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## Assessment Commission

**Evidence Taken on the Subject of the Operation of the Existing System of Taxation.**

The special commission appointed by the Provincial Government to inquire into the operation of the Assessment Act commenced its work in the caucus room in the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday. The Hon. F. Carter Cotton, President of the Council, was appointed chairman, the other members being the Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance; Mr. J. Buntzen, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and Mr. D. R. Ker, of the firm of Brackman & Ker.

The first witness called was the surveyor of taxes, Mr. McKilligan. In reply to questions Mr. McKilligan said that the intentions of the act had been carried out as fairly as possible. The witness recommended a change in the classification of "wild lands," which at present included timber and coal lands. The tax on wild land is 5 per cent and on improved land 1 per cent. The cutting down of timber would not bring timber lands within the classification of "improved land." He thought the erection of a mill on timber land should be considered an improvement.

The Hon. R. G. Tatlow submitted reports from the assessors of various districts, many of these expressing approval of the act.

Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, of Vancouver, put in an appearance with a request that the commission should hold sittings in Vancouver, urging that the commercial capital should not be neglected. He also criticised the operation of the tax on personal property which might result in the mercantile houses reducing their stocks. He thought the income tax might be increased on a graduated scale. Later it was decided that the commission could not sit in Vancouver.

Mr. J. J. Campbell, business manager of the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Nelson, complained of the tax on ore held in stock by the smelting companies after such ore had been taxed 2 per cent on being taken from the mines. He thought that the taxation on smelters should, therefore, be placed on a separate basis.

Mr. Thornton Fell objected to the imposition of the wild land tax on timber lands. He advised the repeal of the act.

Byron N. White supported Mr. Campbell's views in regard to the taxation on smelters. He considered that the mine owners generally were satisfied with the 2 per cent tax on ore. The system was excellent and gave no opportunity for fraud.

N. J. Cavanagh, of the Slocan Star mine, took the same view as Mr. White.

At Wednesday's session, Mr. G. G. S. Lindsay, vice-president and general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, was the first witness. He considered the tax of 5 per cent on coal lands to be excessive. His company was paying $15.00 per acre on the lands being worked. He considered that British Columbia was a country with a great future for the big capitalist, but not for the small man.

Mr. Tatlow announced that the proceeds of the mineral tax would amount this year to $66,225.

A deputation from the Victoria Board of Trade, headed by Col. Prior, was then given a hearing. Col. Prior said that dissatisfaction was apparent amongst the business men respecting the operation of the Assessment Act. The merchants objected particularly to the tax on liabilities. As the merchants here were so far from the big markets of supply, they were compelled to carry large stocks, and they objected to being taxed so heavily. The committee thought, if the merchants were to pay one-half of one per cent and half the liabilities and book debts, it would be more

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## VICTORIA MARINE HOSPITAL.

**An Institution of Which the Citizens of the Port May Now Well Be Proud.**

Iron cot bedsteads, fresh paint and varnish, general re-arrangement from top to bottom, and the equipment of the building with every modern convenience—these are the things which have wrought transformation in the big red brick building that crowns the rocky brow overlooking the entrance to Victoria harbor on the northern side, and known as the Victoria Marine Hospital. Not so long ago the Marine Hospital's name was synonymous with neglect, confusion, dilapidation. The place was a standing monument to the apathy of the citizens; it was freely denounced by all who had occasion to use or visit the building, as a disgrace not only to Victoria, but also to civilization.

Thanks to the agitation begun some time ago, wonders have been done in bringing Victoria Marine Hospital up to something like the approved modern standard. All that hygienic and sanitary science could do has been exerted in placing this important adjunct to the business of the port of Victoria on a footing of efficiency to meet the demands made upon it almost constantly throughout the year. Lighting, heating and ventilation are now what they ought to be, and the medical attendants give the closest inspection to the patients. The Victoria Marine Hospital may now be described as one of the most admirably equipped and conducted institutions of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

There are now eight patients in the hospital undergoing treatment. One is Mr. Samuel first mate of the Glasgow ship Falklandbank, which was here last summer and took away a record cargo of lumber from Chemainus. He is suffering from kidney trouble, but is now, since the remarkably clever operation, briefly described elsewhere in this number of The Week, performed upon him, making highly satisfactory recovery. There are four French seamen from the French barque La Rochefoucauld, and two from the French ship La Tour d'Auvergne, both recently in Royal Roads for orders, and both dispatched to Australia for cargo. Then there is a sealer who has been in the hospital for about a year and a half suffering from phithisis. All the cases save the last-mentioned, are making satisfactory progress. The arrangements for supplying food to the patients are all that could be wished, while the staff of attendants are unremitting in their solicitude for the comfort of the unfortunate mariners in their charge.

Victoria Marine Hospital is doing a grand work, and as conducted at present must serve to spread the city's name far and wide as a place where the poor sick sailor receives a practical application of Christian charity. Some of the first ladies in the city are constant visitors to the hospital, and their visits are angels' visits to the poor, weary, bed-ridden seamen, so far from home and kindred, and to whom the days are so terribly long, and the nights so dreary. Those little posies of sweet flowers brought by the kind ladies are like glimpses of paradise to the sailor invalids, who well may murmur:

"O woman, in our lives of ease
So coy, uncertain, hard to please—
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou."

**Mr. George Denny.**

Mr. Geo. Denny, formerly city editor of the Colonist, and who has been working for the Associated Press at Chefoo and in the field with the Russian forces during the past year, is returning to America on furlough. Mr. Denny is understood to have done very good work for the big news gathering agency and his future is assured. Many Victorians will be glad to welcome Mr. Denny on his arrival here.

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Mr. Coburn, Ladysmith's first mayor, has been for a second term elected by acclamation.

## A Breath Of Winter

**The Green Christmas Succeeded by a Spell of Cold Weather—Skating at Colwood.**

Victorians felt the first real breath of winter this week after comparatively mild weather. The Frost King commenced his reign at the beginning of the week, the weather keeping bright. On Wednesday skating commenced at Colwood, but just before midnight on Thursday snow commenced to fall and a slight thaw set in early Friday morning.

All yesterday the snow continued falling and several inches had accumulated on the roads by evening. The sleigh bells were heard for the first time this season, yesterday afternoon.

At the time of writing it is not sure that the frosty weather is over and the snow is in excellent condition for sleighing.

Both on Wednesday and Thursday the ice at Colwood was in fine condition and many people availed themselves of the opportunity to indulge in the popular pastime of skating. The E. & N. railway provided a very convenient special train service which was much appreciated. On Thursday afternoon hockey was played on the ice, and two gentlemen, Messrs. West and Newlings, especially distinguished themselves.

