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THE PASSING SHOW.

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

A Railroad Policy for the Province—Confiscation—Intemperance and Temperance—Vancouver Starting Humane Movement—Star Chamber Methods—Grand Opera in Vancouver—A Pointer for the Victoria M. P. P's.—Tyee Looking Up.—Compensation in England—Feet of Clay—A London Enquirer.

By common consent the interest in every session of the provincial legislature centres in the railway policy of the government. There are two obvious reasons for thi ,sthe fact that the development and prosperity of the province depend, in every sense, upon the building of railways, and the further fact that the predatory instinct which still survives in full force among congential grafters has found its readiest and most lucrative field in charter mongering and land grabbing. With a firmness and discretion which have contributed much to establish it in the public confidence the McBride administration has for two years resisted the frenzied appeals of mere speculators for land grants, and subsidies, which would enable them to exploit charters in which they had not the slightest interest except to pass them on to some corporation or syndicate for a consideration. That this attitude is both commendanble, and in line with public opinion, is testified by almost every newspaper in the province, and nothing would do so much to entrench the present government in the good graces of the constituencies as rigid adherence to the principle laid down. It is an honest, an intelligent and a statesmanlike policy, one that will wear, and from which in the present state of public opinion there is no turning aside. This does not preclude consideration of local conditions and requirements, nor does it involve the abdication by the government of their right, and indeed duty, to foster, by all legitimate means, enterprises which would tend directly to the development and upbuilding of sections of the country which lie away from trunk lines such as the Midway & Vernon and the Kootneay Central, and which would probably remain uncultivated and unpeopled for years if left entirely to private effort. Such conditions must exist in what is yet a pioneer province, and no government is alive to its responsibilities, which ignores them. Judicious aid, which goes directly to stimulate railway construction, involving no land, mineral or timber grant, and which takes the form either of a cash subsidy or a guarantee of bonds, is not only justifiable but in some instances cannot be withheld if the rich valleys lying between the mountain ranges of British Columbia are to be brought under cultivation, and made to yield their wealth of forest, field, and mine. What the public demand, and what they have a right to demand, is that the aid shall be direct, and effective, and that it shall only be given under such guarantees as will ensure the completion of the specified work within a given time, or the forfeiting of the charter. Such conditions acquire fresh potency from the fact that charter-mongers who have held British Columbia railway charters for years, and have done practically nothing to fulfil their obligations, are seeking a consolidation of interests from the present session of the legislature, with additional assistance. It will require a fine discrimination to deal with such appeals if the mere speculator is to be eliminated in the interests of actual railway construction instead of hot air lines.

There is one other principle underlying the railway policy of any government fully alive to the true interests of the province, that is a due recognition of Canadian interests. It does not necessarily follow that every line constructed in Canadâ is a Canadian line in the fullest sense of the word. With the best of intentions on the part of the government, charters have been granted, and roads built, which have only resulted in diverting traffic across the boundary, and enriching United States sities at the expense of Canadian. Such a result was not anticipated, but it would be fatuous to ignore it, and not to profit by the knowledge when considering future applications. Railways owned and administered by Canadians have always been most keenly alive to Canadian interests, they have been the pioneers of low transportation rates, and have made concessions to infant industries, such as mining and smelting, which have not been paralleled in any other country, nor by so-called competing lines in this country. In no instance have rates been lowered by the advent of foreign corporations, and in view of these facts any wise and well considered railway policy for British Columbia will embody an element of extreme caution in dealing with proposals which have for their chief aim the further exploiting of Canada for the benefit of alien interests.

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An organized campaign has been set on foot by the West Kootenay Power and Light Company which threatens to inflict a serious injury on the interests of the province in their most vulnerable point. A reference to our Kootenay letter will show that in breach of the rules and regulations governing the proceedings of the Associated Boards of Trade a resolution was forced on the meeting at Cranbrook in support of the application of this company for an amendment in their charter. After a prolonged discussion the resolution was carried by the casting vote of the chairman. The amendment sought is an extension of powers to enable the company to operate in the Yale district, which means practically the Boundary. The ground of this application is that the Cascade Water Power and Light Company, already in operation there, is unable to supply the power required, and that in consequence the important smelting industries will suffer. In support of this contention two considerations were urged. The first, that during 1905, for a period of two months when the Kettle river was low and frozen, the water supply fell off, and with it the available power, in consequence of which the smelters had to close temporarily. The other consideration is that mining and smelting are developing in the district, and in any event the Cascade company will be unable to keep pace with the requirements. In support of this it is pointed out that the total capacity of the Cascade Falls is 5,000 horsepower, of which only 3,000 have been developed by this company, and the requirements in the near future are estimated at 7,000 to 8,000 horsepower. Apart from the legal technicalities of the question, with which we are not concerned, it must be admitted that neither to please the West Kootenay nor the Cascade companies can the great mining and smelting industries of the Boundary be allowed to suffer. That they must have all the power they want, within available limits, goes without the saying, and any legislation looking to interference with this prescriptive right would be dangerous in the extreme. On the other hand, there are broader issues than the rights of any particular corporation, or any special industry—the interests of the province—and from the evidence submitted to the private bills committee this week on the application of the West Kootenay company to amend their charter, it is quite clear that those interests are threatened. Mr. F. F. Begg of London, Eng., is a man of the highest status, and his opinions are entitled to careful consideration. He is not only chairman of many of the largest commercial enterprises in the capital, but is also a member of the council of the London Stock Exchange and one of the London Chamber of Commerce. He came to Victoria in order to oppose this application on behalf of 93½ per cent. of the shareholders of the Cascade company on the following grounds: The company was granted a provincial charter in 1897; under it they had expended $500,000 and developed 3,000 horse-power. They had never received a dividend, and are looking to the future to yield a return on their investment. They were prepared at once to spend $125,000 more, the amount required to develop their total water power of 5,000 horsepower. Meanwhile the West Kootenay company had built a power line into their reserved territory and made provisional contracts with their customers for 90 per cent. of the power they were now supplying. This invasion of their territory was illegal, and the West Kootenay company sought by the legislation asked for to legalize it. The effect, if it were granted, would be to close down the Cascade company and to destroy their investment. What the full effect of such a course would be in influencing the London market against other investments can easily be imagined, especially in view of Mr. Begg's position and personal influence. He did not ask that his company should be protected in a monopoly of power supply, but only up to the 5,000 horsepower which they controlled. In view of their investment and the terms of their charter this would appear to be the least they are entitled to, and in the interests of honest dealing and the good credit of the province it is to be hoped the government will be guided by this principle in dealing with the matter. If after an English or indeed any other company, has spent half a million dollars in good faith and under a provincial charter fresh legislation is to be granted wiping out their investment, then we are likely for many years to come to bewail a lack of capital for the development of our natural resources.

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The Week is a strenuous advocate of temperance in all things; it is an uncompromising foe to intemperance in any form, including the worst form of all, mouth disease. The greatest enemies of reform are to be found in the ranks of would-be reformers. The greatest hinderance to the spread of religion in this world is the inconsistency of its professors. The most serious stumbling block in the way of temperance reform has always been the "hatred, malice and uncharitableness' of its advocates. This spirit set back the clock of progress in England fifty years, and to-day any improvement traceable in the social condition of the people, and any more favorable attitude of public opinion, exists not in consequence of but in spite of organized temperance societies. Drunkenness cannot be cured by act of parliament, even if, as was so arrogantly declared by the essayist at the Institute Hall on Wednesday; it is a "sin" and not a "disease." The law can do much to minimize the evil. It can limit the trade to the requirements of the population, it can insist on compliance with its own provisions, and it can severely punish those who violate its enactments. All this it can and should do. Diminished drinking, however, can only result, in any considerable degree, from an enlightened public opinion, and this must spring from education, and perhaps more largely from home training. This good work is going on. Within the lifetime of the writer drunkenness was fashionable in social circles and abstinence scoffed at; today the positions are reversed. The inexorable logic of facts is forcing men to observe the amenities in this regard, and conditions are improving year by year. When, however, men who claim to be fighting under the banner of Him who never spake uncharitably, or accused falsely, scatter reckless charges against those who conduct a legalized business and slander not only the men, but the women of a community, they are simply killing all honest effort to reform the worst aspect of an excess. No cause is forwarded by such methods, and if, as promised by the promoters of Wednesday's meeting, the crusade is to be continued, let us hope the fight will be waged with other weapons, in the use of which some regard for decency and truth will be a factor. It may not be altogether out of place to remind these gentlemen of the ninth commandment in their own Book and also of the verse in Proverbs which suggests the use of a "bridle" in certain cases which we forbear to particularize. For our own part we must confess that when battles are over and the long rest begins we would rather our epitaph be "Here lies a drunkard" than "Here lies a slanderer," if for no other reason because we should be in better company—the day after.

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The Week is in receipt of an enquiry from George Ware, Jutland road, Catford, London, England, for a position as electrical engineer. As he has had a splendid experience, and bears a good character, he should have no difficulty in finding an opening in the only branch of engineering in Canada which is not overcrowded. The fact that he is a reader of The Week and praises it determines his intelligence. We accept the unexpected bouquet from across the waters with fitting modesty.

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In view of the fact that the Victoria Times has devoted five columns to a report of a three hours' session of the Kaien Island investigation committee it is quite unnecessary for The Week, whose space is valuable, to do more than point out that the sole result was the discovery by Mr. J. A. Macdonald of—a mare's nest.

