is essentially the Knight with "the velvet scabbard and the sword of steel."

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That during the week he and Winston Churchill have delivered two of the most statesmanlike addresses of the last quarter of a century.

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That it was very considerate of the Kaiser to invite Mr. Haldane to Berlin.

That unfortunately the Kaiser's actions do not always tally with his words.

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That his motto would seem to be: "Dum spiro spearo."

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That if he is not very careful, George Rex will in time become as popular as his illustrious father.

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That this would be a terrible disappointment to those who are not in favour of "kingly rule."

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That the distinguished honour paid to Sir Edward Grey is so far the most sagacious act of his career.

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That for once the Colonist spiked the guns of the Times, which had not a single shot left to fire, after being pronounced "vile."

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That the play on "virile" was almost worthy of the editor of Judy.

That if Duncan M. McIntyre had been a member of the Times staff he might have been a delegate to the Imperial Press Conference.

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That as it is, he is merely Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries.

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That it is quite on the cards that of the two the latter appointment is the more important, and certainly more permanent.

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That Duncan is the best specimen of a young journalist seen in the West for many years, and this is not to reflect on many others.

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That the Times is "getting ready" to run Morley as a Liberal candidate; its "getting ready" consists in laying in an extra stock of mud.

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That the sanitary condition of the railroad camps in British Columbia may be improved, but is still far from perfect.

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That Dr. Davis has done good work, but the ground is too much for one man to cover.

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That when men are docked $1 a month for medical fees, they ought to be able to get medical attention, even under alien contractors.

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That the American Press notices of King George's speech might be funny if they were not so "colourless."

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That the writers were evidently disappointed that the King did not exhibit the indiscretions of a President.

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That John Chinaman has set the world an example of peaceful revolution.

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That he has persuaded the representatives of a dynasty three hundred years old to abdicate cheerfully.

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That he showed his sagacity in making the "insult" heavy enough to be effective.

That our old stage friend "Bah," with his perpetually gre palm, was an infant in diplom compared with John.

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That before we know it, the sl ing giant will awaken admiratio place of curiosity.

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That the Morning Sun has b to shine—on Vancouver Liberalis

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That between the Sun and the set McConnell ought to be abl take a "rise" out of the Opposi Press.

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That the Times has found ano mare's nest; it is nothing new Babies to be "up in Arms"

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That Lester Patrick is still the tain of the champion hockey tea

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That the safest bet of the se is the Capitals for the Cup.

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That "Lady Huntworth's Ex ment" will not be repeated—in toria, at any rate.

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That musical comedy, hypno and John McCormack are b drawing cards.

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That there is more than one officer in the City Police Force newest recruit being Constable lison.

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That he practises on the same away team as his predecessor.

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That it was all a put-up job t vertise Cameron & Calwell an keep the team in condition.

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