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The Editor's Review

Of Current Topics.

The True Solution. The Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Agriculture, has arrived at the true solution of the labour difficulty in British Columbia, and has had the sagacity and courage to give effect to his judgment. By common consent, the one thing which, more than any other, is delaying the development of the Province is shortage of labour. There was a time when lack of capital was the crying evil, but that time has passed, thanks largely to the administrative skill of the Provincial Government, and perhaps particularly to the special ability of the minister who has so successfully solved her financial problems. It has been made abundantly clear that the people of this Province are averse to the employment of Oriental labour, an aversion which rests upon reasonable grounds, with which even those who think differently have open sympathy. In the case of Mongolian labour the legislature has been invoked, and has effectively prevented its increase. In the case of Hindu labour, although these men are fellow subjects, their advent has been hardly more agreeable than that of the Chinaman or the Jap. Whilst on economic grounds their employment can be defended, and whilst the antagonism against them in certain quarters is inhuman, unworthy and censurable, yet it must be admitted that the wiser policy is that which, without the infringement or violation of principle, is able to adjust itself to the requirements of the public sentiment. This is exactly the policy which the Provincial Government, through Mr. Tatlow, has just been able to carry to a successful issue. By a definite contract with Commissioner Coombs, the Salvation Army has agreed to bring out and locate in British Columbia some thousands of suitable Englishmen, who will be available either as hired labourers or in some nstances as settlers. In addition, the contract provides for a supply of female domestic servants. By this double-barrelled arrangement the most pressing needs of the labour market will be supplied, for next to the demand for manual labour in the various industries, the greatest need undoubtedly is for suitable help in the homes of the Province. It is the absence of this which has furnished the strongest reason for retaining John Chinaman, and if Commissioner Coombs is able to furnish, as he should, just as many domestic servants as are required, the subject of Mongolian labour in British Columbian homes will have received its quietus. The Week fears, however, that the Commissioner will have more difficulty in this department than in living up to his contract for the supply of male labourers. Of the latter he brought into Manitoba and the Northwest 7,000 in 1905 and 13,000 in 1906. If he succeeds in anything like the same degree in his present contract, he will make a very sensible impression upon the labour market on the Pacific Coast. Whilst The Week is not in a position at present to publish the details of the contract, it is able to state that the terms are highly favourable to the Province, and that the scheme will receive substantial aid from the Government. It is calculated to supply an urgent need; it is conceived in a spirit which will allay the dissatisfaction of organized labour at the increased importation of Orientals; it will ultimately ensure a constant and adequate supply of white labour, furnished by men of our own race. Having regard to the success which has attended that marvellous organization, the Salvation Army, not only in other parts of Canada, but in other countries, and on other continents, there is no reasonable doubt that in concluding a contract with Commissioner Coombs Mr. Tatlow has secured the services of the finest colonizing labour bureau in the world.

A Blatant Demagogue. Billionaire Carnegie may have some admirers, but all the evidence obtainable would to indicate that they are few and far between. Those who have been conversant with the prominent features of his career during the last thirty years have the utmost contempt for the man, his methods and his manners. His brutal inhumanity in connection with the Homestead strike has long been a proverb throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio. The gross insult which he offered to Queen Victoria and other members of the Royal Family through the pages of one of the most scurrilous and ill-bred books ever written has effectually extinguished the possibility of his toleration by any loyal Englishman. Time and again he has gone out of his way to belittle Canada and to sneer at Canadian aspirations. Since seeking a haven in the land of his birth, his conduct has been characterized by alternating currents of sycophancy and pseudo-philanthropy. Less than a week ago, speaking at New York, he offered a deliberate insult to the rulers of the British Empire and young Scotchmen in particular. Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador to Washington, adopted the unusual course of administering a "vigorous rebuke" to Mr. Carnegie from the same platform from which he uttered his ill-bred declaration. It is too much to expect that a man who has proved himself to be as indifferent to the claims of decency as Mr. Carnegie will be influenced by anything that could be said by an English ambassador, but the incident only strengthens the attitude of those who believe that it is degrading for Canadians to accept money for public libraries from a man so little in sympathy with British ideals, and so hostile to almost every principle and every institution which is dear to our people.

What Next? There are ominous signs in the Eastern sky that a star which has been eclipsed may shine again. The most portentous of these is the periodic regularity with which certain well known journals predicate the return to power of Clifford Sifton. This is neither the time nor the place to canvass all the reasons why the young Napoleon of the West was sent to Coventry. The flimsy pretext of conscientious scruples on the school question deceived no one, not even the "hay-seeds" for whose special benefit it was manufactured, and since the parties most aggrieved by the misdoings of Sifton consented to cast the mantle of secrecy, if not of charity, over the incident which precipitated his resignation, it is no business of the public press to lift it. There is, however, a sufficiently long and fatal indictment against Clifford Sifton's administration of public affars to justify the statement which has been made in more than one journal since his return has been canvassed that such a course would constitute a scandal, and would be a foul blot on the administration of Canadian affairs. To this opinion The Week subscribes. The Liberal party may be hard up for brilliant men; it may have been singularly unfortunate in its recent appointments to cabinet rank; Mr. Fielding may be, and probably is, after Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the only statesman in the cabinet; but all the circumstances do not justify the suggestion to bring back the man whose continuance in public life became a crying scandal through the maladministration of his department. It is not to be wondered at that some men, hungry and greedy politicians, are anxious to see him back again, but that is in itself one of the strongest reasons why his renaissance should be an impossibility. Every man who desires to see clean administration, and the number is daily increasing, will set his face strongly against the sinster proposal which is now being strenuously urged. The Week has no fear for the result, believing that Sir Wilfrid Laurier realizes the true position of affairs, and would not willingly acquiesce in the wishes of Sifton's friends. The wider tribunal which makes its opinion known through the press of the Dominion, has already spoken with no uncertain sound, and the voice of condemnation is too loud and persistent to be disregarded by any Premier who would retain the confidence of the country.

Gee-ing and Haw-ing. When the Vancouver World is not abusive it is amusing, and in a recent editorial upon the subject of changes in the C. P. R. management it reached the absolute limit in the latter direction. As an illustration of giving with the one hand and taking back with the other, its performance is unparalleled. First it hands out a compliment to Mr. Marpole in the rather superfluous assurance that "Vancouver will be glad to learn that they are not to lose the pleasant and kindly face of R. Marpole from the places where men most do congregate in this city." It will appear incidentally from this statement that Mr. Marpole is a consistent and regular church-goer, which would increase the surprise of the readers of The World that the writer should be cognizant of that fact. No sooner, however, has the editor made this generous admission than he feels it to be due to the "lofty principles" for which the paper which prints "facts only" always stands, to discount its compliment to the superintendent by delivering a back-handed blow at his employers whom it proceeds to attack in the most uncompromising manner for "having accepted 800,000 acres of land as the result of legislative graft of the most pronounced kind." This, however, is hardly considered sufficient to counter-balance its bouquet to Mr. Marpole, so The World goes on to say in effect, that, having exhausted the whole catalogue of the "rogues' gallery," it can only find one individual to which the C. P. R. can fairly be compared, and his name is Bill Miner, the train looter. Facilis descensus. Having arrived at this comforting conclusion, the editor of The World feels that he has too good an opportunity to let slip, and so turns his theological training to account, and philosophizes in language which, if not original, at least has the merit of lucidity. 'Corporations have no souls, and the C. P. R. least of all." This may mean either that the C. P. R. of all the corporations has the least claim to a soul, or that it's soul is the least of which The World has any knowledge. Readers can take their choice. Such a conclusion would, however, ill fit the peroration, and so as a final pen push the writer hands out a compliment which cannot fail of appreciation by those for whom it is intended. He declares that "Taken individually, from Mr. Marpole down, its staff of officers is polite, thoughtful and obliging and Vancouver could ill spare the least of them." Having thus squared his conscience the writer leaves this soulless corporation to its fate. As a specimen of what in the Old Country is "Gee-ing and Haw-ing," The Week recommends the above to all collectors of literary curiosities.

Who Is My Sister? In the Colonist of Thursday last two columns were devoted to a well written synopsis of the work of the Victoria Council of Women, and the programme for their twelfth annual meeting, which will be held on Monday next in the Carnegie Library Building. With their work in that regard, with their aspirations and with their appeal, which it voices, The Week is in entire accord. It endorses the programme outlined, which has for ts object the amelioration of public evils, the suppression of public nuisances, the protection of children and the rescue of unfortunate women. It would direct particular attention to the wording of Resolution No. 7, which is as follows: "Resolved, that the Local Council of Women be asked to consider what steps can be taken to help our unfortunate sisters." This of course refers to the social evil. On one point, however, The Week desires to register its emphatic and uncompromising protest, against the inconsistency which characterizes the practice of all ladies' councils, W. C. T. U.'s and other philanthropic organizations undertaking this delicate and difficult work, as compared with their professions. It is a subject which cannot be discussed at length in the public press, but in view of the numberless resolutions which from time to time are passed by well meaning Christian ladies, and the prominence which this subject holds in their deliberations, The Week desires to point out what is patent to every person who has studied the subject sympathetically, that the methods adopted are neither practical, nor can they ever be successful. If rescue work is to be effective there will have to be a radical change in the personal attitude of good and pure women towards their "unhappy sister." The keynote of success in this work is not toleration or patronage, but sympathy; and sympathy means sacrifice. Just how much that sacrifice involves, few women have ever thought out for themselves, and until they do, their efforts along this line will continue to evaporate as they have done for nearly forty years, in vague resolutions, carried unanimously and shelved until next year. This does not mean that no good is done, and that no rescues are effected; it does mean that the result is trivial and almost transient where it might be considerable and permanent. There is a screw loose somewhere, and just where it is, is perhaps best indicated in a few verses which will be found in another columns of this issue. They are cut from a magazine more than twenty years old, but are as apposite today as when they were penned. The Week commends them to the careful consideration of the Victoria Council of Women.

The Man and the Woman.

By "An Unhappy Sister."

(Dedicated to the Women's Council.)

There was a man, it was said one time,
Who went astray in his youthful prime.
Can the brain keep cool and the heart keep quiet
When the blood is a river that's running riot?
And boys will be boys, the old folks say,
And a man's the better who's had his day.

The sinner reformed and the preacher told
Of the prodigal son who came back to the fold,
And Christian people threw open the door
With a warmer welcome than ever before,
And a spotless woman gave him her hand,
And the world strewed their pathway with flowers a-bloom,
Crying "God bless lady and God bless groom!"

There was a maiden went astray
In the golden dawn of her life's young day;
She had more passion and heart than head,
And she followed blindly where fond love led;
And love unchecked is a dangerous guide
To wander at will by a fair girl's side.

The woman repented and turned from sin,
But no door opened to let her in;
The preacher prayed she might be forgiven,
But told her to look for mercy in heaven.
For this is the law of earth, we know,
That woman is scorned, while man may go.
A brave man wedded her, after all,
But the world said, frowning, "We shall not call."

Short Story

The Man From Misty River

BY MARY LANGTON.

(Written Specially for The Week.)

It was Christmas Eve and a woman sat alone in her cosy drawing-room before a crackling wood fire. Outside the rain fell ceaselessly and the wind was high. In spite of the inclement weather the principal thoroughfares of New York were thronged with late Christmas shoppers, and ever and anon came the sound of auto horns through the thick mist. "Truly a night to be comfortably housed," thought the woman, putting aside her book and gazing contentedly about the room, where everything spoke of comfort, wealth and refinement.

In one corner stood a Grand piano, and nearby a rack laden with classic compositions and the latest operas. The walls were hung with water colour sketches of favourite artists, and the hangings and upholsterings were of the deepest wine coloured velvet. The carpet was thick under foot and gave one the sensation of walking over soft woodland mosses. Deep easy chairs stretched cushioned arms, and couches were piled high with pillows. Flowers were everywhere—mostly violets—and their varying purple tints blended harmoniously with the rich hangings.

The woman was beautiful—a woman that you could not pass without looking at twice, and as many more times as you got the chance. She was tall and graceful, and somehow seemed to have grown into gowns of the softest, richest fabrics, gowns of subdued tones, with quantities of real lace. Somehow, too, one always knew that the things underneath her gown were good also, and that there was more real lace where it did not show than where it did. She piled her wavy black hair high upon her small head, which accentuated the oval of her face; and her dark, fathomless eyes looked out beneath a low brow of marvellous whiteness. She was now nearly thirty years old, and during her seasons in London, Paris and New York, the smart sets of those cities had raved over her—her unique type of beauty and her originality of dress, but most of all over the mysterious baffling charm of her personality, that, strange to say, was oftener repellent than winning in manner, and yet attracted irresistably.

Her sane views of men and things seemed as near perfection, morally and intellectually, as it was possible for a woman to attain. But mental and moral perfection do not constitute perfect womanhood, and lacking the necessary attributes, love, sympathy and pity, this woman seemed like a beautiful thing, perfect as a creature could be, but into whose body—by some whimsical oversight—had not been breathed a soul.

Left an orphan at the age of seventeen, the widow of a millionaire uncle, who had remembered the girl in his will, introduced her into society, and they had lived together ever since. She had had many desirable offers of marriage and some of her admirers had not yet given up hope. Beside her even now were hothouse roses from the man who years ago offered his heart, and who still waited. Then "there was the man with the long purse," whom her aunt and friends considered the best catch in their set; his attentions dated three years back, and she wondered whether the reminder would be a book or some music this Christmas. The handsome English lord invariably sent photos of his dogs and horses or the last meet of the staghounds to remind her that she was still in his thoughts.

For years she had been a pampered pet of society, and a thoroughly self-satisfied woman. But at last there had come into the woman's life the very last thing she was looking for or wanted—love. She had been selfish so long now that she did not want to love. "There is no need of any one else," she argued. "I am quite contented with myself." So for a long time she fought against love, and it was pitiful to see the strong, self-contained woman battling with her own heart, and her proud spirit chafing at the thought of currender. And then it gradually came about that she thought less of herself, and more and more of love, until finally love filled her, and awakened the soul that had slumbered so long.

But the man who had come into her life, this stranger, from another world it seemed, so unlike anyone she had ever known—a trapper, prospector, a poor man no doubt, and perhaps a rough one. What did she know of him? Practically nothing, save that her aunt had often spoken of his dead mother as her oldest and dearest friend; and when he called, the kind old lady insisted that he should dine with them, and call frequently that they might talk over old times. She did not know if he even cared for her. He rarely spoke of himself, or his occupation, but his tanned face and muscular hands clearly told of outdoor life, and once he mentioned his camp on Misty River and his partner Pete.

She fell into a sort of reverie, thinking of clear rivers and purple distances, of levels of snow beneath blue shadows, and of a far away habitation in a valley of tall, dark pines.

