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The Old Men's Home

Grand Jury Protests Against the Cruelty of Its Location.

Weeks ago, in several successive issues of this paper, attention was directed to the super-exquisite cruelty displayed by the city council in the maintenance of the home for the aged and dependent veterans of pioneer days in a corner of the cemetery—their only glimpse of the busy world in which they have played useful parts being across the silent city of the dead, from which they are now but one step removed. There is something particularly bitter in the philosophy which contemplation of their surroundings must engender in the minds of these old men, and there surely is enough broad charity in the hearts of Victorians to insist that it should not be so. The building and its equipment also are utterly inadequate and unsuitable, and there is no public institution in which thorough and drastic reforms are more urgently demanded. "Progress" rejoices to see that not only has the grand jury attendant at the present court of assize dealt with this matter, corroborating and endorsing the views expressed by this paper, but the Colonist has also, locally joined in the good work. It is to be hoped that the freshened agitation will not be in vain. Here is what the Grand Jury had to say on the subject:

"We think the building a standing disgrace to the city of Victoria, and would urgently request the authorities to take immediate steps to secure a suitable site and construct a building as shall meet the special needs of such an institution. The present building is a mere shack, and in a deplorable condition, and quite inadequate for the purposes for which it is used. We would respectfully submit that the new site be far removed from the present environs, where the outlook for the old men shall be brighter and less suggestive of the closing scene in life's drama. We would also add that, in our opinion, Mr. McIntosh, the caretaker, makes the best of an old building, and evidently takes an interest in his work."

—High Price of Carelessness:

It is the non-political and strictly business B. C. Lumberman which thus refers to the immense timber loss in British Columbia of the present season, and the responsibility of the government therefore: "With an estimated loss by bush fires of five million dollars to standing timber throughout the province during the season, the British Columbia government has little reason to be proud of the parental care which it exercises over this valuable public asset. If the experience of the past summer does not suggest remedial action, we know not what will. The outcome is self-evident: Efficient fire wardency system at an annual cost of say \$50,000, or the present rotten system with a provincial loss of \$5,000,000."

—The Hint Courteous:

"Progress" begs to present its compliments to Mr. Thomas Watson, chief of the Victoria Fire Department, and express the hope that upon his return, refreshed and stimulated by the proceedings of the convention of fire chiefs, his attention will be given to the accumulation of dangerous ash and waste boxes encumbering backyards in the central portion of the city, and which are an ever present source of fire danger. In years gone by these receptacles were regularly inspected by the chief—and fire danger was thereby much depreciated.

—Bad Boys Beware:

The attention of the police might with advantage be given to a coterie of bad boys (and a few bad girls also) who congregate nightly on Hillside avenue and amuse themselves while they annoy the neighborhood by loud and unseemly talking, stone-throwing, etc. The ages of the young offenders grade from ten to sixteen, and they show small profit by parental discipline. Oak Bay avenue, in the vicinity of Foul Bay road, has also its bad boy contingent, who would be none the worse for a little police advice.

Random Reflections

IT WILL be noted that John Houston retracted but did not apologize.

WITH eggs at 20 cents each in Port Arthur (vide cablegram) Dawson City has every right to be jealous.

WHAT Kuropatkin would like just now is an amendment to the international game law prescribing a close season for Russians.

LEVI Hussey has been appointed Chief of Police at Portage La Prairie. If there is aught in a name he will be a good one.

THURSDAY, November 17, has been proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. If the Premier had been a humorist he would have made it November 4.

COLONIST correspondents have already begun to quote people who can "see Conservative victory all along the line." More work for the oculists?

LAURIER is known to everyone of school age in Canada as a great public man, whereas Borden is dimly associated with some kind of Evaporated Cream.

THE essence of Japanese patriotism has been illustrated at Comox, where two little brown farm hands quit work because a fellow toiler wore whiskers a la Russ.

THE Poplar Nugget has suspended its editor, J. W. Greer, having presumably made all the money he can conveniently spend in this life. He will go to Fernie and assist R. T. Lowery to fill another "long felt want."

AUDITOR-GENERAL McDougall has withdrawn his application to be put upon the superannuated list, as "the differences between the government and myself are now made the issue of a general election." Mr. McDougall's modesty is something approaching the sublime.

—Trustee Hall's Bright Idea:

At the last meeting of the public school board Trustee Lewis Hall was to the fore with a brand new and strictly original idea. It was apropos of the admitted undesirability of Chinese pupils being brought into contact with white children in the public schools, and was in the nature of a suggestion that all Chinese pupils should be compelled to adopt European clothing and cut off their queues. Surely the trustee does not wish to be taken seriously in such a suggestion—a suggestion that is utterly at discord with the best principles of British liberty of the subject? It is doubtful indeed if the courts would not promptly intervene were an attempt made on the lines proposed by Dr. Hall, and it is certain that the Chinese whose children desire to educate themselves in the Canadian fashion should not be so insulted as proposed. So long as one dresses cleanly and decently, the question of garb and of hair-dressing is rightly one of individual taste, with which neither school board nor any other public body has legitimate right to interfere. Such suggestions as the one referred to are only in the direction of bringing the common-sense and justice of the Canadian public into disrepute.

THE PROPHECY FULFILLED.

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Saskatchewan.

Ezra Kendall's "Weatherbeaten Benson" has made good in Chicago.

Fair Play For Exhibitors

Alleged to be Wanting In Certain Awards at Late Exhibition.

Now that the exhibition of 1904 is a matter of history and the praises due its promoters and managers have been right willingly accorded, it may not be amiss to ventilate a grievance that seems to have its foundation in an injustice to exhibitors; contributors in the art department are specially concerned. They aver that their entries were made in good faith and their money accepted, for competitions described in detail in the catalogue. The natural and only fair proposition in connection would be as they understood it, that the best picture in each of the respective classes, would take the first prize, and the others in the descending scale of merit receive their proper recognition. In numerous cases however—in paintings, china decorative art, and floriculture—first prize money was withheld and the exhibit listed first in merit among those competing was awarded second money, or third. The explanation forthcoming was that the judges did not think the entry up to a first prize standard. But there was no specified standard to work by, save only the feeling in the matter of the judges, and this could not be accepted as satisfactory. The result may be economy to the fair authorities in prize money, but it is held to be scarcely fair treatment to exhibitors, nor encouragement for them to assist in the success of future exhibitions.

Nor were the judgments in the art division altogether above criticism. For example competition was invited in outline drawing for boys or girls under sixteen. Among the competitors was one little girl of twelve, who entered a copy from the antique which she had enlarged to life size. This was awarded second prize as against a simple floral design, also a copy but a direct copy, entered by a child of seven. The majority of the drawings entered as from the antique were in reality copies from the flat, yet there was no discrimination against them for this non-conformance with the rules. Miss Pemberton, Mr. H. M. Lamb and Mr. H. Carmichael are understood to have been the judges, and the former assuredly should have discriminated in this connection.

With respect to the general exhibition of original works, one would assume that originality would have been insisted upon as a prime essential of qualification—originality both of subject and composition. And yet one finds the first prize in water colors, (animal or figure, original) awarded to an unblushing copy of a Chinese type which is found upon the souvenir postal cards in almost any bookstore!

In the art classes one estimate has it that \$49 was withheld from exhibitors. These contributors to the exhibition contend with apparent justice that if their entries did not comply with the conditions of the competition entered they might properly be disqualified; but not received but degraded in the award to a minor place with the explanation that it has not reached some mythical and undefined standard requisite for a first prize winner.

—Good Guesser:

The Royal Soap Co's guessing competition in connection with the New Westminster Exhibition, has been won by Mrs. Peiser of this city, who held that the exhibited bar of soap should weigh about 1053 lbs. As a matter of fact it went just 8 ounces over. Because she was thus near the mark Mrs. Peiser is the owner of a handsome silver service.

—Good Work:

The Colonist is to be cordially complimented upon the excellent interview published on Wednesday, with the quartette of war correspondents returning by the Empress and more particularly Mr. Frederick Palmer of Collier's Weekly. Considering the very limited time afforded the interviewer by the short stay of the Empress here, his work is the more creditable. Such local matter should be signed, in order that due honor may be paid the individual.

Fordham-Powell.

Wedding of Tuesday Afternoon a Brilliant and Notable Social Event.

In the marriage at St. John's Church on Tuesday afternoon of Mr. John Gurney Fordham of Vancouver, third son of the late Mr. John Hampden Fordham and Mrs. Fordham, of Melbourn Bury, Royston, Cambridgeshire and 9 Phillimore Gardens, London, W.C., (a nephew of the noted Sir Wilfred Lawson, Bart., of Brayton, Cumberland) to Miss Corisande, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell, of Oakdene, Victoria, British Columbia society found its chief and very agreeable occupation of the present week. There is perhaps no family more generally esteemed in this western province than that of the bride, the Doctor and Mrs. Powell being among the earliest accessions from the Old Land to this colonial capital, and the substantiality and stately courtesy of the Motherland being merged with the cordial informality of the new world in the kindly hospitality of Oakdene. The family has also played a not inconspicuous part in the making of history for Victoria and this westernmost Canadian province, and all its members—and not the least among them the bride of Tuesday last—have been esteemed and leading figures in the social and artistic life of British Columbia from the "early days." Hence it was in part that a conspicuously large proportion of the foremost Victorians evinced a personal and cordial interest in the ceremony of Tuesday, which crowned the happiness of a most popular daughter of Victoria, while it inevitably causes her loss to the city which has been her home from childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fordham are to make their home in the neighbor city of Vancouver, and hence Victoria friends console themselves that they may at least be favored with frequent visits.

The marriage was solemnized at 3:30 o'clock in the historic "little iron church," St. John's, His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ard, M. A. The sun, whose smiling face had sullenly been withdrawn for several previous days, relented as the wedding hour approached, and the beautiful floral decorations of the church were bathed in the full radiance of a most glorious autumnal afternoon. Of the decorations it is sufficient to say they were in the best of taste, the floral adornment of the sacred edifice for the harvest festival remaining in place, and being refreshed and supplemented with artistic arrangements of palms, roses, asters, smilax, and seasonable blossoms, for which the girlhood friends of the bride were responsible—conspicuous among the decorators being Mrs. W. F. Burton, Miss Dolly Loewen, Miss Pemberton, and Miss Drake. Assuredly it may be said that the result of their labor of love was a treat for the artistic eye.

There was a large and fashionable concourse of friends to witness the church ceremony, the capacity of the sacred building being taxed. Promptness marked the arrival of the bridal party, who entered to the music of "Tannhauser," Mr. E. H. Russell presiding at the organ. The choir, which played an important part in the service, was supplemented by the fine voices of Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Miss Todd and Mrs. W. E. Green, the latter of whom sang with her accustomed rare taste and sympathetic expression, the solo "Beloved It Is Morn." The hymn "Oh Perfect Love" was also notable for the beauty and finish of its interpretation.

