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The Editor's Review

Of Current Topics.

Better Terms. There are some public questions which are too big for party politics, and which by common consent should be dealt with on a broader basis and with a total disregard for those considerations and amenities inseparable from the scheme of partisan affairs. The subject of better terms for British Columbia falls within this category. For many years the leading men of both parties, as well as those influential business men who take no active part in politics, have been endeavouring, in season and out of season, to secure from the Federal Government a readjustment of its financial relations with this Province. The grounds of this application are well understood and widely recognised. They lie in the natural conditions of the Province; its configuration; its mountain barriers which render the transportation problem so difficult, and the inaccessibility of its great resources, especially mineral. Labouring under these difficulties the progress has been slow, especially in so far as permanent increase of population is concerned, and as a natural consequence the burden of taxation has fallen heavily upon the comparatively small number who have had to carry it. In spite of this the actual progress of the staple industries of agriculture, lumbering, fishing and mining has been so great as to occasion astonishment throughout the Dominion, and to call forth the highest enconiums of such influential men as Mr. B. E. Walker, the general manager of the Bank of Commerce. In attaining to this stage of development the little handful of pioneers in the Province by the Sea, which is ultimately destined to become the greatest province in Canada, have paid to the Federal Government many millions more than they have received from it under the terms of Confederation, and at the same time have contributed to the Dominion revenues a sum per capita which ranges from 4 to 7 times more than from any other province. The rectification of these striking inequalities has been the aim of all loyal and patriotic British Columbians, and the Liberal party entered into a compact to bury the hatchet and to work together for so desirable an end. In the last session of the Provincial Legislature a motion made by the leader of the Opposition was unanimously accepted by both sides of the House. In due course a conference of provincial premiers was convened, by Sir Wilfred Laurier and met at Ottawa two weeks ago. To that conference went the Premier of British Columbia, accompanied by Mr. R .E. Gosnell, a gentleman whom everyone admitted was thoroughly well posted on the subject, and in the fullest sense a suitable adviser to the Premier. A well considered and intelligent scheme was prepared and submitted to the conference. If Mr. McBride asked more than he expected to get, he certainly did not ask more than the Province is entitled to. At the outset he was met with a proposition which must have come as a thunderclap. He was told that instead of making good his case to the Government he would first have to convince the other provincial premiers and secure their endorsation of his claims. This was certainly an astonishing proposition, although not too astonishing to be defended by the Liberal Press, which, forgetful of the fact that the leaders of the party had agreed to make common cause, began to cast about for means of making political capital and discrediting a political opponent. It has been contended that the justification for the course pursued by Sir Wilfrid is to be found in the provisions of the B. N. A. Act under which no variation in the terms of confederation can be made in favour of one Province without the consent of all the others. Those who put forward this plea have not attempted to explain why, when the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan were recently formed, and large subsidies were for the first time granted to them, it was not considered necessary to secure the endorsation of the other Provinces, nor were the provisions of the B. N. A. Act considered a bar to the carrying out of the policy of the Federal Government. It was hardly likely that the other Provinces would be generous to British Columbia when they were seeking all they could get for themselves, and when every dollar which they voted to the Province by the Sea meant a dollar less for them. We have no hesitation in saying that the statesmanlike attitude of the Federal Government would have been to consider the case of this Province on its merits to decide what would be a fair concession, and then to carry it through. That there would have been any strenuous opposition, or that there could have been any effective opposition on the part of the provincial premiers to this course, even if it had been necessary, which we do not believe, to secure their ultimate consent, cannot for a moment be seriously contended. The response of the Government to Mr. McBride's claim was so ridiculous as to suggest the reflection that it was not really intended to consider the matter upon its merits. He was offered an increase in fixed contribution to the Provincial funds of $115,000 per annum in perpetuity; this, however, involved no concession because it formed part of a scheme, which up to a certain point had been approved by all the provinces, under which Ontario would receive more than $1,000,000 per annum. What British Columbia asked for and is admittedly entitled to was something beyond this scheduled allowance, some rational grant towards helping us to battle with our natural disadvantages. Under this heading Mr. McBride was offered the munificent sum of $100,000 a year for ten years; he was, however, required to relinquish certain fees and taxes which already amount to $60,000 a year, and which with an increase of population such as is reasonably expected might easily equal the whole of the special grant. If this was not very much like an attempt to hand the Premier a "gold brick," we do not know what the term means. After vainly endeavoring to secure any advance upon this offer Mr. McBride finally withdrew from the conference, a course which the Liberal Press designates "an act of betrayal"; but which we venture to think that reasonable men of all parties will consider an act of dignity and good judgment. No better tribute could be paid to the wisdom of the course adopted by Mr. McBride and to the justice of his contention for something better than a mere bagatelle, than that the Finance Minister, Mr. Fielding, should have used his utmost endeavors to persuade Mr. McBride to return to the conference, and given him his personal undertaking that he would support a larger grant. Mr. Fielding is the last man to support such a course if it were not amply justified, and Mr. McBride requires no further defence than Mr. Felding's attitude towards the course he saw fit to adopt. If he had accepted the ridiculously inadequate offer which was made he would have been denounced from one end of the Province to the other as a traitor, by the very press which is now loading him with vituperation because he refused it. We do not hesitate to say that Mr. McBride's star would have set in British Columbia if he had allowed himself to be either "bluffed, coaxed, or cajoled" into accepting this offer. He is also said to be deficient in mentality. All we can say is that if that be true is the kind of deficiency to which the editor of The Times is a total stranger. Mr. McBride had at least sufficient mentality to realize what his position, and the position of the Province would have been if he had sold its birthright for a mess of pottage. If British Columbia could do with the paltry solatium offered by the Federal Government it can do without it. We have seen now how the Province has been helped by the "solid seven" and a ministerial portfolio. The Toronto Globe, mirabile dictu, has undertaken to lecture the successive governments of British Columbia for having undertaken works which ought to have been left to municipalities, and for having squandered the resources of the Province. This is not only a woful display of ignorance on the part of a journal which ought to know better; which ought to know that the municipal burdens have been almost intolerable, and that last session the debts of one municipality had to be taken over by the Government in order to protect Ontario financiers, but it also comes with exceedingly bad taste from a journal which is owned, controlled and directed by the most unscrupulous gang of "boodlers" which Canada has ever known, and which has benefited at the instance of the Dominion Government to the extent of untold millions of land, timber and coal grants which, according to our censorious critic, should have been preserved for the enrichment of the Province. This subject is of such vast importance to B. C. that we make no excuse for treating it at such length, and shall have more to say in our next issue.

Attack. Defence. In his issue of Oct. 16th the sapient editor of the Victoria Times, who claims that he is the only journalist in the Province who has learned the alphabet of his profession (he leaves his readers to discover whether he has ever got beyond it), exhausts his vituperative vocabulary in an endeavour to belittle the Premier of this Province. Needless to say, the occasion was the refusal of the Hon. Richard McBride to be gold-bricked by the Federal Government, not as the Liberal Press would have us believe, his failure to adequately represent the Province in its struggle for "better terms." No one who has watched the career of the Victoria Times during the present year will be surprised, though many respectable Liberals will be grieved at the level to which its editorial columns have sunk. When a journal of either party is so lost to all sense of decency and of the responsibilities of a great issue as to subserve public interests to political exigency in the manner which the Victoria Times has felt called upon to adopt, there is among all right thinking men, regardless of party a feeling of contempt and disgust. We reproduce the following choice tit-bits from one editorial referred to in order that they may have a far wider circulation than the paper that produced them, and in order that the electors in every part of British Columbia may be able to sample the shoddy which is turned out by the Victoria News Manufacturing Agency. Incidentally they will also be able to see how valiantly The Colonist, that traditional conservative organ and avowed supporter of the conservative party in general, and the McBride administration in particular, rallies to the defence of the Premier. The Victoria Times declares that "Mr. Whitney says that Mr. McBride has been neither frank nor sincere in his attitude on the question of better terms for British Columbia. (Since absolutely denied by Mr. Whitney.) . . . Mr. McBride's ridiculous posings, his mock heroics, his usual importunate way . . . the grandiose manner in which he made his bombastic announcement . . . this political degenerate . . . his absurd pretensions . . . the representative of British Columbia played the part of the clown in the piece . . . his usual shallow, transparent fashion . . . he displayed neither business sagacity nor political common sense; he "carried on" exactly as we have seen him do in the Legislature, when the tactics of the poker table were considered the final course . . . his bluff was thrown away . . . we were unrepresented, deserted and betrayed for selfish political considerations by the individual who should have upheld our cause . . . Premier McBride finally left the conference, carrying with him the honest contempt of every other provincial premier in the conference . . . like a horned devil." The foregoing is the atttck: the following is the only comment of the Colonist in its next issue. "It is easy to impute motives to Mr. McBride as our evening contemporary has done."

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Music and The Drama.

Victoria is very proud of its amateur talent, and well she may be, for their work has often reached a standard easily comparable with that of professionals. In "Cupid in Posterland" we find a large caste of well known and talented singers and the society have promised performances on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 25 and 26—that will be of a high standard of excellence.

As Old King Cole, Mr. Godfrey Booth has a part well fitted to his peculiar style of humor, as has also Mr. Julier in A. Piker Franklyn. Mr. Geo. Phillips should make an ideal Foxy Grandpa, and Miss Dorothy Sehl as Lady Bountiful should be as the original in comparison. Mrs. Kent will be an ideal Jill, and Miss Dunsmuir a sweet and winning Miss Muffett. All the others have been well selected. Even the chorus voices are given some special work and place in the big musical numbers that the best possible showing may be made.

Master Leroy Wachter will be Buster Brown and Kezia Sehl the Mary Jane. G. O. Booby and Basil Prior have Happy Hooligan and Laughing Jim, Mr. Petch, Boy Blue, and the White Bros. the Gold Dust Twins. Mr. Wensley plays Jack, Mr. Mason the policeman, and Master Raymond Johnson as Pretending Percy; Violet Brae is Mrs. Katzenjammer; Anna McQuade, Bo-Peep; Connie Jay, the Fairy, and Cupid is Master S. Elmo Russell.

