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The Passing Show.

An Odd Marriage Ceremony—Speedy and Other Trials—Topics of the Week.

Verily there is a taint of madness in he Western mind. It does not see quite traight at times. Even officers of the aw connive to break the law. The atest example of this is to be found in he marriage here, the other day, of Robert Collins and Lottie Conrad, both f Seattle. Two weeks prior to this arriage, Collins was married in Seattle Miss Margaret L. Hoffman. After his marriage Lottie Conrad, a shop girl, urned up and laid a charge of seduction gainst Collins, who was arrested. ottie was willing to cease prosecuting Collins married her, and Mrs. Collins ecided that she would prefer returning a state of single blessedness to retain- a husband sentenced to a term in the enitentiary. Possibly, Mrs. Collins act- in very unselfish manner, or again she ay not have cared much for a husband f the character of Mr. Collins. Any- ay, she applied for a divorce on the round (by no means obvious) that she ad been married by fraud. The law in Washington state is that divorced per- ons may not be married again within x months of the divorce. With com- lete indifference to the law which they re supposed to uphold, the Seattle au- horities connived with Collins to dodge he law. He was still in prison, so they ent him to Victoria in charge of a ouple of officers, accompanied by the trong-minded shop girl. A license was rocured from Sheriff Richards on Mon- ay and Collins and the girl who put im in jail were actually married by a ocal clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Russell, of he Reformed Episcopal church, which ev. gentleman, by the way, becomes ereby a party to the dodging of the law Washington state, and to a fraudulent ivorce. It was a nice marriage, any- ay, with the sheriffs as "best man" and ridesmaid." Mrs. Collins No. 2. want- Mr. Collins, it is said, so that his ame might be conferred upon an expect- infant. We should have thought there as as little honor in the name, as there decency in this strange marriage. Of urse, people will say, "it is the best ay out of the difficulty"—that is the rrent Western sophistry in matters of is sort—but we opine that both Mr. and rs. (No 2) Collins will not escape just tribution in a union contrary to the ws of God and Man, and upon which e of our clergy has had the audacity ask the divine blessing.

Mr. R. M. Palmer has written from innipeg, where he is looking after the uit exhibit from this province, that our uit is attracting much attention, and is nerally conceded to be the most attrac- ve feature of the fair. There is a wide nge of fruit being shown from the kanagan, Victoria and Fraser valley istricts, and the quality is excellent. r. Palmer anticipates that the exhibit ill result in an influx of possible settlers the province in the fall. Mr. Brand- th, secretary of the B. C. Fruit rowers' Association, is rendering good rvice to the province at the fair. The innipeg papers are giving the exhibit e highest praise.

In the course of a few days, says the umberland Enterprise, Mr. Robert rant, M. P. P., will launch a pleasure at at his camping grounds on Roy's ach, when Miss Lillie Grant will break e wine and christen the boat sending e miniature ocean liner forth on its essage of many happy hours to the vner and his friends. The launch is 26 et long and five and one-half feet wide, and will be able to stand any sea met with on the briny waves of the Gulf. She will be run by a two and one-half horse-power engine of most modern equipments and supplied with gasoline from a small tank in front of the boat. The boat has a capacity of about 16, and when fitted up with cushions and easy chairs will be an ideal little pleasure craft.

Fish traps have not been established very long on Vancouver Island, but the owners thereof already are quarrelling. A writ has been issued by the Capital City Canning & Packing Company, of Victoria, against the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company, of Vancouver, for a declaration or right and $50,000 damages for trespass. The plaintiff company has a trap site in Renfrew (West Coast) district, and alleges that the defendant's traps have been built across its property to the great detriment of its operations.

An entertaining telegram from New Orleans, in the daily press, tells of strained relations between Louisiana and Mississippi states. The dignity of Louisiana, it is said, was offended by an armed invasion from the neighboring state, and the gentleman commanding a naval brigade in Louisiana has been ordered to proceed to the borders to protect the citizens of the state from further indignities. We never are left long without new evidence of the madness of the Americans.

There have been rumors in plenty concerning the Lieut.-Governorship of this province. The Week has mentioned a few. There is Geo. Riley, M. P., for instance, and Senator Templeman. Wm. Sloan, M. P., also is said to be a claimant, but the failure of his purchasing operations on the West Coast have spoilt his prospects. But of all the absurd rumors—at least, for the honor of British Columbia, we hope they are absurd—concerning the Lieut.-Governorship, it has remained for the Columbian, of New Westminster, to put the most ridiculous in circulation. The Columbian says that Mr. Robert Jardine wishes to preside at Government House. Mr. Jardine—popularly known as Bob—is a resident of the Royal City and a good fellow, in some ways; but—hang it all! No, we think the Columbian is joking. Even the Grits have some sense of humor, and Mr. Jardine is not an ass.

The fatuous mid-summer correspondent who loves to write to the editors of the daily papers is getting in his deadly work in Victoria just now. The "water question" is the popular theme, just as it is the bone of contention at all meetings of the city council. None of these correspondents, however, have succeeded in making any useful suggestions. The city council has arrived at the stage of getting legal opinions about the Coldstream water supply and the city's rights thereto, so that sometime during the next few years something practical may be done to give us water. Meanwhile our gardens will continue to wither; our bathrooms will remain as ornamental adjuncts to our houses, suggestive of a lost civilization, and we shall still pay water rates for water which we feel convinced in our hearts we never succeeded in beguiling from our taps.

The proposal that the city discontinue to pay for band concerts at Beacon Hill and instead pay half the expenses of the concerts at the B. C. E. R. park at the Gorge is provoking considerable comment. The usual objection is made that the company will benefit by the change. The only point worthy of consideration, however, is whether the people prefer the Gorge or Beacon Hill for the concerts. The possible contingency of the tramway company's receipts being increased does not signify. But there are so many people who are too idle or incompetent to make money for themselves in Victoria, and who waste their time in shepherding others, and endeavoring to prevent them from doing any good. The B. C. E.

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Two Remarkable Trials

Strange Attitude of Mr. Justice Morrison in Presiding at Hearing of Criminal Cases.

On several occasions it has been the duty of The Week to call the attention of the public to instances of serious miscarriage of justice in British Columbia, and the verdict of the jury in the case of G. H. Gibbons is one more example of weak-minded sentiment over-riding the law. The verdict has been given by twelve "good men and true," and in the eyes of the world Gibbons is an innocent man. That would be of no public importance except for the dangerous precedent which the result of the trial sets up for the community. The jury is not particularly to be blamed, because the verdict was the result of the attitude of the presiding judge, Mr. Justice Morrison, who delivered the most remarkable direction to the jury on record in this province. It was not so much a summing up of the evidence by the judge, as a plea and a direction—a plea for the accused and a direction to the jury to acquit him.

For the benefit of those of our readers who have not followed the evidence in this case a brief summary is appended.

On the evening of the 18th of June last, Mrs. Gibbons was a guest at a small supper party in this city, given by Mr. J. K. Mecredy, who had recently returned to the province after a long absence, and who was to leave on the following morning for the North. After the supper, Mr. Mecredy escorted Mrs. Gibbons in a hack to her home. On arrival at the house, Mr. Gibbons, who was riding a bicycle, came up and invited Mecredy to come into the house. The three went into the sitting room, and then Gibbons left them and went upstairs. He returned armed with a double-barrelled gun, which he had loaded two days previously, according to his own story. Mrs. Gibbons, when she saw the gun, warned Mecredy, who kept his eye on the trigger in order to dodge out of the way, if the shot was fired. He saw the trigger pulled, and according to the evidence jumped to one side and made for his assailant in order to seize the gun before another charge was fired at him. However, the other barrel was discharged before he reached Gibbons. He raised his arm to shield himself, and the charge entered that arm. He then seized Gibbons and disarmed him. There was evidence that Gibbons on being seized said, "that was a bad shot, but I will get you next time," or words to that effect, and also that he endeavored to make use of a large pair of shears which he carried in his pocket, but this is not of much importance. The facts that Gibbons asked Mecredy into his house, that he fetched a gun that he knew to be loaded, that he fired that gun twice, and that Mecredy was injured and narrowly escaped death, are not disputed. The jury was asked to say whether Gibbons fired the gun with the intention of killing Mecredy, or whether he fired with the intention of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mecredy, or whether he had unlawfully shot Mecredy. The jury, after 45 minutes of deliberation, acquitted Gibbons on all three charges. The Week would like to know what inference any man, not on a jury, would draw from the facts before him? The judge directed that the jury in convicting Gibbons on either count must be convinced by the facts, and not arrive at a conviction by any process of what his lordship was pleased to designate "guess work." We will proceed to show the process of "guess work" by which his lordship suggested to the jury an explanation of all these facts which might justify, in his opinion, an acquittal.

So far as we know there is no limit set to the remarks which a judge may be pleased to direct to a jury. If a judge is convinced that an accused person is guilty or innocent of the offence with which he is charged, that conviction very generally colors his summing-up, but we take it that the province of a judge presiding at an assize is to see that evidence is properly taken, that the rules and procedure of the court are respected and then, if he pleases, to review the evidence for the benefit of the jurymen, and instruct them in regard to any technical point arising from the evidence or the questions which they have to answer. But this was just what Mr. Justice Morrison failed to do. What his lordship did do, was to dwell at great length upon the character of Mecredy (who was not on trial) and upon the impropriety of his "butting in"—we quote the judge's expression—between husband and wife. These remarks had no bearing upon the questions put to the jury, and could have only one object and one result, namely, to prejudice the minds of the jury in the accused's favor. The jury were not asked to decide whether Gibbons was justified in firing at Mecredy, but whether he did so fire. Indeed, except on the understanding that Gibbons did intend to hit his man the question of justification (which might justly affect the sentence inflicted in the event of conviction) could not come up, and should by no means have been introduced by the judge to the confusion of the minds of the jurymen. In the course of his remarks in this connection, his lordship said that Mecredy had admitted that he was infatuated with Mrs. Gibbons, although his evidence was that his friendship for Mrs. Gibbons was entirely platonic. His lordship added that the idea of a man interfering between husband and wife, no matter what the character or habits of the husband might be, did not accord with the Canadian idea of marriage. We do not pretend to possess so much knowledge as his lordship in regard to the Canadian idea of marriage, but we have never had reason to suppose that it is very much higher than the English, Scotch or Irish idea of marriage; in fact, we might go further. But all men of the world know that when a young married woman is neglected by her husband, she is very apt to contract friendships with other men. A woman has as much right to a little pleasure in life as a man, and she is not regarded as a mere household chattel of the husband in England, Scot-