She fancied the sun setting, and casting crimson shadows across the snow. Then the night, with its cold, black sky, and the howl of the wolves around the cabin door.

She was aroused by the maid entering with a card, and there, standing in the doorway was the "Man from Misty River."

"I was just thinking how beautiful your wilderness must be. I wish you would tell me more of your life and your camp," said the women when they were comfortably seated.

"Well, you know, I was born in England, but I have lived round the north for the last twelve years, mostly on Misty River with my partner Pete," he replied.

The woman gazed at him with hints of many emotions in her eyes.

"What sort of a camp—a lumber camp?" she asked.

"No," he replied, "we are still beyond the horizon of lumbermen. The camp belongs to Pete and me. The cabin is built of logs and chinked with moss. It has a first rate floor of squared sticks, and a real iron stove that we got out of a schooner that tried to shift the coast line by butting it. We spent just six days moving that stove to our cabin. It was rather awkward on a portage."

The woman's eyes were shining now, and she leaned forward in her chair. "Tell me, please, is all this 'Honest Injun,' as you say?"

"Yes," he assured her, "Honest Injun and hand on heart."

"Then you really are a trapper," she said, "a second Leatherstocking?"

"I do a lot of trapping," he admitted, but the tribes do not tremble at the mention of my rifle, and I have never shot an Indian or a Husky in my life."

"What is a Husky, and tell me more of Misty River," she pleaded

"A Husky is an Eskimo, and Misty River is in Labrador, the land of the frost biting breeze, and of herds of moose. The land where the snow stretches out over hills and valleys as far as the eye can see. The land where the shadows are purple at dawn and crimson at noon-tide. And down through this land, springing out of the side of a mountain of snow, runs Misty River, on through its valley of pines, that seem to stand like sentinels, protecting it ever from the freezing north wind. A peculiar mist partly conceals its surface, as mysterious white draperies the form of a beautiful woman. From the cabin door we hear it rushing onward ever, like a restless soul seeking its mate. And sometimes I imagine I hear it wail aloud, as if it wearied of the journey, and had yet too far to travel before reaching the broad bosom of the sea. And sometimes, too, when we follow it down to the coast, where the waters meet, the song is not a wail, but a glad, joyous thrilling ode, as it bounds forth to meet the sea."

Then, warmed by her sympathetic interest, he told her many diverting stories of Pete and the cabin.

"But I am going to sell some of my claims," he wound up by saying.

"But surely not the cabin on Misty River," she said, looking at him wistfully.

"Would you care?" he stammered. Their eyes met for an instant, and they both blushed.

"Why should I, exzcept for Pete's sake, of course?" she replied calmly, but her heart was not calm.

"Do you know why I renewed the old acquaintance with your aunt?" he asked suddenly.

"Because she was a friend of your mother's, I suppose," she said.

"Partly; but principally because I saw you in the park with her one day, and I —well—I have read of such things in books," he continued brokenly, "but I always considered them rather idiotic until—until—I saw you."

"You have come," she interrupted, "to New York from your beautiful wilderness in search of pleasure; you must not spoil your trip by saying rash things to—to—me." Her voice trembled, and although she smiled, tears glistened on her dark lashes.

"I am sorry," he said, turning away sadly. "I'll go back to Pete and the river, and try to forget."

And then she was touched at this display of grief and her heart beat rapidly. Could it be that he really did care so much for her He continued to stare into the fire, with his shoulder towards her.

"Back on Misty River," he said, "the regret that I had told you only half would have haunted me like a ghost. So now I must tell you all to protect my peace of mind. It is this, that I love you—and with the best of my heart and soul. If you think me impertinent you can just—well, leave me here, and when I have said good-bye to your aunt I promise you that I will go away."

He did not turn his head, but continued watching the dying coals in the fireplace. The woman leaned forward in her chair, breathing quickly, and gazed unseeingly at his broad shoulders.

After a few minutes he asked, "Are you still there?"

"I—I—" she faltered, and hid her face in her hands.

He came and knelt beside her.

"What do you mean?" he asked, in a voice that rang tense as a bow-string.

He held her hands tight, tighter than either of them realized, until they noticed later the red marks of his fingers.

"When you return to your cabin," she said, scarcely audibly, "you must not forget me."

"Look up, sweetheart," he whispered. She lifted her head and looked squarely into his face. Her eyes were moist, but luminous, with a fire that was strange and wonderful to the man, and revealed inconceivable depths of love and sympathy in her soul.

"Do we go back together? Isn't that the way of it, dear heart?" he whispered.

And thus the moment had come, the supreme moment of the surrendering of the heart and soul of the woman into the keeping of the man. Her surrender was complete, full, all yielding and all giving.

But it was not until some time afterwards, when he had told her of his great wealth, and that he owned most of the fishing ports along the coast, that she realized the full power of love over self in her heart, and what she would gladly have sacrificed for the "Man from Misty River."

A Reminder.

Two girls were going down the street when they passed a man wearing a green vest and a beaver hat.

"Oh!" said the one. "Just see what that man is sporting."

"Yes," said the other, "that reminds me: I've got to buy some quinine."

"How does that remind you?"

"Oh, just the bad taste."

An Easy Matter.

The man was playing euchre with the latest belle of the Mountain House, while his bride of three months was trying to busy her mind as well as her fingers with a piece of embroidery.

Suddenly the husband turned toward his wife with a patronizing air.

"Pardon me," he exclaimed; "I hadn't noticed that I was between you and the light!"

"Oh, pray don't move!" the little woman replied. "I can see through you perfectly well!"

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Princess May with fires banked and steam up held in readiness to make run between Victoria and Vancouver whenever Charmer goes to the ——

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Hon. R. F. Green left for Nelson to attend convention Kootenay Conservative Association, and beard lion in den. Lion not in den. Supposed in wilds of California.

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Great rush for tickets to witness hanging of Featherstone on 12th. Tickets already at high premium. Function expected to revive carnival glories of last century. Mayor will be asked to declare public holiday.

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Report that Driard Hotel sold incorrect. Host Harrison has option co-terminous with lease. Declares no sale without his consent. Knows a good thing when he sees it, and means to stay with it.

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Commissioner Coombs concluded contract with Provincial Government to furnish wives for all single men in the Province within two years from date; Salvation Army brand, gilt-edged, packed in cotton-wool and delivered free.

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Resignation of Rattenbury, architect C. P. R. Empress Hotel, produced immense sensation. Daily press complacent. Rattenbury non-commital, and sustained by public opinion. Believed to be a case of petticoat government. For further details let every woman hater read between the lines.

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Predictions of dissolution not verified. The Week cajoled by a wicked Liberal. Governor McInnis so far has resisted all blandishments and temptations to lead a forlorn hope. Hugs the Yukon. Vows he will continue to hug it. J. A. McDonald's friends reluctant to put up $7,000 for the judgeship. Think it cheaper to try him for another term. Has promised to grow a moustache and drink whisky.

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Illustrious personage said to have promised William Sloan, M. P., that he should have at least six weeks warning before dissolution announced. General impression that Sloan is talking through his hat. Has decided to abandon project for buying out Cumberland press until after the election. Bennett will continue to teach school in person or by proxy, with pedagogy in reversion after Grant has wiped the floor with him.

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Huge excitement over the election of mayoral candidates. Morley repudiated by the world and the flesh. Said to be going to party of the third part. Declares the job underpaid. Denies allegation of Colonist that he is in it for all that it is worth. Admits he is after it for all he is worth. Attitude of Little Bethel towards his candidature wavering and uncertain. Said to be willing to trade municipal prospects for Government portfolio. Has been advised to try Nerviline.

The Knocker.

"The Knocker" is the offspring of Failure and Envy. He is an only child, and like most only children, generally spoiled. He never reaches real maturity. Success in others hurts him like a tight shoe.

When he grows up he goes into the laundry business, and wherever he goes, he carries with him a lot of soiled linen and a clothes line. Having no property of his own, and being too poor to rent, he becomes a "poacher," makes his headquarters in the offices of other people. There he sets up his tub,, stretches his line and remains until you interrupt him with the polite invitation to come again sometime when you are not so busy.

The "knocker" always gets business for the firm that doesn't pay his salary. As soon as his own firm finds that out he is retired without notice or pay. Nobody wants his company. His employment is a dangerous business policy. His words are without fruit. No one place any confidence in even the good things he says, for they are attributed to sinister motives.

He is a business vandal, ocntinually tearing down without replacing anything better, an unwholesome creature with a bad heart and with eyes which are set so close together that he can peep through a key-hole with both of them at once. He cannot look you in the face for love or money.

In the quadruped kingdom he would be either a hyena or a skunk or a cross-bred. Among the birds of the air he would be a cuckoo in disposition, with a crow's complexion, while as a reptile he would be a rattle-snake. He "does" everybody, relatives included. Relatives are usually his first victims because they are decent enough to place some confidence in him. He is the one man that can perform that wonderful contortionist feat of getting beneath himself. He is as dangerous to a community as a leper let loose.

When you meet a "knocker" do not patronize him. Do not listen to him. Hit him in the place where his brains ought to be, and kick him where they are.

The Christmas Message.

Over the desolate mountains, out from the stormy sea,
A message tonight is ringing, ringing for you and for me.

Pealing aloud from each belfry, in Minster or humble spire,
Flashing to all a message of love on memory's wordless wire.

Fling aloft to the heavens the glad triumphal strain,
Till hearts long sundered beat as one in unison again.

Hearts that grown old, again made young, with thoughts of bygone days,
Hearts that were dead, through stress of pain, revived by children's ways.

Hearts that were lonely, broken, sad, or even those grown cold,
Once more may feel the mother's arms, as in happy days of old.

And the faintest whisper may reach us, if we listen with bated breath,
From those who have gone before us, across the valley of death.

Telling of Life Eternal, where every tear is dry;
Breathing of Peace, Good Will toward Men, from the home beyond the sky.

Hark! or is it a fancy, is it? It must be true—
Listen! I hear them calling, a message to me and you.

And this is the message they bring me, far through the realms of space,
"When we shall meet, we shall know them, our loved ones, face to face."

—Arthur S. Barton.

Victoria, B. C., Xmas, 1906.

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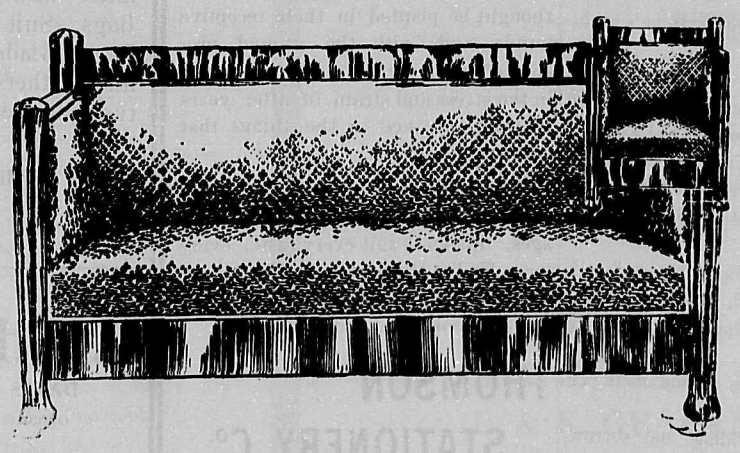

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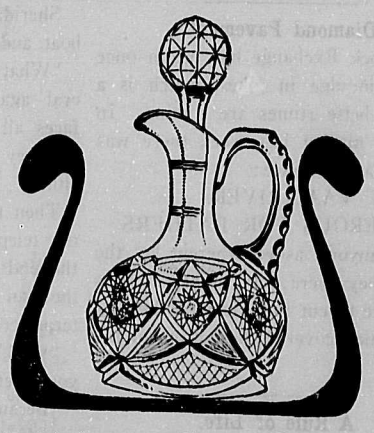

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Tallyrand's Wit.

Tallyrand,t he famous French wit, once charged the English with having thirty-nine religions and only one sauce, which evoked from a witty Englishman the retort, that the French have thirty-nine sauces and no religion.

Diamond Pavement.

The Stock Exchange has begun once again to indulge in jokes, which is a sign that bette rtimes are coming. In the Kaffir market last week there was displayed a big notice:

VAAL RIVER.
DANGEROUS FOR BATHERS.

When anyone asked wherein lay the danger, they were told that bathers were liable to cut their feet on the diamonds which covered the bottom of the river.

A Rule of Life.

To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence. To renounce when that shall be necessary, and not be embittered. To keep a few friends, but these without capitulation. Above all, on the same given condition to keep friends with himself. Here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

The PittsburgEpidemic.

This Pittsburg epidemic of domestic unhappiness, scandal and crime is nature's retributive process, continues the same writer. It is what happens when a beggar is put on horseback. A man may know how to make steel rails or to puddle iron without being fitted to spend $100,000 a year decently. Such a man as President Corey of the Steel Trust was probably happier when he was working in the Homestead mills and lived in a frame cottage renting for $15 a month. He was more in his own sphere than when he gave a champagne supper at Delmonico's in celebration of his wife's divorcing him.

Men must either be educated by early environment in the handling of wealth, or they must have become rich gradually, or their heads must have the exceeding hardness of a Carnegie, if they are not to be made wild by wealth. Spending money is a harder art to learn than earning money.

If these Pittsburg millionaires had known established society in its different grades they might not be making such fools of themselves now, when the distribution of the speculative results of Mr. Morgan's great steel promotion, makes them the prey of their own weaknesses suddenly unloosend.

It's the Girl.

If a girl's good, she's good anywhere. But say, when you're scrimpin' along on twenty per and the next girl to you in your dressin' room comes down to the show shop every night in a benzine waggin—in ermine capes an' diamonds big as oysters, it ain't religion so much as a firm grip on home an' mother that makes you sit tight an' keep on handin' out the frozen mitt and the icy eye to the man behind the bank-roll.

At Last.

The kindly old rector was trying to explain to poor, deaf Mrs. Jones that he hoped she would come up to the rectory to tea to celebrate his golden wedding, and the decrepit old soul had asked what a golden wedding meant.

"We have lived happily together for fifty years, Mrs. Jones."

"Ah, and so you be goin' to get married at last."

Russian Surveilance.

The state of affairs in Russia just now seems to be somewhat as indicated in the following conversation:

Official: "You cannot stay in this country, sir."

Traveller: "Oh, well, then, I'll leave it!"

Official: "Have you a permit to leave?"

Traveller: "No."

Official: "Then you cannot go. I give you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you will do."

Drawing the Long Bow.

Some years ago, while visiting the Spokanes, General Philip Sheridan related to the Indians, through an interpreter, the wonders of the railroad, and then waited to see what effect the revelation would have upon them.

"What do they say?" he asked the interpreter.

"They say they don't believe it," was the answer.

Sheridan then described the steamboat, and the interpreter repeated this.

