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IN THE LIMELIGHT—Lieut.-Colonel Currie has a grievance. In a belated speech at the Campaigners' banquet on Tuesday night he complained that one paper in Victoria had not treated him and his regiment fairly. With characteristic condescension he refrained from naming the paper, but sufficiently designated it by saying that it had been guilty of criticising him for having conveyed his men to and from summer camp in tram-cars instead of ordering them to march. Of course in the eyes of the gallant Lieutenant-Colonel this malicious criticism, albeit sustained by the common sense of the community, amounted to "lese majesty." Having made it clear to the minds of his hearers that The Week was the offending paper, he went on to say that it had ignored him, and had ignored his brilliant achievements of the Regiment which he commands with such efficiency, and which idolises him as a model commanding officer. The stage of the proceedings at which Lieut.-Colonel Currie made these remarks was not conducive to accuracy of statement, for the daily press reflects that he was the last speaker. The Week has an immense respect for Lieut.-Colonel Currie and if possible an equal respect for the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Fifth Regiment. So much so that under the regime of Lieut.-Colonel Currie it devoted quite a considerable portion of its limited space to the publication of weekly Regimental Orders, and it has neglected to do so latterly because the present Commandant has not taken the trouble as his predecessor to furnish a copy. In spite of this, however, The Week has tried to keep in touch with the important achievements of the Regiment. It devoted considerable editorial and news space to congratulating the Regiment and its officers on the achievement of the Artillery which so covered itself with glory in London under the command of Capt. Harcourt. It also had something to say about the requirements of the Regiment for better guns, and general equipment for artillery practice. In fact, in looking back over the last year or two The Week can only see its way to plead guilty to a serious omission and probably that the one which has occasioned Lieut.-Colonel Currie so much regret. It was the failure of this journal to acquaint the public with the details of the transaction in which Lieut.-Colonel Currie figured so conspicuously when acquiring a new site for Drill Hall. Some reference was made to this matter at the time, and The Week was under the impression that the gallant Colonel considered the reference entirely adequate and did not wish it to be enlarged. However, it seems that in this The Week is unwilling to make amends as late as possible. The simple facts are that the time had arrived when the Provincial Government required the use of the ground on which the present Drill Hall stands, negotiations were opened between representatives of the Dominion Government and the Provincial Minister of Lands for the acquisition of a new site. The arrangement between the Provincial Government had to be for the new site, it was natural to suppose that it would wish to have some voice in choosing it, but, thanks to the enterprise of the committee representing the Dominion Government, of which Lieut.-Colonel Currie was the most active member, they had no choice, for whilst they were looking for a suitable location, the real estate of Currie & Power were securing options and rounding up a sufficient number of lots in the neighbourhood of Bay and Gorge streets to give the required area. As the Provincial Government knew these proceedings it raised a strong objection, especially to the location selected,

and expressed a wish to consult the Dominion Government committee on the ultimate settlement of a suitable location. In this very natural desire it was headed off by Lieut.-Colonel Currie who had already communicated with the authorities at Ottawa and secured their endorsement of the Bay Street site before the Provincial Minister of Lands knew that any move had been made in the matter. In addition, it was found on enquiry that the land in question was being charged to the Provincial Government at much higher prices than adjoining lots had quite recently been sold at, and while this may be no business of Lieut.-Colonel Currie as Commanding Officer of the Fifth Regiment, it undoubtedly affects Mr. Currie of the real estate firm of Currie & Power, in that his firm is known to have made a handsome profit on the transaction. In order to complete this story it is perhaps necessary for The Week to add that none were so dissatisfied with the site selected as the officers of the Fifth Regiment, and a number of them held a meeting at which they condemned its selection. In giving publicity to these facts The Week wishes to apologise to Lieut.-Colonel Currie for having neglected to do so before, and also wishes to add that in its humble opinion the whole transaction might still form a fitting subject for enquiry by the Dominion Government.

A SLANDERER—Toronto Saturday Night is a weekly paper with a splendid record. Its fearless and independent stand on public questions has gained it an enormous circulation, and the respect of thinking men of all parties. But unfortunately it is no longer edited with the same skill and care as in the palmy days when E. E. Shepherd controlled its destinies. In the last issue it made the worst break of its whole career, when it indulged in a vile, unreasoning and baseless attack on the labour organizations of the Pacific Coast. It said: "Capitalists declared that in British Columbia the white man is a loafer." It went on to say, "The labour organizations of the Coast are in the hands of crooks and blacklegs, whose favourite weapon is dynamite," and "labour unionists are inferior workers to Chinamen." It is quite obvious that the editorial containing these slanders was based on "information received," and it is equally obvious that the information was furnished for a purpose. It would probably be a wild guess and one productive of little satisfaction to attempt to name the offender, but in this connection the labour men of British Columbia will not be inclined to forget that there is a gigantic railway corporation which has made peculiar efforts to get rid of the restrictions against Oriental Immigration and has been met with an emphatic "non possumus" from the Provincial Government every time the attempt has been made. To say that Saturday Night is a slanderer in making the above statements covers the whole ground. Mr. Barnard, who brought the matter to the attention of the House, very aptly characterised it as "foundationless trash." He made a pertinent enquiry whether the Minister knew of any record on the files of the Labour Department which would justify such statements, and Mr. Crothers, the Minister, had to answer in the negative. On reading the whole of the editorial in Saturday Night one gathers that it is a plea for the employment of Oriental labour and a plea which is undoubtedly urged, through the medium of the article, by Eastern capitalists. All that The Week has to say is that so far as British Columbia is concerned the labour unions are officered by men of respectability and common sense who make just as many mistakes as any other men and no more, and who are at least as far from deserving the

criminal designations applied to them by Saturday Night as are the capitalists in whose interests the slander was presumably uttered.

THE VISIT TO OTTAWA—The local Liberal press is asking the public to believe that the Premier of British Columbia accompanied by two of his ablest Ministers can pay a visit to Ottawa and submit for consideration at least half a dozen important matters affecting the interests of the Province without making any impression on the Federal Government or securing any of the advantages sought. To put it mildly, this is "a large order," and presupposes a deficiency of ability and a general ineptitude on the part of British Columbia Ministers which can only be accounted for by the experience of the Liberal press with British Columbia Federal Ministers. No one expected Mr. McBride and his colleagues to come back with a settlement, but the public had a right to expect that the case of the Province would be put before the Federal authorities in the best possible manner, and the course adopted by Mr. McBride of taking with him two of his Ministers best acquainted with the subjects to be discussed was but a reasonable compliance with the responsibilities of the Government. Premier McBride states that he is satisfied with the reception he met with, and he is also satisfied that the matters submitted will receive fair consideration and just treatment. The Week has always maintained that with respect to the one pre-eminent subject of "Better Terms" Mr. McBride would never waver in his determination to force this to an issue, and he has lost no time in raising with Mr. Borden a subject with respect to which he received such scant courtesy at the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The other important matters discussed included Oriental Immigration, Indian Reserves, Control and Protection of Fisheries, Public Works and the Acquisition of the Dominion Lands within the Province, especially those in the Railway Belt and the Peace River Country. That Premier McBride is satisfied with the result of his mission is sufficient for the present, and those who have trusted him so unreservedly with the management of Provincial affairs will be quite content to wait for the next move.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN—It is just two years since Premier McBride startled the Province of British Columbia by announcing the most extensive and aggressive railway policy ever undertaken in Western Canada. When he declared that in four years the Canadian Northern would complete a new transcontinental railway from the Rockies to the Coast the Liberal press and the Liberal leaders laughed him to scorn. So good a joke did it appear that it brought John Oliver to his knees, and the public has long since ceased to laugh at the spectacle of the Cincinnatus from Delta groping on the floor, and making blue lines on his historic railway map. The Victoria Times designated the Canadian Northern Railway System as "a ramshackle affair." It stated roundly that Mackenzie & Mann were unable to finance the construction of the proposed railway; that they never had any intention of building on Vancouver Island and that the suggested line from Victoria to Berkeley Sound was an after-thought, a sort of eleventh hour suggestion thrown out by Premier McBride for campaign purposes and never intended to be incorporated in the finished project. It does one good to recall these frantic utterance of the Opposition press, which have been so belied by subsequent events and especially to contrast them with the report which Mr. McBride

brings from Ottawa as to the present status of Canadian Northern Railway construction in British Columbia. In the view of The Week this report calls for no comment. It explains itself sufficiently and adds still further to the discomfiture of an organ which has never ceased to belittle every effort of the Premier for the development of the Province: "In two years' time, and perhaps not so long as that, Canadian Northern trains will be running from the west coast of Vancouver Island through to Atlantic ports. Every mile of the road from the end of the Vancouver Island section to the Atlantic is now either under contract and actual construction or is being tendered for."

REJECTED BY LAWS—The rate-payers have very unmistakably rejected the money by-laws except the one which will furnish funds to complete the Dallas Road sea-wall. Many reasons have been suggested for this drastic turn-down, but The Week believes that there is only one of supreme importance and that is a general conviction that the city is spending money a little too fast, and that the obligations already incurred are sufficient for the present. In this view The Week concurs. It had nothing to say about the by-laws before the vote was taken, because, whilst each had its individual merits, it did not expect that the rate-payers would vote the money. Vancouver is close up to its borrowing limit; Victoria has a wider margin, thanks to a recent substantial advance in assessed values, but there is enough work on hand for the next six months and the rate-payers evidently think that it will be a wise policy to finish this before undertaking more.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE—The Victoria Postmaster has issued a notice through the press which should be carefully observed by the public. It is that hereafter letters will be delivered to the address which they bear and it will not be possible for letters addressed to a private residence for instance, to be placed in the letter-box at the post-office, although the occupier of the house may have a box. The reason for this is obvious. It is quite impossible to keep track of numerous requests not to deliver letters as they are addressed, and even when a letter sorter does not forget there is of necessity delay in delivering, because a house letter intended by the recipient to be placed in his private box has to go back into the hands of the general sorter and may not reach the box in time for the next clearance. The order is a reasonable one and will make for prompter delivery and a little less work and worry for a band of very much over-worked and under-paid officials.

KUBELIK—The Victoria Ladies' Musical Club is appealing to the public for generous support on the occasion of the Kubelik concert to be held in the theatre next Friday night. The Week strongly endorses their appeal. Apart altogether from the claims which the Ladies' Club has on Victoria for having taken over a heavy responsibility from the defunct Musical Society at a time when, if they had not stepped into the breach, it would not have been possible to have a series of concerts this winter, it is only necessary to turn to the latest press despatches to learn that Kubelik is still the prince of violinists and is rounding up the most successful tour of his career. Whatever may be the case with some other artists who could be mentioned Kubelik is still in the hey-day of his powers. The Week is not anticipating any failure on the part of musical Victoria to rise to the occasion.



When I sat me down last week to write my column I had no doubt in my mind but that this week I should have the pleasure of writing a general congratulation to the people of Victoria at having funds in hand sufficient to put the Carnegie Library on a proper, business basis. That is now impossible owing to an inconceivable vote on the by-law, by which the citizens of the capital of the most progressive Province in the Dominion have deliberately gone on record as disapproving of proper provision for the public library. This being the case I wish to make use of part of the space at my disposal by asking for a few capitalists to concur with me in financing what will undoubtedly prove to be one of the safest and best paying propositions which has yet been placed before the public. We may take it for granted, I suppose, that the Carnegie Library will shortly be in the market. Obviously it is not needed in the city as a book mart, and the sooner it is put to a really sensible use the better for everyone. I propose, therefore, that steps should be taken to turn it into a beer garden. There would be ample space on the ground floor for the establishment of a really first-class emporium for the selling of alcoholic liquor. This space would be tastefully decorated with palms and other graceful shrubs and there would be plenty of room for a band and perhaps a small kitchen where sandwiches could be obtained. The up-stairs rooms could conveniently be turned into card rooms and I would suggest a roulette board in one of them. With a faro bank, roulette, black-jack and other gambling games upstairs and with every facility for obtaining "booze" below, Victoria would then have an up-to-date "hell" which would suit her anti-library citizens far better than the present establishment. The books which are still on the shelves could be used for fuel for the first week or so and that would leave more money for fitting up the bar. If a few substantial men of business will guarantee the funds, I have no doubt that the license can be secured after the very decided expression of public opinion given last week, and I for my part will undertake the rather embarrassing task of writing to Mr. Andrew Carnegie telling him how we propose to continue the enjoyment of his gift.