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Vancouver is starting an agitation in favor of shortening the hours of work of young girls employed in the restaurants of that city. There are said to be 400 in this employment who work 12 hours and upwards and are on their feet most of the time. We are sure the restaurant keepers and the public will co-operate in any movement calculated to ease the lot of these toilers, the daughters of our people.

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The aldermen of Vancouver want to exclude the Press from their committees. We would respectfully suggest that they give the matter a little consideration before deciding ,for the following reasons. The days of the star chamber have passed, the public do not trust them sufficiently to willingly remove the safeguard of the fourth estate ,and in any event their proceedings will be reported.

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Vancouver is to be congratulated on having secured a visit from the English Grand Opera Co. Whether it be the dread of "mal de mer" or something else not yet explained certain it is that Victoria for once loses a privilege which the terminal city gains and accepts the disappointment with becoming meekness.

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The opposition to the McGill University Bill in the Legislative Assembly is based on a misconception of the scope and correct interpretation of clause 8. Nothing can interfere with the statutory rights of school trustees and municipalities. The clause is only permissive not compelling. In view of the fact that in sixteen years the province has been unable to do anything under its own University Bill it is little short of a dog-in-the-manger policy to try to block the present measure. Instead of grousing because they think Vancouver is to be the favored location for the new college if the members for Victoria would bestir themselves in raising a larger endowment fund among the millionaires of their city it would be none too late to bring it here, and that would be practical politics.

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Everyone, even those who have most strongly criticized Tyee affairs will be glad to know that the strike on the thousand-foot level is genuine and promises a new lease of life to this famous mine.

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The temperance people of Victoria will be shocked to hear that the licensing justices of Birmingham, Eng., have just awarded compensation amounting to £23,900 to the holders of twenty-three licensed houses on the cancellation of their licenses; but then that was in England where a spirit of justice still survives.

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Zionites now admit that Dowie had feet of clay, they might as well plead guilty to a face of brass and hands of steel.

Many are the laments to be heard that Mr. Savage has decided not to bring his Grand Opera Company over to Victoria, although everyone realizes that conditions amply justify his decision. However, as the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain, and it is likely that many stage-goers will make a trip over to Vancouver next week to see the performances of Lohengrin, Rigoletto, Tannhauser and Faust, which will be played in that order, starting from Thursday, February 13th.

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Victoria Social.

Quite the most brilliant social event of the season took place on Wednesday evening last, when the captain and officers of H. M. ships Egeria and Shearwater entertained their many friends at the Assembly Hall. The spacious room was converted into a miniature arsenal, overhung with hundreds of flags and ensigns and flanked with the trophies of the battleship, the walls being almost entirely covered with naval emblems. The supper-room decorations were carried out by the aid of many colored lights and bunting intertwined with greenery, and the many cozy corners and sitting-out places were tastefully arranged. The band, under the conductorship of Prof. Schmidt, was all that could be desired. The festivities extended until after 3 o'clock in the morning.

Among the many beautifully gowned women, those more especially noticed were: Mrs. James Dunsmuir, in silver grey chiffon and spangles; Miss Bessie Dunsmuir wore an Empire robe of grey-blue velvet trimmed with rose buds and ermine; Mrs. Luxton, pale blue Liberty satin and chiffon; Miss Gertrude Flumerfelt, reseda green green chiffon over satin; Mrs. Irving, a handsome black gown; Mrs. Prior, black lace; Mrs. Norton, the daintiest of pink chiffon gowns; Miss Cobbel, yellow satin; Mrs. Roper wore a beautiful gown of pink chiffon over taffeta trimmed with lace; Mrs. Parry, pink crepe de chine; Miss Johnson was striking in scarlet chiffon; Miss Phipps, yellow satin mervielleux; Mrs. Fagan wore white point d'esprit and lace; Miss Perry looked sweet in white Liberty satin; Mrs. Hood looked very smart in black; Miss Gladys Green wore white Liberty satin; Miss Olive Bryden was sweet in a soft, sopule white satin gown; Mrs. Greeley looked dainty in a frock of Dresden silk flowered in pink; Mrs. Langley's costume was of yellow brocade; Miss Langley was sweet in white; Mrs. Bullen looked well in mauve; Miss Bullen wore pale blue crepe de chine; Mrs. Beauchamp Tye's gown was of white messaline silk trimmed with lovely lace; Miss Loewen wore white satin; Mrs. A. W. Jones looked well in pale pink messaline silk; Mrs. R. A. Pooley, in white and pale blue; Miss Brady, in primrose yellow taffeta; Miss Hickey, in white lace frock with gold spangles; Miss Monteith was smart in black net; Miss T. Monteith wore a simple white gown; Mrs. F. B. Ward wore a handsome white satin; Miss Butchard, white lace; Miss M. Butchart, green voile; Miss Reid, white lace; Miss Tva Loewen, white organdie trimmed with violets; Miss Tilton, in pink; Miss Ethel Tilton wore a dainty frock of pale blue accordian pleated chiffon trimmed with forget-me-notes; the Misses Pitts wore white and gold spangled dresses; Miss Newling, pale blue; Miss Drake, pink crepe dechine; Miss Dupont, blue silk; Miss Willimar (Comox), white silk; Miss F. Devereux, white silk; Mrs. Galletly wore a handsome white gown; Mrs. Butchart, royal blue velvet and lace; Mrs. Pooley, black and white; Miss Violet Powell wore a sweet frock of blue silk trimmed with lace; Mrs. Rhoder wore white net over satin; Miss Todd looked well in white lace; Mrs. Roberts was smart in black; Miss Eberts wore white; Mrs. Hannington, black with white lace; Miss Hannington, white lace over pale blue; Mrs. Gaudin, a handsome black gown with bertha of real lace; Miss Alice Bell, in pink; Miss Pooley, in bright blue and white lace; Miss eBanlands in green.

,The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Miss B. Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Flumerfelt, Miss Flumerfelt, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Pooley, Col. and Mrs. Prior, Capt. and Mrs. Parry, Capt. and Mrs. Langley, Miss Langley, Mrs. Reid, Miss Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Miss Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Robertson, the Misses Tilton, the Misses Hickey, the Misses Pitts, Mrs. and Miss Bullen, Mr. Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Gaudin, Miss Beanlands, Miss Heyland, Dr. and Mrs. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, the Misses Monteith, Mrs. Bridgeman, Mr. and Mrs. Crease, Miss Newling, Miss Eberts, Mrs. and Miss Hannington, Capt. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. and Miss ohnson, Mrs. Norton, the Misses Bell, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, the Misses Butchart, Miss Mara, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. and Miss Cobbelt, Miss F. Devereux, Miss Bryden, Miss Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Greeley, Miss Heyland, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Irving, Mr. and Miss Phipps, Mr. B. Prior, Mr. P. Keefer, Mr. C. Keefer, Miss Keefer, Mr. Gore, Mr. Gillespie, Major and Mrs. Jones, the Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Miss Brown, Mr. Brown, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tait (Vancouver), Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Miss Green, Mrs. J. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton, Miss Powell, Mr. and Miss Todd, Dr. Todd, Mr. J. Cambie, Mr. Kingsmill, Mr. Foote, Capt, and Mrs. F. B. Ward, Mr. Wile, Capt. Martin, the officers of H. M. ships Shearwater and Egeria and many others.

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Mrs. J. W. Church gave a most delightful tea at her pretty home at Beacon Hill on Tuesday afternoon last. The event was in honor of Miss D. Sehl, who is shortly to become the bride of Mr. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Church's younger brother. The reception rooms were prettily arranged for the occasion, and the tea room and table was artistically decorated with red and white carnations and ferns. Mrs. Church was asssted in receiving her guests by Mr. J. E. Wilson, Miss D. Sehl and Miss Nelson. Some of those present were: Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. H. Pooley, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs Carmichael, Mrs. H. A. Goward, Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Nicholles, Miss M. Nicholles, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Kent, Miss Sehl, Mr. Hirsch, Mrs. King and Miss King, Miss MacKay, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Arthur Wolfenden, Mrs. Langton, Miss Beanlands, Mrs. G. Shaw, Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Lubbe, Mrs. Jeuns, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. C. H. Todd, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. ay, Mrs. C. Jay, Mrs. Patterson, Miss McMickins, Mrs. H. G. Wilson, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss A. Carr and a host of others.

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Mr. and Miss Leverson entertained a few friends at tea on Thursday afternoon last in honor of Mr. Hedley and Mr. Rose. Among the guests were Mrs. and Miss Bullen, Miss Irving and others.

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Mrs. Irving tntertained at bridge on Saturday afternoon last.

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Mrs. Fagan was hostess at a small bridge tea on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Charles Wilson. The guests were Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Gibb and others.

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The Misses Agassiz are visiting in Victoria, being the gutsts of the Misses Dupont.

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Mrs. Fordham (Vancouver) is visiting in the city, being the guest of her mother, Mrs. (Dr.) Powell.

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Mrs. Irving was hostess at a bridge tea on Thursday afternoon last. The guests were Mrs. Heyland, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Miss Hale, Miss Dupont, Miss A. Dupont and Mrs. Elliot King.

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Mrs. C. J. Fagan was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge evening on Monday last, the affair being given in honor of Mrs. J. Shotwell Clute, who left for a visit to Rossland on Tuesday evening. The prizes wtre won by Mrs. Pierce and Mr. McGregor, the consolation prizes falling to Mrs. Amberry and Mr. W. H. G. Phipps. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clute, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, Miss and Mr. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Irving, Mr. Bullen, Mrs. Amburg, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Miles, Mrs. Tuck, Miss Tuck and Mrs. Elford King.