"What do they say to that?" the General again asked, seeing the Indians' faces all impassive.

"They say they don't believe that, either."

Then the General gave an account of the telephone, and told how a man at the end of a long wire had talked to the man at the other end of it. The interpreter remained silent.

"Well," said the General, "why don't you interpret that story to them?"

"Because I don't believe that story myself," answered the conscientious man.

The Eternal Feminine.

"That was a tender-hearted young lady who stopped and spoke to me after the services to-day," observed the rector. "She seemed to be filled with sympathy for the farmers, for she asked me to pray for rain." "Who? That Vibbers girl?" asks the rector's wife. "If she isn't the hypocrite! Why, I saw her buying fancy silk hosiery at a bargain sale yesterday. And she wants you to pray for rain!"

There's a Way by the River.

There's a way by the river, where violets blow,
And fling out their sweets on the wings of the breeze,
Where the wild bee and butterfly merrily go,
And pilfer the bloom from the balm-bearing trees.
Oh! There wilt thou meet me at sunset, my love,
Where sparkles the fire-fly the green meads among,
To follow the voice of the cuckoo and dove,
And list to the strain of the nightingale's song.

There's a way up the mountain, where purple's the vine,
And the green grasses nod to the warmth glowing skies;
Where the eagle's broad pinion exhibits no sign
Of man's innovation, as onward he hies;
Nor the chamois' bright eye shows the shade of a fear,
As from crag unto crag he elatefully bounds,
Be there, wilt thou, with me, at sunset, my dear,
To greet the young morning's melodious sounds.

There's a way through the dingle, all tangled and deep,
Where the warbling of songsters rings merrily round.
And satyrs and wood-nymps alternately keep
Their watch o'er the sylvan-god's elf-covered ground.
There, there, be our meeting, as twilight sets in,
And fox-gloves are closing their petals, my fair,
Away from the worlding, and sorrow, and sin,
To welcome the lovely and beautiful there.

There's a way yonder, dearest, up yonder, afar.
Past all comprehension in distance of space,
That one day or other, nor comet nor star
May vie with our spirits for fleetness of pace.
Be assur'd there's a way, and a far brighter way,
Than any that earth, with its glories can show;
There, there, may we travel together away,
And eternity dawn on our path as we go.

—J. H. R. Bayley.

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

By nature I am an optimist of the most optimistic type; I should deem it an insult if I were at any time considered a pessimist. I do not allow things to worry me, and I always find contentment, when such everyday nuisances as "little bills" accumulate (how I hate that term, for after all, it is the little bill which is the real nuisance; a big bill brings with it a certain degree of pleasure, and its items mount up so enormously that there is never any time wasted in wondering how it is to be met), in the reflection that it will be all the same in a hundred years. There is much satisfaction in the thought that the only crime for which one can be hanged is murder, that long terms of imprisonment are only given for serious offences, and that debt, provided that there are no such horrid details as false pretenses brought in, is not considered a serious offence. Therefore, why worry? I remember hearing of a preacher who was graduating in the one-sentence sermon (excellent institution), and on reaching the pulpit he merely remarked, "Don't worry; it's wicked." That man was a philosopher of the most cheering school; a literal descendant of Epicurus, and it has always been my regret that I did not attend his church that Sunday.

But though an optimist, I confess that I always feel a little miserable about Christmas time, a misery brought on, I fancy, by the knowledge that it is the proper thing to be cheerful, and to go about the streets with a grin like a Cheshire Cat's upon one's lips. Nothing which we do from conventional motives is really a satisfaction to us, except that it gives us the noble feeling of martyrdom, which, though inspiring in one sense, is certainly very boring on the whole, and say what you will, Christmas is the time for bills and all kinds of extra expenses, which do not tend to brighten the horizon of one's outlook. I am inclined to think, too, that the whole business is rather a farce. It was all very well when children really believed that there was such a person as Santa Clause; when every gift was really a surprise, when the Christmas tree really burst like a vision of fairyland on their delighted vision. But those days are gone. There are no children now. There are plenty of little men and little women, whom age and size alone, and not ignorance of the world, prevent from being called grown-ups. They no longer imagine that they were sent down from heaven to earth in a hamper, nor do they believe that father is the greatest man who ever lived, and in many instances they have very strong ideas that mother is not invariably correct in her judgments. Christmas is, or was, essentially the children's feast; now that children are grown-up by the time they are fit to enjoy Christmas, but are too old for its real appreciation, why keep up the farce? Turkey and plum pudding could still be eaten, and a few presents given; all we should lose would be the present senseless hurry and scurry of getting everything ready by a certain day. Think of the saving to postal officials.

It is said that Charles Dickens, more than any other man, was responsible for what is generally termed "the Christmas feeling," a feeling based entirely on sentiment. It was easier to be brisk and happy in the "good old times," when Christmas meant snow and ice. Nowadays it is another name for wet, slushy weather. Even a novelist of Dickens' calibre could hardly have painted a pathetic picture of little Tim, if Scrooge had been passing through a deluge of rain, instead of a crisp, frosty night air.

But if there is one thing about Christmas which I do abominate, it is the habit of sending Christmas cards. Like picture post-cards, they were contrived to do away with the necessity of writing letters to acquaintances to whom one did not care to send letters; unlike picture post-cards, however, they have not served the useful purpose of giving the recipient pictures of interesting places. How many people care two cents what words are on the cards which they send, or which they receive? I am not a heathen, but, as is well known, Christmas celebrations are the outcome of a heathen feast, the Lupercalia, which was the most licentious of Roman orgies, and which the early Christians found advisable to adopt for their own Christian rites. At the present day it is again looked upon more as an excuse for extra eating and drinking, than as a season for religious meditation. There is one blessing about it, however; it only comes once a year.

I came across rather a good little story the other day, which goes to show that it is not reserved for the Upper Ten alone to play bridge; policemen also enjoy this fascinating game, and I am inclined to think that the way in which they play it is more enjoyable than if played according to the rules laid down by the highest authorities. One worthy preserver of the peace meeting another, asked him how he had spent the previous evening. "Well," said Robert No. 2 I had a fine game of Bridget whist." "Now, what may Bridget whist be?" queried the first speaker. "I have heard of bridge, that's what the swells play. Is that what you mean?" No. 2 looked sheepish, and then said, "Well, you see, it's this way: there's a cook on my beat what's a Irishwoman, and I drops in at times for a bit of pie, and to pass the time of day, you know, and when she hears the missus coming, Bridget, she ups and says, 'Whisht, John,' and I goes into the coal cellar. So I calls it Bridget whist."

Talking about games, I sometimes wonder if the world would not be the honester if all card games, and other drawing-room games of skill were played for small stakes. There are so many drawing-room players who think it the highest form of amusement to indulge in a little mild cheating, "because, my dear, it is not as though we were playing for anything, so it really doesn't matter." That's just it. The worst offenders in this respect are undoubtedly women, who would be the last, as a rule, to dream of cheating if there were any monetary advantage to be gained. I did once come across a lady who objected to a small stake, because then one couldn't cheat. Why it should add amusement to any game to play it unfairly is a puzzle beyond me, but if anyone doubts the truth of what I say let him to go to some drawing-room function, held for preference in the house of a church dignitary, with a room full of church workers, and just watch how the ladies play. A small stake would serve to do away with this nonsense, however small it might be.

[And to think that The Lounger should have the "gall" to submit this for the Christmas number! If he cannot do better he will write no more for The Week.—Ed.]

Blind Faith.

A clergyman happened to tell his son one Saturday afternoon what lesson he would read in church the next morning. The boy got hold of his father's Bible, found the lesson's place, and glued together the connecting pages.

In consequence the clergyman read to his flock the following day that "when Noah was 120 years old he took unto himself a wife, who was"—here he turned the page—"140 cubits long, 40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood, and covered with pitch in and out."

After reading the passage, the clergyman read it again to verify it. Then, pushing back his spectacles, he looked gravely at the congregation and said:

"My friends, this is the first time I ever read that in the Bible, but I accept it as evidence of the assertion that we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

Time Enough.

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NOTICE.

Christmas number of The Week will be published. It will consist of upwards of thirty pages, with a guaranteed circulation of 5,000, and will reach every town, district and settlement in the Province. In addition to the usual features, there will be a literary supplement containing Christmas stories, sketches and poems from the best known writers of British Columbia, including Capt. Clive Phillips Wolley, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, Mr. Martin Burrell, Mr. Freeman Harding, Mr. G. G. Potter and Mr. Harold Sands. These, with many others, have weaved fascinating and enthralling stories around the pioneer incidents of the Province. Every sketch contains an element of human interest, and the whole will form one of the finest literary tributes yet paid to a section of Canada which is only just coming to its own, and which ere long will occupy a much more prominent place in the attention of the Dominion. Every article in the Christmas number will be original, and has been written specially for The Week. The price of this edition will be 10 cents, and orders from non-subscribers will be filled direct from the office if application is made early. The whole of the advertising space in this number is sold, many of our regular advertisers having taken an increased space.

BADINAGE

By BOHEMIAN

A reputedly wise man once said, "Oh, that mine enemy would write a book." This wish has ben reiterated in various forms for many generations past. Would-be litigants have prayed, "Oh, that mine enemy would write a letter;" others, "Oh, that mine enemy would keep a diary." I neither write letters nor keep diaries, but for more years than I am going to admit, I have kept a scrap-book, and at sundry times, when hard-driven by the insatiable task-master who presides over the destinies of The Week, I have dipped into its pages, in order to refresh my memory with respect to events in which I either played a part, or of which I was a witness. I have come to the conclusion that however reprehensible or inconvient the other habits may be, that of keeping a scrap-book has everything in its favour and nothing against it. The record it contains is impersonal, having been culled from divers sources. It is sure to be comprehensive, because one's cuttings will be on every conceivable subject which possesses interest for the reader. Only newspaper officers and public libraries keep files, but a scrap-book into which a man turns an average of three or four cuttings a day soon becomes a compendium of general information, as well as of literary excellence. It mirrors passing events, and yields to the delver of later years a rich harvest, which it would take days, or even weeks, to disinter from the shelves of a library. Opening mine at haphazard, I find that in 1870 the Franco-German war was raging, and in 1871 the victorious German army marched through the streets of Paris. I had been there the year before the war, and never was Paris so gay and light-hearted. The last thing that entered the minds of men at that time was the possibility of war. The Empress, whose masterfulness precipitated that Titanic and cataclysmic struggle, still survives. I saw her in the palace grounds of the Tuileries six months before the war broke out, the very personification of imperial majesty and pride. I saw her again at Chislehurst only a few years later, when the ill-fated Emperor was laid in his mausoleum. She looked twenty years older, and grief had placed its permanent mark upon her features. I saw her again when the remains of the Prince Imperial were brought home, and once more only a few years ago a shrunken, feeble, decrepit figure, than whom no one looked less like an Empress.

I question if the history of the world reveals a single instance to which one could more appropriately apply the aphorism "sic transit gloria mundi."

In find, in April, 1876, a report of Mr. Disraeli's speech, to which I had the pleasure of listening, on the occasion of his submitting a bill to the House, creating Queen Victoria Empress of India. Even at this distance there will be many who remember the hostility which this measure provoked. One celebrated Commoner, making a criticism which will be remembered whenever the indent is recalled, declared that to add anything to the time-honoured title, 'Queen of England," was like gilding refined gold and painting the lily. Nevertheless, the policy of the greatest foreign minister England has ever had, prevailed, and none of the untoward results which were predicted have followed, in spite of the jeremiads of the opposition press.

During 1876 I find a number of cuttings from a journal long since defunct, which was entitled "The Englishman," and was owned and edited by Dr. Kenealy. Dr. Kenealy was an extraordinary character, a brilliant barrister without ballast, who earned notoriety by his association with the Tichborne claimant, and who went out in a blaze of glory after a brief and meteoric career. He had several bees in his bonnet: one was that every man was a Jesuit in disguise; another, that British freedom was in reality the worst kind of slavery, and the third, and perhaps the most remarkable of all, that the whole world was up in arms to deny him justice and effect his ruin. Miss Arabella Kenealy, who has attained fame as a writer, is a daughter of the eccentric doctor.

On December 11th, 1875, Punch published one of John Tenniel's historic cartoons, representing Disraeli in holiday attire on the banks of the Suez Canal. In his hand he holds a key labelled "Suez Canal," the key of India. The Sphinx rears its unwieldy shape in the background and by an artistic touch is represented with one side of the face like adamant, and the other side wearing a smile and a wink for the knowing one. How well, as usual, the cartoonist hit off popular opinion on that great transaction, the acquisition of the Suez Canal shares.

On March 16th, 1875, the first friendly arbitration which ever took place in the industrial world culminated in an award by Sir Rupert Kettle. The dispute was between the miners and coal owners of Northumberland; the award was received with perfect satisfaction by both sides, and must be regarded as historic, seeing that it initiated a movement which has since spread throughout the industrial world, although even yet it is not as prevalent as it should be.

On October 8th, 1873, Mr. Henry Fowler presented his first report as chairman of the Wolverhamption school board, and laid the foundation of that great career which led to his appointment as Secretary of State for India, and other cabinet positions under the Liberal government.

I turn over a few hundred pages in order to get away from the '70s, and on October 22nd, 1877, I light on another of Tenniel's cartoons, representing Mr. Chamberlain in the garb of an Irish peasant, with a huge pair of wings, flying across the Irish channel to Erin, as a "messenger of peace," waving in his right hand a shillelagh and in his left a plaid, with the inscription "Hey Down Derry." This was when he undertook the secretaryship of Ireland. About the same time I find a cutting from the New York Herald, which tells how a deputation had been sent from New York to England to invite the Rev. Charles A. Berry to succeed Henry Ward Beecher. The sequel may not be generally known, but in spite of the most tempting offers to occupy what was undoubtedly the greatest pulpit in the world, Mr. Berry had the wisdom to decline. It should be remembered that it was Mr. Beecher himself who designated Mr. Berry as his successor. After a brief but brilliant career, Mr. Berry died at an early age through overwork and mental strain.