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It was somewhat of a coincidence that within two days of the appearance of my last article dealing with drivers and the question of large, conspicuously worn badges, I should have noticed an act of singular discourtesy on the part of one of the Victoria hackmen whom I was unable to identify. There is in our midst a lady of high social standing, a native-born, wealthy, respected and well advanced in years. It happened that I was gazing out of the office window contemplating the beauties of Nature as they are presented today along Government Street, when I saw this venerable dame daintily pick her way through the debris which encumbers the curb along the west side of the street and walk to her hack which was in waiting. One would have thought that if the hackman had no sense of chivalry which would impel him to open the door of his vehicle to any lady, let alone an aged one, at least the promptings of avarice would have sufficed to make him leap down from his perch with an ostentatious imitation of politeness. But no! There he sat in stolid, bovine complacency on his driver's seat, what time the lady wrestled with the stubborn door which finally gave way to her onslaughts, and there he stayed till she had struggled in and closed the door from the interior. A hundred years and more ago Edmund Burke in his speech in the House of Commons on the French Revolution gave voice to those immortal words,

in which he apostrophised the murderer of Marie Antionette, commencing: "But the age of chivalry is dead." He went on to say that the age of sophisters had begun, but my hackman was no sophist, for had he been, he would have scented an extra tip to warrant his politeness. No, it would seem that chivalry and sophistry have departed from the "ranks," and naught remains but a keen desire for the nimble dollar to be obtained as easily as possible.

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And this brings me to a comparison based on the remarks which my colleague "Bohemian" made last week. He said that in Seattle it was possible to take an automobile from the C. P. R. Wharf and drive up-hill to his hotel on Madison Street, a distance of about a mile, for 70 cents. We do things rather differently here. There lately arrived in Victoria a small party of three from the other side of the Line. A hack was engaged at the wharf to drive them as far as Weiler Bros. on Government street, say 400 yards. Here the three remained at the outside ten minutes and then drove back to the wharf. Consider what in your opinion would be a reasonable compensation for such a trespass on the time and energy of the hackman and his steed, not forgetting to make allowance for the wear and tear of his carriage. Do you think that a dollar would be outrageous? No, you think that a dollar would be about right and a "pour-boire" thrown in for the driver would entitle the gentleman of the party to a feeling of generosity. That would be the average man's opinion. But the hackman in question thought otherwise and actually had the sublime nerve to make a charge of two solid dollars. In such a case as this I consider that the conspicuous badge would be a great protection to the public, for many a man, by no means mean or stingy by nature, might with reason object to such an imposition and might like to communicate his views on the subject to the police official who undertook the responsibility of overseeing the hackmen. Of course, if \$2.00 is the right and lawful sum for the service mentioned, I have nothing more to say about the matter, except to point out that in London the cabmen found it expedient to make a reduction in their rates and take sixpenny fares, and by that means alone kept the hansom from being entirely superseded by the taxicab. It would be to the benefit of those hackmen who are well-known as fair-minded men to discourage such fantastic charges on the part of the more irresponsible of their number.

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Two incidents occurred at the Victoria Theatre this week which cannot be passed over without comment. On Monday evening a lady, said to be from Eastern Canada, occupied one of the lower boxes and attracted, or rather I ought to say distracted the attention of the audience by an exhibi-

tion of manners which, if tolerated in the effete East, is, thank goodness, still "de trop" in the West. She paid little or no attention to the stage, and kept up a loud conversation with her friends throughout the evening. Moreover, her maid had obviously mis-selected her dress, the one she wore having been designed for a Salome dance. The whole effect was accentuated by other eccentricities of gear which one rarely sees in public, and which the majority of people never see at all. The East may still lead the West in some things but such displays are rather disconcerting to a self respecting audience which comes to the theatre to enjoy the play.

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Whilst speaking on theatre manners I would suggest that gentlemen who are unable to reach the theatre before the rise of the curtain, and who feel that they have a grievance to ventilate because they are forced to comply with a salutary rule should not lose their tempers or engage in a loud-voiced altercation with the management. They may make up their minds that public opinion is behind the rule, on the principle that it is better for one laggard to be penalised than for a whole audience to be annoyed.

Lounger.

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With reference to the important full-page advertisement appearing on page 9 of this issue, the readers of The Week are reminded that the shares were advanced this week from 15 cents to 25 cents.

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GOSSIP FROM THE STALLS

The Spring Maid

"The Spring Maid" proved to be the best drawing attraction Victoria has had for years. The theatre was sold out in advance for two nights, a circumstance that goes to show that there must be considerable discernment on the part of Victoria people and that, in spite of the devious ways through which press notices filter, they manage somehow or another to get to the fountain head. Victorians made no mistake. "The Spring Maid" is a charming musical comedy, one of the best of late years. The music is always tuneful, the orchestration far above the average, and the librettist has furnished an admirable background of comedy entirely in keeping with the romantic character of the opera. Nothing is real; everything suggests "ineffable fooling." The plot is transparent and not even original. The devices are traditional; the princess who stoops to be a "Spring Maid" in order that she may win the love of a prince; the prince who masquerades as a light-o'-love until he loses his heart, and behind it the burlesque tragedian, splendidly played by Mr. Leo Stark, who with his company of buffoons managed to secure the heartiest applause of the evening. The bright particular star was Miss Mizzi Hajos who played the Princess Bozena charmingly. Miss Hajos is an Hungarian and inherits many of the notable characteristics of her race. She has temperament, musical skill, dramatic ability, a strongly marked gift of mimicry, and is a splendid dancer. She is slightly handicapped by a weak voice, which is also defective in its upper register; indeed, whenever she forced the result was disastrous, but in the middle and lower registers it was deliciously sweet and mellow and withal there was such a winsomeness and charm about the little lady that she captured every heart. In response to a sheaf of enquiries from the gilded youth of Victoria, and in order to save them unnecessary trouble, I may say that Miss Hajos was twenty-two years of age last birthday and is to be married shortly to Mr. Mark Mescher under whose direction "The Spring Maid" is being produced. The strong points in the production are musical excellence, its really spectacular mounting, and the excellent work which was done by the producer and stage manager. There is not a semblance of a hitch from beginning to end and the opera goes with a vim and a joyousness which is infectious. As a piece of sheer undiluted, bright, entertainment it is in a class by itself. It would be quite easy to point out one or two respects in which it is superior to other comic operas with which we are familiar, but difficult to compare it on the whole with any to its disadvantage. The only really weak spot in the production is unfortunately one common to all musical productions which come from the States, and that is the total absence of really good singing voices.

Alias Jimmy Valentine

At the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday night, Mr. H. B. Warner and his competent company presented a long acting play rejoicing in the somewhat unusual title of "Alias Jimmy Valentine." Any who expected a good and thunder, rowdy American melodrama must have been pleasantly surprised. With the single exception of the fourth act, which is altogether too melodramatic even for a melodrama, the play was a well conducted, well written and entertaining production. It reminds one a little of the old Surrey plays of thirty years ago and Mr. Warner, who is a first-class actor, suggested distinct reminiscences of his illustrious father. He has an excellent stage presence, a beautiful voice and a smile which could be extremely dangerous if he were it habitually in real life. One

would like to see him in a more ambitious play and one in which he would rely more entirely upon his personal gifts which are great. His support was unexceptional, every member of the company being adequate to the requirements of their part.

Momus.

Jan Kubelik

The greatest living violinist is still Jan Kubelik. In spite of the achievement of one or two artists of a younger generation his supremacy is not yet challenged. It is not so long since he was in Victoria, but that is no reason why there should be a vacant seat in the theatre when he appears under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Society on Friday, December 1st. Perhaps the best way to bring the matter before our readers is to discard the advance notices entirely; in fact as a rule advance notices are a delusion and a snare, written exclusively from the standpoint of the agents or outside promoters of the show. But the actual press notice of a newspaper of status may generally be relied upon. Only a week ago Kubelik appeared in the auditorium at St. Paul and the Pioneer Press deals exhaustively and critically with his performance. The house was packed and the enthusiasm reached the stage of excitement; there were numerous recalls. The critic declares that the child wonder continues to be a phenomenon of the violin, having the almost uncanny, intuitive capacity for music that crops out in his fellow-countrymen more perhaps than in any other people. The

programme was varied and included a number of the recognised difficult classics. The final comment of the critic is that "those who understood something of the working of the violin must have gleaned immeasurable satisfaction from his handling of these difficult works, and those who did not could scarcely fail to be impressed with his mastery of every difficulty, however formidable, and to enjoy to the utmost his reverential attitude toward the music he interpreted. There was fitness too in his selection of the Paganini numbers, for it is to that unsurpassed virtuoso that Kubelik has been most often compared."

The Commuters

James Forbes, with his acutely developed faculty for weaving the interesting little affairs of life into a most engaging comedy, has followed up his two great successes, "The Chorus Lady" and "The Travelling Salesman," with another comedy, "The Commuters," which comes to the Victoria Theatre Monday, November 27.

As the title suggests, the plot of Mr. Forbes' latest work is based upon a phase of American life familiar to practically every resident of a city or near city. The author has taken a family of suburbanites, and presents a story of their life, which, it may be said, is common to the vast majority of those who live in the suburbs and transact business in the city.

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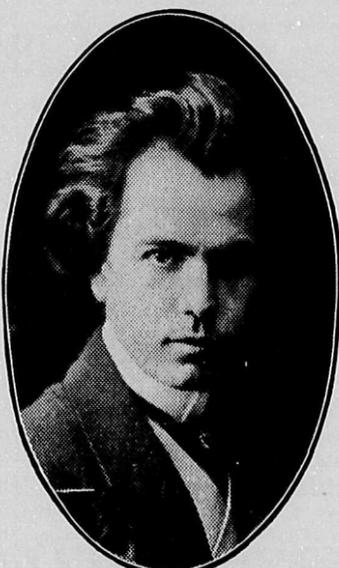
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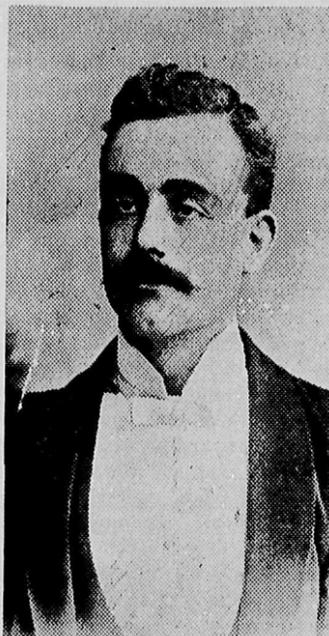
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SHIFTING SANDS

By Bohemian

For a good many centuries now civilization has been anchored to the hearthstone. The wisest of men, however much they may have differed on other subjects, have long ago agreed that the basis of all that is strongest and best and most enduring in social life depends on the strength of the home ties. Their standard in other matters has been lowered and raised from time to time: Hitherto this has been the one impregnable fort around which would-be reformers and so-called advanced theorists have clamoured in vain.

This attitude is based on logical deduction, unshakeable conviction, and that most difficult of all stalwarts to overthrow, the experience of the ages. It is a fair statement of the case to say that today all Christian civilised communities adhere to this fundamental truth.

To say this might appear, as the argument develops, to classify the great American nation as un-Christian and uncivilised. I deprecate any such interpretation because I think that at the present stage of their frantic struggles for "the easiest way out" of very widespread domestic disquiet they are plunging into the unknown.