Among others appear the names of Misses Reed, Hall, Wilson, Foote, Newcombe, Clark, Day, Cross, White, Leavy, Moresby, Hannington, Mason, Newling, Whitelaw, Wigley, Bulwer, Nicholas, Green, and Messrs. Cambie, Bain, Roame, Gordon, Taylor, Kent, H. D. Rocheport, Hopkins, Petch, Brown, Foote, Rochefort, Shaw, Jenkinson, Hardy, Collison, and Brae.

The sale of seats for Jane Corcoran, which opens at Victoria today, promises to be a very heavy one. Miss Corcoran, who has been starring the past two seasons in "Pretty Peggy," will be seen this season as "Suzanne," in "The Freedom of Suzanne," a delightful comedy which ran for ten weeks at the Empire Theatre, New York City. Her manager, Arthur C. Aiston, was one of a dozen competitors for the play, but Mr. Frohman, who has always been a staunch admirer of Miss Corcoran's ability, saw in her the ideal woman for the part and gave her the preference. James M. Brophy, the well known leading man, has been secured as Miss Corcoran's chief support, and the balance of the company is one of much merit.

The Morning Oregonian, in a recent issue, spoke in the highest terms of Miss Corcoran's performance, and declared that she was one of the brightest and sprightlies of our young stars.

Parsifal as an opera is worthy of Wagner and no higher praise could be given. Parsifal as a drama is a meaningless and incongruous jumble of sacred tableaux, religious jargon, and transcendental sentimentalism. How such a play has managed to keep the boards and to travel so far will ever remain a mystery, as great a mystery as the "Quest of the Grail." There were a few redeeming features—or at least features which enabled one for a moment to forget that the company was attempting the impossible—the rendition of a sacred play on the stage. One scene in the whole, and only one, was worth witnessing—the seduction scene in the garden. But it derived its interest from the inherent and perennial forces which are altogether independent of the drama as a whole. In this one scene Miss Keating as Kundry was superb, as indeed she was all through the play. Her voice is one of the finest heard on the stage since Bernhardt first appeared. Her elocution was perfect and her acting good. To hear her voice however, was a dream, and made it possible to forget that Parsifal was a huge mistake. It says not a little for the artistic perceptions of the audience that they were able, by a process of detachment and concentration to find oases in the desert of jarring and discordant solecisms with which the most impossible stage spectacle of modern times abounded.

As between the Victoria Musical Society and Senor Emilio Gogorzo "honors are easy." The plaudits of an enthusiastic audience are equally divided, one half to the finest singer heard in Victoria for many a day, and one half to the organization which had the intelligence, the discrimination and the enterprise to bring him here. Few had even heard of Gogorza, his fame had not reached the Pacific Coast, only this could account for the moderate attendance on Tuesday night. Those who braved wind and rain heard the finest baritone since Santley was at his best twenty-five or thirty years ago. Plunkett Greene has travelled through the musical centres of four continents and attained both fame and fortune, but he is not to be compared in any sense with Gorgozo. Through the vocal, musical, and dramatic exigencies of a programme which comprised nineteen selections he progressed from triumph to triumph, concluding with a "tour de force" in his rendition of the "Largo" from the Barber of Seville, which has hardly been surpassed on the operatic stage; certainly not since Leslie Crotty was in his prime and Georgina Burns was dazzling provincial audiences in England a quarter of a century ago. So far as the Victoria Musical Society is concerned it has discovered Gogorza for the West, and has laid Victorians under a debt of gratitude which will not easily be repaid.

The advance notices compared him to Caruso; for once they did not exaggerate. As was well said by Colonel Prior, who pleaded for support, the Society will continue to work along the same lines, to bring only the finest talent and to rely on the appreciation and support of the public to justify the venture. The artists who will take part in subsequent concerts justify the claim, including Madame Yaw, Madame Schumann Heink and the modern Paganini, Hartmann. We bespeak for the Victoria Musical Society and its energetic and courteous secretary, Mr. Phillips, hearty support.

Miss Jeannie Fletcher is a young lady of beauty and refinement, and a singer of high order. In half a dozen well chosen selections she demonstrated to an enthusiastic audience in Victoria on Thursday night that as a Scotch songstress she is "facile princepes." So delighted were her hearers that two encores were insisted on and graciously conceded. One of these "Angus Macdonald," was the gem of the evening. The final selections of Miss Fletcher, rendered in costume, were most effective, and by special request "Auld Lang Syne" was given as an encore in a manner which set the seal on the fair singer's reputation. Amid bouquets, floral and vocal, Miss Fletcher retired from the stage where she had won high honors and to which she will be welcomed whenever she is able to return to Victoria. She was ably assisted by Miss May Meldrum, Miss Maggie Hill and Mr. J. G. Brown.

In the Nellie Andrews Company, which is coming to the New Grand next week, Victoria theatre goers are promised a head-line attraction that ranks with the very best. Composed as it is of people who stand at the very top among English grand opera singers, it would be strange indeed if they failed of success upon entering the vaudeville ranks. But such is not the case, for they immediately jumped into favor upon their first appearance in Chicago, and the verdict there has been repeated in every city visited.

Among the excerpts from Il Trovatore, which are included in their first act, is the greater tower scene and Miserere duet, and the entire Challenge scene the Trio from act one, Mr. Henri Gunson, the tenor of the company, is a graduate from the Daly forces, coming to this company from Henrietta Crossman and Wilton Lackaye's attractions.

Another headline act will be the screaming farce "Last Night," put on by Willard Newell & Company. The chap has been out over night, and having proposed in short order to a woman he has met with, asked her to meet him next morning at 10, and at his country cousin's simultaneous appearance, the fellow is so befogged he doesn't know which is which, furnishing a plot in which it is claimed the complications would make a dummy laugh. Mr. Newell is supported by Miss Grace Turner, as the country cousin, and Miss Mary Tracy as the other woman. O'Brien & West are a hard-working and popular Irish-German comedy duo, with excellent clog dancing and parodies. Andre is a clever magician. Frederick Roberts will sing the illustrated song "Coming Thro the Rye, Jennie Mine," and the new moving pictures are entiled "Madame Wears the Breeches" and "The Watchdog." Altogether, it promises to be one of the best shows Manager Jamieson has yet given.

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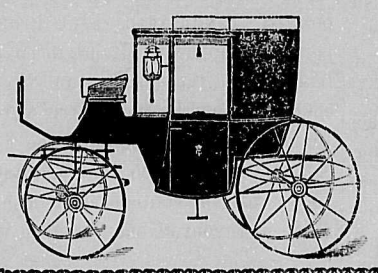

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Some times, not often, I lounge into the police court what time stipendiary Magistrate Hall is dispensing even-handed justice to the drunks, disorderlies and crooks who find occupation for Chief Langley and his staff. The surroundings are not exhilarating, being more conducive to pessimism than optimism. Sometimes, however, the grey monotonies are relieved by a streak of humor, as on Monday last, when a heartless husband was being tried for committing an assault on his wife. Her head was bandaged, and she presented a very battered appearance. "With what did he strike you," demanded the Magistrate.

"With a motter," pathetically responded the damaged wife.

"A motter," pursued his worship. "What do you mean by a motter?"

"Why," explained the poor creature, with a reproachful air, as who should say, "I thought everyone knew that, "It is one of them things as is framed, and hangs in your bedroom, and says "God bless our 'ome."

Is it possible to eradicate the gambling instinct from the Chinese nature, or for a matter of that from any man? Still admitting that we all like a little gamble from the simpering misses who play for chips to the plunger who stakes his all on the cast of a dice it still remains that for a steady, consistent, day in and day out gambler John Chinaman is facile princeps the champion. With most men it is a side show, with him it is the business of life. The average Chinaman divides his twenty-four hours about in this wise: Work from 7 till 9, from 11 to 3, and from 6 to 8, with intervals of hitting the pipe and flipping the cards, the chips or the dice. From 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. he stays with the game. From 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. he snatches what sleep he can between the feverish period which has either left him penniless or afforded him visions of boundless wealth and a libidinous cycle in the Flowery land. Is it to be wondered at that he is phlegmatic, silent, morose and heavy eyed? The revelations of his ingenuity in seeking to avoid capture, the story of trapdoors and secret panels told in court this week sounded more like a chapter from the Hanlon's pantomimic escapades than a relation of the actual impedimenta of a gambling den. The exemplary fines imposed on Mr. Thornton Fell's hapless clients will not sensibly diminish the evil, they regard the payment as a contribution to the licensing fees of the gambling dive. Would it not be fairer to raid Chinese dens which derive their chief support from "white" men? At least it would be in accordance with the eternal fitness of things. If neither the Mayor nor the Chief is acquainted with such resorts, let them ask the Lounger.

Roller skating has fairly caught on, and for the nonce is the fashionable craze. Just how much its popularity is due to the exhilaration and attraction of the exercise and how much to the environment may perhaps be a matter of conjecture, but then the same may be said of most of the recreations in which lovely woman condescends to indulge. What attraction would golf have for women if it were not easily the finest flirtation game in the world? What girl would play hockey but for the "coach"? How many would struggle through the inartistic and painful contortions of the skating rink but for the "instructor"? Still it does not do to be too censorious, and there is no wonder that with the love-sick maiden of poesy Victoria damsels too sing:

> "What's this dull town to me?
> Robin's not here."

Why cannot Victoria retain its young men? They all drift away, just when they are wanted, and the result is—deplorable. Domestic servants are scarce, and eligibles are far scarcer, which is hardly a satisfactory method of solving the problem.

Everyone knows that between Victoria and Vancouver there is a touch at least of friendly rivalry. Just how the matter is viewed by a Vancouverite was well illustrated in a brief conversation which I heard in one of my favorite lounging places this week. The visitor was standing treat. After the usual "looking towards" he asked his Victoria friend, "Have you been in Vancouver lately, it is growing?" "Not just lately," replied the friend, "in fact not since last week." "Ah," said he of Vancouver, "you should see it now."