I must conclude this discurtesy and, I trust, not altogether uninteresting sketch, by referring to one of the most important gatherings which it was ever my good fortune to attend. On the 24th of October, 1887, Lord Randolph Churchill journeyed to Newcastle-on-Tyne to beard the lion in his den, or in other words, to carry the war into the enemy's stronghold. He was then fighting the great Unionist battle against Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule measure, and John Morley, who represented Newcastle, was the great statesman's chosen lieutenant. Lord Randolph was then in the zenith of his power; he had attained the highest position in the public interest, and had fairly caught the public eye. With the single exception of Mr. Gladstone himself, no other speaker at that moment had obtained such a grip on his audiences, and he had indeed reached a point where it seemed as if the world lay at his feet. On the occasion to which I refer, he was accompanied by Lady Randolph, of whose matchless beauty and personal magnetism it is impossible to say too much. The meeting was held in the theatre under the presidency of Sir Matthew White Ridley, and he was supported by such prominent men as the Earl of Ravensworth, the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Durham, the Earl of Scarborough, Viscount Curzon and Sir George Elliot. The speech occupied two hours in delivery, and was by far the finest effort of Lord Randolph' career. At times he rose to the heights of sublime eloquence, at others he plumbed the depths of scatching invective. He moved the audience as a breeze stirs the surface of a lake, and his exordium will live alongside the classic utterances of Pitt. The recent work of his clever but erratic son, Mr. Winston Churchill, has revived public interest in everything associated with the memory of Lord Randolph, but no reference is made to this classic occasion, the record of which could only be found in the files of Joe Cowen's great paper, "The Newcastle Chronicle," or in the musty pages of some old scrapbook like that which is deemed one of the most priceless possessions of

BOHEMIAN.

The Star of Hope.

I launched my golden argosy
Upon the summer sea,
And fondly hoped its precious freight
Would come again to me.

With fluttering heart, and pallid brow,
I watched it swiftly sail
Beyond the verge of distant isle,
And surging of the gale.

Proudly it spurned the siren call,
As strand and harbour passed,
With pennon ever floating free,
Upon its quivering mast.

Until when summer sun was high,
All canopied in blue;
And golden dreams were beckoning,
And glorious promise, too.

I neared the gleaming port of dawn,
Where light should ever be;
And summer calm, and summer peace,
Upon a summer sea.

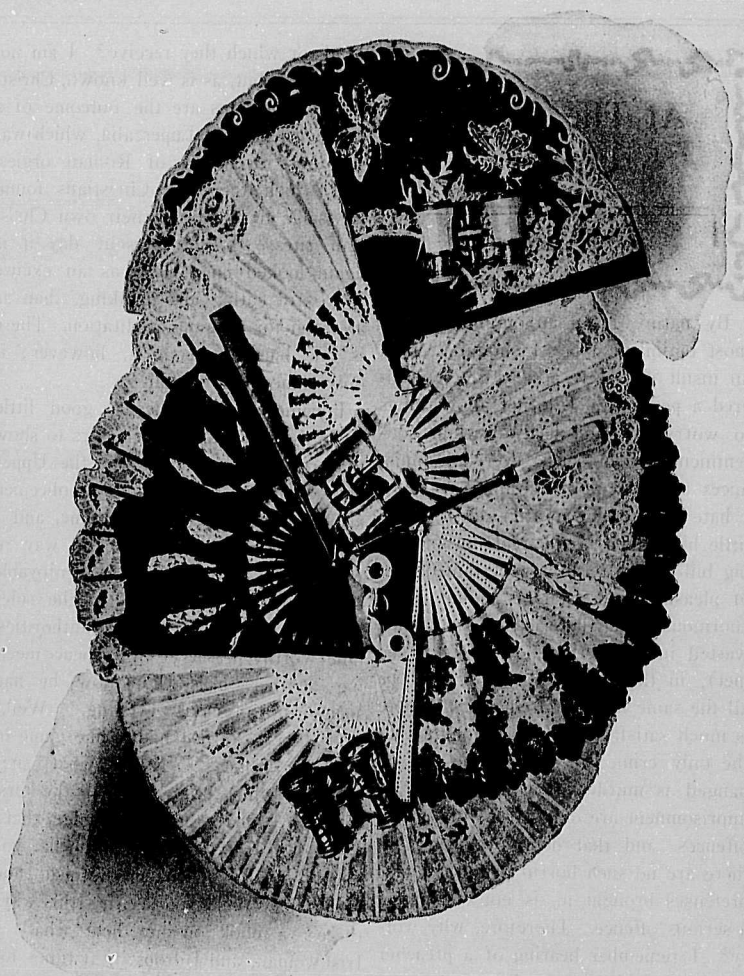
But the stately bark was shattered,
And my precious freight was lost.
On the pitiless waves of that summer sea,
Its pitiful wreckage tossed.

And long, while I sat on the desolate shore,
And waited, and sighed, and wept,
Like one who bemoaned a hapless fate,
The angel of sorrow slept.

Then high in the heaven's coronal
The star of hope shone forth,
And again my golden argosy
Was fleeting to the North.

And it bore a treasure so costly,
The Queen on her throne afar,
Cried out for my "heart of hearts,"
In the light of that shimmering star.

—W. B.



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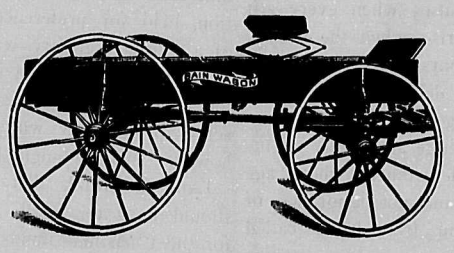

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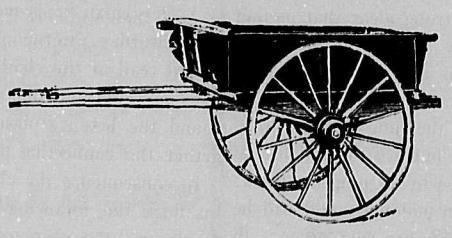

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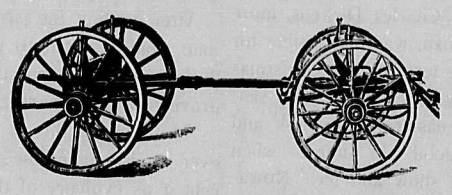

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A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

DEAR MADGE:

We hear a good deal less nowadays than formerly of the nuisance of Christmas-tide. Ten years ago or so a dead set was made against the season in many quarters, and people who did not grumble at the festivities of the end of the year were considered hopelessly old-fashioned.

The feeling was a reaction against the exaggerated celebrations of the "festive season" for which Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and its feeble imitators were responsible; but the swing of the pendulum is now going the other way, and the cult of Christmas is once more being revived. Indeed, some folk have gone so far as to ask why there are no ghost stories at Christmas time nowadays, and why there is so little holly and mistletoe in the colored plates of these Christmas numbers which appeal more especially to children. But there is one aspect of the secular celebrations of Christmas which has passed away for good and all, or at least for a good many generations, and that is the eating of Gargantuan feasts on the 25th of December and on the following days. The amount that our ancestors ate and drank between Christmas Day and Twelfth Night was something appalling to our notions, for these worthy people disposed of more in a week than we could digest in a month. According to the novel-writers of those days, they ate roast beef and turkey and drank beer, port wine and brandy all day long, with brief intervals in the keen, frosty air to acquire another appetite.

However ,there is one aspect of Christmas time that remains with us and is steadily growing in favour, and that is present-giving. One has only to look at the store windows or at the illustrated advertisements, which are very attractive, to see that never were so many presents given, and that never were gifts so attractive, so useful or so suited to all purses as they are in the present year of grace. There are gifts for the old and for the young, for men and for women, and above all, for the children, and all of them so characterized by ingenuity, suitability and good taste. The great need is to find something that will please the recipient, and this, which used to be so difficult, is now made easy and robbed of all its former terrors. The cry used to be, "What shall I give?" Today it is "What shall I choose?" For there is such a wealth of display in the stores that the difficulty is not to find something fitting, but to refrain from buying all the pretty things that tempt one to invest.

Did not Emerson declare that to rejoice in a gift was degradation? If so, I fear your Babette is beyond the grace of saving, for when Great-Aunt Jane announced last Monday morning that she was bent on buying me a Christmas present before the rush of shopping began, and further, mentioned Campbell's ladies' furnishing house as the spot in which she had resolved to choose it, my heart simply sang within me. When the time for choosing came, it was indeed hard for me to decide, for so many were the tempting things set before me. At last a beautiful chiffon scarf, with Valenciennes insertion came within my reach and I fairly captured it with delight. My choice was made, and now I am the happy possessor of a thing that has been mine in dreams only heretofore, thanks to dear Aunt Jane.

We women are agreed that music is the food of love, but that desirable if evanescent form of sustenance remained inviare to many men and incidentally women, except at rare intervals, before the advent of the mechanical pianoplayer. Now, by reason of that thrice-blessed invention, we are enabled to press a pedal and float away into the empyrean at will, to master the masterpieces of the master minds. Nor this alone, for, joined to the extraordinary accomplishments of the Pianola is now superadded the crowning wonder of another invention called the Metrostyle principle, by which the tempo of the musician is added to the composition of the composer.

Apropose of music, by the way, have you seen the splendid display of talking machines now on view at Fletcher Bros.? One of these machines would make a beautiful gift for any one, so much pleasure can be derived from them, and they are a source of great amusement in any household.

BABETTE.

Social and Personal.

Mrs. Creighton (New Westminster) is visiting in the city.

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Miss Lloyd of Westholm is the guest of Mrs. George Courtney.

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Mrs. Cox of Bamfield Creek is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Innes, Dallas Road.

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Mrs. Dunsmuir entertained a number of her friends at luncheon at Government House on Friday last.

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Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Pigott, Sr., and Mr. Pigott for a 500 party, to be given on Friday, the 14th inst.

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Mrs. McGuire of California is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Innes, for a few weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. R. Dockrill of Chemainus were guests in the city for a few days this week.

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Dr. and Mrs. Carroll (Vancouver) are guests at the Oak Bay Hotel. Dr. Carroll being in poor health and desiring a change of air.

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The dance given last night in the A. O. U. W. Hall by Mrs. Norton was most successful. The table was beautifully decorated in pink carnations and maidenhair fern, and the supper room decorated in greenery of different kinds. Many handsome costumes were worn by the ladies, a further account of which will appear later.

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A vaudeville performance is being aranged by Mrs. R. H. Pooley to take place in January at the New Grand Theatre in aid of the Jubilee Hospital. Some of those taking part are Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Miss Eleanor Dunsmuir, Miss Newling, Miss Louise Lugrin, Miss Langlev, Mr. Basil Prior, Mr. Earle, Mr. Julier and others.

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The Fancy Fair given last week in the Drill Hall, under the auspices of the Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society, was an unqualified success from every point of view. The results are more than satisfactory, and the way those taking part worked for their cause is little short of marvelous. The different booths were perfect in every detail, and the pretty fancy costumes worn by the ladies taking part added much to the beauty of the scene. The wax works were excellent, the different members taking part exerting themselves to be most amusing. Comparisons are odious, but perhaps the three deserving the greatest praise were Miss Newling, Miss Marie Cross and Mr. Beauchamp Tye, although the other characters were well sustained. The different costumes worn by the ladies in the booths were very pretty, the Greenaway Girls being most fetching; also the fishwives. Those appearing in Irish peasant costume looked well, as did also the ladies in paper dresses, while a peasant costume in violet, black and gold was greatly admired. Little St. Elmo Russell dressed as a daffodil, in green and yellow, was very pretty and found a ready market for his dainty boutonnieres. The public turned out in large numbers, both in the afternoon and evening, and patronized the different booths in a very generous manner. Altogether the ladies are to be congratulated on the great success of their fair.

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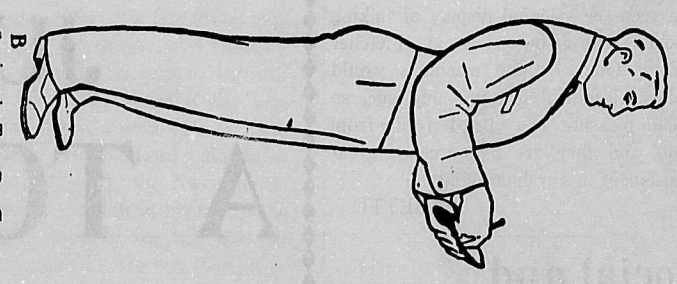

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NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS

Prosecution Failed.

The trial of Mr. Eckstein of the law firm of Eckstein & Gray of Fernie, on the charge of conspiring to defeat the ends of justice has resulted in a victory for the lawyer. It seems a pity that the prosecution should ever have been entered on in view of the fact that the Crown had to rely upon the evidence of the tin-horn gambler and his paramour. The case altogether was of an unsavoury character, and while the immediate object of the prosecution has failed, it will serve as a salutary warning to persons inclined to connive at the spiriting away of witnesses.

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Signs of the Times.

Victoria and Vancouver rejoice in the possession of aroller-skating rink, and it is reported that New Westminster will follow suit. The recreation is healthful and sociable, and has received the imprimateur of fashionable society. At the moment it threatents to oust skating on ice, for in Montreal several ice rinks are being converted for roller-skating. Thirty years ago a similar craze was started, and it ran itself out in about two years. Whether the present one will last longer remains to be seen. At present, however, it is all the rage.

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Activity in Coal.

The present year has seen a remarkable development in the coal properties of Eastern British Columbia, and Western Alberta. Amongst the most notable is the opening up of the Hill Crest Mine near Frank, the purchase of the property of the Alberta Coal Company and of the Lundbreck Coal mine, and their amalgamation with the interests represented by Mr. A. C. Flummerfelt. More recently, the immense holdings of the Elk River Coal Company on Fording River, eighty miles north of Fernie, have been sold to an Eastern syndicate through the agency of Mr. W. R. Ross, M. P. The Imperial Coal Company, whose areas also lie on the North Elk, have done a good season's work under the superintendence of Mr. W. R. Wilson, at one time general manager of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. Last, but by no means least, the C. P. R., under the energetic management of Mr. J. Brown, one of the most practical men in the West, are rapidly developing their properties at Hosmer. Further afield, Frank B. Smith, at one time mine manager for the Crow's Nest Company, and for the last five years Inspector of Mines in the Northwest Territories, has resigned his position to undertake the opening up of coal mines at Edmonton. Perhaps the most extensive development of all is at the Bankhead mine of the C. P. R., where Mr. Louis Stockett, who was for twenty years a mine manager under J. J. Hill in Montana and Washington, is rapidly establishing one of the largest and most up-to-date mining districts in the West. Most of these properties are still in the earliest stages of development, yet in 1906 they will produce 2,000,000 tons of coal. Within three years, however, they will have a combined capacity of 5,000,000 tons, by which time all fear of a coal famine in Manitoba and the territories will be at an end. Eight years ago in all this vast territory there were only two shipping mines, one at Lethbridge and another at Canmore, with a total output of about 400,000 tons. Nothing would better illustrate the almost fabulous growth of the West than these figures.

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A Sound Judgment.

The Prospector is not much given to fireworks, but few papers in the Province are more consistent, or more sound in their judgments. The folowing is both pertinent and pointed:

"The most talked of man in British Columbia is the premier, the Hon. Richard McBride. A war of slander and misrepresentation has been against him. All the opposition guns, both big and small, were trained against him. But now these opposition guns are about silenced, the smoke has cleared up and Premier McBride is still in possession of all the points of vantage. Mr. McBride is a natural leader of men, and British Columbia has never produced a man who has displayed greater political ability. He has won the confidence of the people of this province by his masterly fight for better terms with the Laurier government.