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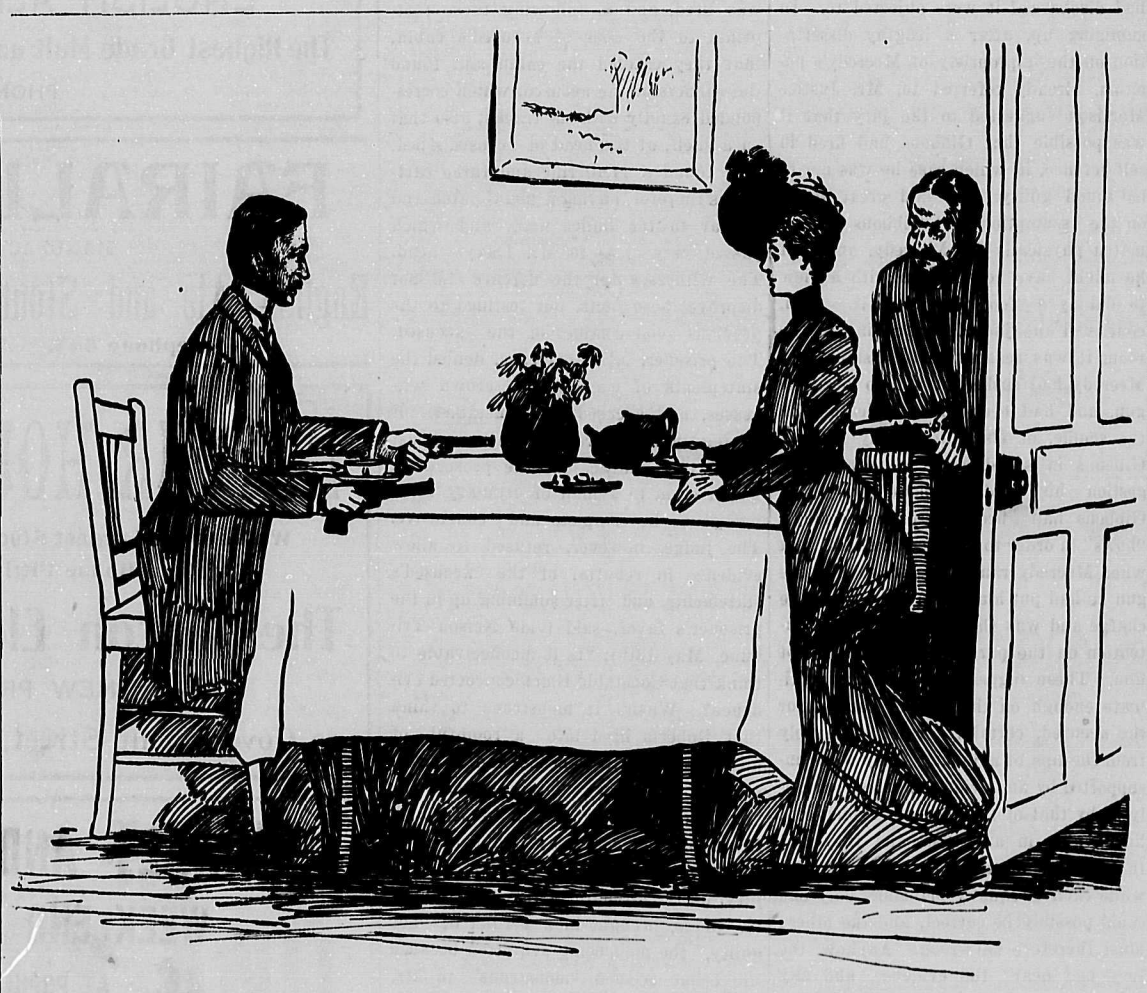

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There is considerable speculation in European courts as to the probable outcome of the Russo-Japanese conference at Washington. Russia's tone has become decidedly stronger during the past week, and while M. Witte's commission is believed to give him wide powers, there is a limit to the terms which he can accept. It is very doubtful if Russia will consent to pay a heavy indemnity. The war has cost her vast sums of money, practically annihilated her navy and destroyed property of immense value in Manchuria. It is true that Russia's resources are very large, but it would be difficult to raise money for a big war indemnity. Moreover, if Russia is to lose Manchuria, she might as well decline to pay any indemnity, for it is difficult to see how Japan could enforce payment. The state of war between the two countries might continue indefinitely without much actual fighting. Very little is known in regard to Japan's financial condition, but it is obvious that the war must have been a fearful drain upon the resources of the country.

We shal never be able to understand why persons accused of crimes elect for speedy trial in this province. With a jury and a judge, convictions are becoming more and more difficulty to secure, but the County court judges are very different propositions. The latest "victim" of the "speedy trial" is John Helder—a bad lot, no doubt—who has been sent up for 18 months by his honor Judge Lampman for getting money and other things on false pretences. By the way, people in this country much prefer a man who is inclined to commit violent offenses such as rape and murder to one who takes advantage of the bad judgment of business men and gets goods on credit for which he cannot pay. People seem to think more of their dollars than of the lives of their fellow men. Helder secured credit at a local hotel for several months, bought jewelry "on tick," and borrowed money on the strength of a fairy story about a legacy that was coming to him. He probably is a weak-minded young man without principle, but he is not a criminal in the ordinary sense of the term. During his residence in gaol, Helder may think with envy of the liberty enjoyed by a number of men, guilty of much worse crimes than securing board and lodging free and borrowing money from acquaintances, and who have recently been acquitted by juries in Vancouver and Victoria. We shall soon consider that prisoners electing for speedy trial are entitled to a term in the asylum instead of in gaol. Still, we are not sure that justice is not more in evidence in the speedy trial courts than in the assize courts.

Times are lively at Midway, the little town which is to be the starting point of the new railway into the Similkameen. Not one empty house is to be had there now. The chief engineer, Mr. Kennedy, and several of his staff, have taken houses in the town for 18 months and the forwarding of supplies for the construction camps should make things lively for some time to come. The contract to build the line northward to Keremeos has been let to Patrick Welch and his partner, Mr. Stewart, who will commence their work at an early date. The scarcity of men up there is a great hindrance at present, but it is anticipated that more labor will be available at the close of the harvest season.

Some of the up-country Liberal papers endeavor to explain away the result of the election in Alberni by saying that the government won by making all sorts of reckless promises to the electors. These papers either are misinformed, or are endeavoring to mislead their readers for reasons that may be guessed. The fact is that Messrs. Sloan and Smith, on behalf of the Dominion government, were authorized to go to almost any length in order to win the seat for the Liberal candidate, and there is evidence that they carried out their mission to the fullest extent of their commission. We are sure that Mr. Sloan would be anything but happy if The Week was to publish a true account of his proceedings in the constituency. As Mr. Sloan failed to buy up the electorate, we can afford to be generous to that politician, but we should advise the oposition papers not to go too far in urging their "government patronage" cry. The opposition was badly beaten, and the beating must be accepted.

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land or Ireland. If she is so regarded in Canada, that perhaps may constitute Mr. Justice Morrison's conception of the Canadian idea of marriage. If a husband neglects his wife she is quite likely to have friends of whom the husband disapproves, but it is the husband's fault. Morever, his lordship remarked that if Mrs. Gibbons had cause of complaint against her husband, she had her remedy in the courts. The same remedy was open to Gibbons if Mecredy was trying to alienate his wife's affections. No man has a right to take the law into his own hands. All this is entirely beside the question which the jury had to consider, but as his lordship dilated upon it we may be excused if we point out that there are two sides to the question. Be it also borne in mind that the defence expressly denied that there was any imputation that improper relations, morally, existed between Mrs. Gibbons and Mecredy.

Before describing the manner in which Mr. Justice Morrison suggested an explanation of the facts which would accord with the innocence of the accused, we will give a resume of the evidence for the defence. The evidence of the accused was that he had on a previous occasion requested Mecredy to cease his attentions to Mrs. Gibbons. On the evening of the shooting he met Mecredy and Mrs. Gibbons at the gateway of the house and asked Mecredy to come in, as he wanted "a word with him." He went upstairs for his gun, and on returning asked Mecredy why he had "ruined his home." He held the gun pointed in the air, and did not alter its position. Questions as to why he had got the gun and why he had discharged it were objected to. In summing up, after a lengthy dissertation on the impropriety of Mecredy's position, already referred to, Mr. Justice Morrison suggested to the jury that it was possible that Gibbons had fired in self-defence, in which case he was not to be found guilty. He laid great stress on the assumption that Gibbons was no match physically for Mecredy, and that he might have got the gun with a view to making a "fool play" with it. Then, continued the judge, on arriving in the room it was reasonable to assume that Mecredy had rushed at him to seize the gun, and had been shot accidentally in the scuffle, or else intentionaly shot by Gibbons in self-defence. Another suggestion his lordship made was that Gibbons had fired across Mecredy's "bows" in order to frighten him, and that when Mecredy ran up to him to take the gun he had put himself in the way of the charge and was shot contrary to any intention on the part of Gibbons to shoot him. These suggestions, although legitimate enough on the part of counsel for the accused, certainly came strangely from the lips of a judge. They were unsupported by any evidence, unless partially so by that of the accused—evidence of little value in any case—and they had the blemish on the face of them that while each is equally plausible, only one could possibly be correct, and the others must therefore be wrong. Anyhow, the jury had heard the evidence, and any suggestions of the sort might well have been left to the minds of the jurymen to formulate.

The serious part of this method of conducting the trial of persons accused of serious offences is the moral effect upon the community. If because a husband dislikes one of his wife's friends, he is safe in shooting at the friend with impunity, there is likely to be quite a lively time in the province. The shooting could always be arranged to be accidental. There would be no assumption on the part of a jury, when a jealous husband fetches a gun which happens to go off and wounds the man he is jealous of, that the shooting is intentional. Mr. Justice Morrison, in the Gibbons case, said: "Do you believe that the accused is a man of sufficient nervous force to coolly get a gun and intentionally shoot his man?" This question might be put in any shooting case and the jurymen, not being in the habit of doing that sort of thing themselves, would say: "No." All crime seems improbable to people who are not criminals, but unfortunately crimes are committed, although we may not understand why. We should suppose, according to law, that if a man deliberately invites another into his house, goes upstairs and fetches a loaded gun, comes down again and fires that gun and the guest is shot, the assumption is intent to shoot, and that only strong evidence to the contrary would justify a judge in recommending, or a jury in returning, a verdict of "not guilty."

Unfortunately this is not the only case in which a man accused of shooting at another has been "lucky," to use the mildest term. There was the case of John Roberts, president of the Silverton branch of the Miners' Union, who was accused of firing at Mr. M. S. Davys, a well-known mine manager in the Slocan, who had earned the dislike of the union by employing Chinese cooks. This case also was tried before Mr. Justice Morrison at the May Assize court in Nelson. In 1899 the Silverton union passed certain resolutions, among them the following: "Resolved, that we do not consider ourselves any better than the miners of the Coeur d'Alenes. Outrages and arrogant wrongs have ever provoked and should provoke violence. The history of no country needs to be closely searched to find records of violent resistance to tyrants. . . The Coeur d'Alenes blew up the Bunker Hill mill. Let tyrants take warning." This was rescinded and expunged from the minutes of the union, after the arrest of Roberts, and prior to his trial.

