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The Week In Victoria.

The Weather a Pleasant Topic—Accident to Dr. G. H. Duncan—
Summary of Recent Happenings
in the City.

The weather in Victoria during the week has been most delightful. The fine spell commenced immediately after the few rainy days that followed the frost last week and continued without interruption. On Wednesday and Thursday it was quite warm during the daytime and Beacon Hill Park and other favorite resorts were largely patronized. The early spring weather has come ahead of local milliners' preparations and the ladies in consequence have been somewhat inconvenienced. Nothing in the way of "news" of first importance has transpired during the week except, of course, for the proceedings of the legislature, which have been of more general interest than during the preceding fortnight.

In a statement before the Victoria Board of Trade on Thursday, Mr. Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated that it would be cheaper to build the railway from East to West, but that in the event of a grant of provincial lands being made to the company the plans might be changed so as to allow of simultaneous construction at both ends. The land granted would, he said, be sold to settlers by the company on the same terms as by the government. In an editorial on Friday the Colonist prepares for a change of policy and may, in a day or two, be advocating the grant.

On Sunday last, one of the most popular of Victoria's physicians met with a serious accident. The unlucky man was Dr. George H. Duncan, who was thrown from his buggy and sustained concussion of the brain. Under the care of Dr. Carter, Dr. Duncan is making good progress towards recovery, which was hardly hoped for during the earlier portion of the week.

The city council has been grappling with the civic estimates for the current year—the most important duty which befalls the city fathers. It is stated on good authority that the estimates provide for \$1,000 for increases in salaries paid to some of the city officials. The lucky gentlemen, it is believed, will prove to be Mr. W. W. Northcott, city assessor and purchasing agent; Mr. Jas. L. Raymur, water commissioner; Mr. Chas. Kent, city treasurer, and the popular city clerk, Mr. W. J. Dowler. The estimates may be submitted to the council at next Monday's meeting.

Construction work on the new line of the B. C. Electric Railway to the Gorge commenced this week. The work will be pushed on as fast as possible in the hope that cars may run on it on Empire Day—an occasion when Victoria plays host to many visitors from the Mainland and the Sound cities. The company also

is busily engaged in duplicating the line to Oak Bay. This will enable patrons of the games to reach the grounds and get home afterwards without the delay generally experienced in the past.

H. M. S. Bonaventure, under the command of Capt. Torlesse, R.N., sailed from Esquimalt to join the China squadron at Hongkong early in the week. The bluejackets, as customary, manned the rigging and cheered as the vessel left the harbor. The Shearwater and Egria are now all that is left of the Esquimalt squadron, the former remaining to carry out the Behring Sea patrol work, the latter for hydrographic work.

There have been several burglaries in Victoria lately. On Sunday last the residence of Mr. Martindale was broken into and several articles, value about \$20, were stolen. Among the stolen goods was a brooch, and this led to the arrest of one Thos. Young, who, it is alleged, gave the brooch to a girl with whom he is acquainted and with whom he had been to church on the evening of the day on which the burglary was committed. Young will come up before Judge Harrison on Monday for speedy trial. It is said that he is not quite right in his mind.

Early last Saturday morning an attempt was made to rob the till at the Victoria hotel of \$300 contained in it. Mr. Wolfenden, one of the proprietors of the hotel, heard the noise made by the intruders and rushed into the barroom. He was able to identify the three ruffians who on arrest gave their names as James Wallace, Thos. Wilson and Thos. J. Tole. On Wednesday last they were convicted by Police Magistrate Hall and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor. Wallace for six years, and the other two for two years each.

The following story illustrates the adventurous character of a very small Victoria boy. While walking to Nanaimo along the railway track on Friday afternoon of last week, Miss Cuthbert discovered on the track between Chase river and Nanaimo a little white-faced, curly-headed boy dressed in a heavy overcoat and gum boots. The child was sobbing bitterly and after a great deal of persuasion said his name was Willie Smith. He is the four-year-old son of Mr. W. Smith, a member of the Victoria fire department. The youngster had, without the knowledge of his parents, boarded the train at Victoria and said he was on a visit to his grandma, who lives on a ranch at South Nanaimo. On the way up the conductor paid no attention to the boy, believing his parents were on the train. However, when the bright

little fellow heard the brakeman call "South Nanaimo," he promptly left the train and started to walk towards Chase river, where he believed his grandmother lived. He had proceeded about three-quarters of a mile when met by Miss Cuthbert, who took charge of the boy, and his parents, who, having missed their child, had searched the whole of Victoria, were at once communicated with. The little fellow was taken to the home of his uncle, Mr. A. J. Smith, where he was cared for until the arrival of his mother on the noon train next day. By a strange coincidence the place where the boy was found is almost the same spot where two missing children were last seen. Had he wandered much further down the track there might have been in all probability another mysterious disappearance similar to those of the Nanaimo children who left their home on January 10 and of whom the slightest trace has not since been found.

OUR BABY COMPETITION.

After due consideration and consultation with several local authorities on baby beauty the prize of \$2 for the handsomest photograph of any baby taken by Mr. Eyres, of Yates street, on orders from this office, has been awarded to Mrs. Yeo's child and a cheque for \$2 forwarded to the mother. The photograph is reproduced herewith. There were other infants of undeniable beauty



Ernest Yeo, The Prize Winner.

and some difficulty was experienced in making the selection. Alma Snider came second in the voting, and Amy Richardson was third.

Mothers who are readers of The Week are reminded that Mr. Eyres' offer to photograph children free on orders given at this office for a fee of 10 cents still holds good. Another prize probably will be offered at the end of this month.

ASHCROFT.

The first of the series of illustrated articles on the towns of the interior, contributed by Mr. Percy F. Godenrath, special correspondent of The Week, will be printed in next week's issue. It is entitled "Ashcroft—The Gateway to the Golden Cariboo."

A Children's Ward:

On Tuesday the directorate of the Jubilee hospital and a committee of the women's auxiliary met to discuss plans for the children's ward, which is to be added to the hospital. The upshot of the discussion was the passing of a resolution providing that a plan be prepared and an estimate of the cost of the proposed ward be furnished. These must be in readiness for the immediate construction of the addition. A committee of three directors was appointed to consult with the auxiliary on the matter. Judging by the attitude of both directorate and ladies on Tuesday there is every indication that the children's ward will be erected at an early date.

A Plot That Failed.

How the Opposition Sought to Defeat the Government in the
Legislature—Promises to Pair Were Broken.

There was a little old plot hatched in the local House last Monday by the opposition party, to which very scant reference has been made by either of our city contemporaries—the Colonist because it is, as always, afraid to stand up for its friends; and the Times because the said plot was so badly mangled in its execution, and so nefarious in some of its details, that it was utterly useless even for Liberal political capital.

The bed plates of the plot were laid by the immaculate opposition at the end of last week. Mr. Macgowan (Vancouver) had business in the Terminal City which would necessitate his staying there over Monday. He accordingly arranged a pair with a certain well known up-country Liberal member, who, for the sake of whatever little remnants of credit are left to the party, shall be nameless here.

Mr. Gifford (New Westminster) was suffering badly from la grippe, and he likewise was assured of a pair in the event of his staying at home to nurse the fell disease.

Then some honorable—very honorable—members of the opposition made certain further arrangements, which resulted in something happening about 6 o'clock on Sunday morning.

When, therefore, the House met on Monday afternoon, there were no less than four of the government supporters absent from their places—Messrs. Macgowan and Gifford, and two other members who were even more sick than Mr. Gifford.

Then Mr. R. Hall (Victoria) rose to resume the debate on the Education Bill, and concluded his speech by moving that the Education Bill do receive the six months' hoist.

The government retaliated by promptly moving the adjournment of the debate; but the opposition said "No," and a division was in order accordingly.

The bell rang thrice and, chuckling in their sleeves, the opposition members hurried to their seats to take part in what they deemed would be an easy victory.

Just what miscalculation had occurred in the plans of the conspirators will probably never be publicly known; but the fact remains that when the Speaker counted hands the best showing the opposition could make was sixteen votes, while the poor, weak McBride government, deprived by methods little short of felony of four of its supporters, was still able to put up nineteen votes, and thus defeat the conspiracy.

The extremely honorable up-country member who had promised to pair with Mr. Macgowan broke his plighted word without a blush; Mr. Gifford was also disappointed of his promised pair, and the absence of the other two members could be explained best by some members of the opposition.

The desperate straits to which the "hungry, mercenary, despoiling, office-seeking opposition,"—as the Victoria Times of last Wednesday, with refreshing candor, calls them—are now driven, can be well judged by their employment of such disgraceful tactics as have been faintly—for the full particulars belong rather to the police court docket than the journalistic page—outlined here. It is possible to be a gentleman in spite of being a politician—but some at least of the opposition party do not appear to be either one or the other, judging from the calf-like clumsiness with which this unclean little bit of attempted jobbery was bungled through, to fail at the last, and leave its perpetrators shorn alike of the honest name which softens defeat or the meretricious success which gilds disgrace.

That is the bitter part of it to the opposition—they have achieved nothing,

they have forfeited respect by unparliamentary tactics, and, worst of all, they have with their own hands laid bare to the gloating gaze of the public their own pitiful weakness. Everything was in their favor, the government about whose weakness they have been shouting for a year past was still further weakened by the loss of four of its members, and yet—even yet—the great Liberal party could not use their advantage, but had to meet ignominious and disgraceful defeat on the very field and on the very terms they themselves had chosen.

As remarked above, the full details of this affair are not set down here—they are not fit for publication. But it may be well to point out to the opposition that, while in the Yukon and in Ontario it was, up to a few months ago, permissible for a hungry politician to cast aside every shred of self-respect so long as he gained his political ends, yet a repetition of such tactics in British Columbia will only serve to bury the party even deeper in this province than it is buried in the east and north.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The official organ of the Young Men's Christian Association, known to the unregenerate as the Victoria Times, advocates the annexation of Alaska.