The bride was given away by Dr. Powell, her father, and never has a fairer stood at the altar of St. John's to plight her troth. Her gown was a beautiful creation of chiffon cloth over white taffeta, the yoke of chiffon having a deep bertha of Duchesse lace, the large sleeves also being finished with exquisite lace at the elbows, and the skirt a mystery of bewitching shirrs and frills. The veil was daintily arranged with the significant and romance-fragrant wreath of orange blossoms; the long train of rare Duchesse and rose point lace, trimmed with narrower lace of the same kind, was borne by little Miss Nora Jones, a picturesque little figure and a very important member of the bride's entourage. The bride's only ornament was a pearl and turquoise necklet, and her flowers a shower of white roses and maidenhair fern.

Six fair bridesmaids attended the central member of the wedding company—Miss Powell and Miss Violet Powell (sisters of the bride), Miss Eva Loewen, Miss Sophie Tupper (daughter of Sir Charles Hibbert and Lady Tupper of Vancouver), Miss Violet Vernon, and Miss Evelyn Tilton. Each of the six-tette was gowned in white point d'esprit over white silk and chiffon, blue turquoise girdles, with streamers; and picture hats of white point d'esprit with bands of accentuating blue velvet; their bouquets were of pink and white carnations, white roses and delicate ferns, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Cecil Merritt was best man, and the groomsmen Mr. George E. and Mr. B. W. Powell, Lieut. R. M. R. West, R. N., and Dr. Herman Robertson. Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. Harold Robertson, and Mr. T. E. Pooley were the ushers.

FRIENDS EXPRESS BEST WISHES.

Upon the return of the wedding party to Oakdene, a reception and dejeuner were held, a very large number of friends welcoming the earliest opportunity to present their congratulations and good wishes. The drawing room was radiant and fragrant with many roses, and with an openwork screen, a lace-like tracery of smilax, sweet peas and ferns, as a background, the bride and groom received the felicitations of their friends beneath a bell of dahlias, crysanthemums and ferns. Mrs. Powell received the guests of the afternoon with charming graciousness, in a handsome toilette of reseda violene, with pretty inserted lace trimming and smart toque of the same shade. She was assisted by her eldest daughter, Mrs. Langworthy, charmingly gowned in soft opalesque silk trimmed with rose point lace; she also wore a large black picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. Refreshments were served in one of three marquees on the lawn, erected by the bluejackets and crowned with gay bannerettes from the naval station, their sides being banked with palms, ferns, and a multitude of blossoms. Upon the entrance of Mr. and Mrs. Fordham, the Lord Bishop gracefully proposed the bride's health, which was acknowledged in her behalf by the groom, who next proposed the healths of the bridesmaids, for whom Mr. Merritt acted as spokesman in response. Dr. Robertson also gave the health of Dr. and Mrs. Powell, which was enthusiastically honored. The afternoon hours ensuing passed on golden wings, merry voices, happy-hearted laughter, and the harmony of the violin, flute and harp in an orchestra under Mr. Sampson's direction leaving nothing incomplete in the auspicious day.

Of the very many friends receiving cards for the reception the following constitute a fractional part, the large circle of friends and acquaintances in which Dr. and Mrs. Powell and their family move, making it impossible to hurt the feelings of any by forgetting them: Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond de Lotbiniere, Miss Boswell, Mrs. Nanton, Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich, Mr. Leonard Blackler, R. N., Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Justice Irving and Mrs. Irving, Mr. Justice Martin and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Justice Duff and Mrs. Duff, Miss Drake, the Misses Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. Justice Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Justice Walkem, Sir Henry and Lady Crease and the Misses Crease, Captain and Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. R. P. Rithet, Mr. J. A. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kirk, Mrs. Dunsuir, Mrs. Henry Croft, Hon. Charles E. Pooley and Mrs. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Mr. T. E. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt and the Misses Flumerfelt, Col. the Hon. E. G., Mrs. and Miss Prior, Mr. B. G. Prior, Miss Gladys Perry, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and the Misses Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mara, Miss Mara, Mayor and Mrs. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Mrs. and the Misses Loewen, Mrs. A.A.Green, the Misses Green, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Walter Langley, Miss Langley, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Eberts, Dr. and Mr. Hasell, Miss Gladys Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gore, Mr. Arthur Gore, Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Mrs. W. Ralph Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken, Col., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. C. Hanington, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Miss Hanington, Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mr. D. W. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymur, the Misses Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Corsan, Capt. and Mrs.

John Irving, the Misses Irving, Mrs. and Miss Little, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. H. Maurice Hills, Mr. A. W. Vowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lajng, Mr. H. E. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Levenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunsuir, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsuir, Miss Dunsuir, the Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Roche Robertson, Dr. Herman Robertson, the Messrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon, Miss Vernon, Mr. Forbes G. Vernon, Senator and Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin H. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Becker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, Miss Bullen, Mr. Danvers Osborn, Commander and Mrs. Perry, Lieut. and Mrs. Lawson, Commander Sandeman, R. N., Lieut. R. M. R. West, Lieut. Pound, Lieut. Damant, Major and Mrs. Bland, Captain and Mrs. Wright, Captain and Mrs. Watts, officers of Work Point barracks, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Foster, Mr. Fred Foster, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. F. T. Cornwall, Mr. Foote, the Messrs. Scholefield, Mr. Jones, Mr. Roland Stuart, Mr. J. J. McEmery, Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury, Capt. and Mrs. Brady, Lieut. and Mrs. George D. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Major Chown, R. M. L. I., Mrs. Finlayson, the Misses Finlayson, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Cuppage, Miss Gladys Kane (Brooklyn), Mr. and the Misses Galletly, Mr. A. T. Watson, Mrs. Don Watson, (Bedford, Eng.), Mrs. Farmer (Ottawa), Mr. and Mrs. Walker Powell (Ottawa), Mr. and Mrs. C. Berkeley Powell (Ottawa), Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Powell (Ottawa), Mr. and Mrs. Maclaren Stewart and Mr. Norman Stewart (Ottawa), Mrs. Lockwood (Philadelphia), Col. and Mrs. Granville Vernon (London), Miss Beatrice Vernon (London), Mr. H. A. Powell M. P., Mr. and Mrs. Powell (New Brunswick), Major and Mrs. John Walsh, Miss Walsh (Ottawa), Mr. F. H. Powell (Ottawa), Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Macdonald, Mrs. A. D. Macdonald (San Francisco), Mr. and Mrs. Phelps (San Francisco), Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtney Bennett and Miss Bennett (San Francisco, H. M. British Consulate), Mrs. Hood (San Francisco), Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Shaw (San Francisco), Sir Edward and Mr. Percival Clark (London).

Mr. and Mrs. Fordham left in the evening, by the Princess Victoria, for Seattle, where they are for a few days guests at the Washington. They will continue their journey across the continent and to England, where several weeks will be spent in visiting with Mr. Fordham's relative. Mr. and Mrs. Fordham expect to return to British Columbia in February, when they will take up their residence in Vancouver. The bride's going away costume was in hydrangea blue broadcloth, opening over a blouse of white chiffon cloth, with old French lace garnitures and buttons of brilliants and pearls; the costume was surmounted with a large drab moleskin chapeau trimmed with orange and facings of white kid, large ostrich plumes crowning the whole.

THE WEDDING DAY GIFTS.

Few brides are so fortunate as Mrs. Fordham in the number, beauty and value of those souvenirs of the wedding day with which it is the pleasure of friends to accompany their felicitations. Not only were her bridal gifts "both numerous and costly" as the reporter's stereotyped phrase has it—they were happy evidences of individual care in selection that produced but few duplicates, while the entire handsome collection was remarkable for the good taste displayed in its composition. The groom's gifts to the bride were a handsome morocco dressing case with silver and ivory fittings, a gold and enamel bracelet, two sapphire and diamond rings, a diamond watch bracelet, a bicycle, etc. Among the other presents were the following: From Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, brass travelling clock in morocco case; Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, sables, silver purse, opera glasses in case; Senator Mrs. and Miss Macdonald silver photo frame; Mrs. Dunsuir, silver dish; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kirk, silver mustard pot; Mrs. B. W. Pearse, travelling clock in silver frame; Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, silver-mounted stand with three oval frames; Mr. and Mrs. Gore, glass bonboniere; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, bronze fruit stand; Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, china cream jug and sugar bowl; Hon. Senator and Mrs. Templeman, two

cut glass dishes; Mrs. A. McCallum, two cut glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beaven, pair silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. H. Beaven, silver cream jug; Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Cuppage, vase; Capt. and Mrs. John Irving, ink bottle; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, brush and comb tray; Mrs. E. Fisher, cut glass and silver sugar bowl and sifter; Miss Alice Pooley, jug; Hon. F. and Mrs. Peters, silver sugar sifter; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Genge, cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. Robin W. Dunsuir, bronze and glass fruit dish; Miss Macnaughton Jones, pair cut glass vases, stand; Mr. E. H. Russell, silver vase; Capt. and Mrs. Parry, silver-mounted mirror; Miss Violet Powell, gold and enamel bangle; Mrs. Archer Martin, silver candlestick and ash tray; Mr. and Mrs. A. Becker, pair silver and glass mustard pots; Mrs. Clarence Watson, England, embroidered sachet; Cumming Macdonald, M.P., England, gold brooch; Mrs. Fordham, England, sapphire pendant, jewelled enamel hat pin, real lace fan with mother-of-pearl sticks; Mr. Alfred Fordham, England, turquoise and pearl necklace; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fordham, travelling rug; Miss Josephine Lawson, England, blue enamel and pearl brooch; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, England, amethyst and pearl pendant; Mrs. Barber, England, purse; Mrs. R. Springman, engraved card case with silver mountings; Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, water color; Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, silver dish; Miss Tupper, oxydized silver dish; Mr. H. Maurice Hills, silver decanter; Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, pair cut glass vases; the Misses Orr, cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Raymur, brass candlesticks; Dr. A. M. Robertson, silver bonboniere; Mr. S. Severson, pair bronze vases; Mrs. Berkeley, cut glass vase; Justice and Mrs. Duff, oxydized silver dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lang, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pooley, cut glass dish; Mrs. Stuart Robertson, table centre and doilies; Mrs. Wm. Cochrane, gold curb bracelet; Mrs. Wm. Hood, California, dozen silver teaspoons; Miss Ruby Shaw, California, drawnwork table centre; Miss Beatrice Vernon England, turquoise bracelet; Capt. and Mrs. Watts, travelling clock in silver frame; Capt. and Mrs. Wright, butter dish; Mrs. and Miss Todd, silver vases; Mr. Alexis Martin, Royal Crown Derby plate; Mr. Danvers Osborn, Bombay wicker chair; Miss C. Dupont, tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, silver umbrella handle; Mr. A.T. Monteith, silver sugar sifter; Mr. and Mrs. Everard Fletcher, flower vases; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Drury, china potpourri jar; Mrs. E. B. C. Hanington, silver vase; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Vernon, silver toast rack; Mr. Cassidy, cut glass bowl; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lampman, copper water jug; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Courtney, cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, silver magnifying glass; Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Troup, silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Munn, cut glass dish; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scott, pair cut glass vases; Miss V. Vernon, silver salt cellars; Mr. A. W. Vowell, silver and glass sherry decanter; Mr. John A. Rithet, silver sugar spoon; Mr. E. V. Bodwell, bronze ornament; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, cut glass dish; Miss Bodwell, miniature Marie Antoinette; Mr. D. W. Higgins, silver butter dish; Dr. H. M. Robertson, Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Tajt Robertson, pair silver butter dishes; Miss Clapham, silver-mounted silk handbag; Miss Nora Jones, silver photo frame; Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, water color picture by Mower Martin, in gilt frame; Dr. and Mrs. Lefevre, cut glass and silver water jug; the Misses Lefevre, cut glass mustard pot; Mrs. E. Dickenson, turquoise and pearl hat pins; Mrs. Redfern, silver basket; Mrs. and the Misses Flumerfelt, cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, cut glass bowl; Miss Olive Boswell, silver photo frame; Mr. Ewart, cut glass dish; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henshaw, silver teaspoons; Mr. Edward Colley, umbrella with silver handle; Miss E. Walker, water color; Miss Eva Loewen, dozen doilies, embroidered; Dr. and Mrs. Philpot, photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, china vase; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Todd, bonboniere; the Misses Drake, pair cut glass vases; Mr. and Miss Harvey, Japanese tea cosy; Mrs. Edward Harvey, cut glass dish; Mr. John Boyd, solid silver bowl; Mrs. and Miss Brignall, pair oxydized silver bonbon dishes; Colonel and Mrs. Walker Powell, Ottawa, travelling clock in morocco case; Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Powell, Ottawa, pair solid silver dessert dishes; Maj. and Mrs. John Walsh, Ottawa, silver jewel casket; Miss Mary Walsh, Ottawa, gold spoon; the Misses Pemberton, pair glass and silver flower