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Ambitious Phoenix.

The Phoenix Pioneer has the following to say with reference to a candidate for the riding:

"The Conservatives in this riding have begun to guess who may be the nominee of the party in the next election contest. Our present member, G. A. Fraser, has moved to Victoria, and does not care to run, but of course there are others willing to do so. It is time Phoenix had a rpresentative, as turn about is fair play."

To which The Week adds: "What is the matter with George Rumberger?"

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The Hindu Question.

It seems that the Hindu question is a live issue in Grand Forks, where upwards of eighty are without occupation, and dependent more or less upon charity. A public meeting was recently held, at which prominent men spoke on the subject. The Week is glad to notice that, although the immigration of Hindus was condemned on general principles, the meeting was entirely in favour of humane action towards those who found themselves in such unfortunate circumstances. This is the right spirit in which to approach the subject, and presents a pleasant contrast to the attitude of certain Vancouver gentlemen.

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A Modern Junius.

The Cumberland News has recently published two open letters on the subject of Provincial politics and allied topics. For conciseness, lucidity and a sane comprehension of the issues at stake they have not been surpassed by the editorial utterances of any British Columbia journal. Instead of wading through columns of involved argument the electors cannot do better than secure copies of The Cumberland News of November 21st and 28th, and read these two letters.

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Great Possibilities.

Everyone who knows Mr. R. E. Gosnell will hope that his latest venture may be successful. He is said to have gone to England as a representative of the B. C. Development Company, who are financing a scheme for clearing and settling 150,000 acres of the E. & N. land grant. If a thorough knowledge of the Island constitutes the chief equipment for a successful ending of these negotiations, Mr. Gosnell will carry them through.

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Conrad Closed Down.

A telegram received Saturday evening by Col. J. H. Conrad from William McKenzie at Toronto instructed that all operations in the mines of the company be suspended for the time being. The order was complied with, work on all the company's properties being discontinued on Monday.

While it is not known just why the mines were closed down, it is believed that it is for the purpose of arranging for the treatment of all the output of the mines of the company and thus do away with the necessity of shipping ore to the outside. It is believed that concentrators will be installed and that a smelter will be erected the coming summer.

In the meantime, the temporary closing down of operations at the mines will have a tendency to make Conrad City somewhat "New Englandified" for the time being.—White Horse Star.

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That sagacious journal, the Atlin Claim, knows a good thing when it sees it, as evidenced by the following clipping from a late issue:

"It is always a pleasure to look over the columns of 'The Week' of Victoria. The way it hits out, right and left, impartially, is good indeed, esspecially the way it dresses down its 'stemed contemporaries. The advertising patronage looks healthy and we hope it may long continue to flourish."

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Ashcroft Potatoes the Best.

The Week, one of the brighest papers published in the Province, has the following to say of an article published in the Journal, extolling the merits of Ashcroft potatoes:

"The Ashcroft Journal tells a simple truth, which is admitted by all who have enjoyed the privilege of eating Ashcroft potatoes. Since the reputation of this tuber has become so firmly established it is greatly to be regretted that it is not cultivated to a greater extent in the district which has been so signally successful in producing it. This season potatoes generally are unsatisfactory ,the only exception being the Ashcroft variety. It would be a boon to Victorians, at any rate, if they could get something better than the sloppy mush which is being sold this fall under the title of potatoes."—Ashcroft Journal.

Making Good Progress.

Chas. A. MacKay, manager of the Black-MacKay Mining Co., is again in Moyie and is doing some preliminary work on his claims, preparatory to sinking a big shaft. This shaft will be 350 feet in depth and will be used to tap the ore bodies underlying Moyie lake.—Moyie Leader.

John Houston's Magnum Opus.

Whatever else John Houston may have done for Nelson nothing can deprive him of the honour of having secured for the capital of the Kootenay one of the best power plants in the West, and with it municipal power, light and heat. The result has only been acquired after a persistent fight with almost insurmountable obstacles, and now that the end is in sight, there are few who do not regret that the man to whose intelligence and indomitable persistence the scheme is due, is no longer in a position to reap the honour which it should have brought to him; never was it truer that "One soweth and another reapeth." The power plant was to have been in operation in January last. Litigation and delay on the part of the machinery ocntractors has delayed the completion of the work until the present time, but judging from the following paragraph from the Nelson News it really looks as if the city will be reaping the benefit of John Houston's statesmanlike policy by the end of the present year:

'There has been some complaints made at the rate of progress made at the work of installing the machinery at the city power plant. The Allis-Chalmers-Bullock company's local representatives assert that they are doing the very best they can under existing circumstances, and both his worship the mayor and the city engineer are inclined to agree with this statement. It certainly will not pay the company to waste a moment more over the job than is absolutely necessary, and the mayor is of the opinion that good progress is now being made. His worship is optimistic as to when the installation will be completed, and is quoted as saying that in about a fortnight's time all will be in readiness.

"As a fact, the most tedious and difficult work, that of placing the water wheel, casing and supply pipe in position, is about over, but if the whole plant is in working order by the end of the year, even the most impatient ratepayer will be satisfied. 'Better a little delay and have the work well and thoroughly done so that there will be no trouble afterwards, than a hurriedly completed job that might prove unsatisfactory later,' was the expressed view of an authority on the subject yesterday, and the public, now that the end of the matter is really in sighth, will probably share in this opinion."

The More Excellent Way.

A section of the Vancouver press might well take a lesson from the attitude adopted by the Vernon News towards the Hindu immigrants. The whole situation could hardly be better summed up than in the following paragraph taken from the Vernon News of November 22nd:

"It looks as if the city council will have to furnish relief and assistance to the Hindus who arrived here last week. At present their condition is pitable in the extreme. They stand in need of nearly everything that goes to make life bearable during the winter months even in a mild climate such as ours. They need, clothing, boots, blankets, fuel and food. Their supplies of the bare necessaries of life are of the slimest, and unless they get assistance at once they will soon be upon the verge of starvation. Mayor Muller is now taking steps to furnish temporary relief and employment, and anything he may do in this direction should meet with the approbation of our citizens. We did not invite them here; and we certainly do not desire their presence; but now that they are thrown upon our hands we cannot allow them to suffer or starve for the lack of assistance. Private charity may also find a good avenue for action in this direction, and anyone having cast-off clothing or other supplies at their disposal would be doing a kindly act by sending such articles to the house in Chinatown where these unfortunates at present find shelter."

What the Strike Cost.

Nothing so pointedly emphasises the economic disaster occasioned by a long strike as the large account which is prepared when the strike is terminated, and in the face of the recent Fernie trouble this has been carefully appraised in moulding public opinion against the continuance of such a barbarious method of settling differences. Compulsory arbitration is the only remedy which will protect all interests, and when it is realised that the third interest in all labour disputes, that of the general public, is the greatest, legislation will be demanded and granted, which will for ever put an end to strikes.

It will cost the company the sum of $50,000 to place them in the condition they were before the strike. It is estimated that the company has lost the sum of $100,000 in profits and deterioration of plant during the strike. It will cost in round figures the sum of $5,000 to start the coke ovens at Fernie and Michel again, and it will mean, all conditions being equal, a period of ten days before any can produce coke equal to the output before the strike. The men, besides losing the strike, have lost $300,000 in wages alone. The Government of this country has lost $19,500 in royalties in coal and timber alone. The loss to the business people of Fernie and the surrounding country is incalculable. During the struggle the customers of the company have been supplied with coal and coke from outside points, principally in the United States, but the company expects a renewal of orders as soon as it gets its mines in condition to operate on the same scale as heretofore, which should not take more than a month or six weeks.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted on the left bank of Skeena River, about four miles above Lakelse River, adjoining L. W.' northwest corner, and marked "N. M. J.s' N. W. Corner," thence running south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

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

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 lands, Range V., Skeena River District, about 1 mile from the Little Canyon.

Commencing at a post planted on the South-west corner, marked A. O. Cunningham's S. W. Corner, thence North 40 (forty) chains(thence East 40 (forty) chains, thence South 40 (forty) chains to Little's Southwest corner, thence West 40 (forty) chains, to point of commencement, and containing 160 (one hundred and sixty) acres more or less.

Located October 1st, 1906.

A. C. CUNNINGHAM, Locator.
S. C. WEEKS, Agent.

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 sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted on the left bank of Skeena River, about 3¼ miles above the Lakelse River, and joining John Neidhart's northeast corner, and marked "L. W. S.'s Northwest Corner," and running south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains more or less, to left bank of Skeena River; thence westwardly along Skeena River to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

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

No. 3—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining Mrs. J. S. Young's south boundary: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, North west Corner," thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew, October 29th, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 4—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining A. Young's southwest corner: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, Northwest Corner," thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 29th day of October, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 5—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining John Young's southeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "A Young, Northeast Corner," thence north 40 chains; thence west 160 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 160 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 29th day of October, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 6—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining T. Lee's southeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, Northeast Corner," thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 30th day of October, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 7—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining T. Lee's southeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Northwest Corner," thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 30th day of October, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 8—
NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining T. Lee's southeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Southwest Corner," thence north 40 chains; thence east 160 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 160 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 30th day of October, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
November 17, 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 thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, in Alberni District: 4. Commencing at a post situate on or near the northwest corner of Lot 79, Mucktoosh; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 north; thence 100 west; thence 80 south; thence 60 east; thence 40 north, to point of commencement.

C. F. PARK,
W. B. GARRARD, Agent.
Oct. 22d, 1906.

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37. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 16, Township 12, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencemtnt, and being Section 15, Township 12, Range 5, of said survey.

W. VAN ARSDALEN,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 20th, 1906.

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30. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 16, Township 12, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thenct south 80 chains. thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being Section 21, Township 12, Range 5, of said survey.

CHAS. LEVETT,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 20th, 1906.

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43. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of the north-east quarterof Section 22, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains. thence west 80 chains to point of commencemen , and being the north half of Section 23 and south half of Section 26, Townhsip 4, Range 4, of said survey.

EMMA BATEMAN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 17th, 1906.

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44. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 27, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chanis; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 27 of said survey.

J. S. McEACHERN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 17th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commis f Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in Alberni District: 2. Commencing at a post situate 80 chains west and 20 south ofsoutheast boundary post of Lot 658; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 north; thence 80 east; thence 80 south, to point of commencement.

J. T. BUCKLEY,
W. B. GARRARD, Agent.
Oct. 19th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, in Alberni District: 3. Commencing at a post by the shore of Alberni Canal, near the southeast boundary post of Lot 658; thence west 80 chains; thence south to the north boundary line, or the same produced of Lot 69; thence east to Alberni Canal; thence following the shore line to point of commencement.

W. C. RALEIGH,
W. B. GARRARD, Agent.
Oct. 20th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, in Alberni District: 5. Commencing at a post by the southeast boundary of Lot 77, Nanmint Bay; thence 60 chains west; thence 20 north; thence 90 west; thence 50 south; thence east to the waterfront. thence following the shore line to point of commencement.

C. LUTKIN,
W. B. GARRARD, Agent.
Oct. 27th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: 1. Starting at a post 10 chains east of the mouth of Handy Creek, on the north shore of Alberni Canal; thence 160 chains north; thence 40 chains west; thence south to the shore line; thence following the shore line to point of commencement.

W. E. GREEN,
W. B. GARRARD, Agent.
November 4th, 1906.

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2. Starting at a post 40 chains north of the initial post of No. 1, near Handy Creek, Alberni Canal; thence 40 chains east; thence 160 chains north; thence 40 chains west; thence 160 chains south to point of commencement.

W. B. GARRARD.
Clayoquot District, Nov. 4th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a post by the southeast corner post of Lot 79, on Uchucklesit Harbour; thence north 40 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west to waterfront; thence along waterfront to point of commencement, excepting thereout the lands covered by existing mineral claims.

W. E. GREEN.
W. B. GARRARD.
Clayoquot District, Oct. 29th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in Alberni District: 1. Commencing at a post situated 80 choins west and 20 south of southeast boundary post of Lot 658; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 south; thence 80 east. thence 80 north, to place of commencement.

E. CURTIT,
Per W. B. Garrard, Agent.
Oct. 19th, 1906.

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46. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 36, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 36 of said survey.

S. L. TEETZEL.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 17th, 1906.

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48. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 24, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being Section 25, Township 4, Range 4, of said survey.

M. A. MACDONALD.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 17th, 1906.

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55. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 15, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, and being Section 22, Township 4, Range 4, of said survey.

LILIAN CAMPBELL,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 15th, 1906.

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56. Commencing at a post planted on the north-east corner of Section 15, Township 4, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence west 80 chains; thenec south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 15 of said survey.

GLEN CAMPBELL,
A. T. Clark, Agent
September 15th, 1906.

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57. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 547; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement; 640 acres.

KATE CLARK,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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58. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 547; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

J. A. HARVEY,
A .T .Clark, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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59. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 547; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

G. M. BIRKETT,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
Septtmber 10th, 1906.

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60. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of J. A. Harvey's land. thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

HARRIET NELSON,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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61. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of J. A. Harvey's land; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thtnce west 80 chains to point of commencement.

CAROLINE HAINES,
G. B. Wtason, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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62. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of G. M. Birkett's land; thence north 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

MARGARET INGLES,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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65. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Hubert Haines' land; thence north 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

MAXWELL S. INGLES,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 10th, 1906.

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66. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of . Knights leaes; land; thence north 80 chains; thence chains; thence souht 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

ROSABELLA GOODWYN,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 11th, 1906.

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67. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of E. Knight's land; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

CHAS. KNIGHT,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 11th, 1906.

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68. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Chas. Knight's land; thence north 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

W. H. GOODWIN,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 11th, 1906.

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69. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Chas. Knight's the north-east corner of Knight's land; south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains. thence north 80 chain sto point of commencement.

E. N. MacBETH,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 11th, 1906.

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70. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 35, Township 12, Range 5, Poudrier survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

M. WERDEN,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 17th, 1906.

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71. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of the south-west quarter of Section 14, Townsmp 12, Range 5, Poudrier survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being the south half of Section 14 and north half of Section 11, Township 12, Range 5, of said survey.

H. RENNIE,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 19th, 1906.

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72. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of B. P. Cook's lease; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement; 640 acres.

WILLIAM MEREDITH,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 13th, 1906.

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73. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Maxwell S. Ingles' lease; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the Nechaco River; thence following bank of said river to the south line of Maxwell S. Ingles' lease; thence west 80 chains, more or less, to point of commencement.

MINNIE CURRIE,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 12th, 1906.

