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CIVIC AFFAIRS

The attitude taken by The Week on the subject of Civic Affairs has received very wide endorsation, and is likely to bear fruit in an overwhelmning vote in favour of a Board of Control. The Week does not believe that a Board of Control will be as satisfactory as a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Council. The reason for this is not far to seek. In appointing a Board of Control the choice is necessarily confined to residents of the City, and while it may or may not be the case that there are local men possessing all the necessary qualifications the system at least restricts the area from which choice can be made. There is the further consideration that if Commissioners could have been appointed at a substantial salary it would have been possible to engage men who have had similar experience in some of the largest Canadian cities, and whose value would therefore of necessity be higher. There is the final consideration that they would have had no local affiliations, and would have come here with an absolutely open mind. It seems to The Week that such a Board of Commissioners would have been more likely to initiate new methods, and carry out fearlessly the policy of the Council, than any local men, who may be elected to a Board of Control. But, the present Municipal Act does not provide for this, and therefore The Week gladly accepts the Board of Control as an instalment of improved Civic management, it may turn out better than expected, or it may lead to the developement outlined above. It must not, however, be forgotten that election by popular vote is apt to introduce an element in which the personal popularity of the candidate is a factor, and in which his absolute fitness for the position ceases to be the only criterion. The Week urges every voter to go to the polls and make the vote in favour of the new system so overwhelmning that there can be no doubt that it carries the support of practically the whole community. Such a vote would greatly strengthen the hands of the Controllers and the Council. In this connection The Week expresses regret that the Aldermen cling with such pertinacity to the few paltry dollars which they receive for their services. Their willingness to accept payment at all is evidence of a lack of public spirit, to say nothing of self respect. At no time could such a payment be justified, but now that the Council is to be relieved of probably fifty per cent. of its detail work, there is the less excuse for retaining the custom which has become obsolete in self-respecting communities. There could be no better test of the calibre of the Council than that its members should cling to such a "douceur." It determines the measure of their capacity and the value of their work, and accounts for the general botch they have made of things; but men who would cling to $30 for rendering public service which in advanced communities is voluntary, and a matter of pride would cling with equal avidity to a dollar or "two-bits" and in doing so mark themselves down below "thirty cents."

THE MAYORALTY

Three Mayoral candidates are in the field, but only two need be taken seriously, Mr. W. E. Oliver and Mr. J. A. Turner. The Week has declared itself in favour of the former, in spite of the fact that it entertains a very high opinion of Alderman Turner, and has always admired his energy and progressiveness. With Mr. Oliver out of the field he would receive the unqualified support of this journal, but with Mr. Oliver in the field it is entirely a different matter. Either would make a good mayor. Mr. Turner is a man of substance, of enterprise and of untiring industry. He is a competent man of affairs, essentially of the business type. He has had a good training, and if he reaches the Mayoral Chair, and can have his way, Victoria will certainly be progressive. On the other hand Mr. Turner would not be any the worse for a little more experience of the city, its people and its requirements. He has only been in the Council one year, and resident in the City less than three. The Week welcomes newcomers and never ceases to urge their value to the community, and the advantage of their taking a prominent part in public affairs, but a jump from the outside to the Mayoralty of Victoria in so short a time would partake of the nature of an experiment, although an experiment which it might be wise to try if there were not a man in the field against whom these objections cannot be urged. As to Mr. W. E. Oliver the only objection that can be raised against him is that he is not well enough known. That, however, is a matter which can be remedied during the next month or so. Mr. Oliver has been a resident of Victoria for many years; he is a modest, retiring man, and in the opinion of The Week has too long hdiden his light under a bushel. With the exception of the few people who have enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance Victorians know him only as the Reeve of Oak Bay, and it is upon his reputation in that office that he appeals for the suffrages of the ratepayers. Oak Bay is admitted to be a model municipality, and by common consent this is mainly due to the diplomacy and skill of Mr. Oliver, who showed himself to be a man of great capacity, well able to hold his own with the representatives of Victoria, and to get none the worse of the bargain. Mr. Oliver is a man in the prime of life, of unblemished reputation, of education, of energy, and of knowledge. His means have enabled him to travel all over the world and he has acquired a fund of information which would be invaluable to a City just starting on a career of expansion. Moreover, Mr. Oliver is a man who would not be swayed by any party or clique for he has not been an active politician. Indeed, his politics are not even known to his personal friends; he would therefore bring to the Mayoral Chair an absolutely independent mind, and would be able to discharge the duties of his office with dignity. The Week is aware that rumours have been circulated with respect to Mr. Oliver's investments, and his possible bias in connection with the Water and other schemes. This is unworthy of a moment's credence. Mr. Oliver is not the type of man who could be swayed by any improper motives, and it is indeed a desperate resort to make use of such weapons to fight him. It is to be hoped that the parochial spirit which delights in such malicious tittle-tattle will never take root in Victoria. The Week believes that by the time Mr. Oliver has completed his programme, which will bring him in touch with every ward in the municipality, and the people have had an opportunity of hearing his exposition of Civic affairs, they will realize that he is a man of exceptional capacity and character and that it would be a wise move to elect him to the position of chief magistrate rather than to take anyone, however capable, from the ranks of a Council which has brought such discredit on the City, and which has shown such general incapacity for handling its business.

SMITH'S HILL RESERVOIR

The remarks of The Week on the subject of Smith's Hill Reservoir have received a more speedy and emphatic endorsation than was anticipated. Mr. Icke, the acting superintendent under W. L. Adams, has returned to the City, and the story he tells is certainly an entertaining one. He is an engineer of wide experience, with at least some regard for his reputation, and it now appears that he deliberately threw up his job because he knew that bad workmanship and bad material were going into the work of construction. It also turns out that he made a statement to this effect to the Water Commissioner when he resigned, and he claims that the Mayor was also informed. This puts both the Water Commissioner and the Mayor in a tight place, although, as the Colonist sagely points out, it does not fix any responsibility, because under our present delightful system of municipal management nobody is responsible for anything. Since it is admitted that through somebody's neglect the City is involved in a loss of $40,000, is it too much to ask for an independent investigation, which will cover not only the character of the workmanship but the quality of the cement and other material used?

THE CITY ENGINEER

Whatever capacity the City Engineer may or may not possess for executing public works, he shares with the Mayor a very evident capacity for evading a direct question. Half a dozen complaints have been formulated against his department in the public press. He adroitly selects one, ignores all the others, and shifts the blame to the shoulders of the Council. This might have been expected, but the evasion is unworthy of the smallest intellect. The only point which the City Engineer takes up is that of flooding during the recent rainstorm, and he claims that it was due to insufficiency of funds to put in lateral drains to connect with the main drain. This may be perfectly true, and if so, is only another illustration of the incompetency of the Council. But what shall be thought of an engineer who is willing to go ahead with an appropriation insufficient to complete the work, and certain to leave it in such a condition that it would be a discredit to all concerned. It would have been very much more to the purpose if the engineer had explained why material was left to clog manholes, and the mouth of drains, when construction work was completed and inspected. Why it has taken four times as long to do the work on James Bay Causeway as it should have taken, with no prospect whatever of completion in sight. Why it has already taken twice as long as is necessary to do the work at the West end of Rockland Avenue Why the dangerous portion of Cook Street between Fort and Rockland is allowed to remain in its present condition month after month, a condition which will undoubtedly lead to a serious accident. Why he allows large sharp rocks to be dumped on a main thoroughfare, without any top dressing or covering. Why street work is costing in some instances twice the amount for which it could be let by contract to a substantial contractor. These are only a few of the questions about which the ratepayers would like to have a little information. So far they have been sidestepped.