Some very fine skating was noticed at Colwood, Mrs. Gillespie being one of the most notable performers. Many tea parties were held, amongst those dispensing hospitalities being: Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Gillespie and many others. Among the skaters were Miss Baiss, Miss McKay, Miss Green, Miss E. P. Tulley, Miss Crease, Mrs. Genge, Capt. Davidson, Mr. Willas, Miss Boswell, Mr. L. Yorke, Mr. Fox, Mr. Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, Mr. Pike, Miss Pooley and Miss Violet Pooley, Miss Loewen.

On Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, the E. & N. railway ran a special train, and about 150 people went out and spent a very enjoyable evening. The ice presented a very pretty appearance, illuminated by bonfires, and lanterns of all descriptions carried by the skaters. Among those present were noticed the following: Messrs. West. Newlings, Jost, Raymur, Foote, Phipps, Gillespie, B. Bird, J. Cambie, W. Irving, Hanington, Rithet, George, Belyea, Goddard, Vernon, Spencer, Lang, Bell, Mills, Geiger, White, Misses Dunsmuir, Little, D. Sehl, Bell, Hanington, Nicholles, Bone, Mrs. Walkis and Mrs. Hinton, and many of those mentioned in the former list as present in the afternoon.

**At Work Again.**

Mr. W. Jones, the Dominion Government auctioneer, who has been ill, is now at his post again, and advertizes important sales at Ladysmith today and at North Saanich on January 17th.

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Mr. J. Y. Margison, the Langley street printer, has issued some very amusing advertisement cards. The card contains a picture of an old gentleman with a big nose, the color of which changes with the weather.

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The Western Union Telegraph Company will move to new premises at 92 Government street about the 1st of February.

From Messrs. Fletcher Brothers, The Week has just received a calendar for 1905 which reflects high credit on the well known music firm. It is a fine example of embossed and coloring work, and bears at the top an advertisement of the many virtues of the famous Mendelssohn piano, manufactured by the Mendelssohn Piano Company, of Toronto, Ont., Messrs. Fletcher Brothers being sole agents here for the sale of the same.

# Law and Police News

**Mr. S. S. Taylor, of Nelson, Rebuked for Misconduct by the Chief Justice—Other Notes of the Week.**

The Full Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice Morrison opened a session in Victoria on Monday morning, with a comparatively long list of cases set down for hearing.

The appeal of the Le Roi Mining Company from the assessment of the property by the provincial authorities was adjourned to a day to be fixed, the sheriff to withdraw meanwhile from the property of the appellant.

The appeal in Richards vs. Willians was dismissed, Mr. Justice Morrison dissenting. Mr. W. J. Taylor, K.C., appeared for the appellant and Mr. W. E. Oliver for the respondent.

The unprofessional conduct of Mr. S. S. Taylor, K.C., counsel for the Rossland Miners' Union in the action of the Centre Star Mining Company against that body was the subject of a severe criticism by the Chief Justice in giving judgment in an appeal from a decision by Mr. Justice Irving in regard to certain assets of the union. In this appeal the mining company through their counsel, A. C. Galt, sought to set aside a decision of Mr. Justice Irving in an action instituted by them to have certain property of the defendants, notably the plant of the Rossland Evening World turned over to the sheriff in consequence of the judgment secured by them. It will be remembered that in the action for damages heard here the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff company, the damages being $12,500. Judgment, however, was not entered until some afterwards. In the meantime Mr. S. S. Taylor, K.C., counsel for the Miners' Union, took over the plant as security for his costs, giving his clients, the union, credit for five hundred dollars. He sold the plant for the sum of $575. It appears also that Mr. Taylor had written a circular letter to each of his clients advising them to make a transfer of property, as judgment was going to be entered against them.

The Centre Star Mining Company then began an action to have the property handed over to the sheriff. This was the case that came before Mr. Justice Irving, who dismissed the application, pointing out that the sheriff's procedure should have been to proceed against Mr. Taylor.

In the Full Court Mr. Galt argued on behalf of the Centre Star Mining Company while Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C. appeared for the Rossland Miners' Union. Judgment was immediately given on the conclusion of argument in favor of the Centre Star Company. The Cihef Justice said that Mr. Taylor had been guilty of misconduct from beginning to end. He must indeed have a poor notion of the dictates of professional honor; he must be floundering in the quagmire of ignorance, not to know that it was a crime for a debtor to transfer property for the purpose of defrauding a creditor who had a claim against him. As to the letter which Mr. Taylor addressed to his clients he had been guilty of an indictable offence and of contempt of court. The transaction was illegal in common law. He could conceive of no clearer instance of its violation than this transference on the part of a debtor of property yith the object of defrauding the creditor. The judgment was that the property either be restored to the sheriff or $575, the sum for which it was sold, be paid into court on pain of attachment. In closing, His Lordship quoted the remarks of Sir Alexander Cockburn on the duties of solicitors, in which it was pointed out that the latter should "wield the arms of warriors and not the knife of an assassin."

Mr. Justice Morrison concurred in the judgment of the Chief Justice, but Mr. Justice Martin desired to examine into the authorities cited before he came to a conclusion.

**A Revolting Case.**

The Nelson rape case which is before the Vancouver police court is possibly the most revolting charge ever brought against a man in the history of Canada. Robert Nelson, aged 38, hardly six week a widow, is accused of committing an outrage on his own fifteen-year-old daughter.

One night recently Nelson went to the police station and complained that his daughter had disappeared. Detectives Jackson and Waddell were detailed to investigate and they searched for a trace of the girl until 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, failing of course in the absence of any suspicion of the state of affairs later revealed by the girl, to find any trace of her. After court on Saturday morning they started out again and eventually found a friend in whom the girl had confided, and later located her at the Home. Dr. Underhill examined the unfortunate girl and declared that she had undoubtedly been raped.

On Saturday afternoon Detectives Jackson and Waddell had learned enough to arrest Nelson at his house, 610 Helmcken street, and he was arraigned in the police court. Mr. W. J. Bowser, who appeared for Nelson withdrew from the case and the man was committed for trial.

**Notes.**

James Beasley, an Englishman of good family ,accused of obtaining $8,000 on false pretences from the Bank of Nome, and arrested eighteen months ago in South Africa, has been found not guilty at Juneau on the first of three counts under which he is charged. After the verdict, Mr. Beasley took exception to some personal remarks made by a man named Humbert, one of the principal witnesses against him, and a fight ensued. The men were separated before much harm was done. The trial of Beasley on the last two counts will take place in May.