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74. Commencing at a post planted at a point on the west side of the Upper Nechaco River, opposite the south-west corner of Lot 545; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains. thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the bank of the Nechaco River; thence following bank of said river to point of commencement; 640 acres, more or less.

EDGAR L. BLAKE,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 12th, 1906.

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75. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of E. L. Blake's lease; thence west 80 chains; south 80 chains; east 80 chains to bank of Nechaco River; thence following bank of said river to point of commencement, 640 acres, more or less.

MARY BLAKE,
A. T. CLARK, Agent.
September 12th, 1906.

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76. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Mary Blake's lease; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the Nechaco River; thence following the bank of said river to point of commencement; 640 acres, more or less.

GEORGE BATEMAN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
September 12th, 1906.

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77. Commencing at the south-east cornear of George Bateman's lease; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the Nechaco Rvier; thence following the bank of said river to point of commencement; 640 acres, more or less.

B. P. COOK,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 13th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intende to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Long Lake, which empties into the Owun River, which flows into Masset Inlet, Queen Charlotte District:

Claim 18—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, at the head of Long Lake, thence 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north to post of commencement.

Claim 19—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, at the head of Long Lake, thence 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, to post of commencement.

Claim 20—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, on the wets shore, at the head of Long Lake, thence west 40 chains, 160 chains north, 40 chains east to shore of lake, then following the shore to point of commencement.

Claim 21—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, at the east shore, at the head of Lonk Lake, thence east 40 chains, north 160 chains, west 40 chains to shore of lake, then following to shore to point of commencement.

Claim 22—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, two miles from the head of Long Lake, on the west shore, thence 40 chains west, 160 chains north, 40 chains east to shore, following the shore to point of commencement.

Claim 23—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, two miles from the head of Long Lake, on the east shore, thence 40 chains east, thence 160 chains north, thence 40 chains west, more or less, to shore, following the shore to point of commencement.

Claim 24—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, on the west bank of Long Lake, four miles from its head, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south to shore, thence following the shore to point of commencement.

Claim 25—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, on the east shore, four miles from the head of Long Lake, thence east 80 chains, 80 chains north, 80 chains west to shore, more or less, thence following the shore to point of commencement.

Claim 26—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, on the north shore, about five miles from the head of Long Lake, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the Omun River, thence following the shore, river and lake, to point of commencement.

Claim 27—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, on the northeast shore, about five miles astronomically south 80 chains, thence from the head of Long Lake, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains. thence west 80 chains, more or less, to the Owun River, following the shore of the river and lake to the point of commencement.

Claim 16—Commencing at a post planted on the west side of lake, at the crossing of south line of lot 33, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence 80 chains east, more or less, following the lake shore to point of commencement.

CHARLES WATKINS.
JOHN DORSEY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase section 24, township 8, range 5, Coast District.

EMMA HOWE.
JOHN DORSEY, Agent.

Regimental.

Regimental Orders by Lt.-Col. J. A. Hall, Commanding.

Regimental Headquarters,
Victoria, B. C., 5-12-06.

1. *Struck Off.*

The following men, having been granted their discharge, are struck off the strength of the Regiment:

No. 15, Sergt. R. Hayward, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 32, Sergt. S. J. Patton, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 38, Gunner J. E. Cornwall, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 83, Gunner Fred Pellow, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 47, Gunner Fred B. Shaver, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 70, Gunner M. C. Foote, Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 12, Gunner A. L. Sturgess ,Dec. 4, 1906.

No. 53, Gunner W. Carstairs, Dec. 4, 1906.

2. *Damaged Rifles.*

In future, in the case of burst rifle barrels, or serious accidents, the rifles and parts are to be collected and handed in to the Caretaker, and on no account are local gunsmiths to deal with damaged rifles.

By order,
(Sgd) W. RIDGWAY-WILSON, Capt.,
Adjutant Fifth Regiment, C. A.

Memo.—The Officer commanding will meet the Secretaries of Company Associations, Sergeants, Mess and Band in the Drill Hall, on Friday, Dec. 14, 1906, at 8:30 p.m.

Conservative Rally.

Golden, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1906.

The Conservative Association of Golden held a most enthusiastic meeting last night; the purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and an executive committee for the ensuing year.

Capt. Armstrong, who was elected chairman, in a very happy speech, explained the object of the meeting. Mr. J. W. Devlin was chosen as secretary. The chairman then called for an election of officers, which resulted as follows: Hon. president, H. E. Forster of Firlands, B. C.; president, F. P. Armstrong of Golden; first vice president, J. G. Ullock of Golden; second vice president, James Good of Golden; third vice president, J. W. Devlin of Golden; secretary and treasurer, G. F. Stalker of Golden.

After the election of officers the executive committee was chosen, and was made up of the most loyal Conservatives of Golden.

The president, after the election of officers and committee, gave an address, in which he asked all men who took an interest in B. C. to get out and work in the interesters of the maker of the Province, the Hon. Richard McBride, whose name was received with cheers. The president also asked all Conservatives to put their shoulder to the wheel and help along the good cause.

The meeting was also addressed by G. F. Stalker, H. G. Parson, J. W. Devlin, J. G. Ullock, Jno. Pratt and others.

The meeting was well attended and was most harmonious. Several motions of thanks to the past scretary, Mr. J. W. Devlin, were passed, and there is no doubt that Columbia Riding will do its duty at the next Provincial election and elect a candidate who will be a supporter of the present government, which is really the best government British Columbia has ever had.

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 license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, in Alberni District: Commencing at a post on the Alberni Canal, about 30 chains S. of Hayes Landing; thence W. 40 chains; thence S. 160 chains; thence E. to water front; thence following the water front to point of commencement.

W. E. GREEN,
W. B. Garrard, Agent.
October 29, 1906. n029

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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, exclusive of hemlock, from the following described lands:

1. Commencing at a post by the N. E. boundary post of the Indian Reserve, on the shore of Nahmint Bay by the mouth of the river; thence 80 chains N.; thence 80 chains W.; thence S. to Nahmint River following same to N. boundary of I. R.; thence E. to point of commencement.

2. Commencing at a post by the N. E. boundary post of the Indian Reserve and at the S. E. corner of No. 1; thence 80 chains N.; thence E. to W. boundary of Lot 79; thence S. to shore line; thence following the shore to E. boundary of I. R.; thence to point of commencement.

Located October 28th, 1906.

W. B. GARRARD.
Alberni District. n029

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: Commencing at a post on the N. shore of Uchucklesit Harbour, on the W. boundary of Loe 699, "Cascade" Mineral Claim; thence N. and E. along boundary of "Cascade" M. C. to the W. boundary of Lot 79; thence N. and E. along 79 to Fern M. C.. thence N. and E. along boundaries of "Fern," "Wasp" and "Sunshine" No. 2 Mineral Claims, to the N. E. corner of "Sunshine" M. C.; thence N. 40 chains; thence W. 100 chains; thence S. to shore; thence westerly along shore to point of commencement.

W. E. GREEN,
W. B. Garrard, Agnet.
Clayoquot District. n029

64. Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Hubert Haines' land, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

ELIZABETH KNIGHT.
G. B. Watson, Agent.
Sept. 10th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on Hastings Arm of Observatory Inlet: Commencing at a post planted on east shore of Hastings Arm, marked "E. D.'s S. W. Corner," thence east 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence west 40 chains to shore line, thence southerly along shore line to point of commencement.

E. DONEHUE.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situated at Kum-ea-lon Inlet, Skeena District: Commencing at a stake marked "W. R. F.'s Initial Post," planted near shore of Inlet, thence north 40 chains, thence east 60 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence west 40 chains to shore line, thence westerly alon gshore line to point of commencement.

WALTER R. FLEWIN.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at a stake marked "G. A. B. No. 1," planted on the east bank of Mammon River, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

GEO. A. BIGELOW.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the east bank of Marmon River, Graham Island: Commencing at a post marked "G. A. B.'s No. 2 Claim;" thence south 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

GEO. A. BIGELOW.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, beginning at a post situate at the mouth of Kitsonschultz River, on the north bank of the Skeena River, marked "S. W. Cor. Wilfred Loiselle's Timber Claim;" thence north 40 chains; thence east 160 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 160 chains to point of beginning.

Dated Nover 17th, 1906.

WILFRED LOISELLE, Locator.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate on the southwest shore of Stuart Lake, about ten miles from Fort St. James, in the Coast District of the Province of British Columbia, viz.: Commencing at a post marked "E. J. M. S. E.," and placed about 10 chains west from the lake shore; thence astronomically west 40 chains; thence astronomically north 40 chains; thence astronomically west 40 chains; thence astronomically north 40 chains, more or less, to said southwest shore at a point near the head of what is known as the Big Bay; thence following said shore in southeasterly direction for about 60 chains; and thence astronomically south for about 20 chains to point of commencement, and containing about 400 acres, more or less.

E. J. MATHEWS.
J. A. Hickey, Agent.
August 30, 1906.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the north shore of Stuart Lake, about half wy between Pinchi and Tacher Rivers and about 2½ miles inlands in the Coast District of the Province of British Columbia, viz.: Commencing at a post marked "W. J. F. S. E.," and placed at the northeast corner of lot 331; thence astronomically west 80 chains; thence astronomically north 80 chains; thence astronomically east 80 chains; thence astronomically south 80 chains to the point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

WALTER J. FRIEDLANDER.
J. A. Hickey, Agent.
August 24, 1906.
December 8.

Messrs. WILLIAMS & JANION

Duly instructed by James Erskine, Esq., will sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

At his farm, on Carey Road, 4 miles from the general postoffice,

Wednesday, December 12,

Commencing at 11 a.m. sharp, the whole of his Live Stock, Implements, etc., including:

12 Cows in milk, from sired by registered Jersey Bull "Capt. Taffy," A. J. Street's strain, Chilliwack; 3 Heifers; 3 Calves; 1 registered Guernsey Bull "Island Tom," three years old, from Massey's stock, Ontario; 4 Hogs; 1 fine broow Sow to farrow in January; 1 Bay Mare, quiet in single and double harness, about 1,000 lbs.; Poultry; 20 tons Hay, Implements and the usual farm Tools.

Lunch will be served on the ground.

The Auctioneer, **Stewart Wiliams.**

To Farmers, Butchers, Dairymen and Others:

Messrs. WILLIAMS & JANION

Of 51 Fort Street, having been duly instructed by J. Phair, Esq., will sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

On his farm at Goldstream Station, on

Wednesday, December 19th,

At 11 a.m. sharp, all his Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Pigs, Farming Implements, Tools, Hay, Oats, Roots, etc., comprising:

"Bold Macintosh," thoroughbred Shorthorn Bull, bred by R. W. Forest, Ontario, 4 years old; 1 pedigree Shorthorn Cow with bull calf at foot, 7 years old, from Le Poer French's stock; 1 2-year-old pedigree Shorthorn Heifer; 1 6-months-old pedigree Shorthorn Heifer Calf; 3 grade cows in milk; 6 2-year-old Steers; 6 cows in calf; 6 Calves; 4 2-year-old Heiffers in calf; 1 Bay Gelding, general purpose horse, about 1,400 lbs., perfectly sound; 5 hogs; 20 thoroughbred Oxford Downs Ewes, all in lamb; 1 thoroughbred Oxford Downs Ram; a quantity of Pekin Ducks; 20 tons of Potatoes, "Early Rose," "Beauty of Hebron;" 12 tons of Oats; 50 tons of best Island Hay; 30 tons of good Carrots; Tarpaulins, 300 Sacks, Travelling Hay Fork, Plough, Harrows, Mowing Machine, Express Wagon with pole and shafts, 1 -4-inch tire Farm Wagon (with box and rack), Seeder, 1 Fanning Mill, 1 Cider Press, Cultivator, Spraying Pump, Lady's Saddle, Mexican Saddle, a large quantity of Farm Tools, Carpenters' and Blacksmiths' Tools, Foye Bellows, Hemp and Wire Rope, a large quantity of 1 and 2-inch Iron Piping, Wire Netting, Hay Racks, Chicken Coops, Barrows, Hose and other goods too numerous to mention.

The train leaves for Goldstream from Victoria at 9 a.m. and leaves Goldstream for Victoria at 6:30 p.m.

Lunch wil l be served on the grounds.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers.

DON'T FORGET

The time of sale, 11 a.m. sharp.

The day of sale, Wednesday, December 19th.

The place of sale, Mr. Phair's farm at Goldstream.

The auctioneer, Stewart Williams.

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 Alberni District:

No. 1.—Commencing at a post on the east side of Silver Lake, about 40 chains from the outlet; thence 40 chains E.; 80 chains N.; thence west to Silver Lake; thence following the shore line to point of commencement.

No. 2.—Commencing S. W. corner of No. 1, on east shore of Silver Lake; thence 40 chains E.. 40 chains N.; 60 chains E.; 80 chains S.; thence west to outlet of lake; thence following the shore line to point of commencement.

No. 3.—Commencing at a post at the outlet of Silver Lake; thence 40 chains S.; thence 40 chains W.; thence 40 chains N.; thence 100 chains W.; thence N. to Silver Lake; thence following shore line to point of commencement.

W. E. GREEN,
W. B. Garrard, Agent.
31st October, 1906. n029

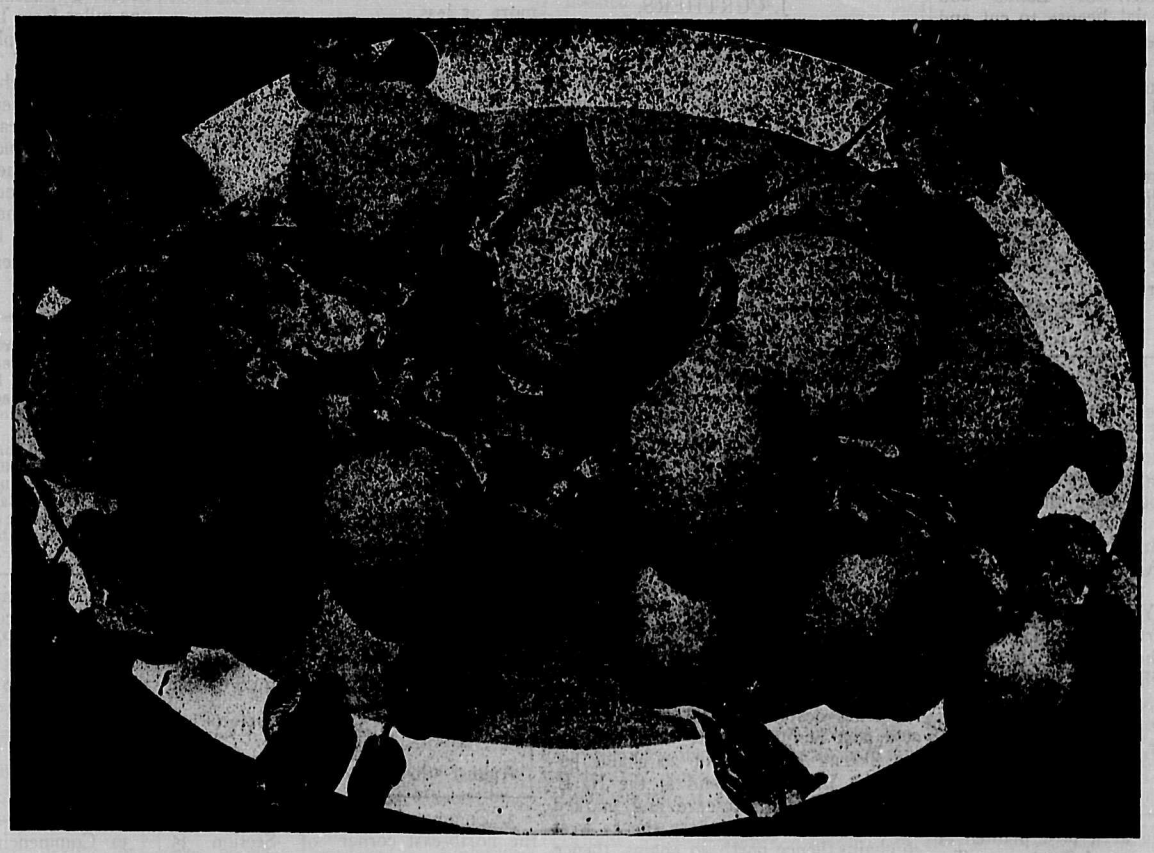
British Columbia

THE FRUIT GROWING RESOURCES OF THE PROVINCE.