The rapid and deplorable increase of divorce in the United States is due to conditions which are temporary. It would be an anomaly to assume that in the end an intelligent and aggressive people will continue to shut their eyes to the lessons of experience and the convictions of the whole of the civilized world.

Human nature does not change; it is the same now as it was thousands of years ago; men and women are subject to the same needs and whims; they are just as fitful and capricious; they are impelled by the same forces, controlled by the same passions and desires, and wihal they have the same mental endowment with which to attack the problems of life, and the same strength of will to live up to their convictions.

Viewed from these premises there can be no logical reason why the American people should not develop the same traits of forbearance, of fortitude, of self-denial and of personal sacrifice as people in all ages have possessed and the cultivation of which has constituted what we call character.

The twentieth century has made no addition to the catalogue of known virtues, neither has it subtracted from them. The crucible is the same; the elements flung into it by the great Alchemist are the same; the alembic is the same, and that the product should be the same may logically be described as "quod erat demonstrandum."

This view of the case is far from superficial, because a superficial view would necessarily induce a very different conclusion. Good men, sane men, reflective men have become pessimistic in contemplating the marital infidelity, the general laxity and the proneness to divorce which characterize the modern American people. If these tendencies were likely to be permanent, there would be every ground for pessimism, let us see if there is any reasonable hope that they are merely transient.

During the last fifty years the United States has sprung from the background, one might almost say from the backwoods, to the most prominent position in the world as an industrial nation. It is a fair paraphrase of the situation to say that "a nation has been born in a day."

In the process fabulous fortunes have been made, and wealth has been distributed generally among all classes of the people to an extent hitherto unknown in the annals of the world.

The vast majority of those upon whom this wealth was showered did not spring from British stock; they were not the descendants of the fine old aristocracy of our race who governed the Southern States in the slave days, nor were they the descendants of that hardy, pure-thinking, clean-living Puritan stock which peopled the New England States. It is probable that these better elements represent less than ten per cent. of the total population today.

The overwhelming majority of the people sprang from the lowest scale of the least civilised European nationalities. They came from people who had been cradled in poverty and to whom the mere suggestion of wealth was as "a tale that is told." They came to the States in their millions. The first generation planted and sowed; the second and third generations have reaped the harvest.

One meets them everywhere; at the leading functions in the biggest American cities. Seated alongside men of culture and mental attainments all too rare is the bloated aristocracy of wealth with no culture, no ideals, no training and little or no education behind it. These men rule, not by the weight of their worth but by the weight of their purse; and all that money can acquire, even to a multiplicity of wives when the latest choice palls, they purchase. The idea is ingrained in their natures that money was given them solely for purposes of indulgence and that its legitimate use is to acquire anything that their souls (save the mark) may desire.

Nor are the women different from the men in this respect. They may not be quite as coarse; their commonness will be relieved to some extent by the arts and artifices which "every woman knows." But the ingrained idea is the same, and no student of American life today can deny that self-indulgence is its key-note. It is not therefore surprising that this dominating passion should manifest itself in every walk and should invade the sacred precincts of home life.

If a person is capricious, fickle, emotional, ill-balanced, impulsive, passionate, these propensities will not be obliterated even under the influence of domestic environment without a supreme effort of the will and the exercise of much self-denial. But where is the domestic environment amid which alone the domestic virtues can thrive? Modern life in the States is rapidly metamorphosing home; it is taking away the secluded retreat in which love was wont to thrive and children to grow, and substituting a twentieth century cubby-hole in which there is no room for a child and from which love is too apt to fly out at the window.

This is a modern condition which is contributing largely to the undermining of home influence and the development of marital infelicity. Surely it is a transient condition and one which the good sense of the people and the very necessities of human nature will put an end to.

But one must go a step further and take cognisance of the outstanding fact that the tendency to seek "the easiest way out" is not confined to people who live in flats, suites and hotels. The American woman in particular has been very fertile in resource and very ingenious in developing pleas upon which to seek a sundering of the ties.

The old statutory ground which alone was recognised by British law has long ceased to possess any significance for the American people. It is a mere incident. The grounds upon which divorce is now sought run into a lengthy catalogue, although many of them may be classified under the one heading of "uncongeniality." Indeed, there are many American people, men and women, who seriously argue that any couple who after a fair trial find themselves "uncongenial" should be granted divorce. It is useless to argue with such people, they have made up their minds, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred have already selected their "affinity," and when such a step has been taken there is no power in heaven, on earth

or in hell which will stop them.

But, and oh, what a big "but" for the Anglo-Saxon who has some clean-thinking ancestry behind him, and some decent principles left to guide him, these people cannot be called the products of civilisation. They are the efflorescence of decadence. Their course leads to nowhere. It has at the end of it no satisfaction and no permanency. It leaves them in a few years, and indeed often in a few months, in surroundings more uncongenial than ever, with the same problem to face over again.

The solution lies further back, and first of all it must be recognised, as it is by all sane people, that married life is not a perpetual reclining on a "bed of roses," but under the most favourable circumstances it imposes heavy responsibilities and restrictions; that at the best it demands much self-denial, much subordination of one's own desires and much sacrifice. Nothing in this world worth having, I care not what, can be obtained without the exercise of these qualities, and as a rule the greater the sacrifice the higher the appreciation. The trouble with the modern American woman is that she has never heard the word; it is not in her dictionary and if it is mentioned it grates on her ears. She will have none of it. She has been told that she is a queen, and queens proverbially have their own way. So too often she has her own way to her own undoing.

The first and most natural result of this spirit is a disinclination to have children. The American woman figures it out thus, that every child is a restriction and therefore a nuisance. She knows little or nothing of the softening and ennobling influences of child life and in her the finest instinct of her race and sex, the maternal, has been atrophied either by self-indulgence or hysteria.

The next logical step is to disregard the marital tie; because there are thousands of women in this world, one might possibly say millions, and there always have been, who have been kept in the family circle by the influence of the children.

Some women, I think they are leaders of the suffragettes' movement, have declared that "all men are brutes." Without subscribing to what I regard as an exaggeration, I am willing to admit that in all men (worthy of the name) there is something of the brute, and that is what every woman (worthy of the name) likes. But, unfortunately the brute is apt to get the upper hand and to dominate the man, and to make him surly, inconsiderate, inappreciative and exasperating. Under these circumstances, which in some degree or another are pretty general, the normal sane woman, turns to her children and there finds an ample compensation for the shortcomings of her mate.

But if there is no family what is she to do? That depends on the woman. In such a case I am not going to venture an opinion, but I do unhesitatingly assert that where there are children a true woman will resolutely set her face against any severing of the marriage bond, and will devote her life to the nurture and upbringing of her children. For their sake even the "brute" will be tolerated.

This does not mean that a woman must close her heart; she cannot do that, but she must close her eyes. There is no "via media" in this matter, nor has any method been suggested by which the home can be broken up and the children transplanted without inevitably blighting their lives.

I have only touched the fringe of a very big subject. I make no apology for doing so because it is pre-eminently the subject of the hour. Not only are the activities of the American divorce propagandists increasing daily, but we shall very shortly be reading the report of the English Commission, which has been conducting its labours for a year under the masterly presidency of Sir Gorell Barnes, and it is understood that the Commission will recommend some important changes.

The hope of those who have studied the question for many years will be that the Anglo-Saxon people will continue to make a firm stand against

any drastic changes in the marriage laws, or any considerable modification in the restrictions imposed upon those who take marriage vows.

Meanwhile, it is to be hoped that the outcome of the publicity given to divorce proceedings of late will be to open the eyes of the leaders of national, and indeed world, thought to the fact that modern conditions of life, especially in the United States, have robbed woman of her chief source of strength without providing a substitute; and this has led her, unconsciously perhaps, to move her feet from the firm rock to the shifting sands.

BOHEMIAN.

Sir James Douglas K. C. B.

The Early History of Vancouver
Island

Written Specially for the Week
by Gilbert Malcolm Sproat

Some of your readers, perhaps, may not know that the Imperial Parliament, in the Act 43, George III. (1803), amended by the 1st and 2nd George IV. (1821-2), regulated the committal and trial of offenders, generally, in the Western unorganized territories of British North America. This, largely, had become necessary, there, owing to serious conflicts between the rival Fur Companies, causing the loss of many lives. Jurisdiction was given to the Courts of the, then, Canada. Practically, however, the above Acts proved to be imperative in the expanse between the neighbourhood of the Great Lakes and the Pacific seaboard, owing to the immense distance of the Canadian Courts and the physical obstacles in reaching them with the necessary witnesses. A few cases were sent to England for trial. Sir George Simpson, in 1837, in the case of a white man's murder at Hay River, sent John Tod to England in charge of an Indian witness, whose experiences in the Old Country, Tod, amusingly, described to me.

No attempt seems to have been made to apply the provisions of the above Acts in what was known as the "Indian country," when the parties concerned were Indians. Murder was almost the only serious crime which the Indians, among themselves, seriously regarded, and redress was left, usually, to the relatives of the victim, with some moral support from his tribe, varying with circumstances. In the case of Indians murdering any white man, or anyone in the Company's regular service, the perpetrator was killed, summarily, on capture, though, it might be, long after the crime. Formal identification seldom was necessary; the offender was dealt with as an outlaw. The supreme authorities of the Fur Company, of course, knew this Western practice, but did not admit that it had their sanction. A well-known trade-officer told me that he had assisted in such captures in the "Indian Country," but, having seen the above Acts in the library at York Factory, he never took part in the summary "killing," as the latter seemed to be illegal. The Indians, as a general rule, (sometimes not very willingly), acquiesced in the above practice on the part of the Company, subject, however, to amendments being made, by the captors, for the breach of intertribal hospitality, involving compensation by the harbouring tribe to the relatives of the refugee surrendered.

Such was one phase of the administration of justice with which Douglas was familiar, when he came, in 1849, to reside at Victoria—the one, indeed, most familiar in his experience, though, doubtless, as a keen student, he knew the general principles of the Old Country criminal law, from books. The circumstances in his new habitat were exceptional. The Company, except by repute, was little known to the natives, there. It had done, occasionally, some furtrading from Fort Vancouver, along parts of the Island coast, and in 1843, squatting at Victoria, had built a Fort, but, not until 1849, had it any

other post on the Island, when Fort Rupert was started, chiefly at first, in connection with a find of coal there. More differential was the fact that, in 1849, the Island and its dependencies were made a colony, the only organised British Dominion on the Continent, since the Imperial Act of 1840 had sanctioned the reunion of Upper and Lower Canada, as Canada East and Canada West. The laws, rights and privileges of the Homeland, and its people, became here in 1849, the dowry of the colonial people without any racial or other distinction, as far as these were applicable. Of this fitness, the Crown, in its executive capacity, was, primarily, the judge, subject to review by Parliament. The territorial authority of the Governor of Vancouver Island was limited to the area of the Colony, and referable, in this particular case, in some respects, to the extraordinary, practically futile, grant of the Island to the Company. Clearly, however, the Crown, though it might pardon convicts, was not empowered to vary, or negative, the established rules respecting the committal or trial of alleged offenders, no matter of what race or colour. The "defence" is the kernel in administering the criminal law. Even, if weak, it has to be placed, in all its fullness, before the jury by the Judge. Failure, in this respect, lately, by an English judge, (misled, perhaps, by the general weakness of the defence), caused the Court of Criminal Appeal to set a convicted murderer free. Another mentionable matter here, is, that hurrying a convict from the dock to the scaffold has been unknown in our procedure for centuries, it is known only as one of the brutalities of a time of warfare.

