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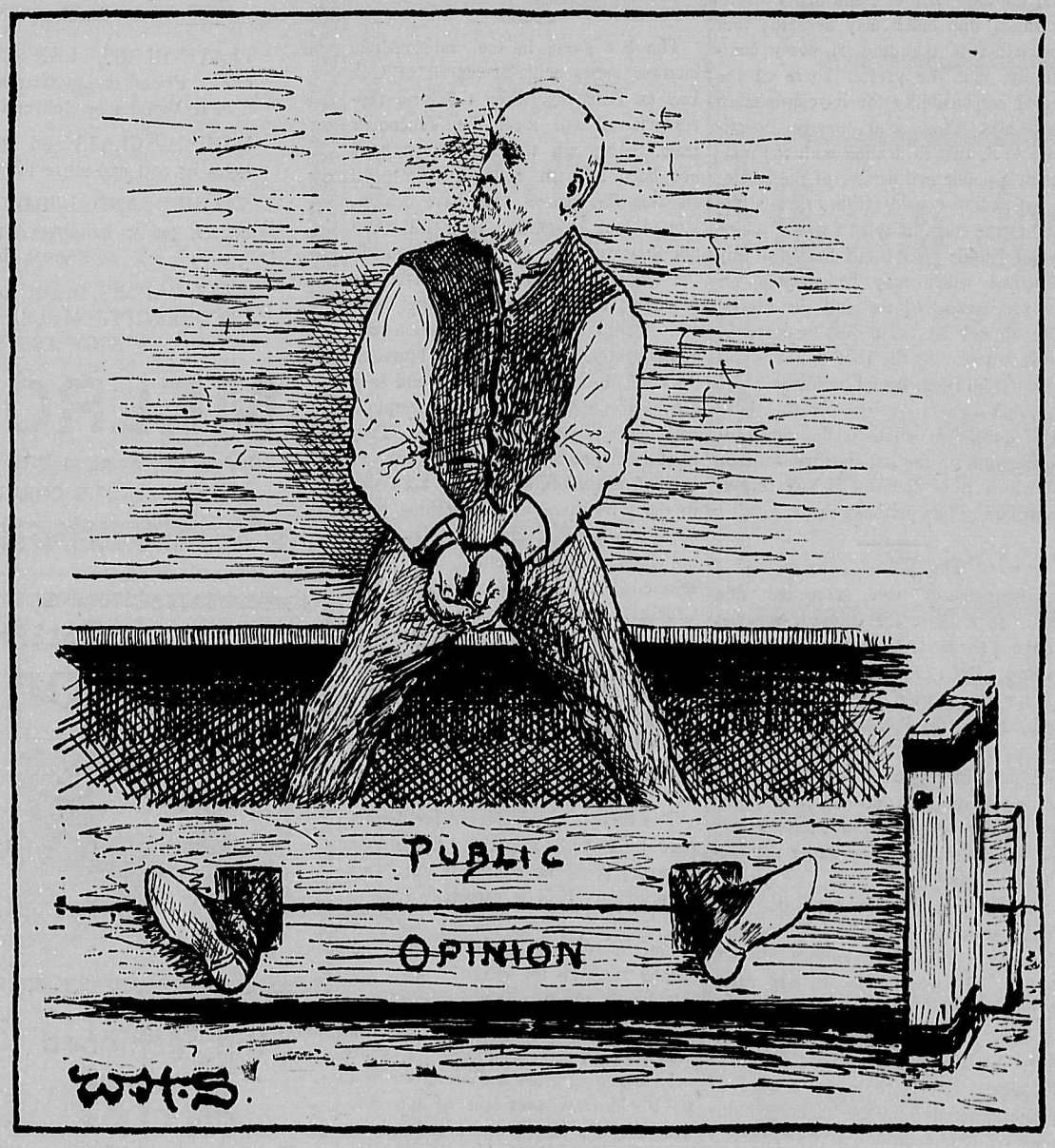
The Editor's Review

Of Current Topics.

Solved oblem. Everyone who knows Mr. Frederick Peters, K.C., believes him to be strictly honorable man and a thorgh gentleman. This entitles him personal respect and consideration, point on which The Week will not ndertake to differ with his most rdent admirers. His findings on the endray Investigation will meet with e approbatiion of every man who as followed the evidence, whether e be a Liberal or a Conservative. hey are in strict accordance with e evidence adduced, and such as a an of integrity was certain to arve at. If the Commissioner had onfined himself to announcing the sult of his investigation, which was ll that his instructions demanded, e would have strengthened his potion in the public estimation, and ould have furnished one of the few are examples in Canadian public life f a politician doing justice to the pposite party. But although an adirable, and in many respects a lovble man, Mr. Peters is not exempt om "the last infirmity of noble inds," and felt called upon to tread the footsteps of many illustrious redecessors by giving reasons for is conclusions, and "inter-alia" andering over a field which had ttle or nothing to do with the case. or instance, since the Commissioner mself had declared that the visit f Mrs. Anderson to Mr. P. R. rown, the possible acquiring of inormation during that interview, and e communicating of it to her husnd were all perfectly legitimate atters, it is difficult to understand hy he should have gone out of his ay to animadvert upon her evidence n this point, especially as by his wn declaration it was not essential the case. One would have thought at when every other witness corborated the Andersons in the esntial points of the case, that fact one should have protected them om criticism in connection with a on-essential matter, espcially as the contretemps" to which Mr. Peters fers was forced upon them by his wn ineptitude. It arose in this way, at early in the case it became perctly clear to all disinterested pares, including the Commissioner, that iggins' charges must break down; hereupon the Commissioner form a theory (as shown by his method cross-examination) that Mrs. Andson had gone to Mr. Brown's office r the purpose of running a bluff on m, to ascertain what price Mr. ndray had tendered. If this theory re correct it was essential that the mmissioner should be able to show t Mrs. Anderson communicated e result of her visit to her husnd, and every one present at the vestigation will remember how, af the witness had passed with hon through the critical cross-examinon of Mr. Frank Higgins, Mr. Pet took her in hand and by a pros of persistent cross-examination ting more than twenty minutes, litlly forced her to make the admisn that a mere wave of her hand to husband was to be interpreted as intelligible signal. Mr. Peters s bent on gaining his point, and as one of the most skilful and subtle cross-examiners in Canada, he succeeded. He must have something, and as he couldn't get words he made up his mind that anything would do, even a wave or a wink; and he got the wave. When Mr. Peters casts the reflection he does upon two witnesses who gave consistent and unshaken testimony he may not be aware of it, but to the minds of most people it will apppear that he is manifesting chagrin at the destruction of his favorite theory, rather than making a comment, either judicial or justifiable. There is one other phase of Mr. Peters' report where he says "that the editor of The World cannot be blamed for publishing the charge on the information that had been given out at the time that he did." This is especially inexplicable in view of the last clause of the paragraph, which says "I think the story told by Mr. Brown, unexplained by further evidence, was calculated to arouse suspicion—a suspicion which has happily been completely removed." One cannot resist the conclusion that in making these remarks Mr. Peters had something more in mind than comment upon the case. The admissions of Mr. Higgins that he accepted the type-written document "holusbolus," and after publishing it as an editorial repeated the charges at intervals for nearly a month before taking any steps to ascertain its reliability, surely disentitle him to any consideration. But beyond all, his abject admission at the end of the enquiry that his informant's name (which of course was known to him all along), would not strengthen the case, and that that person could not furnish any additional evidence, must always remain the strongest condemnation of the course pursued by Mr. Higgins. How, after these admissions and this total disregard for the reputation of public men Mr. Commissioner Peters can exonerate so reckless an editor from blame must for ever remain a mystery, and if the exoneration had come from a more influential quarter it might have been productive of great harm in encouraging the publication of ill-considered slanders. As it is we can only think of it as a decided evidence of weakness on the part of the Commissioner, which, together with his professional assumption of the role of cross-examiner whilst occupying the judicial chair, furnishes an obvious solution to the hitherto unsolved problem why Mr. Frederick Peters, K.C., has not been elevated to the bench.



IN THE PILLORY.

The Water Question. The oracle has spoken and with all respect to Mayor Morley it must be admitted by the most friendly critic that the result is a disappointment. Instead of an outline of a definite scheme which would give the city water, plenty of water and plenty of pure water, there is practically nothing in the report submitted to the Council on Wednesday evnning, but a re-hash of the calculations and estimates contained in Expert Adams' report. There is no solution to the difficulty, there is no recognition of either of the essential features of a satisfactory water scheme. Mayor Morley recommends the expenditure of $300,000 on a project which he admits would only afford temporary relief, and which by common consent would be totally inadequate for the requirements of the city in a few years time. As The Week has repeatedly pointed out, even if the question of purity could be satisfactorily dealt with at Elk Lake by a system of filtration, there is no means by which the quantity of water available in that locality could be made sufficient for the probable population of Victoria for even five years, nor is there any means by which even Mayor Morley with all his engineering experience could alter the level of Elk Lake, which nature has placed at 192 feet above the city. It is useless to encumber the discussion with unnecessary arguments or data. It is the duty of the Council to place before the ratepayers a definite proposition which will embody all the features which we have laid down. No one wants, or is willing to pay for a defective service. It is to write down the future of Victoria, to suggest such a feeble compromise at this juncture; and every thinking man must regret that after so much delay, and the repeated promises of the Mayor, that if people would wait a bit he would sumbit a definite scheme, nothing more tangible than the recent report is forthcoming. The Mayor does not seem to realise that one cannot build a broad gauge city on narrow gauge lines, and it must be admitted that his ideas on the water question are altogether too small for Victoria.

Worth Noting. Those people who believe that the care of the body and the mind should go hand in hand, will be glad to learn from the local press that Mr. J. C. Barnacle, a gentleman well known in local athletic circles, and as much distinguished for courtesy and kindliness in all his personal relationships, as for his prowess on the cricket field, has decided to establish a University school in conjunction with the Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A. Mr. Barnacle is an especial favorite with every boy who has been brought into contact with him, and The Week has no hesitation in predicting that at the commencement of next term he will have a full house at Oak Bay Avenue.

Mad Bull. The terrible accident which happened last week to young Martin should not be allowed to pass without a comment on the extreme ferocity of the bull, and his absolute unreliability. Experience in this connection demonstrates the fact that no catch phrase of our youth rests on a surer foundation than that of "Mad Bull." It matters not how docile the creature is on ordinary occasions, nor how many years he may have been petted and fondled, as is often the case. At a time with respect to which there is no warning, and of which no single sign can be predicted, he will turn and rend his lifelong friend or master without apparent reason. Only a year ago Mr. John McKeen, of Nova Scotia, the eldest brother of Senator McKeen, was killed in this manner at his own door, while he was patting the bull which he had bred and reared and petted, and which he considered as tame as a domestic pet. This characteristic of the bull is inexplicable.

Gallant Wales. Thanks to the genius and persistence of Mr. Lloyd George, gallant little Wales has won out, and now enjoys the unique distinction of possessing a self-governing education department. with a new Minister at its head. This is a concession to the racial prejudices of the Welsh people, who cling to their language and ideas with a pertinacity which is as remarkable as it is praiseworthy. When one considers that England and Wales together are not as large as Nova Scotia, and that the latter is little, if any larger than Cape Breton County it is marvellous that the language and customs should have survived today and are as distinctive as they were in the days of Owen Glendower. The Welsh are a wonderful people,. they are among the most prosperous in the world, they have the greatest ports, the largest mines and smelters, and the best railways, but they are as distinct a Principality in everything bar loyalty to the throne as if they owed no allegiance to King Edward and formed no part of his Empire.

VANCOUVER

Brothier and Bail.