The evidence at the trial was briefly as follows: Mr. Davys testified that Roberts had threatened him. A witness testified that he saw accused fire the shot. Another testified to having seen accused, directly after the shot was fired, leaving the spot and going in the direction of his cabin with a rifle in his hand. The constable and a special constable testified to having found footprints in the snow at the point from which the shot was fired, and to following these footprints to the door of accused's cabin, that they entered the cabin and found the rubbers of the accused, which corresponded exactly with the tracks; also that on a shelf, at the head of accused's bed, they found a 44.40 rifle and three cartridges therefor, having a metal patch and similar to the bullet fired, and which passed very close to Mr. Davys' head. The witnesses for the defence did not disprove these facts, but testified to the previous good conduct of the accused. The prisoner, in his evidence, denied the statements of each of the crown witnesses, and accused the constables of having manufactured evidence against him. The evidence for the prosecution would seem to a man of ordinary intelligence to be complete and conclusive. The judge, however, refused to allow evidence in rebuttal of the accused's statements, and, after summing up in the prisoner's favor, said (vide Nelson Tribune, May 13th): "Is it inconceivable to think that Constable Black concocted evidence? Wasn't it monstrous to think that Roberts fired into a roomful of men?" Certainly someone had so fired, so that however "inconceivable" or "monstrous" it might seem to Mr. Justice Morrison, somebody ought to have been punished for the shooting. The jury, on the strength of this direction by the judge, brought in a verdict of "not guilty," the man being acquitted because the crime seemed "monstrous" to Mr. Justice Morrison, just as it seemed "improbable" that Gibbons would have the nerve to shoot the man he was jealous of. In its results the Roberts case was much more serious than that of Gibbons is likely to be. Mr. Davys withdrew in disgust from his operations in a country were the law could not afford him proper protection; the country received a black eye in mining circles abroad, and the police received an intimation that searching for and finding evidence in a criminal case was likely to be rewarded by imputations that they "concoct" evidence.

We have thought it desirable for the public welfare to go into this matter at some length, because the encouragement of lawless sentiment by the escape of persons who ought to be punished is a menace to the country. British Columbia in the past has had a splendid reputation as a law-abiding and law-respecting community, and it is too bad that gentlemen from other parts of Canada, with perhaps different ideals to ours, should be placed in a position for which they are not fitted. No judge who pleads for a prisoner because the crime of which he is accused is "monstrous" or "improbable in view of the condition of his nerves" should preside at criminal trials.

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

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and J. J. Bostock, Insurance Agent, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is thirty years from the 6th day of March, 1902.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

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

For the purpose of making, and it shall have full power and authority to make, insurances on dwelling houses, stores and all kinds of buildings and household furniture and other property against loss or damage by fire, lightning, wind storms or tornadoes, and upon vessels, boats, cargoes, goods, merchandise, freights and other property against loss or damage by all or any of the risks of lake, river, canal and inland navigation and transportation, and to effect, and the corporation shall have full power and authority to effect, reinsurance of any risks taken by it. a5

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 268.

This is to certify that "The Law Union and Crown Insurance Company" 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 in London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £2,000,000, divided into 200,000 shares of £10 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Robert S. Day, Insurance Agent, whose address is 42 Fort street, Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

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

To carry on the business of Fire Insurance in all its branches, and to grant insurance against injury or damage to or loss of property directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from fire, lightning or explosions. To erect or build any offices or buildings which may be necessary or convenient with reference to any of the objects of the Company. To lend, deposit, or advance moneys, securities and property, to or with such persons and on such terms as may seem expedient.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

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This is to certify that the Great West Life Assurance Company 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 Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba.

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

The head office of the Company is situate at Vancouver, and George H. Halse, Insurance Manager, whose address is Vancouver, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

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

To effect contracts of insurance throughout Canada and elsewhere with any persons or corporations on life or lives; to grant, sell, or purchase annuities, grant endowments, and generally carry on the business of life assurance in all its branches.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 269.

This is to certify that "The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada" 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 in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver, and Frank Benjamin Springer, Insurance Agent, whose address is Vancouver, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

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

To effect contracts of insurance throughout Canada, and elsewhere, with any persons or corporations on life and lives, and may grant, sell, or purchase annuities, and grant endowments, and generally carry on the business of life insurance in all its branches.

LICENSE AUTHORISING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 263.

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The head office of the Company is situate at Edinburgh, Scotland.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £537,500, divided into 21,500 shares of £25 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Arthur Williams Jones, real estate, financial and insurance agent, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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

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

To carry on the business of insurance against loss or damage by fire, and against injury by fire to houses, merchandise, and all other property, subjects and effects, real or personal, and of effecting insurance on lives and survivorships, purchase and sale of annuities and of reversions, granting endowments, receiving moneys for investment and accumulation, and in general carrying on all other business of a fire and life insurance company in any part of His Majesty's Dominions of Great Britain and Ireland and the colonies or elsewhere.

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THE GAME LAWS.

With the approach of the shooting season, it is well to remind sportsmen who are inclined to be impatient of the provisions of the game laws of this province and to advise them to refrain from illegal shooting. The game wardens, provided by the amendment act of last session, are on the watch and any person found in possession of game prior to the opening of the season will be prosecuted and fined. One case already has occurred on Vancouver Island, two men found in possession of blue grouse having been fined $20 each.

The outlook is excellent for the sportsmen this year. Young pheasants and grouse are reported plentiful along the E. & N. railway, in Saanich, and the immediate neighborhood of Victoria, but the season must not be anticipated. We are informed that the authorities are keeping a careful lookout for offenders against the game laws, and no effort will be spared to bring them to book.

With the commencement of the new era inaugurated by the purchase of the E. & N. railway by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on Vancouver Island, an era which is to be marked by extensive settlement, it is realized that the game of the Island constitutes a valuable asset, and its protection becomes a matter in which all Islanders should be interested.

A MENACE TO OUR LIBERTIES.

Even more serious than the wanton attempt to defeat and embarrass, for purely partizan reasons, a government which has raised British Columbia to a higher and firmer position than she has ever before occupied in the eyes of the outside world, was the serious menace to provincial rights and liberties, which was contained in the desperate efforts which the Dominion government made in the recent Alberni election to win the constituency in a provincial legislature for a man of its own political stripe. Political interference from Ottawa in purely provincial affairs has come to be no new thing since the silver-tongued advocate of the "sunny ways of patriotism" lead his party to victory in 1896; but the Alberni incident was a very long step in advance of anything that has ever been attempted before. Alberni is not a large constituency in point of the number of votes, and the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier saw fit to send two of his ablest lieutenants to force down the throats of the electors a man of Sir Wilfrid's own choosing throws a lurid light upon the dangerous road the Dominion government is treading—a road not so much dangerous to themselves, as absolutely destructive to that liberty of action and choice in the conduct of their own affairs, which has been the inalienable right and privilege of every province in the Dominion since Confederation.

Truly, the times seem to have changed at Ottawa, and the possession of unlimited ready money and a solid majority of some eighty gentlemen quite intelligent enough to see on which side their bread is buttered would appear to make a curious difference between the views of provincial rights held by the Liberal party prior to 1896 and the views held by the same immaculate patriots at the present day. In the early "nineties," the suggestion of Dominion coercion in the affairs of Manitoba was sufficient to stir up every province from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Every Liberal paper, every Liberal stump-speaker, had but one cry "Hands off Manitoba."

But the times change and we change with them, as the old Roman writer says. To-day not a voice is raised—in the presence of coercion, interference and intimidation of the most open and shameless type—to cry "Hands off the Northwest," or "Hands off British Columbia." Not even Senator Templeman and his Solid Seven—who won their seats and emoluments last fall by a lie, and continue to hold them by virtue of a complaisant and shocking silence—had one word to say against the insolent dictation and open bribery which the Ottawa government employed in endeavoring—though vainly—to convert to its own absolute control the province whose interests that same Senator Templeman and his Solid Seven were solemnly pledged to defend.

No intelligent and patriotic man, capable of rising above the mists of party prejudice and surveying the situation with a clear eye, can be blind to the danger which this province stood in a fortnight ago, of being deliberately sold, body, bones and liberties, to make more grist for the Liberal machine at Ottawa. The brazen effrontery of Ralph Smith and William Sloan, members of the Dominion parliament, coming a long journey from Ottawa to force a nominee of Quebec upon the people of Alberni—the cool audacity with which, during that long journey, they openly boasted to whomsoever they met that their instructions and intentions were to secure this seat for that Quebec nominee at any cost—the spectacle of these two Dominion members, having arrived, going up and down the constituency and bribing the electors with Dominion money and promises of Dominion public works to vote for Quebec's choice for the British Columbia legislature—these things convey only one meaning, and that meaning is the presence of a danger far more threatening to Canada's existence as a free nation than the danger which our free fathers and grandfathers repelled with bullet and bayonet at Lundy's Lane and Ridgeway.

"Hands of British Columbia." "No Dictation from Ottawa." These should be the watch-words of every Conservative voter in the future. There has probably never been such a bye-election under such circumstances as that in Alberni held in Canada before—certainly not in Western Canada. But the free electors of Alberni did their duty by their province and constituency, and there will never be another of the kind again, for the Dominion government and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have been taught that not even a huge majority and unlimited funds can enable them to dictate to a free people, or to trample on the provincial rights which our fathers secured for us at Confederation.

A DOUBLE TAX.

An amusing sample of the sort of accusation which is constantly being brought against the Provincial Government, and of the low grade of intelligence which lies behind such attacks, was furnished during the recent Alberni campaign, at Wellington, on the occasion of the holding of Mr. Manson's meeting there. The Hon. R. F. Green was speaking, when one A. J. Dixon arose and complained with great bitterness that the government compelled fishermen to take out more than one license if they wished to fish in both the northern and southern portions of the province.

Mr. Green looked at the agitated speaker for a moment with an air of pity, and then he informed the indignant Mr. Dixon that the Liberal government at Ottawa was the obnoxious party who was taxing him and his friends double; the provincial government having nothing to do with the fisheries, a department of which the Dominion government held full control.

The audience howled with delight, and Mr. Dixon sat down hurriedly, having been the quite unintentional cause of again impressing upon a British Columbia audience the way in which Ottawa drains money out of this province.

The Vancouver World is now being printed on a new Hoe press, which does 20,000 copies in an hour. The paper is much improved from the printing standpoint, but the new press does not appear to have modified the World's mistaken political views.

The Week extends its sympathy to the proprietor of the Free Press, of Fernie, the entire stock and plant of which was destroyed by fire last week. Notwithstanding the awkward situation, the proprietor got out his paper in good shape last week with the kindly assistance of Mr. Simpson of the Cranbrook Herald. Mr. Grace of the Prospector also offered assistance. A new plant is to be installed a soon as possible for the Free Press.

QUITE SO.

Wm. Manson is Conservative member-elect for Alberni. The gaining of the seat by the government gives it the absolute control of the House and frees it from the Socialist yoke. The government may be said to have been on trial at Alberni, and the verdict is anything but flattering to the Liberals.—Kaslo Kootenaian.

HOUSTON'S FALLACY.

Now that he has won a victory in Alberni, Premier McBride should withdraw that damage suit against the Victoria Times. For had it not been for the Victoria Times, Richard McBride would not to-day be Premier of British Columbia.—Nelson Tribune.

EVERYONE REJOICING.

Everyone in the Similkameen is rejoicing at the passing of the V., V. & E. railway bill. In Hedley especially hopes are rising of early railway connection, for which the camp has waited five years. The townsite of Allison, near the junction of the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers, has lately been purchased by a syndicate in the interest, it is believed in Hedley, of the C. P. R.—Grank Forks Sun.