So far as known, Douglas, personally, had not sought the position of Colonial Governor, as Blanshard's successor, in 1851. He was placed in it by the Company and the Crown striving, respectively, with small sense of duty, to save money and get along somehow. His whole life had been spent in the Company's service which still yielded his main support and profit. The effect of the habits was in him—as it would have been, in the case of any other man of like experience,—unconsciously, actuate. On the other hand, the Crown-service was more or less precarious to one entering it in middle life, and the treatment of his predecessor, Blanshard, had not recommended it. Still, it was an honourable service, and he had confidence in himself, and vague hope for the future. What he did not realise, in the early fifties, was, that public opinion at home, as to the Company proceedings, was changing, which led to the Select Committee of 1857, followed by his supersession as local head of the Company, in that year by Dallas, and, in 1858, by his absolute severance from the Company, a condition of continued service under the Crown.

The initial period of Douglas' governorship, above indicated, must interest any future biographer, more particularly in its relation to the administration of Justice in Indian cases, a really vital matter, perhaps not adequately recognized in our earlier history.

CHARACTER BY HAND WRITING

Conducted by Tau

B. G. W. should be good at music and has good taste in dress. Inclined to be haughty but methodical and fairly neat, very little originality and poor imagination. Should be a good talker and express ideas clearly. Great matters cautious, impulsive in small things, practical rather than theoretical. Over energetic, fairly candid, but given to consistency, carelessness, and jealousy. Very affectionate, sensitive nature, influenced a good deal by opinions of others, deep religious feeling. Sense of justice is weak, power is fair and temper is smooth and equitable. Fairly cheerful and enjoys life subject to fits of gloom or depression.

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"AUNTIE"

Written for the Week by
Clare Battle

It has been claimed, and not unjustly, that some of the best women's pages ever set up in type, have been written by men. Just why this is so I cannot say, but the fact remains, as any newspaper man or woman who has worked on a big daily, can tell you. You know, of course, the following little story, but I am going to tell it you again:

The dear old lady, fresh and rosy from the country, was being shown over the big newspaper office. She expressed wonder and amazement at all she saw, and was delighted with everything. Before she left she turned to her guide and in an irresistible burst of curiosity, cried— "Now I want to see Aunt Letitia who writes that charming page for the children."

Did some sweet-faced, grey-haired old lady come softly forward out of the shadows in answer to the request? Reader, there are few sweet-faced people to be found in newspaper offices—the atmosphere isn't conducive to their growth.

Aunt Letitia certainly was not of this type. She sat in a corner of the room, hunched up over her desk, scribbling away for dear life; smoking a villainous pipe and wearing a tight red tie.

Yes, dear reader, your worst suspicions are confirmed.

Aunt Letitia was a man. Let us be serious again.

The first thing that the writer of a woman's page must learn, be she man or woman—I use the word "she" advisedly, because the writer of a woman's page is generally a member of the weaker sex—is to suit her columns to the requirements of her readers.

Dear lady, it's no use your writing those beautiful scholarly articles

about the Women of the Renaissance, or even agonizing over the theft of that most adorable lady, Monna Lisa, when the little circle to whom you minister has not a soul above cabbages and cook-pots.

Believe me, they will appreciate your "Cookery Notes and Jottings" much more—particularly, if you get a professional to write them. Don't attempt the task yourself, unless you are very sure of your ground, for such readers as yours have no sense of humour.

Which reminds me of another little story—only this one, I know, has never appeared in print before.

The young editress of the Woman's page of that well known daily, the Timbuctoo Tooter, wrote "30" with a flourish, and carried her newly finished weekly production to the desk of the city editor, laying the offering before him, as something not altogether unworthy of his notice. He turned from a scathing article on the employment of Oriental labour, (yes, I grant you that such courtesy is not usual in city editors) and ran his eagle eye over the closely typewritten pages. And when he reached the "Cookery Jottings," he let out a roar that rang through the editorial sanctum, and frightened every mouse within the radius of a hundred yards. "Woman," he cried, "dost want to bring the wrath of that great and mighty organization, the W. C. T. U. and every other temperance movement in Canada upon our heads?"

"What have I done?" she wailed brokenly. So he told her. In the ignorance of her heart she had run in a recipe for mint julep.

You remember Aunt Ethel, do you not? She who wrote so wittily and well week in and week out in "The Fireside Corner," of the Daily Sunstroke. Did you want a grease spot taken out of your new carpet? Aunt Ethel knew just the right thing for you—had tried it herself, in fact, with the greatest success. Acting upon her advice your mother purchased a bottle, and wrestled with that grease

spot for the best part of an hour. Then she said unkind things about Aunt Ethel, and threw the half-filled bottle away. Incidentally the baby found it—but that is another story, as Kipling would say.

Aunt Ethel's chief charm seemed to lie in her versatility.

Long before the episode of the grease spot you had written to her on quite another matter—on the secret sorrow that was wearing away the best part of your life. All the world seemed a grey place and Job the only reliable prophet. In a word, life had ceased to be worth living. So you did the wisest thing in your power—you wrote to Aunt Ethel.

You composed the letter in the top attic of your home, because there you were the least likely to be disturbed by the rest of the family.

"O dear Aunt Ethel," you wrote, "won't you advise me. I am a young girl, not yet sixteen, and I am wildly and passionately in love with the man next door. Once I thought he loved me, but now I can feel no longer sure of it. What am I to do? Can I write and ask him what I have done that he spurns my affections? Heart-brokenly yours, "A True-hearted Lassie."

Aunt Ethel's reply, as you will realize in your more mature years, even if you don't do so now, was a triumph in diplomacy. In some previous existence she must certainly have moved in Machiavelli's most intimate circle.

Her letter, which you smuggled off the breakfast table before the others came down, ran as follows—"Dear little Niece," what a warm thrill that gave you—it made you feel almost happy in fact, but, of course, you could never be happy again. Fortunately you remembered that in time, and went on.) "I received your sweet girlish letter but a few hours ago, and my heart bleeds for you, my dear child. It is sad indeed to have life turned into a wilderness at your tender age. But do not waste time in vain regrets. This man, of whom

you tell me, is evidently not worthy of your affections. Such a bountiful store of devotion as you possess must be poured forth before a nobler shrine. Believe me, I know of what I speak. I too have been a girl once, and I know what it is to suffer the agonies of unrequited affection. But do not despair, dear girl, you will, speedily forget this creature, and your heart will find some worthy object on which to lavish your young affections."

What a beautiful letter it was, and how you wept over it!

When you had read it three or four times, you went downstairs and consumed the biggest tea you had eaten for days. Afterwards your youngest brother, Jimmy, challenged you to a game of cricket in the back garden. You went out with him, and (in spite of yourself, of course,) became speedily absorbed in the game. So absorbed in fact that though the man from next door passed the garden wall on his bicycle you didn't even notice him. Six months later he married your eldest sister and everyone said you made a sweet bridesmaid.

Things are not what they seem. Do you remember, young mother, how you poured over those "Hints to Mothers" which appeared weekly in the Outburst? How feverishly you awaited each fresh consignment of advice. How eagerly you swallowed it all, and how fervently you longed to see the gentle lady who penned the same, and who modestly inscribed herself "Elizabeth Grey."

You pictured her a sweet-faced woman of somewhat mature years, bending lovingly over a brood of little ones of her own. Do you remember her words—they almost brought tears to your eyes as you read them aloud to your husband. "Ah the little ones whose tiny hands clutch at our heart strings, and whose prattling voices are the sweetest music we can ever hear—what indeed, as the poet has said, would the world be without children?"

Dear young mother, brace your shoulders to receive the blow I am going to inflict upon you. Elizabeth Grey never was married—she never bent in Madonna—like attitude over a row of sleeping heads. Elizabeth Grey in real life was a bright, rosy cheeked damsel of some twenty-two or three summers, never so happy as when with a golf club in her hand, or riding barebacked across her father's ranch while on her holidays. All her knowledge of babies, and the care of the same, she derived from experiences while staying with married friends, backed by her own really magnificent journalistic imagination. She never looked after a baby in her life, even for a few hours, and had she been brought face to face with such a contingency, would probably have been the most terrified woman within a radius of a hundred miles.

It's a strange world isn't it? But all the same the great reading public rather enjoys being bamboozled, and I fancy, the majority of women eagerly devour the woman's page, even if they do sometimes scoff at the advice given therein.

And in conclusion, as I said at the beginning, if you must write a woman's page—if the unused energy that is in you, must find an outlet in that way, don't fly over your readers' heads. Season your advice with a liberal sprinkling of the saving sense of humour, and don't allow yourself to be carried away by the idea that people will swallow anything just because it appears in print.

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THE DANGEROUS AGE

Book Notes by W. B.

THE DANGEROUS AGE. By Karin Michaelis, being letters and fragments from a woman's diary translated from the Danish. New York, John Lane Co., 1911. Sold by the Standard Stationery Co., Victoria, at \$1.50 net.

No book of late years has been more talked about, and in my judgment more over-estimated than "The Dangerous Age." If the very laudatory advance notices had simply emanated from the publishers one would not have been greatly surprised. One thing which has given this book a vogue is the introduction or preface to the French edition, written by that brilliant litterateur, Marcel Prevost.

I think anyone who reads M. Prevost's sketch will agree with me that he estimates the book rather from the standpoint of the Latin than the Anglo-Saxon. He says it is "a strange book." I must confess that I found in it nothing strange, and little that was novel. It deals with the confessions of a woman who has reached the age of forty-two, but there are many women ten years short of that climacteric who have had similar experiences, and who in one way or another have confessed them.

I quite agree with M. Prevost that the style is admirable; it is distinguished by brevity, lucidity and incisiveness, all most excellent qualities. The subject is not new; it was dealt with very fully, and with even less reserve than in the book under review by Octave Feuillet in his well-known work "La Crise." Some people will consider the book morbid; some erotic, and perhaps not a few, neurotic. It deals with a development in feminine nature which the author seeks to explain on psychological grounds. "A moral discomfort, a distaste for former habits, an aimless restlessness and discontent in myself and others."

This condition is by no means confined to persons of the artistic temperament, although possibly their Bohemianism renders them liable to severe attacks. M. Prevost thinks that the author's confession is not merely to be weighed by its "fierce physiological severity. It is the feminine soul and the feminine soul of all time that is revealed in this extraordinary document," and yet he does not hesitate to say that in reading the Confessions "we seem to take part in a strange painful revel. A witch's revel of ardent yet withered sorceresses, a revel in which the modern demons of neurasthenia and hysteria sport and sneer."

This woman in the moment of the crisis takes refuge in "a savage solitude," abandoning husband and home, and with his consent immuring herself in a lonely mansion in the depths of a wood. Even the sight of a male servant is hateful to her and she sets down with disconcerting lucidity all she has observed in other women and herself.

M. Prevost speaks of the probability of some feminine readers being annoyed because they would conceive that a woman has betrayed the free-masonry that exists among their sex. It is hardly conceivable that a Frenchman of all men should be in sublime ignorance of this free-masonry, or that there are many tricks and artifices of the feminine nature to which he is a stranger.

Undoubtedly the key-note of the work is the realisation of the approach of old age and physical decay. This induces melancholia. The heroine feels that she has become old without having profited by her youth, and a struggle is set up between the desire of moral dignity and the desire of physical enjoyment. Moral resistance becomes weaker in proportion as the persistent demands of man become rarer and less active.

No doubt it is correctly claimed that the book is written entirely from a woman's standpoint for it is rather a singular circumstance that most books of this class, though written by women, are written from the man's stand-point. The book moves to a definite goal by a sure path, "yet its style is variable, like the ways of

every woman, even though she be completely mistress of herself."

I hope I shall not be considered hypercritical in pointing out that the woman who is the subject of this series of Confessions is a woman who, though happily married, was obviously not mated, and although she lived as a wife for twenty years she had no children. There are not a few common sense average mortals who will think that M. Prevost has unconsciously solved the problem when he refers to a revel of neurasthenia and hysteria. There are others who have had twenty years' experience of married life who will think that the problem which confronted the author of this extraordinary book would have been solved by the occasional visit of the fabled bird.

It is not a secret, nor does it require the genius of a Karin Michaelis or a Marcel Prevost to convince the world that Nature's remedy for neurasthenia and hysteria in women is a satisfying of the strongest craving of the feminine nature, the craving for maternity.