The good people of Vancouver must have rubbed their eyes and pinched themselves to find out if they were really awake when they read in the press that an application had been made to liberate poor persecuted Brothier on bail. And when a careful perusal of the report showed that the magistrate was really prepared to entertain the application, if the amount were heavy enough to satisfy his conscience, the only surprise among outsiders is that people did not fall over each other in their anxiety to put up the modest amount required to secure this much injured man that liberty for which he has made such frantic struggles. One would have thought that not merely on the grounds of prudence, but in obedience to the dictates of common decency, the authorities would have considered the deepest and darkest dungeon none too deep and none too dark. But such a conclusion would only go to show how little we really understand the situation, and how many considerations political and otherwise, have to be taken into account when a French procurer is being dealt with ostensibly by the local authorities, but in reality by the Federal Government. In making this remark we know that we lay ourselves open to the report that the court proceedings are entirely in the hands of the local police and magistrate, and technically this contention is correct. But after what has taken place at the instigation of influential friends of Brothier, who presumably by mere coincidence are also closely allied with the Laurier Administration, in an endeavor t othwart the ends of justice, and to prevent the bringing of this consummate scoundrel to the bar, where he would have to answer to for his misdeeds, it is difficult for the man who thinks, to divest his mind of the conclusion that all these acts of consideration and clemency towards the convict are but links in the same chain, by means of which it is hoped he may be safely hauled from his present predicament. Seriously, while we do not blame his counsel for performing a duty, we cannot imagine upon what grounds the magistrate could be induced to entertain the application, and still less ar we able to appreciate the consistency of the criticism which blamed one Vancouver firm of solicitors for working professionally for his release, and commends another firm for endeavoring to secure his liberation on bail. The very fact that the convict has control of so much money is one of the strongest reasons against granting bail in any amount. Now that his re-arrest through the prompt action of the Attorney-General has brought him within measureable distance of receiving at least an instalment of his deserts, it would be nothing short of an outrage if his "influential friends" are allowed for the second time to baulk the ends of justice.

When a Man's Foes are Those of His Own Household.

Now that the Pendray investigation is over there will be general regret among those familiar with the inner workings of the deep-laid scheme, by which it was hoped to discredit the Government that one of the prime movers in the matter has been deprived of his share of publicity. For a gentleman who is fond of taking the middle of the stage, and whose ascetic outlines show to such advantage in the full glare of the lime-light, the opportunity was a rare one, and it is not difficult to conceive of the heroic figure he would have cut whilst confessing his complicity in the plot in the cool retreat of the Maple Committee Room. It would have been worth at least "two bits" to listen to the honied accents of W. J. Taylor, eliciting from the modest member an account of how, whilst wandering round the corridors Dame Rumor whispered into his all too willing ear the story of the perfidy of the Chief Commissioner, and the pussilanimity of the Government. These revelations must have been very painful to the sensitive and high-minded member; not so painful, however, as to have forced him openly to withdraw his allegiance, but only privately to express his disapprobation. Of course it would be too much to expect that a gentleman of his build would regard this line of conduct as treacherous, even when it led him to confide his woes to so stalwart a friend and supporter of the Provincial Government as the editor of the Vancouver World. But this circumstance must not be construed as indicating lack of intelligence, or nice perception on the part of the member, but rather a yearning for sympathy from some tried friend with whom he might share the terrible seret. Is it not within the bounds of possibility that the people of Vancouver may consider a gentleman of such ultra refinement altogether too rare and choice a spirit to be placed among those men of coarser clay, who mostly abound in public life?

Restricted Districts.

On the battle-ground of modern thought a controversy is being waged between the gentleman who conducts that department of the Vancouver World, and the Rev. R. G. McBeth, on a subject which cannot by any possibility be fully or effectively discussed in the public press, because several of its most salient features are of such a character that they cannot even be hinted at. There are, however, some things which ought to be said for the elucidation of the subject upon points which concern every man and woman in the community, and while The Week has nothing to say upon the perennial question of the alleged permanency of vice and the still broader claim of its inevitableness, this much may be said; that restriction is the duty of every community, that the greater share of the moral responsibility for its continuance rests upon those who directly contribute to it, that in dealing with the matter as a public evil neither of the parties is entitled to consideration; that is due only to the community as a whole, which happily holds aloot; and finally in any measures which may be adopted for the minimising of the evil the utmost care should be taken less matters be made worse. At the root of the whole question lie fundamental problems which the philosophers of the world have been unable to solve in thousands of years ,and to the satisfactory solution of which it is doubtful if any serious contribution has yet been made.

The Worst Yet.

Circumstances have compelled The Week to criticise the editorial vagaries of the Vancouver World on several occasions. But never in the wildest flights of our imagination have we been half so unkind as the Boundary Creek Times which, by the way, is a Liberal organ, and may therefore write with a fund of information on the subject, which we do not possess. Our contemporary has the following to say under the caption of "Dog Days."

"Mongrel dogs are not the only things which go mad in July weather. Sometimes newspaper editors are afflicted. The worst case of "'dog days" is that of the Vancouver World, which is now wildly suggesting that party lines should again be abolished in this Province. If ever there was a province which suffered from the blighting influence of hermaphrodite governments it is British Columbia. The editor of the World should take a stroll down to English Bay and plunge into the ever cold waters of the sea. It is surely a case of over-heating. What is wanted in British Columbia is a good Liberal Government, and this is what British Columbia will soon have if newspaper editors, of whom much is expected, will quit getting rabies in the dog days.

Election Amenities.

At an election meeting recently the candidate was somewhat troubled by a man in the audience, who at length became offensively personally.

"Is it true that your mother washes——" he began; but before he could add the word "clothes" the witty candidate called out smartly, "Of course she does; why don't you?"

This raised a loud laugh at the disturber's expense; but still undaunted he, returned to the attack.

"You can't deny," he said, "that your father was a rag and bone man. I bought some old clothes off him thirty years ago."

"And I see you're still wearing them!" was the candidate's lightning retort.

SPORTING COMMENT
ON PASSING EVENTS

VICTORIA.

The open tennis tournament of the Victoria Club has occupied the stage during the whole of the present week, and has registered a success both from the athletic and social standpoint. The interest shown was far greater than in the handicap tournament, although most of the same players competed. At the time of writing the finals remained unplayed, with most of the veterans still left in. The bright particular star of the week has undoubtedly been Joe Tyler of Seattle, who is in a class by himself; his back-hand stroke is superb, and ge gets the ball across the court obliquely in a position from ghich it is impossible to make a return. His play is also characterized by that steadiness which is indispensable in first class company, and for lack of which so many brilliant players fail at a pinch. During the week Major Williams, B. P. Schwengers, J. A. Rithet, R. H. Pooley and J. D. Hunter have all done well, whilst among the ladies the Misses Ryan, Miss Wason, Miss King and Miss Pitts have distinguished themselves. The weather has been simply perfect and the "tout ensemble" calculated to add still further to the popularity of the finest game in the world for ladies and gentlemen.

The last game in the intermediate lacrosse series will be played at Oak Bay on Saturday, when the local representatives will meet the Vancouver team. Although the local boys have not been able to make a very good showing this season, they have demonstrated that by getting their full team out they can give any of the teams in the league a run for the match;but as yet they have been unable to get their full line-up out on one occasion and consequently have lost. This, however, does not discourage the boys, and they are determined to make the attempt of their lives to win on Saturday. They have been practising faithfully and are in good condition, and if they are lucky in the start there will be nothing to it but Victoria. Although the line-up has not been definitely settled, it will be selected from Campbell, Clegg, Styles, Crocker, Mason, Stevens, Campbell, Baker, Cessford, Morris, Temple, aBttersby, Fairall, Sweeney and Richmond. With these players to pick from a good team can be selected, and they will make a good showing against the visitors at Oak Bay on Saturday.

The various crews entered for the annual J. B. A. B. regatta to be held on Saturday week have already got down to practice. This is especially true of the lapstreak fours that are after the Flumerfelt cup, which is the principal trophy hung up for competition.

The Pilgrim Football club will not visit Canada this season, such is the information that has been received from C. H. Murray, president of the club. The Victoria players were endeavoring to secure dates, and were under the impression that everything was satisfactory, but a communication received by one interested in this city states that the Pilgrims have not been able to arrange a satisfactory schedule for October and November and will not visit America this season. This is disappointing to the local exponents but an effort will be made to have the Corinthians include Victoria in their tour.

Aphorisms by Bohemian.

Youth will to youth.
A check in time saves whine.
Burnt bairns love the fire.
Opportunity makes the grief.
There's many a cue word spoken in quest.
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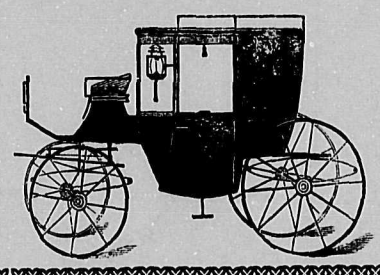

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By THE LOUNGER

In common with the majority of my ellow men, during the month of July, invariably develop a disinclination or superfluous perambulation, which being interpreted means that I am more nclined to lounge at my favorite street orner, than to wander further afield n search of adventures. But with the dvent of the cooling breezes of the st week of ten days, I have once more llied forth to re-visit my accustomed aunts. I first turned my attention to e James Bay district, where I was leased to notice that the obstructing osts which blocked the outlete from irdcage Walk to the Dallas Road, and bout which I complained a month ago, ave been removed. No doubt in the ulness of time this new thoroughfare ill rejoice in the possession of concrete idewalks, and it will then be one of e most popular boulevards in the city.

I am sorry to notice, however, that ood money is being wasted in patching p some of the old wooden sidewalks, which are in a dilapidated condition. No doubt some temporary repairs are necessary to tide over the period until concrete sidewalks are laid everywhere, but such repairs should at least approach he limit of safety, and the laying down f an odd plank here and there, which stands an inch above its neighbors is ikely to produce a crop of accidents, which may be more costly to the city, han the expenditure of sufficient to ren-er the sidewalks at least fit to travel n. These remarks apply particularly o St. Lawrence street between Simcoe and Ontario, and to the west end of Belleville street.

When the city aldermen come into collision with the city butchers it is a case of two heavy bodies meeting, and one collapsing. This week the aldermen have collapsed on the baa-lamb question. Among the many ingenious suggestions which have emanated from he fertile brain of Mayor Morley, his project for preventing fires in Beacon Hill Park is one of the most ingenious, albeit derived from the Motherland. And just why the butchers of Victoria by virtue of some trade privilege should be permitted to block what every one admits to be a practicable scheme, I am t a loss to understand. It may be all ight in view of the fact that they are he sponsors of a struggling infant industry to give them some measure of protection, at any rate until their business is thoroughly establihed, and they have at least reached the profit-making stage. This I am informed is the policy of all Canadian Governments, although its application sometimes varies n inverse ratio to the needs of the industry, but just how such a concession o the demands of invested capital can be taken to exclude the use of sheep as mowing machines is a puzzle. I must confess that my interest in the matter is not so much utilitarian as pastoral. I simply yearn for the time when the panorama on the north-western slope of the Park will add to its picturesque features the flock of sheep, the humble shepherd and the pastoral crook, so suggestive of somnolency and Sidney Cooper. I am sure that when the Mayor made his suggestion his thoughts were half with the dangers of South Park street on the occasion of fire on he hill, and half with the laudable ambition of adding to Victoria another ittle bit of "England by the Sea."

The Brown Jug has been the scene of many a broad comedy but this week it as attained to the distinction of furnishing the ground work for an episode, which can only be designated farcical. With my usual disregard for conventionalities I turned into the well-known "restaurant" for a long cold drink, and of course, as I came out was spied by a fashionable lady of my acquaintance, who I need scarcely say, failed on this occasion to recognize me by any outward and visible sign. A few days lated, she, on relating the incident to another lady friend, said how sorry she was to see The Lounger coming out of such a place, as he had recently been on the water wagon. With a look of sympathetic horror the lady friend remarked: "Poor fellow, Ididn't know he had come down to driving."

I think I have on several occasions made use of this column to express my contempt for golf, which I am astonished to find still survives, a circumstance sufficiently surprising when I remember the so many vagaries which have not survived the criticisms of The Lounger. However, I derive some consolation from the fact that I am not the only individual who fails to appreciate the strong points of the game, which have rarely been more amusingly travested than by a French Count, who thus describes his first introduction to the links.

"Steadfastment I regard the bal, I elevate the goffstic, hardly I strike the earth. Sapristi! the goffstic break himself! 'It matters not, monsieur,' say mister Smith, 'it was an old.' Ha! I take an other goffstic. Monsieur show to me how it must that one stand and hold. I it elevate above the head also, I strike, but I strike not the bal. 'Manque!' say I in much anger to monsieur Smith. 'Monkey!' say he, 'is it that you to me say monkey?' 'But no,' I say, 'I speak but to the goffstic.' 'Well', say he, 'you could say of worse.' 'I will it remember,' say I.