WE ENVY YOU.

What a blessing to have plenty of water for the gardens this dry weather!—Cowichan Leader.

THE OKANAGAN TELEPHONE.

Now that an appropriation in the supplementary estimates insures the extension of the Vernon-Kelowna telephone line to Penticton it is to be hoped some action will soon be taken that will secure the extension of the line through the north end of the valley. The rapid advancement of this district demands communication with the outside world.—Armstrong Advance.

THE DESTRUCTIVE POLICY.

If the opposition would lend its energies to the promulgation of useful legislation, it would find greater support from the electors than by pursuing its present method of vainly endeavoring to find out if some one of the opposite party has done something wrong.—Ymir Herald.

ALBERNI'S MESSAGE.

The message from Alberni has come as an unmistakable endorsation of the McBride administration and an equally unmistakable rebuff of the Times, John Oliver and other hysterical mud slingers of the opposition forces. The Macdonald forces were thrown into the fight with everything in their favor from the standpoint of practical politics. They had the Ottawa influence, as personified by Ralph Smith and William Sloane, with all the dubious means of corrupting the electorate which these gentlemen brought to bear. They had the help of the influence which a large majority gained by the last representative of the riding makes for, but they had to reckon with an electorate which did not see any valid reason for returning another adherent to the undetermined and undeterminable policy of the opposition. Mr. Aitken had every opportunity for a walk-over, but failed to make good.—Kamloops Standard.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY WANTED.

Efforts should be made to have the government office at Nicola separate from the Kamloops and Princeton offices. At present it is only a sub-office, the majority of returns made from it are credited to the other offices.—Nicola Herald.

DOING GOOD BY ACCIDENT.

The appointment of the Hon. W. W. B. McInnes as Commissioner of the Yukon met with general approval, irrespective of party politics, even before that gentleman had proceeded north to clean the Augean stable of his predecessors. It was felt that Mr. McInnes was a strong man, and better still, that he was a reasonably honest one. This latter opinion, of course, only prevailed in the west. Had the authorities at Ottawa had the remotest idea that Mr. McInnes was an honest man, no power on earth would have secured him the appointment. As it is, by some deplorable oversight, the fact that Mr. McInnes has kept his public hands clean was overlooked, and this accidental fact is going to put a stop to some pretty and curious games in the Yukon. It will also seriously diminish the revenue of several gentlemen at Ottawa whose names, for the sake of peace and quietness, may be left unprinted—for the present.—B. C. Mining Exchange.

MR. MARCON'S REPLY.

Editor, The Week:—Thank you for inserting the article last week, showing the workers' position. Permit me to review your editorial and also that of the Colonist. I did not see you, and did not by word or pen impute any motives for refusal of either paper to publish the article. You say that manual labor has little to worry about here on the coast. Do you not know that employment is scarce and very precarious, and that too for honest steady men, willing to turn their hand to any work, that will enable them to provide food for their families? Only few single men dare take on themselves the responsibilities of married life, notwithstanding the free advice given them by Roosevelt and the clerics.

You say Socialism is to a great extent the religion of failure, and is unattainable. Are you aware, sir, of its phenomenal growth, all over the world? This is not a movement confined to one locality or even one country. Germany and Russia fear it. France has used its power as an ally to throw off the clerical "Old Man of the Sea," which has for years been riding that country to death. In England, the last six months have seen a wonderful movement and the Socialist party there is fast drawing into its ranks the honest thinkers. Even the Countess of Warwick herself has taken the public platform and has spoken for this cause. She has also endeavored to force the government to feed the starving school children of Christian England. I wonder if "society" in Victoria would attend her lectures if she came here? What a mental struggle would ensue in their minds! Again, are you prepared to give the lie to Bishop Mercer, of Tasmania, a man who has studied these questions and understands the philosophy of cause and effect and who uses these words, "Socialism has made us see the falsity and one-sidedness of Protestant individualism. Socialism tries not to pour medicines down the throat of suffering humanity, but to search out the root of the disease, to strengthen the bonds that hold man to man, and to stand united, the strong to the weak."

The great German historian, Mumsen, says: "To-day this is the only great party which has a claim to political respect."

Now for the editor of the Colonist, who, I am glad to say, has treated my letters with courtesy, and for whom personally I entertain good feelings and esteem. He, like other editors, does not own the paper that he writes for, and if they diverge from a line of party policy, or capitalistic interests as laid down by the owners, the editorial chair finds a fresh occupant. So few of us are economically free, but hold our positions at the will of the man who pays the salary. Other professional men, ministers included, are in the same position. The foregoing remarks refute the assertion he makes of a "free and untrammelled press." Where do you find it? Why is it that large corporations and financial interests buy up newspapers that are opposed to them, or such as are situated in spheres of influence over which they wish to control public opinion and votes. Is it philanthrophy, or is it a deliberate attempt to lie to and to debauch the public mind so as to enable them to carry out their plans, and to keep themselves, their confederates and sycophants in place and power?

I am glad that my sincerity and persistance are admitted. The idea that "everlastingly striking at a thing brings success," means a very great deal to those who hold our ideas. When the workers wake up to full class consciousness and know what party only it is that stands for their interests, then the politicians will find a wave of popular indignation will sweep the country.

W. H. MARCON.

(The Colonist's statement was that a "free and untrammelled press" was a snare and a delusion.—Ed. The Week.)

ISLAND NOTES.

Cohoe salmon are beginning to run plentifully, and visitors at the hotels are getting good sport. One boat last Monday got five fish in a short time. Plumper pass is one of the best localities for trolling for salmon, and people who are fond of the sport would do well to take advantage of the opportunity now offering.

POOR THING.

Pearl—"I suffered him to steal a kiss last night."

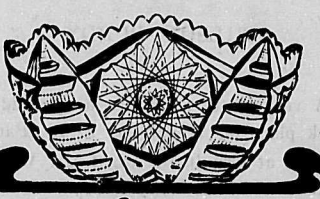
Ruby—"The nerve! And did you call your mamma?"

Pearl—"No, I am brave. I suffered in silence."

FIXED.

She plucked a daisy all apart
Upon a garden spot,
And murmured, as the petals fell,
"Loves me—he loves me not."

Ethel—Don't you think that marriage should be a civil contract? Beatrice—Well, I think they should at least be civil until the honeymoon is over.



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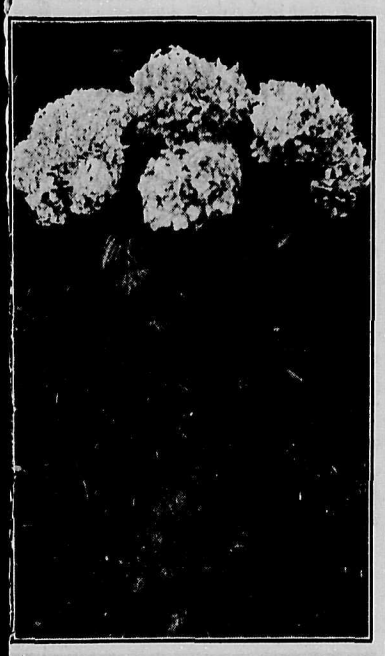
Through The Islands

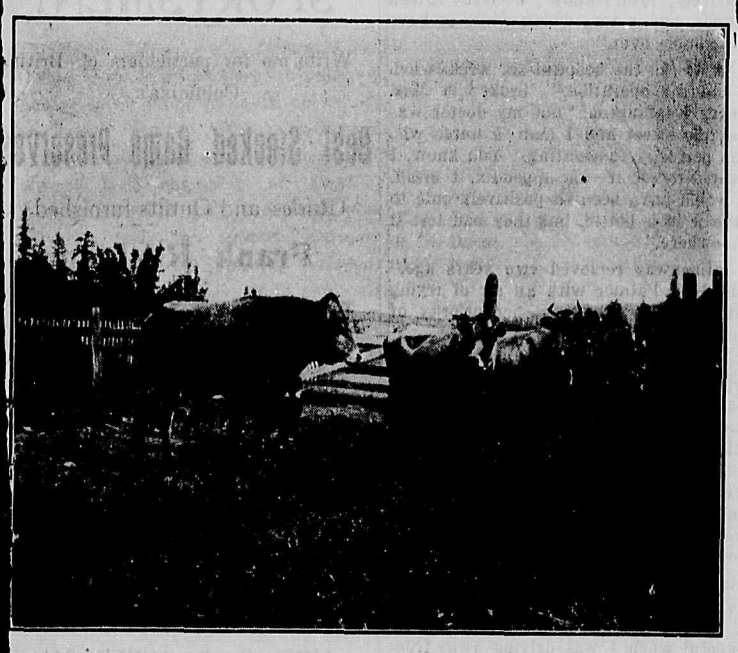
1. The Fair and Fertile Island of Salt Spring—Prosperous Conditions of Dairying, Fruit Raising and Other Industries.

(Staff Correspondence of The Week)

Many people there are in British Columbia who consider that the most delightful part of the province is that contained in the beautiful islands of the Gulf of Georgia. Through the enterprise of the V. & S. Railway Company and the proprietors of the steamer Iroquois,



Hydrangea Blossoms, 14 inches across, in Mr. J. C. Mollett's Garden.



Halley & Smith Pedigree Jerseys, Salt Spring.

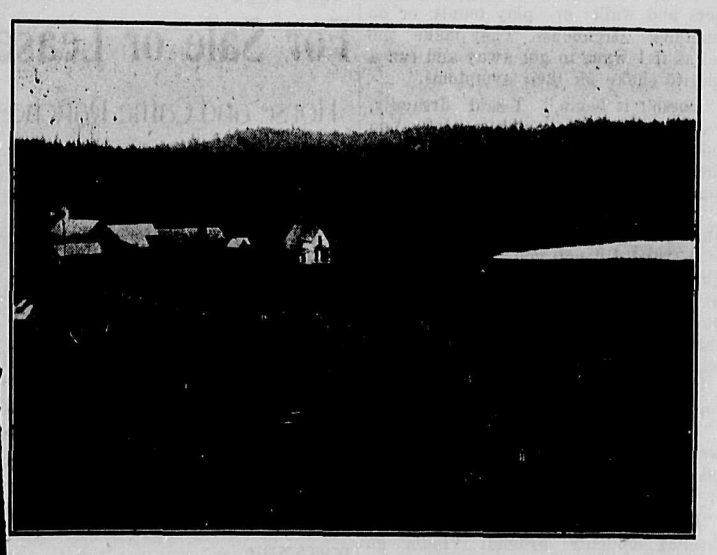
.e fame of "The Islands" has travelled ar, for the excursions around the islnds are largely patronized not only by esidents of Victoria, but by tourists rom all parts of the continent who soburn for a while in this city. The prinpal industries of the islands are farmg, fruit growing, dairying and fishing, though something also is accomplished in the way of lumbering. By reason f the natural attractions of the islands the way of sport, climate and scenery, very large proportion of the settlers are English people of some means and social onditions therefor are very pleasant.