To the seven circles of torture in the regions of the lost I wish that Dante had added an eighth to illustrate the doom of mayors and aldermen who permit dumb animals to be tortured. The exquisite sufferings of the poor creatures committed to the tender mercies of the Mayor and Corporation of Victoria should haunt them with a picture of the miseries of their neglected charges for a longer period than I should care to compute. To say that the responsibility rests with the Park Committee is puerile. That committee excuses itself on the ground of insufficient funds. The result is the same, God's creatures deprived of their freedom and of the natural means of supplying their needs are first rendered harmless and impotent, and then slowly starved. Whatever the Mayor and Corporation may think, and however they may try to shuffle the responsibility, the fact remains that cruelty is practised on creatures whose custody they have undertaken, and in this, as in matters which do not so closely trench upon the instincts of humanity, they have shewn their incapacity. If they cannot feed and house and care for the poor animals let them be shot and put out of their misery. I mean the animals.

Handicapped.

The Chinese community in Victoria cannot be accused of a lack of commercial keenness, as their local financiers are ever ready to invest in any business which gives promise of satisfactory returns. It comes not then as a matter of surprise that Mr. Gee Ship Sum and his associates have decided that the time has arrived for the Chinese to control a portion of the local traction trade, and with this object in view, a company has been formed which will engage in the livery business. Not only are the local Chinese lavish in their transportation expenses at funeral times, but their influential financiers are extremely fond of taking their families out for a drive on every possible occasion. All this business, as Mr. Gee Ship Sum points out, will naturally accrue to his company from motives of patriotism. The company has been capitalized at $20,000, but Mr. Gee Ship Sum expects to increase the capital to $100,000 at an early date, as he is already in treaty for the acquisition of the stocks of Messrs. Ho Fat Po and Yet Ski Doo, the well known Chinese vegetable transportation magnates. Overtures were made for the purchase of the magnificent outfit of Long Suey Sam, the Saanich provider, but so far negotiations are still in progress. Mr. Geo. Ship Sum offered Long Suey Sam seven thousand dollars' worth of stock in his new company, but Long Suey Sam insisted upon receiving forty dollars in cash for his property. Mr. Sum will, however, increase the capital stock immediately to the $100,000 limit, and hopes then to be able to complete the transaction.

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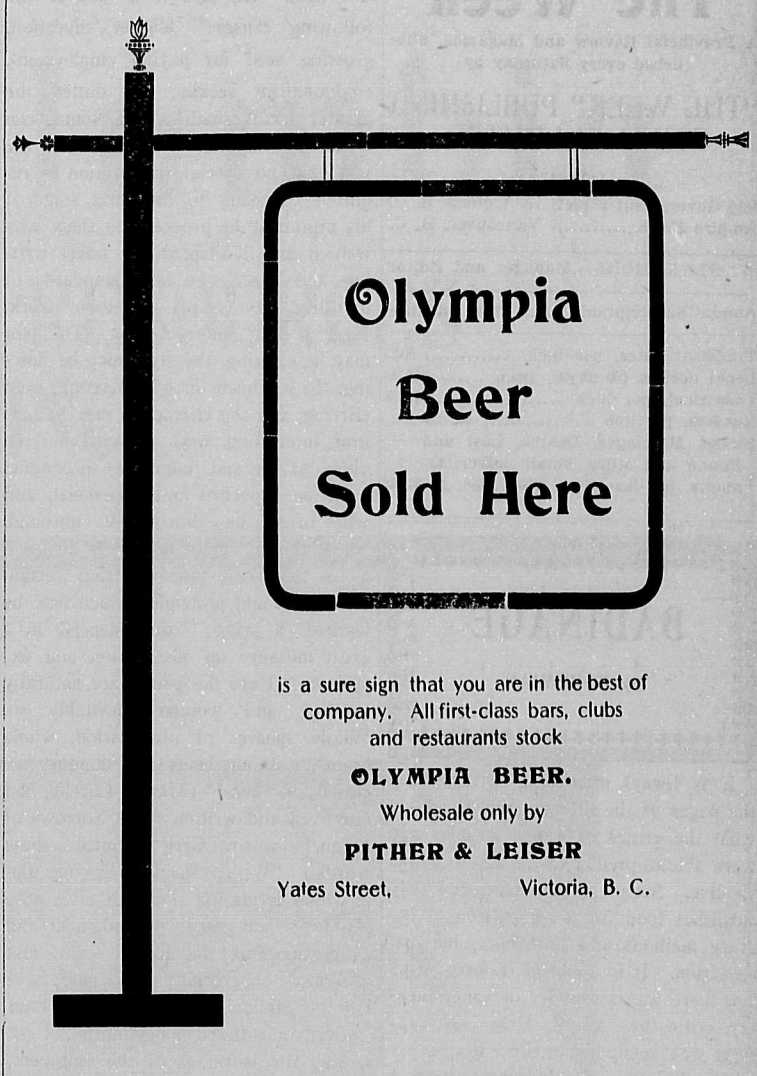

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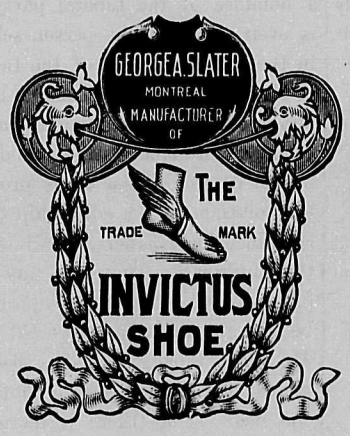

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BADINAGE

By BOHEMIAN

It is always interesting to turn back the pages of the literary record and see what the critics of a few decades ago were able to predict of the age in which we live. Such a reminiscence not only furnishes food for a comparison of literary methods and prescience, but for reflection. It is doubtful if forty years ago there was a sounder or saner literary critic than W. R. Greg. His insight was keen, his intellect bright, his standards lofty. To the ignoble he had an intuitive antagonism. There was with him a singular and nervous gripping of the finer and chaster modes of thought. Albeit he was wide in his sympathies and unerring in his judgments. In our day no one man reproduces all his marvellous equipment for the work of literary criticism, but his most prominent qualifications are found in Robertson Nicol and Theodore Watts Dunton. The sanity of the former and the mystical insight of the latter go to make up a Greg, although in neither instance am I advocating the twentieth century psychological revival of the reincarnation craze.

One of the most interesting and valuable disquisitions in the book referred to is on the subject of lady novelists, and in view of the fact that the redundancy of writers of this class is even more marked today than in the sixties, it may not be unprofitable to glance over his article.

The title is "The False Morality of Lady Novelists." First Greg puts in a plea for novel reading. He declares that more people receive "the bias of their course and the complexion of their character from reading novels than from hearing sermons." He is convinced that "the instances are numerous beyond conception in which souls trembling and hesitating on the verge of good and evil have been determined towards the former by some scene of fiction falling in their way at the critical moment of their moral history. In which minds have been sustained in hours of weakness, and strengthened in hours of temptation by pictures of sorrows endured and trials surmounted in virtue of some great principle or some true sentiment. In which sinners, fallen indeed, but not lost, have been induced to pause, to recoil and to recover, by seeing in some work which they had opened, only for amusement, the hideousness of a crime whose revolting features they could not recognize except when reflected in a mirror." He adds a further plea for novel reading by a reference to his own experience. He declares that with many others he "owes it to the novels with which one occasionally refreshes the wayworn spirits, along the world's hot, dusty thoroughfare, that the perception of the beautiful, the enthusiasm for the grand, and all the finer sentiments and gentler and tenderer emotions which soften and embellish life, are not utterly dried up, or crushed out, or trodden down, amid the fatigues and conflicts and turmoil of this arid and weary existence."

If these words were true when Greg wrote them they are double true now when the need for such intellectual recreation is so greatly increased by the feverish conditions of the age, and the reading of novels has increased far beyond any conception of forty years ago.

Greg then goes on to show how women have come to figure so largely in this field. He says it is due to the following causes: Higher education, growing need for paying employment, emotionalism seeking an outlet, the greater facility with which women can write as compared with men, and the fact that no special preparation is required. Passing to the next stage of his argument he proceeds to show why women are ill-adapted for novel writing, and hence why false standards of morality have crept into their work. Here I must quote again: "The plot may be exciting, the style may be flowing, the sentiment may be pleasing, even stirring, and the characters may be natural, interesting, well sustained, but the views of life and judgments of conduct must be imperfect and superficial, and will often be thoroughly unsound. These things cannot be surely deduced, as is too often fancied, from certain fixed rules and principles which may be learned 'a priori,'" they depend in a great measure on observation and experience. Here the young are naturally wanting and women inevitably so. Whole spheres of observation, whole branches of character and conduct are closed to her. (Marie Corelli had not lived and written "The Sorrows of Satan," when Greg penned these words.) "With respect to the one topic which forms the staple of most novels—love—her means of judgment and delineation must be always scanty and generally superficial. She may have felt the passion; she may possibly have enjoyed or suffered opportunities of observing the workings of the sentiment, but its wilder issues and its fiercer crises are necessarily and righteously hidden from her sight. She may by dint of that marvelous faculty of sympathy and intuition which is given to those who have felt profoundly and suffered long, be able to divine much which she cannot discover, and the pure and God-given instincts which some women possess in so rare a measure may enable her to distinguish between the genuine and the false, the noble and the low, but many of the saddest and deepest truths in the strange science of sexual affection are to her mysteriously and mercifully veiled; and the knowledge of them can only be purchased at such a fearful cost that we cannot wish it otherwise."

All this is very wise and very profound, and goes far to explain why, with such a one-sided equipment women novelists necessarily inculcate false standards of morality. "The result is that in their work we are constantly gazing on inaccurate pictures, constantly sympathizing with artificial or reprehensible emotions, constantly admiring culpable conduct, constantly imbibing false morality." These generally may be classed under four heads: false notions of honour, egotistical notions of self-sacrifice, sinful notions of compassion, and distorted notions of the relative enormity of various failings and offences.

Correspondence.

Banff, 15th Oct., 1906.

Editor The Week:

Dear Sir,—In your current issue you have an appreciative notice of N. K. Luxton, with which all who know the gentleman will heartily concur. One statement you make is, however, wrong. The amount being spent by the Western Canada Cement Co. is $1,250,000 instead of the "quarter of a million" with which you credit them. In justice to the company you might make the correction.