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Alex. Ewen, the veteran canner of New Westminster, has brought suit for damages for trespass against the B. C. Packers' Association, the Anglo-B. C. Packing Company and the Skeena River Commercial Company. Mr. Ewen is the owner of lot 49 of the coast district on the Skeena. The respective defendants who have three canneries on the river front have brought water across Mr. Ewen's property, it is alleged, and he is suing for trespass on that account.

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John Gibbs, charged with rape by a young girl of Coal Creek, has been committed to stand his trial in Nelson.

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Doherty & Stewart of the Palace Hotel, Nanaimo, pleaded guilty on Saturday morning, before Magistrate Yarwood to selling liquor to a minor. They were fined $15.

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The appeal in the Dunsmuir will suit will be heard by the Full Court on conclusion of the business of the special commission in San Francisco.

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**Called to the Bar.**

The following law students were admitted to the practice of law in British Columbia by the Full Court this week: Robert B. Parkes, of the firm of Cowan, Kappele & McEvoy, of Vancouver; Gordon M. Grant, of Cassidy, Dumbleton & Solomon; Christopher Maurice Berkeley and H. M. Johnson of Victoria, and William Moore McKay, Dugald Donaghy, E. B. Coggswell, C. M. Woodworth and Capt. H. D. Hulme, all of Dawson. W. M. McKay was president of the Yukon Bar Association, first lieutenant of the Yukon Rifles, and formerly captain and adjutant of the 43rd Rifles of Ottawa. Dugald Donaghy was recently city solicitor of Dawson; C. M. Woodworth was vice-president of the Yukon Bar Association and was organizer for Dr. Thompson, the Conservative candidate in the Yukon, who defeated ex-Governor Congdon in the recent Yukon elections. Capt. Hulme was commanding officer of the Yukon Rifles.

## ARRESTED BY STRATEGY.

Clever Capture at Blaine Engineered By Immigration Officer.

International complications may be the result of the arrest of Vernon E. Preston, charged with criminal assault on a little girl, by Detective Sergeant Mulhern of Vancouver, according to Mr. Joseph Martin. The alleged assault was committed on Friday of last week. The same evening Preston left Vancouver in a buggy and drove to New Westminster, from whence he drove to Blaine, Wash. Blaine is on the boundary line, and there Mr. W. T. Cooksley, the Canadian immigration officer, spotted him. Mr. Cooksley had Preston arrested by the town marshal at 11:15 on Saturday morning, just as he was waiting on the platform to board the 11:20 train for Whatcom. Preston was taken before a magistrate and held until the arrival of Detective Mulhern. After another examination Preston was sent up to the superior court at Bellingham to await extradition proceedings. Preston got on the Sunday morning 11.20 train with the lawyer and the officer in charge. Detective Mulhern also got on the train with his lawyer, having announced that he was going to Bellingham to watch the case in the interests of Vancouver. Mr. Cooksley, whom Mulhern praises highly, also got on the train, but then it is his business as immigration officer to board the train.

Curiously enough the Canadian officers happened to get in the same car with Preston. Then an interesting thing happened. Instead of going ahead the train backed up. Detective Mulhern saw that the carriage had been backed into Canadian territory, and suddenly he jumped up, too, and both landed on Preston. Cooksley slid a pair of handcuffs on that young man and hustled him out of the car before he knew what was happening. Then they brought him back to Vancouver.

Tuesday Preston was represented by Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C., who called the court's attention to the manner in which Preston had been arrested without extradition. Preston pleaded not guilty, and the case was remanded until Friday.

## ASSETSMENT COMMISSION.

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equitable. The committee also thought commission merchants should be rated more heavily than at present. In the Northwest Territories the government collects $210 per year from a loquor house before travellers can solicit orders.

Mr. C. F. Todd said the Board of Trade committee spoke for the mercantile interests. It was admitted that the taxes should be increased in order to provide the necessary revenue, but the merchants thought they were taxed disproportionately. The merchant deserved more consideration than the capitalist who came here to live on his money.

Other speakers laid particular stress on the burden of the tax on book debts.

Mr. A. C. Galt, of Rossland, was the next witness. He was strongly opposed to the 2 per cent mineral tax, holding that it tended to hamper the development of mining property.

Mr. W. J. Sutton, engineer and geologist, spoke at some length on the subject of the classification of "wild lands," suggesting that as the value of timber varied in different parts of the province it should be assessed in several classes. He considered the 5 per cent land tax worked prejudicially in regard to the sale of lands. He suggested that pre-emptors of timber lands should not be allowed to start fires which often resulted in the destruction of large tracts of valuable timber. He also disapproved of the grant of large areas to speculators on the pulp scheme.

Mr. C. C. Fisher, collector and assessor of the New Westminster district, said that in no case had he assessed growing crops. He considered that the Assessment Act was generally acceptable to the farmers.

Mr. Worsfold, assessor for the Victoria district, considered that the act would bear most hardly on the small farmer. Some of the Saanich farmers. for instance, had to pay from $40 to $50 on an income of about $1,000.

Mr. C. Sweeney, chairman of the Vancouver Clearing House, wrote that the bankers did not object to the act but suggested minor changes.

This concluded Thursday's session.

**Nanaimo's Mayor.**

Mr. A. E. Planta was on Thursday elected Mayor of Nanaimo by a majority of 83 votes over Mr. J. H. Cocking. The total vote was 921.

**Vancouver's Mayor.**

Mr. Fred Buscombe has been elected Mayor of Vancouver by the large majority of 1,024 votes over those cast for Dr. McGuigan, last year's mayor. The aldermen elected were Messrs. Bethune, Haise, Cook, Stewart, Heaps, Wilson, Kemp, McDonald, Baxter, Morton, Johnson, Williams.

The Hon. Chas. Wilson, Attorney-General, has returned from England.

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**"THE AMATEUR CRACKSMAN."**

Owing to great pressure on space this week, the remainder of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron's interesting story with the above title has been unavoidably held over till next week.

The dear old World, of Vancouver, is the latest B. C. journal to discover a Russian spy. The suspected man was one Charles Peters, a barber in a down-town hotel. The World says that on receipt of a Russian cablegram he departed for Honolulu.

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The British Admiralty isn't doing a thing to the Esquimalt hotel keepers.

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Have you skated at Colwood?

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When those ships have all gone from Esquimalt, the young Victorian will have to supply the deficiency created in the provision of tea and buttered buns for the girls in the tea shops. More expense!

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, of Lampson street, entertained a few intimate friends at a delightful little supper party at their residence on Sunday evening, the occasion being the celebration of the birthdays of the host and hostess. The table was artistically decorated with scarlet carnations and a centre piece to match, while here and there among the trailing smilax flickering little fairy lights with scarlet colored shades. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Wake, Miss Wake and Mrs. McCallum.