W. E. OLIVER FOR MAYOR

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The fight is on, but not the fight which our worthy contemporary, the Colonist, and a few hundred other Canadian papers have been anticipating with such unholy glee. It has been dinned into our ears for the last year or so that the Lords were marching to their doom, that the populace had been roused to a sense of indignation, and would sweep them out of existence. That all other political issues would be sunk in face of a demand that the Lords should no longer be allowed to over-ride the popular chamber and to thwart the will of the people. The astonishing part of it is that if one takes up the English papers as they arrive day after day there is no evidence of all these threatened calamities; it is true there is a strenuous fight, but it is political, and there is not behind it one-half the excitement and enthusiasm as characterized the great Home Rule battle of 1886. At that time the Unionists claimed that the Empire was in danger, and the constituencies endorsed their claim. No one now claims that the Empire, or even the country, is in danger, and in spite of the fact that there has been a sharp split between the Lords and the Commons on the Budget Bill, the fact remains that even the most fiery orators of the Government platform have not ventured to make 'Down with the Lords" the issue of the campaign. This is precisely what The Week has always said. The Radicals, who now wag the great Liberal Party, will bluster and brag, but when it comes to a "show down" they will never dare to make the abolition of the Lords a test question; if they did and stood on that alone they would not return fifty members to Parliament outside of the Irish Nationalists. They know perfectly well that behind all this sensational denunciation the real issue is that of Tariff Reform. Mr. Balfour, and the other leaders of the Conservative Party have very adroitly succeeded in forcing this issue to the front because whilst refusing to endorse the Budget Bill, until it has received the inprimatur of the electorate. They pointed out that Tariff Reform furnished the only means of relief for the conditions with which the drastic provisions of the Budget Bill sought to deal with. This renders the issue less certain, but it is more honest and whatever the result it brings to the front the one topic most deserving of public consideration, and upon which it would be most satisfactory to have a verdict. Whatever the result, there will be no interference with the Lords, who, however they may have exasperated Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Winston Churchill, have pursued a perfectly logical and constitutional course.

Social and Personal.

Mr. N. A. Graham from New York is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

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Miss Pooley paid a visit to Seattle during the week

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Miss Howell of this city is staying with friends in Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Barclay, from Kamloops are paying a visit to Victoria.

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Miss Foster is visiting friends in Vancouver.

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Miss Ethel Lawson, from Vancouver, who has been the guest of Mrs. Raymur for the last week, returned home on Friday last.

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Mrs. Arthur Spalding from South Pender Island is the guest of her mother, Mrs. James MacKay, Carberry Gardens.

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Mrs. H. Curtis from Vancouver, who has been staying in Victoria for the last fortnight, returned home last Sunday evening.

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A marriage took place last Wednesday week between Mr. Joseph Leslie Evans (youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Evans of this city), and Miss Myrta M. Wallace of Pocahontas, Idaho, second daughter of the late William Wallace. The wedding was celebrated at the residence of the parents of the groom, 115 Croft St. The Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at the ceremony. Miss Marguerite Evans played the wedding march. The young couple left the same evening for Vancouver where they will make their home for the future.

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The marriage of Miss Gertrude Hickey and Mr. A. W. Harvey will take place in Vancouver on Wednesday, December the 15th.

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Mr. Clifford Brown and Mr. H. Pooley were passengers to Vancouver last Wednesday.

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A marriage of interest to Victorians was that of Miss Sybil Frances Bagshawe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe of this city to Mr. Francis Vaughan Penrose Cowley, member of the Dominion Hydrographic Survey Department. The ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Canon Cowley, father of the bridegroom, took place at St. Mark's on Tuesday morning. The wedding was only a quiet one, only relatives and a few intimate friends of the young couple being present. Upon their return from their honeymoon which is being spent in the Sound cities, Mr. and Mrs. Cowley will take up their residence on Dunsmuir street, Esquimalt.

Clean white sheepskin rugs by scrubbing with castile soap and water, drying thoroughly in the sun.

Make a pad about two feet long, of old bed comforts, to stand on when ironing. It will save much fatigue.

Feathers uncurled by damp weather are quickly dried by shaking over fire in which salt has been thrown.

Bent whalebones can be restored and used again by simply soaking in water a few hours, then drying them.

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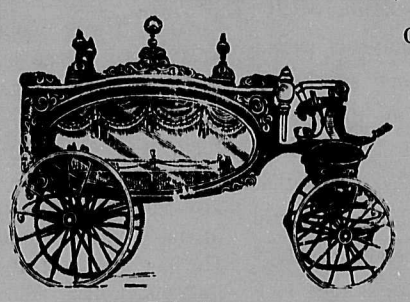

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TAKE NOTICE that William Ellis, of Vancouver, B.C., intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal on the following described lands:

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SOCIETY

Last Thursday week Miss Gladys Perry was hostess of a small tea given at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. G. Prior, in honour of Miss Johnson from Vancouver who is visiting her. Some of those present were: Mrs. Alexis Martin, Miss Mason, Miss Lorna Eberts, Miss Langley, Miss Gillespie, Miss Eleanore MacDowell, Miss Gladys Pitts, Miss Geraldine Cambie. Miss B. Monteith, Miss Wilmot, Miss Fell and others.

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Mr. Blanchard Bell of this city left during the week for Prince upert, where he will reside for the future.

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Mrs. McCallum, Lampson street, has issued invitations for a bridge party for 10th and 11th.

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Mrs. and Miss Heisterman are guests at the Aberdeen House on Blanchard street, where they will spend the winter months. They will receive on the first and third Mondays of the month.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ford from Nanaimo passed through the city last Sunday en route to Los Angeles.

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A wedding which took place recently was that of Miss Elsie Scrope Shrapnel and Mr. William H. G. Phipps. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Miller at St. Barnabas Church. Miss Shrapnel was gowned in a very smart white tailor-made suit, and wore a large white beaver hat. Her sister, Miss Eva Shrapnel made a very charming bridesmaid, wearing a white serge suit and black panne hat. The bridegroom was supporred by Mr. Dewdney. After the ceremony the young couple left for Portland to spend their honeymoon.

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Mr. Beresford-Webb from London, Eng., is a guest in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnard will leave shortly for an extended trip to the Old Country.

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Miss Lawson of this city is visiting friends in Vancouver.

Mr. A. G. Potts spent a few days of the week in Seattle on business.

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Last Monday evening Government House was the scene of a small but very charming fancy dress dance. The supper table was very artistically decorated with pink carnations, and asparagus fern. Some of those present were: Miss Mason in a pretty Carmen costume, Miss Marion Dunsmuir, Miss Bryden, Mrs. Guy Warner, Miss Savage and Mrs. H. Pooley all in Merry Widow costumes, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Paula Irving, Miss Lorna Eberts, Miss Helen Peters, Miss Pooley, Miss Violet Pooley, Miss Garrett, Miss Gillespie, Miss Gladys Perry, Mrs. Victor Elliot, Miss Langley, Mrs. Jack Rithet and Messrs. Roger Monteith, John Arbuckle, Jack Cambie, Lowry, Young, Brotherton, Marshall, H. Pooley, Warner, Rithets, Capt. MacDonald, Gore, Langton, Dr. Taylor, J. Mason, Foote, D. Gillespie, G. Johnson, James, Bruce Irving, Cane, Dewdney, C. Brown and others.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carmichael, who have been visiting the Old Country are again in town.

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Dr. Fagan is out of town on a short business trip.

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Mrs. Luckwood left last Friday for an extended visit to the west coast.

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Mrs. Walter Langley spent a few days of the week visiting friends in Seattle.

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Captain R. G. Tatlow was a visitor to Vancouver during the week.

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Mr. D. Mark Carley from Ladysmith is a guest in the city.

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Miss Garret, from Seattle, is the guest of Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Lampson street.

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Miss Gaudin left last Thursday evening for Southern California where she intends to spend the winter months.

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Mr. G. E. Powell, who has been paying the city a short visit, returned to his home last Thursday evening.

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Last Thursday week a marriage took place between Mr. G. W. Newton of London, Eng., and Miss Nora J. Yorke of Upper Sumas. The Rev. Mr. Heneage performed the ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral. Only intimate friends and relatives attend-

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ed the wedding. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Newton will take up their residence at the Vernon Chambers.

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Mrs. Croft has issued invitations for a Children's Fancy Dress party on December 17th.

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Mr. Brakespeare from Duncans paid Victoria a short visit.

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Mr. Hugh Ashby from Kamloops is the guest of Mr. Henry Croft, Dunsmuir Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garrard, who have been visiting in Alberni, are again in the city.

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Mr. J. A. Kirkpatrick, from Prince Rupert, is registered at the King Edward Hotel.