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Miss Winnifred Wilson entertained at tea on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Ella Corton.

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Mrs. J. Stilwell Clute left on Tuesday night's boat en route for Rossland, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Cunliffe, for a couple of months.

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Mrs. Phipps left on Tuesday for Greenwood, where she intends visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Proctor, for a month.

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Miss Corton, who has been visiting Mrs. Nicholles and Mrs. Lawson, returned to Westminster on Friday.

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Miss Earle enttrtained at the tea hour on Saturday afternoon last. The guests were Miss Lawson, Miss Cortan, the Misses Lugrin, Miss Nicholles, Miss M. Nicholles, Miss Vincent and other.

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Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 8, 1905.
JOHN C. K. SEALY, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about three miles southeast from Little Canyon of the Skeena river and adjoining Copper river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Shaw, southwest corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of beginning, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.
L. SHAW, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southeast of the Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of A. E. Gaker, southwest corner, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

A. E. BAKER, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the permission to purchase the north half of section 9 and the south half of section 16, all in township 7, Coast range 5, Bulkeley Valley, containing 640 acres more or less.

J. A. PELHAM.
G. G. DALMADGE.
John D'Orsay, Agent.
Dated January 25th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, siuated about two and a half miles south of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of Frank Leeson, northeast corner, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south ao point of beginning, containing 320 ocres more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.
FRANK LEESON, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southwest of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Ross, northeast corner, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chaons west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

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Kootenay Letter.

Associated Boards of Trade—Kootenay Central Railway—West Kootenay Power and Light Company—Curtis Bobs Up—Mining Progress—Supreme Court.

Nelson, Feb. 5—.Thee event of the past week in the interior has been the assemblage of the eighth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade, which had their meeeting in Cranbrook last week. There was a fair attendance, and many questions of urgent public moment were up for discussion. Among them was the school question, over the new act, regarding which there has been much disrespectful comment. Why, it is rather hard to say, inasmuch as the school trustees are hardly called upon to do more than they are in Ontario. The Associated Boards were drastic in their treatment of this, as nothing short of an abolition of the whole act would suit them, Conservativee or Liberal alikee. And that is one good point as to the boards of trade, their avoidance of all party discussions. In a time and province where nearly everything is tried by the toughstone of party, this speaks wonders. Yet another matter was that of a subsidy to the Kootenay Central Railway. There is little doubt of thee popularity of the demand for the building of that railway. The unanimity of opinion in this respect was truly wonderful to behold. Yeet as marked a feature was the reluctance of the boord to commit itself to the asking of a government to grant a subsidy in order to further this most necessary work. The utmost the boards would do was to urge that the giving of a loan or a guarantee, something that would not bee a freee gift, something that would have to be repaid, although it was evident enough that the promoteers of the scheme could not get along without some tangible assistance. Smith Curtis again brought up his charges against the C. P. R. for not paying its taxes and for holding lands wrongfully. Thee convention listened attentively to his arguments, which were marshaled in great fullness and closeness of attention to detail, but expressed no opinion beyond asking for an investigation nito the circumstances of thee cose.

The Nelson delegates were hard up against the bricks during the convention. Lorne A. Campbell of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company is none too popular in Nelson. That gentleman, having concluded contracts for the delivery of power to the Boundary mines, is seeking for legislation which will settle any legal doubts as to his right to enter the Boundary district, where already is established a power plant. He asked the Associated Boarus ,at the eleventh hour, to pass a reesolution in favor of his bill now before the Victoria legislature. Under the rules no resolution can be brougnt up at the Associatde Boards without its having been passed upon at some local board and a copy sent to each and every board in order to give each board an opportunity of voting upon it. Now, Mr. Campbell did not do this and sprang the resolution upon the Associated Boards. Every delegate was uninstructed as to this point. By the rules of the Associated Boards no such resolution can be considered unless by a two-thirds majority votinug to hear it. As a matter of fact, the rule ought to be more stringent and allow no such resolution to be brought up in any event, excepting that from time and circumstances it can be fully shown that there was no opportunity of presenting the resolution to a local board in the ordinary manner. For a resolution passed upon locally first and then passed upon by each several board of the districts represented is not the opinion of one man nor of two, nor of one body of men, but of a whole community, scattered over Southern British Columbia from Midway to Fernie, south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific. But a catch vote of twenty uninstructed delegates upon a resolution in no sense represents the whole community and is merely the opinion of twenty men of more or less prominence. The resolution so passed has to be referred to the each local board, and if nothing is heard against it for ten days then silence is taken as consent. But this involves the calling of a special meeting, with no opportunity of extended enquiry. Silence should rather imply negation. Under the circumstances the Nelson delegates voted against the hearing of the resolution. Being, however, in a minority of one-third, the resolution was placed before the meeting. An exparte statement declared the Boundary to be in said lack of power; that the Cascade Power Company could not supply sufficient power, and that the West Kootenay Power Company could. Telegrams from Greenwood and Grand Forks bore out the statement that there was a lack of power, but said nothing as to the ability of the Cascade company to supply what was needed. Consequently the Associated Boards passed a resolution, eliminating all names, but implying the Cascade and West Kootenay Power companies just the same, setting forth the lack of power and asking for legislation which would help that district to obtain it. And Mr. Lorne Campbell was quite satisfied. Not so the other people, who have investeed $500,000 in their plant, which is capable of generating 6,000 horsepower, not half of which was sold last year, and who fear to be driven out of the Boundary by the competition of the West Kootenay Power Company, who having a plant of 50,000 horse-power can generate more cheaply and so command the market, i. e., have a monopoly. Which is an argument in favor of public ownership, or at all events regulation of would not like, inasmuch as it is fighting Nelson, which wants to run its own power plants. Of course thee Associated Boards cannot well be blamed for taking the action set forth. The future of the Boundary is something to set before the welfare of any one company, and that is what Mr. Campbell will have to learn in turn at some future date, unless the power rates are really kept down.

Sessions of the Supreme Court are coming up next week, and a lengthy sitting is expected.

The Kootenay-Yale mining districts have made another record-breaking week in shipping tonnage. Generally the mining industry is looking very bright. Constant discoveries are being made in the Slocan, while in Rossland the discovery of good ore at great depth in two of the mines—the War Eagle and the Josie—gives an added brightness to the dimmed lustre of that camp.

WHO IS EMERSON?

It is worth while noting that the Act at present before the local Legislaure to secure the use and manufacture in British Columbia of timber cut on crown lands in the province, and which is being strongly opposed by the Liberal opposition, is rendered necessary by the action of one J. S. Emerson, now of Vancouver, but formerly of Washington and a citizen of the United States, who, by the fraudulent—in spirit if not in letter of statutory intent—use of hand-loggers' licenses, has, during the past year, robbed British Columbia of millions of feet of timber.

This is the same Emerson whose methods were exposed by The Week last summer in connection with a neat little game which he, with the hired help of the Vancouver World, attempted to play upon the people of this province. On that occasion Emerson was beaten, and the World had to eat the leek.

This same Emerson was also connected with the Loggers' Association which made such a struggle—in which perjury and every form of fraud were employed—against the original act to prevent the exportation of timber from the province.

The Liberal party in British Columbia has now taken this enterprising alien under its protecting wing. Well, nobody need look surprised, it is only history repeating itself.

Captain Langley and bride returned on Sunday from their honeymoon trip.

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Patton-Gowen.

A recent wedding in Mexico and one that will be of great interest to Victorians, as the contracting parties art well known here, was that of Mr. Thomas Patrick Patton and Miss Florence Ellen Gowen. The following is an account of the event, taken from a Mexican paper:

"The church of San Josinta, in San Angel, Mexico, was the scent of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday morning, January 16th, when Mr. Thomas Patrick Patton and Miss Flora Gowen were made one. Rev. Father Lorenzo Alvarez officiated at the marriage ceremony and following mass, with Sr. Giuschnet presiding at the organ. The chancel and altar were very effectively decorated with garlands of evergreen, florifundi and callas and groups of palms, the bridal party standing beneath an arch of pure white roses.

"The bride was attired in a robe if ivory satin and duchess lace, with veil caught up with sprays of orange blossoms and wore a single brooch of diamonds and pearls, the gift of tht groom. She was led to the altar and given away by Mr. Frank Brennan, uncle of the groom, with Miss Cecile Gadd of New York as bridesmaid and Sr. Jose Cuevas of Mexico City as best man.

"After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served to about 30 relatives and intimate friends in the beautiful garden of St. Chevallion. The tables were laid beneath the wide spreading branches of a huge aguacotte tree, its ample foliage forming a complete canopy and delightfully cool retreat from the rays of a noonday tropical sun, while lending an additional sentiment to the happy occasion. Toasts and good wishes were lavishly bestowed upon tht newly wedded couple until the time of their departure, when, in the midst of a shower of rice—not forgetting the traditional "old shoe"—they started on an early afternoon train for Pachuca, where a comfortablt new home awaite them and where the groom is manager for the Compania Exportation Mexicana.

"Mr. and Mrs. Patton were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts, among them being several handsome bank drafts."

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Vancouver.

The Tipping Evil—British Columbia Against New Zealand—London Fog—City Council Affairs—Social.

The Tipping Evil.