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The many friends of Miss Holmes, daughter of Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., will be glad to hear that she is progressing favorably after her recent operation in the Jubilee Hospital.

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# Clever Piece of Surgical Work

**Three Victoria Surgeons Perform a Remarkably Successful Operation at Marine Mospital.**

Dr. Davie, Dr. Hart and Dr. Robertson of this city are receiving the congratulations of the medical fraternity of Victoria on the successful carrying out of what is described as an admirably daring and clever piece of surgery, a week ago at the Marine Hospital. The subject was Mr. Samuel Watson, first mate of the Scottish ship Falklandbank, which brought cargo here last summer from Glasgow and Liverpool. Mr. Watson has been a great sufferer from kidney troubles. and when the Falklandbank reached Victoria, he was a very sick man. He decided to enter the Marine Hospital for treatment, and has been under the care of the medical staff there for some months.

Mr. Watson is a splendid specimen of manhood, and inherits a grand constitution from his North of Ireland ancestry.

Mr. Watson hails from Belfast. His fine physique has enabled him to combat the insidious disease which has attacked him and also enabled him to bear up finely under the strain of a critical operation. It was discovered by the surgeons some time ago that a rapidly enlarging sac of virulent pus was lodged near the kidneys, and threatened to complicate matters to a dangerous extent if not summarily treated. After consultation it was decided to remove the dangerous sac by means of abdominal section, an unusual method in dealing surgically with kidney affections.

The operation was entirely successful, the growth was removed, and the patient is now making most satisfactory recovery. Naturally enough the three surgeons are delighted with the result of their operation, which although it cannot be described as novel or even considering some of the amazing work now done in the great hospitals, dangerous, may certainly be described as one of the cleverest bits of surgical work accomplished in Victoria for some time back.

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## POULTRY AND PET STOCK.

**Annual Show of Victoria Association Proves a Marked Success—Prize Winners.**

The annual show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association opened to the general public on Thursday and visitors were rewarded by seeing a very fine show of birds. The Lieut-Governor opened the show on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a large company.

The show is open today, and those who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity to see what this district can produce in the way of fine fowls are advised to do so at once.

At the time of going to press, the prize list was not completed, but some of the notable prize winners were as follows:

Mrs. A. E. Richards won the handsome cup presented by the Ivory Soap Company for the best white fowl washed with this soap; four prizes for black Langshans, and four prizes for Pekin ducks, and 4 for Toulouse geese.

Mrs. Bradlev Dyne: Two prizes for Blue Andalusians; four prizes, Indian Runner ducks.

Machlin & Hodgson (Galiano Island): First Brown Leghorn cockerel; 1st, 2nd and 3rd, same, pullet; Golden spangled Hamburgs, all four prizes; silver spangled Hamburgs, 1st, cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, hen; silver grey Dorkings, 3rd for pullet; buff Orpingtons, 1st for cockerel; bronze turkey, 2 firsts.

G. D. Christie: Cornish Indian game, six prizes.

M. Blackstock: White Leghorns, 3 prizes; black Minorcas, 9 prizes.

R. M. Menzie: Sherwoods, 10 prizes.

Other prize winners will be published next week.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Dr. Lewis Hall wishes to thank the electors of North Ward who gave him such liberal support at yesterday's election, and also any who interested themselves in his behalf.

# Victoria's City Council

**Result of Elections in North Ward Caused Surprise—Three Aldermen Defeated.**

The North Ward furnished the element of the unexpected in the civic elections on Thursday. Ald. Harry Grahame having retired, the other two gentlemen representing that ward were generally believed to have a sure thing. But the result proved the contrary and Aldermen Beckwith and Kinsmen met defeat. In the centre Ward no change was made, but in the South Ward Mr. James Douglas headed the poll and Ald. Vincent lost his seat at the Council Board.

The re-election of Mayor Barnard by acclamation and the absence of any municipal issues of first importance detracted considerably from the interest taken in the elections which passed off very quietly. The vote was rather small.

Mr. Huggett, Dr. Bolton and Mr. G. Jay were elected school trustees by substantial majorities over Messrs. Riddell and McKay. This result was expected.

Both the by-laws voted on were carried by large majorities. These provide for the raising of $25,000 for the extension of Douglas street in connection with the reclamation of the James Bay flats, and for raising $12,000 to purchase a new site and erect thereon a new home for the old men.

The voting was as follows, the candidates elected being marked by a star:

**Aldermen.**

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| North Ward— | |
| Hall* | 595 |
| Hanna* | 454 |
| Fullerton* | 432 |
| Beckwith | 423 |
| Kinsman | 368 |
| Penketh | 311 |
| Dinsdale | 225 |
| Centre Ward— | |
| Goodacre* | 239 |
| Stewart* | 199 |
| Elford* | 140 |
| Levy | 134 |
| Quagliotti | 133 |
| Clarke | 106 |
| Anderson | 73 |
| South Ward— | |
| Douglas* | 435 |
| Fell* | 405 |
| Oddy* | 402 |
| Vincent | 318 |

**School Trustees.**

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| Huggett* | 1,121 |
| Bolton* | 1,116 |
| Jay* | 1,051 |
| Riddell | 736 |
| McKay | 690 |

**Douglas Street Bylaw.**

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| For | 797 |
| Against | 284 |

**Old Men's Home.**

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| For | 851 |
| Against | 270 |

## ANOTHER RUSSIAN SPY.

**A Mischievous Looking Muscovite Agent Arrives in Victoria and Is Detected by Local Sleuths.**

One day last week a short, thickset man, clad in very plain clothes, carrying his head well forward, his hair grey, also his moustache, with puffy face and eyes like boiled gooseberries, slouched up Trounce avenue to Broad street, looking neither to right or left, yet taking in everything through those dull, lustreless eyes. He paused opposite the Macgregor block, fished a notepad and pencil out of different pockets, and made a few notes, returned the book and pencil to his pocket, said: "Ah!" as if well pleased, and, on the approach of a Japanese workingman, beat a hasty retreat to the Driernon bar, where he said in pure Kettle-rendered Russian, evidently a slip of a well-greased tongue: "Oneoffski onski da vodka, andkin hurryupski."

The bartender turned a cold, suspicious eye upon the wretched man, who shivered even in his immensikoff and lit up a splendidad, which he pulled out of his droshky and ignited with a mujik. The barkeep phoned police headquarters in chinook, asking them to send the patrol wagon at once, as a man that looked like a spy was drinking fusel oil and snake-incubator at the bar and wanted attention. The d. t. wagon was soon on the scene. "Your name, sir?" asked the officer.