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Dr. Darrel Hannington, from Queen's Hospital, Rock Bay, passed through Victoria on his way to Wilmer, B.C., during the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Grey from Vancouver, who have been guests in the city for the last week, returned home last Tuesday evening.

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Mr. P. West from London, Eng., is a guest in the city.

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Mrs. John D. Hamberly, from Vancouver, is the guest of Mrs. J. T. Cottar of this city.

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NOTICE

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS

Copies of Bills, Petitions, and notices as published must be deposited with, and all fees paid to, the Clerk of the House, not later than 12th January, 1910.

Petitions for Bills will not be received by the House after 31st January, 1910.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than 10th February, 1910.

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Domestic Service

I have been asked to run a spiel on the subject of Service, presumably because being both a bachelor and a Bohemian I am supposed to know more about it than the poor Benedict who is brought into contact with its most discomforting features day by day.

I hardly know where to begin, because we are living in an age when men are trying to persuade each other that the badge of servitude is degrading, at any rate this is the aim of a very blatant clique in the New World. The Socialist starts out with his whine about "class-consciousness" which he defines to be the state of mind at which a man has arrived when he realizes that he is serving another instead of being his own boss. I am not going to discuss in this article the fallacies of Socialism.

Nothing would be easier than to explode the theory that if all men were "class-conscious," it would advance the interests of the race. Carlyle has written much, and effectively, on the dignity of labour; and all the best books of the best philosophers exalt its worth and influence in promoting the finest traits of human character.

The nobility of a man does not depend on whether he is a servant or a boss, it depends on how he discharges his duty in whatever station of life he may be called to move. Happily the "class-conscious" clique is not making very great progress.

There is, however, a phase of the question which is obtruding itself on public notice more and more every year, and in the United States and Canada it has assumed such serious proportions that all students of sociology are devoting their time to the problem, and seeking for some solution, it is the question of the domestic servant. It can hardly be said that this species of "class-consciousness" began in the New World, because it is just about forty years since the difficulty of obtaining domestic servants in England began to be felt. It supervened on a period of phenomenal industrial prosperity, which followed the Franco-German war, and lasted from 1870 to 1874.

During this time, or at least during a considerable portion of it, the armies of France and Germany withdrew hundreds of thousands of workmen from industrial pursuits, with the result that all competing countries had an opportunity such as had never come to them before. In England coal, iron and steel, reached fabulous prices, and in the United States something very similar happened. This was the first great impetus given to the movement for shorter hours and higher wages which has never since been materially checked, and which has determined for all time that the industrial worker shall receive a higher percentage of the profits of his industry than before.

The immediate effect was to bring undreamt of wealth into the home of the working man, especially if he were a coal miner or an iron worker, and then for the first time, at any rate in England, the daughters of such households began to array themselves in finery; to copy the styles of the upper classes and to start out on a career of semi-independence which they have pursued ever since. The result has been a growing disinclination to enter domestic service, a preference for the workshop, the factory, the office, or the store. Alongside of this has grown up a determination on the part of women to be wage-earners on their own account, and as is well known they have entered very largely into avocations which were previously the sole prerogative of the male sex.

All these conditions have been reproduced in the New World, but, in an accentuated form, because wealth is more evenly distributed. The wages of the worker are higher, the the fashion has been set , everylines of social demarcation are inoperative except as to a very small class. The public school system of Canada and the States has done much to bring this about, for in spite of the social distinctions which wealth is apt to develope everywhere, the fact remains that school girls form friendships to the continuance of which even wealth is no barrier. The natural consequence of all this is that girls for domestic service are hardly to be found in this country; it is a recognized fact that, with very few exceptions, they have to be imported.

Take any large city in Canada from Halifax to Victoria, make a house to house canvass, wherever domestic servants are employed, and it will be found that more than ninety per cent are brought into Canada from different countries in Europe for the express purpose of being so engaged and in a short time the majority of these either marry or drift into other occupations.

The reasons why it is more difficult now than years ago to obtain an adequate supply of domestic servants in England need not be canvassed beyond the general explanation laid down, but it may be profitable to pursue the subject a little further as far as Canada is concerned and it is not difficult to one who has lived in different parts of the country and studied the subject at close quarters to assign conclusive reasons for the difficulty. I am prepared to risk the criticism which I know will follow when I tabulate the following statements. First, the majority of Canadian women, who would be mistresses are little if any superior in social position or attainments to the women whom they would employ, and are therefore unable to appreciate the relative positions of a mistress and a servant as they should be appreciated, or to treat the servant with the same measure of respect as she loks for in return. This is a condition which can only be remedied as the country grows, and culture and consideration become more ingrained in our people.

The next difficulty is that in Canada a servant is expected to be literally a "maid of all work." Outside two or three of the larger cities there are comparatively few people who can afford the luxury of a cook, a housemaid and a kitchen maid, and yet without these three no well regulated household can be properly run. It is not too much to say that ninety-nine per cent of Canadian mistresses, who want domestic help, want only one woman, and want her to do a bit of everything.

The next difficulty is that clothing and all the gew-gaws which girls are so fond of are extremely dear, and although a servant gets $20 a month in Canada as against $10 in England, she cannot get much more with her money, and so in the end is not very much better off.

Another reason is the very obvious one that in a country where men largely predominate, and where they earn big wages, the girl has plenty of chances of being married, and no girl is going to remain in domestic service when that opportunity comes along.

The final and a very prevalent reason for the whole difficulty is that with the home earnings so much larger than in England it is less a matter of importance for a girl to go out to service, and if she does she will not stay unless everything is agreeable.

I daresay some of my readers will say this is all very well, but what is the remedy? My opinion remains unchanged, I expressed it pretty fully more than three years ago in this column; it is that Canadian women will have to be trained to do their own work, and that they in turn will have to train their daughters. I have always claimed that the curiculum of our public schools is a farce from the standpoint of domestication, that instead of training girls to fit them for household duties we are training them almost entirely for the office or the store, and this training is bearing fruit every day.

Only last week a young woman applied to me for the position of stenographer; she is about twenty-three years of age, has been married three years and has two babies, and yet she actually preferred going out and working in an office for wages to staying at home and attending to her children, as was her very obvious duty, and this in spite of the fact that going out meant paying someone to mind her children during working hours. The reason was two-fold, between what she would have to pay for assistance and what she would earn in an office the margin is considerable, but the reason assigned was that she didn't like housework and that the care of the children bothered her, and anyhow she preferred being out.

Now this is a typical case, and there are many more like it. If it means anything it means that our girls are being trained on false lines, and the only thing to bring them back to sanity is stern necessity. With the spread of democratic ideas it may be taken for granted that domestic service by women will gradually become extinct, and unless the girls of the coming generation can be imbued with the idea that there is some nobler occupation in life than to deck themselves with cheap finery, and spend their evenings at vaudeville houses, there is no hope of a solution of the problem of domestic service.

Bohemian.

To clean lace baste it nicely on a piece of muslin. Rub it freely with cold starch until it forms a paste on it. Put in the sun to dry, and when thoroughly dry rub off. Your lace will then be clean and need no ironing.

The elections once more being over
Affairs again in normal state
Now's the time to get to business—
Is your printing up-to-date?

If it isn't—Try Cusack
If it is—Try Cusack, anyhow
The telephone number is 220

To a Friend

Through drenching deeps a ship is sailing,
A battered, broken journeyer,
And yet she keeps her course unfailing—
A harbour waits for her.

Hope of that port her way doth order,
How far soever on the sea;
Ah, so thy heart, beyond the Border,
Beckons and governs me!

—George Herbert Clarke, in the December Canadian Magazine.

The Vassal

Wind of the North, O far, wild wind
Born of a far, lone sea,
Where suns are soft and breezes kind,
Why are ye kin to me?

Uncounted years above the sea,
Rock-fortressed from its rage,
The Fisherman, thy fathers, kept
A barren heritage—
Grim as the sea they forced to pay
The sea-toll of their wage.

And lo! The Fate which made thee hers
And gave thee of her best
And set thee in a sunny place
Down-sloping to the west
Forgot to change thy fisher's heart,
Serf to the sea's unrest!