Still, the great reviewers claim that this is a book of note and merit and it may be that my estimate is wide of the mark. I shall therefore adopt my usual custom of giving a few characteristic quotations to enable my readers to judge for themselves both of the literary qualities and the ethical value of a book which is rapidly running into the million, and which is in my judgment has been boomed far beyond its merits.

"Either the woman is made for marriage and then it practically does not matter to whom she is married, she will soon understand how to fulfil her destiny; or she is unsuited to matrimony, in which case she commits a crime against her own personality when she binds herself to any man."

Thousands of women may look at the man they love with their whole soul in their eyes, and the man will remain as unmoved as a stone by the wayside. And then a woman will pass by one who has no soul, but whose artificial smile has a mysterious power to spur the best of men to painful desire."

"If men suspected what took place in a woman's inner life after forty, they would avoid her like the plague, or knock her on the head like mad dogs."

"If a woman took infinite pains to reveal herself to a husband or a lover just as she really is, he would think she was suffering from some incurable disease. A few of us indicate our true natures in hysterical outbursts."

"Between the sexes reigns an ineradicable hostility. It is concealed because life has to be lived, because it is easier and more convenient to keep it in the background; but it is always there, even in those supreme moments when the sexes fulfil their highest destiny."

"A woman may love a man more than her own life; may sacrifice her time, her health, her existence to him. But if she is wholly a woman she cannot give him her confidence. She cannot because she dare not. A woman, even in the closest bonds of love never reveals more of herself than reason demands."

"All the words in a language will never express what a smile will express, and between women a smile is like a masonic sign. The cleverest women hide their real selves behind a factitious smile."

"Hysteria takes strange forms, but who knows what is the real ground of hysteria? I used to think it was the special malady of the unmated woman, but now I know better."

"If women could buy back their lost youth by the blood of those nearest and dearest to them, what crimes the world would witness."

"Better have a lover than torment this poor husband whose temperament is so different to your own."

"The terrible part of home life is that every piece of furniture in the house forms a link in the chain which binds two married people long after love has died out—if, indeed, it ever existed between them. Two human beings—who differ as much as two human beings always must do—are compelled to adopt the same tastes, the same outlook. The home is built upon this incessant conflict. The struggle often goes on in silence, but it is none the less bitter, even when concealed."

"Men ought never to use perfume. The Creator has provided them. But with women it is different."

"There is no torture to equal that which a woman suffers when she loves her husband and is loved by him; a woman for whom her husband is all in all, who longs to keep his devotion, but knows she must fail because she is no longer herself."

"Now Jeanne is asleep. She lies there like an apparition. I know nothing whatever about her. She is as reserved about her own concerns as I am about mine, but I understand her because we are both women. She suffers from the eternal unrest of the blood."

"You being a man cannot understand how little satisfies a woman when her love is great enough. Lillie is in love with two men at the same time. Their different personalities and natures satisfy both sides of her character."

"Schlegel was a living man, but had he been a portrait, or a character in a novel, Lillie would have fallen in love with him just the same because her love was purely of the imagination."

"Joergen Malthe, I have loved you for the last ten years, as long in fact as you have loved me. I lied to you when I denied it, but though my lips have been false my heart has been faithful all through."

"You know it is harder to catch and keep a young girl than a whole sackful of those lively hopping little creatures which are my horror."

"It is fatally easy for a woman to simulate love. Every intelligent woman knows by infallible instinct what the man who loves her really wants in return. The woman of ardent temperament knows how to appear reserved with a lover who is not too emotional; while a cold woman can assume a passionate air when necessary."

The foregoing extracts have been carefully marked as the most characteristic in the book. So far the authoress has spoken of herself, but when one turns from the ethics to the story the inexorable hand of Fate has to be recognized and it is here that the grim irony of the whole book is unconsciously revealed.

Tired of solitary confinement, with the storms of passion still raging in her soul, with a growing conviction that after all she is not sufficient for herself, she sends for her lover, the lover of her imagination, the one whom she has always kept at a distance, but for whom she now feels an unconquerable desire. He came. He went.

The following brief chapter records the sequel, and it is only necessary to add that when she turned at the last, as in response to the demands of poetic justice she must turn, to her husband, it was only to find that she was too late, for "he had actually had the audacity to console himself with a mere chit of nineteen."

* * *
"He came by the morning train, and left the same evening. That was the day before yesterday, and I have never slept since. Neither have I thought. There is time enough before me for thought."

He went away the same evening; so at least I was spared the night.

I have burnt his letter unread. What could it tell me that I did not already know? Could it hold any torture that I have not already suffered?

Do I really suffer? Have I not really become insensible to pain? Once the cold moon was a burning

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She said, "Will it bear, wear and tear?"

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VALUABLE NEW METAL FOUND

Following closely upon his discovery of the platinum group of metals in the Nelson district, an event which is expected to prove of tremendous importance to the Kootenays, Andrew Gordon French, the renowned metallurgical chemist, this week divulged the discovery of a wholly new metal, existing in the Nelson district in large quantities expected to prove of high commercial value owing to its unique properties and to the fact that for a period at least, the supply available for the world's market will be comparatively small.

Value of Metal

The new metal Mr. French has named Canadium, in honour of the country in which its discovery has been made. It is, he states, a member of the platinum group of metals and is expected to fill the vacant space, which, according to what chemists know as the periodic law, has hitherto existed in that group.

Mr. French states that Canadium is of a beautiful white colour of brilliant and permanent lustre and that it will find for itself extensive use in jewelry for gem settings and similar purposes. It is also one of the utmost value for the reflecting surface of concave mirrors used in searchlight instruments and in reflecting telescope range finders.

In Large Quantities

"I have found it in the dyke rocks in the Nelson district running in a few pennyweights up to three ounces to the ton," declared Mr. French, who said that he found Canadium first at the Granite-Poorman and later at Shannon creek and at other points on the south side of the west arm of Kootenay lake.

Mr. French made the discovery last May, but time was necessary to ascertain fully the particular physical and chemical properties of the new metal, but as samples of the platinum ores in which the metal was being sought by agents from England, France and various parts of America he decided, as a precaution against possible fore-ent, to announce the discovery.

Its Chief Properties

In a provisional list of its more general and distinct properties Mr. French states that Canadium occurs pure in semi-crystalline grains in short rods about half a millimetre long by one-tenth of a millimetre thick. The colour is a pure white, beyond that of fine silver, and when burnished it is more lustrous than silver or any of the other white metals.

It is not tarnished by lengthened exposure to damp and it is not oxidized by continued heating in the blowpipe oxidizing flame. It is distinguished by qualities which class it as one of the "noble metals," Mr. French

states that it is soluble in nitric and hydrochloric acids and in aqua regia leaving a residue and its solution in nitric acid yields no precipitate with a solution of sodium sulphide. This differentiates it from silver. It is blackened by lengthened exposure to moist sulphuretted hydrogen and alkaline sulphides, which tests also prove that it is not silver. It is blackened by tincture of iodine and its nitrate solution is not precipitated by iodide of potassium. These negative qualities, explained by Mr. French, differentiates it from palladium.

Its melting point is somewhat lower, he continued, than fine gold and silver and very much below that of palladium. It is electro-positive to silver in dilute nitric acid solution.

Of Platinum Group

"These characteristics," remarked Mr. French, "definitely show it to be a new metal of the platinum group. It can be shown, and is proved by chemists, that according to the periodic law in theoretical chemistry there is at least one vacant space in the platinum group and when the research is finished Canadium will be found to fill the vacant spaces.

Mr. French found the new metal in metallic particles in the form of scales in the platinum bearing ores of this district. The particles, which have a white colour, contain the metal alloyed with a volatile substance which may be osmium, as it is dispelled by the blowpipe flame, leaving a white bead of Canadium."

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Sample in Bank Vault

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A description of its leading characteristics with a specimen has been lodged in escrow with the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.—*Nelson Daily News*.

THE GRAND FORKS TO COAST LINK

Construction work is forging ahead on the Kettle Valley railway, which is to be the important link that will not only make a short route from Grand Forks to the coast, but will ultimately place this city on the main line of the Canadian Pacific transcontinental service. Contractors were in Grand Forks during the first week in the month making financial arrangements for further construction. The building of the entire link is to be completed in 1912.

Thus far fifty-seven miles of track have been laid on the Kettle Valley line. In all 141 miles of the road have been built or are under construction. The track has been laid from Midway west to the third crossing of the west fork of Kettle River, a distance of twenty-seven miles. It will reach Carmi, eighteen miles farther west, in December, providing shipping facilities to a number of mines which have a large ore tonnage blocked out. The properties include the Carmi and Sally with high values in silver.

Grading is now under way on a forty-mile section between Penticton and Osprey Lake. The contract is being carried out by Messrs. L. M. Rice & Co., and Messrs. Grant, Smith, Boomer & Hughes.

The line has also been built from Merrit in Nicola Valley to Otter Summit, a distance of thirty miles and a train service will likely be established shortly.

YANKEE GIRL DEAL CLOSED

On November 16th Bob Mabry of Spokane closed mining deals aggregating \$140,000, purchasing the Yankee Girl for \$100,000 from John Fraser, acting on behalf of the creditors, in addition to the Bi-metallic and the Lost Cabin group, all the properties being near Ymir.

He has already 15 men working at the Yankee Girl, three at the Bi-metallic and six at the Lost Cabin group, and is restoring the cabins and workhouses at the Nelly B. mine, as well as continuing the sinking of the double compartment shaft of the last named which is down 55 feet. He said that over \$400,000 worth of ore is ready to be mined at the Yankee Girl, and a flume is being built for generating compressed air. At the Yankee Girl and Bi-metallic, on account of there being two feet of snow at Ymir and three feet at the mines, the work is being carried on under difficulties. At both the Bi-metallic and the Lost Cabin group tunnels are being driven to crosscut the ore.

Grand Trunk Pacific Investors

The construction of the new transcontinental railway—the Grand Trunk Pacific—is to-day opening up new towns that in the very near future will be large and important cities. Just as the advent of the pioneer transcontinental line—the Canadian Pacific—opened and built up divisional points such as Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Lethbridge, etc., so will the new line of the Grand Trunk make large divisional points of the towns we now offer for sale.

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Mr. Mabry said that there were special inducements for investing capital in mines in this section of the country that were not found across the border. Most of the British Columbia properties were sufficiently developed to enable engineers to report reasonably accurately on what the results would be by further development; also there was much good ore showing on the surface and the prices asked were very reasonable. These together, declared Mr. Mabry, were sufficient reasons for the interest American capital was now taking mining properties in this province.

J. C. Buchanan will be general manager for the entire group. The well known attorney of Spokane, J. P. Dillard, is here with Mr. Mabry attending to the legal business of the transactions. They leave this morning for Spokane.

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Largest Dock in World for Quebec

Phillip Bazineau, J. T. Burstall, Victorie Chateauvert, William I. Bell, Nape Drouin, J. B. Letellier, William Price, K. L. Ross and William Shaw have obtained a certificate of incorporation as the British North American Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$1,000,000 and will immediately make arrangements for what is claimed to be the largest dry dock in the world. The dock will be 150 feet long, 40 feet wide, and there will be 40 feet of water on the sill. Norton Griffiths & Co., Ltd., of England, will probably build the dock for the company.

To Develop Farm Lands in Canada

The prospectus of a new company, the Dominion Western Bonds Corporation, is now being advertised, has a capital of £200,000, of which 100,000 pound shares are now offered at par. Four British M. P.'s are on the board, namely: Col. Hickman, Sir Gilbert Parker, Hon. E. S. Maguire and Mr. J. L. Baird. The object is to acquire and develop agricultural and fruit lands in the Dominion, especially in the Okanagan, Kootenai, Cassiar and Cariboo districts.