"Alexander Alexandrovitch, Serge Sergenvitch, Alexis, Ivan, Nikolas, Pushkin, Suwarrow, Skobeleff, Gortschakoff Mentschnikoff, Popoff, Katkoff. Badkoff, Aloff——"

"That'll do, cut it out, let up, cheese it, cease fire, dry up, silence; give us a rest and don't mention it," replied the officer cutting the spy short before he had one-third of his cognomen before the board.

"Into the wagon with him," ordered the officer.

"But what about his name; are you going to leave that behind?" asked one of the myrmidons.

"Let it go," retorted his superior, "we'll give the contract to the Victoria Truck & Dray Company to get it to police court before the hearing comes on."

"Clang! Clang!" and off went the spy to the lock-up. There he said he was not a Russian spy, but a Northern Spy by the name of Baldwin, from Greeningville, once known as King of Tompkins County, a relative of the Duchess of Oldenburg, and the hereditary Grand Duke of Gravenstein.

This, then, turned out to be the real Russian pie.

## CARDS OF THANKS.

To the Voters of the South Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to offer vou my sincere thanks for the proof of confidence extended to me by your votes at the municipal elections, and also for the able assistance rendered me by my friends and neighbors.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

To the Electors of South Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the continued confidence you have shown in me.

THORNTON FELL.

To the Voters of South Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to tender you my most hearty thanks for so kindly showing me by your votes, at Thursday's municipal elections, that you have confidence in me, and you may rest assured I will do my best to merit this trust.

B. S. ODDY.

To the Voters of North Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I wish to tender you my sincere thanks for the votes accorded me in the recent municipal elections, and also to thank my friends for their kind assistance.

W. J. HANNA.

To the Voters of the North Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—My sincere thanks are due you for your kind support at the recent municipal elections, and for the able assistance of friends and neighbors.

W. F. FULLERTON.

To the Voters of Centre Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to offer you my hearty thanks for the confidence you have shown in me by your votes at the municipal elections.

LAWRENCE GOODACRE.

To the Voters of Centre Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I wish to thank heartily all my supporters at the late municipal elections, and also those friends who so ably assisted me to win in the election.

A. STEWART.

To the Voters of Centre Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to offer my hearty thanks for the honor shown me by my re-election as Alderman.

J. P. ELFORD.

To the Electors of the Municipality:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to thank you for the support accorded me for school trustee in the municipal elections, and also those friends who assisted to secure my success.

A. E. BOLTON.

To the Municipal Electors:

Ladies and Gentlemen I take pleasure in tendering you my most hearty thanks for the large number of votes given me for the position of school trustee. which I hope to fill to your satisfaction.

ALFRED HUGGETT.

To the Municipal Electors:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for my re-election to the Board of School Trustees.

GEO. JAY.


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All contributions intended for publication in the issue of the current week should reach the office not later than Wednesday evening. They should be written in ink or by typewriter and on one side of the paper only, and if unsuitable such contributions will be returned providing only that a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

Original sketches, short stories, verse, "jokes," photographs, &c., submitted, will be carefully considered, and if acceptable, will be paid for if desired.

Contributors are reminded that "brevity is the soul of wit."

All contributions intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, and all business letters to the Manager.


## THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The choice of Aldermen lies with the people and therefore it may be assumed that the result of the civic elections on Thursday is satisfactory to the majority of citizens. Considerable regret nevertheless is felt at the defeat of Mr. Beckwith in the North Ward. He was counted among the younger group of public men of the city, and he always showed an independent spirit at the Council Board—a spirit much to be desired in civic bodies, where business too often is done in a friendly but somewhat slipshod manner. However, the electors preferred other men, and it is to be hoped that the gentlemen elected will prove worthy of the honor bestowed upon them.

On the whole, the new Council is a fairly strong body and representative of many different interests in the city. In Mr. Fullerton, elected in the North Ward, the labor party has a representative on the Board who will, no doubt, watch the interests of the workingmen of the city. Mr. James Douglas, who came out on top in the South Ward, is a young and energetic business man and a member of an old Victoria family, and may be counted upon to do his utmost for the city. The election of Dr. Lewis Hall was no surprise, as that gentleman has many friends in the city. The other new member of the Board is Mr. Hanna, whose election came somewhat as a surprise to many citizens, although he is recognized as a business man who takes considerable interest in public questions.

The Aldermen who have been reelected are to be congratulated on this proof of the confidence of the citizens, and those who failed of election no doubt will accept defeat in the best spirit and not lose interest in matters affecting the welfare of the municipality.

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Many citizens may consider Miss Agnes Deans Cameron's views in regard to the proposed extension of Birdcage Walk to be prejudiced, but the little sketch map she had printed in the Times on Wednesday attracted considerable attention. It seems doubtful if the projected improvement is worth the money it will cost, and there is a suspicion that this old-time scheme would not have gone through if Caledonia Park had not been purchased by a syndicate interested in the real estate business.

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Now it is said that the Minister of Finance will not be able to announce a surplus to the Provincial Legislature. It appears that the reckoning by which a balance on the right side of the books was foreshadowed was a trifle premature. This will be disappointing to the majority of British Columbians who hoped that the series of deficits had come to an end at last, and that the additional taxation had provided sufficient funds to meet the bills. The news probably is entirely satisfactory to the extreme partizans among the Liberals who will regard the situation as productive of additional ammunition to fire at the Government. It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

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The enterprising Associated Press announces on the authority of a "minister accredited to the Balkan courts"—whatever that may mean—that the long prophesied war between Turkey and Bulgaria is at least due next year. The usual detail of "importation of arms" is supplied to color the despatch. It is satisfactory to lovers of peace to read that this mysterious minister with the indefinite situation is "not prepared to say that the war will begin next spring." Fact is, the reading public is becoming bored with the Russo-Japanese war news and the A. P. is on the lookout for a change of reading matter.

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Following the severe rebuff administered to Mr. Congdon by the people of the Yukon at the recent election, it is expected that an unbiassed inquiry into the administration of the Northern territory will be instituted by the Dominion Government. It is realized by Liberals and Conservatives alike that the grave accusations made against Mr. Congdon and his subordinates call for immediate attention, if the honor of Canada is to be sustained abroad.

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Mr. Jonas Bushell, of Seattle, who lectured on temperance in this city on Tuesday, stated that actuaries of United States insurance companies are now discriminating against "moderate drinkers." If this is the case, the liquid sold in the United States must be inferior to that sold in Great Britain. Recently compiled statistics in the Old Country show that the average duration of life of "total abstainers" there is considerably less than that of consumers of alcoholic liquors.