Montague Rainer Clifton Worlock and Miss B. M. Lucas were married in Seattle on the 3rd. It was a case of another elopement.

Our Finance Minister knows how to manage a runaway horse as well as how to keep a surplus from bolting when scared by Mr. Oliver.

The new hotel at Oak Bay will completely alter the appearance of the waterfront there—and for the best. At Oak Bay, anyhow, Virtue is quite a necessity.

It would be interesting to know just how often the words "as follows" and "the following" appear in the local daily papers. Why not try: "As below," "appended are (or is)" or something else for a change?

The Colonist having tired of publishing little fictions about local people under the head of "Society," is now printing dreams about Kings, Princes and the Nobility, who are too far away to kick.

The Russians and Japanese have been busy fighting during the week, according to reports in the daily papers. But it isn't news, now.

The page of cartoons of hon. members of the Legislature printed in the P.-I. has not yet resulted in any libel suits. T's said one hon. member (recently married) hid it from his wife.

New County Court District:

So soon as the assent of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor is given to the bill amending the County Courts Act, another county judgeship will be in the gift of the federal authorities. An appropriation from the Dominion treasury must supplement the provincial action, but Mr. Gallihier, the member for the interested district, has assurance that it will be forthcoming. The new district, embracing the electoral districts of Columbia, Fernie and Cranbrook—all in East Kootenay—will be established just as soon as Ottawa provides the salary.

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THE GAY COLLECTOR.

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I had just commenced to write a learned article for The Week on the subject of the Education Bill when my train of thought was interrupted by a knock at the door.

"Come in," I said. Another knock. "Come in!" I repeated in a louder voice. Still another knock. "COME IN!" I shouted. Something opened the door and came in. I went on with my work and found that I had forgotten what I was going to write. I turned over the leaves of Mr. Fulton's Act. Something behind me shuffled its feet.

I turned round. "What do you want?" I asked.

"Are you Mr. Heather?" asked the Thing insinuatingly.

"Yes, I'm Heather."

"There is a little account," It began.

"Is there?" said I.

"From Mr. Moseson," It continued in a dull, monotonous voice, "for three dollars.

"To h—ll with Mr. Moseson," said I. "Can't you see I am working?"

Being young and comparatively innocent, the Thing, with a sigh, drifted away.

I continued my work; or rather I began it all over again. I had composed several nice sentences, containing some pretty good sense, and I had begun to get an idea of what Mr. Fulton was driving at when I became aware of a Presence. It had not knocked or shuffled its feet, but it began to rustle papers. I looked round from my desk and discovered the Presence. It looked rather shabby, but fairly well fed.

"Are you, Mr. Heather," queried the Presence, still rustling, with not-too-clean fingers, among a lot of slips of paper in its pocket book.

"That's my business," I replied. "Either I am Mr. Heather, or I am not. The question is, who the deuce are you?"

"Collector for Nearly Bust & Co.," replied the Presence. "There is a little account. . . ."

"Very likely there is," said I, interrupting the formular. "So far as I know there are a good many little accounts. I don't particularly care if the city is full of little accounts. Believe, if you like, that there is a plague of little accounts, and go to Dr. Morrison and get inoculated against the germs. I AM WORKING.

"It is two dollars and sixty-five cents," pursued the Presence, apparently undisturbed by my views on the subject of little accounts. "And—a settlement would oblige."

"Settlement?" I cried in my just wrath. "Look here, you get right out of this before I slay you. Vain person! do you suppose I purchased this desk, pay office rent, buy pens, ink and paper in order to be dunned at the convenience of every passer-by? Get out!"

The Presence unwillingly vanished, as silently as it had appeared.

I turned my attention once again to the subject of the Public Schools Act, 1905. I read the sentences I had written, but forgot completely what train of thought I had intended to follow up. Once more I returned to a perusal of The Bill. Gradually the ideas I had formerly entertained on the subject returned to me and I had just fairly got started with my article on the subject when I was interrupted by a loud bang on the door, followed by the apparition of a joyous youth with yellow hair and freckles.

"Hallo," said the youth.

"Hallo, yourself," said I, inwardly groaning.

"Is Mr. Tompkinson in?" asked the youth.

"No, he isn't. This is not his office, anyway."

"But he comes here, sometimes, doesn't he?"

"Possibly."

"I have a little account—"

"Good Heavens!" I said, "is it catching at your age also? Go back to school. Even if you are over sixteen. If there are any fees, I'll pay them. I'll pay pretty nearly anything in the wide world—except little accounts. Boy, reconsider

your future. It is not too late to reform. Pause before you rashly decide to occupy a position in the world which is accursed. Consider that to become associated with little accounts to be a public nuisance! That to be a collector is to be one of the generally—er—condemned. Better be a burglar. A burglar, at the worst, only takes what he can get; the collector tries eternally to get what he can't get. Collecting is the new Commercial Hades, in which phantom little accounts float endlessly about among shadows who have no money to pay them with. Think again on your future; repent and turn over a new leaf!"

The youth who had been regarding me with amazement and some fear, turned on his heels with a whistle and fled—leaving two doors open in his headlong flight. I looked at the paper on which I had commenced to write. I looked at the nicely printed draft of Mr. Fulton's Public School Act, 1905. Then I arose, threw everything in sight into the waste paper basket, and went out of the office.

Life may be short, but it would be longer if collectors were abolished by Act of Parliament.

JACK HEATHER.

Editorial Chat

A new magazine issued in Paris has the self-satisfied title of "Je Sais Tout"—"I know everything." It is a very remarkable title for a publication, and the editor must be a very remarkable man. One of the trials of the ordinary editor is the popular idea of his breadth of knowledge. Correspondents write to him for answers to all sorts of problems, many of which cannot be solved with the aid of the Encyclopedia Britannica or any other ordinary books of reference.

A correspondent this week wrote to me asking for a comparative statement of the number of words in the English, French and German languages. I know that the English language contains many more words than either the French or the German, but what the figures are I do not know; and I cannot just now lay my hands on an authority on the subject. The English language, anyhow, if American words are included, is growing at a rapid rate.

I learn from a correspondent in South Africa that in the new colonies of the Transvaal and Orange River considerable uneasiness is felt concerning the political situation in Great Britain. A general impression exists in the Old Country that the government of Mr. Balfour will be defeated at the next general elections, and the people of the new colonies, Boers and Britons alike, realize that they have little to hope for and much to fear from the accession of the Liberal party to power. For many years past the Liberals have been noted for a vacillating and unlucky policy abroad, and a government under so weak a leader as Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman might work great harm to the new colonies. From reliable sources in England I learn, however, that it is probable that the general elections will not take place this year.

The page of caricatures of members of the provincial legislature drawn by a young artist on the staff of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and reproduced in last Sunday's issue of that paper caused great amusement in the House on Monday. Some of the sketches were clever, especially those of Mr. J. A. Macdonald and Mr. Charles Wilson. The letter press accompanying the pictures showed signs of inspiration from the Times office.

I paid a visit to Oak Bay this week to see how Mr. Virtue's new hotel was progressing, and found that it has practically reached the stage at which building ceases and the work of the decorator begins. It is a very handsome building, and quite alters the appearance of the waterfront. I think the site selected is a very much better one in every respect than that occupied by the old Oak Bay hotel, which was burned down. I have often been surprised that this charming seaside suburb has not attracted more residents. On a fine day—and fine days are very plentiful in Victoria—I cannot

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imagine a more desirable place for a home than along the waterfront at Oak Bay. The sea view with the mountains in the distance is very beautiful, and the beach is an excellent and healthy playground for children. With the completion of Mr. Virtue's new hostelry, and with the new C. P. R. hotel and the old Dallas, Victoria certainly will be well provided with high class tourist houses. No doubt all of them will do good business.

This summer in Victoria should witness quite an increase in motor-cars and motor-boats. They are both rather expensive toys, but provide probably more amusement for the price than anything else. With the manufacturing and repair shop which is to be established in the city to handle motor machinery the expense of motoring should be considerably reduced. I see by the English newspapers which arrived this week that the dear, old London 'bus is to go after all. The London Omnibus Company and practically all the other companies engaged in this business are preparing to substitute motor 'buses for the old horse cars. This change will add hundreds and hundreds of fine horses to the list of London's unemployed. It is not generally known that the London omnibus horse belongs to a Belgium breed, and is imported in England for this special purpose. During the recent war in South Africa many of these clever animals were taken from the 'buses, and did splendid service in the artillery corps.

Phenomenal success has attended Sir Alfred Harmsworth's latest venture, the Overseas Edition of The Daily Mail. An interesting column of correspondence from readers in all parts of the world is published each week, in which various criticisms and suggestions are made. The paper is full of news of real interest to the "Briton abroad," and forms an excellent companion paper to the weekly edition of the London Times. The one gives interesting and gossipy news, and the other supplies the reader with those logical and masterly articles on current topics, for which The Times is justly famous.

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Sad Neglect of Texada.

Little Island Rich in Mineral Has
No Roads on Which to Haul
Ore to Plant.

Editor, The Week:—I notice in the reports of the provincial government mention of many mining camps and their wants during the present year, but fail to see any mention of the Island camp of Texada, which has put out during 1903 and 1904 upwards of one million dollars' worth of iron and copper ores. Texada Island, although only 100 miles as the crow flies from Victoria, and although producing so large a quantity of ore, appears to be absolutely neglected by the provincial government. The island has no roads—only trails, and this is one of the chief causes why the output of ore from the island is not much higher than it is. The absence of roads also retards development work, as it is impossible to haul machinery any distance from the wharves. It is impossible, for example, to take a wheelbarrow and two sacks of flour one mile from any wharf on the island; there is not one-half mile of road from a wharf fit to haul upon. Yet Texada island forms part of a district which boasts of its good roads. There is not a camp from Muir Creek to Seymour Narrows (where wharves exist) so completely neglected as this island, which last year furnished one-fortieth of the mineral output of the whole of British Columbia. Why is this? The island yearly puts into the treasury a neat little sum in taxes of all kinds, and it looks to us here as if, in return, the island is purposely neglected. We have been told that we don't understand how to oil the wheels properly; perhaps we don't, but why does not our government see that we are putting out more mineral than many other camps that are asking for 50 or 100 miles of roads?