Wind of the North! O bitter wind,
I hear the wild seas fret—
In the dim spaces of the mind
I am its vassal yet!

—Isabel Ecclestone Mackay, in the December Canadian Magazine.

Faith and Feet

Tam and Sandy rushed up to Leith West Pier as the pleasure steamer started in which they had intended to sail.

"Eh, min, Sandy," said Tam, "if I could only walk on the watter, I'd catch her yet."

"If yer faith was as great as yer feet," replied Sandy, "ye micht."

A Poser

Mildred, young Snooks is always calling. Has he any money?"

"Well, father, he gave me this for Christmas," answered the girl, exhibiting a splendid diamond ring.

"Um! Well, we'll put the question another way: Has he any money left?"

Ethel (finding the sermon tedious and thinking it high time for the collection) —Oh, mother, do pay the man and let's go home.

Elegant mock roast chicken is made by cutting stale bread into odd shapes like the different parts of a fowl, then roll in beaten egg and serve with gravy and dressing.

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RUPERT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Alberni for a license to prospect for Coal under the following area North of Quatsino Sound, viz.: Commencing at the South-east corner of Lot 51, thence south one mile; west one mile; north one mile and east one mile to place of beginning.

September 30th, 1909.

CHARLY NORDSTROM,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Andrew McAfee, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demand against the Estate of Andrew McAfee, deceased, who died on or about the 2nd day of November, 1909, are requested to send, by post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned their names and addresses, with full particulars of their claims, and particulars of all securities (if any) held by them, duly verified, on or before the 10th day of January, 1910.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1909.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
No. 918 Government Street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitors for the Executor.
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CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897"

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the "Michigan-Puget Sound Lumber Company," an Extra-Provincial Company, has this day been registered as a company under the "Companies' Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Detroit in the State of Michigan.

The amount of the capital of the Company is fifty thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of ten dollars each.

The head office of the company in this Province is situate at No. 1114 Langley street, Victoria, and William John Taylor, Barrister-at-law, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the Company is thirty years from the 22nd day of November, A.D. 1909.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this third day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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

The objects for which this Company has been established and registered are: Buying, selling, manufacturing and dealing in forest products.
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A couple of pounds of flour, one-half for sponge, four eggs, quarter pound of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of mace makes a nice german fruit cake.

A GRAND HOIDAY EXPOSITION

AWAITS YOUR EARLY INSPECTION HERE

We know that there is a holiday exposition of holiday worthiness ready for you here, the equal of which you have never before seen in this city, and unless you have lived in much larger centres, better than you have yet seen. Extensive preparations have been made to present for your consideration an unusually magnificent assortment, preparations that have extended over many months, and the result is excellent testimony of unusual care and expert choosing.

A hearty invitation to inspect is extended to you and we trust you will find it convenient to visit us soon—we want you to see a complete display.

Dainty Gifts For Women

HUNDREDS OF SUGGESTIONS IN THIS STOCK

The question of "What to give a lady friend" need puzzle you no longer. This store's offerings display a choice that few stores can offer—certainly a superior choice of sensible gift things. And among the "grown-ups" of today the trend of favour is each year more strongly toward the sensible in the interchange of Christmas gifts.

Articles of apparel are not "good form" presents—outside the family circle. So here comes this store with its wealth of suggestions that are "correct." And the prices will work no hardship. We offer a few suggestions below—

Reed Chairs	Bridge Tables	China Ornaments
Easy Willow Chairs	Framed Pictures	China Vases
Kitchen Cabinets	Handsome Mirrors	China Tea Sets
Reed Rockers	Dressing Tables	China Dinner Sets
Ottomans	Down Quilts	China Chocolate Sets
Wicker Work Baskets	Sofa Cushions	Fancy Plates
Wicker Cake Baskets	Hearth Rugs	Silverware
Sectional Bookcases	Table Covers	Silver and Oak Ware
Jardiniere Stands	Bureau Scarfs	Manicure Sets
Medicine Cabinets	Tea Cloths	Salad Sets
Cheval Mirrors	Tray Cloths	Reading Lamps
Ladies' Desks	Pillow Slips	Electric Lamps
Morris Chairs	Table Linen	Brass Goods
Easy Chairs	Hemstitched Sheets	Photo Frames
Couches	Art Table Covers	Stationery Holders
Music Cabinets	Mexican Drawnwork	Writing Sets
Magazine Racks	D'Oylies	Jardinieres
Library Tables	Satin Marsielles Quilts	Book Racks
Tea Tables	Oriental Rugs	Fern Pots
China Cabinets	Lace Curtains	Kettles and Stands

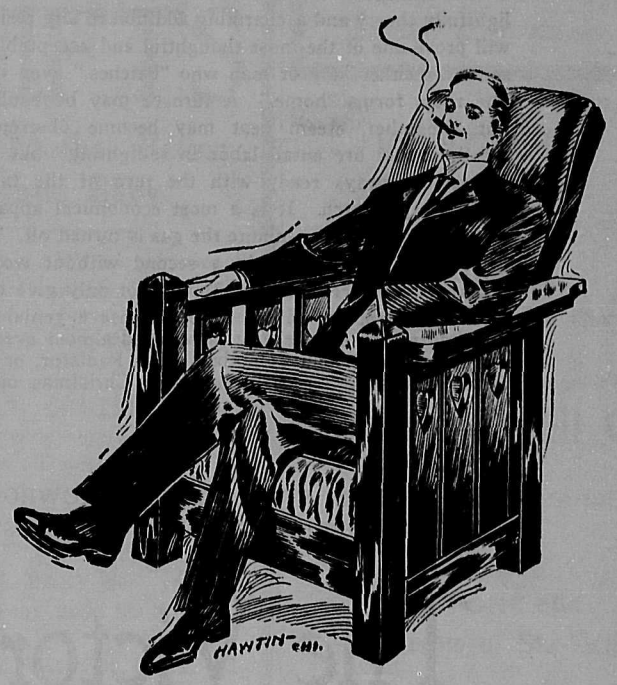
GIFTS FOR MEN

CHOOSING IS EASY HERE

To get Mr. Man something that he really wants—that's the problem. Of course he is pleased to know friends "remember" him at Christmas, but he certainly prefers something he can use to some useless article, no matter how attractive it may be. Give HIM something he can use often and your gift will be the more appreciated.

Worry no more about this question, but come in here and choose from what we have to offer. Dozens of suitable gift things await your choosing, and a price range that'll surprise you in its latitude. No better time to make the choice.

Smokers' Cabinets	Medicine Cabinets	Photo Frames
Smokers' Sets	Morris Chairs	Writing Sets
Shaving Mirrors	Easy Chairs	Stationery Holders
Shaving Brushes	Couches	Book Racks
Shaving Mugs	Steins	Ink Stands
Office Desks	Corkscrews	Tie Racks
Sectional Bookcases	Manicure Pieces	Cut Glass Decanters
Card Tables	Liqueur Sets	Fireplace Furniture
Willow Easy Chairs	Students' Lamps	Cellarettes
Foot Rests	Electric Lamps	Magazine Stands



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The Dear Old Dad!

A frugal and industrious shoemaker has two daughters, of whom he is very proud. He provides a good home for them, dresses them well, and is giving them a good education.

Not long ago he drew on his modest bank account for a sum sufficient to purchase a new piano for them. What followed may be described in his own words:

"Oh, yes," he confided to a neighbour, "they were grateful enough for it, of course, and it's a great comfort to hear 'em play and sing, but what do you suppose was the first thing the girls learned on it?"

"I'm sure I don't know," said the neighbour.

"'Everybody Works but Father."

Very Cutting

The budding playwright sat in the front row of the stalls on the first night of his new piece. It was failing, failing miserably. In fact, in the middle of the third act the entire company was hissed on the stage.

As the young playwright sat, pale and sad, amid the uproar, a lady behind him leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, sir, but, knowing you to be the author of this play, I took the liberty at the beginning of the performance of snipping off a lock of your hair. Allow me now to return it to you."

John Bright used to tell how a barber who was cutting his hair once said to him: "You 'ave a large 'ead, sir; it is a good thing to 'ave a large 'ead, for a large 'ead means a large brain, and a large brain is the most useful thing a man can 'ave, as it nourishes the roots of the 'air."