The largest of the group of islands is alt Spring. This island is 15 miles long s the crow flies, and about five miles road. The trunk road which connects he north and south ends of the island , however, about 20 miles long, as it ollows the lines of least resistance. The istory of white settlement on the island dates from the arrival there of Mr. J. Sampson in 1849. Mr. Sampson resides at the north end of the island on his original location. In the early days Salt Spring Island was a place of refuge for runaway slaves from the United States, and their descendants still form a considerable settlement on the island. The settlement on Salt Spring has increased rapidly during the last four years. The settlers now number 600, and more are coming in. There still remains a little land to be pre-empted in the cranberry marshes, but this is being rapidly taken up. There are 60 miles of excellent roads on the island.

The island is well equipped with schools and churches. There are five churches, two Anglican, one Roman Catholic and two Methodist. Another Church of England is to be built shortly. Two English doctors practice their profession on the island. Cable connection with Vancouver Island has been made, but just at present the cable is awaiting repairs. The island has many attractions. The scenery is unsurpassed, and the climate delightful. Excellent sport is available, and the numerous lakes are well stocked with trout. Cushion lake generally is considered the best lake to fish in, as the trout, although not so large, take the fly more freely than in the other lakes. The general run of the trout caught in the island lakes range from one to five pounds. The best time to fish is in the spring and fall.

Grouse, of both the blue and willow varieties, are to be found in great numbers, and pheasants also are plentiful, and increasing every year. The deer are not so plentiful as in former years, but a hunter usually can secure one without too much hard work.

One of the notable attractions of the island is the excellent bathing afforded in the numerous bays and inlets, where the water is delightfully warm—unlike the condition of the sea water in most parts of this coast. Visitors should be sure to visit Vesuvius Bay, which is considered the most beautiful of all the island bays, and the bathing there is excellent. Another point of interest for the tourist is Maxwell mountain. It rises to about 2,500 feet above sea level, and there is a good road all the way up. The view



Mereside Farm (Mr. John C. Mollett's) Centre Salt Spring Island.

A Trophy of the Chase.

from the summit is magnificent. Maxwell lake also is well worth seeing. It is somewhat singular, in that the banks and bottom are of shingle instead of earth. St. Mary's lake is the largest on the island, being two miles long and about three-quarters of a mile wide. It is the favorite haunt of wild ducks and geese.

The chief industries of the island are fruit growing, poultry raising, dairying and sheep raising. All kinds of small fruit do well here, especially raspberries, but they are not recommended as profitable unless the prospective grower has a large family to take the place of hired pickers, who are scarce. Most fruit trees are profitable, but peaches require to be grown, English fashion, on a wall. Mr. W. E. Scott has about 500 prune trees

Ploughing, Halley & Smith's Farm, Salt Spring.

and an evaporating plant, and he has done very well. Apples flourish, and there are few pests. The tent catipillar is one of the worst pests, but if the trees are watched these catipillars easily can be detected and destroyed. Mr. Akerman, on the south end of the island, has some fine walnut and filbert trees, which bear freely. With a few exceptions the orchardists of Salt Spring are not so up-to-date in their methods as are the growers in other parts of the province. Spraying and pruning appear to be somewhat neglected, and the growers should organize so as to secure the best available market.

Poultry raising is increasing in popularity. Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns seem to be the most profitable birds here. The former, which is a large heavy bird, and lays good size eggs, is held in great esteem in the Old Country, where it is known as a good winter layer and a good bird for the table. But it does not seem to flourish, as a rule on the mainland. Mr. J. C. Mollett has a flock of 300 Plymouth Rocks, and last year he cleared over $400 from his eggs sheep farmer, seem to be absolutely unknown on the island, and there always is a sure market for the sheep raised.

Sheep do very well, the steep hillsides on the island being particularly suitable for them. Since the establishment of a creamery, however, the settlers are going in more and more for cattle. Fluke, scab, footrot and maggots, the trials of the farmer, seem to be absolutely unknown on the island, and there always is a sure market for the sheep raised.

Since the creamery was organized, some two years ago, the dairying industry has gone ahead rapidly. The creamery is thoroughly up-to-date in every respect, and produces about 800 pounds of butter weekly. The farmers are charged 3½ cents per pound for the making of their butter, and the creamery ships it for them. There are some splendid herds of cows on the island, and we reproduce a photograph of a Jersey bull and cows belonging to Messrs. Smith and Halley as a sample of what the island can show in this line.

Grain of all kinds does well on Salt Spring, especially in the valley. While riding through the island I saw some splendid crops of oats, wheat and barley.

The chief wants of the island are a good hotel to accommodate visitors, and lower freight rates. The C. P. R. steamer can be seen on its way to Victoria, but it comes not into Ganges harbor. Why should not the C. P. R. hotel department build at Ganges? There is an excellent site available, and when once the attractions of the islands are well known, tourists would flock there. The islanders do not want a third rate hotel, as evidenced by the manner in which they have several times defeated applicants for licenses for that sort of house. At present the only place for visitors is Mrs. Stevens' farm house. This is a delightful house to stay in. Mrs. Stevens' Devonshire cream and junket are not to be soon forgotten by anyone who has tasted them, and fresh fruit is on the table daily. Still Mrs. Stevens can only accommodate six or seven guests, and a hotel is needed. Some of the islanders would prefer that things should remain as they are, and the island is so charming in its rural simplicity that one can sympathize with their sentiment. But British Columbia is on the eve of progress, for the tide of settlement is surely turning from the cold plains of the Northwest to the fertile valleys of this province.

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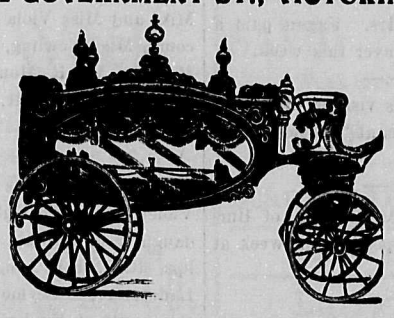

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Social

A. G. Thynne, of Vancouver, visited Victoria this week.

H. Springer, of Vancouver, spent a few days at the Vernon this week.

Harry W. Ward, of Nelson, B. C., is spending a few weeks at the Driard.

Miss Katie King is visiting Miss Lee, of Ganges harbor, Salt Spring Island.

Dr. C. J. and Mrs. Fagan paid a short visit to Vancouver this week.

Miss Doris Clute is visiting her sister, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, at "Alhoa," Douglas street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Roberts, of Burdette avenue, are spending a week at Salt Spring.

Mrs. White-Fraser, of Vancouver, is spending a few weeks in Victoria visiting friends.

Miss P. Eberts left for Portland, where she will spend some weeks visiting a cousin.

Miss Gallagher and Miss Forrest, of Vancouver, are visiting Mrs. Duncan, of St. James street.

Mr. Charles Buxter's many friends will regret to hear he is suffering from an attack of appendecitis.

Miss Tatlow arrived home this week from Toronto, where she has spent the last four months visiting friends.

Mrs. Hodder, accompanied by her son, arrived this week from Calgary, and will spend a few weeks at Rockabella.

Mrs. Halsey G. Smith left on Tuesday for her home in California after a short stay with Mrs. Charlie Rhodes of Terrace avenue.

The Misses Millar, of Portland, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James R. Anderson, of Birdcage Walk, returned home on Sunday last.

Mr. L. M. Richardson, accountant of Royal Bank of Canada has gone to Rossland for several weeks to relieve members of the staff there, who are on their holidays.

Mrs. T. J. Jones and Miss White came over from Seattle on Thursday to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris at their summer residence, Cordova bay.

Miss Beatrice Gaudin returned home last Friday from Comox, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Harvey. She was accompanied by her nephew Master Bob Harvey.

Miss Carrie Christie was amongst the out-going passengers on the City of Puebla on Tuesday evening. Miss Christie will spend some months visiting her sister in California.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Olive Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, to Mr. C. C. A. Warn, of the R. M. S. Empress of India.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Murray and family from North Synney, Mr. Johnson, M.P., Sydney, and Miss McPherson, of Halifax, spent a few days at the Driard this week en route to Portland, and will return via Victoria, where they intend to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. and Miss Dora Butler, of South Saanich, arrived home on the Princess Beatrice on Thursday evening from White Horse, where they have been spending a few months with Mrs. Scharschmidt.

Miss May Newcomb gave a most delightful picnic on Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Barbara Mainguy, of Duncans. The merry party of young people wended their way up the Arm, about 6 o'clock, where high tea was served, then returning by the light of the moon enjoyed the band concert in the park.

Mr. James Wilson, sanitary inspector of Victoria, was married at Sidney on Tuesday to Miss Blomenstock, formerly a nurse in a London hospital. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. B. Laidley. The bride and bridegroom are spending their honeymoon in Sidney and around the islands. The bride has been in British Columbia for eight months.

A most enjoyable beach party was given last Saturday as a surprise to Mrs. Berkley, who is camping at Kanacka ranch, by a number of the young people taking part in the "King of Siam." Amongst those present were Mrs. W. Monteith, Miss M. and Tiny Monteith, Miss and Miss Viola Hickey, Miss Newcomb, Miss Newling, Miss Heyland, Mr. Muskett, Mr. R. Monteith, Mr. A. Gore, Mr. J. Heyland, Mr. Cecil Berkley and others.

The engagement is announced of Miss Violet Innes-Ker Dubois Phillips, eldest daughter of Captain E. C. Dubois-Phillips, R.N., F.R.G.S., of Great Crosby, Lancashire, to Seymour Hastings O'Dell, eldest son of Frederick O'Dell, of West Hamstead, London, England. Mr. O'Dell is very well known in Victoria, having joined the first contingent here to serve in South Africa. He was at one time private secretary to the minister of finance and agriculture of British Columbia. The marriage is arranged to take place early in the fall, and Mr. O'Dell's many friends wish him every happiness.

Mrs. F. D. Little entertained a number of young people at a most enjoyable dance at her residence, "Highwood," Rockland avenue. Mrs. Little was most beautifully gowned in pale blue brocade. The guests of honor were three San Francisco girls, Miss Payne, Miss Snow and Miss Tisdale. Amongst others present were Miss and Miss Violet Pooley, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Bessie Dunsmuir, Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. Genge and Miss Wason, Mr. Willie and Miss Irving, Mr. J. Rithet, Mr. Foote, Mr. and Miss Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Miss Corbett, Mr. Douglas and Miss Bullen, Mr. Basil Prior, Mr. Bell, Mr. T. Cornwall, Mr. Kingsmill, Mr. Percy Keefer, Mr. and Miss Heyland, and others.

The finals of the Vancouver croquet and bowling tournament were held last Saturday at the Denman street grounds, Mr. J. W. Kerr winning the championship by defeating Lady Musgrave in a very close and interesting game. Miss Eva Loewen and Mr. J. A. O'Reilly won the open doubles, Sir Richard and Lady Musgrave, second. Mrs. Proctor won the ladies' first prize in the bowling singles; Mrs. MacNeill, second; W. H. Billings won the mens' singles; John Boyd, second; Dr. and Miss Keith won the bowling doubles; Miss Tupper and Mr. C. M. Merrit, second; Miss Keith won the handicap croquet singles by defeating Miss Loewen; Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Kerr the handicap doubles, defeating Mrs. Henshaw and Mrs. Wade.