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The presents from the groom's friends were: Mrs. Fordham, cheque, household linen, silver, etc.; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fordham, England, dinner service; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fordham, England, silver urn; Sir Wilfred and Lady Lawson, England, cheque for piano; Miss E. Lawson, England, cheque for tea service; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. Holland Hibbert, Miss J. Lawson, Mrs. Curwen, Mrs. Thurston, Mr. A. Lawson, Mr. G. Lawson, England, silver teapot, coffee pot, hot milk jug, sugar basin and cream jug; Mrs. Tenhouse, England, silver cream jug; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ware, set of silver salt, pepper and mustard pots; Friends and Servants of Melborn Bury, pair silver candlesticks; Servants and Friends of Phillimore Gardens, pair silver sugar basins and spoons; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawson, set of coffee cups; Colonel and Mrs. Merritt, solid silver tea tray; Mr. and Mrs. Springham, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, two silver double entree dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Springham, silver carriage clock; Miss Kathleen Tonzel and Master Tom Barber, silver sugar sprinkler; Mr. C. M. Merritt, musical gong and copper breakfast warmer; the Misses Wadilove, silver mustard pot; Miss Georgiana Bell, silver grape scissors; Mrs. Johnson, Miss Anderson, mounted china butter dish; Mrs. Stanley and Misses Stanley, silver toaster rack; Mr. W. Stanley, silver cigar cutter; Capt. and Mrs. Robertson, pair of Worcester candlesticks and extinguishers; Rev. R. H. Semple, pearl scarf pin; Mr. Henderson, gold horse-shoe pin; Mr. W. Mortimer, solid silver salver; Mr. A. E. C. Druce, Russian leather paper case and blotter; Miss Drury Lowe, Mr. E. Drury Lowe and Commander S. Drury Lowe, two silver-mounted pin cushions; Rev. J. de Verd Leigh, silver-mounted pocket-book; Mr. Barrett, travelling cushion in case; Mrs. Tonzel, silver card case; Miss V. Bowell, ebony hand-mirror; Miss Nonie Powell, antelope tobacco pouch; Mrs. Farrington, silver and glass match stand; Mrs. Stewart, salt cellar.

The grooms gifts to the bridesmaids were dainty French enamel butterfly brooches.

MR. DOOLEY ON "RAISING CHILDREN."

"Did ye ever see a man as proud iv anything as Hogan is iv that kid iv his?" said Mr. Dooley.

"Wait till he's had iliven," said Mr. Hennessy.

"Oh, iv course," said Mr. Dooley, "ye have contimpt tr an amachoor father that has on'y wan offspring. An ol' professional parent like ye that's practically done nawthin' all ye'er life but be a father to helpless childher don't understand th' emotions iv th' author iv a limited edition. But Hogan don't care. So far as I am able to judge fr'm what he says, his is th' on'y perfect an' complete child that has been projoected this cinchry. He looks on you th' way Hinery James wud look on Mary Jane Holmes.

"I wint around to see this here projidy th' other day. Hogan met me at th' dure. 'Wipe off ye'er feet,' says he. 'Why?' says I. 'Baby,' says he. 'Mikrobes,' he says. He thin conducted me to a basin iv water an' instructed me to wash me hands in a preparation iv carbolic acid. Whin I was thurly perfumed, he introjooiced me to a toothless ol' gintleman who was sittin' up in a cradle atin' his right foot. 'Ain't he fine?' says Hogan. 'Wonderful,' says I. 'Did ye ever see such an expressyon?' says he. 'Niver,' says I; 'as Hiven is me judge, niver.' Look at his hair,' he says. 'I will,' says I. 'Ain't his eyes beautiful?' 'They ar-re,' I says. 'Ar-re they glass or on'y imitation?' says I. 'An' thim cunnin' little feet,' says he. 'On close inspicition,' says I, 'yes, they ar-re. They ar-re feet. Ye'er offspring don't know it, though. He thinks that wan is a doughnut.' 'He's not as old as he looks,' says Hogan. 'He cudden't be,' says I. 'He looks old enough to be a dimmycratic candidate fr' Vice-presidint. Why, he's lost most iv his teeth,' says I. 'Go wan,' says he, 'he's just gettin' thim. He has two uppers an' four lowers,' he says. 'If he had a few more, he'd be a sleepin' car,' says I. 'Does he speak?' says I. 'Sure,' says Hogan. 'Say Poppa,' he says. 'Gah,' says young Hogan. 'Hear that?' says Hogan, 'that's poppa.' 'Say momma,' says he. 'Gah,' says th' projidy. 'That's momma,' says Hogan. 'See, here's Mither Dooley,' says he. 'Blub,' says th' phenomyon. 'Look at that,' says Hogan, 'he knows ye,' he says.

"Well, ye know Hinnessy, wan iv th' things that has made me popylar in th' ward is that I make a bluff at adorin' childher. Between you an' me, I'd as lave salute a dishrag as a recent infant, but I always do it. So I put on an allurin' smile an' says I, 'Well, little ol' goozy good, will he give his Dooleyums a kiss?' At that minyit Hogan seized me be th' cullar an' dhragged me away fr'm th' cradle. 'Wud ye kill me child?' says he. 'How?' says I. 'With a kiss,' says he. 'Am I that bad?' says I. 'Don't ye know that there ar-re mikrobes that can be transmitted to an infant in a kiss?' says he. 'Well,' says I with indignation, 'I'm not proud iv myself as an antiseptic American,' I says, 'but in an

encounter between me an' that there young cannibal,' I says, 'I'll lave it to th' board iv health who takes th' biggest chance,' I says, an' we wint out, followed by a howl fr'm th' projidy. 'He's singin',' says Hogan. 'He has lost his notes,' says I.

"Whin we got downstairs Hogan give me a lecture on th' bringin' up iv childher. As though I needed it, me that's been consulted on bringin' up half th' childher in Archey road. 'In th' ol' days,' says he, 'childher was brought up catch-as-catch-can,' he says. 'But it's different now. They're as carefully watched as a geeranyum in a conservatory,' he says. Here it is. Th' first thing that shud be done fr' a child is to deprive it iv its parents. Th' less th' infant sees iv poppa an' momma' th' better fr' him. If they ar-re so base as to want to look at th' little darlin', they shud first be examined be a competent physician to see that there is nawthin' wrong with thim that they end give th' baby. They will thin take a bath iv sulphuric acid an' havin' carefully attired themselves in a sterilized rubber suit, they will approach within eight feet iv th' object iv their ignoble affection an' lave at wanst. In no case mus' they kiss him or fondle their progeny. Many diseases such as lumbago, pain in th' chist, premachoor baldness, senile decreptitude, which are prevalent among adults, can be communicated to a child fr'm th' parent. Besides it is bad fr' th' moral nature iv th' infant. Affection fr' its parents is wan iv th' most dangerous symptoms iv rickets. Th' parents may not be worthy iv th' love of a truly sterilized child. An infant's first jooty is to th' doctor to whom it owes its bein' an' stayin'. Childher ar-re imitative, an' if they see much iv their parents they may grow up to look like thim. That wud be a great misfortune. If parents see their childher before they enter Harvard, they ar-re frbidden to teach thim foolish wurruds like "poppa" an' "momma." At two a properly brought up child shud be able to articulate indistinctly th' wurrud "Doether Bolt on th' Care an' Feedin' iv Infants," which is better thin sayin' "Momma" an' more exact.

"Great care shud be taken iv th' infant's food. Durin' th' first two years it shud have nawthin' but milk. At three a little canary bur'rd seed can be added. At five an egg ivry other Choosdah. At siven an orange. At twelve th' child may ate a shredded biscuit. At forty th' little tot may have stewed prunes. And so on.

"It's wondherful," says Hogan, 'how they've got it rayjooiced to a science. They can almost make a short baby long or a blonde baby black be addin' to or rayjooicin' th' amount iv protides an' caseens in th' milk,' he says. 'Haven't ye ever kissed ye'er young?' says I. 'Wanst in 'awhile,' he says, 'whin I'm thurly disinfected I go up an' blow a kiss at him through th' window,' he says.