"One time more I tempt the goffstic, I elevate, hardly I strike. And victory! I have strike the bal. Encore I march to the bal, I elevate, I strike with much force. Sapristi! sacre nom d'un chein! more on time the goffstic break himself. 'You must look at the bal,' say my friend. I take encore a goffstic, I stand correctly, I smite. O-o-o-oh! mon bon dieu! encore the goffstic break himself! 'You must be more careful,' say monsieur with the vexation. 'Must!' he say so in that manner to a French It is the too much! With anger I throw the goffstix at my friend, and I depart."

A Great Contractor.

Michael J. Haney of Toronto is in every sense of the word a man of note. He is a civil engineer of great natural ability and extensive experience. For many years junior partner of the late Peter Ryan he made his mark as one of the few contractors in Canada who combined a high scientific with a thorough practical training. In the employ of the Onderdonks he distinguished himself in railway building in the West, and later in 1897 to 1900 he established a record for speedy railroad construction on the Crow's Nest line, where he acquired the nick-name of "Rush Haney." Every car which brought supplies into that country bore this legend. Since 1900 the restless energy of Mr. Haney has found an outlet in many directions. He established the Canadian Locomotive Manufactory at Montreal, and two years later sold out to the American Locomotive Company at a profit of several million dollars. Since then he has also completed a very difficult piece of engineering work in the construction of the Hillsboro Bridge near Charlottetown, P.E.I. He has now secured the contract for the construction of the Michigan Central Railway tunnel under the Detroit river, between Windsor and Detroit. Several plans and tenders had been prepared and submitted for the work but those sent in by the Toronto contractor were accepted. Mr. Haney proposes to build the tunnel of concrete sections and sink them on piles.

Including the two approaches the work will be about two miles in length and its progress will be watched with a great deal of interest by engineers and railway men. It is said the plans were first suggested years ago by the New York Engineering News, although they had not been patented and have consequently been perfected and worked out by the Canadian contractor who has just secured this important work.

In addition to all this professional work Mr. Haney is a governor of Toronto University. He is a great reader, and original thinker, a man of tremendous force of character, who will leave his mark on Canadian history in more directions than one.

Opium Habit in England.

The opium habit is on the increase in this country. If all the opium dens in London's fashionable quarters were raided suddenly, the revelations would besurprising.—Weekly Dispatch.

It is personalities, not principles, that move the age.

Holding His Own.

In the gloaming, one evening, were sitting till late
A young man and a maiden fair;
I am sure they were lovers, and some people say
That they did not use more than one chair.

Let that be as it may, they were happy and gay,
As they chatted away at their ease,
And they talked of the weather, the opera and love,
Each finding it easy to please.

Though charming these several topics, at last
Came a pause in their thoughts' rapid flow—
Such an eloquent silence as true lovers have,
When their love is the swetest, you know.

"Do you think I'm improving in courtship?" he asked.
As his arm round the maiden was thrown;
With a smile and a blush she demurely replied:
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TO OUR READERS.

In consequence of pressure upon our advertising space we have decided to enlarge The Week to twelve pages. This issue consists of ten pages; next week two more will be added. The circulation of the present issue is 7,000. During the two months in which the paper has been under the present management, the commercial advertising has more than doubled, and the circulation is increasing daily. We are pleased to know that our subscribers appreciate the efforts we have made to give them a clean paper, neat and attractive in appearance, and independent in spirit.

BADINAGE

By BOHEMIAN.

Book-reveiwing is not strictly in my province, but my desultory observations of last week on the subject of the German book, which so much interested me, brought numerous inquiries as to where it could be procured; the first being from the Provincial Librarian and subsequent ones from different points, not only on the Island, but on the Mainland. Most of the letters contained appreciative observations on the review, for which I am modestly grateful and feel so encouraged by the result of my first attempt in this field, that I may repeat it when my editor can spare the necessary space. If I do I think it may be interesting to enlarge the study of Das Kletterer, which I am informed by my friend will not be available in the English translation until next year. I forgot to mention that the book is profusely illustrated, amongst the finest cuts being one representing the home of the Countess. Meanwhile I regret that I cannot give any further information, and those anxious to read the book in the original must apply to the publishers at Bremen.

Nearly everyone has read Jack London's "Call of the Wild," and there are few who do not admit its dramatic intensity and power. There is, however, another call, which I often hear in spite of my Bohemian tendencies, and the exigencies of a career which seems to demand the abrogation of all conventionalities. It is the call of the ocean. I heard it this week, when the heat and calm of a summer day were broken up by a wind storm from the West, and the sea rose, and the breakers tossed, and the surf dashed in on the shore. I lay at the foot of the cliffs near Clover Point with my head against drift log and there listened to the story of the waters; a story of broken rest, of agitation, of tumult with the ceaseless under-current of murmuring music, and a promise of a lull to come. The spray fell on my face, sea weeds and logs, the flotsam and jetsam of the tide were flung on the shore as waifs are flung aside every day, while the ceaseless tide rolls on, and I wondered if one Bohemian counted for any more in the endless tide of humanity rolling towards the eternities, than the drift flung against the cliffs. I thought also of the infinite littleness of my own temper and discontent and occasional turbulence of spirit, beside the mighty surging of a resistless sea, and strange to say when it roared the loudest its call was the clearest, and the elements which were both destructive and terrifying to those within their grasp, carried a message of confidence and reliance to the attuned ear. Who shall say why the antidote to a racked and agitated mind should be the tempestuous sea, which might be expected to accentuate, but in reality allays perturbation of spirit? When brain is weary, and nerves are unstrung, and the great longing seizes me, let me have my log on the beach, darkness around, the harvest moon in its serenity overhead, the towering cliffs at my back, and the rolling ocean breaking at my feet. Call it a psychological study if you will, but it is a study worth pursuing, and yields a secret to the few who possess the key.

By the way cricket is still slightly caviare to some of our American cousins, especially the ladies, few of whom have mastered the details of the game. When the Victoria and Vancouver match was on last Saturday week, an artistic lady from Seattle, who was very enthusiastic about art, but much bored in watching the play, said to her companion that she would go away and return at six. "Why at six?" asked her friend. "Oh," was the answer "they draw the stumps at that time, and it would be interesting to see it."

Some of my readers were kind enough to be interested in the fate of the little dog, whose history was so graphically related a fortnight ago by my colleague, The Lounger. I regret to say that the affair had a tragic termination, and poor doggie is no more. In a moment of rage, at the persistent refusal of doggie to resume the conversation, which he held with his old master, before the latter so heartlessly deserted him, the new master shipped him to Chicago c. o. d. The Lounger was so affected on hearing the news that he implored me to inform his readers and so spare him the painful task.

One of the best stories for the telling of which I offer no apology, since it conveys a compliment to Victoria, was related in the rooms of the Tourist Association during the recent visit of the American advertising men. The President was the narrator. Speaking of the charms of the city and environs, he said that apart from the natural beauties, which exceeded those of any city he knew, he was greatly impressed with the cleanliness of our streets and sidewalks. Said he "This morning I wanted t oexpectorate. I stepped out of your office onto the sidewalk, that looked too clean. I thought, well I will go to the street. When I reached it I was so over-awed by its absolute cleanliness and tidiness, that I rushed back to the office and yelled 'For God's sake, Cuthbert, go and buy a cuspidor; for there is no place in this blamed city where a fellow can expectorate."

BOHEMIAN.

The Mining Exchange.

Keeping pace with the growth of the mining industry of British Columbia, the announcement is made in the last issue of the B. C. Mining Exchange that it has been incorporated. The journal which has been so successfully conducted by George Sheldon Williams for the past four years will still remain under his editorial guidance. On the new board of directors are Hon. F. Carter Cotton, president; J. B. Hobson, M.E., C. Wentworth Sarel and Arthur Wheeler, Jr. Mr. Williams is managing director. The plans of the new organization include the advertisement of the mineral resources of the province for the benefit of the outside world on a far more extended scale than that which already brought the paper into such prominence.

British Columbia Fruit.

The Winnipeg Free Press has the following to say of the British Columbia Fruit Exhibit at the Industrial Exhibition. Whilst the article is incorrect in several minor features it is on the whole highly appreciative, and coming prom an outside critic is well worthy of reproduction:

"The British Columbia Building at the Winnipeg Industrial is to many people this side of the Rockies a very special attraction. It has four special features: First, the general fruit exhibit from all over the province; next the special fruit exhibit from the Kootenay district, whose fitness for choice fruit production has only been recently discovered. This fills the west end of the building. The centre cnotains the aggregate exhibit of the Winnipeg market gardeners, while the east end contains the display of grains, grasses and woods produced in Manitoba.

"Great interest in the western fruit exhibit is naturally taken by those who have alreadymad e modest investments in fruit orchards, or by their numerous friends, who naturally desire to see the quality of the fruit such lands will produce. There is a marked superiority of flavor in the westedn fruits now being shown over those first brought east. Then the leading idea seemed to be an overgrown specimen, now flavor is the main thing sought after and the improvement along this line is very noteworthy. Suitability for transportation is another feature in which considerable improvement can be seen. The western strawberries have been superior this season to anything offered on the Winnipeg market and fruit from several points was last year of a flavor and general quality above anything before seen here. The older varieties are now being weeded out and western fruit will rapidly fill the requirements of the new provinces and overflow on to the Winnipeg market.

"The Kootenay exhibit has some very striking examples of the ready way in which land of apparently a generally poor nature can in a few years be transformed into fruit gardens. On such land no end of strawberries are raised and shipped out, and being much nearer the eastern markets than the coast districts, shipments can be made more quickly to their destinations. In small fruits this is a special advantage. One distinctly new feature of this western exhibit is the production of bulbs which are raised with great facility in that grand climate and can be distributed here at very moderate prices."

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

Miss Olivia Dahl is meeting with splendid success through the Kootenay. The local press speaks in the highest terms of her singing, and the Nelson papers in particular declare that in spite of the fact that the advance notices were somewhat laudatory, they fell far short of doing justice to the lady's ability.

The Victoria theatre is still "resting," and The Week is informed by Manager Denham that there will be nothing doing till the end of August.

At the Gorge Park throngs of people are nightly enjoying the fine pictures shown by the London Bioscope. During the present week the features have been a trip from Naples to Vesuvius with the volcano in eruption. In lighter vein Mr. Denham has shown the travels of a trunk, and life-saving up to date. The work of the orchestra is of a very high order, and is evidently appreciated, many of the numbers being applauded.

By degrees the people of Victoria are realizing that in the Gorge Park they have a valuable possession. Few cities of the size of Victoria have such a delightful rendezvous. The work done during the spring by the B. C. E. R. Co. has rendered the Park extremely attractive; all the unsightly underbrush and logs have been removed, dry ashwalks constructed in every direction and thousands of electric lights strung for the convenienece of visitors. Wherever a cosy nook could be found they have placed a comfortable rustic seat, and what with the refreshment buffet and the bath-house there are few needs of the picnicer which has not been provided for. In the evening the whole scene viewed from a canoe on the Gorge is like a picture from fairyland.

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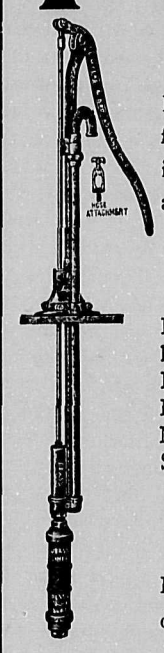

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Pendray Investigation

The Charges.--The Commission Appointed.--The Evidence.--The Result.--Comment.