Strange

Mrs. Broke—I don't see why they call money "dough."

Broke—Neither do I. Dough sticks to your fingers and money never does.

A Good Thing

"You called me a thief."

"And you called me a liar."

"Well?"

"Well?"

"I've been thinking."

"What about?"

Pause.

"I've been thinking that it might be a good thing for us to form a partnership and open a life insurance and trust company."

Two canny Scotsmen went out one Christmas morning upon the golf-links to get up an appetite for dinner by playing a round. A bitterly cold east wind was blowing, and Donald, seeing his friend light a pipe, thought it would warm him a bit if he did likewise, but found that he had left h's matchbox back at the house. However, in response to a request for a light, Jock carefully extracted a single wax vesta from his box and handed it to him. But, alas! having got his match, Donald could not find his tobacco pouch. Jock, after considerable hesitation, consented to give him a fill, but before he had time to do this Donald had searched in vain for his pipe.

"Aye, mon," said he, "it is a maist unfortunate circumstance. I canna ask ye for the wee bit tobacco until we gang back hame, for I've left my pipe in my ither pocket."

"Is that sae, my freend?" replied Jock, with a look of relief. "Gie us back my match, then."

"Of course, Jack, you know you'll have to ask papa?"

"I've already asked him, dear."

"You mean, conceited thing! Did you think you were so sure of me?"

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PART IV
"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897"

1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (specially incorporated pursuant to Part IV. of the above mentioned Act, on the 16th day of January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV. of the said Act created, granted and conferred, has applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for approval of the proposed undertakings and works of the said Company; and that the said Company has filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council the documents as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works; and that the said undertakings and works, as shown by the said documents and plans, have been approved, and that the same are as follows:

(a) The construction of a dam and storage reservoir on, respectively, Bear Creek and Alligator Creek, tributaries of the Jordan River; the construction of main diverting works at a point on the Jordan River about 2 1-4 miles northeast from the southwesterly boundary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Grant; the construction of a storage reservoir at the headquarters of the Jordan River, known as the Jordan Meadows; the construction of a storage reservoir on Y Creek, a tributary of the said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said "Y" creek as also the construction of a flume or ditch from the said diverting works on Y Creek to the main diverting works hereinbefore mentioned; the construction of a regulating reservoir at some point upon the land held under timber license number 38,639, and to be known as Forebay Reservoir; the construction of a flume and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon some portion of Lot 9, Renfrew District, of a power-house and the installation therein of electrical machinery for the generation of power; the construction of a pipe-line from the said Forebay Reservoir to the said power-house; the construction of a transmission line about thirty miles in length to the City of Victoria, and the erection of suitable sub-stations and apparatus to carry out all things necessary for the proper transmission of power to the said City of Victoria, and throughout the surrounding districts, and in and throughout the area as defined in the Memorandum of Association of the Company; the construction of roads, trails and bridges, and all other works necessary for the undertakings and works of the said Company as hereinbefore set out; the erection of poles for the transmission of power, as also telephone pole lines and telephones when and where deemed necessary, including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cross said public highways and bridges, and the stringing of wires along the said poles not less than twenty feet from the ground; and, generally, the construction of such further and other works as may be necessary for the complete carrying on of the aforesaid undertakings.

(b) The water power so to be generated, and the electricity and power so generated will be utilized to supply power chiefly to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, which operates the street railway system of the City of Victoria and adjoining and surrounding municipalities and districts, and also supplies public and private lighting, and all necessary and contemplated extensions to this system; it is also proposed to furnish power, heat and light for manufacturing, industrial and traction purposes throughout Saanich Peninsula, and throughout the area authorized in the Memorandum of Association of the Company. The power will be developed by the use of Pelton Water Wheels, or by the best and most modern machinery, and converted into electrical energy, and transmitted by copper or other wires to the required points of user.

2. Provided, however that the Company shall not proceed to construct the dams and reservoirs for the retention of water until the plans and specifications for the said works shall have been first filed in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and the said plans and specifications have received the approval of the said Chief Engineer.

3. And this is further to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the construction of its undertaking and works or exercises any of the powers in that behalf conferred by the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., ten thousand shares of one dollar each. The further amount of capital required to fully complete the undertaking and works to be provided by the issue of first mortgage bonds or debentures of the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," up to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds sterling (£300,000), the principal and interest thereof to be guaranteed by the "British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited," or be otherwise guaranteed and floated.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed, is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Tenders, superscribed "Tender for Sewerage Works, Prince Rupert," will be received by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Wednesday, the 19th of January, 1910, for the construction and completion of a portion of the permanent system of sewerage at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 7th day of December, 1909, at the office of the undersigned, Public Works Department, Victoria, B.C., at the offices of the Government Agent, and of Mr. James H. Bacon, Harbor Engineer, Prince Rupert, B.C.; at the office of the Government Agent, New Westminster, B.C., and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B.C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in the sum of five hundred dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

A guarantee bond in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars will be required as security for the faithful performance and completion of the work.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 2nd December, 1909.
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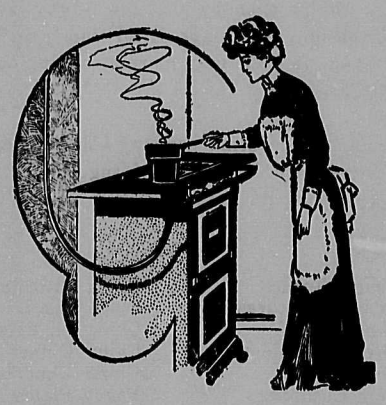
One Touch of Christmas Makes the Whole World Kin

The crowded streets, the brilliantly decorated stores, the glowing Xmas Tree, the interchange of gifts and greetings and the services in the churches are the chief features of Christmas observance. One might aver that the giving of presents is really the chief feature, for this has become a source of great delight to kind-hearted people who love this great festival because it gives them an opportunity to contribute to the happiness of others—the true joy of giving. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "This one touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin"—makes one almost clairvoyant in knowing the desire of another. Almost instinctively this season we turn our attention to the serviceable offering.

A Gas Radiator, or a Gas Grate, either of which are delightfully cheery and a charming addition to any residence, will prove one of the most thoughtful and acceptable presents for either lady or man who "batches," even if only one room forms "home." A furnace may be baulky, or out altogether, steam heat may become obstreperous, wood or coal fire entail labor in re-lighting; but a Gas Heater is always ready with the turn of the tap and scratch of a match. It is a most economical apparatus; the expense stops the minute the gas is turned off. It can be brought into service in a second without work, so different from fire-building. It will not only give the required warmth, but will at once dispense a genial air of hospitality. As a little heat is required almost every day of the year in British Columbia, a Gas Radiator, or a Gas Grate will form a most appropriate Christmas offering.



For every housewife there is a "Merry Xmas" in a Gas Range. She will revel in the possession of such a present, appreciating the saving in time, strength and worry, the cleanliness, accuracy and healthfulness of gas for cooking purposes. Henceforth she will have no kindlings to buy, no coal to carry in, no ashes to take out, no blinding, choking smoke in starting wood or coal stove, no blistering heat while cooking and no fear of fire from overheated flues. Early breakfast will have no terrors for her; just as easy will she be able to get up a late supper for unexpected guests. If she has a dinner to cook which takes hours, she will set the Range right and she will find it hours later just exactly as she left it. Nothing uncertain about a Gas Range; it is as hot at the beginning as it ever gets. What could be better for a Christmas Gift?

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

LOUNGER—

The writer of a permanent column on a newspaper is very much like a king—in one essential at least: he never dies. "Le roi est mort; vive le roi," applies equally to him and to the author of this column. It is well over two years since I left Victoria; the column went on just the same, but now that I have returned it has been turned over to me. Possibly a few reflections on changes which have taken place in the city, may not be without interest to my readers.