There is no doubt that the construction of roads on this island would greatly facilitate the output of ore, and would help to open up promising properties which would very soon become shippers. The situation is that several properties would be shipping now except for the fact that each is waiting for the other to make the necessary roadway, as no man wants to build a road for his neighbors as well as for himself. Capitalists come to the island and look at the claims, and they say in effect: "Will the government make a passable road for a team? If so, we would like to open up this property, but we are not going to make country roads for a score of others!" Our prospectors have waited anxiously for the government to provide roads between the claims and the shipping points, and so far have waited in vain, and still they wait while camps that have not yet reached the shipping stage get roads built for them. After shipping ore for 15 or 20 years and paying taxes, too, we cannot get any money for road work. Last year Texada got the munificent sum of \$400 to replace its burnt-out bridges and corduroys—and that was all!

Even fuel teams here go up to their axles in mud, and in no place on the trails is there room for two teams to pass each other. Is this not very serious neglect of an island which puts out so much mineral? The island would double its output if it only had its fair share of expenditure. The output this year will show an increase over that of 1904 if only 25 per cent. of the amount of money appropriated for less important camps comes this way. Look in the report of the Minister of Mines for confirmation of these facts.

JUSTICIA.

Van Anda, Feb. 22nd, 1905.

When the C. P. R. takes over the E. & N. railway on April 1 Mr. Goodfellow, now chief dispatcher and train master at Vancouver, will assume charge of the Island road with the title of assistant superintendent.

Fernie Board of Trade has "resolved" in favor of being supplied with a County House and a County Court judge.

Dr. G. H. Manchester, retiring medical superintendent of the provincial hospital for the insane, gave place to Dr. C. E. Doherty, former assistant, on March 2.

WILD CAT COLUMN.

Mr. Marpole, of the Vancouver firm of McDonald & Marpole, with a French coal expert, has been in the district northwest of Whonnock for some time operating a steam boring drill in the search of coal lands. They have done some work with a hand drill, and as a sample of the results they sent down last week five sacks of first class coal. They believe that they have located a twenty-foot seam of the A1 article. It is understood in the neighborhood that the two gentlemen are working in the interests of the C. P. R.

Thos. Johnson, a practical miner of several years' experience in the mines of the Kootenays, has a number of rubies taken from the bed of a creek, flowing into Mable lake, near Enderby. From the hills around that flourishing Okanagan town, Johnson has taken some rich gold and galena ore specimens.

The Bannockburn group, Hall Creek (Lardeau), will be operated when the spring season opens.

Eric Johnson, of Kaslo, has taken a lease and option for \$1,500 on the Jessie and Bluebird claims, Woodberry creek.

It is reported that the Bank of Montreal, the present owners, or tributaries, will operate the old Blue Bell mine, opposite Ainsworth, this coming summer. This property, which has large bodies of zinc lead ore, has been idle for eight years owing chiefly to low price of lead and silver. Over \$850,000 was expended by the former owners, a Connecticut company, on this mine.

The situation at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's mines is summed up by a Fernie authority thus: If the miners present no grievances to the coal company before April 1st the present agreement will be in force until June, 1906. If any grievances are presented before the 1st of April there will be 60 days before decisive action can be taken by either side. No grievances have as yet been presented to the company, and the rumors of a strike are as yet without foundation.

HERE AND THERE.

To improve its electric light system Revelstoke city will raise \$15,000 on debentures.

The "Columbia and Western" land reserve, cause of much political trouble, has been cancelled by the provincial executive.

D. G. Engineer F. W. Aylmer has visited Revelstoke to inaugurate river improvements at that point.

Edna Turner, a three-year-old Vancouver child, died last week as the result of sucking some matches.

Edna Victoria Lingard, the first baby born in the Kaslo hospital, has been presented with a handsome silver cup by the ladies of the hospital committee.

At midnight of March 2-3 the bunkhouse at the Ottawa mine, Slokan, was destroyed by fire. Of the dozen men in the house, several had narrow escapes. One of the men lost \$250 in cash.

F. C. Wade, K.C., one of the milk and watery sort, has been raising a howl because two fifteen-year-old boys were given a whipping by order of Police Magistrate Williams, of Vancouver. Degenerate times!

The management of the Dominion exhibition, New Westminster, proposes to have a mobilization of the three militia regiments as one of the attractions.

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THEOSOPHY.

On Sunday evening, March 12th, at the A. O. U. W. hall, upstairs, Mr. Max Wardall will speak at 8 o'clock on the above subject. Mr. Wardall is a young man who has travelled extensively, and is a thorough student of the Wisdom Religion. He is a rising attorney at Seattle.

Admission free. All are welcome. Collection for rent of hall. Mr. Vincent Harper will take the chair.

THE NEW PROVINCES.

Separate Schools and Withholding of Crown Lands—A Toronto View.

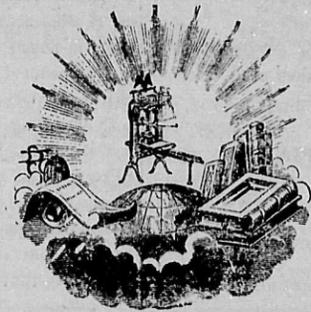
However objectionable the attitude of the Dominion government in regard to forcing Separate schools on the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta may be deemed by the people of Canada, says Saturday Night, it is doubtful whether it will provoke as much ill-feeling in the provinces themselves as will the withholding of Crown lands from provincial control. For in respect to those Crown lands the policy of the government is quite as reactionary as its method of dealing with Separate schools. The national policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has always been supposed to be strongly in favor of provincial rights, yet now, at the first opportunity that offers for putting this policy into effect, almost every right that could be withheld from the new provinces is withheld. The control of Crown lands should be regarded as a fundamental principle of self-government. Without such control, and the control of the educational system, a province is a province in little more than name. While the British North America Act is stretched and twisted until it serves the purpose of seeming, in some minds, to justify provision for Separate schools, the same act, where it refers to provincial control of public lands, does not, it is claimed, apply to the present case. Of course to any unprejudiced mind this contention will carry no conviction. If the British North America Act covers the Separate school question it also covers Crown lands. As a matter of fact, in the present case it has no bearing on either point, and the present government must prepare itself to shoulder full responsibility for the stand it has taken in dealing with every phase of the Autonomy Act. By withholding control of public lands from the new provinces, while giving them money payments as a sort of compensation, the government has provided for a continuation in perpetuity of the existing system of spoon-feeding, to end which autonomy was demanded. The maximum indemnity which the provinces can receive from the Dominion is \$2,220,000. When their expenditures exceed that amount they will have to make up their deficit by taxation. Thus a condition hitherto unknown in Canada will arise—a condition in which a province becomes poorer as its population increases. At present it looks as if the trouble which the Autonomy Act will bring the Dominion government from Ontario will arise from the unjust Separate school clause, while the great kick from the West will have reference to the withholding of the public lands. Between the two causes for indignation it looks as if the government will get all the trouble that is coming to it—and the load will not be unmerited.

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OPTIMISM AND SUCCESS.

In an address to the Canadian Club of Ottawa, Mr. Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce declared that he was an optimist; that no business-man who is a pessimist can hope to succeed; that the wise optimist expects trouble, but looks upon all trouble as a mere detail. We wish that instead of uttering those words in Ottawa, Mr. Walker had addressed them to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia or the Board of Trade of Victoria. Mr. Walker's declaration is entirely true, and what is true of one business man is true of a business community or of a whole country. There is too much "blue ruin" talk in British Columbia; it is disastrous in its results, and it has no just cause for utterance. There is truth in the statement that financially the province of British Columbia is somewhat embarrassed, but it is the embarrassment that precedes plenty. For years the affairs of the province have been conducted in a slipshod manner. Money has been borrowed over and over again to meet the necessities of the day, and until the return to power of the McBride government no honest endeavor was made to make revenue meet expenditure. That effort is now being made, and with success, but it entails upon the people of the province some little sacrifice in the way of taxes. We feel sure that realizing the necessity, the vast majority of British Columbians will pay up cheerfully enough. There are signs of a turn in the tide of fortune for British Columbia. Progress of late years in the development of her industries has been slow; capital has not been freely invested, and immigration has been restricted in consequence. But this state of affairs cannot last forever; will not, as a matter of fact, last much longer. All that is needed to hasten the coming of the day of plenty is enthusiasm, enterprise and industry.

To Victorians, especially, Mr. Walker's declaration may be recommended as wholesome food for reflection. No city can flourish in which the merchants are despondent and unenterprising. A city is what the citizens make it.

Commenting on Mr. Walker's address a writer in the Canadian Magazine says: "The optimist not only takes advantage of all progress, but he creates progress. If a nation consists of citizens who are not confident that a successful future lies before that nation, there can be little advance. Confidence begets confidence, and also begets success. All countries are pretty much the same; the varying degrees of progress are, as a general rule, the result of the various degrees of optimism which permeate the people as a whole. No nation of croakers can ever become great.

"The same is true of business. All business progress is founded on optimism and common-sense—the one acting and reacting on the other. If all the business-men of a country decide that trade is likely to be bad next year, it will stagnate.

"There never was a time in the history of Canada when there was a greater reason for optimism, nor greater need for it. The development of the last few years has been magnificent; the development of the next few years depends on our having confidence. The country is rich, immigration is proceeding apace, the government is doing its duty, and the rest lies with the people—the capitalists, the bankers, the business-men and the other classes. Mr. Walker's statement that optimism is the key to success is worth remembering."