Those who are fortunatee enough to be able to take trips to Europe, come back and complain of thee tipping evil in the old country. They don't seem to realize that Easterners coming to our province have the same cause for complaint. That big corporation, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which owns railways, hotels, theatres and steamships, aids and assists the practise of tipping. Take at their big hotel in Vancouver, the waiters are paid the magnificent (?) salary of $30 per month, but are told that they will receive tips which will amount to from $60 to $125 per month. Then the same steward who will tell the waiters this will tell a traveller that no tips are expected—but at the same time his palm is itching. If the tipping evil is to be abolished, as the railway company leads the public to believe, they must first pay their employees living wages. The C. P. R. employees, with the exception of the "big bugs," are the meanest paid on the coast. Waiters on the S. S. Princess Victoria get $25 per month, waiters at the Vancouver Hotel $30, pantrymen at the Vancouver $15 to $25, and these are only specimens. This system is a rotten one, for it means travellers have to pay twice for their service.

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B. C. vs. New Zealand.

The all-B. C. team to play the now famous New Zeealand team in San Francisco next Tuesday left Vancouver last Wednesday and were due in the Golden Gate City on Friday. The team is a strong one, but lacks team and condition as compared to their seasoned opponents. British Columbia's hopes rests with the following team, under the management of Reggie Woodward:

Full-back—H. Bell-Irving.

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If successful in defeating the touring champions, the British Columbia team can own the province, for the advertising to be received will be tremendous. May luck be with them.

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City Council Affairs.

Since assuming office the new Vancouver City Council has taken two decided stands. They have decided that they should not be compelled (?) to serve on the council board without compensation and twenty-five simoleons will continue to pass to the aldermen every month, and Mayor Buscombe's private account will be credited with $2,000 during the year. Ald. Halse, the gentleman who reconsidered his retirement and still neglects his own business to serve an ungrateful public, is credited with the fathering of the move to hold the committee meetings in secret. The Royal City adopted this "star-chamber" method three years ago, and the people of that city are ignorant, to a large extent, of the doings of their civic rulers. The press, the recognized representative of th public, were to be excluded from the committee meetings, had Ald. Halse succeeded in his move. But he did not. He was supported in this move by Alds. Heaps, Jeffs, Morton and Rogers. The electors may well take note of these names—the names of the men who want to conduct the business of the public and allow the public to know but a part of what is being done with their money. "System" got away with a lot last year, and were it allowed "star-chamber" would cost more thrs year.

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Vancouver wants to be a second London. They have already imported some of the fog, and even Londoners concede it to be a good imitation, if not the real thing.

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The volunteer fire department of North Vancouver gave a dance in the Pavillion on Monday evening which proved to be a ery enjoyable dance. About 130 people were present, and eveyone declared at the close of the ball that they had spent a delightful evening.

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The Shamrock Whist Club held their usual fortnightly meeting in the O'Brien Hall on Thursday night. Miss Wittler and Mr. Gasker secured both first prizees, while Mrs. Kirby and Mr. Hamilton got the consolation prizes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Westminsteer avenue, enteertained a number of their friends on Monday eevening. Music and singing were the principal features of the evening. Supper was daintily served by Mrs. Bates, assisted by her mother, Mrs. William Fowler, Comox street.

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Mrs. P. Perry Ross was entertained at the Oxford House on Wedneesday night by a few friends on the eve of her departure for Seattle.

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The marriage took place at Revelstoke on January 31st of Mr. Archie L. Teetzel, formerly of this city, and Miss Grace Love, of this city.

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The marriage is announced to take place shortly of Mr. E. T. Rand and Miss L. Towne, youngest sister of the late Mr. Henry Towne.

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Mrs. J. Kincaid of Howe streeet has returned from a visit to California.

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Mr. T. A. Lee left Sunday on the Great Northern Limited en route to Quincey, Ill.

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Mrs. F. W. Watson (nee Odlum) held her post-nuptial reception on Wednesday afternoon and evening at her residence on Harris street.

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Mrs. H. A .Tyler of Tacoma arrived in this city on Monday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Howe, of the Hotel Metropole. She was accompanied by Miss L. M. Woodrow.

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Miss Christie of Winnipeg is thee guest of Mrs. W. J. Jeffries of Thurlow street.

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A merry surprise party made an unexpected visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pierrot, Fairview, on Tuesday evening. Afteer the surprise had subsided the guests were made heartily welcome and a pleasant time was spent with music and games until a late hour. Among those present were Miss B. MacDonald, Miss S. Gordon, Miss N. Casselman, Miss L. Woods, Miss L. Nason, Miss D. McIntyre, Mr. J. Edwards, Mr. W. E. Foreman, Mr. C. Casselman, Mr. H. Lyons, Mr. A. Edmonds, Mr. West, Mr. L. Craig, Mr. H. Clapton and Mr.

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Miss Nellie Flumeerfelt is visiting friends in Nanaimo.

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A most enjoyable progressive euchre party was given by Mr. and Mrs. D. L .Tait at their residence on Robson street on Friday evening in honor of the anniversary of their wedding.

The marriage of Miss Anna E. Fraser, second daughter of Mrs. W. H. Fraser, of Nicola street, to Mr. Reginald W. Rogers of Veernon took place at 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, assisted by Rev. J. M. MacLeod. The bride looked charming in a costume of cream pale silk trimmed with accordeon plaited chiffon. With it she wore the bridal veil and orange blossoms. Her sister, Miss Mabel Fraser, was bridesmaid and looked very pretty attired in greeen crepe dee chene trimmed with cream applique, while Mr. A. R. Creagh supported the groom.

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A. very pretty though quiet wedding took place on Dunlevy avenue when Miss Katherine A. McDonald and Mr. Kenrick V. Martin were joined in holy matrimony.

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Mrs. J. M. Lebore entertained at dinner on Tuesday. Covers were laid for eight. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Lefevre, Miss Humphriees, Miss Baker, Miss N. Baker, Mr. F. W. De Mille, Mr. Morrison and Mr. K. Walkem.

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Mrs. R. E. McKechnie, Robson street, will be at home for her friends on the first and fourth Wednesdays of every month during the season.

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BRILLIANT GRAND OPERA SEASON IN VANCOUVER.

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The company itself is a combination of Mr. Savage's "Parsifal" and English opera companies of last season, there being over a score of leading prima donnas, tenors, baritones and basses in addition to the great singing chorus of nearly 100 voicees.

The repertory of operas is the most pretentious ever offered by a company of English speaking artists. Wagner's sonorous music dramas have become the most popular of all the great masterworks, and two of them are to be heard. There will be the superb "Tannhauser" with its immortal overture, seductive Venusberg music sung by Venus and the Minstrel Knight, the inspiring "Pilgrims' Chorus," great aria for the beautiful Elizabeth and poetic "Song to the "Evening Star" for Wolfran.

"Lohengrin," with its romance of the Holy Grail Knight who rescues the Princess Elisa, with its beautiful "Wedding March," "Dreaem Song," "Swan Song," and other great harmonies is the delightful offering for the opening night when the Vancouver opera house will be filled with the most representative audience of society and music circles of the year.

For lovers of the florid and tneful Italian operas there will be Verdi's "Rigoletto," with its exquisite melodies and brilliant ensembles, and for all classes of music lovers there will be Gounod's melodious "Faust," with its sparkling "Jewel Song," "Flower Song," famous garden scene and all its picturesque coloring that has made it the best loved of all French operas.

The performances will be arranged as follows:

Thursday evening, February 15, "Lohengrin."

Friday evening, February 16, "Rigoletto."

Saturday matinee, February 17, "Tannhauser."

Saturday evening, February 17, "Faust."

Three days will be devoted to the season ticket sale, beginning Thursday, February 8, the regular sale starting Monday, February 12.

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Mortality in Nanaimo.

The number of deaths in this city since the beginning of the year is alarmingly large. Since hte New Year sixteen already have been recorded, against seven for the month of December. The average death rate in past years always has been light, aggregating 1 to 5 per cent. The mortality for the present month has reached over 100 per cent. over previous months. The exceptionally mild weather is sa dito be responsible.

More Juggling by Cox & Co.

Crow's Nest Pass coal stock has been rocketting in the exchange here for some days past, and an inside source is authority for the statement that the boom is due to an early consummation of the reorganization that has been talked of for a couple of years past. The capital now consists of $3,500,000 common stock paying 10 per cent. dividends, and under the reorganization this will be increasedr to $10,500,000 and $3,500,000 in bonds.

Our Vernon Special.

The ridiculous and illogical treatment of the Midway & Vernon railway situation which appeared in the Vancouver World some time ago has been seized upon with avidity by local oppostion politicians, and no effort has been spared to cast odium upon the government by making it appear that, for some extraordinary reason and with an altogether disproportionate amount of intrigue for the accomplishment of a very small object, the Premier and Hon. Mr. Tatlow had taken advantage of their recent visit to the East to poison the ears of the financial "Great Moguls" with serpent doubts as to the M. & V. subsidy. Divested of the miserable wrappings of partisanship and prejudice, which could only prove "a snare and a delusion" to the very credulous and unsuspecting, the facts that form the basis for this vapory outpouring of fiery vituperation are very simple and altogether creditable to the government, being in fact nothing more nor less than the taking of the business like stand that the terms of the charter must be strictly carried out, and that the payment of the subsidy would only follow upon receipt of proof that all requirements had been complied with. Surely a terrible crime with which to charge a government acting in the interests of the people. The World, however, has developed a special talent in the handling of flascoes, and will soon have as established a reputation as a journalist as John Oliver.

With regard to the M. & V. situation, as it now appears, the recent bill introduced by Mr. Price Ellison to extend the time necessary for its completion will probably revive whatever doubt there may have existed as to the ultimate fate of the project, and Okanaganites may look forward to all the good times anticipated from the construction of the road in the comparatively near future.