"Well," says I, 'it may be all right,' I says, 'but if I cud have a son an' heir without causin' talk I bet ye I'd not apply fr' a permit fr'm the health board for him an' me to come together. Parents was made before childher, annyhow, an' they have a prire claim to be considered. Sure, it may be a good thing to bring them up on a sanitary plan, but it seems to me that they got along all right in th' ol' days whin number two had just larned to fall down stairs at th' th' time number three entered th' wurruld. Maybe they were sthronger thin they ar-re now. Th' doether niver pretended to see whether th' milk was properly boiled. He cudden't very well. Th' childher was allowed to set up at th' table an' have a good cup iv tay an' a pickle or two. If there was more thin enough to go around, they got what nobody else wanted. They got plinty iv fresh air playin' in alleys an' vacant lots an' ivry wanst in awhile they were allowed to go down an' fall into th' river. No attintion was paid to their dite. Th' prisint race iv hayroes who are now startlin' the wurruld in fi-nance, polytics, th' arts an' sciences, burglary an' lithrachoor, was brought up on water-millon rinds, speckled apples, raw onions stolen fr'm th' grocer an' cocoanut pie. Their nursery was th' back yard. They larned to walk as soon as they were able, an' if they got how-legged, ivrybody said they wud be sthronge men. As fr' annybody previntin' a fond parent fr'm comin' home Saturdah night an' wallowin' in his beaucheous child, th' doctor that suggested it wud have to move. No, sir,' says I, 'get as much amusement as ye can out iv ye'er infant,' says I. 'Teach him to love ye now,' I says, 'before he knows. Afther awhile he'll get on to ye an' it'll be too late.'

"Ye know a lot about it," said Mr. Hennessy.

"I do," said Mr. Dooley, "Not bein' an author I'm a gr-reat critic."—Finley Peter Dunne in Vancouver Province.

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THE TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

The chief topic, one might almost say the only topic, of conversation in this city in connection with the federal elections is the transcontinental railway policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The interest taken in it is of the most intelligent kind, and there is a desire to know just what the actual facts are. "Progress" recognizes the difficulty of dealing with a party question in a non-partizan way, but it hopes to be able to show that it is not impossible, and that what follows will enable its readers to form their own conclusions as to the merits of the government policy, which has been crystallized into an Act of Parliament. There is an almost universal consensus of opinion, in this province at least, that a second transcontinental railway, north of the Canadian Pacific, is necessary for the proper development of Canada. The opposition which the Conservatives showed at the outset of the discussion has disappeared, and the leader of the Opposition, after presenting several quite different lines of policy, has finally admitted that Canada needs some such railway as the government has arranged for. It is not necessary, therefore, to make any argument in defence of the idea upon which the government policy rests.

The government plan, as adopted by Parliament, provides for the construction of a railway from Moncton, N.B., by way of Quebec to a port on the Pacific Coast of this province. This involves approximately 3,400 miles of railway. Of this mileage the government is to build 1,800 miles and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company 1,600 miles. (It must be understood that the figures are approximations, but they are close enough to the actual facts for all practical purposes.) The government portion is between Halifax and Winnipeg. It is to be leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific for 50 years at a rental equal to 3 per cent on the cost, but no rent is to be paid by the Company during the first seven years. At the expiration of the 50 years the line reverts to the government. During the continuance of the lease the Intercolonial Railway is to have running rights over this part of the line. The line to be constructed by the G. T. P. Company will extend from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast. To aid in the financing of this part of the work, the government guarantees the company's bonds to the amount of 75 per cent. of the cost of construction of the prairie section but not to exceed \$13,000 a mile; for the British Columbia section the government guarantees the company's bonds for 75 per cent. of the actual cost. There is a provision under which the government may, at the expiration of 50 years, acquire this part of the line from the company, so that, if the people so wish, the whole line may after 50 years become a government-owned and government-operated road.

Against this it is objected:
1st.—That the line as proposed will have its principal terminus at Portland, Maine.

2nd.—That the government is involving the country to the extent of at least \$150,000,000 and giving the railway to the company.

3rd.—That there is no provision for the beginning of work simultaneously at Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast.

4th.—That it would be better to build the line as a government work from beginning to end and operate the same as a government road.

We think the above fairly states the government plan and the substantial objections of the opposition to it. Minor matters necessarily enter into the discussion, but nothing that is really material to the issue.

1st.—As to the terminus of the line, that is the actual business terminus.

To appreciate the objection made on this score, it is necessary to begin at the inception of the project. In 1902 Mr. Hays and some other gentlemen approached the government with a proposal to build a line from North Bay to the Pacific Coast. At North Bay the new line was intended to connect with the Grand Trunk, and the new railway would be a feeder to that system, the winter ocean terminus of which is at Portland, Maine. This proposal was rejected, the government saying that, while willing to negotiate for the construction of a second transcontinental railway, it would not consider any project which did not secure that Canadian

traffic should be carried to the Canadian seaboard. To this Mr. Hays and his associates replied that the Grand Trunk Company was not prepared to build such a line, and the result of the negotiations was the evolution of the plan outlined above. But it was clear that the mere fact that the new line would extend to the Canadian Atlantic seaboard was no guarantee that the company operating it would send its business to that seaboard, especially as its associate company, the Grand Trunk, had an ocean terminus elsewhere. To meet this objection the following clauses were inserted in the contract with the G. T. P. Company, which forms a part of the Act of Parliament, is absolutely binding upon the company, and can be enforced by law:

"It is hereby declared and agreed between the parties to this agreement that the aid herein provided for is granted by the government of Canada for the express purpose of encouraging the development of Canadian trade and the transportation of goods through Canadian channels. The company accepts the aid on these conditions, and agrees that all freight originating on the line of the railway or its branches, not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper, shall when destined for points in Canada be carried entirely on Canadian territory or between Canadian inland ports, and that the through rate on export traffic from the point of origin to the point of destination shall at no time be greater via Canadian ports than via United States ports, and that all such traffic, not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper, shall be carried to Canadian ocean ports."

In addition to this proviso there is the following covenant:

"The company further agrees that it shall not in any manner within its power, directly or indirectly, advise or encourage the transportation of such freight by routes other than those above provided, but shall in all respects, in good faith, use its utmost endeavors to fulfil the conditions upon which public aid is granted, namely, the development of trade through Canadian channels and Canadian ocean ports."

Every reader can judge for himself whether or not these provisions do prevent, as far as human ingenuity can prevent, the shipment of freight to a port in the United States. If the line were owned and operated by the government no more certain guarantee that the traffic would be carried to Canadian ports could be provided, because, even in the case of a government road, the shipper would have the right to send his goods by what route he might choose.

2nd.—As to the obligation assumed by the government.

The cost of the line from Moncton to Winnipeg is to be paid by the government. This is estimated by the government at about \$60,000,000, to which must be added the interest during construction and during the seven years when the G. T. P. Company will pay no rental. This will swell the cost to something over \$70,000,000. When this amount has been expended the Dominion will have approximately 1,800 miles of railway from Moncton to Winnipeg leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific at a rental equal to 3 per cent. on the cost. An asset which pays interest upon its cost, cannot be properly called a liability, especially as it will develop an immense stretch of country and lead to a great expansion in the revenue. It is quite true that the government has undertaken to make this outlay of \$70,000,000, approximately, but it is also true that against the liability will be offset a revenue paying asset that will relieve the country of any charge except for the interest paid during construction and the first seven years of the lease.

For the portion of the line to be built by the Company the government gives the guarantees mentioned above. The only amount which the government actually undertakes to pay in any event is the interest upon 75 per cent. of the cost of the section through British Columbia, which is to be paid for seven years and is not to be recovered back from the company. Mr. Fielding estimates that this will be something over \$3,000,000. The whole liability which the government assumes on account of interest is estimated by Mr. Fielding at under \$14,000,000. This includes everything.

But it will be said that the government stands as surety for the company's bonds, which is true enough, but it has as security the railway and \$20,000,000 of rolling stock, which the company pledges itself to provide; so that if ever the road has to be taken over by the government, because of default in the payment of interest or for any other reason, the Dominion would secure a completely equipped line from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast for 75 per cent. of half of its cost, as the following figures demonstrate:

Cost of Prairie section, 1100 miles

at \$18,000 per mile .. \$19,800,000
Cost of B.C. section, 480 miles at \$45,000 per mile ... 21,600,000

Total Cost \$41,400,000
Rolling stock required by the contract 20,000,000

Total G. T. P. investment \$61,400,000
Government Guarantee, 1100 miles at \$13,000 per mile .. \$14,300,000
75 per cent. of the B. C. section 16,200,000

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Government guarantee 31,000,000

That is to say excluding the interest, which does not properly enter into this calculation, the government, if it has ever to take the road over from the company to protect the country from loss under its guarantee, will get \$62,000,000 of equipped railway by converting a guarantee of \$31,000,000 into an actual liability.

3rd.—The beginning of construction at the western terminus.

This is a matter that naturally appeals strongly to the people of this province. There is nothing in either the contract or the Act of Parliament itself specifying when construction shall begin anywhere. It is provided that the government shall begin construction at Winnipeg simultaneously with the beginning of construction there by the company, but as long as the line is completed within eight years, the company may begin to build where it likes and when it likes. There has been no declaration by the company, official or otherwise, as to when construction will be begun anywhere. The statement that the work will not be carried on from the western, or British Columbia, terminus, is perfectly unwarranted. The company has refused to bind itself to delay beginning work at Winnipeg until it has determined upon its Pacific terminus and located its line at this end, but it has not said that it will not begin work on the Pacific end as soon as these points are settled. Each reader can decide for himself whether or not it is probable that the company, having eight years in which to build the line, will take advantage of the facility with which construction can be carried on from the ocean in British Columbia. There are no facts bearing upon the question except what is stated in this paragraph.

4th.—As to government ownership.

The position taken by the government is that to construct such a railway as a government work and to operate it as such would be to incur risks and responsibilities which no government ought to assume. If all that had to be done was to build a railway and permit it to get business as it offered, the experience of the Intercolonial would hardly warrant so expensive an experiment; but more than this will be needed. Lines of steamers must be put upon the ocean, the lakes and along the British Columbia coast. Terminal facilities must be provided on an extensive scale. Hotels must be built and managed. Agencies must be established all over the world, and in fact the government must become a great commercial concern, competing with private companies, yet handicapped in so doing by the exigencies of politics. This is the objection which the government takes, and each reader must for himself determine if he thinks it a good one.

There is a point in this connection which is worth passing notice. If it would be wise to build the line as a government work and operate it as a department of the government, the conclusion follows that, in the opinion of those who make this contention, the line would pay as a government road, notwithstanding all the disadvantages under which the government would labor in operating it. If it would pay under such circumstances, it would certainly pay if handled by a company, and if it will pay when handled by a company, the government incurs no responsibility further than for interest on the eastern section during construction and for seven years after, and interest on 75 per cent. of the cost of the British Columbia section for seven years. Unless the business of the road, if operated by the government, will not pay interest on the full cost of the whole line, it would be folly to undertake it as a government work, and surely if it will do this, it will pay interest on the cost of the eastern section and on 75 per cent. of the cost of the western section. The advocates of government ownership must either avow their willingness to operate the line at a loss or admit that the government will not be liable for anything on account of interest after seven years, if the road is operated by a company.