An very pretty wedding took place last week in Vancouver at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Woodruff, 1,011 Homer street, when Miss Katie Cheese, of Croyden, England, was united in marriage to Mr. George W. Eel. Miss Cheese was accompanied on her journey by Miss Jessie Fish, who was married on Thursday to Mr. Arthur Peel, a brother of Mr. G. W. Peel. Miss Cheese was attended by Miss Lennard, while Mr. E. Peel acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. McLeod. Amonst those present were Mr., Mrs. and Miss McKinnon, Mrs. Cook, Miss Lennard, Miss Davis, Miss Largen, Miss Parsons, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cunleffe, Mr. O. Reid, Mr. Ernest Peel and Mr. Choyce. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Peel will take up their residence on Third avenue.

Another interesting wedding that took place yesterday was Mr. G. Lloyd, inspector of trains, C. P. R., at Kamloops, to Miss Kate Furness, daughter of Mrs. R. Furness of Salt Spring Island, at the St. Francis hotel. The room in which the ceremony took place was most appropriately decorated for the occasion. Rev. C. K. B. Adams, of the Metropolitan church, performed the ceremony. Mr. Rivers presided at the piano, rendering Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was most beautifully gowned in ivory crepe de chine with a heavy applique lace overdress, wearing a white tulle hat with ostrich plumes. Miss L. Furness acted as bridesmaid and was most becomingly gowned in a dainty frock of pale pink. After the ceremony a reception was held, after which the happy couple left for their home in Kamloops.

We regret to see so few Victorians took advantage of the musical treat that Liberati offered at the Victoria theatre on Monday and Tuesday evening of this week, the programmes were excellent and in spite of the small audiences not an item was missed out. I may say the audience, though small, was decidedly appreciative, every number being most enthusiastically encored. Amongst those present on the two nights were noticed Mayor and Mrs. Barnard, Miss Barnard, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bullen, Miss Elsie Bullen, Mrs. Loewen, Mr. L. Yorke, Mr. Lewis, Mr. E. H. Russell, Mr. and the Misses Boscowitz, Mr. T. R. McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. B. Goward, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Hill, Mr. B. Williams, Miss Williams, Miss Peppett, Mr. Forbes, Miss K. and B. Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnard, Miss Loewen, Dr. Robertson, Mrs. Herbert Kent, Mr. Cruitz and Mr. Younge.

The tennis tournament has been almost the only social event of this week leaving little else to chronicle in these columns. The play this year has not as yet been up to the usual standard of the Victoria tournament, the list of entries being unusually small, however on Thursday and Friday there were some very close games. The attendance of spectators is increasing as the week wears on, and on Saturday, of course, the courts will be crowded. Tea was kindly provided by the following ladies: On Monday, Mrs. Frank Barnard; on Tuesday, Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Lampman; on Wednesday, Mrs. Pooley; on Thursday, Mrs. Rithet and Mrs. Genge; on Friday, Mrs. James Dunsmuir, and on Saturday, Mrs. Langworthy, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. H. Barnard, Miss Pemberton and Mrs. H. Beaven. Amongst the throng of prettily and smartly dressed women were noticed during the week: Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Croft, Lady Musgrave, Mrs. Frank and Miss Hannington, Mrs. and the Misses Bell, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Dr. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Pooley, Miss Macrae, Mr. Beauchamp Tye, Miss Mara, Miss A. Holmes, Mrs. Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Butchart, Miss Wey (Vancouver), Miss K. Gaudin, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. F. Barnard, Miss Eva Loewen, Mrs. Bromley, Miss Bessie Dunsmuir, Miss Pitts, Miss Kate Devereux, Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Ling, Miss Erskin, Mrs. Parry, Miss B. Gaudin, Miss Wason, Miss Paine, Miss Godard, Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury, Major and Mrs. Watts, Mrs. and Miss Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Harrop, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ambury, Mrs. Greasley, Miss Leeming, Miss Hedley, Mrs. Langton, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Langworthy, Miss Powell, Mr. Mohineux, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. G. Goward, Mrs. and Miss Langley, Mrs. and Miss Nellie Todd, Mrs. H. Beaven, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kirk, Mrs. Williams, Miss Drake, Mr. Ward, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Rhodes, Dr. Robertson, Miss Peppett, Mrs. Montieth, Miss Olive Bryden, Mrs. C. Fagan, Mrs. White Fraser, Miss Miles, Mr. P. Keefer, Miss Newcomb, Dr. Newcomb, Mr. Scholefield.

CAKES AND AILS.

(Saturday Night.)

It was a delightful summer day, and there was just enough blue in the sky to drive that quality from one's emotions. There were five of us on the lawn at Mrs. Welton's, having tea, iced and uniced, and "sweet little sandwiches and dear little cakes," to quote Mrs. Harry Funnington, who always talks as if life were a toy shop and who insists on calling her six-feet-two husband a "perfect pet." Everything seemed to be going as merry as the marriage bell of Byronic memory, and we all agreed that people were awfully foolish to go away and stew in a little five-by-seven room and dress four times in twenty-four hours for the benefit of "other females," when they might remain in Toronto and attire themselves in kimonos during most of the day. But of course there was a serpent crawling somewhere on that Eden-like lawn, and suddenly he showed his fangs.

"When did you leave the hospital, dear?" asked Mrs. Charlie Palmer, turning to the hostess.

"Just a month ago," said Mrs. Welton pensively; "you know I lost fifteen pounds, but it was worth while to have the trouble over."

"I was in the hospital six weeks when I had the operation," broke in Mrs. Harry Funnington, "but my doctor was just too sweet and I had a nurse who was perfectly fascinating. You know, I wanted to see it—the appendix, I mean. It would have been so positively cute to have it in a bottle, but they had lost it somewhere."

"Mine was removed two years ago," said Mrs. Palmer with an air of trying not to be too proud of her priority of operation.

"You don't say so!" said Mrs. Welton. "Of course, I remember now. But really, it's becoming so hard to keep track of one's friends." She looked inquiringly at Maud Westwood and me.

"No," replied Maud defiantly, "I've never had the operation, and I don't intend to. I'll take theosophy or Christian Science or ethical culture first."

"Then you've never had an attack," said Mrs. Harry curiously. "Of course it's perfectly horrid, and I fairly doubled up with the pain. But I felt so utterly peaceful when I was driving away from the hospital."

"I've never had an attack," was the stern reply, "and what's more, I won't. I just hate the very word."

"It isn't exactly fun," said Mrs. Palmer reminiscently. "I'll never forget how queer I felt the night before, thinking about the operating-table and all that. Then it's funny when you're going under——"

"I'll never forget the day after," resumed Mrs. Harry. "It was the most perfectly dreadful time you can imagine."

The three appendix-less ladies straightway entered upon an orgy of operations, for they had more than once trod the "pathes of gory," as my brother Ted calls surgical experiments. Maud and I put down half-emptied glasses and declined to tarry longer at the marcaroons.

"Did you ever hear such ghastly talk?" she said indignantly as we went swiftly along Spadina road. "I don't see why some women fairly revel in pains and operations. Why don't they cut it out?" Maud's language is occasionally Adesque.

"They do," I said, cackling feebly. She gave me a look of scorn for the infirmity of the pun, and continued with a swing of her golf arm:

"What those women need is to go outdoors and walk or play tennis, or do something strenuous. They make me feel as if I want to get away and run a mile, to shake off their symptoms."

"Doesn't it begin," I said dreamily, "with a pain in the right side? You know I've had a strange feeling somewhere near my right lung, and I've wondered——"

"Just let me hear another word about your feelings," stormed Miss Westwood, "and I'll cut you in broad daylight. You're the only friend I have who has got an appendix, and if you lose yours you'll tell everyone about it as the other idiots do. I don't care how you feel, whether you have a sick headache or insomnia or insanity, or whether you dropped dead last night."

"I didn't mean anything by it," I said meekly, for Maud is my very best friend and is worth several boxes of iron pills for leaden feelings.

"I know what we'll do," she said, wheeling suddenly around. "Let's go down town and have lobster salad and chocolate ice cream. Then we'll go out to Sunnyside." And we did.

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SPORT.

The unexpected happened at Seattle on Saturday last when the Victoria lacrosse team was defeated by the Seattle men by 8 goals to 4 in Seattle. The game was a hard one, and the Victorians were unable to hold their own against the Americans, who showed great improvement on their previous form. The game was somewhat rough at times, but only one fight took place, and that was soon stopped.

The principal forthcoming event in the local sporting world is the annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen, which will take place on August 11th and 12th at Esquimalt. The 12th will be the big day, as most of the senior events will then be rowed. Most of the junior and a few of the senior events will come off on the first day.

The croquet and bowling tournament of the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club was concluded on Saturday last. The provincial croquet championship was won by J. W. Kerr, of Vancouver, defeating Lady Musgrave in a close match. Miss E. Loewen and A. J. O'Reilly won the open doubles, Sir Richard and Lady Musgrave second. Mrs. Proctor won first prize ladies' singles bowling, Mrs. MacNeill second. W. H. Billings took the gentlemen's bowling singles, John Boyd second. Dr. Keith and his sister, Miss Keith, won the bowling doubles, Miss Tupper and Mr. C. M. Merrit second prize. Miss Keith won the handicap croquet singles, defeating Miss Loewen. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Kerr carried off the handicap croquet doubles against Mrs. Henshaw and Mrs. Wade.

Manager Keary of the Dominion exhibition, New Westminster, has received another letter from Capt. McQueen of the Toronto Rowing Club in reference to the proposed visit of Lou Scholes, the diamond scull champion of Henley. Captain McQueen says that Scholes is willing to meet any western amateur, Charlie Johnston of Winnipeg included, in a race on the Fraser, or to enter an open regatta with the whole bunch. The only thing that Scholes insists on is that everything be in strict accord with the amateur rules under which he holds his title.

On Saturday last the Victoria Cricket Club defeated the Vancouver eleven in an all-day match by 80 runs in the first innings. As an exhibition of cricket the game was hardly up to those played on former occasions between the two crack clubs of the province. The Victorians were weak in the field and the visitors lacked batting ability. The wicket was splendid, but neither side did much scoring, although it looked as if Vancouver might have knocked up a few figures in the second innings had time permitted. Mr. Menzies was unable to play for Victoria and his place was taken by Mr. Ashby, while the visiting team lacked the services of two well known players, Messrs. Crossfield and Collins. Mr. Senkler won the toss and sent the home eleven in first. Following is the score:

Victoria—1st Inning.

Q. D. H. Warden, b Rigby	7
W. J. D. York, b Hodges	17
H. N. R. Cobbett, b Rigby	36
L. S. V. York, b Rigby	0
J. C. Barnacle, b Hodges	7
D. M. Rogers, b Hodges	21
L. O. Garnett, b Jukes	11
B. Tye, not out	10
E. Carr-Hilton, b Rigby	4
W. P. Gooch, l b w, b Rigby	14
F. Ashby, b Rigby	6
Extras	6
Total	143

Victoria—2nd Inning.