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

The public listened with much satisfaction to the severe rebuke administered in the House on Tuesday by Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) to Mr. H. Tanner, M. P. P. for Saanich. Mr. Tanner's offence was a particularly gross one, whether regarded from a purely religious point of view, or from the standpoint of the canons of good taste. On Thursday of last week Mr. Tanner, speaking against the Education Bill, wound up a speech, containing little but abuse of the government, by pointing a denunciatory finger at the occupants of the Treasury benches, and exclaiming in dramatic tones, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

After this outburst, Mr. Tanner resumed his seat, and was apparently puzzled because his colleagues did not applaud him. It may interest him to know that nothing but the Speaker's threat, on the occasion of a gallery demonstration during the previous week, to have the whole galleries cleared, restrained their occupants in this instance from hissing Mr. Tanner. The people of Canada are in the main a religious and God-fearing folk, and will not for an instant tolerate that a politician shall, in the words of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, "exploit the Almighty for political purposes."

At the conclusion of the member for Nanaimo's speech, Mr. Tanner rose in his place, and, in a voice shrill with agitation, demanded of the Speaker whether a member was not allowed to quote Scripture in the House, provided he prefaced his quotation, as Mr. Tanner said he himself had done, with the statement that he did so "in all reverence."

The naivete of the question—which shed so glaring a light upon the vagueness of the member's notions of right and wrong—was excruciatingly funny, so much so that the Speaker was reduced to the silence of partial asphyxiation. Mr. Hawthornthwaite, however, seized the opportunity to rise and tender an apology in terms which sent the member from Saanich scarlet to his seat, and brought forth a roar of laughter from both sides of the House.

Common decency of feeling, if nothing else, and the recollection of the pathetic circumstances—so momentous to the welfare of the human race—in which the words Mr. Tanner quoted were uttered, might, one would have thought, have restrained even a politician from borrowing them to give a little cheap effect to a clap-trap partizan tirade. It is to be hoped such an incident will not be repeated on the floor of the House.

It is not possible to close these words without some reference to

the pusillanimous attitude of silence preserved by the daily press of both parties in regard to this discreditable little affair. The function of a daily paper should be to elevate the people, and not to rebuke wrong-doing wherever found. It is a poor journal that cannot find courage enough to rebuke blasphemy in high places.

So much has been written about the Southeast Kootenay coal and oil lands that there remains little more to be said, except for the statement made by Mr. W. C. Wells in the Legislature on Tuesday that he knew of a syndicate willing to have paid two million dollars cash for a large tract of the country in question. Mr. Wells made the statement while discussing the Public School Act, and pointed out that if the government had dealt with the land in that way it would have enjoyed the interest on \$2,000,000 to defray the cost of education. Of course, Mr. Wells' syndicate may have had actual mundane existence, and it is possible—though improbable—that it might have had two million dollars to spend, out in any event the sale of a vast tract of rich land to a single corporation is an objectionable proposition. It is amusing to have suggestions of this sort emanating from members of the opposition, and especially from Mr. Wells, whose travels with Southeast Kootenay crown grants in his pocket a short time ago caused such grave uneasiness to the people of British Columbia. A few months ago, before the government decided to throw open these famous lands for selection, the Liberals in and out of the House and the entire Liberal press of the upper country were howling for the lands to be thrown open. Now the opposition would like the country to believe that if hon. members who follow Mr. Macdonald had been in the seats of the mighty, the Southeast Kootenay blocks would have been utilized as an endowment for our public schools. Well, well!

We commend to the consideration of the Public Works Department a communication from a well-known resident of Van Anda describing the situation on Texada Island. Although for many years this island has been exporting a considerable quantity of ore annually, it appears that very little has been done for the Islanders in the way of road construction, and that at the present time there is not a road worthy of the name on Texada. If the facts as stated by our correspondent are correct, and we believe them to be fairly accurate, an effort should be made to provide an adequate appropriation for the island this year, so that at least cause for accusation of neglect may be removed.

With the amendments promised by the government to the clauses dealing with the collection of school rates in rural districts the chief objection to the Public Schools Act is removed. The second reading of the bill was carried by a majority of six in the House, only one member, Mr. Houston, being absent. The labor wing voted with the government. All the Liberals voted against the second reading, so that the result of the division is a fair indication of the strength of the government in the Legislature. The majority of the people in British Columbia who are opposed to a renewal of political unrest in the province, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hawthornthwaite and his friends for the support accorded by them to the administration.

Great anxiety has been manifested in the Legislature by the members for Victoria in regard to the Songhees Reserve Bill. It is natural that Victorians should wish to see the interests of the city secured so soon as possible in any legislation dealing with the reserve. At the same time we think that the action of the members for the city in exhibiting distrust of the government in this matter was unwise. The government in office at the time the land is made available for disposal by the removal of the Indians will have power to deal with the land as it thinks fit, and until that time arrives no disposition of the land is possible in any event. When Victoria elected four opposition members to the local legislature the people no doubt felt

confident that the government would treat Victoria fairly even though the city's representatives were not in the confidence of the administration.

VARIOUS VIEWS.

MEM. FOR POLITICIANS?

A little character to-day is better than a monument to-morrow.—Enderby Eidenograph.

THE EASTERN "DEPARTMENTAL."

Nine sacks of Timothy Eaton's "bibles" were received at the post office this week for distribution in Revelstoke alone. The postage on this matter would be about \$27.—Revelstoke Herald.

A REVELSTOKE DREAM.

If the report be true that the McBride government has arranged to hand over the Westminster bridge to the Great Northern for nothing it is one of the worst public scandals yet heard of in the province, and that is saying much.—Kootenay Mail.

PORTFOLIO OF INTERIOR.

The World is not speaking without credible information. It has received private advices from Ottawa indicating the probable elevation of Senator Templeman; and should these prove well founded, it will join with all the Liberals of British Columbia in congratulating the worthy senator on his accession to the seat of power he so fully earned during (and prior to) the last Federal election, when, as a result of his splendid leadership, the province sent to Ottawa a full Liberal contingent.—Vancouver World.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

The fact that in British Columbia the government has hitherto provided nearly 80 per cent. of the funds required for education, while in the majority of the other provinces less than 20 per cent. comes from the provincial treasury is in itself an eyeopener. . . . The only opposition to the measure seems to arise from the fact that is a government one, and must of necessity be bad.—Kamloops Standard.

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British Columbia has three tax levying machines already, and as the McBride government thinks that is not enough it is devising a fourth, for the new school bill provides that in rural school districts power is given to the respective boards of trustees to assess personal property and incomes and levy and collect the sums required for further payment of teachers' salaries over and above the amount of government grant.—Kootenay Mail.

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The education of the youth of our land is perhaps one of the most important questions. . . . Any slight change in the course of study or the management of the schools, made from time to time by the legislature of any province, is generally very severely criticized by the people. But when such a change as the one contemplated in the province of British Columbia whereby the schools, which have hitherto been supported by the province, are to be handed over for their support to the various sections of the municipalities we may expect that the people will be loud in their objections. . . . As far as our valley is concerned, if the bill passes and becomes law, by a careful readjustment and union of the sections the burden will not be at all heavy.—Chilliwack Progress.

THE SLIPPERY SEASON.

Slides were too close and frequent for comfort at the Star mine on Thursday, and the men were told they could lay off until all danger was over, and most of the crew came to town. The Rabbit

Paw slide came down about noon, and tore out the trestle leading to No. "pocket," but the shipping station escaped. Small slides in the hilltop were racing all day and rolling and roaring like thunder.—Sandon Standard.

WHAT HURTS THE GRITS.

The ministers will continue to draw their salaries and travelling expenses.—Victoria Times.

LIBERALS AND WORKINGMEN.

Comrade Hawthornthwaite seems to cherish very bitter sentiments against the Liberal party. Can it be that the honorable, disinterested, patriotic and horn-handed friend of the working classes realizes that he is doing a great work for the cause of Liberalism in British Columbia?—Victoria Times.

LIMITING SCRIPTURE.

The laborer is worthy of his hire, and the higher the hire he can extract from his employers under the present economic dispensation, it may be argued the better for the community among which his gains are spent. But there are limits, it may as well be understood, to the extent of the application of this doctrine.—Victoria Times.

VERY TRUE.

It is a pity that our politics—especially our provincial politics—are so constituted that most of the declarations of any party bear the marks of compromise. . . . Party adhesion has its work to do in supporting great measures and "carrying on the King's government," but it need not, surely, take an attitude on every question that pops into the public mind.—Cumberland Enterprise.

THE G. T. P. GOLD BRICK.

Though good faith should be banished from the rest of the earth, said John II., yet she ought still to be found in the mouth of kings. So also ought it to be found in the mouth of government and railway magnates. When British Columbia was led to rely upon the word of those in whom it had a right to trust that the Grand Trunk Pacific railway would be built forthwith from this end, and without a cost of one dollar to the province, the duty of those responsible for these promises is evident. Perhaps to-day the greatest objection to bonusing the Grand Trunk Pacific is the absolute bad faith being observed. Whatever objections existed in the first instance to a land bonus as a matter of public policy, they have become insuperably strong as the result of the deception that has been practiced upon the people.—Victoria Colonist.

"Conservatism is usually understood to stand for the preservation of all that has been proved and has not been found wanting in political affairs." In those words the Victoria Times endeavors to define the mission of the Conservative party, and proceeds to a long-winded attack upon the provincial government for permitting Mr. Hawthornthwaite and Mr. Williams to vote against the opposition in the Legislature. The definition is absurd, of course. Its meaning even is concealed by poor choice of words. But whatever "conservatism" may be "understood to stand for," we are sure that the Conservative party would never stand for any such limitation of its aims and objects.

Might we suggest to the humorous gentleman who runs the editorial columns of the Victoria Times, that the humor of the description of the provincial government as "the first Conservative government British Columbia ever had," after its 537th repetition in yesterday's issue of the first Liberal machine organ British Columbia ever had, is about worn out? No doubt our brother editor thinks it excruciatingly funny, but who ever could laugh at the same joke 538 times in a few months? Or even 537 times?