On May 16th an editorial appeared in the Vancouver World charging that there had been irregularities in connection with a transaction which had taken place between the Lands and Works Department of the Provincial Government, and parties interested in the sale of certain Government lands at Sehl's Point, Victoria. The specific allegation was that a tender of $2,000 having been made by Mr. Pendray, the well-known proprietor of the B. C. Paint and Soap Works, in accordance with the terms of an advertisement inserted in the local press, the amount of this tender was improperly made known before the date on which the tenders were to be opened, viz., October 7th, 1905. It was alleged that this information was communicated by some person in the Department to Mrs. Jas. Anderson, and that she made use of the information in connection with her husband to procure the making of another tender one hundred dollars higher than Mr. Pendray's. It was further alleged that the purpose of this transaction was to secure possession of the land, and "hold up" Mr. Pendray, who was practically obliged to have the land in question for the purposes of his business. It was further alleged that Mrs. Anderson paid a visit to Mr. P. R. Brown's office, he being Mr. Pendray's agent in the matter, and informed him that she knew the amount of his tender, that it was two thousand dollars and that if he wished to protect his client's interests he would have to bid higher or he would not get it.

In a subsequent editorial, which appeared in the Vancouver World on May 23rd these charges were repeated with some amplifications and it was directly suggested that the Hon. R. F. Green, the Chief Commissioner, was responsible for the "leak."

In later articles upon the same subject the World reiterated the charges, emphasized their seriousness in the public interest, and stated specifically that they were ready for an investigation, that they would produce "numerous witnesses," that they had "startling evidence" to submit, and that the case would be proved up to the hilt. It may be mentioned "en passant' that these charges were repeated in the editorials columns of the Victoria Times and endorsed by that paper. In addition the substance of the charges was copied by a number of Liberal papers throughout the Province, among which may be particularly mentioned The Nelson Daily News, which did not hesitate to endorse, and to comment upon them in terms which could only have been justified, if at all, upon the absolute demonstration of their truthfulness.

THE COMMISSION APPOINTED.

When the above-mentioned articles appeared the Hon. R. F. Green was in the Interior, attending to Departmental duties, but immediately on his return he applied to the Executive for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the charges, at the same time asserting that so far as he knew, they were absolutely groundless. His request was assented to, and by an Order in Council dated July 12th, a Commission was issued appointing the Hon. Ed. Peters, K.C., ex-premier of Prince Edward Island, "To inquire into, and report upon all matters concerning the action of the Department of Lands and Works in connection with the notice dated September 28th, 1905, inviting tenders for the purchase of Government property situated at Laurel Point, Victoria Harbor, known as Lot 570B, Victoria City, and that the first meeting pursuant to the said Commission will be held in the Maple Room, Parliament Buildings, on Monday, July 23rd, 1906, at 11 a.m." This notice appeared in the B. C. Gazette on Thursday, July 12th.

THE EVIDENCE.

The Commission held three sittings, on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 23rd, 25th and 26th.

Hon. R. F. Green.

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, was the first witness, and swore that he had never given any information with respect to the tenders. That the land in question was not sold either to Mr. Pendray or Mrs. Logie, the highest bidder, but was still owned by the Government. The reason for this was that the Board of Trade sent a delegation of shipmasters asking the Government not to sell the property, and pointing out that if the property was sold, and a high building erected, vessels coming in and going out could not see each other, and this would lead to collisions.

Mr. Green also told of an interview with Mr. P. R. Brown on September 17th, when he told that gentleman that the Government did not intend to sell the property unless the figure was a good one, and in order to make sure of this, that there might be no disappointment, Mr. Green suggested that Mr. Brown name a figure. The latter then put in his tender of $2,000—naming it to Mr. Green—who said it would be satisfactory to the Government as an upset price.

Still further to protect Mr. Pendray from the possibility of losing the lot through someone bidding a small advance on his figure Mr. Green suggested that the lot be put up to auction with this tender as the upset price. Mr. Pendray's tender was locked in the Commissioner's drawer by himself, and was not seen again either by himself or anyone else until the tenders were opened in the presence of Mr. Gore on October 7th. Mr. Green declared that neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. Pendray ever suggested to him that there was anything wrong with the tenders.

Mr. James S. Murray,

real estate agent, was the next witness and testified that he was well acquainted with the values of the property near Sehl's Point, as he had acted as the representative for the Sehl estate. He had figured on the value of the propererty with Mr. Laird, the shipping master, Dr. Gibbs and Mr. James Anderson, basing his estimate on his knowledge of the price actually paid by Mr. Pendray for adjoining lots, and on a pro rata computation, had arrived at two thousand dollars as the probable amount of Mr. Pendray's tender. He had urged these gentlemen to assist him in forming a syndicate to purchase the property, and had advised them that in his judgment a small advance upon two thousand dollars would secure it. Mr. Murray swore that he did not in any way directly or indirectly obtain any information from the Lands and Works Department. Mr. Laird, Dr. Gibbs and Mr. Anderson confirmed Mr. Murray's evidence in relation to their connection with the transaction. Mr. Murray also stated that the sketch plan of the property which he gave to Mr. Anderson had been obtained by himself from the Lands and Works Department, and not by Mr. Anderson as had been suggested.

At a later stage of the proceedings Mr. Murray flatly contradicted Mr. D. W. Higgins as to a conversation between them, and said that Mr. Higgins' remarks were absolutely untrue.

The next witness was

Mr. P. R. Brown,

real estate agent, who acted for Mr. Pendray in regard to the Sehl property and Laurel Point. He stated that, like Mr. Murray, he arrived at the tender for Mr. Pendray on the valuation of the Sehl property. He was of opinion that Mr. Murray could have figured the same. Questioned by Mr. Commissioner Peters as to Mrs. Anderson's visit to his office, the following took place:

The Commssioner—Were you surprised when Mrs. Anderson came into your office.

Mr. Brown—I was not surprised when she came into the office, but I was surprised when she stated the figure that I had sent in.

The Commissioner—Did she not make the remark with the intention of finding out from you.

Mr. Brown—She did not make the remark in that manner, but rather as if she already knew what it was.

The Commissioner—Did you not tell Mrs. Anderson what the tender was.

Mr. Brown—No.

The Commissioner—Did you not by your manner give her to understand that your price was $2,000?

Mr. Brown—I did not tell her the price, but she might have been able to tell by my looks that she had guessed correctly.

The Commissioner—If Mrs. Anderson had any idea what the figure was when she came in, it would have been strengthened when she went out, would it not?

Mr. Brown—It might have been.

Departmental Witnesses.

Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, then sent out the following witnesses: Thomas E. Woolridge, book-keeper; Harry Cathcart, chief clerk; Stanley Phipps, Henry G. Mason, recorder of applications for timber permits; Arthur Stewart, W. E. Green, Thos. Cecil Bolton, crown ground clerk; E. B. McKay, surveyor-general; W. Wilmer, draughtsman. To these gentlemen the same questions were put, 'Do you know anything or have anything to do with tenders for Government lots?" To which in each case the answer was: "No, nothing."

Mr. Frank Higgins also asked several of these witnesses whether they had often seen Mr. Anderson in the Lands and Works office, to which the witnesses replied that they had seen him seen him occasionally but not more frequently than many other persons doing business with the department.

A Breezy Interlude.

When the Commission resumed on the second morning Mr. Taylor called attention to articles in the Times of July 24th dealing with the Commission, which he said contained grave allegations on the evidence obtained at the Commission. He called attention to the fact that the article was in contempt of the office of Commissioner.

The Commissioner—Well, Mr. Taylor, all I have to say with regard to this article is that, in the first place, I have not the slightest doubt that in the ordinary sense of the word, the article published is a very foolish one and also gross contempt of court. I think that anyone who reads the article must see that there has been an absolute lack of discretion in the person who edited tha tarticle.

We are now trying to investigate, and investigate as fairly as possible, certain charges. I think, therefore that it is highly improper for any newspaper to make any comments upon the evidence during the course of the investigation — comments which from their nature tend to give a judgment practically upon the case, which another person has to give judgment upon. If I were sitting as a Supreme Court Judge, and it may be that I have the same powers here, I would certainly take steps to have the editor of The Times brought before me to explain why such an article appeared. However, althought Section 13 of the Act, gives power to punish contempt, it might be a question whether or not a contempt not actually committed in the presence of the Commissioner can be punished under this section, as there is quite a difference, as you will understand, between the power of the court to commit for contempt committed in its presence, and for contempt committed outside of the court itself, and I have a doubt whether the power of punishing for contempt so far as a commission of this kind is concerned extends beyond a contempt committed in the presence of the court. At all events I do not propose to take any steps in the matter, but I cannot let the matter drop without stating that the statements contained in this article—not only in my opinion are contempt, but they are also an absolute misstatement of the evidence. There is no evidence before this Commission that any person was enabled to investigate the waste-paper basket of the Lands and Works Department, and to secure therefrom any information of considerable—or of any—value to himself. That statement is absolutely incorrect. The only piece of evidence that could be considered in that connection at all was that given by Mr. Harrison when he alleged that Mr. Anderson had said he had picked up a plan on the floor of the Lands and Works Department. I think the evidence very clearly shows that the plan was not got there, but it was got from Mr. Murray, who had copied it from some other plans. At all events, it was shown that the document was of no value whatever, because it merely contained information that could have been obtained from any plan of the town of Victoria. It was not information that was in any way private, or that existed only in the Lands and Works Department, but it was information that could have been easily obtained by any person. So, therefore, I say that these remarks are not only calculated to interfere with the proper course of this investigation, but they lack the essential element of truth. I think, having made these remarks, I will let the incident drop.

Mr. James Anderson.

was then examined and confirmed Mr. Murray's account of the transaction, as reported in extenso in "The Week" of May 26th. He swore that the did not obtain any information from the Lands and Works Department, or from any other person than Mr. Murray, who first interested him in the matter, and who furnished him with the sketch which he afterwards handed to Mr. Harrison. He did not ask Mrs. Anderson to ascertain anything about the tender; he did not know that she was going to see Mr. Brown, nor why she went;nor did she report to him that she had been until some time after the tenders were put in; he had not the slightest interest in the tender which Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Logie put in. At one stage of the proceedings Mr. Frank Higgins told Mr. Anderson not to evade a question.

Mr. Commissioner Peters intervened with the remark that witnesses had to be tested fairly, and he would not allow them to be treated in that manner. Mr. Anderson had not tried to evade any questions.

Mr. Higgins then stated that Mrs. Anderson knew the exact amount of Mr. Pendray's tender, whereupon Mr. Taylor intervened with the remark that this was not correct, as no evidence had been submitted to show this, but Mrs. Anderson had made a statement to Mr. Brown, which was a different matter altogether.

Mr. Higgins desired to submit as evidence Mr. Anderson's remarks at the Kaien Island investigation.

Mr. Commissioner Peters declined to allow the evidence to be put in, stating that it was not relevant, not being within the scope of the inquiry.

Mrs. James Anderson

was then examined, and confirmed in every particular the evidence given by Mr. Murray and Mr. Anderson. She stated that the reason she went to Mr. Brown's office was that she was negotiating with him at that time for the purchase of a piece of property for a neighbor of hers. The property belonged to Mr. Sayward who referred her to Mr. Brown, his agent. The conversation led on to the subject of the valuation of property in the James Bay section, and from that to the Sehl Point. Her remarks to Mr. Brown were intended to elicit from him whether or not two thousand dollars was the exact figure which he had offered on behalf of Mr. Pendray, and from his startled manner she at once saw that this was correct. Her exact account of the transaction is given in detail.

In reply to Mr. Higgins witness said she did not tell Mr. Brown that she knew Mr. Pendray's tender.

Mr. Higgins—Did you give Mr. Brown to understand that you knew it?

Witness—I do not think so.

Mr. Higgins—Did you ask Mr. Brown if he was Mr. Pendray's agent?

Witness—No, I did not.

Question—Did you tell Mr. Brown that you were going to tender?

Witness—I did not.

Qustion—Did you know that your husband had an interest in the matter?

Answer—I did not.

Question—Did your husband tell you that he was going to try to get someone to tender?

Answer—He did not.

Question—Did he tell you that Mr. Pendray would tender $2,000?

Answer—He told me that Mr. Murray had told him that he (Mr. Murray) thought it would be about $2,000.

Question—Did you say to Mr. Brown: "I know that Mr. Pendray is offering $2,000?"

Answer—I did not. I said that you had better offer $2,100 if you want to save it for your client.

By this witness explained she intended to infer that when Mr. Brown was selling property he wanted a good figure, but when he was buying it was a different matter.

Witness continuing—"I was not sure that Mr. Pendray was bidding $2,000 when I made the remark, but after I had told Mr. Brown I knew it was right."