Q. D. H. Warden, b Rigby	0
B. Tye, run out	1
L. S. V. York, b Jukes	22
W. J. D. York, b Jukes	10
L. O. Garnett, b Rigby	13
H. R. N. Cobbett, b Rigby	10
J. C. Barnacle, not out	39
D. M. Rogers, b Rigby	17
W. P. Gooch, b Jukes	14
E. Carr-Hilton, c Hodges, b Rigby	6
F. Ashby, b Jukes	0
Extras	10
Total	142

Vancouver—1st Inning.

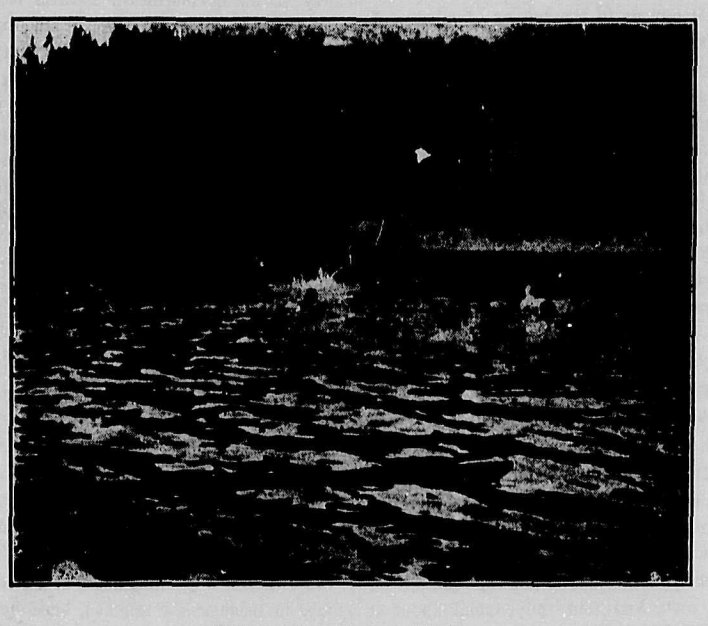
E. B. Deane, b Barnacle	1
W. B. Ferrie, b Barnacle	2
—. Rigby, l b w, b Gooch	8
G. Walton, b Barnacle	12
S. P. Judge, c W. York, b Gooch	4
J. H. Senkler, b Gooch	15
A. G. Smith, l b w, b Barncale	6
W. H. Hodges, st Warden, b Gooch	2
A. Jukes, c Tye, b Gooch	4
F. G. Crickmay, not out	6
W. Walton, b Barnacle	1
No balls	2
Total	63

Vancouver—2nd Inning.

Rigby, b W. York	2
S. P. Judge, b W. York	6
F. G. Crickmay, not out	36
E. B. Deane, not out	12
Leg byes	2
Total (2 wickets)	58

The Victoria lacrosse team will play a schedule game with Vancouver at Oak Bay this afternoon.

One of the popular summer pastimes on Salt Spring Island is water polo. The players require to be strong swimmers. The game lasts from 15 to 20 minutes only, as it is very exhausting. Four players aside, as in polo proper, is the rule. The illustration on this page shows a friendly contest at Ganges Harbor.



Water Polo, Ganges Harbour.

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A trained hand is best with a train at hand.

In thy speed, mock not the gentle cow—the cow-catcher may catch thee.

Wiser than his own generation is he who knows his auto.

In the morning slow they speed, and in the evening withhold thy hand.

An auto at speed is a fiend indeed.

None are so fined as those who don't flee.

Let repentance be thine, if thou be among them who have mistaken "gaol" for "goal."

More discreet is a aged husband than an injured plaintiff; and lo! a widow's heart may be swayed by resilient tires.

To-day thou ridest in thine integrity; to-morrow may discover thee a man of parts.

Where law ends, speed really begins.

A fool and his tonneau are soon carted.

It is well to know thine auto; yea, also, to know thy chauffeu better.

There's many a nip on an auto trip.

Give not thine auto a name; they neighbors will name it for thee.

A fair exchange is no garage.

AN ISLAND INCIDENT.

Capture of New Westminster Boat Robbers on Gossip Island.

Mayne Island, Aug. 2.

Gossip Island in Plumper's pass was the scene of some excitement on Friday and Saturday of last week, owing to the arrest of three men who had stolen two boats and a net from the Fraser river. Early on Friday morning, Mr. Cain, who lives opposite Gossip Island, saw two strange boats at the north end of the island, and having interviewed the men, and not being satisfied with what they told him, sent warning to Mr. A. Cayzer's family that their boat ought to be removed from the island. The men were cooking a meal on the beach when they were disturbed by the arrival of the police launch, which a very short time after the theft was started on their track. Leaving the food they were preparing, as well as a valise and two coats, they took to the bush. Steps were at once taken to prevent their escape from the island by removing all boats and placing a boat to patrol the channel between Gossip and Galiano islands.

Constables Munro and Wilkie, with other assistance, began a search, but failed to locate the thieves, who had prior to the arrival of the police, called at Mr. Cayzer's ranch and been supplied with potatoes and water by his daughters. Towards evening, as there is only one well on the island, it was decided to watch it, as it was believed the thieves would be forced to visit it before long. A little before dark, Mr. Buckley, of Mayne Island, arrived and offered to assist the police, and it was decided to leave his boat near the beach, and keep watch over it for the night, as it was considered probable the men would try to utilize it as a means of escape. Mr. J. Cook, a local fisherman, and others patrolled the channel during the night to prevent the men swimming across, and the constables and Mr. Buckley kept watch near the boat and the well. About midnight the crackling of a few sticks warned the watchers that the men were approaching the well, and the constables crept round the house, leaving Mr. Buckley to guard the boat. Getting close to the well in a crouching position they saw a man approach, and calling out "halt" and "put up your hands," Constable Wilkie covered the man with his rifle, and he was easily captured. He declared he had no companion there, but a short search revealed him hiding by a fence near by, and he was quickly handcuffed to the other man. Constable Munro took them on board the police launch, leaving Constable Wilkie and Mr. Buckley to continue watching the well and boat for the remainder of the night, but the other man did not appear. About noon on Saturday one of the Misses Cayzer, who was crossing in a boat from Galiano, saw the man on the bluff amongst the trees, and was trying to point out the place to the constable when Mr. Cook arrived at the beach with the man in his boat. It appears that whilst he was patrolling the channel he saw the man, and covering him with his rifle made him put up his hands and come into his boat.

The men were taken to New Westminster in the police launch and sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Henderson, of the County court. The penitentiary officials recognized one of the men, Geo. Harris, as an old offender, released only two weeks ago from Walla Walla. Had the judge known his identity he would have been put away for more than the two years and nine months allotted him. He is a criminal who has spent most of his life in different prisons.

The Earl of Wemyss delivered a somewhat unorthodox speech in the House of Lords recently in opposing the second reading of a bill empowering magistrates to fix the closing hours of public houses. "A distinguished professor informs me," said His Lordship, "that over-eating causes as serious effects as excessive drinking, and my own medical man endorses that opinion. There are figures showing that the pure water drinker lives an average of 57 years, while unmitigated drunkards like Jane Cakebread live two years longer, and the moderate drinker twelve years longer. Nature more or less demands a little alcohol." The bill was rejected by a majority of six

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Fashions, Frills and Fancies.

Life in the Woods is Attractive to the Ladies—Concerning Hair Ornaments and Summer Dress Colors.

By "BABETTE"

Dear Madge.—This is indeed a life of contrasts, and the philosopher takes it as it comes—the sweet with the bitter, but the bitter-sweet always. Last week, I had a couple of striking extremes in experience; one day in the hot dusty town, doing my usual weekly shopping, and trying my best to keep cool, and on the same afternoon a smart "tea party" in an equally smart, but stuffy drawing room; in the evening a concert in a small hall crowded to the doors. I was wedged into the tenth row, between two portly persons. But the next day, Madge, was spent miles away from town, in a camp near the woods, and a contrast indeed, one to give thanks for, by comparison. The morning being one that was blue up in the sky with a gracious blaze of sunshine. Yellow-green foliage trimmed the rejuvenated oaks standing sentinel about our quaint log hut; while down in the marsh-meadow, buttercups made a cloth-of-gold field of their own. Little clearings in the woods were splashed with bright patches of wild flowers, and the dew-wet mosses emitted their delicious earth-fragrance. Verily, the life of woods exercises a witchery over one's senses. Then the birds—their tuneful gossip beginning with early wakening morn, to linger on with musical intermittence till twilight. What a blessed exchange all this for the hot dusty streets, the incessant noise of the trams and the endless tramp of hurrying humanity on the pavement! In winter the town has its alleviations, I'll admit, but as a perennial institution the country in spring and summer is decidedly the thing. People began to realise this with the introduction of bicycles, but it has taken the motor to complete the conquest, with the inevitable consequence that town houses just now are at a decided discount, while huts and cottages, be they ever so antiquated and dilapidated, are the desire of all.

Apropos of my sojourn in the woods, I must tell you of a new hair brush that I purchased at Terry & Marrett's before leaving town, and I must say it has proved an invaluable accessory to my travelling bag. Has't ever used a hair brush with whalebone bristles? If you have not, then let me say that there is yet a "treat in store" for you at a very reasonable price. But really these brushes are splendid. Instead of one tugging away at the snarls in one's hair with a fragile silver-rimmed comb, terrified that every minute it will snap in two; one has simply to brush carefully with one of these new brushes, and the snarls disappear like magic. Terry & Marett also are in possession of a delightful skin food and cream, that removes tan and freckles. It is called Dr. Cook's Skin Food and Massage Cream, and I find it particularly cooling and healing for sunburn.

The longer I live, Madge, the more am I impressed with the necessity for the exercise of individual discretion in the device of hair ornaments. The mistake which so many people make is overdoing it, and my last visit to the theatre was spoilt by a head in front of me. I am not prepared to vouch for every detail, but there was a wisp of tulle, an aigrette, quite a delightful diamond spray, and a coy rosebud—all on one poor head, which, bear up bravely as it might, looked distinctly overcrowded. On the whole, failing a really nice jewel, with an aigrette to give height—the very tall upstanding ones are decidedly smart. I am inclined to think the majority of women are well advised to confine their attention to a jewelled comb or two. These dress the hair themselves, and in tortoiseshell studded with gems they are exquisitely decorative. I have noticed some very pretty combs of this description in some of our jewellery stores, and they quite took my fancy. Yet above a young face nothing looks prettier than a coronal of wee rosebuds. But I confess I find the same thing allied to mature charms a trifle insipid. A solitary upstanding ostrich tip looks well on some heads, and for women who can wear black the present fancy for jet has given us some very effective designs in this. Mrs. C. Kosche, on Douglas street, has some very pretty ornaments for the hair. I have seen some very dainty ones in her store.

Of course the city at this time of the year is crowded with tourists, and every day one can see numbers of sightseers and collectors in Weiler Bros. investing in pretty Japanese china, quaint English oak ware and dainty silver novelties. Their Royal Doulton and Wedgwood ware are also in great demand, and their stock of Armenian novelties is quite the most fascinating I have ever seen. I also noticed in this store some beautiful antique Chinese embroideries. It is indeed true that during the last ten years the number of intelligent collectors of old embroideries, quaint pottery, old furniture, etc., has increased a thousand-fold. The man in the street has been caught with the idea that to collect antiquities is the thing to do. A good deal of space has been given in illustrated juornals to foster the growing taste for the antique, and there have always been collectors who were experts, and who quietly pursued their hobby. There have been noblemen who collected mezzotints or Sevres in lieu of putting money on the turf, and who assidiously studied McArdell prints or "rose Du Barry pate tendre" with a genuine love for their collection. I, too, Madge, have a love for the antique and artistic, but alas! my purse will not permit me indulging to my heart's desire.