Fruit Growing.

British Columbia fruit is preferred above all others in the markets of the Middle West, where it commands profitable prices. In 1904 a small exhibit sent to England was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Horticultural Society, and last year (1905) a car lot, exhibited in London, won the first prize from all competitors, while no less than eight medals were awarded the individual exhibits which made up the collection. This goes to prove that despite the great distance British Columbia fruit has secured a prominent place in the British market, in which Oregon and California applies have heretofore sold at the highest prices.

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 following table of fruit shipments is interesting in showing the steady growth of the industry:



	By freight.	By Express.	Total.	Increase.
1902	1,469 tons	487 tons	1,956 tons	
1903	1,868 tons	676 tons	2,544 tons	588 tons
1904	2,161 tons	864 tons	3,025 tons	481 tons
1905	3,181 tons	1,176 tons	4,357 tons	1,332 tons

An increase of over 50 per cent in four years.

31. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 34, Township 12, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement; 640 acres.

J. J. TEETZEL.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 17th, 1906.

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32. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 18, Township 12, Range 5, Pouurier Survey; thence south 40 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being the north half of Section 8 ,Township 12, Range 5, of said survey.

BENJAMIN WERDEN,
G. B. Watson, Agent.
September 20th, 1906.

No. 10.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining E. J. Palmer's northeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Southeast Corner," thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew this 5th day of November, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
Nov. 24.

No. 11.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining A. Young's east boundary of limit No. 10: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Southeast Corner," thence north 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 160 ch,ains, thence east 40 chains to place of cemmencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew this 5th day of November, 1906.

ALEX. YOUNG.
Nov. 24.

No. 12.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining A. Young's timber limit No. 11, on the east boundary: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, Southeast Corner," thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 5th day of November, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
Nov. 24.

No. 13.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining J. Young's east boundary of limit No. 12: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Southeast Corner," thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 5th day of November, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
Nov. 24.

No. 14.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I inttnd to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining A. Young's east boundary of limit No. 13: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, Southwest Corner," thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of commencement.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 5th day of November, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
Nov. 24.

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28. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 17, Tp. 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 17 of said survey.

BERTHA FISHLEIGH,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 15th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated on the south side of Camelia Inlet, about 18 miles from the mouth of the Skeena River, commencing at a post marked C. T., N. E. corner purchase claim, thence running south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

C. TAKADA.
November 2nd, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chie Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission o purchase the following described land situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, commencing at a post planted at the N. E. corner of L. June's purchase claim marked C. W. Peck, S. E. corner, 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.

Located 26th October, 1906.

C. W. PECK,
Locator.
F. W. BOHLER,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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 situated on the south bank of the Skeena River adjoining H .A. Draper's preemption claim, south boundary line, at a post marked M. V. Wadham's N. W. corner post, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west to bank of river, following the river bank north to post of commencement, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

Located 26th October, 1906.

M. V. WADHAMS,
Locator.
H. DRAPER,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, commencing at a post planted at the N. E. corner of L. L. Watson's purchase claim, marked D. M .Moore, S. E. corner, thence running 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Located October 26th, 1906.

D. M. MOORE,
Locator.
F. W. BOHLER,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, commencing at a post planted at the S. W. corner of D. Menard's purchase claim marked J. Curther's S. E. corner, 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.

Located 26th October, 1906.

J. CURTHERS,
Locator.
D. MENARD,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of D. Menard's purchase claim, marked W. Bruce, S. E. corner, thence running 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south to post of commencement, cintaining 160 acres more or less.

Located 26th October, 1906.

W. BRUCE,
Locator.
D. MENARD,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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, commencing at a post planted on the right bank of the Skeena River about 20 chains below the Yamoqotitiy and at the N. E. corner of Indian Reserve and marked L. S. H., S. E. corner post, thence west 40 chains,thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Located Oct. 1st, 1906.

L. S. HUTCHESON.
Locator.
J. E. BATEMAN,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

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 situated in the Kitsumkalum Valley, commencing at a post planted at the S. E. corner marked L .L. Watson, thence running 40 chains west to N. E. corner of E. A. Wadham's purchase claim, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

L. L. WATSON,
Locator.
F. W. BOHLER,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty daysafter 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, commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of W. Bruce's purchase claim, marked E. A. Wadham's S. E. corner, 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.

Located 26th October, 1906.

E. A. WADHAMS,
Locator.
F. W. BOHLER,
Agent.

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 situated near Camelia Inlet about 18 miles from the mouth of the Skeena River, and adjoining C. Takuda's purchase claim, commencing at a post marked G. B. W., N. E. corner purchase claim, thence running west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chainsh t opost of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

November 2nd, 1906.

GORDON B. WADHAMS,
Locator.
W. A. WADHAMS,
Agent.
Nov. 24.

NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, we intend to apply to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in East Kootenay: Commencing at a post planted 20 chains south of the southwest corner of the Isabel Mineral Claim; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement.

Dated November 12th, 1906.

CROW'S NEST PASS LUMBER CO., LTD.,
No22 ED. GEAGAN, Agent.

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 in South-East Kootenay, viz.: Commencing at a post planted on the southeast corner of Lot 494, running south 50 chains, more or less, to the northern boundary of Lot 2,595; thence east 100 chains, more or less, to thewestern boundary of Lot 423;thence north 80 chains, more or less, to Lot 2; thence west 60 chains; south 20 chains; west 40 chains to place of commencement; containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated November 12th, 1906.

CROW'S NEST PASS LUMBER CO., LTD.
No22.

NOTICE is hereby given that, 60 days from date, we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands in the Nechaco Valley, Coast District:

1. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 25, Township 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said section 25 of said survey.

W. H. HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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2. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 26, Township 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 26 of said survey.

EDW[illegible] HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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3. Commencing at apos t planted at the north-east corner of Section 35, Township 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 35 of said survey.

C. W. HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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4. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 36, Township 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 36 of said survey.

E. A. HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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6. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 4, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 4 of said survey.

EMMA HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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7. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 34, Township 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 34 of said survey.

ISABEL HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

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8. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 33, Townshpi 1, Range 4, Poudrier Survey; thtnce south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 33 of said survey.

MAGGIE B. HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 5th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the foreshore abutting the entire Pacheena Indian Reserve, lot two (2), Renfrew District, which said foreshore includes the islands belonging to the said reserve: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Southeast Corner," placed on the foreshore at the southwest corner of the said Pacheena Indian Reserve, thence running north along the entire reservation.

Victoria, B. C., 30th day of October, 1006.

ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intende 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 mile from Little Canyon, commencing at a post planted on the southeast corner, marked "R. Braun," thence running west 80 chains to Turner's southeast corner, thence north 40 chains to Frank's northeast corner, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to Johnson's southeast corner, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 480 acres (more or less).

Located September 1st, 1906.

R. BRAUN.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in range 5, Skeena River district, about one miles from Little Canyon, commencing at a post planted on the southeast corner, marked "R. Braun." thence running west 80 chains to Turner's southeast corner, thence north 40 chains to Frank's southeast corner, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to Johnson's southeast corner, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres (more or less).

Located September 1st, 1906.

R. BRAUN.

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.

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20. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 36, Tp. 12, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains. thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement; 640 acres.

C. A. PORTER.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 16th, 1906.

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30. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 36, Township 12, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement; 640 acres.

G. M. BIRKETT.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 16th, 1906.

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9. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 9, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey. thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, and being Section 9 of said survey.

D. M. LINEHAM,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 6th, 1906.

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10. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Section 10, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 10 of said survey.

LILLIAN HARVEY,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 6th, 1906.

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11. Commencing at a pot planted at the outh-eat corner of Section 8, Town- 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement; and being said Section 8 of said survey.

GEORGE CURRIE,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 6th, 1906.

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12. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 5, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement. and being said Section 5 of said survey.

MARY E. LINEHAM,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 6th, 1906.

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17. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 16, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey: thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 choins; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 16 of said survey.

ANDREW F. WEIR,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 8th, 1906.

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18. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Section 15, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 15 of said survey.

CLARA WEIR,
A. T. Clark, Agent
August 8th ,1906.

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19. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 6, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains. thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 6 of said survey.

MINNIE BOWDEN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 8th, 1906.

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20. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Section 1, Township 11, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 1 of said survey.

E. H. BOWDEN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 8th, 1906.

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21. Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Section 7, Township 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 7 of said survey.

THOMAS SHOPLAND,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 8th, 1906.

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22. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 12, Township 11, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; tnence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 12 of said survey.

MABEL BOWDEN,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 8th, 1906.

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23. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 11, Township 11, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 11 of said survey.

WM. STANLEY BATT,
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 10th, 1906.

REVIEWS.

Stanley J. Weyman's latest book, "The Chippinge Borrough," whilst essentially different from most of his works, will sustain his reputation as one of the most fascinating novelists of the day. The milieu is in England amid the stirring times when the old-fashioned Whigs and Tories were striving for mastery, and when the great class war was being waged between the Chartists and the aristocrats. There is about the book none of the air of romance which charactertizes "The Gentleman of France," and its successors, but working in an entirely new field Mr. Weyman displays a keen insight into the philosophy of the struggle, and a thorough knowledge of the forces which lay beneath the movement. The book is interesting and in places exciting. The first word is "Boom," a boom for dissolution; the last word is "boom," which tells "of the knell of the system, good or bad, under which England had been ruled so long." Through the whole the threads of a pretty love-story are woven, and the book is not only eminently readable, but deeply interesting. The moral is well expressed in a stanza quoted by Mr. Weyman:

"But more than wisdom sees, love knows.
What eye has scanned the perfume of the rose?
Has any grasped the low gray mist which stands
Ghost-like at eve above the sheeted lands?"

"Chippinge Borough," by Stanley J. Weyman, published by Macmillan & Co., Toronto. On sale at T. N. Hibben & Co., Government Street, Victoria.

In his latest book, "The Invasion of 1910," Mr. William Le Queux has based his plot on the following words of Lord Roberts, uttered in the House of Lords on July 10th, 1906: "I sometimes despair of the country ever becoming alive to the danger of the unpreparedness of our present position until too late to prevent some fatal catastrophe." Mr. Le Queux has drawn on his imagination place in the event of a German army place i nthe event of a German army being landed suddenly on the east coast of England, and advancing on London. To secure accuracy of detail the author spent four months touring the country to be described, noting the smallest by-paths, and the position of the most insignificant villages. In consequence, the various advances and retreats afterwards depicted are treated from a personal knowledge of the ground. The naval chapters in the book are contributed by H. W. Wilson, and will be read with a keener interest than have earlier descriptions, as the result of the battle of the Sea of Japan shows that the realities of such a struggle have not been ovedrawn. The horrors incidental to the taking and sack of London are told with a vigour and detail that leaves nothing to be desired. The key-note of the whole book, however, is one incessant upbraiding of the economical policy of the government of the present day in reducing the expenses of the army and navy, though Mr. Le Queux does not fail to point out that this is the fault of the people themselves, who, through inertia and apathy, have allowed their defences to be weakened, and have been too selfish to come forward and form an effective line of defence for themselves. "Looking back on this sad page of history—sad for Englishmen—some future Thucydides will pronounce that the decree of Providence was not undeserved. The British nation had been warned against the danger; it disregarded the warning." The Invasion of 1910, by William Le Queux. Published by Macmillan & Co., Toronto. On sale at the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Government St., Victoria.

The B. C. Mining Exchange for November is to hand with its usual up-to-date information and expert treatment of mining matters. The pride of place is given to an interesting article on the Monarch mine at Field; then there is an illustrated article on Quatsino Sound, which possesses a special interest just now because of the probability that it may some day become the site of a western port. Credit is given to the Provincial government for the settlement of the Fernie strike, and several well written articles deal with mining development on Vancouver Island. Whilst there is a lack of illustrations in consequence of the American floods, and for which the editor apologizes, the contents otherwise are up to the usual excellent standard of the paper.

The best short story which has appeared in a magazine for a long time, better even than "The Conflict," which was reviewed in these columns a few weeks ago, is "The Atonement," by Herman Whitaker, which is to be found in the Pacific Monthly for December. It is artistic, graphic and strong. Altogether a work of art, and a model for short story writers. The human interest is profound and the conclusion intensely dramatic. Every admirer of the short story should read it.

The Pacific Monthly in 1907 will be, more than ever, the great magazine of the West—our West, your West, God's country. With brush and pen its staff of contributors will depict the best of the West from Alaska to the Canal Zone; from the Missouri River to the Philippines. To do this the famous writers of the West, the artists of the West—its poets, will do their best work for The Pacific Monthly.

Herman Whitaker, Jack London, James Hopper, Karl Harriman, William Winter, C. E. S. Wood, Fred Lockley, William L. Finley, W. Leon Dawson, Lute Pease, Adelaide Soule, Edna Kenton, Marguerite Stabler, Arthur H. Dutton, W. C. Estabrook, R. C. Pitzer, Porter Garnett, Charles B. Clark, Jr., Mary Lambert Wood, Millard F. Hudson, Curtis Hidden Page, L. W. Brownell, Edward Holtzheimer, John Fleming Wilson, Wex Jones and Frank G. Stephens are some of the writers whose work has been purchased.