Mr. Higgins then sought to introduce a series of questions as to Mrs. Anderson's knowledge of Mr. Green and the business of the Department. Mr. Commissioner Peters ruled that anything which passed between Mrs. And-

erson and Mr. Green from September 21st to Oct. 7th might be considered, but outside those dates would not be relevant to the present inquiry. After receiving a strong warning from the Commissioner as to the line of cross-examination he was pursuing Mr. Higgins submitted a question upon paper, which the Commissioner ruled was allowable provided he followed it up with specific charges. He could put it on his own responsibilitiy as counsel, but if he did not follow it up with proof he would have to take the consequences, as he, the Commissioner, would not allow the court to be made use of to hear wholesale slander. Mr. Higgins declined to put the question, and asked for an adjournment to consider the matter; this was refused. Mr. Higgins submitted another question in writing with respect to which the Commissioner ruled similarly.

Mr. Higgins then said it was useless to cross-examine the witness any further.

Mrs. Anderson said she was ready to answer any question about information from the Department. Mr. Higgins declined to put any, whereupon the Commissioner asked: 'Did you hold any communication with Mr. Green between September 21st and October 7th?

Mrs. Anderson—No, I had not seen Mr. Green for five weeks prior to October 7th.

The Commissioner—Did you receive any information from the Department?

Witness—I did not.

Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Logie

both gave evidence to the effect that the tender put in by the latter was bona fide, and that Mr. Anderson had not the slightest interest in it. Mrs. Logie gave her own cheque for the amount, $2,100, which was subsequently returned to her and produced in court.

Mr. D. W. Higgins.

The last witness was Mr. D. W. Higgins, editor of the Vancouver World, who still refused to name his informant, but who admitted that the article appearing in the World on May 16th was a type-written document, forwarded to him from Victoria, which he printed with very few alterations, and without making any inquiry as to its accuracy. He also admitted that the editorial of May 23rd was written without any inquiry although it considerably amplified the charges made in the earlier article.

He specifically stated: "I did not get any information in relation to these charges until long after the tenders were opened. I did not get anything from Mr. Brown until to-day, and only saw Mr. Pendray about four weeks ago, but did not get much news. I did not try to get any information before I wrote the articles of May 16th, 23rd and 26th, but before the article of of June 5th I made inquiries from Mr. Pendray but did not get much."

Questioned by Mr. Taylor: "Did you base all the articles on the information sent to you by your informant?

Mr. Higgins—Yes, it was handed in to me, and the next hour it was in the hands of the printer.

Mr. Taylor—Did Mr. Pendray ever tell you that he was going to expose the transaction?

Witness—No.

Mr. Taylor—Well, that makes the article untrue.

Witness—Possibly.

To Mr. Commissioner Peters Mr. D. W. Higgins stated that if he gave the name of the person who gave him the information, it would not result in any evidence corroborative of the charges being brought before the court, or in any other witnesses being called. Thereupon the Commissioner stated that in that case he would not press the witness to give the name of the person.

In further reply to Mr. Taylor Mr. Higgins said that after the Kaien Island investigation he was willing to believe any charge against the Government except murder, but he had altered his mind slightly. He thought in this case that the verdict should be "not proved," and wound up with the pathetic observation to Mr. Taylor, "Oh, Jack, you're a terror."

Mr. Commissioner Peters' Findings.

The charges made in these articles may be formulated as follows:

1. That Mr. Green or some person in the department, gave away the amount of the Pendray tender to Mrs. James Anderson, or some other person, before 12 o'clock on the 7th October, with the object of fleecing Pendray.

2. That Mr. Green agreed to lease the lot in question to Mr. Pendray at a nominal rent, under a threat from Pendray that unless the land was given to him he would expose the whole transaction.

3. That the tender put in by Mrs. Loggie was not really hers, but that her name was only used as a blind, and that the real tenderer was Anderson.

After carefully considering all the evidence adduced, and I have been careful to obtain every witness who could give any information, I am clearly of opinion that none of the charges are true, and that the evidence given very clearly establishes their falsity, and with regard to the whole transaction nothing has been done by Mr. Green, or any official in the lands and works department, in the slightest degree worthy of censure.

COMMENT.

On Thursday, July 26th, at about 12.30 p.m. D. W. Higgins, editor of the Vancouver World, and President of the Western Press Assoication for the manufacture of political canards and wholesale slanders, had a lucid interval, supervening upon a prolonged period of frenzied nightmare. To the positive knowledge of the newspaper readers of British Columbia, this period has extended over at least six months, during which time the ancient, if not very honorable Nestor of Coast journalism has lived with phantoms and ghouls, which must have made his life a misery, and peopled his diseased imagination with a panorama of iniquity and crime, sufficient to nauseate a modern Belzebub. Just why a man of Mr. Higgins' mature age and venerable appearance should be made the victim of such a scourge is not easy to understand; in fact it is difficult to reconcile with the Twentieth Century theory, which no longer believes in a retributive Providence, but holds that overweening tenderness is the dominant characteristic of the Great Ruler of the Universe. Be that as it may, there are few people who will not consider that whatever may he said of Mr. Higgins, his friends are entitled to sympathy, on account of the pitiable position in which the editor of the Vancouver World, finds himself as the result of charges recklessly made, and an investigation wantonly provoked. Never did a man rush more heedlessly to his own destruction than did Mr. Higgins in the matter of the Pendray inquiry; and never has a journalist, whose whole stock in trade consists either of salacious innuendo, or wholesale slander, met with a more decisive Waterloo.

To Mr. Higgins belongs the credit (?) of having promulgated slanderous charges against the Provincial Government in general, and the Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in particular, in connection with the transfer of Kaien Island to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The result of those charges is now a matter of history. A committee of the House exonerated both the Government and the Commissioner; the House ratified the report, and since then for a period of more than two months the ministers have been touring the Province in every electoral constituency; have faced the electors; have discussed every aspect of the Kaien Island question, and have met with a universal endorsement of their claim that they made "a good bargain for the Province." We only refer to this question for the purpose of showing that the charges in the Pendray matter were never anything more than a link in the clain of slander and abuse, which the Vancouver World and the Victoria Times have been endeavoring to forge for nearly a year past. Upon every link of that chain is stamped the words "Political Exigency." That is the real brand which their manufacture bears, and an appreciation of that fact is the key to the whole situation.

Having both failed and been discredited in the matter of the Kaien Island investigation these political scavengers fell an easy prey to the journalistic jackal, who mailed a type-written document to the ancient editor of the Vancouver World on the 22nd of May, 1906. A document unaccompanied by any corroborative evidence; a document without any statement even on the part of the sender that he could demonstrate its truthfulness; a document with respect to which, when under oath before Mr. Commissioner Peters, D. W. Higgins, after evading the question for two days, finally admitted to his shame that the name of his informant, if revealed, would not lead to the production of any further evidence, or the calling of any additional witnesses, which was equivalent to saying that his informant had no evidence to produce, and had manufactured the story out of whole cloth.

There are two aspects of this question, which force themselves to the front immediately. The first is, how it is possible for any editor to justify the insertion of an article, making a direct attack, both upon any Government or a minister thereof without seeking in any way to ascertain the truthfulness of the article. As Higgins flippantly remarked, he just altered a few words and passed the document on to the printer within an hour, as if charges of malfeasance in office, were matters so taken for granted by his distorted mind, as to appear perfectly natural and, indeed, inevitable. The other consideration is, what protection the public has at any time against the printing of wholesale slander in the editorial columns of the Vancouver World, if any scandal-monger may send in a type-written document, and ensure its insertion without inquiry. It is not difficult to understand the ready acquiescence of editors of the Higgins and Dunn type in an arrangement of this kind, but it is almost incredible that any man outside of a lunatic asylum should proceed to the lengths of the Vancouver World in this matter, and then have to make the admission, made by Higgins on Thursday, July 26th, that he could not prove his case, that his views had been modified and that his informant was not available to give evidence. It is all very well for Higgins to bring about such a fiasco, but what about the people whom he has maligned? Suppose the boot were on the other leg; what would Mr. Higgins, his relatives and friends say, if the Conservative press had charged him with half the iniquities he has laid at the door of the Government and Chief Commissioner? We imagine that they would not be found to be so complacent under the charges, as Higgins evidently expects those whom he attacks.

The manner in which the charges were fabricated both in the Kaien Island and the Pendray matter, furnish abundant evidence to prove that the whole scheme is not an honest attempt to expose misdoing but to destroy a Government by the subterfuge of raising side issues of a personal and political character. The more childish eagerness with which type-written documents from irresponsible sources were received and published; the persistency of the attack; the organized circulation of the articles through the Liberal Press of the Province; the family resemblance of all the editorial comments of that press, go to confirm the obvious conclusion that these are but the ear-marks of the Liberal brief in the next electoral campaign.

Having failed both in the House and the country to impeach the policy, or action of the Government upon one of the political issues of the day, the leaders of the party (save the mark) have embarked upon a petticoat campaign, and have launched a programme, fitly described by Mr. Commissioner Peters as one of wholesale slander. We are content, and gladly accept the issue; no greater confession of party weakness, or of political ineptitude could be made. To the twice discredited charges of improper conduct in public service, which the editor of the Vancouver World has now admitted he cannot prove, we oppose the record of the McBride Administration, with its splendid result in the unprecedented prosperity of the Province. Both in and out of the House this record has been endorsed, as it will be again in an even more conclusive manner, whenever the Premier sees fit to appeal to the constituencies. Meanwhile the editor of the Vancouver World and those who are responsible for the coinage of the now well known phrase, "a band of political adventurers, male and female," are welcome to all the consolation they can derive from their latest "turn down," which can hardly be the more satisfactory at the hands of a gentleman, who for a lifetime has been an influential member of their own party.

Short Story

A STORY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

By Frank Richardson.

"One of the great charms of the Carlton," said Lord Lashbridge, "is the fact that they don't generally have music at lunch."

Pretty little Mrs. Braythorpe, a fluffy blonde, pink and white Dresden china and pale blue chiffon, smiled at him.

"I suppose you know why bands were introduced into restaurants in England?"

"I have no idea. Help me, please."

"In order to drown the sound of Germans eating," she explained. "I remember once dining at the Savoy. At the next table was a huge German, all beard and bristles. He was complaining bitterly of the orchestra. 'I can't hear meinself eat,' he said."

"Or ought to have said?" queried Lashbridge, casting his eyes over the huge, round luncheon table. "This is about the largest luncheon party ever given."

"The dear Duchess is so hospitable. I think we are twenty-four. You know everybody here, don't you?"

"I think so," he replied. "Except the man talking to 'Bee Plymborough.'"

"Oh, that's a man called Tarrington. The new man."

"In what way new? The Duchess always gets hold of the latest spring novelties. Is he the newest painter, or the newest tenor, or the newest barrister, or what?"

"Oh, dear, no," she laughed. "He has not got hair enough for a painter or enough throat for a tenor or enough nose for a barrister. He is the newest stockbroker."

"'Bee' must be trying to get a tip, judging by the way she is behaving. What do you suppose he is saying to her?"

"What does every man ever say to 'Bee!' she exclaimed, with a shrug of the shoulders. "Every man makes love to her. It is common form. Dear 'Bee' was fifty-four the week before last, and she is getting younger every day. The year her husband died her hair became golden from grief."

Lashbridge gazed at her with disapproval.

"I hate these experienced mousers who behave like kittens and wear purry purry, puss puss fringes."

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But Dick Tarrington was not proposing to "Bee." Neither was he giving her tips.

"Bee" had run the gamut of the current fashionable foibles. She had slummed; she had been cured of illnesses from which she did not suffer by Christian Science; she had backed losers; she had lost money in copper; and she needed a new sensation.

Dick Tarrington's idea was to provide the sensation. At the back of his brain he thought that she would make a not impossible mother-in-law. Therefore he had told her the things which she expected to be told, things that if she was not actually told she invariably hinted at . . . such as the fact that she looked like her only daughter's younger sister, and that she would look even more beautiful with more pearls and that if anybody had a spare new motor-car of the newest make she would look phenomenally charming sitting therein.

"By the by," he said, "I have not seen Lily lately. Whenever I can dash up from the City to see your daughter she is never in."