We think the foregoing is a frank statement of the plan of the government and the objections of the opposition, and

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that it cannot be alleged that it is in the least partizan. Our object is to state the matter that each person can for himself determine how to vote at an election in which the government policy as above outlined is the only real question. Mr. Borden has outlined in a general way the policy in regard to a transcontinental railway which he will pursue if he comes into power. It would be foreign to the purpose of this article to criticize his declaration in any way. It is impossible to compare a project, which is complete to the dotting of the last "i" and the crossing of the last "t" with one that as yet only consists of generalities, and necessarily must consist of generalities until some time as the gentleman proposing it had time and the facilities to take the matter of details. It is sufficient to say that the government present a perfected plan with a guarantee that can and will be carried out; Mr. Borden is obliged by the very nature of his position to simply indicate the general lines, which at present he is prepared to follow. No fair comparison can, therefore, be instituted between the things.

The Week in Society

One of the most brilliant out-of-door gatherings of the season was that at Work Point Barracks on the occasion of the annual tournament of sports in which the men of the service shine to so conspicuous advantage. The various contests were replete with interest, not unmixed with jolly fun, and the hospitality of Col. English and his officers was unsurpassed. Among the invited guests of the afternoon were: The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond de Lotbiniere, Miss Boswell, Mrs. Nanton, Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich, Lieut. Blackler, R.N., the Ward Room and Gun Room Officers of H. M. S. Grafton, Flora, Egeria, Bonaventure, and Shearwater, Captain Baker, R.N., Captain and Mrs. Parry, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Captain Hunt, Lieut. and Mrs. Miles, Lieut. and Mrs. Nairns, Dr. and Mrs. Home, Dr. and Mrs. Hulett, Lieut. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Ling, Lieut. and Mrs. Lawson, Captain and Mrs. Perkins, Messrs. Page and Gels-thorpe and Miss Harris, the Mayor and Mrs. Barnard, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States Consul, Mrs. and Miss Smith, the Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Archbishop Orth, Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, Lieut.-Col. Hall and officers of the Fifth Regiment C. A., Lieut.-Col. Whyte and officers Sixth Regiment C. A., Col., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, members Vancouver, Union and Badminton Clubs, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin H. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, Miss Bullen and Mr. Harry Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Barnard, Rev. W.D. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. and Miss Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beaven, Rev. Canon Beanlands, Mr. and Mrs. Bury, Mr. and Mrs. Burroughes, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and family, the Misses Baiss, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Becker, Sir Henry, Lady and the Misses Crease, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Croft, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Combe, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Mr. J. T. C. Cornwall, Capt. and Mrs. Currie, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Cobbett, Mr. Cruise, Mr. Cookson, Hon. Justice and the Misses Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. Denison, Major Dupont, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunsmuir, Captain, Mrs. and the Misses Devereux, Hon. Edgar and Mrs. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dumbleton, Captain and Mrs. Davidson, Dr. and Miss Davie and Mrs. Ward, Mr. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, Miss Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. English (Cowichan), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Foster, Mr. F. Foster, Mrs. Fleet, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Flumerfelt, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Goward and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and the Misses Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. P. Garnett, Captain, Mrs. and the Misses Ganon, Mrs. and the Misses Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gore and the Misses Hunt, Mr. T. and Mr. A. Gore, Mr. H. M. Grahame, Mr. F.C. Gamble, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Goldfinch, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell and the Misses Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks, Mr. H. Maurice Hills, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Hanington, Mrs. and Miss Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Hulton Harrup, Col. and Mrs. Hall, Hon. Justice and Mrs. Irving, Captain, Mrs. and the Misses Irving, Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. and Miss Nacnaughton Jones, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. Janion, Captain and Mrs. C. Gardiner Johnston (Vancouver), Mr. Geo. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Keefer and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kirk, Mrs. and Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Kitto and family, Mrs. and the Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. and the Misses Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Laundry, Mr. W. H. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, Mr. and Miss Leverton, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas and family, Mr. R. C. Milne, Hon. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Senator, Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Monteith and family, Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. and Miss Musgrave, Mrs. and the Misses Mackay, Mrs. McCallum, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Mara, Mrs. and Miss Martin, Mr. J. Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Mair and Miss Barron, Mr. and Miss Macrae, Dr. and the Misses Newcombe, Rev. J. Nicolaye,

Hon. P. O'Reilly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. and the Misses Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Col. the Hon. E. G. and Mrs. Prior, Miss Prior, Mr. Basil Prior, and Miss Perry, Mr. H. K. and Mr. C. J. Prior, Major, Mrs. and Miss Phipps, Captain Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Prothero, Rev. Canon, Mrs. and the Misses Paddon, Mr. Sydney Pitts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Poff, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Baynes-Reed, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Dr. Herman Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, Mr. J. A. Rithet, Mr. Lanford Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Rev. and Mrs. C. Ensor Sharp, Mrs. Scholefield and family, Mr. and Mrs. Saville, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sweeny (Vancouver), Mrs. Tiarks, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Tilton, Mr. Twigg, Sir Hibbert and Lady Tuppe and the Misses Tupper (Vancouver), Senator and Mrs. Templeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon and family, Mr. Forbes G. Vernon, Mr. A. W. Vowell, Captain and Mrs. Ridgway Wilson, Captain and Mrs. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Wolfenden, Hon. Justice Walkem, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Watt, and Mr. and Mrs. Becker.

The Arbutus Club, formerly the Tuesday Evening Cotillion Club, held a most successful dance at A. O. U. W. hall Thursday evening under the able management of Mrs. Lester, the rejuvenated assembly rooms eliciting many compliments. Music and floor left nothing to be desired. The following were present: Mesdames Johnson, Norton, Newling, Langton and Cuppage, the Misses Monteith, the Misses Lucas, Miss Newcombe, Miss Tupper, Miss T. Hanington, Miss Gladys Baiss, Miss Newling, Miss Bell, the Misses Hickey, Miss Brown, Miss Dorothy Green, Miss Gladys Kane (Brooklyn), Miss Legh, (Salt Spring), Miss Roberts (Kuper Island), and Miss Campbell, Messrs. G. S. Holt, John J. Berington, Roy Troup, Chas. Vernon, Jr., Fred Brown, H. E. A. Robertson, Wilkinson, Mules, Arthur Gore, Hamilton, E. P. Colley, Hutton (Ottawa), Cambie, B. G. Prior, Arnold Raymur, Capt. Martin (Swan Lake), R. L. Bell, L. M. Richardson, Roger Monteith, Joseph C. Bridgman, Merritt (Vancouver), Max Ewart, E. Hanington, T. S. Palmer, and H. F. Langton. The next meeting of the club will be on the evening of Tuesday, November 8.

The visit of General Sir Charles Parsons, C.B., and Lady Parsons has made the present a busy week for the officers at Work Point, the business of the General commanding to the West meaning a succession of inspections and reviews. Lady Parsons preceded her husband in arrival, reaching here on Sunday evening. On Monday a dinner in her honor was given at the Barracks, at which opportunity was afforded the officers of the Army and Navy and their wives to meet the popular visitor. On Thursday the General was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Col. English and his officers; while on Friday afternoon Mrs. Bland entertained at the tea hour in honor of Lady Parsons.

At the home of Mrs. Clyde, Rock Bay avenue, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, the marriage of Mr. Edmund Middleton and Miss Annie Frances Clyde, Rev. J. F. Vichert M.A. performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss M. G. Andrews and the groom by his brother, Mr. James Middleton. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie, trimmed with Valenciennes lace insertion. She carried a beautiful bouquet, a gift from the groom. Miss Andrews wore a handsome gown of white muslin and a pretty gold bracelet, the groom's gift. The large array of handsome presents testified to the popularity of the newly married couple. A wedding supper was afterwards held at which the guests took advantage of the opportunity to offer their congratulations. These were responded to by the groom in an appropriate manner. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton were escorted to the Whatcom, on which they took passage to the Sound, by quite a crowd of friends. On returning from a honeymoon tour of Washington state they will take up their residence in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison (nee Shakespeare) of Nanaimo, spent a portion of their honeymoon here this week.

Hon. Justice Landry of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick is paying a visit to Victoria and other points on the Coast. His Lordship is a former member of the House of Commons, retiring from politics to the bench in 1890. His family is one of the oldest—if not THE oldest—in New Brunswick, being recorded in the first census, of 1670.

The dance of the Colfax Rebekahs, postponed from last Tuesday in consequence of the regrettable death of Mrs. Lange, is now a fixture for the evening of the 25th.

Capt. the Hon. and Mrs. R. G. Tatlow have arrived safely in England, their crossing of the Atlantic being by the Allan liner Ionian.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ohlandt have returned to San Francisco from a honeymoon trip to Nome, and will make their home in the Bay City. Mrs. Helmcken is now visiting Mrs. Ohlandt, her daughter.

Chief Watson was in Vancouver this week attending the convention of fire fighters.

Mr. H. H. Coghlan has arrived from the Old Country and will make his home at Duncans.

Mr. H. B. Barton and his bride (nee Evelyn E. McClury) of Eburne are spending their honeymoon here this week. The wedding was solemnized on Monday by Rev. John A. Logan, Miss E. McClury and Mr. R. E. Chigston being the supporting couple.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Jeffrey Elliott, late of Strathcona's Horse, to Miss Tillie Beatrice Gibbs, of Hartley, Somenos.

Miss H. O'Sullivan is spending a holiday at Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Evans and family, of Ashcroft, are paying the Capital a visit. Mr. Evans is one of the original pioneers of Ashcroft.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tennant of North Yakima spent the week with friends in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellis (nee Sylvester) have returned from a honeymoon trip to California.

Mr. Quinan has left for Revelstoke, where he has been appointed manager of the Bucknam Drug Co.

Mr. David Evans, M.P.P., and Mrs. Evans were mid-week visitors in the city from Cowichan.

Mr. W. Spier, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank at Grand Forks, spent the week in Victoria, on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Megaw and family of Vernon are spending a week on the Coast.

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BETTER TERMS.

"Progress" wishes to correct a statement made over the signature of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to the effect that the subject "better terms" for British Columbia was presented to the Canadian House of Commons in 1901 by Col. Prior and treated with scant courtesy by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Last week we gave a brief history of the presentation of the claims of the province upon the Dominion. These claims were not in the nature of a demand for better terms by which expression readers must understand the increase of the allowance by the federal government to the provincial government. "Better Terms" have nothing to do with annual appropriations. What Col. Prior referred to in his speech in 1901 was the proposals laid before the Dominion government by Mr. Dunsmuir, who was then premier. Col. Prior's speech was simply a presentation orally with comment of what Mr. Dunsmuir had already presented in writing. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took up the several points and expressed his opinion freely upon them. It is not the purpose of "Progress" to go into particulars; but having given an absolutely accurate outline of what was done, it feels that it ought not to allow its statement to be inferentially contradicted by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper without saying anything in reply.

The question of "better terms" for British Columbia has never been discussed in Parliament. The most that can be truthfully said about it is that the government of Mr. McBride has formulated a claim for the readjustment of the financial relations of the province and the Dominion, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said that he proposes to take up this and the demands of the other provinces of the earliest convenient day. Mr. Borden has said substantially that he will do the same thing, if he comes into power. There is plenty of material for a political campaign without resorting to a misrepresentation of the facts of recent parliamentary history.