Sidney H. Riesenberg, Xavier Martinez, Maynard Dixon, McM. Pease, Eloise J. Roorbach, Beverly Towles, Blanche Letcher, Lute Pease and Frank Keane are among those whose brilliant and original work will be reproduced, both in black and white and in color. The most artistic of Western photography will be called into play for fit illustration of each issue. Among the most wonderful photographs ever taken are F. H. Kiser's pictures of mountain-climbing in the West. These will appear only in The Pacific Monthly.

Western bird-life will be treated for the first time adequately and beautifully in every issue by William L. Finley, Herbert Bohlman, W. Leon Dawson and L. W. Brownell. Nothing so exhaustive has ever before been attempted by a magazine.

History by its makers will not be neglected. Millard F. Hudson, Edward Holtzheimer, Fred A. Hunt ("Moss-agate Bill") are among them.

Essays, literary criticism and dramatic reviews by William Winter, C. E. S. Wood, Porter Garnett, Austin Lewis and many others will give our readers the best in these fields.

Nothing so beautiful as The Pacific Monthly will be in 1907 will be found on the news stands. The best that paper-mill, inkgrinder, typefounder and engraver can produce will dress the magazine.

These are some of the things which go toward The Pacific Monthly, the magazine of the Western American—a magazine equal to the best anywhere.

The Christmas number of The Canadian Magazine will be at once recognized by the bright, seasonable front cover in colours, entitled "Our Lady of the Snows," by J. J. Grant. The drawing shows an attractive Canadian girl, dressed in bright red, trimmed with ermine, gliding gleefully along with outstretched hands, from which snowflakes fall in reckless abandon. This picture is set upon an artistic design in red, yellow, green and black colours. Good decorative effect is obtained by a liberal use of maple leaves, and the Dominion coat of arms. "Our Lady of the Snows" won the fifty-dollar prize offered for the best cover design for Christmas.

A feature of the number that provides interesting reading matter for the Christmas season is an article by Jean Templer, entitled "Jerusalem and Its Environments." It is profusely illustrated with reproductions of original photographs and drawings. The frontispiece is a reproduction of "The Communictnts," a famous painting by Jules Breton and owned by Lord Strathcona. Another feature of the number is the first of six articles on 'Worry—the Disease of the Age," by the famous English writer, Dr. C. W. Saleeby.

There are many other attractive things, particularly "Old Christmas Customs in England" (illustrated), by Sarah A. Tooley; reproductions of R. Caton Woodville's famous illustrations, "The Dawn of Majuba Day," and "Maiwand Saving the Guns;" "Canadian Country Clubs" (illustrated); "The Making of Chocolates" (illustrated); "Plays of the Season," with portraits of leading players, by John E. Webber; and short stories by W. A. Fraser, Alice Jones and E. P. Medley.

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COUNTRY GENTLEMEN

GENTLEMEN LIVING in the country frequently have a difficulty in obtaining the correct articles of dress to which they are accustomed. For instance, best English flannel shirts cut full in the skirts, giving that comfortable fit which is so desirable; Welch, Margetson's fine flannel pyjamas and Turkish towelling bath robes; the latest styles of English neckwear in Derby, Ascot, and other fashionable ties; knitted vests, not the departmental store style but the vests which are worn by men of discrimination and refined tastes; Christy's stylish and most comfortable hats, and all those hundred and one little items which assist good form and comfortable living. This difficulty can be immediately overcome by communicating with SEA & GOWEN, the Gentlemen's Store, 64 Government Street, whose MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is organized so as to give the utmost promptitude and the utmost value in the execution of all out of town orders; for instance, the comfortable English flannel shirts can be purchased from $2.00 to $3.50; Welch, Margetson's pyjamas, from $2.50 to $8.00; exclusive knitted vests from $3.50 to $6.50. SEA & GOWEN are exclusively gentlemen's hatters and furnishers at their only address, 64 Government Street, Victoria.

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 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 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 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 south-west 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 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.

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 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 five (5), Coast District, marked E. Davies' Southeast Corner; thence running 40 chains west; 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.

27. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Section 18, Tp. 10, Range 5, Poudrier Survey; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and being said Section 18 of said survey.

J. C. PORTER.
A. T. Clark, Agent.
August 15th, 1906.

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

Commencing at the south-west corner of Lot 9, Cassiar District, situated on the Skeena River; thence east 40 chains to the south-east corner of Lot 9, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains more or less to the Skeena River, thence northerly along the Skeena River to the point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

December 1, 1906.
E. F. G. McGREGOR.

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 situate in Cassiar District, viz.:

Commencing at the North-East corner of Lot 9, Cassiar District on the Hawilghet River—thence south 46 chains and 26 links to the south-east corner of Lot 9, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains more or less to the Hawilghet River, thence following the river in a westerly direction to the point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

December 1, 1906.
G. P. ROBERTS

No. 9—

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the north side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, adjoining E. J. Palmer's southwest corner No. 2: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, Southwest Corner," thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 1st day of November, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

THIRTY DAYS AFTER DATE I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated

No. 1. Starting at a post in Bay on west side of extreme end of the lake and running 80 chains west; 80 chains north; 80 chains more or less, east back to shore and following shore back to point of commencement.

No. 2. Starting at the southwest corner of No. 1 running west 106 chains; running north 60 chains; running east 106 chains, and south 60 chains back to point of commencement.

No. 3. Beginning 10 chains south of the northwest corner of No. 2 and running 60 chains south; 106 chains west; 60 chains north and 106 chains east back to point of commencement.

No. 4. Beginning at a post 10 chains from the northwest corner of No. 3 running south 60 chains; west 106 chains; north 60 chains and east 106 chains back to point of commencement.

ALBERT FRASER.
Victoria, B. C., November 11, 1906.
November 17, 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, adjoining Lot 467 on Portland Canal: Starting from a post marked "W. P. F's. N. W. Corner"; thence 20 chains south; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains, more or less, west to shore line; thence southerly along shore line to point of commencement, containing 120 acres, more or less.

W. P. FLEWIN.
November 17, 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, situate on Observatory Inlet, adjoining Lot 479: Starting from a post marked "W. G. P's. S. W. Cor."; thence north 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence south 20 chains, more or less, to shore line; thence along the shore line westerly to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

W. G. PINDER.
November 17, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty (60) days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated near Graveyard Point, commencing at a post on the North bank of the Skeena river, thence in a westerly direction 40 chains; thence northerly 40 chains; thence easterly 40 chains; thence southerly 40 chains along bank of river to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Located October 16, 1906.
E. EBY AND S. McKENZIE, Locators.
November 17, 1906.

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Located October 16, 1906.
H. McKENZIE, Locator.
S. McKENZIE, Agent.
November 17, 1906.

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Located October 16, 1906.
G. B. BAILLIE, Locator.
E. EBY, Agent.
November 17, 1906.

No. 1—

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District, joining Parkinson's southeast corner: Commencing at a post marked "A. Young, Northeast Corner," thence south 160 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew on the 15th day of October, 1906.

ALEXR. YOUNG.
November 17, 1906.

No. 2—

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the south side of San Juan River, Renfrew District: Commencing at a post marked "J. Young, N. E. Corner," adjoining Mrs. J. S. Young's south boundary, thence south 120 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated at Port Renfrew, this 29th day of October, 1906.

JOHN YOUNG.
November 17, 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 Zymqetits 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.

Music and The Drama.

The Arion Club Concert last night was successful and thoroughly enjoyable. The members have been led by a series of high class performances, to expect the best only, and the quality was well sustained. The choruses were all well rendered, and the work of the orchestra was, if possible, better than usual, but the bright particular star was Miss Eileen Maguire. Her superb fresh contralto voice thrilled the audience, and her style was a revelation. No young singer of such promise has been heard in Victoria for many years. The range and quality of her voice are quite out of the ordinary, whilst she shows evident traces of the best training and the most natural voice production. Her most effective selection was "Che Faro Senza Euridice," which was rapturously applauded, and encored. Victorians will hope to hear Miss Maguire again during the present season. Mr. Benedict Bantly, the rising young violinist, acquitted himself with credit in a series of difficult selections. A word of praise is due to Mr. A. G. Goward, who kindly substituted at short notice and sang the tenor music in Franz Abt's "Ave Maria."

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On Tuesday night Maxine Elliott and company appeared at the Victoria Theatre in "Her Great Match." The house was packed, and it is currently reported that numbers of seats were sold on the outside at double rates. The play is a comedy of a somewhat romantic type, and with an atmosphere of those supposititious mid-European principalities, with which Anthony Hope has familiarized us. Miss Elliott was at her best, the role fitting her like a glove; all she had to do was to move gracefully and artistically through a series of scenes in which she was as natural as if she never moved anywhere else. Her beauty and grace carried her through. Upon her dramatic instincts no great demands were made, but even in this respect she was thoroughly satisfying. I should, however, like to see her in something more exacting, as in society comedies such as this there is always a lingering doubt as to whether her success is not as much due to her great beauty as to her histrionic ability. The company gave her excellent support, and the mounting and staging was all that could be desired.

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"Peggy from Paris," with a mediocre American company, took the stage at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday night. Wih the single exception of the young lady who played the part of a German girl, the company was b——. The lady in question was an artist of quite rare type, and her work was highly appreciated. For one pretty little song she received a triple encore. Of the rest of the company little need be said. What I am puzzled about is to discover some connection between the title and the musical comedy; there was not a touch of Paris about the whole thing, not even about Peggy, who was supposed to have been there, but who, judging from her accent and deportment, had never been any further east than Chicago. The audience was good-humoured and made the best of things, but it is open betting whether the frequent laughter was with or at the company.

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On Thursday night Alberta Gallatin appeared at the Victoria Theatre in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall." The play, whilst not exciting, is interesting, and Miss Gallatin gave an intelligent presentation of the title role. Her work showed considerable improvement upon her representation of "Cousin Kate" some months ago, but there are other plays which would be much better suited to her style. The audience was appreciative, and the support was above the average.

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The company which has been appearing on the boards of the New Grand Theatre during the present week is, in the opinion of most people who have seen it, the very best that has ever visited Victoria. The star turn is that of the Three Hiltons, in a marvelous bicycling act, which combines humour with a skill which I have never seen equalled. Individual feats of this nature are common enough, but the triple performance of these talented artists must be seen in order to be thoroughly appreciated. The pastoral sketch, by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, is an effective little piece out of the common run of such presentations, and depicts in a comic strain, with a touch of pathos well introduced, the condition of a hamlet which has fallen behind in the advance of civilization. The comic musical sketch put on by Tipple and Kliment was successful in provoking a continuous roar of laughter, the antics of the nigger being especially amusing. Mrs. Darlington is said to be the only woman who has successfully taken the part of a Chinese woman in vaudeville, and the turn given by her and her husband is clever in the extreme; whilst she is performing wonderful balancing feats with lighted lamps and other trifles, he conjures with a cigarette, or rather with the smoke of one. The illustrated song this week is the prettiest that I have seen up to the present; the slides which accompany "Somewhere" are really beautiful ,and the song itself is very much superior to the usual melodramatic variety. Mr. Roberts sings this with real expression, and to my mind made the biggest hit that he has scored for some time. The only item on the programme which is not first-class is the last one, viz., the moving pictures, whic hthis week are neither as amusing nor as interesting as they have been lately; perhaps this feeling, however, is due to the fact that the rest of the performance is so far above the average that they only suffer by comparison.

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At the Empress Theatre there have been two plays, the first of which, "The Fatal Card," is a stirring drama, and attracted good houses. In direct contrast, the second half of the week was filled up with "The Strange Adventures of Miss Browne," which may best be described as a roaring farce. It was through the medium of this play that E. H. Southern first gained popularity in this country. The adventures consist in the experiences of an English captain, who, having married a wealthy girl, still a ward in Chancery and at a boarding school, assumes female attire and thus gains an entree to his wife's school. Mr. Arthur Cyril as the captain scored a big success. If anyone wants a real good laugh, I advise him to go to the Empress Theatre tonight for the last performance of this piece.

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"The Strength of the Weak," which will appear at the Victoria Theatre next Monday, is an innovation in the way of college plays, which up to the present have always portrayed the male side of college education. In this play, however, the female side is exhibited, and as it will be conceded that women should be best fitted to write on such subjects, the fact that this play is the work of two college women should tend to give Miss Florence Roberts, who takes the star part, one of the best roles she has had for many years.

Girls Should Marry at 18; Boys at 20.

"Let girls marry at eighteen and boys at twenty, and the world will be relieved of some of its gravest problems." This was the advice given by a speaker at a conference of the Parents' National Educational Union at Brighton on Monday, following an address by Lord Lytton.

Lord Lytton gave what he called "A young man's lecture to his parents."

"The time has come for parents to realise they have made some grave mistakes," he said. "In the first place, it is a mistake for a rich father to bring up his son in ignorance of the responsibilities of an inheritance. Some fathers go on as if they expected to live for ever. Every boy should be taught how to handle money, not alone for his own sake, but because he may some time have charge of other people's money.

"But a question more vital still is that of sex. There is a tendency among parents nowadays to assume an unwise timidity in speaking of such matters. If instead of being timid and obscure in their advice parents would be quite frank it would prevent much evil from which the world now suffers. To many girls the real meaning of marriage is a sealed book, and this is largely the fault of their mothers. From whom can they better look for advice than from their mothers? Yet the latter often remain silent because of want of courage to speak plainly.

'Society is full of misery due to the blunders of parents in failing to speak out. How much of the evil in our great cities comes from this it would be dismal to contemplate. As a young man, I say to fathers, 'Speak to your sons, and remember that the best education a father can give is in the example of your own life.'"

It was here that M. Roger Goeji Hampson, a Belgian professor, suggested fixing marriageable ages at eighteen fo rgirls and twenty for boys. "With thise ncouraged by parents, all the evils we have been talking of would disappear," he said. "The great trouble is that men and women marry to late in life. Let us urge them to marry earlier."

From a Debutante's Diary.

Circumstances alter—laces.

She who has brought down upon her head a lover's curse has not lived in vain.

The summer-man rushes in where the winter-man fears to tread.

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E. J. MATHEWS.
J. A. Hickey, Agent.

August 30, 1906.
December 8.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the north shore of Stuart Lake, about half way between Pinchi and Tacher Rivers and about 3½ miles inland in the Coast Distritc of the Province of British Columbia, viz.: Commencing at a post marked "E. F. S. W.," placed near the north boundary of Walter J. Friedlander's purchase, about 40 chains from the northeast corner; thence astronomically north 80 chains; thence astronomically east 80 chains; thence astronomically south 80 chains, and thence astronomically west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres. more or less.

EDGAR FRIEDLANDER.
J. A. Hickey, Agent.

August 24, 1906.
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