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D.R. Young has contracted for purchase of two blocks of shares of 100,000 each, and are being sold by A. E. Kealy for purchaser--The entire proceeds to be used for development purposes

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These reports cover the first Wilson-Robertson coal fields three miles north of this coal land; second, the OLD COWGATE coal fields, almost adjoining on the west; third, the Alfred Bay coal fields on the south; and fourth, the company's own coal, all of which are positive evidence that this is one of the best coal fields on Queen Charlotte Islands. Situate on Graham Island, Bearskin Bay, one of the

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For further information call or write to ARNOLD E. KEALY, 506 Pacific Building, where the report of C. F. J. Galloway, B.S.C., on this coal land can be seen. His report is all that could be asked, practically saying that the coal is there beyond a doubt with sufficient evidence in sight to warrant drilling and development work at once.

PARAGRAPH FROM MR. GALLOWAY'S REPORT

"The easiest seam to prove will be the Cowgitz, as its horizon is known. I should, therefore, recommend you to put down a borehole near the eastern end of your easternmost section. At the point marked C on the map the position of this seam should be passed through at a depth of about 500 feet, the Camp Anthracite seam being probably passed through in the same hole, if it occurs at all in this locality."

All promoters' stock will be pooled until \$200,000 has been raised for the purpose of developing the mine.

In conclusion you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your money is all going into proving the coal is there, not into the promoters' pockets or to pay for a dead horse of any kind, as the coal leases and titles are all paid for and clear of all encumbrances and will always be a valuable asset. Fill out the application form for any number of shares you want, and address your application to Arnold E. Kealy, 506 Pacific Building, Vancouver, B.C. All cheques or money orders should be made out to him. You are requested to make any enquiries not answered in this advertisement, which will receive a prompt answer. The solicitors for all concerned are Burns & Walkem, 415 Winch Building.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES

H. J. HEAL, Victoria, Agent for Arnold E. Kealy, Vancouver, B. C.

I hereby request you to obtain for me.....shares in the NORTHERN ANTHRACITE COLLIERIES, LIMITED, of par value of \$1.00 each at the net price to me of 15c per share, and I now hand you the sum of \$....., being the first payment of five cents per share now applied for; the balance I agree to pay as follows: Five cents on each share in thirty days of date hereof; five cents on each share in sixty days of date hereof; being payment in full, and I hereby agree to accept the said shares or any less number of shares that may be allotted to me, and also pay for same; and I hereby authorize you to obtain registration of me as the holder of the shares so obtained for me.

This application is made by subject to (50,000) shares being subscribed for and purchased.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Alec Sargeant, of Toronto, Ontario, occupation Book-keeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 10 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated August 26th, 1911.
 ALEC SARGEANT.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that David Goldstein, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Packer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 10 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated August 26th, 1911.
 DAVID GOLDSTEIN.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that John Savin, of Toronto, Ontario, occupation Printer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 8 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated August 26th, 1911.
 JOHN SAVIN.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that George Scott, of Toronto, Ontario, occupation Manufacturer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 8 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated August 26th, 1911.
 GEORGE SCOTT.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Michael Dowling, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Conductor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 28 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 25th day of August, 1911.
 MICHAEL DOWLING.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Arthur Buckby, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Conductor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 28 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 25th day of August, 1911.
 ARTHUR BUCKBY.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Charles Wallace, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Conductor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 26 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 CHARLES WALLACE.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Henry Doty, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Laborer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 26 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 HENRY DOTY.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Alex. Vaught, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Laborer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 24 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 25th day of August, 1911.
 ALEX. VAUGHT.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that James Dutton, of Winnipeg, Man., occupation Timekeeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 22 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 JAMES DUTTON.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Elizabeth Ann Norris, of Chicago, Ill., occupation Widow, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 22 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 ELIZABETH ANN NORRIS.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

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District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Ada Ballou Brown, of Toronto, Ont., occupation Married Woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 20 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 ADA BALLOU BROWN.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Belle Norris Pease, of Chicago, Ill., occupation Married Woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 22 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated the 25th day of August, 1911.
 BELLE NORRIS PEASE.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Alfred Ernest Hutton, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Packer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 12 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated August 26th, 1911.
 ALFRED ERNEST HUTTON.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Edith Verrall Norris, of Toronto, Ontario, occupation Married Woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 24 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 25th day of August, 1911.
 EDITH VERRALL NORRIS.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that William Rosamond Chaplin, of Toronto, Ontario, occupation Broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 18 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 26th day of August, 1911.
 WILLIAM ROSAMOND CHAPLIN.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Ernest Norman Brown, of Toronto, Ont., occupation Manager, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 20 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

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 ERNEST NORMAN BROWN.
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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that Robert Davidson, of King Edward P. O., Manitoba, occupation Carpenter, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 16 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

Dated 26th day of August, 1911.
 ROBERT DAVIDSON.
 sept. 30 nov. 25

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3
 TAKE notice that James Brown, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, occupation Conductor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 26 miles east and 10 miles south of Eliguck Lake and about 14 miles south of the Alcatcho-Cluskus Lake Trail; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

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A PROGRESSIVE FIRM

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Outside of Victoria a great deal is sometimes said regarding the city's commercial progress, methods of doing business, and the class of investments which appeal to our citizens: Perhaps there is no man more able to decide questions of this kind than the business man on the ground, particularly the busy business man.

With a mind bent on definite discovery the writer interviewed the partners of a comparatively young firm—Moore & Johnston, real estate brokers, at 632 Yates street. The result was interesting for various reasons. Victoria has been accused in the past of presenting a very conservative attitude toward the beginner in business; yet their experience would seem to indicate that Victoria is always ready to extend the glad hand to men of mettle doing business on right lines, for in an incredibly short space of time Moore & Johnston have succeeded in building up a substantial realty business, and what is more to the point, they evidently continue to hold their old clients while gaining new ones.

It would be difficult to find two men more different in temperament than Messrs. Moore & Johnston—the former thoughtfully deliberate and given to weighing even small matters thoroughly; on the other hand Mr. Johnston is quick, alert, preferring to jump over a thing rather than walk around it. His mental processes move very rapidly; possessed of a keen sense of humour he is able to regard the feelings of others with due consideration, "even their thoughts do not fly quite as high, and rapidly as his own." The combination of these two men is possibly one of the best in producing quick results, backed by sound judgment. It is a combination that I have heard is successful in matrimonial life very often.

Mr. Johnston's irrepressible humour asserted itself by a rather amusing reference to a discussion being carried on for some weeks past as to whether women are honest or capable in business. The discussion, it seems, having been set in motion by a certain Victoria broker stating as his experience, that they possessed neither capability or honesty. "That is an unfair libel," said Mr. Johnston, "as far as the experience of his office goes. Since we have been doing business it has been our good fortune to have dealings with men ranging in age from the young lady of eighteen summers seeking a lot to the elderly lady of mature judgment and larger purse. We have found them at all stages reliable—in fact it frequently happens when the male member of the family has forgotten to acquaint us concerning some change in a listing, to give a new listing, a lady's maid will greet us over the wires, smiling that, a wife or sister will personally, and correct the oversight." Ladies may gather from this that the unmarried partner (at any rate) has profound confidence in their judgment and integrity.

To decide what class of investment appeals to the average Victorian who deals in real estate," continued Mr. Johnston, "is no small order and of course varies considerably at different times. The influx of strangers has been so great for some time past that we have been kept busy turning over a number of people. We cannot fill the demand for workmen's homes of the small bungalow type. That men of this class buying homes is a healthy indication for the future of our beautiful city for it goes without saying that as a man becomes his own master he takes a grip on our civic life. It is the open possibility of a body's doing this, that has made the people of Western Canada the independent thinkers, which our brethren in other lands have already obtained. Perhaps it is the vital factor which today is enabling us to

shape the western portion of a great nation with a daring originality that will be a pattern for other nations.

Victoria's future we believe to be so apparently great at the present time that even a pessimist could not accuse one of jingoism, if the fact should be proclaimed ad infinitum. Nothing short of an earthquake can prevent Victoria from being a big city. With the opening of the Panama Canal and the development of the northern part of Vancouver Island there is no reason, that we can see, why there should not be another big city in the future at Port Alberni: that at any rate seems to be a pretty general opinion just now, and it really becomes easy to realise when one pauses for a moment to consider what we really have to the north of us: wide areas only dotted here and there with small settlements; vast areas again absolutely unpeopled as yet; Just think of it—literally millions of acres of land on the Island awaiting development by white men. Land rich in timber, iron, coal, gold, silver, in short all the natural resources which constitute the natural wealth of a nation. The continued activities of the Vancouver Island Development League under the able leadership of Ernest McGaffey are inducing the farmers of other countries to drop the plough in his native land to turn the sod of Vancouver Island and to engage in mixed farming, dairying, poultry raising, etc. When you consider these things happening in our midst your flimsiest doubt becomes lost in the atmosphere of a certain land, with a God-given birthright.

In centering our activities on Port Alberni we are merely following the natural inclination of the people. Since corroborative evidence has been obtained that the C. P. R. will shortly enter there, demands have been plentiful for lots, and we have sold quite a number. My partner, Mr. Moore has fished in the waters, and traversed the country considerably in the shooting season in search of the plentiful game abounding in the woods, and is in his element when reciting the beauties of the northern territory."

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Johnston on his ability in dressing the firm's window; the present window showing Port Alberni with vessels in the foreground is particularly good. His never-tiring energies make him well deserving of the patronage accorded so heartily by Victorians. The firm has found it necessary to make some changes in its premises, the better to handle the increased volume of business, and at this juncture has been fortunate in being joined by Mr. Fred. C. Dillabough, originally foreman of the B. C. Telephone Co.. Mr. Dillabough has already shown strong ability. That other enlargements may become necessary again in the future we should imagine to be quite possible at the rate this firm is moving.

That progressive methods do really pay and pay all the time in Victoria, has been very practically demonstrated in the short career of Moore & Johnston.

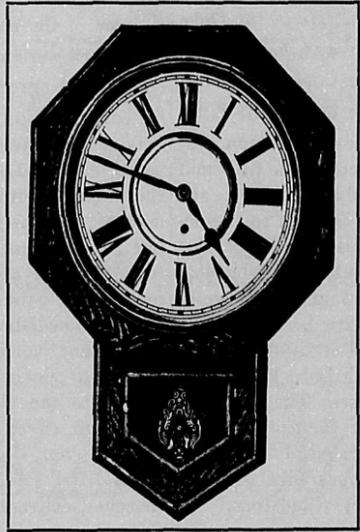
TOPICAL SERMONS

During the current month in the First Baptist Church at the corner of Yates and Quadra Streets, the Rev. J. B. Warnicker has been preaching a series of sermons on Sunday evenings on topical subjects, and it is gratifying to be able to record that this action on his part has been attended by most encouraging results. He has found that many men who usually spend their Sunday evenings on the street corners because they are unwilling to go to church to hear stereotyped sermons preached from the old familiar texts, are only too glad to have the chance of hearing a well informed man speak on matters of everyday life. For the close of the present series Mr. Warnicker has chosen the subject of Moving Pictures, and on Sunday evening next

will discuss this modern adjunct to the amusement world, pointing out wherein it may be regarded either as a blessing or a curse to society. This is a question which will prove of un-

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LORD HARTINGTON

Reminiscence Extracted from the Diary of Toby, M. P.
Reprinted from *Punch* of October 25, 1911

Mr. Bernard Holland properly gives to his monumental work published by Longmans the title "Life of the Duke of Devonshire." It was, however, as Lord Hartington that one of the chief pillars of the State during the latter half of Queen Victoria's reign was known to the people, a title that comes more readily to tongue and pen. Mr. Holland brought to the accomplishment of his task a personal knowledge of its subject, with whom he was during two important years associated as Private Secretary. He has made profound study of the historic times in which Lord Hartington played a leading part. The result appears in the most valuable addition to English biographical literature made since the appearance of Lord Morley's "Life of Gladstone," of which it is in large measure the complement. On page 407 of the first volume there is a slip of pen or printer's stick so obvious as to be immaterial. But to old Parliament men it is delightfully incongruous. It credits "Mr. Caldwell" with the system of Army Reform established between the 'sixties and the 'eighties of last century. Of course, for Caldwell we read Cardwell, and pass on.