DIARY OF THE LEGISLATURE

Second Reading of Education Bill Carried by a Majority of Six Votes—Amendment Promised by Government—
A Breezy Day in the House.

MONDAY, MARCH 6:

Commercial Travellers' License Act further considered in committee. Mr. Murphy in the chair. Section 7, providing that any person licensed under the act shall not be liable for any municipal license for the same business, was struck out on motion of Mr. Cameron. Other minor amendments were made and the bill reported complete. Message from Lieut.-Governor with bill to amend the unrepealed sections of the Assessment Act received and message considered in committee. Mr. Oliver's request that copies of bill should be presented to House prior to report led to some delay. Too slow even for the big clock, which stopped accordingly. On arrival from King's printer, bill proved to contain provisions for assessors to rectify assessments made on incorrect information supplied by mining companies. Attorney-General explained that it had been found that mining companies frequently gave incorrect information to the assessors as basis for the 2 per cent. tax. Leader of the opposition objected to bill on ground that it would enable assessors to reopen matters disposed of. It was due to case now proceeding between provincial government and Le Roi Co., in which the government endeavored to assess company about \$19,000 on ore output, not properly reported. Same provision should be made to apply to tax on income in connection with which false returns also were made. Attorney-General failed to understand how Mr. Macdonald could object to legislation which would serve to force defaulting companies to make true returns of their business as provided by existing law. Report adopted.

Debate on second reading of Education Bill resumed by Dick Hall, who remarked that young men from public schools who had from time to time entered his office could not write a decent hand, could not write grammatically, and could not handle simple accounts. Did not like financial proposals of bill, and noted that all country members seemed to be opposed to the measure. Believed vast majority of people of province would prefer increase in head tax or other form of direct taxation to any danger of the standard of education being lowered. Hon. member for Victoria drifted into subject of iron deposits on Vancouver Island and desirability of putting tax on exported ore to encourage establishment of iron smelter in this province. Was somewhat surprised that President of Council, looked upon as business member of administration, had not addressed House on Education Bill. Thought pupils attending Normal schools should pay fees. No reason why teachers should be taught their business free when other professions and trades cost money to qualify for. In conclusion moved six months' hoist. Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton rose and was received with applause. Instead of getting down to business, however, he moved adjournment of debate amidst laughter. Division on motion for adjournment resulted in motion carrying by 19 votes to 16. Five Conservative members were absent, but Independents voted for adjournment. Adjourned debate on Songhees Reserve Bill (second reading) resumed by Mr. McInnes, who said he was not quite satisfied with the bill, as the House lacked information as to government's intentions in the premises. He charged existing government with neglecting duty in regard to reserve. Improvement of city of Victoria had greatly increased value of Songhees reserve, and a considerable portion of it, at least, should go to the city. Objected to vesting so valuable a property in the executive. Expressed intention of proposing amendments in committee. Mr. Cameron could not see necessity for bill at present before House. Thought it wrong in principle to delegate executive powers which properly belonged to legislature. Legislature had,

at times, seen fit to convey to various cities lands coming more or less under the same category as the Songhees reserve. The city had been put to a considerable expense in regard to the reserve which had cost the province nothing. Minister of Finance briefly related history of negotiations concerning the reserve. On taking office government had found several sites had been suggested for reserve to take place of Songhees, but none had proved acceptable. Bill had been brought down by Chief Commissioner entirely in the interests of city of Victoria, and would facilitate removal of Indians when agreement for new reserve should be reached. Mr. Oliver thought bill was very dangerous. If bill passed the government could hand over this valuable property to Mr. Dunsmuir or the C. P. R. He did not suppose for a moment that government would do such a thing, but that did not justify legislation of the sort proposed. Mr. Hall also uneasy about bill. Adjournment moved by the Premier. Committee work on other measures concluded session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7:

Mr. Carter-Cotton thought discussion on Education Bill had gone far enough, but as hon. members on other side were anxious to hear him speak on the subject he was willing to oblige. Remarks of opposition speakers had shown that details of the bill only afforded food for criticism. Had been shocked at levity of Mr. Oliver when dealing with the bill, especially as with one exception the duties of secretaries of school boards under the new act had been carried out by Mr. Oliver in the Delta school district for ten or eleven years. Wondered how Mr. McInnes could make so good a speech as he had done on a subject which clearly he knew nothing about. Did not agree with view that rural schools would suffer by provisions of the bill. In his experience, rural school trustees took more interest in their work than city trustees, and the fact that they would be called upon to provide some of the money would increase that interest. Provisions in regard to collection of school money were founded on those in act of New Brunswick, and had worked very successfully for a number of years. It was possible, however, that conditions were different in B. C., and government was considering amendments providing that the school tax shall be collected by the municipal authorities in organized districts and by the provincial officials in districts not organized. This called Mr. Oliver to his feet to object that amendments promised by President of Council would so alter measure that House was debating on different bill to that now before it. Mr. Cotton observed that member for Delta was difficult gentleman to satisfy. Amusing passage of arms followed and Mr. Cotton remarked sarcastically "I was saying when I interrupted the hon. member for Delta—" But House didn't see the point. Appealed to members on other side of House to for once drop partizan spirit and assist in making measure credit to the country.

The leader of the opposition said he approved attitude of the Minister of Education and of President of Council in asking co-operation of opposition but thought stump speech of Bowser, K.C., had shown different spirit. Was glad that government had accepted suggestions made by members of the opposition. Principle of bill was not free education but further taxation of the people of the province. Government showed lack of moral courage by bringing in an educational bill designed not to improve educational system but to curtail expenditure of provincial exchequer. It was not pretended that cost of education would be decreased, but the measure before the House simply shifted the taxation from one source to another. If that was so, the bill was unnecessary. Ross-

land, like other cities, would be in the position of having to raise money without having the right to do so. The 2-mill tax, authorized for school purposes, was insufficient at present to meet expenditure. Mr. W. C. Wells was not surprised that the government had found it advisable to introduce an amendment to existing education system, but was surprised at the form which the change had taken. Argued strongly against throwing any of burden of cost of education on rural districts. Settlers on land should be encouraged. They had to put up with much hardship, and work very hard for many years without profit. Expressed hearty sympathy with secretaries of school boards who should carry on under the new act. Regretted policy of government in regard to Southeast Kootenay lands. He knew of a syndicate which had been willing to pay \$2,000,000 for portion of those lands, and \$2,000,000 invested would have provided \$600,000 a year for education and other purposes. Supposed government had found it necessary to deal with the lands as it had done in order that little Harries and Willies might hold up their hands at the right moment. Narrated some amusing anecdotes and closed with a eulogy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and an expression of hope that government would withdraw the measure.

Mr. Ross said he wanted explanation of Mr. Wells' reference to Harries and Willies and the Southeast Kootenay lands. Did the member for Columbia insinuate anything against him? Would like to say that he had never had any interest in those lands and did not ever expect to have any interest in them. Repudiated insinuations of hon. member who had been dismissed from one of the rottenest governments ever existing in British Columbia. (Applause.)

Mr. Wells said he had not intended to insinuate anything against Mr. Ross. If hon. member objected to words used, he would withdraw them. (Hear, hear.) Leader of opposition thought Mr. Ross's description of late government was unparliamentary.

Mr. Ross withdrew the word "rottenest."

Mr. McInnes, as member of late Prior government, accepted the withdrawal amidst much laughter.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that now that little breeze was over he would proceed with discussion of education bill. Proceeded to raise a breeze around "Mr. Macdonald and his fifteen Liberals" that whistled around every nook and cranny of the hall and the lobbies. People insisted that standard of education should be kept up and that was one reason why he strongly supported present measure. Working class in regard to education at mercy of government. Further taxation was necessary and government proposed to place additional burden on property. That was right. Regretted that Liberal members wanted the pole tax—the only direct tax on working men—increased. Regretted also that Liberals suggested charging fees for High schools. That was class legislation. Of course, said hon. member for Nanaimo, in reply to disclaimer from Mr. Macdonald, it had been hinted at only in a loose, broad, insinuating way. Children of this province must be in a position to compete on even terms with young people from Eastern Canada who enjoyed all the free education they desired. For his part, wanted to see university established in B. C. Had been shocked at attitude of opposition in regard to Education Bill. One member (Mr. Tanner) had even endeavored to exploit the Almighty to aid the opposition and had hurled blasphemy across the floor of the House. Thought it ill became Liberals to pose as authorities on educational matters when at present moment their leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was endeavoring to graft religious schools on the new provinces in the Northwest. Predicted that on an appeal to the country the Liberals, with their insane lust for office, would vanish beneath an avalanche of public disapproval.

Vote on Mr. Hall's motion for a six months' hoist defeated by 23 to 17, the three Independents voting with the government and Mr. Houston being absent. Second reading was then carried by the same vote.

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Read THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8:

House considered the Public Schools Act in committee, Mr. Macgowan in the chair. Minister of Education explained that section 47 providing for a report from school trustees as to what rateable persons reside in each school district was necessary as the district assessors, whose districts included quite a number of school districts would not know in many cases what persons lived in which school districts. A number of sections to be amended in accordance with the ministerial announcement of the previous day were stood over, while other amendments were inserted. The section omitted by mistake of the printer which excludes clergymen of any denomination from holding office as school trustees, etc., was inserted.