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EDITORIAL REVIEW—(Cont'd.)

Sulphate of Copper. If those persons who objected to Elk Lake as a source of supply for the water works system of Victoria needed any justification they have certainly found it in the rapidly accumulating evidence of the present week. We knew long ago, Canon Beanlands says to his knowledge for twenty-three years, that Elk Lake water "looked muddy and stank." In spite of this Mayor Morley contends that it is the best water available. Now we learn that during the present summer tons of alum have been dumped into the lake to correct the flavor and to substitute an artificial odour. On the heels of this comes the proposal to render the Elk Lake water still more palatable by an infusion of sulphate of copper. True, Mayor Morley has not yet endorsed the latter suggestion, but, as the former has been carried out under his direction, it is only a question of time. In fact, the Mayor seems to think that a city which he has for nearly a year permitted to be doped with "chemical milk," must by now have acquired a taste for "chemical water." And this is the conception of a chief magistrate for dealing with the first and greatest need of the citizens. It is about time that some practical scheme was laid before the ratepayers. This wandering round in the wildnerness and getting lost in the swamp in a vain search for water, at the insistent cry of the people ,"Give us to drink," is too much like a twentieth century burlesque of the Mosaic dispensation, with the difference that there does not seem to be much "striking" virtue in our Moses.

Coming Events. There is a portion of the Conservative vineyard which needs a little tending, if all that "The Week" hears is true. The old adage, "When the cat's away the mice will play," has recently been verified at Cumberland, where a quiet movement has been going on to switch the support of the Wellington Coal Co. from the sitting member to a nominee of the Liberal party. It is even said that the person selected in the secret councils of the faithful is Mr. J. B. Bennett, principal of the public school. It is thought that Mr. Bennett will make a strong candidate, but in case of defeat he is promised the solatium of the editorship of the combined local papers, the News and the Enterprise. To enable this amalgamation of journalistic interests to be brought about the powerful aid of Mr. Wm. Sloan, M.P., has been invoked, and he has agreed to finance the deal. That there is more than "smoke" in the rumor may be gathered from the fact that recently the Enterprize has been known to receive instructions from a prominent Conservative who is said to be a party to the political game. Altogether it looks as if the Comox constituency needs a little "nursing" if the avowed policy of the Federal Government and the emissaries of the G. T. P. is not to succeed in Cumberland, as it has done recently in a larger centre which need not be more specifically named.

Charles Francis Adams was escorting an English friend about Boston. They were viewing the different objects of attraction and finally came to Bunker Hill. They stood looking at the splendid monument, when Adams remarked: "This is the place, sir, where Warren fell." "Ah!" replied the Englishman, evidently not very familiar with American history. "Was he seriously hurt by his fall?" Mr. Adams looked at his friend. "Hurt! "said he. "He was killed, sir." "Ah, indeed," the Englishman replied, still eyeing the monument and commencing to compare its height in his own mind. "Well, I should think he might have been—falling so far."

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Fruit Growing.

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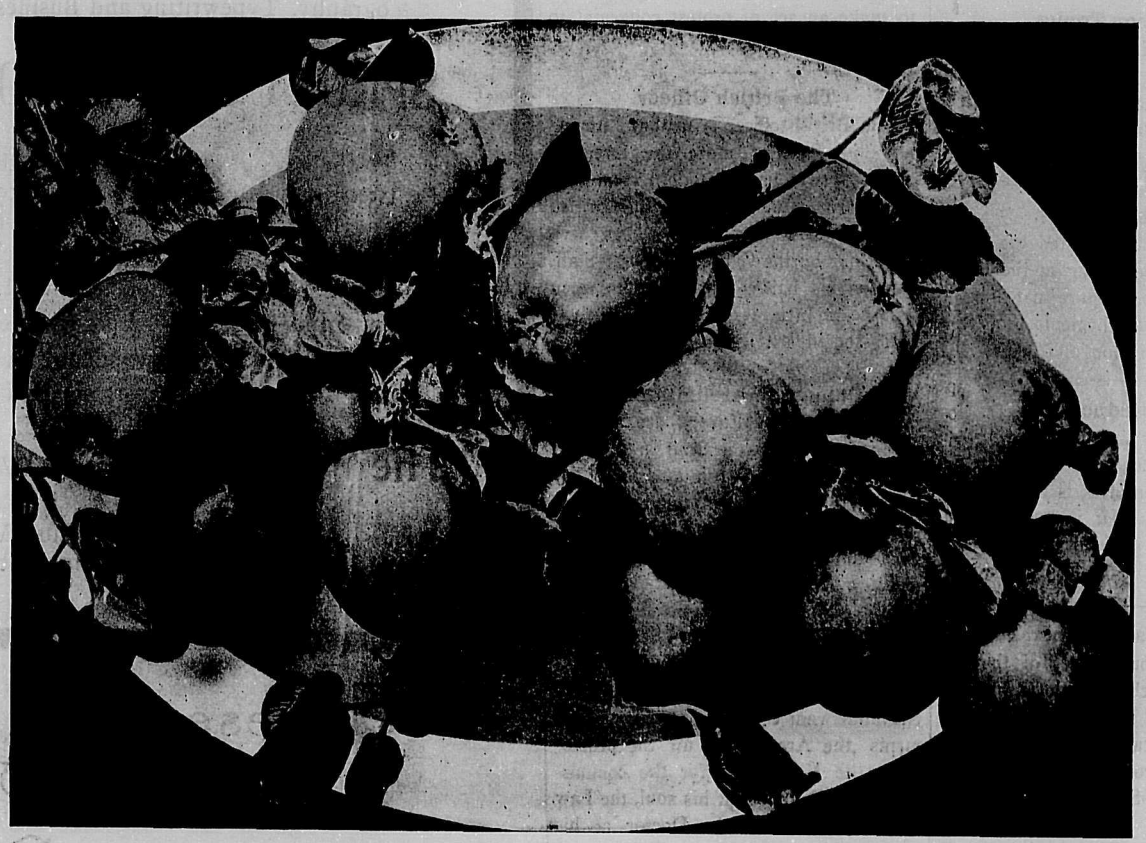
The fruit industry of British Columbia is in its infancy, but the results so far secred are convincing as to its future importance. The actual extent of fruit growing land has not yet been ascertained, but by a conservative estimate at least one million acres south of the 52nd degree will produce all the fruits of the temperate zone. The recognized fruit districts include the southern part of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, Lower Fraser River Valley, Thompson River Valley, Shuswap Lake, Okanagan, Spallumcheen, Osoyoos, Similkameen, Upper Columbia Valley, Kootenay Lake, Arrow Lake, Lower Columbia River and Grand Forks, which are all suited to the best grades of fruit, and which contain extensive areas of fruit lands. Other good fruit districts are: West Coast of Vancouver Island, West Coast of Mainland (where patches of fruit lands are found at the heads of the numerous inlets), Lower Fraser Valley, Nicola, Grand Prairie, and many other localities. In some of these sections irrigation is necessary, and, as mentioned elsewhere, water is being supplied where the influx of population warrants the necessary expenditure. Many localities, which are now proved to be suitable for fruit culture, were but recently "discovered," for a few years ago fruit was only raised in the settlements along the coast and along the rivers, and in quantity that failed to supply even the limited local demand. In 1891 the total orchard area of the province was 6,500 acres. In ten years it only increased 1,000 acres, but from 1901 to 1905 it jumped to 22,000 acres, and it is safe to say that that acreage will be more than doubled again before the close of 1906. Ten years ago British Columbia did not produce enough fruit to supply her own population. The folfollowing table of fruit shipments is interesting in showing the steady growth of the industry:



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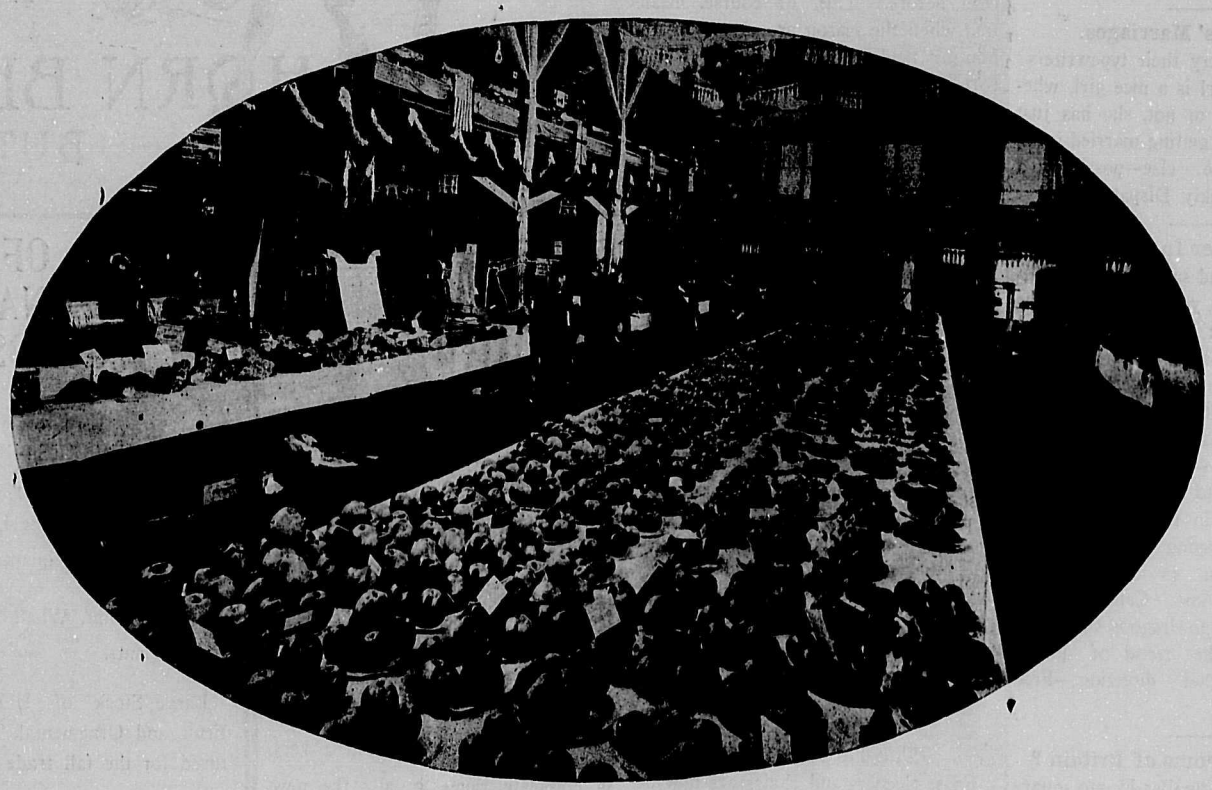

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Coming Woman Famine.