In the first place I have noticed an immense improvement in the city sidewalks. There still remains much to be done, but that much has already been done during the past two years, nobody can deny. The amount of building done during the past two years, nobody can deny. The amount of building which is at present going on in Victoria has filled me with astonishment and admiration. The Empress Hotel had not opened when I left, and though I had understood that we were to have a really first-class hostelrie, I had not expected anything quite so fine as what we possess. Two years ago there were no Moving Picture shows; today there are three; all first class and well worth the 10c admission. It would be invidious to make a selection as to which gives the greatest satisfaction. In all of them the pictures are good, but it may be fairly said that the pianist at "The Empress" is far and away ahead of the average performer at these houses.

But there is another improvement, and one which really is worth all the others together, viz., that there seems to be a general air of prosperity pervading the atmosphere, which was not seen two years ago. Men who were perpetually "broke" have blossomed out into money; men who used to look as though they suffered from a secret sorrow, walk about with a cheery smile on their faces. Real estate has advanced, and there is a widely-spread opinion that Victoria is at last coming into her own. In short, after a two years' absence I have returned to find the city of my adoption an even more charming spot than ever, and that's "going some."

And talking of real estate reminds me that I saw the most cheering notice in this mornin's paper that I have ever read. The Belmont Block has been sold. At last there is some prospect that that eye-sore will cease to be, and that a really handsome block of offices of a nature fit to compete with the other buildings bordering on the Causeway, will be erected. In this same connection it might be in place to remark that there are still many unsightly shacks on Government street itself, whose abolition should be the main question with every aspirant to public position.

One thing only has not changed; the Causeway, on which I have wasted so many sheets of valuable paper is still behind the times. I do not refer to the paving of it; that is progressing and will doubtless be a credit to the City, but the lighting. Presumably the lights which are strung all along the hotel side are expected to be sufficient. But there is no reason for leaving standards up with no globes on them on the water side. It looks worse in the day time than it does at night. Either light the lights and keep them looking nice, or take the standards away altogether. The present effect is abominable.

At the junction of Government and Douglas streets there is an object which has often puzzled me. It is called a fountain, and so well-known is it, that the said junction is known in street-car parlance as "The Fountain." Now why? I have looked up the word in a dictionary, and I find that a fountain is something which spouts water. Has anyone ever seen this particular fountain spouting water? If so, I should be immensely obliged if they would communicate with me, and let me know when it "spouteth." I've never seen it do so yet, and I have passed by it at all hours of the day and night. My own idea is that the whole business is merely a "lucus a non lucendo," a classical quotation, which those who understand may translate to those who don't.

I want to know what the young bachelor of limited means, and of not over-pronounced religious disposition, is supposed to do with himself in Victoria and Vancouver on Sundays. I will treat the matter as broadly as possible. Supposing he goes to church twice a day, and he can't be expected to go oftener, that will consume three hours of the dullest day in the week. Granted that he eats three times in the day, and few of the class that I am thinking of do that, a couple of hours is sufficient time. Health requires that he should walk at least five miles; say a couple of hours for exercise. That is seven hours disposed of. The average man can't do with more than ten hours sleep at the outside; (I am purposely making generous allowance all round) and he usually doesn't go to bed till ten o'clock at the earliest. Now what is my bachelor going to do with him-

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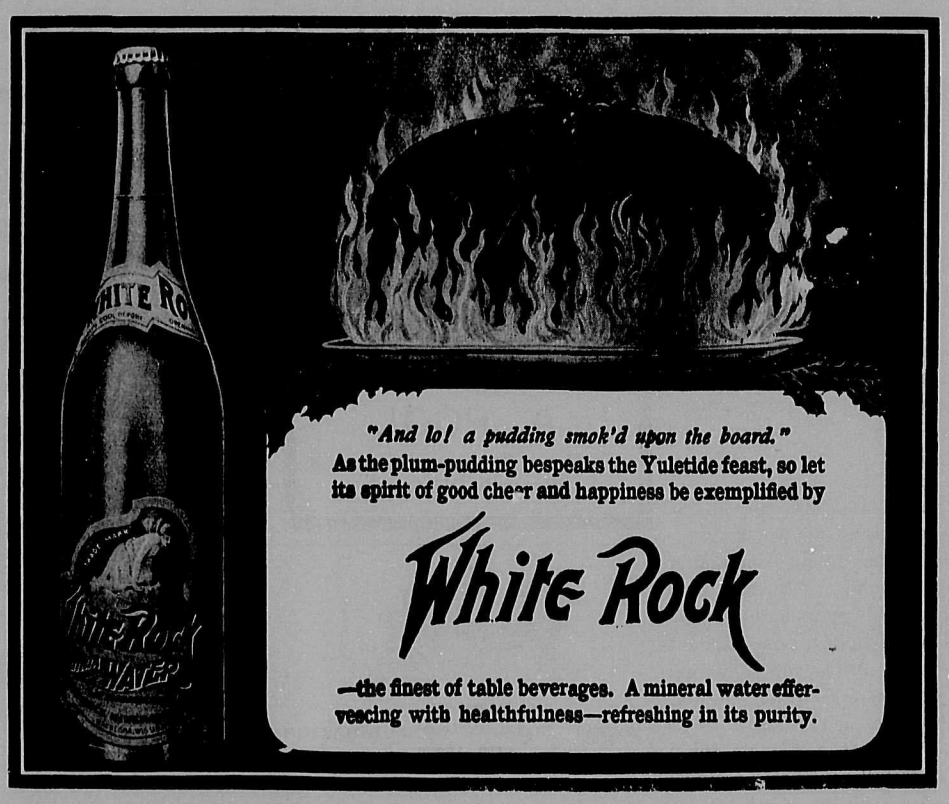

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September 30th, 1909.

NELLIE FLETT,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on and under the following described lands:

Commencing at the S. E. Corner of Section 96, Sayward District; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; *thence south 80 chains; thence east 80* chains; to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1909.
nov. 6 R. ROSS NAPIER.

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Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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BY THE LOUNGER

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self in the seven hours that are left over on Sunday. He has eaten, he has walked and he has prayed, and there are still seven hours.

Of course you will say one of three things: "JJoin a club"; "Sit in the Free Library"; "Become a member of the Y.M.C.A." Let me deal with these separately. My bachelor is a man of limited means, and he can't afford to join a club. The Free Library is only open for a limited number of hours, and when open is so crowded that my bachelor can never get the particular paper he desires. My bachelor is a man of the world, and the Y.M.C.A. does not appeal to him. There is no one who more strongly appreciates the work which the Y.M.C.A. and the Salvation Army have done since their first creation, but I cannot say that I feel impelled to join either of the bodies. What does my bachelor do then? We all know; he finds a blind-pig and keeps the poor quadruped company for the larger part of those seven hours. Which is bad for him and bad for the city which will allow this same animal to exist. But it will always happen until a building is erected for my poor bachelor, with small admission fee should not be charged; I am confident that in the course of time such an institution would pay; incidentally it might make the pig a little blinder.

I have often wondered why it is that the Old Country has never got into line in the barbering business. I am not often apt to allow that the country of my birth is behind the times, and I have had fierce arguments, trying to prove that Old Country railways are "way ahead" of Canadian or American railroads. But in the case of barbers, I concede the superiority of this continent. They don't seem to know the first thing about making a fellow comfortable in a barber's chair on the other side; they haven't got a tenth part of the "tweaks" which we possess, and for the most part every Englishman shaves himself, and goes to the barber for a hair-cut on the same day as he pays his semi-annual visit to the dentist; thereby combining two evils in one. Here, a barber's shop is rather a delight.

Now I expect a perfect howl of disgust to be raised at my next remark. I shall be called unpatriotic and all kinds of other things; still it is what I think. I do not approve of the new theatre scheme. So far as I can gather, Victoria, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Mackenzie & Mann are going to put up the money for a new theatre, and John Cort is going to take all the profits. Are we going to be tied up to the North-Western Theatrical Association for their benefit, or are we going to break away from this theatrical trust business. If we build the theatre, and are successful in interesting other capitalists to come and help to improve the City, why shouldn't we have a voice in saying what shows we want to see. Why should we be treated like children, and simply be allowed to see what John Cort thinks is good enough for us? To my mind the theatrical trust is the most iniquitous of all the trusts; it interferes with the people's amusements, which are far more important than their appetites. We often hear laments in the papers that Victoria will not support a first-class show, but I am inclined to think that it is very largely due to the fact that they have no "say-so" in the matter. What I would like to see would be a first-class theatre built with our money, and a manager of our own choosing (Mr. Denham for preference) installed, on whose judgment we could implicitly rely, and let him engage our season's attractions. But I suppose it can't be done; we, like all the other cities on this continent, have got to be content to be strangled by the tentacles of the Trust, and must try and look grateful if they give us a good turn once in a while.