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At a meeting of the B. C. Fishermen's Union held last week in New Westminster, the proposal emanating from the Puget Sound canners to close salmon fishing altogether during the years 1906 and 1908 was condemned chiefly because that arrangement would throw a large number of fishermen out of employment. The fishermen have a counter proposition that all fish traps be closed during those years, the fishermen being allowed to fish as usual. That is an excellent idea of the fishermen, but, of course, the canners and trappers have "the pull." It will not be acted upon.

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It is a relief to lovers of truth to see a candidate's agent publish a true statement of his election expenses. Mr. F. J. Hart's statement of what it cost Mr. J. D. Taylor to contest the seat for Westminster at the recent general elections looks quite probable. There is nothing set down for whisky or cigars, but then Mr. Taylor says his opponent (who won the seat) had that business all to himself. The list shows a total of $3,101.19 as Mr. Taylor's expenses. Of these $309 is for hire of conveyances, $320 for distribution of bills and "literature." Clerical assistance cost $506.85. The most interesting item is "Preventive and intelligence," $447.90. Sounds rather like a branch of the inland revenue and excise department!

## BROTHER EDITORS.

**Thanks.**

Victoria's literary weekly now calls itself The Week. The best one can wish it is a fat pay envelope every week.—Vancouver World.

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**A Tight Fix.**

Radcliffe, the official hangman, has other arrangements for January 13th and will not be in Kamloops to officiate at the execution of Joshua Bell. Deputy Sheriff J. M. B. Spinks is in somewhat of a flunk as unless he can procure a substitute he will by law be bound to conduct the gruesome operation.—Kamloops Standard.

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**Why Worry?**

Some Grit organs are doing a lot of worrying nowadays over what will happen to the McBride government after the legislative assembly meets next week. Several kinds of disaster were predicted before the session of 1904, and the Liberal prophets are no more likely to hit the mark now than they were then.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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**The Bald Truth.**

In these days the merchant who has not learned the art of advertising is out of date and only fit to run a country store where the natives are up against a monopoly—Fernie Ledge.

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**No More Congdon.**

The Star denies the claim of the Yukon World that Fred T. Congdon is still the logical leader of the Liberal party in Yukon. As leader of the party in the Yukon, Mr. Congdon has made a miserable and dismal failure.—Whitehorse Star.

## THE ENGINE OF THE FUTURE

A few days ago the world was asking if the horse was doomed. To-day there are few horses drawing street cars—except in New York city; there are gasoline motorcars flying over the roads of Europe and America carrying pleasure-seekers in great number; there are hundreds of electric express wagons and freight lorries in use in the larger cities of the two continents; there are electric landaus, hansoms and coupes; there are electric hose wagons, electric ambulances; there are electric inspection cars for use on railways; there are electric and steam automobiles in use in agricultural sections of America, Great Britain and South Africa.

To-day the world is asking if the steam engine is doomed. The answer seems to be the same with modifications. The water-wheel and the electric generator are being combined to do away with steam-engines in some places. At Georgetown, Ont., there is a paper mill which for years has been operated by water turbines and electric generators placed at a dam nearly a mile away. The water-power at Niagara Falls is being used in the same way. Water turbines are being connected with electric generators, and the resulting current is being conveyed to nearby towns and cities to be substituted for steam-power. This is one way in which the steam engine is being displaced.

Then there is another way. The steam turbine is displacing the piston engine. The turbine has no cylinder, no piston rod, no series of finely adjusted bearings, shafting and belting. Steam turbines from 5 to 6,500 horse-power are now in use, and are said to be more economical of fuel, are more satisfactory in every way, and certainly occupy much less space.

The greatest work, perhaps, of the turbine will lie in its application to the propelling of ships. The first compound steam turbine engine was built so long ago as 1884, by the Hon. C. A. Parsons, F. R. S., and applied to the driving of a dynamo with satisfactory results. The evolution of the turbine was rapid, and ten years later the pioneer Marine Syndicate was formed. The famous "Turbinia" underwent her initial trial in 1894. She was fitted with one shaft, which in 1896 gave place to three shafts with three propellers on each, making nine in all. The vessel developed a great speed, and excited particular attention in naval circles. Another vessel had four shafts and three propellers on each, making in all twelve propellers, but the tendency now is to abandon the tandem propeller and the multiplicity of shafting.

A turbine driven steamer has operated on Lake Ontario during 1904 between Toronto and Hamilton, and has been a great success. The Allans, ever foremost in Transatlantic transportation, are about to put into commission two high-class turbine driven steamers, the Victorian and the Virginian, each of 12,000 tons, 530 feet in length, and 61 feet beam—the largest steamers ever built for the St. Lawrence trade.—Canadian Magazine.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S SANCTUM.

The impatience of contributors to see their offerings in print is one of the minor trials of the editor. Some of the young writers of Victoria suffer very badly from this malady, and they probably would be very much shocked if they knew that the average professional writer is generally quite twelve months ahead of his work. Nearly all the magazines published in Great Britain and America have sufficient MSS. in stock to carry them over the next eighteen months at least. So that the writer, even if he be a well-known man, must expect to wait a long time before his work is printed—and also before he gets paid for it. Of course, in the case of a weekly paper, timely articles are generally printed as soon as possible, but stories and verses are convenient "copy" to hold until such time as there is space to fill, or lighter matter is in demand to suit the make-up of the paper.

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Mr. H. Bostwick draws my attention to the fact that the last issue of The Week was wrongly dated, 1904 instead of 1905. That is one of many instances of the ability of printers to forget those things which everybody else remembers. My correspondent will, I hope—one can never be sure about such things—find the date right in this issue.

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The Monkey competition is revived this week, the question being what he said when his water pipes burst. No swear words, unless in the form of a quotation from some classic writer, will be permitted. The plumbers have been busy this week in Victoria, so lots of readers will be able to compete on the strength of personal experience.

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If contributors would take the trouble to read the paper to which they sent their work they would have a good idea of what is wanted. So many people write to me asking just what is wanted and how much of it that I am constrained to give the above tip. A good, short, snappy paragraph is worth many long screeds about nothing in particular. Another point—some contributors forget that an editor seldom has eyes that can stand quite the worst kind of handwriting.

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Miss Agnes Deans Cameron will contribute to the next issue of The Week an article on the subject of "mixed" schools. This is a debatable subject and may lead to an interesting discussion. Apart from the standpoint of economy, I am inclined to think that the system has not had good results. Miss Cameron, I believe, takes the opposite view.

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I am always glad to receive from readers comments on the contents of the paper, which department they prefer, suggestions for new features and so forth. One correspondent wrote this week that he preferred the original short stories to anything else. I am glad to say that this department has come in for a good deal of commendation lately. Original work of this sort should be appreciated. Another correspondent writes that he appreciates what he calls "the independent spirit manifested in the editorial columns." Very nice of him; some people in Victoria seem to be a little afraid of that independence.