The near future will have to face a woman famine throughout England, for women are being attracted to the Colonies in annually increasing numbers.—Graphic.

Flirtation Topics.

It is always of interest to women to discuss flirtation. Looked at from any point of view, the subject is one which pre-eminently concerns them.—Lady's Pictorial.

Virtues of Kilts.

No one has yet suggested the utility of kilts. They never bag at the knees, nor do they ever require patching at that part, and their hygienic properties are proverbial.—Tailor and Cutter.

Naval Reductions.

The one factor that has kept bloodshed from the shores of Great Britain for nearly two centuries is the supremacy of that Navy that is now in peril from the hands of ignorance and impatience.—Times of India, Bombay.

Degenerate Mothers.

The most serious aspect of the under-feeding of school children, to my mind, is that of the girls. They are becoming degenerate mothers of a degenerate race; from such are unemployables born.—Sir John Gorst, in Good Words.

Ties With Japan.

An old lady, wishing to make her favorite grandson a birthday present, went into a hosier's the other day (says London Opinion) and asked to see some of those Anglo-Japanese ties about which Baron Komura has so much to say just now .

Office Girls' Marriages.

Should men marry their typewriters? Why not? If a girl is a nice girl, whether she is pretty or not, she has just as much chance of getting married in an office as anywhere else—possibly a shade more.—Weekly Dispatch.

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Canada and the Navy.

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What Will Become of Britain ?

Great Britain is smaller by 550 square miles than she was in the time of the Norman Conquest, and she is losing yearly a territory equal in size to Gibraltar. If this goes on, will the seas one day wash over the last crumbling bit of "the tight little isle"?—Scientific American, New York.

The King's Influence.

So powerful for good is King Edward's influence, whe nhe has a mind to exert it in international concerns, that all Europe breathed easier when it was announced that he would meet the German Emperor and discuss the general situation in Europe and Europe's relations with the other nations of the world.—News Letter, San Francisco.

"News" from Louisville.

London tailors intend to introduce next season an evening dress of blue swallow-tail coat and brass buttons, in order that British "gentlemen" may be distinguished from waiters. The gentleman who has to rely on his dress to distinguish him from a waiter is an ornament that society can well afford to spare.—Times, Louisville.

Transvaal Prophecies.

So far as the Transvaal is concerned, the next six months will settle the fate of the colony, and, incidentally, of the Liberal Government, for a Boer majority here will infallibly mean the downfall of the men who brought it about.—"Star," Johannesburg.

British Pugnacity.

The chronic kicker is not a pleasant personality; but he performs a most useful function; he is the watchdog of liberty, the price of which is eternal vigilance. The individuality of the British, their bull-headed harshness, tend to make an act of protest congenial to them.—Press, Nagasaki.

The British Officer.

The British officer is neither "stupid" nor "idle." The more the foreigner learns of war under modern conditions the more he appreciates the British soldier. Now that justice has been done him by the German General Staff, perhaps his half-educated countrymen will be a little less ready with their uninstructed criticism.—Broad Arrow.

Danger of Assumptions.

The nations of Europe are as little inclined to follow our lead in disarmament as they were to imitate our policy of free imports. It is a highly dangerous thing to countermand battleships on an assumption of this sort.—Manchester Courier.

John Bull's Parlous State.

John Bull is being driven into bankruptcy by the professions. The Civil Servants want colonies for the appointments ,the Army wars for the promotions, the Navy ships for the commissions; the Church is at his soul, the Law at his pocket, and the Doctor at his body!—"Marmaduke," in Truth.

Hunting Women Increase.

The number of hnuting women is increasing season by season. Madame is to be much more conspicuous than ever this season, and there are at present more ladies turning out early to attend cubbing fixtures han ever was the case before. This, of course, means that when the season proper arrives the hunting field will more than ever be a sort of open-air club for ladies.—Madame.

Mr. Haldane's Three R's.

Speaking at Haddington on Friday, Mr. Haldane confessed that in his army speeches he had been doing a little of his thinking aloud, so that the nation might see what was going on and make its criticisms.

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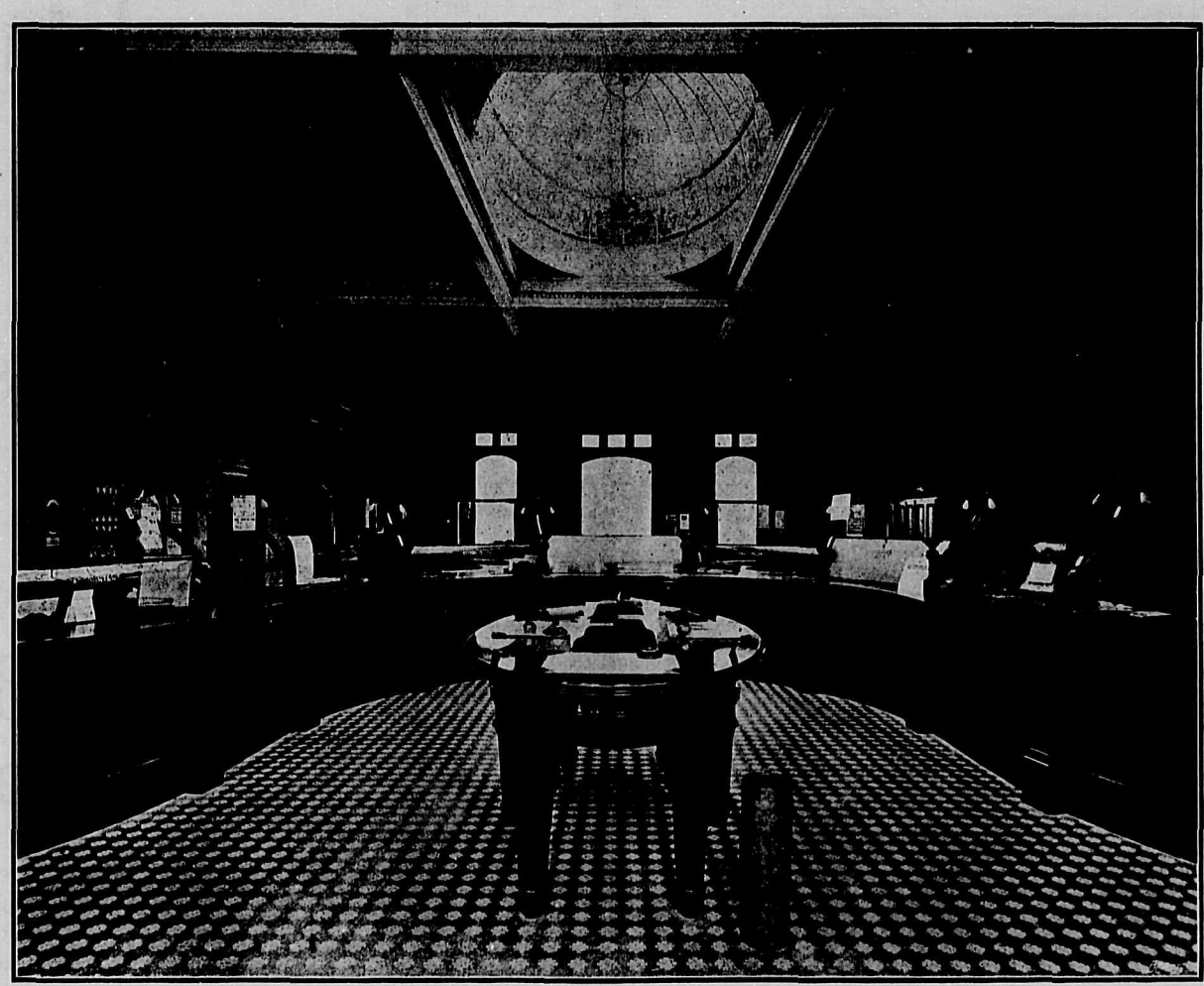

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A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—

Is there a more vexed question on the face of the earth than that of women's work? Like politics and religion it seems to serve periodically as a bone of contention, and never yet have I encountered two individuals who agreed over any one aspect of the matter. The days when women wept and men worked exclusively seem to have gone for good and all, and, indeed, the roles would seem to be reversed, for men are now complaining that they are being undersold by women who are not actually in need and can afford to work for an impossible wage just to be able to provide themselves with extra finery and luxuries.

The selfishness of this course of action speaks for itself and may account in no small degree for the present reluctance of the modern young man to marry the modern maid. But the crux of the whole grievance seems to me to rest in one point which the mere man has overlooked altogether—not unnaturally, perhaps—namely, that such women not only undersell men but their fellow women, many of whom are quite as dependent upon their own exertions as their brothers.

Another point which deserves notice is that women workers almost invariably go in for some definite training before they enter the lists, whereas a large proportion of young men start on an indefinite career with no further training than that afforded by a half-finished public school education.

Incidentally I believe the modern shrinkings from the disagreeables of life is largely responsible both for the over-crowding of the lighter fields of labor and for the threatened extinction of the domestic maid servant. I wonder men do not invade the latter field in a body. They make much better servants than women, and one would soon get used to the incongruity of having one's morning cup of tea brought by a houseman instead of a housemaid. May, then, the recent revival of the nightcap be prophetic, I wonder? You remember how that delightful person, Elizabeth, wrote to her mamma concerning the fascination of the nightcap of Madame la Baroune, which was provided with side ringlets no less ingenuous than Elizabeth's own surmise that the "raison d'etre" of the beauties of Parisian ""deshabille" were due to the prevalence of the "valet de chambre." Be that as it may, the arrival of the nightcap is an accomplished fact. For in some of the smart French and English fashion books of late I have seen pictures of the most adorable little head-coverings of lawn and lace, all quilled and frilled and beribboned, and one actually and unbushingly disports clusters of wee shining ringlets on either side. (For further particulars, consult Madame Kosche.)