I have a word to say on a pleasanter subject. The indefatigable efforts of Dr. Fagan, well backed up by a score of willing helpers, have done much to combat the white plague in this Province. But nothing in this line can be done without money, and money is now needed. My word to you all is to buy anti-tuberculosis stamps, which are now on sale throughout the City. A movement is on foot to allow the children to buy them at the schools, and the superintendent has given his sanction. There are, roughly speaking, 3,000 children attending school in Victoria; if every child bought five cents' worth of stamps, that would mean $150, no mean sum, and one obtained with practically no hardship. I don't often preach, but I do feel that with an era of prosperity setting in, the like of which Victoria has never seen before, it would only be a graceful tribute to the Providence which overshadows us, to contribute, each and all, our mite in aid of the Society which is making so brave and successful a fight against one of the greatest scourges which has ever afflicted mankind. It must be remembered that these stamps are not for use on letters; they are merely little Xmas and New Year tokens, and if placed on an envelope, they invalidate the letter. I hope that the scheme will prove a great success; in any case it has no more fervent supporter than

Lounger.

Wedding Bells

At. St. Mark's, Victoria, B.C., on the morning of the 7th instant, the wedding took place of Francis Vaughan Penrose Cowley to Sybil Frances Bagshawe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe, of Swallowfield, Richardson street, Victoria. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bridegroom, the ev. Canon Cowley of Winnipeg, who came to the coast for the purpose. The bride is well known in Victoria society, having been one of last season's debutantes. Mr. Cowley, who was educated at Kingston R.M.C., is a member of the Dominion hydrographic survey on the Dominion survey ship Lilloet. The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties being present. The young people left immediately after the ceremony for a short visit to the Coast cities. On their return they will take up their residence on Dunsmuir street, Esquimalt.

Winnipeg, Kingston and Yale, B.C., papers please copy.

Hockey

On Wednesday next the Hockey Club concert will be held and it promises to be one of the musical successes of the season. The hockey boys do not ask the public to patronize this concert on account of the cause but because it will be a liberal musical education for all who attend, the people taking part being all real artists. Mrs. (Dr.) Gibson, pianist, will make her debut in Victoria at this concert and as she has studied under the best of American and European masters a musical treat can be expected. Mrs. Briggs, always a favourite of Victorians, will be heard to advantage in a soprano solo, while Benedict Bantly, violinist, will make his appearance for the first time since his last recital in the Vancouver Opera House when he filled the theatre. A baritone solo will be sung by Frederick Waddington, the well-known local choir leader and soloist and needless to say his singing will be appreciated. One of the musical gems of the evening will be the duet sung by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Sehl. These sisters have not been heard in public for some time and their reappearance will add to the pleasures afforded the music-loving people of this city. Miss Sehl will also sing a solo. The Arion Club has promised its support and a double quartette from that justly famous organization of men's voices should draw a full house. Perhaps the name which is puzzling Victorians is that of Henry J. Davis, who has been persuaded to sing one of the old English ballads, thus giving the public an opportunity to hear a great singer in a great subject. Recent arrivals from the Old Country will recognize a famous English professional ballad singer in the name, "Mr. Harry Davis."

The concert can be spoken of as the reappearance of first class talent and is by far the best gathering of artists ever appearing in Victoria. The Institute Hall was chosen on account of its acoustic properties and these will be further emphasized by stringing wires across the hall. The concert will be a full dress affair and tickets can be procured from any of the Hockey Club members or from Redfern & Sons.

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RUPERT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Alberni for a license to prospect for Coal under the following area North of Quatsino Sound, viz.: Section 20, Township 27, the initial post being at the North-west corner.
September 30th, 1909.
M. MILLER,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

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RUPERT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Alberni for a License to prospect for Coal under the following area North of Quatsino Sound, viz., Section 29, Township 27, the initial post being at the South-west corner.
September 30th, 1909.
J. A. FLETT,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

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RUPERT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Alberni for a License to prospect for Coal under the following area North of Quatsino Sound, viz.: Commencing at the South-east corner of lot 51, thence south one mile; east one mile; north one mile and west one mile to place of beginning.
September 30th, 1909.
G. A. W. HEPBURN,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

NOTICE.

RECTIFICATION OF CROWN GRANT
New Westminster District.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 98 of the Land Act, an application will be made to the Chief Commissioner of Lands—three months after date—to have the Crown Grant or Lot 226, Group 1, New Westminster District, issued on the 17th day of April, 1875, to J. Roland Hett cancelled, and a corrected Crown Grant of said lot 226 issued in lieu thereof.
Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 9th day of October, 1909.
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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Queen Charlotte.

TAKE NOTICE that William Q. Ewart of Seattle, Wash., occupation Broker, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted one mile east of Masset Inlet and about six miles S.E. of Delkatle; post marked "W.Q.E. N.W. Corner"; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.
Date of staking Sept. 24, 1909.
WILLIAM Q. EWART,
oct 23 F. H. Millard.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

"The Soul Kiss"

"The Soul Kiss" will be the attraction at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday, December 16. It is one of those lively amusing affairs which gives one little time for serious thought, but at all times is entertaining. There is a story to be sure, but it doesn't obtrude itself to any marked degree during the riot of fun and melody that prevails throughout the entire two acts of the piece. Heading this merry musical melange is Mlle. Pertina, a premiere danseuse who has been the rage throughout all the principal cities of France and Germany. The critics consider her the only dancer in all Europe who bids fair to outrival "Maud Allan" in the enacting of both the classic and modern dances. Aside from Mlle. Pertina, there will be found a notable cast of seventy-five mirth provokers, including a stunning beauty chorus of forty and a "corps de ballet" of ten. Harry B. Smith has provided the book and lyrics, while Maurice Levi has supplied a score containing at least a dozen tuneful numbers. A

Billy Clifford at the Victoria Theatre

striking feature of the piece is the "corps de ballet" of ten, who have been imported from the Empire Theatre, London. Throughout the piece they execute daintily arranged dance numbers. The production is produced under the direction of Julian Mitchell and is lavish in scenery, costumes and electrical effects.

"A Girl at the Helm"

The attraction at the Victoria Theatre on Friday, December 17, will be "A Girl at the Helm" with Billey Clifford, assisted by sixty associates. This is one of the La Salle theatre popular musical comedy successes, which will be seen in Victoria for the first time. This music is by aymond Hubbel, the lyrics by Robert Smith, who are also responsible for "A Knight for a Day" and "The Midnight Sons," now playing in New York. "A Girl at the Helm" is a musical comedy just a little bit out of the ordinary, the characters are unique and the situations are as rigid as those used by the best known plots without music. The play would be most interesting if there were not a song in it, but with a pleasant accompaniment of catchy music, sung by what is said to be an exceptionally strong chorus of well-trained voices, it has all the attractive features of both musical and legitimate comedy. The musical numbers have been given credit of scoring ten song hits besides the male octette's two popular numbers. The principals, headed by Billy Clifford, are in keeping with the best of the points of the production. The motor-boat race in the last act is a new electrical effect that is a real novelty.

New Grand Theatre

The New Grand bill next week will be strengthened by the addition of an extra act making five imported turns for all next week. The Brothers Whitman are down for a scenic contortion act, one as a frog and the other as an aligator. The show is built up with electric effects, fire flies, etc., and one of the brothers is a back bender and the other a front bender. The act produces an eerie effect and is most unusual.

Gertrude Van Dyke will have a novel little tabloid musical comedy or comic opera, and is as clever a comedienne as has come into the northwest. She makes several character changes on the stage and will be one of the distinct hits of the bill. She also sings in two voices, one a man's voice and the other a light soprano.

"A Strenuous Pupil" is the title of a musical eccentricity by John C. Robisch and Mayne Childers. He appears as a school teacher while she is the pupil. They get off a whole lot of eccentric work, dances and songs and all go well with any audience as the act is first class.