The Board of Trade has been very active since the last annual meeting and has accomplished considerable good work. At the next meeting, which will be held next month, it is proposed that the rescinding of the order in council permitting United States steamers to engage in the coasting trade on the Pacific coast of Canada shall be discussed. This order in council was passed at the instance of the Victoria Board of Trade, and when an attempt was made during the height of the Klondike business to have it rescinded, the motion was voted down. Now that the trade has dwindled, and the share in it done by this city has greatly fallen off, the action of the government is sought. It is said that the C. P. R. will enter into certain undertakings as to the Skagway service, if United States steamers are kept from handling Canadian freight destined for the Yukon. The question is not of nearly so much importance to Victoria as it was, and as was pointed out at the meeting of the Board yesterday, the action asked of the government involves the placing of the northern Canadian business in the hands of one company. A very interesting discussion may be expected, when the question is again brought up.

MILK, MUCK OR A MIXTURE?

Editor "Progress":—I am informed that there is such a thing as a Milk Inspection Act in existence here at the present time, although facts point to the contrary. A couple of years ago it was a common occurrence to see milkmen stopped on the street and samples taken from their cans to be tested. But such inspection appears now to be a dead letter. To-day I had a glass of milk with my lunch, and was utterly disgusted to find at the bottom of the glass a quantity of black muck of some sort. It has also been a common occurrence during the past month to see a deposit of a quarter of an inch or more of a disagreeable looking black deposit in the bottom of a pint pitcher. You can readily see, sir, that no more prolific source of typhoid fever, diphtheria, etc., could exist than such disgustingly impure milk. It is not my intention at the present time to mention names, but I hope that milkmen interested will see for themselves that such a bad state of affairs is not in their own interests. I expect that the trouble lies in that some of the men supplying milk in Victoria do not insist that the cow's udder is washed or at least wiped with a damp cloth before milking.

CLEANLINESS.

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The Week in Society

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Mr. D. G. Macdonell of Vancouver spent several days of this week with Victoria friends.

Mr. Basil Gardom returned to Endorby last week, having greatly enjoyed a visit to Victoria.

Mrs. William Mackenzie of Toronto is visiting friends here and in the Terminal City.

Mrs. W. N. Carmichael has returned to her home in Whitehorse after a pleasant holiday with friends here.

Mr. J. H. Senkler of Vancouver is enjoying a shooting visit to Shawnigan Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whiffen visited Mainland friends this week.

Mr. William MacNeill spent the week on the mainland.

Mr. and Miss Maitland-Dougall of Cowichan have left for Scotland where they will make an extended visit.

Miss Grant and Miss James, two ladies of Melbourne, Australia, who are making a tour of the world, have arrived here on the last stage of their long journey.

A wedding of considerable brilliancy this month in London will be that of Miss Pauline Astor. The jewels Miss Astor has already received are said to be worth more than \$1,250,000. Her wedding gown is to be of ivory satin, draped with priceless lace.

Mrs. Worsfold of New Westminster entertained at the tea hour last Monday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Charles of this city, who is her guest. The table was very prettily decorated in red dahlias and Virginia creeper.

Mrs. Eckford of Calgary and the Misses Hendrie of Hamilton are to spend next week as the guests of their Victoria friends.

Mr. J. W. Bowes has returned from a visit to Cumberland.

Mr. George M. Perdue has returned from a pleasant vacation visit to the Kootenays, Montana and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eaton and the Misses Eaton, from Nova Scotia, are the guests of Mr. Eaton's brother, Superintendent Eaton, and will shortly take up their residence here, at 20 Scoresby street.

Dr. D. McLeod of Grand Forks, Y.T., is the guest of Dr. George Duncan, Fort street, returning from an extended tour to Great Britain, France and Germany.

Captain and Mrs. Gibson of Chemainus spent the week with Victoria friends.

Mrs. A. McDonald of Dawson has arrived to spend the winter months with her sister, at 45 Menzies street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bullen of Tacoma are visiting friends here.

Mr. Reginald B. Anderson, who for the last four weeks has been enjoying a well-earned holiday with his parents, left by the Amur on Wednesday evening en route for Atlin to resume his duties in the Government office.

The marriage of Mr. Charles B. Quigley, a popular young lacrosseist engaged in business here with Mr. Andrew Blygh, to Miss Nellie Galloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Galloway of Nanaimo, was celebrated on Wednesday of this week at the Royal Cafe, Rev. W. Leslie Clay being the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Blygh witnessed the ceremony, at which were present a few of the more intimate friends of the contracting parties. The wedding supper was in the best style of the Cafe, an exquisite repast, and the tables were decorated with roses violets and chrysanthemums. Upon the return from the Sound, where the honeymoon is being spent, Mr. and Mrs. Quigley will make their home at No. 8 Avalon Road.

St. Barnabas Church was the scene on Wednesday of a pretty autumn wedding, the principals in which were Mr. William John Webb and Miss Elizabeth Isaacson. The bride wore gowned in white corded silk, with veils and orange blossoms, bridal roses and

carnations forming her shower bouquet. She was given away by Mr. H. Callow, while Miss Lucy Kemp was bridesmaid—a pretty figure in white organdie over pink taffeta with picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. H. Watkinson, while Rev. E. G. Miller, rector of St. Barnabas, officiated. The wedding supper and reception were at the residence of Mr. Callow, 107 Fort street, and after receiving the congratulations of their many friends Mr. and Mrs. Webb left on a post nuptial tour of the Sound cities. They are to make Victoria their place of residence.

Upon Rev. W. Leslie Clay last Wednesday devolved the pleasant duty of uniting in matrimony Mr. Daniel Arnason, of the B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s staff, and Miss Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson of 34 Humboldt street, at whose residence the wedding was duly celebrated—the home being very prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion. A brother and a sister of the groom and the bride respectively were the supporting couple. Mr. and Mrs. Arnason also are honeymooning over the Sound.

Among the newly wedded visitors to Victoria this week were Mr. and Mrs. John Royle of Nicola, whose marriage was solemnized last Saturday by Rev. G. Mason. The bride, Miss Gertrude McKittrick of Kamloops, was attended by her friend, Miss Nellie Hunter, while Mr. Norman Woodward assisted the groom.

Hon. Justice Craig of Dawson, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Craig, left for California this week, after an all-too-brief stay with Victoria friends.

Dr. J. N. Elliott Brown, territorial secretary for the Yukon, and Mrs. Brown, who is the well known newspaper woman "Faith Fenton," have left for the East on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. J. W. Williams and Mrs. Robert Croft have returned from a visit with Mainland friends.

Mrs. A. O. Rutherford of Toronto, president of the Dominion W. C. T. U., was a guest this week of the local women workers.

Hon. Francis Lacy Carter-Cotton was over this week from the Terminal City.

Mrs. W. H. Spofford has returned from a visit to Winnipeg and Minneapolis.

Mr. C. C. Worstold of New Westminster is visiting the city.

Mr. D. E. Campbell has returned from a fortnight's shooting in Lillooet, as the guest of Dr. Sanson.

Miss Gertrude and Miss Katherine Curry of Tacoma are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. J. J. Whiteley, 44 Vancouver street.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Lucas have left on a visit to friends in Hamilton, Ont.

Mrs. Eulalie Blygh has returned from an extended visit to Atlin.

Society is whispering of the engagement of Mr. B. G. Goward and Miss Beale.

Mrs. Maitland-Dougall of Cowichan is the guest this week of Mrs. Arthur W. Jones.

Mrs. Erb intends wintering in California.

Mr. and Mrs. William Love (nee Johnson) of Vancouver have returned to the Terminal City after a delightful honeymoon here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilkinson of London, Eng., who have been making a tour of the Coast cities and a somewhat extended stay in Victoria, have left for home.

Mr. J. W. McIntosh of Vancouver is visiting Victoria friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Lefevre of Vancouver are the guests this week of Victoria friends.

Mrs. J. W. Bland has returned to Vancouver after a week's visit with friends here.

Mrs. and Miss Sprague of Toronto who have been visiting here and in Vancouver, have returned home.

Mr. F. W. Vallean, gold commissioner or Omineca, is visiting relatives here

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Victorians have it within their own power to determine whether or not this city shall have a visit from that eminent American pianiste Mary Hallock. A subscription list has been opened at Wait's and Fletcher's music stores, and if a sufficient guarantee be thus obtained, two recitals will be given here—on the evenings of the 3rd and 4th November proximo.

At the Grand next week, Manager Jamieson will present the following especially strong bill of attractions: Mr. Frederic Roberts, in illustrated song, "He Laid Away a Suit of Grey, to Wear the Union Blue"; Dave Samuels, Hebrew comedian; The Kramers, Bingham and Gable, in novelty musical act; Arthur O. Folkert, whistler; MacLain and Mack, presenting Mr. MacLain's comedy "From Lovey Dovey to Utsey"; and now moving pictures.

Arthur Dunn, a favorite with Victoria audiences among the comic opera comedians, will be here in his new and great success on the 10th proximo, his offering being "The Runaways," with the original New York Casino Company and the identical production in which Sherbert, Nixon and Zimmerman have invested \$75,000.

Isadore Rush, who brings "Glittering Gloria" here in the course of ten days or a fortnight, is under the same management as "San Toy"—that of John C. Fisher. The cast includes George Parsons, Wilton Heriot, Edward M. Favor, Bert Clark, Channez Olney, Lulu Louden, J. Gunnis Davis, Thomas A. Kierman, Irma Davis, George Jackson and W. S. Freeman.

No previous season at the Victoria Theatre has shown a better early-in-the-season month than the present, for attractiveness of bookings. "San Toy," Kyrle Bellew, "The Wizard of Oz," "Glittering Gloria," and "The County Chairman" form a strong quintette of bookings.

H. J. Hooley, the eccentric comedy star, assisted by Miss Mae Jackson, will be seen at the Savoy next week in a society playette, "The Artist's Dream."

Mrs. J. W. Smith (which is the plain off-stage name of Beatrice Lorne, the favorite vocalist of the Yukon) has just reached the Outside with her daughter, Miss Constance James, who is to attend school in California.

George Ade's amusing play "The County Chairman" closes the month at the Victoria.

Rehearsals for "Dorothy" proceed apace.

Florence Roberts is to be here early next month with a revival of "As You Like It."

Isadore Rush is making a hit as "Glittering Gloria," to be seen here within the ensuing fortnight.

Frank Daniels in "The Office Boy" has taken San Francisco and Portland by storm. He doesn't come here.

There are already an even dozen of mellerdrammers with the Russo-Japanese war as an excuse.

Harry Corson Clarke is doing the name part successfully in "Mr. Wix of Wixham."

Esther Lyon, once a resident of this city and lately with the Baker Stock Company, is to create the leading female part in "Commonsense Brackett," in which Richard Golden is to star.