"Of course, Lily is never in. Lily lives solely for pleasure," and there was a note of discontent in her voice as she toyed almost petulantly with her gold emerald-studded vanity case.

"Do you think she will be in tomorrow?" he inquired.

"Oh, dear, no. Tomorrow she will be at Sandown."

"But couldn't I make up a little party one night next week? Dinner at the Savoy and the play?"

"I'm afraid Lily is engaged all next week."

"But in the afternoons?"

"She will be selling at a bazaar most of next week."

He persisted.

"Is she at home now? I might telephone to her."

"Dear, no! Lily is never at home to lunch."

"Do you know where she is lunching?"

"Good heavens! I shouldn't dream of asking Lily where she lunches. But stay! I might telephone to her maid Hortense, who is in her confidence."

"Bee" Plymborough despatched a messenger, who speedily returned with the news that Miss Plymborough was lunching in the Carlton Grill Room.

"What a stroke of luck!" exclaimed Tarrington. "I can catch her as she comes out."

"You seem very anxious to see Lily."

"My dear Lady Plymborough, it is my intention to propose to her."

If "Bee" Plymborough had not been a woman she would have whistled. As it was, she merely snapped her vanity case.

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She stood by the balustrade at the side of the Duchess, while the others were drinking their coffee, sipping their liqueurs, and smoking.

"That's very rude of Mr. Tarrington," said the hostess, "to slip out and talk to that girl over there! What a pretty girl it is, though! They say he is worth £50,000 a year. The girl seems devoted to him."

"Bee" peered at the group in the Palm Court through her lorgnette.

"Scarcely good style," she commented. "She's dressed far too girlishly for a girl."

"If I know anything of men," said the Duchess suddenly, "he has proposed marriage and been accepted."

As Tarrington and Lily walked up the staircase towards the balcony, "Bee" gave a little gasp.

"Good heavens," she said, "that Lily! She is wearing one of my dresses, I do believe. And I didn't recognize her!"

"My dear 'Bee,'" smiled the Duchess, "you and Lily will meet oftener when she is married."

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NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS

In the Bone Yard.

The Banff Climber made one public appearance, and then subsided, apparently in favor of its predecessor, "Crag and Canyon." Among the many mysteries of the newspaper world must be accounted the appearance of a neat, attractive, well- written, well illustrated paper, which gave promise of a long and successful career only to be numbered with the still-born. Truly a case of "Love's Labor Lost."

Scare Headings.

The Cumberland News shauld be a little more careful in the make-up of its scare headings. In the issue of July 25th, in the most prominent position on the front page, in large black capitals appeared the words "Brutal Murder," and immediately below, apparently as a sub-heading, "Steamer Chehalis Wrecked." At first sight it would appear that both headings referred to the same subject. As a matter of fact, the first was intended to apply to the shooting of Mary Dalton at Nanaimo, but the conjunction of the two was, to say the least of it, not a very happy one. A little more care should be exercised, in juctice to all parties concerned.

Nelson Regatta.

The annual regatta of the N. P. A. A. O. took place in Nelson last week, and was a splendid success. The Capital of Kootenay did honor to sport, and credit to itself by the way in which the event was celebrated. All places of business were closed, and practically the whole population of five thousand, reinforced by large crowds from the surrounding country, flocked to the shores of Kootenay Lake. Ladies as well as men took part in the various events, and distinguished themselves. The Portland oarsmen were the champions of the meet in nearly every department, the Big Four from Victoria meeting with easy defeat. All the visiting crews were loud in their praises of the hospitality and good cheer extended to them, and paid a pretty compliment to Nelson and its sportsmen by agreeing to made it the point of meetin once every six years. All the other regattas will be held on Washington Lake, Seattle. Kootenay appreciates the compliment, which on every ground was well deserved.

Kaslo's Loss.

Through the sad fatality which occurred on the Great Northern Railway, last Saturday, between Spokane and Nelson, Kaslo lost two of her most popular citizens, in the persons of the late M. D. McKinnon and W. B. Smith. The former was the purser of the steamer Kaslo, who ever since he came there has been a popular favorite; the latter was a prominent member of the Kaslo Aerie F. O. E.

Tennis Galore.

At the present moment tennis is rampant throughout the Province, and in certain circles no better test could be made of the general prosperity which prevails. When one finds that this most delightful, invigorating and sociable game has taken root in nearly every village throughout British Columbia, one may fairly conclude that the number of people who seek their recreation in activity rather than in idleness in increasing, which bodes well for the health and robustness of the coming generation. Every exchange to hand this week contains reports of tennis matches or tournaments, and we wish that the English papers might take cognizance of this fact and so enable the Old Country to realize that the Province 7,000 miles away from home, which bears her honored name, is not the wild and woolly western land of which one hears so much across the Pond.

Well Put.

Everyone who knows the Grand Forks Gazette knows that it is edited with singular ability and fairness by Martin Burrell. Referring to the Provincial, the ministers and the flood of vituperation with which they have been assailed, the Gazette has the following to say.—

"The Liberal press have freely handed out such terms as scandal-mongers, corruption hunters, defamers, and what not to the Conservatives who unearthed the unpleasant details of the Arctic and the Atlantic Trading Co. matters, and yet, without a tenth part of the reasons, they have insisted that the Victoria Government was guilty of corruption in the Kaien Island matter. One broad fact stands out in comparing the two governments. The Federal Government burked a thorough enquiry on many essential points; the British Columbia administration does not even object to putting investigations like the alleged Pendray lots scandal unreservedly into the hands of a straight Liberal like Commissioner Peters. Comment is entirely unnecessary."

Conrad to the Fore.

Conrad is booming, and the Conrad City Miner arrives at Victoria regularly to tell the outside world that the new mining camp is forging ahead and discovering pay ore almost daily. Still further to improve matters two members of the great Guggenheim firm are now on their way to the northern Eldorado, having expressed their intention of making heavy investments in that country. Hitherto Southern B. C. has been looked upon as the greatest mineral district on the continent. Who will venture to say that the North may not yet deprive it of the honor?

Important Appointment.

S. S. Fowler of Nelson has been appointed general manager of the Canadian Metal Company in succession to C. F. Fernau, who recently retired. Mr. Fowler, although an American by birth, and a graduate of Columbia University, has resided in the Kootenay for about twelve years, and is one of the most respected and capable members of an honorable profession. He was for many years mining engineer of the London and B. C. Goldfields, Ltd., of which the late Roderick Robertson was general manager. Mr. Fowler has all the ability and experience necessary to enable him to handle the large enterprise with which he is now connected, successfully.

Coming Men.

The Week had a pleasant visit on Tuesday from two Nelson gentlemen, both members of the legal fraternity, who will yet make their mark in the Province. Owing to their innate modesty little has yet been heard of either of them outside of their own city, although one, R. S. Lennie, has earned a great reputation for accurate conscientious work, and has recently carried several important suits to a successful issue. His work on the celebrated Slocan Star case is appreciated wherever it is known . For sevarel years the junior partner of the firm of Elliott & Lennie, he is now the senior partner in Lennie & Wragge. President of the Nelson Conservative Association at the mutual request of the contending factions, who were harmoniously reconciled last year, when Premier McBride visited Nelson, it is almost certain that the popular "Bob" Lennie will be the Conservative candidate at the next Provincial election. If he should accept the nomination, it is probable that he will be elected by acclamation.

His companion in Victoria, Mr. Jas. O'Shea, is, if possible, more retiring than Mr. Lennie, but as junior partner in the well known firm of Taylor & O'Shea, has contributed not a little to the building up of the splendid practice of his firm, and although the name of S. S. Taylor, K.C., is a household word throughout the Province, he would be the last to deny a full share of the credit of success to his hard working, capable partner. There are not a few who believe that Mr. O'Shea is one of the soundest lawyers in the Province.

The Week predicts that in a few years both of these men will be in the forefront of public affairs, and it is certain that they will always play their part honorably.

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Notes on Canadian News

Dull in South Africa.

Some people who know very little bout the respective conditions, are ond of comparing South Africa with Canada to the disadvantage of the latter. When one remembers that with respect to climate, which so materially affects the comfort of existence there are only a few restricted aras on the whole of the African continent where life is not a burden to the white man, it will be seen how ridiculous is such a claim; when one further takes note of the general complaint arising from the white settler throughout Rhodesia, it must be perfectly obvious that not only is there no comparison between Canada and any part of South Africa, but that it would be difficult to find any English people lthere who would not gladly get away if they could. Apropos of this it is thought at the C. P. R. headquarters, Montreal, that railway business must be very dull in South Africa of late. Scarcely a mail comes in without two or three applications for positions from employees on South African railroads, men in all branches of the service being evidently anxious to leave that country and come to Canada. So far, however, there has been no great pilgrimage of South African railway men to Canada, as the C. P. R. officials do not care to negotiate with them at such a long distance, and in addition to that the South African railway practice is quite different to that obtaining in Canada, being modelled more on the English pattern.

A Faithful Servant.

It is not every man in the Northwest who decides to stay at his post, when tempting offers are made to return to the effete East. But among those who have so decided in the Venerable Archdeacon Harding of Indian Head, who has declined the offer of the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, in succession to Rev. Archdeacon Langtry. The archdeacon states that owing to the great need of men in the church in the West, he feels his work lies in the dioces of Qu'Appelle rather than in Toronto.

The Intractable English.

The Toronto World says: "No English need apply," is the poetic justice which time has meted out in Canada to the great nation in whose newspapers a similar legend still appears regarding the people of Paddy's land.

A Winnipeg correspondent of the Yorkshire Post has written that paper stating that in advertisements Englishmen are frequently tabooed. The Ontario Colonization bureau officials frankly admit that among farmers and tradesmen the English are not so popular as Scotch or Irish. 'There must be some reason for it, for the fact is undoubted," said Director Southworth.

The intractability of the average Englishman is considered to be the usual reason. He brings with him a rooted contempt for the colonial and all his ways, and he undertakes the mission of setting things done as they are done in the old country. Of course this objectionable type is not universal, but it is so common that the English as a class have gained the reputation the Winnipeg man laments.

A Globe Trotter.

Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, has started on a trot through the West in the interests of his paper. He has much to say about the good city from which he comes. He declares that Toronto is only just beginning to take on come of the characteristics of a true city, emerging from the state of a big town. There is deepening in the minds of the council the modern idea that more is required to constitute a true city than factories, skyscrapers and a large population. What is required is the elements which minister to the comfort, happiness and satisfaction of all citizens.

Mr. McDonald was recently appointed one of the governors of Toronto university. Being asked regarding the university, he stated that the institution was in an unexcelled condition. The government had made adequate provision for its financial requirements and had given full powers of control and administration to the board of control. The administration was kept entirely free from partisan politics, and the determination was to make the institution minister in the highest degree t othe intellectual life of the province.

At the present time the board of contral is making careful inquiry in order to find a successor to President Louden. The board is ready to pay $10,000 if a satisfactory man can be found, but up to the present no name has been suggested which the board have entertained. Prof. Hutton is acting president at the present time.

Still They Come.

For some considerable time the Phoenix Pioneer and several Alberta papers have been carrying on a campaign looking to improvement in the postal service. Now the Enderby Progress adds its wail, and asks at the conclusion of a lengthy article "Where is the leak?" This is reminiscent of something that we have heard recently in another place. Evidently the Progress thinks that there is a "leak" at Ottawa; it is more to the point to ask "When will it be stopped?"

Weary Willie (reading ad.).—Man wanted to chop wood, bring up coal, tend furnace, take chare of garden, mind chickens and children."

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Truisms.

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Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

To know the principles of the highest arts is to know the principles of all the arts.

When a man is old enough to do wrong he should be old enough to do right also.

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NOTICE.

Claim No. 1.

Further take notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, commencing at post planted at the N. E. corner of T. L. F. 197 or on the line at corner of said claim, thence W. 80 chains, N. 80 chains, E. 80 chains, S. 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1906.
P. McDONALD.

Claim No. 2.

Take notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at post planted 30 chains from S. W. corner on the line of T. L. F. 197, thence W. 80 chains, thence W. 80 chains, S. 80 chains, E. 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1906.
P. McDONALD.

No. 20.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Tahsish Arm, Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted on the east boundary of Application No. 13, about 60 chains south of the northeast corner thereof, thence east 160 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence south along said boundary 40 chains to point of commencement.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 21.