Towards the close of his life, when he had come into the dukedom, Lord Hartington, taking the undergraduates at Cambridge University into his confidence, made a striking remark. "All through life," he said, "I have had to work with men who thought three times as quick as I do, and I have found this a great disadvantage." It may be true, but his slow process of thought invariably led him to the right conclusion. Through a long series of crises, of common importance but of varied character, Lord Hartington without

exception came to what proved to be a sound conclusion.

Some of the colleagues with whom he worked were men of brilliant parts, eloquent in ordered speech, sparkling in conversation, equally capable of moving the masses and charming the social circle. Lacking possession of these gifts, Lord Hartington was a man of supremely sound judgment, one to whom his audience closely listened, whose advice they pondered over. As a public speaker he did not create immediate effect. He had not a pleasant voice and scorned approach to elocutionary art. He belonged to the class whose speeches are more effective when read than when spoken. Reading the many extracts Mr. Holland gleans from speeches delivered in the House of Commons (most of which I heard) one is struck by their lucidity and force. These qualities shine throughout the correspondence largely quoted.

The great perplexity of Lord Hartington's public career was Mr. Gladstone. "I can never understand him in conversation," he forlornly wrote to Lord Granville on the eve of final separation. Admiring his Titanic genius, distrustful of his own capacity, he was instinctively inclined to follow his leader, and was constantly pulled up by finding himself among the breakers. The consequence was that he fell into the habit of what is known in domestic service as "giving notice." The letters written to his chief, in which he either threatens resignation or tenders it, are models of well-reasoned perspicacity.

Lord Hartington was a Minister of the Crown malgre lui. Constitutionally indolent, he hankered after the leisure and the pleasures of a country gentleman's life, with Newmarket

thrown in. But the supremely dominant force with him was a sense of duty. As he was more than once reminded when the strain of Ministerial life seemed too heavy to bear, the Cavendishes have always taken a leading part in affairs of State, and it did not become their latest descendant, heir to their name and estate, to walk apart. Lord Hartington accordingly bent his sturdy shoulders under the yoke and patiently trudged along, hauling his burden with a groaning of the spirit hidden from the looker-on but revealed in some pathetic passages of his correspondence and conversation.

His greatest sacrifice was made when he reluctantly undertook the thankless post of Leader of a distraught Opposition left in a hopeless minority. A condition of their servitude, more strictly enforced in those old-fashioned days than is now the case, was that the Leader on either side of the Table was expected to be in constant attendance from the time the Speaker took the Chair till the welcome cry, "Who goes home?" rang through the Lobby. That was a discipline hateful to Lord Hartington's nature. Like Charles Lamb at the India Office, he was sorely tempted to make up for arriving late by going away early. He never over-mastered the passion for unpunctuality. It was characteristic of him that, when still a young Member lately appointed to the War Office and having in hand the task of introducing a departmental Bill, he arrived so late that, the Order of the Day being called on, one of his colleagues was hurriedly put up to talk against time till the dallying Minister strolled in.

Habitually arriving late, he never attempted to hide his delinquency by furtive entry from behind the Speaker's Chair. With right hand in his pocket, swinging his hat in his left, he walked the full length of the floor, to be seen of all men. Once arrived and condemned to a long, frequently a tedious, sitting, he remained at his post with head thrown back, hat tilted over his nose, both hands

in his pockets, a monument of silent uncomplaining martyrdom. Thus he sat on the historic night when Mr. Chamberlain, rising from the Radical camp below the Gangway, hailed him, amid raucous cheering, as "Late the Leader of the Liberal Party." Had the taunt been addressed to a stone image it would not have led to less perceptible change of countenance.

A tower of strength to any Administration in which he served, Lord Hartington's value as an asset was—if paradox be permitted—lessened by his implacable honesty. Not a party man, he was unselfishly loyal to his Party. But there was a limit beyond which neither personal friendship nor political advantage could drag his foot. It was marked by conviction that the proposed step was lacking in honourable purpose or that it was hostile to the truest interest of the country. No British statesmen of modern or ancient times had a purer record than Lord Hartington. His life was twice blessed. In action he did the State high service. At rest he leaves behind a memory inspiring to his successors.

A POLITICAL PROPHET

A great many people in Victoria know and respect Mr. William Gordon, who had such a long and honourable career in the service of the Provincial Government. The Week has just come across the Montreal Daily Star of September 16th, containing a very interesting interview with Mr. Gordon, who was then touring in the East. It was natural that a gentleman in his position should be consulted on the political outlook and in the light of subsequent events it is interesting to note that Mr. Gordon sized up public opinion of British Columbia to a nicety. He said: "There does not seem to be a doubt in the minds of the electors that a 'Solid Seven' of Conservative candidates will be returned to the House of Commons at Ottawa on the 21st.

THE DANGEROUS AGE

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sun; her own central fires consumed it. Now she is cold and dead; her light a mere reflection and a falsehood.

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His first glance told me all. He cast down his eyes so that he might not hurt me again. * * * And I—coward that I was—I accepted without interrupting him, the tender words he spoke, and even his caress—

But when our eyes met a second time we both knew that all was at an end between us.

One reads of "tears of blood." During the few hours he spent in my house I think we smiled "smiles of blood."

When we sat opposite to each other at table, we might have been sitting each side a deathbed. We only attempted to speak when Jeanne was waiting at table.

When we parted he said: "I feel like the worst of criminals!"

He has not committed a crime. He loved me once, now he no longer loves me. That is all.

* * *

But after what has happened I cannot remain here. Everything will remind me of my hours of joyful waiting; of my hours of failure and absement.

Where can I go to hide my shame, Richard?

* * *

Would that be too humiliating. Why should it be? Did I not give him my promise? "If I should ever forget my resolution," I said to him.

* * *

I will write to him, but first I must gather up my strength again. Jeanne goes on long walks with me. We do not talk to each other, but it comforts me to find her so faithful."

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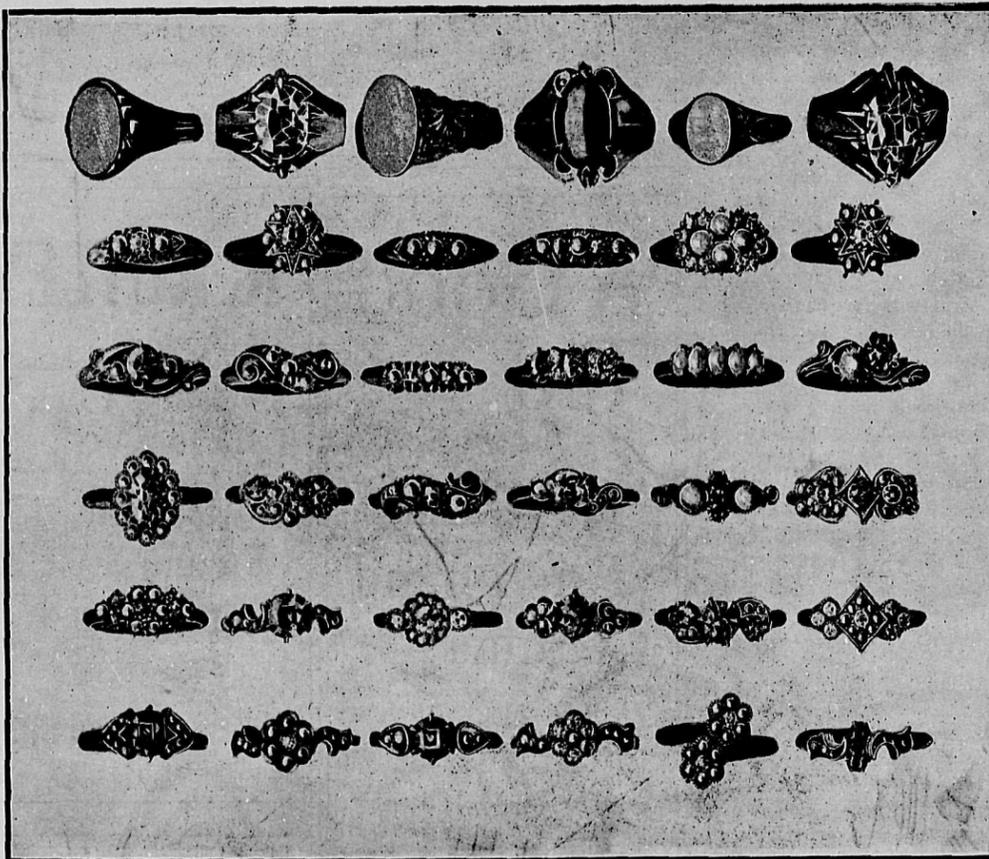
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Overseas Club Opens Season

A crowded hall was indicative of the strength of British sentiment and the enthusiasm of the members of the overseas club at the first monthly meeting of their winter season. During the meeting which was held in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, the gratifying announcement was made that in this year—the first of its existence—the membership of the Victoria branch had increased from 14 to 240 members.

Mr. William Blakemore, in his presidential remarks, emphasized the importance of the club as a rallying ground for British-born citizens in the city and province, and said that although its meetings were infrequent, its work was going on constantly. Correspondence was exchanged with all parts of the world, and new arrivals from the Old Country were whenever possible, got hold of by the club's officers, and helped in their work or introduced to other members who would prove good friends and congenial companions. Beyond these constant activities, an active propaganda had been carried on in furtherance of the objects of the Overseas Club. These might be summarized as: First, to help one another; second, to impress upon every able-bodied citizen the importance of being able to bear arms; third, to promote friendship and good fellowship amongst all people, living under the folds of the British flag; fourth, to further the interests of Empire by insisting upon the absolute necessity of maintaining British naval supremacy.

The question of taking action against the exhibition in Canada, particularly in this province, of moving pictures in which an "anti-British" sentiment was expressed or suggested, was discussed at length. The influence of such pictures upon children was emphasized, some of the speakers protesting against the exhibition of the American flag, while others pointed



ed out the necessity of the manufacturers and showmen catering to this extent to the patriotic sentiments of the many Americans, resident in Canada, apart from the fact that nearly all the pictures exhibited were made and shown first in the United States. Finally, the following resolution, moved by Mr. R. Hanson and seconded by Mr. A. E. Sayers, was carried, after the embodiment of an amendment on the need for a censor.

"That this club go on record as protesting against the constant laudation and glorification of the Stars and Stripes and the belittling of the British flag in picture shows in this country, on account of its influence on the minds of the vast numbers of children attending these picture shows; and is of opinion that a censor of picture shows should be appointed for the province and the city."

A resolution was carried with acclamation providing for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of suitable club rooms for future reunions of the members.

Rights of Hindus

Mr. W. J. Clarke, who attended at the invitation of the club, brought up the matter of Hindu disabilities. In asking the meeting to strengthen the hands of the deputation of resident Hindus now on their way to interview the government in Ottawa, by a resolution of sympathy, he said that of the 6,000 loyal Hindu subjects in

British Columbia, only three of them had their families with them. Chinese and Japanese enjoyed the rights of family life denied to these British subjects, most of whom had served and were prepared again, if necessary, to serve the flag at the risk of their lives. Twelve Hindu families denied admission were stranded at Hong Kong, and seventy were at present held up in Calcutta. He asked that the Hindus in British Columbia should at least be allowed to enjoy those rights and privileges accorded to the Japanese.

The chairman reminded the meeting that the fixed policy of British Columbia towards Oriental immigration was too clear and too well known to admit of any action on the part of the Overseas club on the general question. At the same time he thought everyone would agree that the right to family life was sacred.

Mr. J. W. H. Littleboy moved, and Mr. H. Walker seconded, the following resolution: "That the club strongly sympathise with the movement to secure the inestimable privilege of home life for the Hindus resident in this province and to which as British subjects it considers they are entitled."