Ray Fern is a singing comedian with excellent songs and a good voice. In Vancouver he was accorded a hearty reception for his coon songs and was all round considered good. The McLinn Brothers who were to have come here this week will open on Monday afternoon at the matinee in aline of horizontal bar work that is claimed to excell most in the business. Thomas J. Price has another good song and there will be the usual moving pictures.

LITERARY NOTES

The Christmas number of The Canadian Magazine is a splendid example of the excellent work that Canadian writers, illustrators and painters are producing. From cover to cover everything is high-class, and indeed a standard is set that is considerably in advance of anything of the kind that has ever been turned out by Canadian presses. The number is composed almost entirely of short stories, sketches and poems, and with the exception of a critical appreciation by Louis Vauxcelles, a Frenchman, of the work of the eminent Canadian artist J. W. Morrice, the whole number is the output of Canadian writers and artists. The first contribution is a short story by Theodore Roberts, with illustrations by Fergus Kyle. Then follow short stories and sketches by Augustus Bridle (illustrations by T. G. Greene), Virna Sheard, Ward Fisher (illustrations by J. W. Beatty), E. M. Yeoman (illustrations by Estelle M. Kerr), Thomas Stanley Moyer, L. M. Montgomery (illustrations by Albert H. Robson), Rene Norcross, Madge Macbeth, Edwin Dowsley, and poems by Isabel Ecclestone Mackay, Duncan Campbell Scott, John Boyd, Marjorie L. C. Pickthall, Jean Blewett, George Herbert Clarke, and Estelle M. Kerr. There are a series of full-page reproductions of western photographs on tinted paper by Newton MacTavish, and the reproductions of paintings by J. W. Morrice are unusually fine. Altogether the number is an excellent Christmas souvenir, with a fine cover in colours by T. M. Marten.

Astronomy

Uncle Joe—"Yes, Tommy, it is quite possible that there are people in the moon."

Tommy—"Well, what becomes of them when there isn't any moon?"

Blamed the Wrong One

Hotel Guest—What's the matter with this chicken?

Waiter—It isn't the chicken's fault, sir; you ouyht to have come last week.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Week accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by its correspondents.

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

Better Prices for Our Fruits

The fruit growing industry in this Province is not up-to-date, and, as a natural consequence, there is great danger of our being left seriously behind in the race.

That we can grow as good fruit as can be produced anywhere in the temperate regions has been amply proved, and yet we do not realise for it the price which such fruit deserves.

I am, of course, alluding chiefly to those varieties suitable for shipment to considerable distances. Some of our fruit growers need educating in modern methods of pruning, cultivating, spraying, etc., but still more have yet to learn modern methods of grading and boxing the fruit properly to render it sufficiently attractive to bring top prices, even in competition with the best productions of Hood River, Wenatchee, and the many other valleys in Oregon and neighbouring States, where they have got fruit (particularly apple) packing and selling reduced to a fine point.

But these are small and separate districts and it appears reasonable that if we in B.C. could only bring all our fruit growers into line, so that they would unite all over the Province to grade to one uniform standard, and that the very highest, the results attained would be proportionate to the magnitude of the undertaking, provided that the selling end of the business were properly handled. We have a number of small co-operative associations which handle these products, but their storage facilities are inadequate, so they cannot hold for high prices, but have to sell off stock as it comes, to make room for more. Hence, as fruit comes to all these associations at the same time, they cut against each other and the market being flooded, prices drop to a point where profit vanishes.

Two years ago I proposed a remedy for this and The Week deserves the credit for being the pioneer paper to give the scheme publicity, in the issue of January 23, 1909.

Since then fruit growers have expressed the strongest approval of my methods, but so far nothing has been done in the matter.

But whilst we wait we are losing money, and our fruit still brings the same low price. Briefly here is an outline of my scheme:

(1) The establishment of a school to teach fruit grading and packing.

(2) The employment of graduates from this school as foremen packers by the different co-operative associations. These foremen to employ gangs of packers composed of the children of the local fruit growers, thereby educating the rising generation. This would give the children pocket money enough to keep them on the farm in contentment.

(3) The erection of cold storage warehouses at suitable points to receive the fruit when boxed, and hold it for top prices. Also an evaporating plant should be provided at these points, to render all the culls available for market, instead of being fed to stock as now.

(4) The appointment of wholesale firms owning cold storage plants in all the fruit markets of the world to act as our agents, and notify us of varieties wanted, prices, and quantities needed.

(5) The appointment of traveling inspectors, as we have now for schools, to see that the packers do their work properly, and that accounts are properly kept.

(6) A department to supply spraying materials, and to do spraying by contract, to buy boxes by the million at a substantial reduction, and to supply all rqeuisites to members of the co-operative associations at the lowest possible price. The Provincial Government should take hold of this, and handle all farm produce on these lines as well, at little or no cost to the grower as the spraying question would settle itself under this scheme, and the consequent economy, together with the increased revenue due to denser population ensured by the profits accruing from fruit thus handled, would amply repay the cost and leave a surplus.

Besides if the fruit went out with a Government stamp guaranteeing its quality prices would rise still higher, and the huge advertisement of this as the fruit-growing Province would create an unprecedented demand. Failing Government aid, let us fruit-growers do all this ourselves. Co-operation is vital to us, and if this scheme goes, all producers will join the associations, which will be unified. Besides, we can bring all wholesale firms in line with us if we sell to them instead of cutting against them.

Fruit-growers! Some of you have joined with me already to attain this end, will you others do so also?

Yours for better prices and universal co-operation.

W. J. L. HAMILTON,
Dromore,
South Salt Spring, B.C.

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Commencing at the north-east corner of section 95, Sayward District, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 14th of October, 1909.

nov. 6 R. ROSS NAPIER.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

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Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent

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Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Companies Act, 1897.

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Province of British Columbia,
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The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver and J. R. Waghorn, Insurance Agent, whose address is Vancouver aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eighth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: For the purpose of making insurance 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 reinsurance of any risks taken by it.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on and under the following described lands:

Commencing at the south-west corner of Section 98, Sayward District, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 13th day of October, 1909.

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RUPERT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Alberni for a License to prospect for Coal under the following area North of Quatsino Sound, viz.: Section 30, Township 27, the initial post being at the South-east corner.

September 30th, 1909.

CHARLES MILLER,
nov 20 Chris Nordstrom, Agent

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. T. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Realty, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal on the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted about two miles east of Kumdis Island, and three miles north of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement and coontaining 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. T. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Realty, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal on the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted one and one-half miles south-east of Kumdis Bay and about one mile south of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands, for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on and under the following described area:

Commencing at the north-east corner of Section 102, Sayward District; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 13th day of October, 1909.

A. W. McVITTIE,
nov 6 R. Ross Napier. Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on and under the following described lands:

Commencing at the S. E. Corner of Section 101, Sayward District; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 13th day of October, 1909.

A. W. McVITTIE,
nov 6 R. Ross Napier. Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. T. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Realty, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal on the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles south-east of Kumdis Bay and about one mile south of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. T. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Realty, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal on the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles south-east of Kumdis Bay, and about one mile south of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island, thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

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Commencing at a post planted two and one-half miles east of Kumdis Island and about one mile north of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT
District of Queen Charlotte

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. T. Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Realty, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal on the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one mile north of the Myer Lake Trail, Graham Island; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated November 9, 1909.

J. T. JOHNSON,
nov 13 Matthew Yomans, Agent.

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SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Queen Charlotte.

TAKE NOTICE that John Sheckels, of Seattle, Wash., occupation Mechanic, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal on the flolowing described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the S.E. Corner of Frank Demers coal location and two miles east and one and a quarter miles south of the most westerly point on Gundas Island and on Graham Island, post marked "J. S., S.W. corner"; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres. more or less.

Date of staking Sept. 25, 1909.

JOHN SHECKELS,
oct 23 F. H. Millard.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on and under the following described land:

Commencing at the north-west corner of Section 97, Sayward District, thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated this 13th day of October, 1909.

A. W. McVITTIE,
nov 6 R. Ross Napier. Agent.