Take notioe that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted at the southeast corner of No. 8 Application on Tahsish Arm, thence north along the east boundary of No. 8 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south about 20 chains to the shore, thence following the shore southwesterly to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 22.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted at the northwest corner of Application No. 8 on Kokshittle Arm, thence east 40 chains, north 80 chains, west 60 chains, south to the shore of Kokshittle Arm, thence southeasterly along said shore to get one mile of southing, thence east about 40 chains to a point north of the initial stake, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 23.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on the Ka-o-winch River, Kokshittle Arm, Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted on the north boundary about 20 chains west of the northeast corner of Application No. 7, on the east bank of the Ka-o-winch River, thence east 20 chains, north 160 chains, east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 24.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted on the south shore of Narrow Gut Inlet, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence about 40 chains north to the shore of Narrow Gut Inlet, thence following the shore in a westerly direction to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 25.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted at the southeast corner of Application No. 1, on Kokshittle Arm, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 26.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted on the east side of a river unnamed entering into Clan ninick Harbor about 1½ miles from the mouth, thence east 60 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 27.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted near the initial post of Application No. 26, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

No. 28.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Kyuquot Sound, Rupert District:

Beginning at a post planted on the west side of Union Island about 20 chains south of a group of small islands in Blind Entrance, thence 80 chains east, thence 60 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence west about 20 chains to the shore of Blind Entrance, thence southerly along said shore to point of commencement.

Kyuquot Sound, June 14, 1906.
JOHN HIRSCH.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the foreshore opposite Lots 45, 46 and 47, Esquimalt District.

ALBERT A. ARGYLE.
Vancouver, B. C., July 4th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the foreshore opposite Lots 53 and 54, Metchosin District.

ALBERT A. ARGYLE.
Vancouver, B. C., July 4th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on Skeena River, in Range V., Coast District: Commencing at N. E. corner of Kitsilas Indian Reserve at post marked "H. M., S. E. corner"; thence north 80 chains; thence west about 40 chains to Skeena River; thence following the meandering of the Skeena River to intersection of Kitsilas Reserve northern boundary line and river; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 400 acres, more or less.

H. MORRELL.
Kitsilas, May 28th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the south half of Section 16, Township 4, Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 320 acres, more or less.

JOSEPH BEAUDOIN, Locator.

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

JAMES McKINNON, Locator.
J. E. BATEMAN, Agent.
Aldermere, B. C., May 15th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on the Skeena River, in Range V., Coast District: Starting from a post marked "N. M., S. E.," placed about 20 chains south of the S. W. corner of Lot 353, and thence north about 100 chains to the left bank of the Skeena River; thence following southwesterly said bank to the north boundary of Lot 354; thence east and south along the north and east boundaries of said Lot 354 to its S. E. corner, and thence east 25 chains about to point of commencement.

N. MILLER.
May 19th, 1906.

Claim No. 1.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the south end of a rocky knoll about 20 chains south of the head of a small bay inside Rocky Island, Kennedy Lake, thence east eighty (80) chains, thence south eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains, thence north eighty (80) chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

PAUL WOLEN,
Per M. J. HAUGEN, Agent.
May 29th, 1906.

Claim No. 2.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the south end of a rocky knoll about 20 chains south of the head of a small bay inside Rocky Island, Kennedy Lake, thence east eighty (80) chains, thence north eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains, thence south eighty (80) chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

P. NORGAR,
Per M. J. HAUGEN, Agent.
May 29th, 1906.

Claim No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the head of a small bay near the mouth of Elk River, Kennedy Lake, thence south eighty (80) chains, thence east eighty (80) chains, thence north eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

M. J. HAUGEN.
July 4th, 1906.

Claim No. 4.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at post planted 20 chains east of D. W. Moore's N. W. corner post, near the mouth of Elk River, thence east eighty (80) chains, thence north eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains, thence south eighty (80) chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. F. TEETZEL,
Per M. J. HAUGEN, Agent.
May 29th, 1906.

Claim No. 5.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing from a post planted at the northeast corner of a small lake about one mile east of Kennedy Lake, which appears to be the head waters of Maggio Lake, marked A. M.'s N. W. corner post, thence east eighty (80) chains, thence south eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains, thence north eighty (80) chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

A. MACKAY,
May 30th, 1906.

Claim No. 6.

Notice is hereby given that, two months after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing from a post planted at the northeast corner of a small lake about one mile east of Kennedy Lake, which appears to be the head waters of Maggio Lake, S. J. F.'s S. W. corner post, thence east one hundred and sixty (160) chains, thence north forty (40) chains, thence west one hundred and sixty (160) chains, thence south forty (40) chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

S. J. FLETCHER,
May 23rd, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land in Port Renfrew District, Vancouver Island, on the west side of the Gordon River, adjoining A. Wheeler's claim on the southeast corner. Commencing at a post on the northeast corner marked J. Young's northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, and east 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres. Located June 9th, 1906.

J. YOUNG.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land in Port Renfrew District, Vancouver Island, adjoining A. E. Mannell's claims on the southeast corner: Commencing at a post on the northeast corner marked A. Wheeler's (jr.) northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, and east 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres. Located June 9th, 1906.

A. WHEELER, Jr.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following lands situated on Skeena River: Commencing at a post marked "W. H. Cooper's S. W. Co.," planted seventy-five yards from the junction of Gold Creek with the Skeena River, on the up-stream side, thence aest 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement.

W. H. COOPER.
June 16th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following lands, situate on Denise Arm: Commencing at a post marked "J. E. H. L.'s N.W. Corner," thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

J. E. H. LAIDLAW.
June 16th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on the Skeena River, in Range V., Coast District: Starting from a post marked "J. W. F. S. E.," placed on the west boundary of lot 312, Range V., and thence south about 5 chains to S. W. post of said lot, thence west about 50 chains to east boundary of Lot 190, thence south about 15 chains to the left bank of the Skeena River; thence northeasterly along said bank to the S. W. corner of said Lot 312, and thence south to point of commencement.

J. W. FLETCHER.
May 16th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following lands, situate at Dogfish Bay, Portland Canal: Commencing at a post on shore line marked "W. H.'s S. W. Corner," thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west to shore line, thence southerly along shore line to point of commencement, containing eighty acres, more or less.

WM. HAMILTON.
Staked 25th May, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on the Skeena River, Range V., Coast District: Starting from a post located at the northeast corner of the Kitsilas Indian Reserve, and marked "E. J. McGeachie, S. W. corner"; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

E. J. McGEACHIE.
Kitsilas, May 28th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the head of the Bulkly River: Commencing at a post marked R. B., N. W. corner, thence running west 60 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence north 60 chains to point of commencement, and containing 480 acres, more or less.

W. N. CLARK, Locator.
Bulkly Valley, July 3rd, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on the Skeena River, Range V., Coast District: Commencing at a post located at the S. W. corner of E. J. McGeachie's land and marked "J. M. McGeachie's N. W. corner"; thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

J. M. McGEACHIE.
Kitsilas, May 28th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land on the right bank of the Skeena River, Range V., Coast District: Commencing at a post marked "James J. Trorey, initial post," at the N. E. corner of the New Town Indian Reserve, thence west, along the Indian Reserve line, 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south along the Skeena River to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

JAMES J. TROREY.
Skeena River, May 24th, 1906.

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—When motoring first came into general vogue with women, the dressmakers set up a chorus of wailing that the pastime would ruin their trade to some extent, particularly in the matter of smart afternoon frock and tea gowns. That fear has, however, given way to an increased ingenuity amongst experts as to how the ideal and most becoming motor-wearables can be evolved. As a matter of fact women wear as many elaborations and confections as ever and motors have merely added another "department" to their already lengthy list of necessities. But motor "altogethers" are no longer as hideously utilitarian as at first. It is found possible to wear quite suitable but charming headgear, while the cloaks with which we cover our finery are things of beauty, besides being dust-proof. The cape sleeve has firmly established its claim to consideration in connection with the corselet bolero. It is, indeed, the first step on the road to the revival of the cape itself. In Paris the latter is already seen, a mantelet of silk or lace being an almost indispensable adjunct to the princess robe for street wear. Very dainty little garments of this type are those evolved from fan-pleated taffetas. In a smart example seen recently at the tennis tourament, the cape was secured in front with long stole ends of black velvet. One of the most decisive pronouncements of "La Mode" with regard to the coming season concerns the wrap coat. The ubiquity of the princess robe and corselet gown renders the possession of one or more smart garments of a nominally protective order an absolute necessity, and the fiat has gone forth that for both day and evening wear white faced cloth shall reign supreme. Hard on its heels, however, come the whole range of pastel tints, or failing these for economy's sake black is not only permissible but may be extremely smart.

On Saturday morning, quite early, while standing at the door of a well known stationer's waiting for my car I was surprised to hear the chattering of a number of young ladies inside, accompanied by the restless fluttering of much bestarched petticoats. By the way it was the day after a very fashionable private tennis tourney at which had been displayed many smart frocks and fluffy creations. My curiosity was much aroused, for I could not help wondering why these fair society dames were wasting the bright morning in this stuffy store. My car whizzed by, customers came and went, but still they remained, some aimlessly walking about, while others sat listlessly turning over the pages of magazines. Presently a hush seemed to fall, as a small boy entered carrying a number of the last edition of "The Week," and disposing of his burden on a counter near by. Then with a coy blush, each dainty lady possessed herself of a copy, devoured the Society column, refolded the paper, placed it back on the pile and walked out of the store. Cheap, isn't it? That reminds me of the small boy who wanted chocolate drops, and when the storekeeper told him they were six for 5 cents, he said, "Let me see, six for 5, five for 4, four for 3, three for two, two for one, one for nothing, I guess I'll take one for nothing."

It is, perhaps, uttering a platitude to say that the Americans are truly a wonderful nation. But on studying some of their extraordinary devices for economising space and saving labor, as illustrated by what they call combination furniture, the truth of it is more than ever borne in upon one. By the use of this combination furniture one room can be made to serve the purpose of two. A bedroom can, by touching here a spring which makes a piece of furniture revolve and present quite a different aspect, and drawing a curtain or letting down a leaf there, be turned into a charming and cosy sitting-room in the day time. Speaking of such things reminds me that Weiler Bros. have a number of smart folding beds, cupboards, etc., which are quite the most convenient articles of furniture for bachelors' quarters.

A useful idea for a sitting room, when a large piano and a cumbersome sofa refuse to look happy anywhere until they are ranged alongside each other (which if often the case). Place the sofa with the end against an adjacent book-case and backing on to the piano (draped with Chinese embroidery). This hanging makes a bright spot of color against which soft-toned sofa cushions appear to advantage.

Challoner & Mitchell's brilliant display of silver and cut glass fairly makes one green with envy, especially when one has strived in vain to decorate a dinner table at the flower shoy and try to made it look artistic with plain common or garden flower vases and candel sticks.

The hot weather has made me dreadfully lazy in the morning; twice this week nature has rebelled against cooking but I have found salvation in Nemo with which, on the mornings in question, I have replaced the regular B. & K. Rolled Oats. The result has surpassed my anticipations; everybody likes it and the children seem to thrive marvellously on Nemo. In addition the rotation of foods is a distinct improvement.

I have heard that country milliners often visit Birmingham for the purpose of copying the latest fashions from the shop windows, but I have never heard that a church affords equal opportunities for the study of style. On Sunday evening last, I am told a lady who was an actual eye-witness of the incident, a well dressed female occupying the seat immediately in front of her in Christ Church was, during the sermon by Canon Beanlands, busily engaged in taking notes of an elaborate hat worn by one of the worshippers in a contiguous seat. The lady was apparently taking notes of the sermon, but my informant tells me she was able to read what was being inscribed in the dainty note beek. This comprised a full and detailed description of the hat, even to the setting of the green feather which formed a prominent feature of the millinery. After this I shall not be surprised to learn that the dressmaking artist takes her sketch-book to church or chapel instead of her prayer-book.

Magic Lantern and slides for sale at a bargain. A splendid exhibition outfit with lectures complete. W. M. Ritchie, 107 Blanchard St., Victoria, B.C.

Heroes.