Debate on Songhees Reserve Bill resumed by Premier McBride, who opposed lengthy amendment moved by Mr. J. A. Macdonald defining certain rights of Victoria city in the reserve. The Premier said that he had assured the House already that the interests of the city of Victoria had led to the introduction of the bill and there was no reason for the distrust of the government manifested by the terms of the amendment. Seemed to him that opposition of members for Victoria was simply due to fact that the measure emanated from the government. Regretted very much that members who claimed to have the interests of Victoria and the province at heart should endeavor to make political capital out of the matter. Mr. Cameron thought the Premier had misunderstood the attitude of the members for Victoria. Personally, he had the greatest respect for the government and hoped he had done nothing to give a political tinge to the question. Members for Victoria some time ago received instructions from the city council to support the bill; later the council had written asking them to oppose the bill and have it amended. Therefore he felt now that he should act on his own responsibility. He objected to the bill because he disliked the principle of it; also it would not assist in settlement of the reserve question at present stage. Mr. Henderson also spoke in favor of the amendment. The Attorney-General thought House might well trust the government in the matter. It would be remarkable to embody in a measure of the character of that before the House a stipulation securing rights which had only moral existence. The Chief Commissioner again pointed out that the object of the bill was to facilitate dealing with the reserve when the Indians had been removed. Victoria had no reason to fear its interests would be overlooked. Those interests never had been neglected by the provincial government in the past and there was no reason to suppose they would be neglected by the present government or any government that might follow. Mr. Oliver also spoke, and the second reading was carried after the defeat of Mr. J. A. Macdonald's amendment by 22 votes to 16.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

Second reading of the Game Protection Act Amendment Bill moved by the Provincial Secretary. In every state of the Union and in every other province of Canada much stricter legislation for the protection of game existed than in British Columbia. Game was a very valuable asset to any country. If game and fish were better protected the province would derive great benefit from the visitors who came to shoot and fish. One of the main principles of the bill was that providing for the appointment of a game warden. Until there was an official responsible for the carrying out of the game laws those laws could not be effectively enforced. He would like to have appointed two wardens, but the exchequer could not stand for that at present. The Bill before the House did not provide for any gun license fee for residents. Personally, he believed that it would be well to have a license, and some sporting clubs had resolved in favor of that measure, but it was not the intention at present to establish the license system. The revenue at present derived from license fees paid by visitors was sufficient to pay the salary of the game warden to be appointed under the terms of the bill. The measure provided, inter alia, for enlargement of powers of constables to search suspected persons and places, for inclusion of blue grouse among other prohibited from sale, and

for the absolute protection for six years of beaver. Mr. Fulton said that in the northern portion of the province the Indians derived their sustenance largely from the beaver, the animal itself being used as food and the skins sold for money that purchased other necessities of life. He had been informed that the Indians portioned out the country for different tribes and protected the beaver from other hunters. For these reasons provision was made that the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council might at any time exempt the Indians from the provisions of the act. Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr. Parker Williams.

The Songhees Reserve Bill passed through committee, an amendment moved by Mr. Cameron intending to secure a portion of the reserve to the city of Victoria being ruled out of order. The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

Social

On Tuesday evening last the members of the Young Men's Institute gave a delightful progressive whist party at the Institute hall. The committee who had the arrangements in hand were Messrs. Toye, Sere and Gribben. There were about 70 present; dancing was enjoyed after the cards and refreshments served. The winners in the progressive whist were Miss M. O'Keefe, first ladies' prize, and Mr. J. O'Keefe, first gentlemen's prize. Mrs. Bridges supplied the music for the evening. Among those present were: Mrs. O'Leary, Mrs. Hall, Miss Conlin, Miss Baines, Mrs. Steele, Miss O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Burnes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Geiger, Miss Tracey, Mr. W. Harris, Mr. Fahey, Mr. J. J. McKenna, Misses McDonald, Mr. Colleen and many others.

Mrs. (Capt.) Cutler has returned home from San Francisco, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor, of Rockland avenue, gave a delightful progressive 500 card party on Friday evening, the 3rd inst. Ten tables of enthusiastic players enjoyed the games until about midnight, when a delicious supper was served. After this prizes were presented to the winners. Miss Carrie Hall capturing the ladies' first prize and Col. Gregory the gentlemen's first prize. Mrs. J. Raymur won the consolation prize. Some of those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, and the Misses Butchart, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. James Johnston (Montreal), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd, Miss Angus and Mr. Angus, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. Jas. Raymur and others.

Mrs. W. S. Gore, of Burdette avenue, gave a charming little afternoon tea party on Wednesday, the guest of honor being Mrs. A. J. Hollyer.

The pupils of Mrs. Lester's advanced class entertained a number of their friends at a delightful masquerade dance on Tuesday evening last at the A. O. U. W. hall. These fancy masquerade parties are seemingly very popular this season, and they certainly are very pretty. There were about 200 present, all in fancy costume, and the scene in consequence was a gay one. The music was supplied by Miss Heater and Mr. Fawcett, and was up to its usual standard. The floor was in splendid condition, and the decorations were chiefly flags and Chinese lanterns, which were prettily arranged around the hall and supper room. The revellers unmasked about 11.30, after which a dainty supper was served, and dancing went gaily on into the early hours of Ash Wednesday morn. Among the prettily costumed dancers were noticed Miss Moore, as a "Geisha girl"; Miss Thrall, a dainty pink carnation; Miss Vail, as a "Tamborine girl"; Miss Roberts, "Night"; Miss Bush, a "flower girl"; Miss Blake, a "Spanish girl"; Miss Loat, a "Geisha girl"; Miss Cross, a "Grecian lady"; Miss Crocker, "Watteau Shepherdess"; Mr. Wilby, as an "English admiral"; Miss Sullivan, "Night"; Mr. Harry

Wille, "four sacks"; Mr. Proctor, "Cowboy"; Miss I. Proctor, as a "Scotch lass"; Miss Blake, a "red poppy"; Miss Wilkin, "Stars and Stripes"; Mr. Crookford, "Uncle Sam"; Miss Maynard, "baby"; Miss Sommers, "Dolly Varden"; Mr. Schroeder, as "rolled out"; Miss Heater, as a "jockey girl"; Miss Harris, as a "white carnation"; Miss Anderson, a "Dutch girl," and many others.

St. John's Sunday school room on Tuesday evening last was filled with a fashionable audience. The occasion was the presentation, by a number of clever amateur performers of "The Decoy Duck," a play in two acts and four scenes, written by Miss Grahame, of this city. A delightful musical programme was also rendered during the evening; those taking part were the Misses Seh!, Miss Lugrin and an orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Brown. Of course the school room stage is very small, and the performers in consequence could hardly do themselves justice. Miss Sorby, as the match-making widow, Mrs. Burnaby, sustained her part well throughout, and Miss Ard, who was Miss Lucie Moore, her companion, was splendid; Mr. Punnett took the part of the Hon. Arthur Craven, and acted well, but he is a very tall man, and the stage was undoubtedly too small for him. Miss F. Devereux, as Marie, the French maid, looked and acted her part to perfection, but her accent was not strictly Parisian. Miss L. Lugrin was delightful as Mrs. Harry Forbes, and Mr. Beauchamp Tye as Mr. Harry Forbes, made a typical country gentleman, but was a bit shaky in his lines. On the whole the play went off very well. The plot was good, and the characters well depicted. After the last act the author was called forth and greeted with loud applause, after which she was presented with some beautiful flowers. Miss Grahame is indeed to be congratulated, and it is sincerely hoped that "The Decoy Duck" will not be the last of her productions in the dramatic line. One of the features of the staging, was a beautiful lace table cloth made by Miss Maggie Grahame.

Mrs. Burke gave a delightful afternoon tea at "Cherry Bank" on Friday, the 3rd, to a large number of her friends. The rooms and tea tables were beautifully arranged with large bunches of daffodils and ferns, and the hostess received in a handsome gown of black net and sequins. Among the guests were Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. A. H. Pigott, Mrs. Holyer, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Miss Hanington, the Misses King, Mrs. Dr. Hanington, Miss Gaudin; Miss K. Gaudin, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Blacklock, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. James Johnston (Montreal), Mrs. Pearce, the Misses Hickey, Mrs. Holt and many others.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Ford Verrinder, of MacGregor avenue, entertained a number of their friends at a delightful progressive 500 card party on Saturday evening last. The event was to celebrate the anniversary of their wedding. Billiards were also enjoyed by those who did not care for cards, and an orchestra played delightful selections throughout the evening. About midnight a delicious supper was served. The hostess was beautifully gowned in pink silk with over-dress of heavy Battenberg lace. Among the guests were Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Miss D. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Holden, Mrs. P. Wollaston, Dr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. C. E. Redfern, Mr. Claybon, Mr. H. Batchelor, Miss Foot, Mr. L. Foot and Mrs. F. Wollaston.

Mrs. Arthur Bromley (nee Miss May Dunsuir) recently was presented at court by the Duchess of Portland.

The Victoria West Athletic Association will give a masquerade ball on Thursday, the 16th instant. The dance will be held in Semple's hall and energetic committees are already at work.

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Sport

THE NEW GAME ACT.

Provides For Appointment of Game Warden and Other Means of Protection.

The bill to amend the game protection act, the second reading of which was moved by Hon. Mr. Fulton in the legislature on Thursday, will meet with the approval of all who are interested in the better protection of the game in the province. In the past the administration of existing game laws has been in the hands of the police, and while the members of the force have done their best in the matter, it is certain that a live official with no other business to attend to, will be able to make the law much more effective. That the game laws are constantly broken, in outlying parts of the province with complete impunity, is certain. The principal provisions of the bill will be found described in the report of the proceedings of the legislature, printed elsewhere in this issue. Amendment is made to the existing exemption of miners from the provisions of the game act, it being provided that this exemption shall extend only to miners engaged in prospecting—those living in camps where provisions are as easily attainable as in the cities being placed in the same category as the general public. The Colonist states that Mr. Williams, of Vancouver, will be appointed to the office of game warden.

To-day's match between the Garrison Association football team and Victoria-United is sure to be a very exciting affair. If the civilians lose this game they will be out of the running in the Island league and for the provincial championship series. Last Saturday's match between the two crack local teams resulted in a win for the Garrison by 4 goals to 2 on the Work Point grounds. It was a splendid game and the best team won, but the civilians have been practicing hard this week and hope to change the luck. Three of the four goals scored by the soldiers last Saturday happened in quick succession in the second half. The game was referred by Mr. French of the Egeria, and he will also be on deck at Oak Bay this afternoon.