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The Wizard of Oz," which is scheduled for production next Thursday, will not only attract an immense house, but throughout the country "The Wizard" has been received by the most enthusiastic and delighted assemblages of all conditions of life. It is a show in one" entertainment, comedy of London pantomime and smart American extravaganza. It is the entertainment that appeals to the sophisticated cynic as well as to the juvenile population. The two principal comedy attractions, the Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman, are absolutely unique in the annals of extravaganza. No musical extravaganza of recent origin has had many catchy and melodious numbers like its score as "The Wizard of Oz." The original music in "The Wizard" has been supplemented by "Rosalie," "I Never Loved a Love as I Love You," "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie"; such notable comic songs as "It's Enough to Make a Perfect Lady Mad," "The Nightmare" and "Must You." All the favorites, "Sammy," "The Traveller and the Pie" and "When You Love, Love," have been retained.

There is a curious inconsistency in most everyone which shows itself in disposition to sympathize, lionize and apologize for the criminal of the extra-repulsive ruffian a Bill Sykes, but the criminal of even-suit, cigarette, daring and cleverness, ready wit and—the best lines the actor can provide. "Captain Swift," "The Penman," "A Social Highway" and "Raffles"—they are all club-chaps, playgoers like them, and inuating circumstances are found for them with delight. These stage crooks made just a little more manly and active as a rule than the best peo-moving in the same play, and it is really bad that it should be so in as the young person privileged to and the theatre is concerned. Per the popularity of the well nigh possible stage criminal is at the root of the idiotic idolatry of convicted malefactors that has so shown itself among mean young womanhood. One thing certain: the playwright who pro- these noble criminals doesn't study closely the real life article. The inal may upon occasion be able to good clothes comfortably and, but wit and good manners are included in his stock in trade. The professional thief is as miserable and attractive a specimen of humanity as he can find. Any police report will ex- He has cunning but not wit or ingence. "Raffles" presents an ex- for his contradictions of real life in the circumstance of inherited animal instinct. He raises himself the play to which his name is given the level of scientific study. He is ideal gentleman, aside from his merited predilection for the appropri- on of things not his own, and every- wanted him to escape. Which he

In "Raffles" the unnaturalness of "hero" is atoned for in the perfect ability to life of the police detective. is the best of his class offered stage- in years. There is nothing Sherlock- Holmesy about Captatin Bedford. To p the amateur crookman Holmes ould have pursued far different meth- . Had Holmes entered Raffles' apart- he would have seen in the dust the table where the cracksman had momentarily deposited the stolen di- and necklace, and he would have walk- over to Raffles and pulled the jew- from his pocket. Such a thing ould look well in play or story but it ould not occur in real life. But Holmes 't a natural police detective. Captain dford is. The latter saw no dust he did see the safe, and was about search it when interrupted. Raffles' scription of his tussle with the profes- sional burglar was so minute that it de- ted its purpose and aroused the first picion in the mind of Bedford. To firm the suspicion that Raffles took e jewels from the professional, Bed- permitted Crawshaw apparently to ape, hoping that Crawshaw would ck Raffles and demand a return of the nder. The scheme worked. It is an l police trick, worth more in real- than all of Holmes' fine-spun theor-. Kyrle Bellew, the star, is a house- d word among matinee gells and is a lished, dignified and distinguished glish actor, who needs no praise, ce all the good things have long ago en said about him. E. M. Holland, ver, outranked the star, or came so it that Bellew's precedence was not ceivable except through the promi- nce given his name in the big type.

Mr. Holland was a treat and his acting was unmitigated joy. A person gains an inkling of true acting, of what character work really is, on witnessing his Captain Bedford.

If the lady will permit, "Progress" begs to present its compliments to Miss Eva B. Perkins, advertised upon the programme for the current week at the Grand as a "singing cartoonist," whom all who have attended this week or may do so to-day, will agree is one of the most thoroughly refined and pleasing entertainers it has been Manager Jamieson's good fortune to introduce to his friends and patrons. Miss Perkins is not a great fever-exciting wonder. She is an unassuming, dainty, refined and in every way wholesome worker in a new line. She makes pictures in crayon that are really pretty and artistic, and she sings a couple of good ballads simply and effectively while she is working. Her voice is not a large one, but it is exceedingly sweet and sympathetic. Her entire act is marked with the charm of refinement, newness and originality. She will be cordially welcomed whenever she comes here again. Then there is on this week's card of attractions the great Falardo, "The Instrumental Man." Falardo is an American of the hustling sort—a legitimate descendant of one Phineas T. Barnum whose biblical motto was "let your light so shine before men." Falardo is assuredly a marvel in the versatility he displays in imitating various band and orchestral instruments, chimes of bells, etc. But he is inclined to spoil the effect of a thoroughly good act by his bombastic manifestations of self-approval—which really lead the public to expect too much of him. His banjo and 'cello imitations are particularly good and true to the instrument, while his Salvation Army, little German band, and street car climbing a grade are wonderful for their fidelity and the poves of observation and reproduction they attest. The Three Moores, old friends returning, are seen and heard in a ridiculously amusing skit that brings in a couple of trios effectively sung (Mr. Moore unquestionably has a voice worthy of better things); and the Aldeans do a neat bar turn with an accompaniment of English clowning. The illustrated song of the week, which Mr. Roberts is giving in particularly good voice and style, is known as "She Sleeps by the Suwanee River"—another of the pale moon and cemetery headstone brand; while for the moving pictures the house is right up-to-date with a series of "Buster Brown" that is voted by both young and old the best line yet offered. Everyone knows Buster from the newspaper supplements, and seeing the living pictures at the Grand this week is like becoming personally acquainted. Oh, yes, there is another on the bill—one Joe Allmon, blackface monologist and singer. He also ran.

It is expected that the band of the Fifth Regiment, which has reached the last cities in its World's Fair tour, will return home on Friday next, and arrangements have been made for two closing concerts in the Victoria Theatre here on Friday and Saturday evenings, in which the reorganized band, as it delighted hundreds of thousands at the Canadian Building and at the great Stadium, at the St. Louis Exposition, will be heard. There has been a common false impression among people at home that Bandmaster Finn proposed to present the identical musicians whom Victoria knew as making up the band of the Fifth, in his concerts at the great fair. This would have been hardly consistent with the band leader's determination that the band should be a great and harmonious advertisement of the city. It is the same band—with many additions of soloists whose names are famous among the musicians of America. It is expected that all these will be with the band for the concerts here next week, and Victorians owe it both to the band and to themselves to turn out en masse and make the final concert of the tour memorable for their enthusiastic character. The hammer has been much in evidence with respect to this effort to advertise Victoria, and it is about time its funeral was celebrated with rejoicing. It also would be well for all the city to hear the band that Mr. Finn has got together, and which can easily be kept intact and a standing advertisement for the city and delight to the citizens if a little of the so-called Seattle spirit is introduced. A really high-class band such as this, would be of infinite advantage to the

city. By pulling altogether Victorians can have it without any especial sacrifice by anyone. Why not have it? The Spokane papers—it is in Spokane that the band closes its touring engagement—speak in terms of the highest praise of its performances. They class it a stronger and more satisfactory engagement than that of the Royal Italian band, which they had for their fair week last year.

George Ade's notable comedy-drama, "The County Chairman," which Henry W. Savage offers at the Victoria theatre on the evening of the 27th, does not rely upon politics, as the title might indicate, for its chief interest—although the humors of a campaign for State Attorney in a village in the Middle West are strongly brought out—really concerns the love making of Tillford Wheeler and Lucy Rigby. Wheeler is a fine looking young fellow, the law partner of Jim Hackler, the county chairman. Lucy Rigby is a pretty schoolma'm, the daughter of old Judge Rigby, the life-long enemy of Hackler, and candidate in opposition to Wheeler for State's Attorney. This very human story engages the attention of the audience from the beginning to the end of "The County Chairman," the greatest American play of a decade.

One of the strongest vaudeville turns presented locally for some time is that offered by Manager Boyd of Le Petit Crystal this week in Latosia, the original "Happy Hooligan of the Wheel." Latosia is a comedian of some skill—a trick cyclist with few equals and no superiors. His entire act is replete with novelty and such sureness and finish of execution that make the most difficult items of the act seem to the audience as easy as sitting down in a rocking chair. In particular is Latosia wonderful in his balancing on the ordinary common or garden bike, and in his unicycle work. The Conners contribute singing and nonsense in an up-to-date sketch; Alf. P. James is to the fore with a new line of songs and stories; Price and Lysle contribute more singing and dancing of a neat order; and "The Little Rustic Cottage by the Stream" thoroughly suits Mr. Trainor, the interpreter of the illustrated songs.

The engagement here on Thursday of "The Wizard of Oz" excites much pleasurable anticipation. Whenever his Highness, the "Wizard," deigns to honor a community with a visit, a rousing welcome is assured this potentate and his merry court of followers. The charming little Kansas heroine, Dorothy Gale, and her playfellows, the Lion and the Cow, have endeared themselves to every youngster in America who has been fortunate enough to enjoy the glimpse into fairyland afforded by "The Wizard of Oz." The whimsical Scarecrow and the quaint Tin Woodman are likewise welcomed as dear and familiar friends whenever they return to add to the gaiety of the play-going public.

"The Pierrots" last performance takes place on Monday evening; they will certainly have a large audience. Folks as clever at entertaining as Mr. and Mrs. Millar are should be encouraged to come to this city and the people at Victoria should not miss this chance of showing their appreciation of these two artists' work, by giving them a bumper house. The Pierrots tell us that any old favorite items will be repeated, by request, and a rattling good programme is promised. Vancouver is the next town at which these artists perform—taking in Saanich and Salt Spring Island en route.

"A Friend of the Family," which was Wednesday's offering at the View street playhouse, could not chortle over any capacity business. The farce, which is on the traditional lines of confusion worse confounded originally exploited for the English stage in the immortal "Comedy of Errors," and worked over in "The Wrong Mr. Wright," "What Happened to Jones," and a score of others, was last given here a year or more ago, with Alice Johnson in the strong part. It has improved with age, for the new leading woman (Miss Magrane) fits the part even better than did buxom Miss Johnson. The latter by the way forsook the stage to marry a nephew of the late Ben Butler. He committed suicide in a fit of temporary insanity.

Hilarious burlesque in a musical comedy setting deftly describes "The Order of the Garter," the new attraction at the Savoy theatre which will be seen for the first time in this city Monday. The new travesty has been adapted specially for the clever cast by M. J. Hooley, who has constructed his vehicle with true burlesque spirit, fitting all members of the company with work

particularly adapted to them. The Divine Dodson, known as the "Duchess of Central Park," will begin a limited engagement next Monday evening at the Savoy, singing the latest success, "The Girl With the Changeable Eyes." The eccentric Clark Sisters, singing and dancing comediennes, are still retained at the Savoy. Monday witnesses the initial appearance at the Savoy of Miss Pearl Ashley, singing comedienne; also the first appearance of Miss Fiola Le Page, serio-comic, in vocal selections, Smith and Ellis at the Savoy next week will present another of their unique sketches. Mr. Smith is an exceptionally good comedian of quiet droll methods, while Miss Ellis is a charming woman, with a well cultivated voice, that will be heard to advantage in several well chosen selections.