The domination in party-affairs among local Liberals seems to have passed away from those great-minded and genial-hearted old-timers, whose breadth of outlook made them hard fighters, but liberal opponents. With the advent of a new element, an element thoroughly imbued with the methods and principles of the petty politician, the day of smaller and narrower things has arrived, and it is evident that the sordid suggestion of "woe to the conquered, to the victors the spoils," will be pressed to the limit. An incident that illustrates the change that is taking place and that has aroused much comment is the emphatic utterance of a prominent Liberal partisan recently, setting forth the indefensible principle that "too much Liberal money (i. e., money supposed to be handled by the federal government in the best interests of the people, whether Conservative or Liberal) had been passing into Conservative pockets in the city, and that it was time for a change." It has been impossible to discover just what expenditures were referred to, as a fairly tight grip upon patronage has characterized even the fairest of the old-time Liberals.

NATIVE SONS' BALL.

The Native Sons' ball, which took place on Friday of last week, was undoubtedly a great success from every point of view. To use the words of a gay young Lothario, "everything was just out of sight," speaks volumes for the floor, supper and music. The decorations were decidedly artistic, the novel idea of a winter scene being effectively carried out by means of a profusion of ivy covering the walls, while the ceiling was dotted with frosted lights which glistened through an imaginary snowstorm. Many of Victoria's fairest daughters graced the scene, and it would indeed be hard to say who was the belle, but among the handsomest and most beautifully dressed ladies were noticed Mrs. Coles, who was becomingly gowned in the palest of blue, with rich cream lace; Mrs. Stanley McB. Smith, who wore white; and Mrs. Frank Ward, in a lovely black sequin frock; Miss Edwards (of Seattle) was much admired in a pale blue chiffon gown; also Mrs. Kilpatrick, who wore white silk lace. Others present were Miss Pooley in black and white; Mrs. Parry, who was smartly gowned in pale blue; and Mrs. H. Pooley, in white silk. Miss M. Bechtel wore a dainty frock of white, with sequin girdle; and the Misses Hickey wore pink. Miss Monteith wore a becoming gown of white net, and Miss Newling a pretty flowered silk mousseline de soi. Mis Nicholles wore pink, Miss McTavish white silk, Mrs. Gowen pale blue voile, Mrs. Lester red chiffon, Mrs. Rebbeck gray silk, Mrs. D. E. Campbell black, Miss Dunlevy pink silk, and Miss McKenzie black net. The Misses Spence, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yates, Captain and Mrs. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Church, Mr. R. H. Pooley, Captain Parry, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Mr. D. B. McTavish, Mr. S. Sea, Mr. J. H. Fletcher, Mr. A. E. Haynes, Mr. Burnes, Mr. Chas. Cameron, the Misses Fraser, Miss Ethel Green, Mr. D. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carmichael, Miss Locke, Captain Newcombe, Captain Sears, Mr. Langley, Dr. and Mrs. King, Miss Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yates, Mr. and Mrs. B. Boggs, Mr. Frank Higgins, Mr. Bone, Miss Heyland, Mr. Jack Heyland, Judge Lampman, Mr. S. McB. Smith, Mr. B. Schwengers, Mr. Musgrave, Mr. R. Fell, Mr. G. T. Fox, Mr. Alex. McLean, Mr. Finch, Mr. Clute, Mr. Dave Leeming, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Munro, Captain McConnan, Mr. G. Y. Simpson, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. T. Fawcett, Miss Carters, Mr. Heisterman, Mr. Brett, Mr. J. Lawson, Dr. Garesche, Mr. Savory, Mr. Sidney Child, Mr. H. Lawson, Mr. Arthur Belyea, Mr. Frank White, Mr. Phil. Lawson and many others.

The officers of Post No. 1 who had the arrangements of the ball in hand and who are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the affair are: Chief factor, Geo. T. Fox; 1st vice-factor, S. Sea, jr.; 2nd vice-factor, Jas. H. Fletcher; secretary, A. E. Haynes; treasurer, J. A. McTavish; floor committee, S. Sea, jr., Jas. Fletcher, Thos. Watson, Phil. Austin, Hugh Keefer.

Not for many a long week has the Grand placed before its patrons such a consistently good programme as has been the case this week. There is always one good star, but not often a bevy of them. This time Manager Jamieson has, however, succeeded in getting together a company which is probably not be rivalled in vaudeville on the Coast. The Hawaiian Quintette give an excellent musical performance on stringed instruments, while their singing is up to the standard of their playing. Sims, the cartoonist, is a marvel of skill and celerity. Miss Alice Wildermere's song, entitled "Daddy's Little Girl," is one of the features of the evening, and the accompanying pictures are the talk of the town. De Carlo and Stokes give a wonderful acrobatic display, and Cleve & Allan a very clever sketch.

Screaming farce has been the order of the week at the Watson. After a somewhat lengthy spell of tragedy the audiences have been treated to two of the most laughter-raising farces which have ever been played in Victoria. "A Victim of Circumstances" was the first of these and was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large number of spectators; this was followed by "The Irish Widow," which will appear at the matinee and evening performance to-day. That Mr. Watson's reduction in price was a popular one it is needless to say; it is therefore gratifying to learn that it has been a success from his point of view, as well as from that of those benefited. Next week will usher in "The Westerner," followed on Thursday by "The Emigrant."

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the C. C. of L. and W. for permission to purchase the following described lands situated on the right bank of the Skeena River, about half a mile below the "Little Canon and bounding Geo. Little's Pre-emption Claim, on the west side, viz.: Commencing at a post marked F. R. L.'s S. E. Cor., and thence running north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; and thence east 40 chains to point of commencement and containing 160 acres.

Signed, FRED. R. LITTLE, Locator.
GEO. LITTLE, Agent.
January 12th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following lands, situated about two miles north of Lake Lakelse, and about five miles south of Little Canyon, Skeeena River: Commencing at a post marked "Walter Williscroft's N. E. Cor."; thence running south 80 hains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

WALTER WILLISCROFT,
Geo. Little, Agent.
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the north-west corner of W. L. Polson's land; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less, for agricultural purposes.

M. DURHAM,
Per Chas. Durham, Agent.
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land for agricultural purposes: Beginning at the S. W. corner of George Little's Pree-emption claim on the right bank of the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., about 40 chains below the Little Canyon, the line runs thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 60 chains, more or less, to the river; thence northerly along the bank of the river about 80 chains to the point of beginning, containing 400 acres, more or less.

WM. L. POLSON,
Per Roger S. Greene, Agent.
Skeena River, Dec. 8, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase th efollowing described lands: The north-west quarter of section 14, Township 6, Coast, Range 5, Bulkley Valley; containing 160 acres, more or less.

H. F. BISHOP,
A. FERGUSON.
Dated February 1st, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the south half of section 9, the south-west quarter section 10, and the north-west quarter of section 3, all in Township 7, Coast, Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. R. JACKSON,
Dated 8th February, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the east side of Copper and south side of Skeen River: Commencing at a post marked "Alex. McKenzie, Initial Post, North-East Corner"; thencee 40 chains south; thence 40 chains, more or less, west, to Copper River; thence 40 chains north along Copper River to the Skeena River; thence 40 chains east along Skeena River to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

ALEX. McKENZIE.
Dated December 10th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the south-east corner of M. Durham's land; thence running east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres, more or less for agricultural purposes.

T. S. BAXTER,
Per Chas. Durham, Agent.
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., Dec. 8th, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 17, Township 7, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated February 1st, 1906.
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Intemperate Temperance.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."—Moses.

There was a gathering of crusaders at Institute Hall on Wednesday night. The fiery cross had been carried from church to church and the saloon-keeper was to have his license wrested from him. Because of this announcement the world and his wife filled the hall to overflowing, and heard minister after minister denounce the saloon-keeper as a criminal, and the women of Victoria as drunkards. As a climax a vote was suppostitiously taken, and without consideration of a preponderant negative vote, the chairman declared the resolution carried to the effect that grocery liquor licenses and the licenses of saloons be taken away. As compensation, Rev. Mr. Adams suggested that warning be given to the holders of licenses that they were to be taken away!

Once upon a time Mr. Lorimer wrote a book called "The Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son." In one letter the advice was given: "My son, get money; get it honestly if you can, but get it." So with the voice of the meeting; it seemed to be the wish of the promoters to get its favor honestly if they could, but, anyhow, to get it. When a show of hands for and against the resolutions was called for it seemed that the negative was far more numerous, but the chairman declared them carried. So it was throughout the meeting. Speaker after speaker told the same tale, the saloon-keeper was, they said, engaged in a lawful business and he was a criminal. He was law-abiding, but unlawful; this was the paradox the speakers propounded, and there was order. Then, when an opposition speaker came forward to reply they clamored against this, and finally allowed him ten minutes.

The platform decorations consisted solely of a piano, a small table, a glass of water, many preachers, some ladies of the W. C. T. U., daughters of this and that, and some painted scenery. Dr. Ernest Hall was chairman. He first presented a few statistics to the effect that criminality, insanity, sickness, prevention of labor and so forth was mainly caused by indulgence in liquor; that Victoria had at least a dozen more saloons than had Vancouver, and then he introduced Mr. J. D. McNiven, M. P. P.