The Victoria ladies' hockey team which journeyed to Nanaimo last Saturday met with defeat at the hands of the girls of the Coal City, the score being 2 goals to nil. After the game there was a dance.

On Tuesday last the successful teams in the Victoria District Football Association received their rewards at the annual meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The medals were presented by Major Bland, R. E., to representatives of the Garrison, Victoria West and the North Ward teams, in the three classes. The Rev. W. W. Bolton presided.

"Kid Scaler" is to box Dan McCarthy at Fernie for a purse of \$100.

The wrestler, Jack Carkeek, who has been exhibiting at the Savoy, will meet McLeod in Victoria in about four weeks' time. It should prove an interesting match.

It is proposed to organize a baseball team for Revelstoke, and arrangements will, if possible, be made to play Nelson, Rossland, Kamloops, Vernon, Coleman and Eburne. S. Lehman, of Revelstoke, is at the head of the movement.

A bald-headed eagle, 6 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of extended wings, is now in the hands of a Vernon taxidermist for mounting. The bird was shot from the S. S. Kootenay, on the Arrow Lakes, near Nakusp, and is a fine specimen of its kind.

Professional baseball is likely to rule in Victoria this summer. A number of local merchants have promised to assist in the organization of a team to enter the newly formed Pacific Northwest league. Mr. Harry Wille is mentioned as the probable manager. The amateur team will follow out its usual programme.

The lacrosse outlook is still somewhat hampered by the attitude of New Westminster. At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Brockton Point A. A. A. held last Monday night in Vancouver the lacrosse situation was discussed at length. A letter was read from Mr. Hooper, of Victoria, requesting that the Brockton Point association form a separate lacrosse club, also suggesting that the old B. C. A. L. A. be disbanded and a new league formed, which the New Westminster club would enter. After an animated discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the Brockton Point A. A. A. notify Victoria that it cannot see its way to organize a separate lacrosse club, but will use every endeavor to heal the present breach between the Vancouver and New Westminster clubs, with the object of having the latter rejoin the league."

The members of the Victoria Hunt Club enjoyed another delightful run of Saturday last. The meet was from the Barracks, and the course led over the United Service golf links, where a splendid gallop was enjoyed. Thence the hunt passed into the fort, where a number of jumps had been arranged; then up Lampson street into Mr. Pooley's ground, then on through the Transfer fields and Knox's land, finishing up at the Four Mile House, where refreshments were served. There were two spills but no injuries sustained. The next meet takes place from Richardson street at 2.30 this afternoon. Those who followed the chase last week were Mrs. Bland, Miss Kate Devereux, Miss V. Pooley, Miss Oney Irving, Mrs. Langley, Mr. L. H. Garrett, Col. English, R.A., Capt. Cockburn, Mr. Geary, Mr. Yates and Mr. Hughes.

WHOLESALE MATERNITY.

An Italian woman has broken all maternity records. In the course of 18 years of wedlock she has become the mother of 62 children. This extraordinary attainment is vouched for by many creditable witnesses who testified to its truth in a petition before the Italian government asking for the woman a year's pension of \$370. Of these children 53 are boys and three girls. Eleven times in succession in nine years, the prolific female gave birth to triplets, three times four boys arrived at one birth and once five boys and a girl. The other twelve were born singly but very close together.

MR. GOWEN'S LECTURES.

The Rev. Mr. Gowen, of Seattle, will continue his course of lectures on Tuesday next, afternoon and evening. The afternoon lecture will be on Dante as a religious speaker, and in the evening the Browning series will be commenced, the gifted speaker lecturing on the well known art poems of Browning. The lectures will be given as usual in the drawing-room of the Driard hotel. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity of taking up the interesting Browning course. Few really know the beauty and depth of feeling hidden in these lovely poems, and Mr. Gowen has proved himself capable of treating them in a scholarly and masterly fashion.

WORK IN SMELTERS.

Smelter men must have read with amusement, if nothing more, the statement of one of the legislators at Victoria against the eight-hour law, that the employees really work five or six hours instead of twelve, and "have their work rooms where they may retire and smoke and read their magazines during the hours of labor." Less than six months ago the Granby smelter management threatened any employee found reading a paper while on shift at their work here with instant discharge, and even the shift boss had to sneak away in some out-of-the-way corner to read the news. And there is not a job up there where the employee must not always be present to prevent anything going wrong with his particular work or to overlook it at once when it does go wrong, and every employee is personally responsible for his special department during every minute of his twelve-hour shift, as frequent ten-days lay-off demonstrated at Grand Forks Sun.

The Stage

AT THE REDMOND.

Line Performances By the Watson Stock Co.—A Varied Programme For Next Week.

For the first three nights of the week "Sign of Four" was played to crowded houses at the Redmond. The strength of an actor or actress is to be looked for their versatility, and the Watson company, one and all, have given ample proof that they possess it. As "Sherlock Holmes," Mr. Hayden Stevenson gave a very finished performance; he was at one moment keenly alert and at another cool and deliberate, almost lethargic. The role is a difficult one, requiring, as it does, a combination of these characteristics, and much praise must be accorded to Mr. Stevenson for his rendering of the part. Mr. Harry Pollard played the "veteran" of crime with true dramatic power, but his youthful appearance rather belied his supposed age. A touch of humor was imparted to the piece by the comical playing of Mr. Watson as "Old Prince," and he proved himself a comedian of no mean order.

Of the ladies, Miss Thompson gave a powerful and pathetic interpretation of the part of "Alice Faulkner," and Miss Roberts was, as usual, excellent in her conception of the character of "Madge Arrabee." The other members of the company worked hard and contributed to the success of the production.

For the last three nights of the week "Gambille" formed the attraction. Miss Roberts is playing the title role, and Hayden Stevenson gives an able rendering of the part of "Armand Duval."

For the first half of next week "Faust," the sublime comedy, will be presented by the Watson Stock Company. Mr. Pollard will appear in the same role, Mr. Stevenson as Mephistopheles, Miss Roberts as Margarite, while Mr. Watson will be seen in the role of Valentin, the heroic brother of the longed-for Margarite. The long list of character parts will be well handled by the Watson players, and much attention will be given to the staging of the production, both in the electrical and scenic departments. The famous Brocken scene, with all the electrical features, will be especially impressive and awe-inspiring. For the latter half of the week the most laughable farce on any stage, "My Aunt From Brazil," will hold the boards. Mr. Watson has the role of Ed Babberly, and does the part the most justice. He is even funnier in his particular role than in his famous characterization of "Solomon Short" in "Runaway Match." The usual matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday. A souvenir of Miss Aline Wallace will be presented to each lady attending the Wednesday matinee.

THE GRAND.

In spite of a chapter of accidents on Monday night, owing to the non-arrival of the Francis trio and the incapacity of the gentleman to do his turn, the management of the Grand have again given their patrons excellent value for their money. The Francis trio gave a short sketch, entitled "My Wife," and received a round of well-merited applause, thereby proving the truth of the old adage, "Better late than never." Deely and Shean, two colored comedians, gave a laughable medley of song and "gag," introducing the song "I May Be Crazy, but I Ain't No Fool," with a topical reference apropos the Chadwick case. Mr. Frederick Robertson's fine voice was heard to advantage in the song "There's a Body Just Like You." Illustrated songs have made a real hit with the Victoria public, and I hope that the management will include them in the bill for many weeks to come. Miss Mabel Darr, a vivacious little lady who sings her songs in a breezy way; she did yeoman service on Monday night by singing several songs, which at once established her as a firm favorite. In conclusion the popular biograph gave a series of pictures, depicting the chase after an escaped lunatic and evoked much merriment.

There will be two matinees this afternoon, at which only 5 cents will be charged for children.

For next week Manager Jamieson's programme includes Clarke and Temple,

presenting their laughing absurdity, "Trut and the Chambermaid"; Jean St. Remy, operatic vocalist; the Sidonias, in a comedy sketch and wire act, entitled "The Golf Girl and the Tramp," and the most beautiful rural act in vaudeville, entitled "Mandy Hawkins," presented by Danny Mann and Lola Haines, for which they carry special scenery. Mr. Roberts will sing the illustrated song "Genevieve," and the moving pictures will embrace a variety of subjects, including "Monkey August," "Mixed Bathing" and "The Pan Insurance Man." There will be a matinee on Monday at 3 p.m.

THE CRYSTAL.

Lovers of occult science have had sumptuous fare provided for them at the Crystal this week. Professor Rosco, hypnotist and mind-reader, ably assisted by Miss Fordick, has given a series of practical exhibitions of his skill. He combines science and humor, and the result is that he gives his audience a most enjoyable entertainment.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

The Pollard Lilliputian Company have held the boards at the Victoria theatre this week. This is not their first visit, and one wishes that the management could secure somewhat newer attractions, but as long as Miss Daphne Pollard stars the company and Miss Eva Moore and Master Jack Pollard are included in the cast, the Lilliputians are always worth a visit. The company made their greatest hit in the "Geisha," and played very creditably in the "Belle of New York." The local orchestra seemed a little bewildered by this medley of comic opera, but Mr. George Bromley, the able musical conductor, in several instances saved the situation.

The "Earl of Pawtucket," with Lawrence D'Orsey in the title role, is billed for the 17th inst., and should prove an attraction.

"THE DECOY DUCK."

A most successful entertainment was given on Tuesday evening in the school-room of St. John's church, when the "Decoy Duck" was produced before a large audience. A few musical selections opened the programme, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Bowen, was one of the best features of the evening. The "Decoy Duck" is the work of Miss Graham, and she deserves all congratulations. The characters were ably portrayed by Misses Sorby, Ard, Lugrin and Devereux, while the male parts were entrusted to Messrs. Tye, Ard and Punnett. It is always pleasant to see local talent to the fore, and the lovely bouquet, with which Miss Graham was presented at the close of the evening, shows that Victoria is proud of her success.

CREATORE'S BAND.