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A subscriber on Salt Spring Island writes calling my attention to the considerable trade done by the Victoria merchants with that and the adjacent islands of the Gulf, and expresses a hope that Victorians will not allow the Victoria Terminal railroad and the steamer attached to it to be absorbed by some big transportation company which may be more interested in Vancouver than in Victoria. If this happens, he is afraid the trade will be lost to this city.

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## A VISION OF VENGEANCE.

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Pale as a ghost and shiv'ring with fright;
The Chamberlain gave him a good nip of whisky,
And Nikolas Nikolaevitch thickly said thisky:

"Oh, Chamberlain, Chamberlain, woe unto me,
I've dreamed a dream that has sent me squee jee;
I thought that I saw there, descending the stair,
A vision that chilled me and raised up my hair.

" 'Twas a goblin of horribly fantastical mien,
As if it had walked out of a Japanese screen;
It chattered just like an alarm clock going off—
'Nichi shampoo Kur-r-r-iki, hari kari n'g'off!' "

What meant the foul demon I cannot surmise;
'Twas maybe a Nihilist dressed in disguise,
Call up my interpreter and let him explain
The meaning of words that sound so insane.

The linguist with gravity heard the strange tale,
Fingered his forehead and then turned pale.
"Alas, mighty Tsar, of the Russias all,
I'm afraid that you've had a mighty close call!

"The language employed by the spectral intruder
Was rude; nay, could scarce have been ruder:—
'We've finished your navy; next your armies we'll do,
And then we'll make very short work of you.

" 'Your guards may cunningly scheme your defence,
And watch you with care the most intense;
But we're coming, we're coming to cook your goose;
So Nikolas Nikolaevitch, prepare to vamoose!' "

—G.

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Tuesday evening, Cotillon club.

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Friday afternoon, children's private class.

Saturday afternoon, general class 2.15.

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# The Handicap of Marriage

**Curious Comments on a Curious Subject by a Curious and Famous Writer.**

In a leading London newspaper of recent date, John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie) had the following somewhat startling commentary upon the much-discussed question of the married state. She takes ground that may appeal to the ideas and prejudices of many of The Week's readers. Mrs. Craigie's letter is as follows:

Sir. There is one thing only which can make the marriage relation, even in the soundest financial circumstances, good for the race or good for individuals. That one indispensable gift is the gift of loving. People marry for money, for a home, for social advancement, or as a concession to respectability or under the spur of a sudden caprice, or in obedience to a stronger will, or in order to have legitimate heirs. Now and again one hears of a love-match; one is pleased; one is interested; one is told, as a rule, that the pair will not be very well off, one wonders what will happen; one envies the energy of the determined people. But it is not energy which drives men and women into such marriages as the world calls reckless. It is a master-impulse, which can no more be beaten than the ocean can be beaten down into a soil. And although passion may, and must, play its part in the impulse, it is a minor part in comparison with the imperious, constant need of the necessary other life. Some natures cannot exist at all, and others are starved unless they find the peculiar temperaments which deepen, or soften, or supplement, or hallow their own tendencies.

Mr. Brereton, however, ignores the sentimental and natural needs of the human being. The reason he gives for the present distrust of marriage is as curious as the phenomenon which he has endeavored so ably to explain. He blames the selfishness of the modern women—especially the women of the well-to-do, the burgess, and the upper-middle classes. He should have blamed their unselfishness. Women, where their feelings are in question, are not selfish enough; they appraise themselves not too dearly, but far too cheaply; it is the suicidal unselfishness of women which makes the selfishness of the modern bachelor possible. Bachelors are not all miscogynists, and the fact that a man remains unmarried is no proof that he is insensible to the charm of a woman's companionship, or that he does not have such companionship, on irresponsible terms, to a most considerable degree. Why should the average vain young man, egoistic by organism and education, work hard or make sacrifices for the sake of any particular woman, while so many are too willing to share his life without joining it, and so many more wait eagerly on his steps to destroy any chivalry or tenderness he may have been born with? Modern women give bachelors no time to miss them, and no opportunity to need them: their devotion is undisciplined, and it becomes a curse rather than a blessing to its object. Why? Because women have this strange power of concentration and self-abnegation in their love; they cannot do enough to prove their kindness. And when they have done all, and have been at no pains to secure their own position, they realize that they have erred through excess of generosity and the desire to please. This is the unselfishness shown toward bachelors. But surely we see yet greater unselfishness shown by wives toward their husbands. The vain, silly type of helpmate, so well described by Mr. Brereton, is an exception, and it must be remembered, in common fairness, that she is always chosen from a vain, silly set; she has been trained to care mainly for dress, and parties, and admiration. The man has probably married her just because she seemed lively and moved in an amusing, pleasure-seeking circle. If men want good wives, they must keep good company.

It is quite true that two people must find all their joy in each other if they undertake to marry, and bring up children, on a small income. It is quite true, also, that any young married man in quest of ornamental or picturesque appointments is discouraged by all his superiors and boycotted by the wives of his superiors. He finds himself left out of all the "fun," and even if he has made what is called a suitable match from the financial or the social standpoint, he is soon taught that his wife is a bore, or perhaps too agreeable, or perhaps too popular, or perhaps too important—through her connections or otherwise—or perhaps too humdrum. She will disturb, in one way or another, the balance of power among the seniors. Whoever she may be she is not wanted. Thus, many pleasant, passably intelligent, but weak men live in the terror of being "dropped" by, or of not being able to keep pace with, the patrons whom they like to call their friends. They are not content to remain with other young couples of their own status; they are always hoping and meaning to better themselves, and they confuse the yearnings of snobbery with honourable ambition. They go to houses where they are entertained on sufferance, because they are single men, and single men are always useful. They have not the sense to see that a man whose position depends on his playing the gentleman-in-waiting, the aide-de-camp, or the cloak-carrier with a certain grace, has no position at all when his figure has once lost its smartness and his pocket money runs short. To such young men marriage is indeed a handicap, but can it be maintained for a moment that it is to the advantage of the State that men of this calibre should become the nominal heads even of the most insignificant families? A correspondent in the Times gives the painful example of a long engagement between an heroic girl and a tepid lover, who spends his five hundred a year on amusements and himself. He says he cannot afford to marry. The truth is that he is seriously attached to no one; he has arranged his life on freer lines.