Mr. McNiven wanted it firstly to be known he was only an individual, lest some mistake him for more. He was a member of a party, but he didn't want people to blame the party for that. He had been to the City Hall, he said, and would tell of that. Then he told of what he had copied from the records. 'Twas this: In Victoria there were 37 saloons, 34 hotels, 6 shops, 3 breweries and 6 wholesalers of liquors, and they contributed $24,750 to the civic revenue in licenses. Now the city had large powers, but still, he said, it was difficult to obtain convictions against the men who paid these licenses. It was hard to catch them violating the liquor laws, for anyone who tried to do so had to prove that they did so. Why, in other places, my dear brethren, the watchful persons had only to find persons assembled in places licensed to sell liquor in restricted hours, and the license holder would be convicted.

Mr. Le Roy Dakin had brought his note book, and he read, with due voice inflection and theatrics, that the time had come for the Minister of the Gospel to speak right out, fearlessly. Those who had thought otherwise were now dead. The survivors were prepared to fight to the death or to absolute victory. He defined drunkenness. It was not a disease, not contagious or incurable. If it were so there would be a Darcy Island for drunkards. As Mr. Seneca, who suicided in a place called Rome some years ago, said "Drukenness is voluntary madness." The saloon-keeper was a criminal because he sold liquor. It was of course lawful for him to sell liquor, but he was a criminal for doing so. The law should shut up the saloon, for they are dens of crime. They were—but he did not propose to advertise wickedness, anyhow.

The people are the government, he said, and the people had made liquor-selling lawful, the saloon had become a political power and influence. But now the hosts of the church were marshaled. There had been discord among them, but they were getting together, and——

Just then an intelligent bull-dog came from the wings and looked from the centre of the stage wonderingly at the crowd, and laughter drowned all else.

Rev. Mr. Carson moved a resolution: "Whereas, the association of the sale of liquor with grocers encourages intemperance in the home, and also creates unfair competition in the retail grocery trade. Be it resolved that our representatives be requested to take such action as lies within their power to cancel all such licenses." He did this because he wanted to save the home and likewise local commerce, for he felt that the grocer who had a license had an advantage over his competitors.

Ald. Lewis Hall said he was a member of the Good Templars. (Loud applause.) He would second the resolution. Unless the government could give a license to every grocer they should take those from the grocers who now held them. Some day——

(Slow, tremulous music and dimmed lights.)

Some day the people who now heard him might be travelling in a train, and a drunken switchman would misplace the switches and, then——

(Pause for dramatic effect and the scene changes.)

A road leads to Richmond. Over that road a man went home with a Bible in his hand. Liquor could never touch him, for he held a Bible in his hand, had a rabbit's foot in his pocket and had his fingers crossed. He would never become a prohibitionist. But——

(More slow music.)

One day an Indian bought a bottle of whiskey in Vancouver, became raving drunk, broke into the cabin of this man at Richmond and slew him with an axe. The axe—no liquor—No—Oh yes, liquor touched this man at last.

Rev. Mr. McIntyre wished it to be known that he didn't represent anyone.

A Voice—You're all right.

The Chairman—Now two can't speak at once. We expect gentlemen in the audience as well as on the platform.

Mr. McIntyre then waded (metaphorically) into the liquor evil. According to Webster's dictionary, he said, it was a crime, and he asked: "Is it the policy of any government to legalize crime?" As for saloons, he couldn't see any reason for them. There might be reason for hotels. But men squandered their earnings in saloons——

A Voice—And buttons found their way into the church collection.

He believed he would soon attend the funeral of the saloon, and would move the following resolution: "Whereas the open saloon constitutes a grave menace to the moral and physical welfare of our citizens, and serves no good purpose in the community. Be is resolved that our representatives be requested to take such action as will speedily remove this from our midst."

Rev. Mr. Clay said while there might be room for difference of opinion, theer should be none as to the extinction of the saloons. The hotel was not considered. He seconded the resolution, and then the chairman announced midst laughter that "the usual collection would be taken up." This was to be the first of many meetings, and there might be a debate; just now, if anyone wished to send a question to the platform in writing it might be answered at the close of the meeting.

While the ushers collected, a young lady sang of a dream celestial, broken by the din of strife and the bitterness of life, and then His Lordship Bishop Perrin took the floor. He was glad to see such a meeting. Once—this was in England, not here—he had attended a meeting where he had only been permitted to say the word "Gentlemen" when howled at, and had said, "I beg your pardon," and sat down. He told of reading an article in the Colonist which placed the amount of alcohol for a moderate drinker at one ounce, and he said a friend had said to him that a man might as well not drink at all as have a stingy little ounce. Just so. There was once in England a man who became a total abstainer and accumulated his penniees, whch he placed in his stocking—at least this was the inference, for the speaker said the savings had made a swelling on the man's leg. The saloonkeeper had offered him something to remove the swelling, when the man disdainfully replieed: "Not so; me for the bank," or words to that effect. W. E. Gladstone—oh, no, not the local clergyman—had introduced the grocery liquor license to England, and had not the least intention of causing the increase of the sale of liquor, but this was the effect, and womanhood had suffered in consequence.

Rev. Dr. Campbell told funny stories of the Irishman who killed a pig "aisily," and he didn't want the liquor men to be killed "aisily." The traffic was a nuisance and should be abated by law. But the saloon had been legalized, and men had been encouraged to invest their money in them. These men should be compensated. Plenty of time should be given them as compensation. A warning that their businesses were to be taken from them should be given as compensation. He would not like to ruin any man, whether he owned saloon property or not, and would give him a fair time as compensation—say, six months; that should ompensate the property owner for his loss, shouldn't it?

Rev. Mr. Adams loved quiet, and he had enough people to talk to at his own church, anyhow. But he came because he considered that he must fight the saloon. It was civic suicide to license saloons. The labor men of the world would have none of men who were not abstainers. John Burns, the British labor leader, was a "free thinker."

Rev. Mr. Gladstone—No, no.

Well, anyhow, the glass should be broken and the danger put out of the way. He had been told by collectors, and others who went to houses, of many women who had come staggering to the door under the influence of liquor, and when the collectors had gone again they had been so ashamed of themselves that they sent others to the door to say they were not at home, or indisposed.

Rev. Mr. Gladstone told of his travels. He had been to Ottawa, also to Quebec, even to Regina, and had passed through Vancouver. When he came to Victoria he thought it was the finest place God had made. He thought it was the Garden of Eden; and, like the Garden of Eden, he found the serpent had invaded it. The serpent, he said, was the licensed saloon. He hadn't seen the licensed saloon in Ottawa, or in Quebec, nor in Toronto. It was time to get in line. Of course it was a good thing to go slow in making laws, and they should begin by limiting the houses. He heard men speak of compensation. What talk was this of compensation. They should lop off the licenses and never think of compensation. No, not until such time as the law made saloonkeepers compensate women whose husbands were drunkards.

Mr. Frank Higgns wanted to know if citizens were to be given an opportunity to speak.

The chairman did not want any contrary discussion. A debate might be called later.

Mr. Higgins said he had contributed to the collection, and thought he should be given an opportunity to expreess his opinion. (Loud applause and uproar.)

Theree was a discussion on the platform, and finally it was stated to be the wish of the committee that Mr. Higgins be given ten minutes. He criticised the manner in which saloonkeepers had been jibed at and called criminals, and said that when Rev. Mr. Adams had so insulted the womanhood of Victoria, classing them as addicted to strong drink, his blood boiled. He had sufficient manhood to express his opinion against such a false representation of the womanhood of Victoria. No great movement was ever carried with sneers and jibes, with insults such as these. Such questions must be discussed from a broad point of view, dealt with fairly and equitably. The resolutions advanced were unfair, inequitable and unbusinesslike. They dealt with the confiscation of vested interests without compensation. These interests weere held and businesses carried on in accordance with the law, and it was not fair to sweep away that which these men have worked for. Dr. Hall had told of Vancouver; others of England. No one had said that legislation was made in the thirty-third year of the reign of Queeen Victoria, who protected the rights of all license holders. If such a step as was, contemplated was to be made, some basis of compensation must be reached.

The chairman rose, and there were cries of "Time."

He asked if the gentlemen who advocated the confiscation of all rights possessed by others were in favor of giving up all they posseessed for the good of the country, as they ask others to do.

There were some interruptions and shouts of "Give them a square deal!" "They won't let you speak!" etc., and when quiet was resumed, Mr. Higgins continued: Speakers have advocated small hotels with a small number of rooms. That is going from a lesser to a greater eevil, for it will give opportunity to the painted Jezebels to sap the manhood of the young men of the city.

There was continued applause, admixed with hisses, and then Rev. Mr. Thompson spoke, saying Mr. Adams had not meant to insult the women of the city. He announced that other meetings would be held, when possibly a debate would be held and the other side would be given a chance.

The resolutions were then put, and the chairman asked those in favor to stand. Inasmuch as there were a large number standing in the aisles, these had to vote under the circumstances whether or no. But when the contrary was called twice as many stood as before, and a show of hands was called for, with the same result. The negative had carried by a large majority. But the chairman said the resolutions weere carried—and the chairman is the chairman.

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Victoria.

Where Is the G. T. Pacific.

At this moment, when the devoted and patriotic Liberals who compose his Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the local House are exploiting a commission to enquire into the Kai-En Island matter, it would seem opportune for The Week to renew its often-asked and never-answered question as to where the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is?

It certainly is not in British Columbia—although the leading Liberals of Canada pledged their "sacred" word of honour that it should be. And all enquiries for an explanation from the Liberal party are met by the frozen silence appropriate to callous indifference, lavish bribery, and an eighty-odd majority in the Dominion House.