In the line of jewellery, I believe the newest pearl dog-collars are to appear without the diamond slide of much esteemed and becoming custom. I have seen several strung on thin slides of mother-o'-pearl, which is almost invisible, and the entirely white effect is immensely charming. How beautifully light, too, is modern jewellery, so lace-like in its effects compared with some of the ugly ponderosities of a time within most of our memories, when bracelets were manacles, tiaras were fenders, and brooches as large as egg-plates. And let us rejoice, Madge, that the heavy old-fashioned ear drops of gold are things of the past, and may they ever remain so.

And now to dress and fashion, and a word or two about what is worn. Red is at present very fashionable, formerly it was a color regarded as appropriate for winter or late autumn wear. Nowadays the coming of summer is the signal for the appearance of bright red gowns, coiffures and sunshades, and once the eye has grown accustomed to the vivid shade, it is accepted as the correct thing under a blazing sun. I saw a silk dress the other day in poppy-red tone, with very small white check, and the usual profusion of gauzing and frilling. The bodice was cut very low over a yoke of ivory Indian muslin, embroidered in raised white floral design. The hat worn was a fine black chip, flat and tilted up at the back, where it was filled in with loops of red velvet ribbon, and was finished on the brim by a wreath of field flowers, consisting of red poppies, corn flowers, etc., mixed in plentifully with grasses. The "tout ensemble" was decidedly "chic" and Frenchy. You asked me about the ombre effects in your last letter; well I must confess that I do not care for this style. The popularity of shot and chameleon materials has accustomed the eye and the taste to such delicate changing of tone that the ombre effects now appear almost crude. Some evening gowns in chiffon, shaded very gradually to a much darker color, were pretty, and the idea promised to be fashionable, but it has not proved so. One of the best examples of the ombre gowns I have seen was made of soft satin mousseline. The skirt was rather narrow flounces, beginning at the waist in a very light hue of rose, and having each flounce darker towards the foot. A ruching of inch-wide chene ribbon edged every flounce, and was used profusely on the bodice mixed in with tambour lace, on which were little satin flowers. Everything about the dress had the cachet of a first-class hand, yet it was not pleasing, and one can only suppose that this arose from the fact alluded to—that the more subtle and artistic variation of color in woven fabrics has brought us to a more correct taste in such matters.

The latest novelty in the musical line, and one that I am sure will interest you, is the new phonograph that is for sale at Fletcher Bros., Government street. It is called the "Mega Flower Horn," and is as light as paper, made in imitation of a huge lily in beautiful colors, and is certainly a great sound producer. For novelties of this kind and the latest songs and sheet music, I think Fletcher Bros. is the place to go.

I am off to the tennis tournament this afternoon, so must bid you "Au revoir" for the present. Next week I will tell you of some of the smart gowns I hope to see at the courts.

"BABETTE."

Kootenay Notes.

Trials, Tourists and Trouble in Nelson—The Fruit and Mining Industries.

Nelson, July 25.

Man is never happy except he is kicking about some one thing or another. Nelson is doing excellently well just now, and the only trouble people have is the heat. Not that there is much to that, for although the days are sometimes warm yet there is always a cool evening to counterbalance, and the temperature never yet has gone up beyond 73.5, average, Fahrenheit, for any day. That figure was the record, and was established on Sunday last.

The busiest men in Nelson are the lawyers and the mining experts. The hotels, each and every one, are crammed full of guests, chief among whom are E. P. Davis, Bodwell and Joe Martin, the latter redoubtable just having returned to the coast after having come off second best in the Providence mining case of Greenwood and Chicago. Then there are mining experts too numerous to mention, whose technicalities fill the court room with breathless awe. The Providence mining case resulted badly for the Greenwood men who tried to wrest control from the Chicago owners, who really have the majority of the shares. The attempt was bold and like many another bold thing had to be bolstered up with actions which may be pronounced shady. Mr. Justice Irving was not mealy-mouthed about these gentlemen and their methods, and in fact was within an ace of turning them over to the crown prosecutor, whoever that official may be, but thought better of it and allowed the crown prosecutor to do his own work. Of course, if the crown prosecutor fails in a conviction he doesn't feel snubbed and a judge might. And that would never do.

Mr. Justice Irving failed in giving a judgment as to the desire of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company to have their injunction against the building of the city power plant (that's how Nelson's mayor puts it), but it will probably be sent up to Nelson before long. Judging from the evidence submitted as an ignorant layman may without contempt of court it seems that the city is sure to win out.

Chief Justice Hunter is now here over the famous Slocan Star mining case, which is arising from the alleged trespass of the Slocan Star into a neighboring claim. The Slocan Star's defence is that they had a right to follow their vein wherever it led, their property being crown granted under the old law giving extra lateral rights. The case is likely to last clear through the week and may be run on into the next. As the weather is warm the Chief Justice is taking a morning session from 9 o'clock to 1 p.m., for which all concerned are blessing his wisdom. It will be observed that the wisdom in this case is not so much judicial as common sense, two things adjectival which are not always synonymous.

There is not much to report this week in mining matters. The Poplar people are still cock-a-hoop over the discoveries made upon the Swede group, and plenty of inquiries are coming into the country and the proprietors are sending an exhibit of the free gold ore down to the Portland exhibition. It is likely that the Hall Mines smelter will enlarge extensively before the end of the year. Things are coming the way of the lead miner. Lead is up to a higher point than it has been for years, and moreover the duty on manufactured products of lead is also helping. A good deal of prospecting and mining is going on in the Ymir country, and some interesting and remunerative discoveries are still being made. Constant Fernau is building a zinc smelter in Frank, and it is stated that he will buy some properties on the lake in order to ensure a supply of ore to his works. The Bluebell, near Ainsworth, is mentioned in this connection.

Business men report good things of the Kootenay generally. Taking one article, meat, it is reported that July is a record month for the year both in Nelson and in Rossland and is far and away ahead in sales of this month last year.

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The fruit industry is increasing rapidly as to demand. The strawberry crop this year seems to have made Kootenay's reputation, and demands for all kinds of fruit are coming in from the Northwest and Manitoba, orders that cannot nearly be filled and which are stimulating the ranchers to fresh exertions for the year to come.

Peace, or armed neutrality, exists in municipal circles, the case of Coulter having been transferred to Vancouver, where it comes up for hearing on August 10th.

Nelson, Aug. 1.

The past week in Nelson was marked by the trial of the celebrated Slocan Star-Silversmith mining case, in which quite a galaxy of legal talent, local and of the coast, was refulgent. There was Chief Justice Hunter and E. V. Bodwell and E. P. Davis, to say nothing of S. S. Taylor and R. S. Lennie, of local fame. The issue was the old one: The Slocan Star had gone beyond its boundary lines, and had entered upon the Silversmith and had extracted therefrom ore to the extent of $500,000. At least that is what the complainants averred. The whole question was whether the Slocan Star had or had not followed its own vein. Experts on the one side swore up and down that it had. Experts on the other side cheerfully affirmed the reverse. The air was thick with terms scientific and otherwise. Chief Justice Hunter didn't look pleased. The court room was very hot and counsel waxed warm, Davis evidently wanting to settle some old time coast feud with Bodwell. It would have been much better had they all gone a-fishing. No decision was really arrived at. But Davis got the worst of it, which means that the Slocan Star will probably feel that it has won. Further argument has to be heard, and the Chief Justice has yet to be convinced. At present he says that he thinks the Slocan Star experts are much the more convincing. Afterwards the Chief Justice, along with a lot more tourists who have suddenly discovered Nelson, and are telling all their friends of their find, went fishing. The hotel-keepers naturally do not object, as this discovery is keeping their places full.

On top of this warm work there has been a number of discoveries of good ore recently, and Houston's paper comments thusly: "The weather is really too warm for discoveries of gold of more than 6,000 ounces to the ton or of silver of 3,000 ounces." The real trouble is that Houston is too busy with his mayoral squabbles to pay any attention to the mining news. There has been another council meeting, and as a result Driver Coulter, of the fire department, was again fired by Houston and again reinstated by the council. This is for the eighth time. The council has refused to pass the pay cheque of the mayor's nominee, but the mayor's friends claim he will be paid just the same, as the mayor has the right under a resolution to pay any small amount less than $100 without reference to the council.

In the meantime the mayor has secured a strip of foreshore from E. Crow Baker for a park, and the band plays there on Sundays, having begun on Sunday last. Now the opposite faction wanted another park, and the mayor got this one out on his own, and told the council about it afterwards. The mayor's friends are swearing profusely. Some vandal tarred on Saturday night all of John Houston's new park seats to make it pleasant for the park goers. They ought to have been at Sunday school or prayer meeting anyway! Luckily the Lord's Day Alliance is not strong in Nelson, having recently lost their president. However, it just shows the character of the faction fighting here.

The fruit growers are going round daily with their noses held higher and higher in the air. The strawberry crop was a bumper, the raspberries are exceeding all expectation, and the trees are literally loaded with apples and plums, prunes and pears, which will come on the market later on. The market, represented by the Northwest, is howling for Kootenay fruit, and the growers cannot begin to fill the demand. To top things an order came in this week from the Old Country. Hence these airs which are rapidly becoming insufferable. This may possibly supply a solution of the strikes, as the mining men are looking to their laurels, for a fruit crop which will run well into $100,000 is not to be sneezed at.

THREW DOWN A BUILDING.

Furious Gust of Wind Did Damage in Hedley.

On July 22 Hedley City had a most peculiar visitation in the shape of a sudden squall, which seemed local in its application, but sudden and terrific in its effect. The day had been intensely hot, but in the afternoon signs of a rainstorm became apparent. Shortly after this, says the Hedley Gazette, a whirlwind came sweeping towards the new two storey building being erected by F. Fraser, on which five men were at work. J. K. Fraser was working alone on the lower floor; Fred. Kurtz and Wm. Arnott were working upstairs, but the former had gone for a pail of water and was clear of the building, while F. Fraser and J. D. Brass were on the roof. The area of disturbance seemed narrow—possibly not as wide as the building itself, and it seemed to strike the upper storey of the building with greater force than anywhere else. There were windows on the north side from which the wind was coming, but none on the opposite side. Those working on the roof felt the building lift after which the side force of the wind carried the whole building to the south and evidently the jar produced when the weight again came to the ground snapped the studding of the lower storey below where it was joined to the upper floor, allowing the upper storey to swing southward a little more than the length of the lower studding. Those on the roof, by holding on to the studding, managed to ride down with the upper storey and escape injury, but J. K. Fraser was found in the wreck pinned down between the floor of the upper storey and the lower floor, half his body hanging over the south wall. Mr. Arnott was thrown against the south wall, being stunned by the blow.

She—I dreamed last night that you and I were married. He—Weren't you glad? She—Awfully—when I woke up!

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