The blouse beautiful and the pretty petticoat—how difficult is is to keep pace with one's requirements in these two matters alone! If women marched in battalions I am convinced that the morale of the whole body would depend on the individual consciousness of unimpeachable frou-frous. In equal degree a smart bloses may be relied upon as an unfailing ally at a moment of sartorial stress, and that it has saved many a situation I feel sure. A blouse that has lately enslaved my affections is of a lovely soft pearly grey which one sees in an April cloud when the sun is shining. It is made of chiffon over grey silk, and I like immensely the square yoke and collar of cream lace with edging of narrow black which affords a piquant relief no color could have even partially achieved.

As to the petticoats I am still dreaming of a beauty in rich, deep blue silk, adorned with star-shaped motifs composed of pale blue ribbons run on very full and frilled and frilled and frilled again. Simple but very well-made skirts in glace and black broche with double frills are also admirable everyday possessions. Wonderfully smart, too, are certain all-black jupons of brocade flounced with finely-pleated glace, with lovely borderings of waved laces.

Since the days when the wood-carver revelled in miserere seats and the humor of the gargoyle appealed to the stonemason humor in art has undergone various changes. It is interesting to find as in eighteenth century days china monsters again arrayed in drawing-rooms. Germany exports elves and gnomes, and France sends artistic grotesques, but the most gruesome of all are the Portuguese and Chinese reptiles and dragons in earthenware. I am afraid that I do not admire these weird looking ornaments, even though my taste runs more in the line of quaint shaped vases rather than animals. In this connection I would like to mention the splendid display of art pottery at Weiler Bros. The Bretby ware is a special feature of this display, and it is really worth while to take a look in when you are in town.

The woman of discernment in such matters as jewellery has long since realised that any ornament for which Challoner & Mitchell is responsible has a unique charm and character of its own. A gift whose charms time can never stale is a beautiful ring, and those exclusive designs shown in this firm's show-rooms depict the very latest trend of fashion in this respect. Then their choice collection of hair combs is one which should prove a thing of beauty and joy forever when adorning the auburn undulating tresses on the head of the "Only Girl."

Social and Personal.

VICTORIA.

Mrs. Creary (Vancouver) is the guest of Mrs. P. De Noe Walker.

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The Misses Parley left on Thursday for England, where they will be visiting for several months.

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Miss Mignonne Edwards returned to Seattle on Sunday evening last. During her visit in Victoria she was the guest of her cousin, Miss Noel Moresby.

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Mrs. Croft, "Mount Adelaide," entertained a large number of her friends on Monday afternoon last. The affair was given as a farewell for Mrs. Chaplin, who was leaving the following day for England.

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"Cupid In Posterland" is the chief attraction in the theatrical line for next week. It will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings in the Victoria Theatre, by a number of local young people, who have been rehearsing busily for the past three weeks.

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The Invitation Dancing Club of last year has resolved itself into a Skating Club, the membership being limited to 150. The firts meeting was held last evening at the rink and was a most enjoyable affair. Later on, when the skaters have become more proficient, it is the intention to hold a carnival.

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The arrangements for the "Fancy Fair" to be given by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society the end of November are almost complete. It is the intention of the society to have several novel features, and the members are busily engaged manufacturing many dainty articles for sale.

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On Tuesday last the members of the Alexandra Club held a most delightful function at their room, the affair being a guest day tea. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Carmichael and Mrs. Hanel. The reception room was sweet with cut flowers ,and the tea tables were charmingly decorated in white chrysanthemums and ferns. Some of those present were: Mrs. Charles, Mrs. I. H. Todd, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Miss Wigley, Mrs. Lugrin, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Poff, Mrs. Younghusband, Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Swinnerton, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Crosse, Miss Brae, Miss Ethel Brown, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Cobbett, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. T. S. Gore and others.

Anxious Parent—Doctor, my daughter appears to be going blind, and she is about to be married.

Doctor—Let her go right on with the wedding. If anything can open her eyes, marriage will.—Stray Stories.

Mistress (engaging new servant)—And I hope you're not too friendly with the policeman.

Servant—Lor,' no, ma'am. I 'ate 'em. My father was a Hanarchist, mum.—Pick-Me-Up.

OLLA PODRIDA

Song of the Sum of All.

We say it for an hour or for years.
Say it smiling, say it choked with tears,
Say it coldly, say it with a kiss,
And yet, we have no other word but this—
"Good-bye."

We have no dearer word for our heart's friend,
For him who journeys to the world's far end
And sears our heart in going; thus we say,
As to him who steps but o'er the way—
"Good-bye."

Alike to those we love, and those we hate
We say no more at parting at life's gate.
To him who passes through beyond earth's sight
We cry as to the wanderer for a night—
"Good-bye."

Down and Out.

The man who wins in the fight for fame,
Who wins in the war for gold,
The welkin rings with his lauded name
Wherever his deeds are told.
Not mine to jeer when I hear him hailed;
I'm proud of his heart so stout—
But what of the fellow who tried and failed,
The fellow that's "down and out?"
Shall nought be said for the man who tried
The goal of his hopes to gain?
Who faced the battle with patient pride
And fought though the fight was vain?
Whose spirit in one weak moment quailed,
Who fell at the last redoubt—
Ah, many a hero heart has failed,
So here's to the "down and out!"

The man who wins, oh, honor him well,
And give him the praise that's due,
But don't forget the other who fell
Ere ever his dreams came true;
Yes, honor the man whose will prevailed,
Who baffled despair and doubt—
But give one thought to the man who failed,
The fellow that's "down and out."
—Denis A. McCarthy, in New York Sun.

Celestial Charioteering.

I have loved many, the more and the few—
I have loved many, that I might love you.

All of my life was but loving and proving—
The near and the far, the constant, the roving.

The sad and the joyous, the shadow, the part,
With signs of their lacking marked down in my heart.

(For never the goal and the whole were for me.)
They were handle and hint, they were crutch, they were key,

They were bramble and bud, but never the flower,
They were dawn, they were dark, nor ever noon hour;

They were soil-of-life, spoil-of-life, symbol and clew,
But the soul-of-life, whole-of-life waited for you.

They were wave, they were tide, they were shade on the lea,
But you are the earth, and the sun and the sea.

—Harper's Magazine for September.

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Effie—But, papa, how do you know that it was a stork that brought us the new baby?

Papa—Because, my dear, I just saw his bill!—Woman's Home Companion.

This is a banner crop year for Canada in quality as well as quantity. Never before has such a huge crop of oats been safely harvested; never before has the quality been so good. The Brackman-Ker Milling Co.'s buyers and elevators all over Western Canada have secured the pick of this wonderful crop of finest oats, and by the aid of the new and powerful machinery in their various mills, have quickly transformed these delicious oats into the famous B. & K. Rolled Oats. Every grocer has now a stock of B. & K. Rolled Oats milled from this season's wonderful crop. This is practically direct from the harvest field to your breakfast table.

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An Interesting Lecture.

On Wednesday an interesting lecture was given under the auspices of th Victoria Literary Society and the Alexandra Literary Society at the Alexandra Hall, kindly lent for the occasion, the lecturer being Mr. Norman Hackett, who is playing the part of Mr. Ford in the Louis James Company. He chose as his themes, "The Haunts of Shakespeare" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor." After a brief description of Stratford on Avon, Mr. Hackett entertained his audience with an excellent appreciation of the beauties of Shakespeare's plays, interspersing his remarks with frequent extracts. He strongly advised readers to throw away their commentators, except in so far as they might explain an obsolete word, and to use their own intelligence to understand the various characters and the beauties of the language. The Merry Wives had been written at the express command of Queen Elizabeth, in order that she might enjoy the spectacle of Falstaff in love. The poet accomplished the feat in fourteen days, and it is the only play which describes the actual life of England during the reign of "Good Queen Bess." At the close of the lecture Mrs. Hasell moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was heartily adopted, and a vote of thanks was also extended to Miss Buckman for having been instrumental in procuring for the societies the kind services of Mr. Hackett. The Rev. J. Sweet, rector of St. James', presided over the meeting.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands on west shore of Alice Arm, Observatory Inlet, Cassiar District, B. C.: Starting at a post marked southeast corner, said post planted about 20 chains from point dividing Alice and Hastings Arms running 20 chains west to T. L. 6141; thence north 160 chains; thence east 60 chains to shore; thence south along the shore 160 chains to point of commencement.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in rear of G. McKay's west license on Alice Arm, Cassiar District, B. C.: Starting at a post marked southwest corner, running north 40 chains; east 160 chains; south 40 chains; west 160 chains to point of commencement.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands on east shore of Observatory Inlet, Cassiar District, B. C.: Starting at a point marked southwest, planted about seven miles above the Pacific Northern Cannery Co.; running east 40 chains; north 80 chains; east 40 chains; north 80 chains; west 40 chains to shore; thence south following shore to point of commencement.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands on Observatory Inlet, Cassiar District, B. C.: Starting at a post marked southwest corner, located opposite the Northern Pacific Cannery Co; running east 120 chains; north 60 chains; west 60 chains to shore of bay; southwest along shore to point of commencement.

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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: Commencing at a post at the northeast corner of Lot 182, Range 5 (5), Coast District, marked E. Davies' Southeast Corner; thence running 40 chains east; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east, more or less, to Ky-yex river; thence following meandering of Ky-yex river to point of commencement, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less.

E. DAVIES.

Located July 12th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situated in New Westminster District: Commencing from a post on the east shore of the large lake, northern end of Sechelt Peninsula; thence north 160 chains; east 40 chains; south 160 chains, more or less, to shore, thence following shore to point of commencement.