It certainly is not in British Colpleman, the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, the seven Liberal members of British Columbia, and Mr. Hays, all pledged their word less than a year ago that construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in British Columbia would commence simultaneously with construction of the same railway in other parts of Canada. True, no clause to that effect was inserted in the agreement; but, what need of binding clauses when you are dealing with honest men, with men of sterling worth and integrity, with "men of their word," such as Senator Templeman, the Sordid Seven ,and the Dominion Cabinet?

Senator Templeman placed on the notice-board at Ottawa a notice to the effect that the clause providing for simultaneous construction in British Columbia was to be inserted in the agreement. Does any man in his sober senses suppose that Senator Templeman put up so important a notice without the advice and consent of the Dominion Cabinet?

Senator Templeman took that notice down. Why? And at whose bidding?

Instead, then, of a binding clause providing for simultaneous construction, the people of British Columbia were asked to take "something just as good,"—namely, the word of honour of Senator Templeman, of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, of the Sordid Seven, and of the Dominion Cabinet. Oh ,a most strong guarantee for fair dealing!

A year and a half have elapsed. In parts of Canada the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific goes merrily ahead. Thousands of men are being employed; hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent, in British Columbia there is the silence of the tomb.

And why? Because the McBride Government refused to be bribed and bullied by the Liberal party into handing over enormous grants of land and money to a private corporation —to pay that private corporation to do work that the people of Canada had already paid them to do!

No explanation of this black treachery, this foul fraud on the people of this province, has ever been vouchsafed by the high-placed defaulters who are responsible for it. And now the provincial wing of the Liberal party—that disgraced and defeated body who have connived by their silence at the robbery of their fellow-citizens—profess to see something doubtful and unholy in the sale by the Provincial government of a railway terminus to a railway which has bought the Liberals of Canada body and soul!

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W. F. TEETZEL.

December 8th, 1905.

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

CANADA:
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No. 322.

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

The head office of the company is situate at the City of New York, in the State of New York.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver, and Jesse H. Taylor, Agency Director, whose name is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and six.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
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The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

Insurance on lives and all and every insurance pertaining to life, and receiving and executing trusts, and making endowments, and granting, purchasing and disposing of annuities.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

CANADA:
Province of British Columbia.
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This is to certify that "The Ocean Marine Insurance Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at No. 2 Old Broad Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £1,000,000, divided into 40,000 shares of £25 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Temple Building, Victoria, and Robert Ward and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

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

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

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

(a.) To adopt and carry into effect, with or without modification, an agreement dated the 30th day of June, 1888, and made between Sir Stuart Saunders Hogg, on behalf of the City of London Marine Insurance Corporation, Limited, of the first part; Henry John Jourdain, on behalf of the Ocean Marine Insurance Company, Limited (incorporated under a deed of settlement, dated 29th November, 1859), of the second part, and Alfred Price, on behalf of this Company, of the third part, a copy whereof is set forth in the schedule to the Articles of Association of the Company:

(b.) To insure ships, vessels, boats and craft of every description, and engines, tackle, gear, equipment, stores, freight, earnings, profit, cargo and other matters and things against loss or injury by or through perils of the sea, fire, men of war reprisals, and all other perils, accidents and risks, now, or at any time hereafter, commonly undertaken by marine insurers or underwriters, and generally to carry on the business of marine insurance in all its branches, with full power to effect re-insurance and counter-insurance, as may seem expedient:

(c.) To wholly or partially insure goods, chattels, and effects or all kinds against all insurable risks, and to carry on a general insurance business(but not to assure human life or to grant annuities upon human life), and to do all things necessary and proper in that behalf:

(d.) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorised to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company, and to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business:

(e.) To pay money by way of compensation, gratuity, reward or otherwise, to or for the benefit of any person in the employment or formerly in the employment of the Company, or of any person or company from whom this Company shall have acquired any business or property, and to make special grants and payments to or for the benefit of any person in whom the Company is interested:

(f.) To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property, including its capital, and to make, accept, indorse and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(g.) To sell the undertaking of the Company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company:

(h.) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise with any person or company carring on or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in, any business or transaction which this Company is authorised to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, or otherwise deal with the same:

(i.) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

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A. MACKAY.

December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate in the Bulkley Valley, Coast District: Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. Cor. lot 618, range five, and marked F. E. .HD.'s N. W. corner; thence south 80 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning, being lot 618, range five, coast district.

FLORENCE E. H. DEPPE.

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

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVIN-
.. .. .. CIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

CANADA:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 320.

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

The head office of the Company is situate at No. 7, Royal Exchange, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £2,000,000, divided into 80,000 shares of £25 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Temple Building, Victoria, and Robert Ward and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and six.

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

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

(a.)To carry on the business of marine, fire and life assurance in all and every of the branches of such businesses as at present carried on by the Corporation and any future development of such business respectively, and to grant assurances and contracts of indemnity against any and every description of loss or liability whatever, and to undertake and transact any business now or at any time ordinarily writers, and to lend money on mortgage or bottomry:

(b.) To acquire and hold without any license in mortmain and to deal with and dispose of on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Corporation may think fit any lands of any tenure in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or any interest therein:

(c.) For the purpose of business premises out of England, to acquire, hold of and dispose of any lands of any tenure in India, any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom or in any foreign country, or any interest therein, and from time to time to sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any lands or any interest in lands so acquired, or any part of the same, on such terms and conditions as the Corporation may see fit:

(d.) To enter into and carry into effect contracts for amalgamating with or purchasing or taking over the whole or any part of the business or property of any company or society authorised to carry on business which the Corporation is authorised to carry on, or for undertaking and performing all or any of the contracts, liabilities and engagements of any such company or society:

(e.) To procure the Corporation to be registered or recognised in any country, state, or place abroad, and to make investments or deposits and comply with any conditions necessary or expedient in order to carry on business there:

(f.) To form or assist in forming out of the United Kingdom any company for carrying on any business which the Corporation may for the time being be authorised to carry on, and to hold shares or stock in or securities of any such company, and to guarantee interest or dividends on shares or stock in or securities of any such company, and to dispose of such shares, stock or securities, and to guarantee the due fulfilment of all or any the obligations and engagements of any such company but so that in every case arrangements shall be made for securing to the Corporation the control and management and benefit of the business of any such company:

(g.) To do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects:

(h) And to carry out the above objects except so far as otherwise expressed, either alone or in conjunction with any other person or association of persons or in any part of the world.

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Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the Skeena river, two miles below Skeena Canyon and adjoining S. B. Johnson's property, and beginning at a post planted and marked J. T. Phelan's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. T. PHELAN, Locator.
LOUIS ANDERSON, Agent.

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

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. W. GRAHAM, Locator
A. E. JOHNSON, Agent.

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

Dated 8th December, 1905.

S. B. JOHNSON, Locator.
Louis Anderson, Agent.

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

Dated December 8th, 1905.

R. S. SARGENT, Locator.
JOHN FOUNTAIN, Agent.

APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE.

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

Oct. 15, 1905.

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A London Letter From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Jan. 27.—Thank all the gods there be, the general election is over at last; the temporary insanity of a free, self-governing people, who have those paroxysms, somtimes, has subsided. From being a nation of wild-eyed, raving, politically crazy folks, we have subsided into the normal, everyday, "mostly fools" stage of existence. The politicians, and others, who have "got in" laugh up their sleeves and feel happy.

The amazing thing about this election has been the immense stride forward taken by Labor, with a capital L. It will have upwards of fifty representatives in the new parliament. Strange to say, some people are expressing surprise at Labor's "arriving" so soon. Is this leap of Labor the result of the board school education? I have heard some of the new Labor members, and those who imagine that they will be nonetities in the new house, or a convenient butt for Alcibiadeses of the opposition benches, will find themselvts sorely astray. As Macaulay said of the Puritan Commoners: "Their opponents on the battlefield and on the floor of the debating chamber found those strange, fanatical men no laughing matter."

George Nicholls, now an evangelistic preacher, was born an agricultural laborer, worked as laborer and navvy for many years, studied, took to preaching, pleaded the case of the Midlands agricultural laborer and championed him in press, on platform, everywhere, and now the agricultural laborers of North Northampshire have sent him to the nation's council. The day of the vast humble class of toilers in England is coming, seemingly; and the old governing class appears to be losing its grip to a certain extent. But statesmanship is not a thing of rapid or easy acquirement. Well may they tremble who foresee the country left to the government of the toiling masses or their chosen representatives so far as I have seen them.

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"Four Feathers" Mason (A. E. W.), of Coventry, who ran in the Liberal interest, got in by a fine majority. He was helped on the platform and throughout the constituency by Mr. J. M. Barrie, his staunch friend. I had the pleasure of hearing Mason asd seeing Barrie while in Coventry the day before the election. Quite a "brainy" team i' faith. And another well known litterateur, Sir A. Conan Doyle, who tried a south of Scotland constituency in the Unionist interest, can only be de scribed as having "also ran," for he was defeated by his Liberal opponent. A pity, for I, for one, should like to see more literary men in "the talking shop."

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Unprecedented scenes of enthusiasm marked the farewell of the Londoners to the victorious "All Black" New Zealand Rugby team on its departure from Waterloo on Saturday morning for Southampton. One of the striking incidents was the "send-off" given by the Welsh Rugby team present on the Southampton platform. They sang, beautifully, the Welsh national anthem, in their native language, gave the Welsh cheer, with a Welsh tiger and shook hands with Cambrian fervor. Each man was provided with a huge leek, which he brandished alarmingly. Then the New Zealanders gave their war cry, burst out into "Auld Lang Syne," in which the thousands present joined heartily. The team's record is marvellous; only one defeat in their United Kingdom series, and that from "gallant little Wales' 'at Cardiff.