There are heroes who fall 'mid the carnage of battle,
There are those who meet death on the foam—
But greater are those who, unheralded, battle
With fate for the loved ones at home.

Albert F. Caldwell

Propinquity.

If more pains were taken to give young people abundant opportunities of meeting each other, we should hear less of the decline in the marriage rate. Our ordinary entertainments are made so fussy and so costly that they necessarily become limited in number.—Lady's Pictorial.

Extraordinary Freak.

On a recent run of the Liverpool Motor Cycle Club the members were caught in a thunderstorm, says the "Motor Cycle."

One member's machine was said to have been struck by lightning, and a rod which operated one of the valves disappeared. The motor cyclist, however, did not know of the occurence, and curious to relate, noticed that his machine had improved in its running and simply flew along.

At the end of the journey he dismounted, and then noticed the rod had disappeared, but instead of the valve remaining stationary, it was working automatically with much better results.

"A Traditional Lie."

Mr. Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," not only lays bare the unspeakable conditions of the Chicago stockyards, but also puts an end to the traditional lie of the American workman enjoying such an enviable life compared to his European colleague.—Neueste Nachrichten, Munich.

Social and Personal.

VICTORIA.

Miss Ethel Rhodes is visiting in Vancouver.

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Dr. Fagan returned on Wednesday from the Mainland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Calderwood of the customs are camping up the Gorge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Childs have returned to the city and are camping up the Gorge.

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Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir and party returned from Vancouver on Monday.

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Miss Beatrice Gaudin is spending a few days at Shawnigan Lake, being a guest at the Strathcona.

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Mr. Stonham, a former Victorian, is expected to arrive on Monday from San Francisco, to spend his holidays here.

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Invitations are issued for a dance at Government House on Monday evening next, the 6th inst.

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Miss Vera Corbould, who has been the guest of Miss Cecily Galt, "The Firs," Lampson street, returned on Wednesday to her home in Westminster.

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Mr. Ethelbert Scholefield left on Wednesday for Boundary Bay, where he will spend his holidays, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Corbould.

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Mrs. Marpole spent a few days here this week the guest of her mother, Mrs. (Col.) Holmes, "Wollaston," Esquimalt Road.

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Mrs. R. P. Rithet entertatined a large number of her friends at a most delightful garden party given on Saturday last.

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The Misses Dupont entertained at "Stadacona" at the tea hour on Monday afternoon last, at the ever popular bridge. Three tables were filled by the guests.

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Mrs. Herbert Carmichael entertatined a few friends at tea on Friday afternoon last, the guests being Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Raymur, and Mrs. Fagan.

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Miss Dorothy Bell gave a tea last Saturday at her residence for the Ladies' Hockey Club. The decorations were in sweet pea and asparagus fern. They had a floral guessing contest.

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There have been very few events in society circles during the past week, the tennis tournament at the Belcher streets courts occupying the attention of most of the Four Hundred. The finals are to be played to-day (Saturday).

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The arrangements for the "Flannel Dance" to be given under the auspices of the Victoria Cricket Club are now complete. The affair, which is to take place in the Assembly Rooms on the 24th of August, promises to be most enjoyable. Tickets can be obtained from any of the members of the Cricket Club.

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Mrs. Berkeley entertained a number of young friends at her camp at Kanaka Ranch on Saturday afternoon and evening. Among the invited guests were Miss Bullen and Mr. Bullen, the Misses Pitts and Mr. Pitts, the Misses Monteith, Mr. Roger Monteith, Mrs. Monteith, the Misses Irving, Mr. Irving, Mrs. and Miss Newling, the Misses Hickey, Miss Winifred Mainwaring-Johnson, Miss Heylanad, Mr. Jack Heyland, Miss Troup , Mr. Troup, Mr. C. Pemberton, Mr. Arthur Gore, Miss Arbuckle, Mr. Lowenberg, Miss Gladys McCallum, Miss Eva Holmes, Miss Spencer, Miss Russel. Miss Bray, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kenneth Gillespie, Misses Mason, Miss M. Green, Mr. Motherwill, Mr. Ilexis Martin, Mrs. Norton, Miss Lina Norton, Mrs. Good, Mr. Bethune, the Misses Blackwood and others.

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Mrs. C. J. Fagan and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye entertained a large number of children at an afternoon party on Tuesday last, at No. 1 Pleasant street. The little people spent a most enjoyable time playing games and running about over the broad lawns. The affair was given in honor of Miss Kathleen and Master Cecil Thompson of Vancouver, who are visiting Mrs. Fagan and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye. The guests were Miss Ina Norton, Miss Edith Galley, Miss Kathleen Galley, Miss Mary McGregor, Miss Vivian Matson, Miss Jocelyn Innes, Miss Baby Innes, Miss Given McPhillips, Miss Dola Dunsmuir, Miss Baby Tatlow, Miss Mabel Rhodes, Miss Dolly McBride, Miss Ruth McBride, Miss Baby Mackenzie, Miss Helen Goward, Miss Viva Wilson, Miss Baby Wilson, Master Tommy Lampman, Master McGregor, Master Jack Devereux, Master Ted Proctor, Master Jack Proctor, Master Bob Harvey, Master Harry Crease, Master Jimmy Audaine, Master Son McPhillips, Master Baby McPhillips, Master Buster Burton, Master Godfrey Rhodes, and Master Bobs Murison. Those who helped the hostess in entertaining were Mrs .Audaine, Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Eleanor Dunsmuir, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Goward, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Tatlow, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Norton, Miss Phipps, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. McGregor, and Mrs. Crease.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C., was a passenger to Victoria on Friday.

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Mr. C. P. Egan is spending a couple of days at Harrison Hot Springs.

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Mr. J. H. Lawson returned to Victoria by Friday's boat.

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Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt is in town for a day or two on business.

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Mr. Simon Leiser, of Victoria, was a passenger Friday from the Capital.

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Mr. A. W. Vovell returned to Victoria Saturday.

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Mr. E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., went down to Victoria Fridya.

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Captain J. W. Troup, superintendent of the Coast Steamship Service, returned to Victoria Friday.

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Mr. W. J. Taffe, manager for John Peck & Company, left Friday afternoon on a business trip East.

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Mr. George Shelden Williams, editor of the B. C. Mining Exchange, has returned to Victoria.

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Mr. H. L. Jenkins, the well known lumberman, was a passenger to Victoria Saturday.

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The Misses Kilby of "The Crossways," Beach avenue, will not receive again till October.

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Mr. E. C. Mariam, the well-known composer and pianist, has returned from a short trip to the East.

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Miss A. Eighmey, Miss M. Bailey, and Mr. and Mrs. Hartney left Saturday for Victoria, where they will spend a few days.

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Mr. Evan Marstrand, of Copenhagen, who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. Otto Marstrand, left Sunday for Victoria, en route to Oakland, Cal.

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Messrs. Charles A. Cass and R. B. Skinner were among the passengers to Victoria by steamer Princess Victoria Thursday afternoon.

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Mr. G. R. G. Bagnall of the C. P. R. passenger department left Sunday for Victoria to meet the incoming Oriental liner Athenian.

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Mr. Abrahim Nasa of Persian rug fame, has arrived in the City on a business trip and is registered at the Hotel Vancouver.

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Mr. C. F. Dickson, representative of the Ogilvie Milling Company, left on the Imperial Limited Saturday morning for Winnipeg.

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Among the passengers who left for Victoria Saturday were Mrs. T. Williams, Mrs. Wyne, Mr. and Mrs. Derrital and Mr. H. B. Spear.

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Mr. J. H. Macgill has gone to Buccaneer Bay, where his wife and family are. His mother, Mrs. Menry Macgill, of Oakville, Ont., accompanied him.

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Mr. A. W. Vowell, Superintendent of Provincial Indian Affairs, came up from the Capital Saturday morning and is registered at the Vancouver.

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Mr. H. Pim, manager for the Canadian General Electric, went up to Harrison Saturday afternoon, where his family is spending several weeks.

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Mr. W. D. Scott, of Everett, Wash., Superintendent of the Great Northern, came in with a party of friends on the private car "Wisconsin."

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Miss Jones, principal of the Deaconess Training School, Seattle, arrived in the city yesterday and will be the guest of Mr. R. S. Pyke, 114 Haro street, for the next week or so.

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Among the passengers to Victoria by the steamer Princess Victoria on Sunday were Mrs. Seigling, J. W. Capp, W. H. Hewson, W. H. Lewis and wife, F. W. Norton and wife, F. J. Norton, Miss Mamie Norton and Mr. Seigling.

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Among the visitors to Vancouver at the present time are Mr. A. J. Brown, of Toronto, father of Mrs. John Prentice, and Mr. Farquhar D. McLennan, of Williamson, Ont., a cousin of Mr. Prentice. During their stay here they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Prentice, 873 Howe Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Byron, formerly of Perth, Australia, arrived in the city on the steamer Athenian and are staying at St. Luke's Home as the guests of Sister Frances. Mr. Byron spent four years in Perth, where he acted as secretary to Sir Frederick Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Byron are now on their way home around the world, and will leave for England on Sunday's train.

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Mrs. Freed, wife of Mr. Max Freed, the well known furniture dealer on Hastings street, received a wireless Marconigram from her husband, who is at present returning home from a short business trip to Europe on the steamship America(saying that he expected to reach New York next Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mattison returned to the City on Friday night from Los Angeles, Cal., where they have been residing for some time past. Mr. Mattison is a former resident of Vancouver and is a prominent athlete, having been a member of the Vancouver lacrosse club for the past few years. Mr. and Mrs. Mattison are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Young, of 1041 Comox street.

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Cecil J. Ford, of New Westminster who was in the city a few weeks ago has returned. He has brought his horse and buggy from the Mainland with him on this trip and is taking advantage of the good roads in this vicinity. Mr. Ford, who is a lieutenant in a Yeomanry regiment in Ireland, served through the South African War. He has been very successful in South African mining ventures and intends making some investments on Vancouver Island. He will probably leave for the Orient in October with the intention of entering into the customs service there. Mr. Ford has many friends in Vancouver where he resided for some time.

NELSON.

Born, in this city on Friday, July 27 to the wife of E. W. Monk, a son.

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Mrs. R. J. McPhee, of Spokane, is visiting Nelson.

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Born, in this city on Friday, July 27 the wife of Archie Mainwaring-Johnson, a daughter.

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Mrs. Mighton, of Toronto, mother of B. B. Mighton, arrived from the East recently and will reside in Nelson.

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Miss M. J. Kennedy, of Cranbrook who has been visiting in Nelson for the past three weeks, left for home this morning.

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The 20,000 club's secretary has presented the Nelson boat club with a check for $20, the proceeds of the dance held at the park last Thursday evening.

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A record was established in the Kootenay when J. Hyslop of One Mile Point, stepped out into his ranch on Friday morning last, and picked ripe peaches. Mr. Hyslop is pardonably proud of the event.

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G. A. Proctor and wife of Sarnia are in the city. Mr. Proctor is a well known eastern contractor, and this is his first visit to Nelson. He is father of John Proctor, formerly in the C. P. R. ticket office.

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The ladies of the Roman Catholic church held a garden party on the lawn of Father Altholff's residence on the evening of Wednesday. A splendid programme had been arranged and refreshments provided and was a most successful affair.

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N. C. Cavanaugh has purchased the residence of Mrs. E. C. Davison on Josephine street and has taken up his residence there. Mrs. Davison has gone on a visit to Vernon, Kamloops and Nicola, and in about two months' time will go to Vancouver where she will reside permanently.

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The ladies came out strongly in the doubles and mixed doubles at the regatta. Mrs. Proctor and Miss Blakemore rowed a dead heat with the Misses Newcombe, the only one recorded on either day. In the mixed doubles Johnston and Miss Blakemore were easily first but stopped befor ethe line was reached allowing their rivals to slip by and win.

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Alex. Sharp, M.E., who has been employed as consulting engineer by Burns & Co. for several years, has left for the North by way of Vancouver. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sharp, and will spend a couple of months at Colorad City, on Windy Arm. Mr. Sharp has visited the northern gold fields before and considers them the richest in the world.

AT THE GORGE.—The London Bioscope is delighting thousands at the Gorge Park nightly and the best orchestra in the province discources sweet music.