M. GREEN.

Sept. 17th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands situate in the Kitsum Kalum Valley, Range V, Coast District: Commencing at a stake planted at the N. E. corner of Jas. Adams' purchase claim, marked N. T. C. No. 1 Initial Post; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains south to point of commencement and containing 160 acres more or less.

N. T. CUNNINGHAM, Locator.
F. W. BOHLER, Agent.
Located October 1st, 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 in the Coast District, Range 5: Beginning at a post planted on the north bank of the Skeena river about one mile southwest of Zymqetitz river at the southeast corner of J. E. Bateman's pre-emption claim and marked E. B.'s Northeast Corner; thence running west 120 chains; thence south about 50 chains, more or less, to bank of Skeena river; thence in a northeasterly direction following meandering of the Skeena river to post of commencement, containing about 320 acres of land more or less.

EMMA BATEMAN.
J. E. BATEMAN, Agent.
Located September 20th, 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 in the Coast District, Range 5: Beginning at a post planted on the north bank of the Skeena river, at the mouth of Zymqetitz river and marked B. B.'s Southwest Corner; thence running north 100 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south to bank of Skeena river about 40 chains more or less; thence following meandering of Skeena river in a southwesterly direction to post of commencement, containing 640 acres of land more or less.

BEATRICE BATEMAN.
J. E. BATEMAN, Agent.
Located September 20th, 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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, Range 5, Coast District: Commencing at a stake planted at the N. E. corner of N. T. Cunningham purchase claim, marked W. A. Wadhams' No. 1 Initial Post; thence running 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains south to post of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

W. A. WADHAMS, Locator.
F. W. BOHLER, Agent.
Located October 1st, 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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, Range 5, Coast District: Commencing at a stake planted at the N. E. corner of W. A. Wadhams' purchase claim, marked L. Gune No. 1 Initial Post; thence running 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains south to post of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

L. GUNE, Locator.
F. W. BOHLER, Agent.
Located October 1st, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date, we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

No. 4. Commencing at a post on the west shore of the large lake on the northern end of Sechell Peninsula, about four miles south of Captain Island, New Westminster District; thence west 40 chains, south 80 chains, east 40 chains, south 80 chains, east 40 chains, more or less, to shore; thence following the shore to point of commencement.

No. 5. Commencing at a stake on the western shore of a lake on the north end of Sechelt Peninsula; thence west to the eastern boundary of T. L. 5,888; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east; thence south to shore of lake; thence following the shore to point of commencement.

No. 6. Commencing from the shore of a lake at the north end of Sechelt Peninsula; thence north about 40 chains to the southwest corner of Timber Lease No. 672; thence east 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains, south 120 chains; thence about 40 chains west to shore of lake; thence following the shore to point of commencement.

M. GREEN.
J. WEST.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, adjoining Lot 646, Skeena District: Commencing at a post marked "A C.'s N. W. Corner"; thence east 40 chains along south boundary of T. Flewin's claim; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains, along east boundary of Lot 646 to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

ANNIE COPELAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for a licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated in Renfrew District:

No. 6. Commencing at a post 20 chains east of the first fork of Dubah creek, about 1 mile from salt water; thence E. 40 chains; S. 160 chains; W. 40 chains; N. 160 chains to point of commencement.

No. 7. Commencing at southeast corner of No. 6 claim on Dubah creek; thence east 160 chains; N. 40 chains; W. 160 chains; S. 40 chains to point of commencement.

No. 8. Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains N. of the N. E. corner of No. 7 claim, on the north side of Dubah creek; thence W. 80 chains; N. 80 chains; E. 80 chains; S. 80 chains to point of commencement.

No. 9. Commencing at a post at the south end of Batadat Lake, about half mile S. E. of Nitinat Lake; thence E. 80 chains; S. 80 chains; W. 80 chains; N. 80 chains to point of commencement.

C. T. DUNBAR.
JOHN McSHANE,
Agent.

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 60 days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Range 5, Skeena River District, about one mile from Little Canyon:

Commencing at a post planted on the southeast corner, marked R. Braun; thence running west 80 chains to Turner's S. E. corner; thence north 40 chains to Frank's southeast corner; thence east 40 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 480 acres, more or less.

Located September 1, 1906.

R. BRAUN.
Port Essington, B. C.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, starting from a post planted on the south line of lot 199, at the head of Union Bay, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west to shore line, thence northerly along shore line of Union Bay to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Staked September 4th, 1906.

JOHN G. JOHNSTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Portland Channel: Starting from a post marked "C. B. F.'s northwest corner;" thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west along shore line to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

C. B. FLEWIN.
Little Canyon, B. C., Sept. 3rd, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Range 5, Skeena River District, about one and one-half miles from Little Canyon, commencing at a post marked West N. E. Corner and K. Braun S. E. Corner, thence 80 chains west to Schilling's S. E. Corner, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Located Sept. 3rd, 1906.

K. BRAUN.

TIMBER LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land:

No. 4. Commencing at a stake on the west shore of the large lake on the northern end of Sechelt Peninsula, about four miles south of Captain Island, New Westminster District; thence west 40 chains, south 80 chains, east 40 chains, south 80 chains, east 40 chains to shore of lake; thence following shore line to point of commencement.

No. 5. Commencing at a stake on the western shore of a lake on the north end of Sechelt Peninsula; thence west to the eastern boundary of Timber License No. 5,888; thence 80 chains north to the boundary of pre-emption No. 1,843; thence 80 chains east; thence south to shore of lake; thence following lake shore to point of commencement.

No. 6. Commencing from the shore of a lake at the north end of Sechelt Peninsula; thence north about 40 chains to the southwest corner of Timber Lease No. 672; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; east 40 chains; south 120 chains; thence about 40 chains west to shore of lake; thence following the shore to point of commencement.

M. GREEN.
J. WEST.
Little Canyon, Sept. 1, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, adjoining Lot 646, Skeena District: Commencing at a post marked "A. C.'s N. W. Corner"; thence east 40 chains along south boundary of T. Flewin's claim; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains, along east boundary of Lot 646 to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

ANNIE COPELAND.

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 licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 313, Deer creek, Clayoquot, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence northerly along the beach to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

M. J. HAUGEN.
August 28th, 1906.

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 licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, commencing at a post planted about three fourths of a mile west of the Elk river, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east along the beach of Kennedy lake, thence north to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

M J HAUGEN.
Sept. 1st, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry timber from the following described lands, situated in District of New Westminster.

1. Commencing at a post planted a quarter of a mile from the beach at the head of St. Vincent Bay, Hotham Sound, thence west 160 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 160 chains, and thence south 40 chains to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

2. Commencing at the northeast corner of No. 1 claim as above described, thence north 40 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east along the northern boundary of the said No. 1 claim to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

FRANK BURNETT.
Dated at Vancouver this 13th day of September.

Notice

Southeast Kootenay Railway Co.

Take Notice that the first meeting of the shareholders of the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company will be held at the office of Messrs. McPhillips & Heisterman, Davie Chambers, Bastion St., Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, the 18th day of October, 1906, at the hour of 8.30 p.m.

R. B. PUNNETT, Secretary.

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, commencing at a post planted on the left bank of the Skeent river, about three and one-half miles above the Lakelse river and joining John Neidhardt's N. E. corner and marked L. W. S.'s northwest corner and running south 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, more or less, to left bank of the Skeena river, thence westwardly along the Skeena river to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Port Essington, B. C.

L. W. SLOAN, Locator.
J. E. BATEMAN, Agent.

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, commencing at a post planted on the left bank of the Skeena, about four miles above the Lakelse river and adjoining L. W. S.'s northeast corner and marked N. M. J.'s northwest corner, and running south along the eastern boundary of L. W. S.'s application 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, more or less, to bank of the Skeena river, thence westerly along the Skeena river to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Port Essington, B. C.

N. M. JOSEPH, Locator.
J. E. BATEMAN, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Portland Channel: Starting from a post marked "C. B. F.'s northwest corner;" thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west along shore line to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

C. B. FLEWIN.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land:

A small unnamed island outside the S.E. corner of Campbell bay, off the east coast of Mayne island and situate about 30 chains to the southeastward of the northeast corner of section nine, Mayne island, and containing about 16 acres.

Dated this 19th day of September, 1906.

GEORGE GEORGESON.

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 land near Kaien island, in Skeent district:

Commencing at a stake planted at southeast corner of lot 646, marked "W. C's. corner;" thence east 40 chains; thence south about 55 chains to W. McKenzie's north boundary; thence west 20 chains to A. G. H. Pott's east boundary; thence north about 30 chains to A. G. H. Pott's northeast corner; thence west along said boundary 20 chains to east line of lot 646A; thence north 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 140 acres more or less.

WILLIAM COPELAND.

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 Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land, situated on Works Channel: Commencing at a post marked "Initial Post T. H. W.," thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, more or less, to shore line; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 240 acres more or less.

8t T. H. WATSON.
Port Simpson, B. C., Aug. 16, 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 west half of southeast quarter and west half of northeast quarter, all in Section 8, Township 6, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley; containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

Dated July 25th, 1906.

au11 ERNEST MORIN.

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 southwest quarter section 17, Township 6, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley; containing (160) one hundred and sixty acres, more or less.

JOS. BOURGON.
Aldermere, July 25, 1906. au11

NOTICE is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I, the undersigned, will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease or purchase the following described land, namely, in Hesnit Harbor, Tlupana Arm, Nootka Sound, commencing at a post marked J. Mortimer, Southeast Corner, running 40 chains west, thence north to shore line, thence following the shore line to the point of commencement, containing 80 acres, more or less.

Victoria, B. C., July 11th, 1906.

au18 JOHN MORTIMER.

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 the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to order as follows, namely:

That the boundaries of the Assessment Districts of Lillooet (East and West) and of Quesnel Forks, as described in the British Columbia Gazette dated 25th April, 1906, in pursuance of the Order in Council No. 232, be rescinded and cancelled, and the following boundaries substituted therefor:

Lillooet Assessment District.