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Hardly anything strikes the intelligent stranger in London more than the extraordinary prominence given by even the great leading newspapers to questions relating to bodily health and the cure of disease. It is no uncommon thing to observe such papers as the Daily Telegraph, Times, Express, Tribune (the new Liberal penny morning paper) devoting considerable space in their most valuable news pages to such subjects as the "superior nutriment of nuts," "the Finsen light cure for heart disease," "rice as a food," and so forth; even playing them up in the contents bills, usually reserved for the pieces de resistance. It is perhaps a wholesome trend. I think, however, from many unobstrusive observations in all sorts of cafes, from the Savoy and Romano's down to the Gourmet in Leicester Squase and the Fleet street snackeries, that roast beef and Yorkshire will take a lot of ousting from the favor of the average British man.

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No mere man, I know, should trench upon that holiest of holy grounds, female raiment; although, of course, there was Worth, whom many are still willing to affidavy was a man, after all—though I have never seen any report of an official and authoritative character—he made a fortune out of making women's clothes. But surely a man may venture a word of protest against the hideous ugliness of the new capes in furs that are coming in. This is a sawed-off jacket of what looks like many small skins very badly and most palpably sewn together, giving the wearer a very Cossicky, hirsute look, completely concealing the lines of grace, and, generally, looking like—— Well, not well. The sheer ugliness of the rig seems to make it quite eligible for motoring in, as that branch of sport appears to be the conqueror of anything approaching the becoming, the chic or the neat.

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The Tribune is the latest addition to Fleet street's mighty host of publications, and is, by the way, not published in Fleet street, but Bouverie street; but it is all Pressland round here anyway. The Tribune is backed with a capital of £700,000, and yet old Grub street men shake their heads and utter prophecy. It is a splendidly edited paper, yet lacks the rare literary tang of the Chronicle, the ideal journal, from a Liberal standpoint; but its specials, editorials and news are fairly done, none the less. In tone it keeps to the traditions of London journalism, and if this be maintained, as is likely, it will surely take its place as the principal organ of the government and the Liberal party. A story of great merit from Rudyard Kipling's pen appeared in the first number. Sarah Grand, Marie Corelli, J. M. Barrie, Rider Haggard, Conan Doyle, William Archer, Joseph Conrad are a few of its "rugged" special writers.

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War Minister Haldane, it is reported, will treble the efficiency, double the size and reduce the cost of the British army within a very short period. Sweeping changes, rumors of which are now filling the air, are to be made at once, amongst them promotion by merit, which will result in the stopping of an ancient and notorious abuse, which has rendered the British army unable to perform its duties on more than one occasion. In fact, there is to be a regular house-cleaning and destruction of rubbish and refuse at the war office, this time by a man who is too big to be baffled by conspiracies of officialdom, and too wise to be deceived with pretexts. If Haldane achieves even half of what he proposes, the British Empire will have cause to revere his memory. He is one of the clearest-headed, most uncompromising and most widely informed men who have ever held the office of secretary of state for war.

We take pleasure in informing our readers that the book and stationery business formerly owned by Mr. O. B. Ormand has been purchased as a going concern by the Messrs. Huxtable Bros. The new proprietors, who are both well-known to Victorians, having had considerable experience in this line of business, are about to place a brand new stock of novels and stationery in their new store, and extend a cordial welcome to all. The name of this new and enterprising firm is The Standard Stationery Co.

THE DUCAL "BAG."

The Duke of Westminster's party, on their recent shooting trip to Mashonaland, made the following "bag": 2 rhinos, 2 koodoo, 10 roan, 4 waterbuck, 7 tsessebe, 3 zebra, 3 reedbuck, 4 warthog, 7 oribi, 1 griesbuck—total, 40 head. There were three guns in the party.—"Chronicle," Bulawayo.

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

It is likely that the public library will remain open on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Mayor Morley has urged this step on the consideration of the library committee as being one best calculated to promote the wave of temperance which is sweeping over the city. It certainly is much to be regretted that at the only hours when the working man, who cannot afford to buy his own books, is free the library should be shut. The aim and object of all public institutions of this class is, or should be, to place good healthy literature before the people who are unable to afford the time and money to procure it elsewhere. This aim is obviously lost sight of if the library is closed during the hours when such patrons are prevented by their work from making use of it. The Lounger sincerely hopes that the Mayor may be successful in procuring the fulfilment of his suggestion, which curiously enough was endorsed by a letter to the Colonist appearing in the same edition as did the notice of his recommendation.

The J. B. A. A. are to be congratulated on having lately installed in their club on The Embankment a first-class English billiard table. It had been felt for some time that this was a much needed requirement, and its appearance has been greeted with enthusiasm. The table, which is constructed by the well known English firm of Hennig Bros., London, has been placed in the large room adjoining the reading room, where there is ample space for it. A full equipment of cues and markers has also been procured.

I was thinking the other day that at very small expense it would be possible to do away with what is at present a real eye-sore just outside the Parliament Buildings. At the further end of the Causeway, in the angle formed by the sidewalk and the Embankment, there is a little bare piece of ground, which in wet weather is a mass of mud, and in fine is full of dust. It is used as a short cut by those who are too lazy to walk round (The Lounger pleads guilty), but it might easily be made quite attractive if it were sown with grass seed, and surrounded with an iron railing, which would only require three pillars to uphold it. A small tree planted in the middle would of course also be an improvement; if funds allowed a gravel path might be run across the centre of it for the benefit of the aforesaid lazy ones. The same scheme has already been put into effect at the Government street end of the Causeway, but its beauty is decidedly marred by an ugly shack which in staring white letters advertises cigars, fruit, etc.

There is a crying need here for public lavatories. That the capital of British Columbia should not possess one of these essential conveniences is somewhat remarkable. Undoubtedly there ought to be one placed in the centre of the town, underground, fitted out in modern style. A modest charge of five cents for a wash and brush-up would pay the wages of a caretaker and leave enough to yield a small dividend. The corner of Yates and Government streets would seem to offer the most advantages as a good public centre. Another such establishment at Beacon Hill, with a room for changing, to accommodate footballers, who often have to make shift in a miserable little hut in that neighborhood, and a third one out towards Oak Bay would certainly be much appreciated.

A Spokane school girl was required to write an assay of 250 words about an automobile. She submitted the following: "My uncle bought an automobile. He was riding out in the country when it busted going up a long hill. I guess this is about 50 words. The other 200 are what my uncle said while he was walking back to town, but they are not fit for publication."

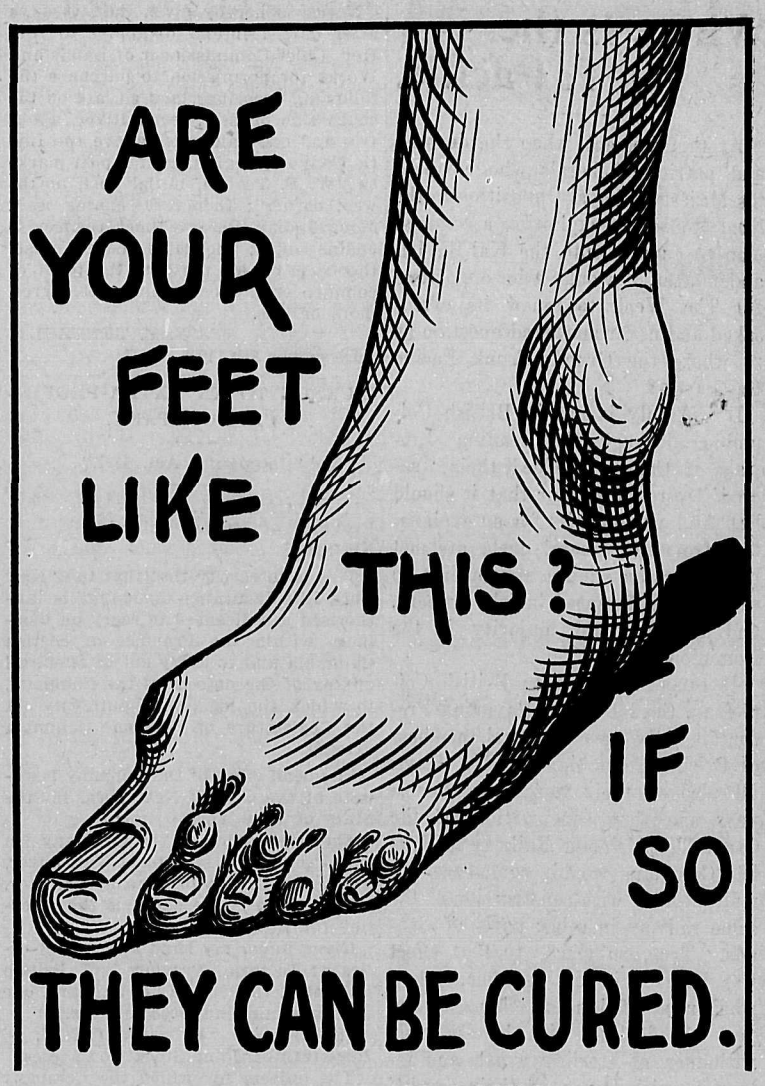
The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides.—Amiel.

Now is the time to get your land ready for seed. Several good seeds are being advertised, but Rennie's seem to give satisfaction. He has all varieties.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about one and a half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "D. W. Moore, initial post, south-west corner"; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south to the point of commencement; containing 640 acres, more or less.

D. W. MOORE.

December 8th, 1905.



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