In the midst of a feast of lighter music Creatore and his Italian band came as a relief to lovers of high-class music on Thursday last. The instrumentalists are thoroughly efficient and well-trained, but one cannot help feeling that it is the genius and personality of one man that holds the audience enraptured. Directly Creatore raises his baton his genius asserts itself, and he is undoubtedly a prince of conductors. The programme was by no means an easy one, and I was glad to note that two items by Wagner were included. It is all too seldom that Victorians have an opportunity of hearing classical music, and it is well that they showed their appreciation so unreservedly.

PLAYGOER.

"THE CRUSADES."

Dr. Yates gave another very interesting lecture in the Institute hall on Sunday evening last. The next lecture will not take place until after Lent, when the course will be continued. The subject of last Sunday's lecture was the Crusades, and proved a most interesting one. He said that if the internal life of Medieval Catholicism found its highest expression in the cathedrals of Europe, the Crusades were its public and political expression. By the Crusades we understand great armed expeditions of Christian Europe, undertaken at the command or suggestions of the Pope, with the purpose of rescuing the Holy Land from the control of the Mussulmans. They were

originally meant as pious and religious works. Whoever joined them wore upon his breast a cross of cloth, and took a vow to fight for the sepulchre of Jesus Christ, and never to return to Europe before he had prayed within its holy precincts. The Crusades cover a period of two hundred years, the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, during which time all Europe resounded to the tread of martial men, and the sublime cry of God will it," was heard from Sicily to Norway. In this period the whole cycle of human passions was aroused, every human interest found a voice, and every human activity a channel or outlet. In these two hundred years took place the transition of the European man from youth to manhood. He enters upon the twelfth century of sentiment and emotion, ignorant of the great world beyond his little hamlet or castle. He emerges from the thirteenth century, both layman and ecclesiastic, with world-wide experience, a clearer view of the relations of society to history and geography, and with new qualities of mind and heart. Taken as a whole, the Crusades form the most important collective enterprise in the history of European mankind. They were an official work of Catholicism. Whether they were the beginning of the Pope's great power in the Middle Ages, or the first step in the shipwreck of it, he, anyway, was always their central figure. The public life of these centuries revolved about two poles—Rome and Jerusalem.

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A Letter For Ladies.

Babette Writes on Clothes and
Other Things—A Prank of
the Middies.

Dear Madge:—The season of Lent is upon us and apart from the pious sentiments that overwhelm my soul, I also feel inclined to heartily rejoice, because for the next forty days and forty nights I am exempt from all giddy teas, parties and dances, therefore I can settle down and get through some of my neglected sewing, to say nothing of the spring house cleaning I intend doing during this time of penance. I shall then blossom forth at the glad Easter time clad in bright new raiment, and my house will be swept and garnished and made clean with a fresh coat of paint and new curtains. The curtains, Madge,

25 cents a bunch, and feathers, buckles, etc., are marked down very low. You ask me about the bolero. Of course, it is out of date, and if advice were to be given, upon what not to wear, the very first article to attack would be the short, loose bolero, both when flat and plaited. It was adopted very generally last season by those who aimed at economical dressings, and for suits washable and not washable. They have been built in this style, often to the detriment of the figure, whether too robust or extremely angular and slender. In the first place, such boleros are often badly cut, badly fitted, and those who wear them are so imperfect of figure that these small garments exaggerate their defects cruelly. By adding several inches of material at the bottom and covering the addition with cross lines of braid or bias bands, so that only the belt is seen below, a great improvement can be effected. You will find this an excellent idea for "fixing over" a frock that has been made originally with a bolero coat. Have you noticed how very baggy the newest lace

mishap in the dark kissed the old chaperone by mistake, and what a scene there was afterwards, and how we were all marched home in disgrace? Of course we were very young then.

You asked me about boots and shoes; well, you know I can hardly advise you as to what to buy, but I think that for morning wear brown boots or shoes are very neat, with shirt waist suits, and I hear they are to be worn again this spring. For dress boots there is nothing smarter than patent kid. I see that Maynard, 85 Douglas street, advertizes very nice patent kid boots for \$4.50. Pearls are becoming more of a fad than ever, and I hear are greatly worn by the smartly dressed women of Paris and London. I have noticed such pretty pearl brooches in the jewellers' stores of late, and I think that really they are much daintier than brooches set with colored stones. There is a rumor—it is acquiring quite a solid basis already—that the hair will be dressed low in the future. The idea is anything but new, of course, as for the past three or four

careful attention to detail ensuring that it should not miscarry. It appears to have been one of the series of rewards for services in the recent political campaign in this riding, in which a brother of the recipient of this handsome endowment was one of the platform orators for the Liberal candidate. None but mercenaries were in the ranks of the Liberal speakers on that occasion, and one by one the rewards are being announced. Nominally, this land was sold by "public auction." Really, it was a private sale, on terms arranged beforehand. The property is worth easily \$75 per acre. Adjoining land less favorably situated, because not so close to the bridge, is advertised as for sale at a bargain at from \$75 to \$100 per acre. Yet the department put the upset price of \$10 per acre on the property, and to warn the public to keep away had the map marked "proposed to be sold to T. W. Paterson." No auctioneer was engaged, the Dominion lands agent being instructed to conduct the sale himself, which he did in the privacy of his office

on the ground of the ignorance of the officials of the department at Ottawa. The department has been advised from New Westminster, by men well versed in the facts. There is a local patronage committee, with a select inner quartette of patronage dispensers who let no detail of the profit sharing business escape them, and who must have advised the member for New Westminster to make no protest against this nefarious job. These men would be the loudest in professions of horror if they could charge to any other government a transaction of this kind, but so long as their immediate friends profit they condone any raid upon the public domain. They are the persons to blame in this transaction more than the purchaser, who would not have secured the land at the nominal figure but for the combined efforts to keep the public out of the transaction. New Westminster Columbian.

Chinese Perjury Case:

Police Magistrate Hall has decided that the attorney-general shall have charge of the case against Wong A.

NO CREDIT.

THE WESTSIDE

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The Liberal Values we have been giving lately have brought us a heap of Trade, and we're so well pleased that we're going to put on sale Monday some of the
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I bought at the Westside. They were very cheap, but I am not going to tell you the price, so that when you come to visit me later on you shall have a guess. Lace and muslin curtains, table linen, tray cloths, and bed linen are greatly reduced. I noticed some splendid large size white Marcella quilts, satin finish, with brocaded designs, for only \$1.95 each. Collar and cuff sets are to hold their own for forenoon suits in many varieties. All white linen in padded embroidery are always fresh and attractive. Colored embroideries, however, prove immensely effective whether in single or mixed colors, and are also popular. Silk stock collars, embroidered silk turnovers, pluen lace stocks, and canvas collars and other stock of fancy neckwear is greatly reduced, and I noticed are selling for 35 cents. If you would like any drapery fringe for your fancy work, you can get it in almost any shade at the Westside for 5 cents a yard. Spring hat trimmings are also very cheap. I saw clusters of beautiful red, yellow and pink roses advertised for only

and mousseline elbow-sleeves have grown to be They are as large and full at the top as at the elbows, and they have besides lace insettings and flounces, as well as puffs that are made by gauzings or else ruffle tucks in groups. O dear, let us hope and pray that the sleeves will not get any bigger; at the present time it takes just twice as much material to make the sleeves as it does to make the bodice. Of course, you know that there is no longer to be a naval station at Esquimalt, and I hear, too, that soon our brave protectors at Work Point Barracks will "fold their tents like the Arabs and silently steal away." The duties of a chaperone will not be so arduous now that the middies have departed. Do you remember, Madge, one dark November day a long time ago, when we went to a "middies'" tea party on board a flagship and how our hosts arranged that when it got quite dark the lights were to be turned out, and each brave middie was to steal a kiss from the lady of his choice? Have you forgotten the poor unfortunate youth who through some

years the low and high dressing have been about equally divided; but the fact that the former is going to supersede the latter to a far greater extent than hitherto is gaining weight. It will not be good news to everyone, for there is no denying the fact that the high dressing is far more generally becoming than the low, and, in my estimation, the "go-as-you-please" condition of things we have been enjoying for such a long time now has been a perfectly Arcadian state—one for which I have always been devoutly thankful. Yours,

BABETTE.

SCANDAL IN WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday the Laurier government made a clear gift of upwards of three thousand dollars to Mr. T. W. Paterson, a Liberal member of the provincial legislature, by selling to him at \$10.10 an acre fifty acres of land at the southern terminus of the new million dollar bridge across the Fraser. The job was deliberately planned, and carried out with

upstairs in the post office building. There were a few bills put up to announce the sale, one inside the post office, one inside a stable on the property to be sold, and another about four miles up the Yale road. If there were any others posted, we have not heard of them; certainly there were none on the public billboards in this city. The sale was not advertised in the newspapers, although the same department is carrying advertisements a column long in the party press in this neighborhood, respecting affairs in the Yukon, a thousand miles away. There is money galore for buncombe advertising of this kind, but not a dollar to be spared for making public the proposed land deal. Another sinister feature of the affair was that this land was and is claimed by the fisherman who resides on it, whose family have been in possession for forty years, and who asserts a definite agreement for deeding to him which the department has failed to carry out. The merits of this claim we understand are to be tested in the courts. The deal cannot be excused

Lum and Gin Duck, who are accused perjury. So that Geo. Powell, counsel for the private prosecution, who laid information against the prisoners, is barred from participating in the proceedings, unless, of course, the attorney-general gives his consent. Whether prosecution will be proceeded with remains to be seen, for the time being at least, the crown is not ready to go. The deputy attorney-general, H. Maclean applied for an adjournment one week on Tuesday last, but Powell does not intend to be disposed so easily. After hearing the magistrate's decision he made a formal application to have the prosecution proceeded with this afternoon, tendering a witness examination. The magistrate reported that he could not grant the application without the assent of the attorney-general. Mr. Powell said he thoroughly understood this, but it was necessary for him to have a distinct and formal refusal of his application. This, the magistrate said, he had no hesitation giving, and the refusal was duly recorded.