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Sayers, the chairman nominated a committee to inquire into the possibilities of forming a rifle club in connection with this or any other organ-

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ization. The gentlemen appointed to act on this committee were Messrs. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, A. E. Sayers, J. Holland and D. B. Maclaren (hon. secretary).

Following the meeting a musical

"soiree" was held, at which Mrs. D. B. Maclaren's singing made a pleasant conclusion to the evening. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.—Victoria Colonist.

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Society

Mrs. Rutchin from Vancouver was a guest in the city during the week.

Miss Newcombe is the guest of Miss Mainguy of Chemainus.

Mrs. Ray Worlock, San Francisco, is the guest of Mrs. F. Worlock, Menzie Street.

Mr. Ray W. Jones was in the city during the week and left on Tuesday for Seattle.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, who have been abroad for the last two years, returned to Victoria during the week and are the guests of Mrs. Frank Barnard.

Mrs. L. A. Genge, entertained during the week at a very smart bridge and five hundred tea. The tea table was daintily adorned with red carnations and greenery. Mrs. Lindsay was successful in winning the five hundred prize, while Mrs. Scott won the first prize in bridge. Among the guests were: Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. T. Gore, Mrs. C. Rhodes, Mrs. G. Rithet, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Combe, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. P. E. Irving, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Alexis Martin, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. Butchart, Miss Eberts, Miss P. Irving, Miss Newcombe, Miss Gormully, Miss Gillespie, and Miss Winslow.

Mrs. Jack Rithet was hostess on Tuesday afternoon last of a very enjoyable bridge and tea. The drawing-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The first prize was won by Mrs. Love and the second by Mrs. Bechtel. Among the guests

present were: Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Miss Butchart, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Miss Eberts, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Archer Martin, Mrs. Stevenson and the Misses Mason, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Flummerfelt, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Despard Twigg, Mrs. P. A. Irving and Miss Irving, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. W. Todd, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Bechtel, Mrs. Spratt, Miss Pooley, Miss Eberts, Misses Blackwood, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bodwell, Mrs. Arthur Jones, and Mrs. Alexis Martin, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Gourmally, Mrs. Robt. Beavan, Mrs. Chas. Todd, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bodwell, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, Mrs. Cuppage, Miss Nora Combe, Miss Gaudin, Miss Hilda Page.

Last Friday evening the Native Sons held their annual ball in the Alexandra Club ball room, which proved to be one of the gayest balls of the season. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. V. York, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leeming, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hardy, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Moresby, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Grimmison, Miss V. Blackwood, Mrs. Raymur, Miss Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. David Leeming, Mr. McGowan, Miss Haggerty, Mrs. R. M. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Miss Blake, the Misses Angus, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Miss Rome, Mr. F. Rome, Mr. P. Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson, the Misses Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Hirsch, Mrs. and Miss Troup, Mr. Arbuthnot, Mrs. Cowley, Miss Bagshawe, Mrs.

Floyer, the Misses Rant, Judge Lampman, Mr. Douglas Bullen, Mrs. J. D. Helmcken and Miss Helmcken, Mr. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Gowen, Mrs. McB. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Munn and Miss Munn, Mr. E. P. Colley, Mr. Brae, Miss Gray, Capt. Clark, Mr. H. Rochfort, Mr. Frank Clarke and Miss Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton, Mr. Bendroit, Mr. Morell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rochfort, Miss Rochfort, Miss McTavish, Mrs. and the Misses Mesher, Miss Goodwin, Mr. Louis Cuppage, Mr. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton, the Misses McMicking, Mr. and Mrs. G. Goward, Miss Ringland, Miss McQuade, Mr. Geo. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. B. Swengers, Miss McB. Smith, Mr. Sheridan Bickers, the Misses Rickaby and others.

Mrs. William Atkins, Dallas Road, gave a very charming tea on Friday, the 17th, in honour of Mrs. H. deM. Mellin. The tea table was very artistically arranged with beautiful calla lilies, and white carnations in silver epergnes and the drawing-room and hall were tastefully adorned with yellow and white chrysanthemums. The Misses Gladys McCallum, D. Wootten, Eileen and Lorna Dumbleton, assisted in serving tea and attending to the guests. Among the invited guests were: The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Paterson, Hon. Wm. Templeman and Mrs. Templeman, Hon. Senator Riley and Mrs. Riley, Mr. H. deM. Mellin and Mrs. Mellin, Mr. J. Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMicking, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses McMicking, Mrs. Campbell, the Misses Ashdown Green, Messrs. H. and G. Green, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dumbleton, the Misses Dumbleton, Miss LeNeven, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Campbell Mc-

Callum, Miss McCallum, Miss Hawthornthwaite, Messrs. K. and R. McCallum, Rev. W. L. Clay and Mrs. Clay, Miss Leach, U. S. Consul A. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Smith, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Peters, Mrs. Prothero, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Hannington, Mr. and Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Pearse, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. H. Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Brett, Sr., Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. Heisterman and Miss Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dumbleton, Miss B. Dumbleton, Mrs. Erb, Mr. C. D. Mason, Dr. J. Harper, Mr. C. C. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. S. MacLure, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. and Miss Rome, Mrs. Richard Jones, Miss F. Drake, Rev. Percival Jenns, Mrs. J. Gourlay Lang, Major, Mrs. and Miss Mutter, Major, Mrs. and Miss Walsh, Mr. G. Walsh, Miss Skinner, Mr. E. M. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Capt. and Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. and the Misses Macrae, Mrs. and Miss Moore, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. Rykert, Mr. and Mrs. Baynes Reed, Miss Baynes Reed, Mrs. and Miss Spain, Dr. Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Goward, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beale, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. B. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Tilly, Mr. and Mrs. Beresford Hogg, Mr. Colin Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Jeffreys, Mr., Mrs. and Miss J. Keith Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Col., Mrs. and Miss Wadmore, Rev. Dr. Gray, Miss Sara Finlayson, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Lugin, Mrs. N. P. Shaw, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Raymur, Mrs. E. B. Shaw, Mr. K. Raymur, Miss Mary Lawson, Mrs. Vilder, and Mrs. G. A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Church, Colonel and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mr. and Miss Mara, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Miss Jessie Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. H. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Renwick, Mrs. Ray Worswick, Mrs. Ray Rome, Mrs. R. Nash, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Alexander Gillespie, and many others.

St. John's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd inst., when Edmund Petch, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petch (Jeweler, Douglas street, of this city), was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Maud Evelyn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Townsley of Simcoe street. (deputy sheriff for Victoria). The ceremony was performed by the Rev.

P. Jenns, the rector, assisted by Rev. J. S. Ard. The surpliced choir met the bride at the door of the church and escorted her to the chancel where her father gave her away. The church was crowded by friends and well-wishers.

Miss K. Wallace, a cousin of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Miss Violet Petch, a sister of the groom was flower girl. She was dressed in a dainty white dress and looked charming. She carried a basket of white chrysanthemums. The bride was dressed in a beautiful pink dress of crepe de chine and wore a pearl crescent brooch, the gift of the groom.

The bride looked bewitching in her dress of ivory crepe de chine and wore a pearl sunburst brooch, the gift of the groom.

Mr. Ed. Townsley, brother of the bride, acted as best man, whilst Mr. Jack Petch, brother of the groom, acted as usher.

The wedding breakfast was given at the bride's home, where only immediate relations of the contracting parties were present. From 8 to 10 p.m. a reception was held at home of the bride, which some well-wishers attended.

The presents were numerous, valuable and included cheque, from Mr. and Mrs. Townsley; cheque; fancy clock from Mr. and Mrs. Petch; cheque from Mrs. Jack; Arthur Petch; complete table cutlery from Mr. Ed. Townsley, and of gifts too numerous to mention in the choir of St. John's Anglican church, of which the groom has been for years a valued member, and from the Ladies' Guild of the said church and from scores of other well-wishers.

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That the Fire Chief's motor car has had "a short life and a merry one." If he really drove fast it would not last more than a year or two.

That he is the only man in Victoria who is habitually in a hurry.

That at last the city police are alive to the fact that there has been gambling in Chinatown—it is only two months until the Municipal elections.

That if the Mayor cannot get on with as peaceable a man as W. G. Cameron it is more than ever a marvel how he and Alderman Humber remain such firm friends.

That the rate-payers will not expect the penalties of the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company to be rebated until it has been ascertained who caused the delay.

That two of the Public Library Commissioners have back-bone.

That the loss of Miss Helen Stewart as Acting Librarian would be deplorable, as she is an expert of the first order.

That not a few Victorians would now be glad if the Laird of Skibo would take back his "white elephant."

That English people have no use for half gifts with strings attached.

That the closing up of the Carnegie Library would probably lead to the establishment of a first-class public institution.

That curry at a campaign banquet is all right if you do not put your foot in it.

That some after-dinner orators would safe-guard their reputations better if they spoke before dinner.

That as usual the Mayor has proved himself a better "stayer" than the Council; he has outvoted the members.

That Dr. Ernest Hall's philippic against the condition of the municipal gaol seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

That it is time some "cub" reporter took a hand.

That Victorians are anxiously awaiting the report of the Mayor's Committee on the cost of living.

That the ladies who have undertaken the work are thoroughly competent and trustworthy, but it is a shame to pay them at the low rate of a dollar a day.

That the milk bills are continually rising, but this does not apply to the cream.

That people would be quite willing to use condensed milk in their coffee, if coffee were not so dear.

That Alderman Moresby's protest against American engineering experts is timely. No doubt there are some good ones, but to find them is like hunting a needle in a bottle of hay.

That the rate-payers will not sanction any more tinkering with Smith's Hill reservoir.

That The Week's original estimate of \$30,000 seems likely to work out pretty correctly.

That even now it would be cheaper to puddle with good clay than to line with experimental American "Watsonite."

That the Liberal Press is overjoyed to find that Mr. Bonar Law is only a "floor leader." Even this is better than a "floor walker."

That the catch phrase "If Borden wins, thank the News," might well be paraphrased "If McBride wins, thank the Times."

That the Times' information about Mr. McBride meeting with a cool reception from Mr. Borden is sadly discounted by its own telegraphic despatches.

That some people can do a lot of business in two days, and it may be taken for granted that Mr. McBride "lost no time in Ottawa."

That the defeat of the by-laws requires but one explanation—Victoria is spending money fast enough, and it is time to call a halt.

That the Times could not possibly have selected a more impartial witness to the political character of Mr. McBride than the Montreal Witness.

That the London suffragettes are once more in their element—they are smashing windows.

That the Colonist birthday wish to Sir Wilfrid Laurier is rather ambiguous. It wishes him "many happy returns."

That Mr. Borden's proposal to consult the people is a wise one. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier had done so he might still have been in power.

That Toronto is the only city in the world where people are in such a hurry to go to church that they break the speed limit.

That if people were allowed to enter the tramcars at both ends there would be less delay and less congestion.

That the exoneration from blame of Commander W. B. Macdonald of H. M. C. S. Niobe was a matter of much gratification to Victorians.

That if the Victoria Times can never speak courteously of a political opponent it can appreciate that virtue in others.

That it must have been a surprise to Mr. Templeman to find that a Liberal statesman could be a gentleman.

That the Times reminds its readers that "the Lord helps those who help themselves." It forgets, however, to add that this depends entirely on what they help themselves to.

That while it is true that Mr. Gladstone was "recalled," it is also true that he was never resuscitated.

That whilst the Times was coining the picturesque phrase "The Bowser Rainbow," it might have added "The Templeman Eclipse."

That if the "Tong" coughed up that \$50,000 to recruit mercenaries for the Chinese Rebellion, they will have to be dubbed "Tongs of Fire."

That soldiers of fortune care little under what flag they fight; it is the promise of adventure that draws.

That the wise mercenary was the princess who took time by the forelock and skipped to Mukden with her lover—and her jewels.

That this was a practical exemplification of "The Idol's Eye."

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