The Lyric on Broad street has been presenting an unusually good show this week with three or four additions to the list of people. These include an excellent baritone, Mr. Lambert, and a pleasing balladist, Alice Windermere, in addition to the house favorite, Rose Perry, who celebrated her twenty-first birthday this week with a pleasant little gathering of intimate friends. The engagement has been continued by request of the popular petite singer and dancer Florence Patterson, who seems to hold as well as win popularity wherever she goes. Other favorites of the house are Mae B. Stanley, Flora St. Ives (the musical artiste), and Mamie Perry.

A thoroughly finished and artistic production "As You Like It" is a treat of the near future at the Victoria.

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New Westminster is the same old lobby-act specialist, as witness the following special from the Royal City under date of the 12th instant: "The local lacrosse club to-night received a challenge from the Vancouver lacrosse club to play a game in Vancouver on October 22, the winners to take 60 and losers 40 per cent. of the gate after expenses are paid. The only condition is that New Westminster immediately re-join the league. The local officials state that the challenge will not be considered. New Westminster will only re-enter the league conditionally on Vancouver and Victoria paying them moneys due for the defaulted games, that each team posts a forfeit of \$100 to be forfeited when the team defaults and that Westminster and Vancouver play off for the championship. After the financial loss in bringing out the Shamrocks from Winnipeg it is likely that an arrangement on these terms will be made and a game played October 22 which is sure to be the greatest drawing card in the way of lacrosse ever seen on the Coast."

The Rugbyites of Victoria have re-organized with enthusiasm that promises well. Hereafter the three teams—senior, intermediate and junior—will be, as they are in Vancouver, under one management, and all interested in the game will pull together for its advancement. Officers of the Victoria Club have been chosen as hereunder: President, George Day; vice-presidents, Geo. Gillespie and Col. Wolfenden; secretary, D. Leeming; treasurer, H. Austin; senior captain, F. A. Macrae; vice-captain, K. Scholefield; intermediate captain, L. Foote; vice-captain, C. Berkeley; junior captain, A. Jeffs; vice-captain, W. Kinloch; executive committee, J. E. Cornwall, Mr. Barnacle, W. Heath, P. Austin and B. Prior. These officials will form the management of the three teams. They will deal with all business connected with the arrangement of exhibition matches, and will fix the time and place for practice games. In fact all Rugby football matters will receive their attention. The club will contest the senior, intermediate and junior championships with Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Mr. H. L. Salmon's sweep for the Cambridgeshire now in progress is the last of these events for the year 1904. The great Cambridgeshire sweepstakes is run at Newmarket, England, on Wednesday, October 26, the sweep being drawn for on the 25th. No subscriptions will be received after the night of the 24th so as to enable the committee in charge to prepare for the drawing. Although the first prize in the recent St. Leger was sold in Nanaimo it was held by a resident of this city who was engaged in some business in the Black Diamond City and happening to pass Young's cigar store saw the advertisement of the sweep. This was his very first investment of the kind, which certainly turned out fortunate.

To-day the stalwart athletes of the Royal Engineers are visiting Ladner in acceptance of a challenge received from the tug-of-war team of the fishing and farming hamlet. The Ladner folk noted with interest that the Engineers swept the earth with their rivals in the recent tournament in this city at exhibition time, and forthwith issued a defi. As a result the Engineers went over this morning with an Alexander expression upon their bronzed countenances.

Physical culture has been taken up with glee by the athletes of the J. B. A. A., under the instruction of Sergeant Dunn. Among the members of this year's class are J. Leeming, J. Sutherland, R. J. Simpson, D. O'Sullivan, C. McKilligan, J. Simpson, H. Brown, K. P. Morrison, C. Briggs, J. Scott, P. Austin, J. Hart, P. Andrews, T. Watson, F. Dresser, Bert Hobbs, H. W. Lang, F. Clarke, N. Hardie and F. W. Thomas.

Fifty two pheasants to a single gun in one day is a record that one so-called sportsman of Victoria is boasting about. If a really good sportsman killed fifty-two pheasants in a day in the vicinity of Victoria he would be so ashamed of himself that he would keep quiet. Possibly this triumphant one will have business to with the cold storage warehouse long after the season is at an end. There is an object lesson in his kill—to amend the game law prescribing a maximum day's bag.

About the best legitimate pheasant bag of the season was that reported for

The Victoria District Football Association has decided with regard to Victoria West's claim to the intermediate cup, that the cup had only been in competition twice, the competition during 1902 having been for a special cup put up by the association and won by the Capitals. The cup now being played for must be won three times in succession, 1902 being a dead year. Victoria West won in 1901 and 1903; so if they win this year they hold the trophy.

Messrs. MacNeill and Mutter of Someros, twenty brace for the two guns the first day of the season. Mr. MacNeill's dog, Don, is a handsome and very intelligent English setter; Mr. Mutter has in Paddy another almost ideal sporting dog for the character of the country in which most of his work is done.

There promises to be keen and exciting sport in connection with the J.B.A.A. handicap doubles handball tournament opening on Monday and entries for which close today. Already about sixteen couples are entered, while the present champions, Messrs. Dave Jones and Walter Jesse, will do their best in defence of their honors.

A very close and at times brilliant lacrosse match—although the play was too open on the whole—was that of Tuesday at Caledonia Park between Victoria and the reinforced Shamrocks of Winnipeg, Victoria winning 8 to 7. West, Belfrey, Haughton, Fred Cullin and the Lorimers were the heroes of the day for the blue and white.

The organization of an intermediate series in the Victoria Association Football League has been deferred until additional entries are obtained, but two teams being at present available—Victoria West and the Capitals. The junior series will be contested by St. Louis College, the High School, James Bay and North Ward.

An Association football match between Victoria and the United Service has been arranged for Thanksgiving Day—yet a long way off—the proceeds being devoted to a veteran-footballer, J. Deckers, who is in need.

Fishing is good again in both lakes and streams. At Cowichan lake this week those two expert fishermen, Messrs. B. J. Perry and Harry Wille, secured some 300 fish in three days' fly fishing.

There will be practice matches of both Rugby and Soccer this afternoon.

Nelson didn't have much trouble in putting it over the Seattle lacrosse team, to the tune of 12 to 9.

A close season for musk oxen in the unorganized districts of Canada has been provided, to extend from the 31st August to the 31st May in each year.

Percy Cove of Seattle (an ex-Torontonian) and Jockey Bennett of Sacramento fought 20 hard rounds to a draw at Philharmonic Hall Thursday evening. The boxing was on the free-for-all order.

Colin Hill has issued a challenge to Jockey Bennett for a 20-round go a fortnight hence, at 122 lbs. ringside.

Victoria West plays the Garrison (Association Football) at the Barracks today.

Nanaimo and Ladysmith Rugby teams are to meet on the 22nd.

Oak Bay Park will hereafter be Victoria's sporting centre.

The ladies' hockey club has chosen Miss Nason as captain for the season; Miss Dolly Sehl, vice-captain; Miss Wilson, secretary-treasurer; and Misses Baiss, Hardie, Leeming and Brown, committee, in addition to the officers. The prospects for the season are rosy.

United Victoria won in the first engagement this season of teams in the city league. Victoria West were the defeated, and the score 5 to 3.

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Military Matters.

The Fifth Regiment had a fair turnout on Thursday evening, Nos. 1 and 5 Companies making the best showing. Col. aHll marched the Regiment up Col. Hall marched the Regiment up the Bugle Band—which latter is showing evident signs of being in the near future one of the best Bugle Bands in the Militia Force, under the careful training of Sergt. Trumpeter Earle. The men looked well and smart, and marched in good time.

On their return to the Hall Col. Hall addressed the Regiment, briefly outlining the drill programme for the coming season. He announced that the new Dundonald Drill would be adopted at once, and the first instruction therein would be given at the Regimental School of Instruction which opens on Wednesday next. It is anticipated that the School will be largely attended in consequence.

This new drill is pronounced to be good, but it is also said to contain some brain rackers, but then that is nothing strange as all good drill books contain these, and occasional guessing must be done. In any event the drill will certainly be found entertaining.

General Parsons, who is now in Victoria carried out his inspection of the R. G. A's. at the Barracks on Thursday last, and that of the Royal Engineers on Friday morning. It is the intention of the General to inspect the Fifth Regiment on Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Drill Hall, and a Regimental Parade has consequently been ordered for that time; although this is very short notice, every member will be ordered to parade, and it is hoped that there will be but few empty spaces in the sections. Full dress tunics, helmets, pouch and side-arms is the order of the day.

THE COURIER'S LITTLE JOKE.

(Hugh Kennedy.)

Everyone who takes a healthy interest in other people's business must have felt some curiosity, when reading that column of the daily papers headed "In Music's Realm," "The World of Tone," or "Quavers and Crotchets," as to the sources from which the reporter drew his fillers. It is a problem on which the reporter himself rarely throws any light. His scissors have a trick of snipping off the name of the journal in whose reading columns they make such gaps. He seeks rather to give the impression that he is in direct personal communication with the celebrities whose press agent he aspires to be. He has wireless connections with Berlin and Paris and Leipzig, if you will believe him, or he is merely throwing off the hints dropped by Bisphan or Kubelick over a glass of port the last time he dined with them.

Of course one can make allowance for the haste of the reporter. It takes time to give credit, and time is money. There may have been a divorce, or a hold-up, or a head-on collision, and the music reporter may have been detailed to "cover" it, and the paper goes to press at four, and who cares about the music, anyhow?

As a matter of fact there is only one paper on this continent whose business it is to collect from world-wide sources and publish at first hand, news items of interest to musicians. On that paper most of the dailies from James Bay to the Gulf of Mexico depend for much of their music news of more than merely local bearing, and it is rib-tickling to notice the shifts to which some of them resort to cover their plagiarism. For all such the New York Musical Courier has laid a temptingly baited trap. The catch has been large, according to the Courier.

Here is the bait hung up in a recent issue:

"The Moscow composer Sihtelotsew has finished a curious new musical work, which is one-third opera, one third symphony and one-third oratorio. The opus is called "Croumerf Rethei" ("The Rise of the World") and takes over five hours in performance."

Then the heartless editors of the Courier employed several press clipping bureaus and made a list of the newspapers that copied the item without acknowledging its source. The list includes English and German, as well as American victims. One paper printed the item as a cable dispatch from Moscow, while another predicted that this "triple jointed invention" would soon be heard in London. Those who would taste the kernel of the joke have only to spell Sihtelotsew backwards. The

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