1. West Lillooet.—Commencing at the junction of the Chilcotin river with the Fraser river; thence southerly, following the course of the Fraser river to the 51st parallel of latitude; thence east along said parallel of latitude to its crossing of the Lillooet and Alexandria Wagon Road at the 53-mile post; thence southeasterly, following the divide between Pavilion creek and Malden creek to its intersection with the western boundary of the Railway Belt in Township 22, Range 27 west of the sixth initial meridian; thence southerly, following the western boundary of the Railway Belt to a point due west from Lytton on the boundary of said Railway Belt; thence west to a point where the 124th meridian of west longitude intersects the north shore of Queen's Reach, Jervis Inlet; thence due north along the 124th meridian of west longitude to the 51st parallel of latitude; thence due west along the said 51st parallel of latitude to its intersection with the 125th meridian of west longitude (a point on the Homalko river about seven miles from Waddington Harbor); thence due north along the 125th meridian of west longitude to its intersection with the 52nd parallel of latitude; thence due east along the 52nd parallel of latitude to its intersection with the centre of Tatla lake; thence easterly following the centre of Tatla lake, Chilanco river and Chilcotin river to the mouth of Anaham creek; thence northerly up Anaham creek to the crossing of the wagon road; thence southeasterly and northeasterly, following the wagon road past Harper's lake to the Fraser river at the mouth of Chimney creek; thence southerly, following the Fraser river to the point of commencement.

2. East Lillooet.—Commencing at the junction of the Chilcotin river with the Fraser river; thence southerly, following the course of the Fraser river to the 51st parallel of latitude; thence east along said parallel of latitude to its crossing of the *Lillooet and Alexandria Wagon Road at the* 53-mile post; thence southeasterly, following the divide between Pavilion creek and Malden creek to its intersection with the western boundary of the Railway Belt in Township 22, Range 27 west of the sixth initial meridian; thence south, following the western boundary of the Railway Belt to its intersection with the northern boundary of Township 21, Range 27 west of the sixth initial meridian; thence east, following the northern boundary of Township 21, in Ranges 27, 26, 25, 24, 23 and 22 west of the sixth initial meridian to the northeast corner of said Township 21, in Range 22 west of the sixth initial meridian; thence north, following the east boundary of Townships 22, 23 and 24 to the northern boundary of the Railway Belt in Township 24; thence east along the north boundary of the Railway Belt to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Kamloops Assessment District at the southeast corner of Section 27, Township 23, Range 18 west of the sixth initial meridian; thence north, following the west boundary of the Kamloops District to a point on the 52nd parallel of latitude north of Mahood lake; thence west along the said 52nd parallel of latitude to its intersection with the Fraser river; thence following southerly along the Fraser river to the point of commencement.

Quesnel Forks Assessment District.

Commencing at a point on the west boundary of the Kootenay Land District on the 52nd parallel of latitude, ten miles west of the Columbia river; thence due west, following the 52nd parallel of latitude to its intersection with the Fraser river; thence northerly, following the course of the Fraser river to the intersection of the Wagon Road at the mouth of Chimney creek; thence southwesterly and northwesterly, following the Wagon Road past Harper's lake to Anaham creek; thence southerly down Anaham creek to its mouth; thence westerly, following the course of the Chilcotin river to its junction with the Chilanco river; thence westerly, following the course of the Chilanco river and the centre of Tatla lake to the intersection of the centre line of said Tatla lake, with the 52nd parallel of latitude; thence due west, following the 52nd parallel of latitude to its intersection with the 125th meridian of west longitude; thence north on the height of land between the watershed of the Chilcotin and Blackwater rivers to the west of Tsa-cha lake; thence easterly, following the northern watershed of the Blackwater river four miles below the mouth of the Nazco river; thence easterly to the Fraser river, opposite Quesnel; thence south, following the centre of the Fraser river four miles; thence east to the south end of Dragon lake; thence southeast to Twenty-mile creek; thence following Twenty-Mile creek to its headwaters; thence following the height of land forming the watershed between Quesnel river, Cariboo lake, and Swamp river on the south, and Swift river and Willow river and its tributaries on the north, crossing Swamp river two miles south of Sandy lake and following the height of land forming the watershed between the South Fork *of the Fraser river and Canoe river* to the east boundary of the Kootenay province; thence south along the east boundary of the province to the northern boundary of Kootenay District; thence west and south along the boundary of the Kootenay District to the point of commencement.

It is further ordered that the Assessors and Collectors of the said Lillooet and Quesnel Forks Assessment Districts be and are hereby invested with jurisdiction within the Assessment Districts hereby defined, and that the boundaries as now defined take effect as from the 30th day of June, 1906. That the Assessment Rolls for the year 1906, as finally passed, shall be acted upon by the Assessors and Collectors of said Districts until the said 30th day of June, 1906, and that all taxes shall be collected in accordance therewith up to and including that date. That immediately after said 30th June, where it may be necessary to transfer the names of the assessed persons on the rolls of the respective Assessment Districts, or to transfer the descriptions of assessed property from one district to the other district, in consequence of the change in the boundaries between the said two Assessment Districts, the Assessors and Collectors are authorized to make such transfers and to collect any arrears of taxes due at said 30th day of June by the persons and property so transferred to their respective Assessment Districts.

Treasury Department, 21st August, 1906.

NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ON THE TRAIL.

By The Traveller.

Little by little Ymir is taking on new life, and signs are plentiful that this free-milling gold camp will shortly see "things doing." At least, if you ask Sam Miller, who has been in the diggings for nine years, you'll get the right kind of reply—cheerfully optimistic. Then too, mine host G. S. Coleman, of the Waldorf Hotel, is another of the right kind. George believes in publicity—all a camp can get—and between him and Percy Gleazer, the deputy mining recorder, the Traveller was soon made acquainted with what was going on in and around the place. To go further, either gentleman will gladly spend time and money to take the stranger over the camp be he looking for mining investments, and Mr. Coleman has so firm a belief in the results to be attained by a plentiful use of printers' ink that the stationery of the Waldorf carries some pertinent facts regarding Ymir that cannot fail to accomplish results—wherever a letter may be sent from the hotel. Ymir, besides its tributary mines and stamp mills, is the home of the Porto Rico Lumber Co., which employs some 60 men at its sawmill and in the nearby lumber camp. A prominent land mark of the place is the splendidly built and appointed Miners' Union hospital in charge of Dr. J. C. Elliott, who has achieved a well earned success since locating here.

The Ymir mine, from which the town derives its name, under the management of E. M. Hand, is said to have sufficient ore in the stopes in the west drift at the 1,000 foot level to keep busy for a considerable period the 40-stamp battery at its mill. The crying need of this and other properties is more miners to get the ore out. There is a proposal on foot for additional capital for further development, and the present excellent showing justifies its advent. Across from town, on Jubilee mountain, is the New York Central group, owned by a company of which Fred Peters is the principal shareholder. Mr. Peters says he is arranging for further capital to open up the property which has a good showing of milling ore. At the Hunter V., owned by the B. C. Standard Co., and under lease to the Hall Mines Co., they are busy re-building a part of the 13,000 foot tramway which was destroyed by fire. At the mine the bins and stopes are full of ore awaiting the completion of the tramway, which will be some time in November—when shipping on a substantial scale will be resumed. The output is only limited by the requirements of the smelters, which need the lining ore for fluxing. On Wild Horse Mountain opposite the mine, is the C. P. R. group, also a free milling proposition on which plans are being made for further development.

The Ark group at Halls siding is doing well. Here also is a placer proposition called the Myrtle, where considerable money has been spent in the installation of a 1,500-foot flume and 1,100 feet of 10-inch pipe and a monitor, and the owners will also put in a Wilfley table for concentration of the black sand.

On Sheep Creek, at Salmo, the Queen mine has been operating a 10-stamp mill for the past three years, and the gold saved has been more than sufficient to pay for the properties, the mill and all development, besides allowing the owner to acquire other adjacent claims. The Nevada group has recently been bonded to a New Yorker named Comstock for $60,000, and a force is now developing it. The Nevada is owned by Mr. Devlin (the gunner from from Galway) and Nelson associates who are expecting a tidy clean-up.

At Erie, the Arlington mine, a pyrrhotite proposition, is shipping two or three car-loads a week, said to average $1,000 to the ton. Four years ago the mine was practically abandoned, but under the skilful management of Leslie Hill and W. J. Barker it is now one of the best producers in this section and is also on a dividend-paying basis. The Second Relief 10-stamp mill and cyanide plant is operating at full capacity, and the company's last balance-sheet showed a net profit for the past year of $23,000. In brief the Ymir section is taking a place with the other districts, and in a few more years will be heard from in no uncertain manner.

A Growing Industry.

With more work than they can conveniently handle with the present plant, Isaac Hinton, of the Nelson Iron Works, is building an addition to the foundry department, giving 5,000 more square feet of floor space. They are also installing a new 60-inch cupola to add to the 48 and 30 inch ones now in use. The combined capacity will permit of any size single casting up to eight or ten tons—sufficient for the present needs of this section. Besides doing general repair work the Nelson Iron Works manufactures ore cars, slag pots, lead pots, pulleys, etc., and mine, smelter, and sawmill work of special designs. Messrs. Isaac & Hinton purchased the works from J. A. Honeymoon, who established the same in 1896. B. A. Isaac is a civil engineer by profession, and a graduate of Coopers' Hill College. He has resided in Nelson for the past two years. R. W. Hinton has lived in British Columbia for the past ten years, having occupied several important posts as mechanical engineer with the Hall Mines smelter, the Le Roi mine and the Pacific Coal Co. of Bankhead. The new partnership has a bright future before it with the present industrial development of the Kootenays.

A Successful Business Man.

S. Desbrisay, who owns the Desbrisay Wardrobe at Vancouver and the general mercantile business of the Desbrisay Jobbing Co. of Ymir, has recently purchased the stock of Campbell & Co., of that thriving little town, and will hereafter conduct two separate stores, one for groceries and the other for men's furnishings. Eight years ago he started business in Ymir and four years since opened in Vancouver on Granville street, where he now makes his permanent headquarters.

Perseverance Wins Reward.

Never in the history of Kootenay has there been a more striking instance of perseverance rewarded than the chapter of mining history that was closed in Nelson last week by the sale of the Krao mine by A. D. Wheeler for $100,000 to a syndicate of Butte capitalists.

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