On the other hand, a large number of men and women are constitutionally unwilling to marry. This is not because they are selfish, or because they are vicious, or because they are incapable of affection, or because they shirk responsibilties. They may lack the overmastering impulse; they may have ideals and they will not accept compromises; sometimes they meet their loves too late and their fate is tragic. All fates are not domestic, and if some find sorrow in marriage, some find sorrow in singleness; some, too, do not find sorrow anywhere, and, isolated, live serenely enough, contented with mild friendships and no human ties.

But it is fantastic to suppose that a man of mettle can be kept from his proper goal by the vagaries or faults of his wife, and a man who apologized for his failure to succeed on such a ground would have immense difficulty in persuading the experienced that he was not a poor creature.

## NEW LINE TO FERNIE.

**Quick Schedule for Coast Trains—Spokane Looking for the Trade.**

Fernie was invaded yesterday by a group of bright, energetic Great Northern officials who came to inaugurate a daily passenger service over the G. N. R. into Fernie, says the Fernie Free Press of January 6th. Accompanying Mr. Yerkes, general western passenger agent, of Seattle, were H. A. Jackson, of Spokane, and F. L. Clarke, Jr., general western agent G. N. Express Co. A first class daily passenger service will be put on between Fernie and Rexford, Mont., on January 10th, to make close connections at the latter point with coast trains. The Fernie-Rexford train will be supplied with a baggage, a second-class and a first-class coach. The distance over the line is 62 miles.

The schedule reduces the time formerly taken to reach the coast very considerably. Spokane can be reached from Fernie in 9 hours 55 minutes; Seattle in 23 hours 40 minutes, and Vancouver in 29 hours 45 minutes. It took 60 hours to reach Vancouver on the C. P. R. lines.

Mr. Clarke, of the Express Company, states that he is making preparations to handle fish, fruits and all other perishable merchandise over the new line in a first-class manner and he had no doubt that a large trade would be worked up between Spokane and Fernie.

More B. C. trade going to Washington State!

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## AROUND THE STORES.

**"Babette" Describes Some of the After Holiday Bargains Now Being Offered.**

Dear Madge:

I am so sorry you are not in town, now that the cheap sales are on, because I know how you revel in them. I wonder why it is that these sales invariably take place when I am (to use Western slang) "broke." Perhaps, mon ami, you will think 'tis better thus, but you must agree with me when I say that it is rather inconvenient. However, I may be able to do a little shopping for you, when you hear of the great bargains that are to be had. Yesterday I paid a visit to a few of the dry goods stores that are advertising their slaughter sales, and I certainly found many things at extraordinarily low prices. Just fancy, Madge, beautiful China silk and crepe de chine blouse, a mass of tucks and insertion, at from $3 to $5! At another counter I saw such pretty remnants of all-over lace and embroidery for only 50 cents per yard. O! how I longed for a purse full of big "silver cart wheels!"

Velveteens, also, are very cheap just now, only 35 cents per yard, and one has quite a choice of colors. I saw a very pretty shade of dark heliotrope that might be made up beautifully into a smart opera cloak, if trimmed with good lace and fur.

Shopping bags, reticules, etc., seem to be a drug on the market; they exist in all shapes and sizes, and the prices range from 25 cents to $7. For $1.50 one can get quite a respectable leather bag, which originally (that is, before Christmas) was marked $3.50.

At one corner of this large department store, I saw a great number of the fair sex congregated in one solid mass, as it were, those on the outside edges craning their necks and hopping from one foot to another in a high state of excitement. I at once imagined some one in a faint, or a fit, and inquired the cause of this disturbance of a casual old lady, whom I saw coming from that direction. She simply said, "Hats; now's your chance." Well, Madge, I never saw such a mad rush for hats in my life, and they certainly were cheap. Think of this: Ready-to-wear hats from 75 cents to $4.75, and quite smart ones, too. Even I, the model of economy at present, was tempted then. But no! I said I would not be weak, and bravely passed on.

Then I found myself in the fancy neckwear department. Here dozens and dozens of pretty lace collars, ties, neck ribbons and fichus were selling for the small sums of 25, 50 and 75 cents. One dainty collar I noticed was made of cream lace, and studded with turquoise blue beads, with a tiny band of the same blue colored velvet around the top. This collar could be easily copied and made at home; it only requires a little patience in sewing the beads on, and the effect, I am sure, when finished, would repay one for the trouble.

After rambling over this shop from top to bottom, I betook myself to another large store over the way. This place was crowded, also; every one seems to recognize that unusual values are being offered, and that this is the month of great money-saving in home and personal needs. Remnants of dress goods were being offered here at exceptionally low prices. I noticed some very fine Scotch tweeds and homespuns, of the nondescript mixture, that wears so well. The regular price of these goods is $1.25 per yard, and they were selling them at 75 cents. This sort of material makes up beautifully in Norfolk suits or in tight fitting three-quarter length coat and tailor-made skirt; in fact, it is always smart for travelling and outing costumes. The lingerie here is also very cheap. Really, it does seem extraordinary to me how they can make such dainty little corset covers, like those I saw on the counters, tucked and trimmed with fairly good lace, for 50 cents each, some even as low as 25 cents. Besides these cheaper ones, there were others made of fine all-over embroidery, finished off with fine narrow edging, in embroidery also, and matching as near as possible the bodice part. This is a novel idea, and the effect is very pretty. You should make some, Madge; I am sure you will like them.

Tailor-made suits, rain coats and odd jackets are greatly reduced. I saw such a pretty frock for only $10. It was of dark brown cloth, piped with a lighter shade of brown velvet. The coat was made short and tight fitting, and the sleeves were wide and loose with broad cuffs. Straps came from the neck to the shoulder, edged with the piping and finished off with a fancy button. Straps were the only trimming. The skirt was pleated to the knees, falling out around the feet, and not quite touching the ground.

Now, good-bye, for the present; will write you again next week.

BABETTE.

## CATCH OF MACKEREL.

**Indian Fisherman Secures Fish Off Beechy Head—May Mean Development in Fishing Industry.**

On Wednesday last an Indian fisherman who had his net out in Beechy Bay landed about 85 mackerel. These succulent little fish ran headlong into his net, closely pursued by some larger fish, which, however, was not taken. The mackerel were sold in the city on Thursday and pronounced by several buyers as very excellent in quality and flavor.

The general belief in the city is that mackerel never before have been caught in our waters, but one Indian fisherman—among several questioned by a representative of The Week—declared that his father, who had followed the same occupation, had told him that 40 years ago a considerable quantity of mackerel was taken near Victoria. However, Indian records of this sort are not always reliable, and there may be people in Victoria who can give better information.

Be that is it may, it is quite certain that mackerel have not reached this latitude in any quantity before and the catch may have considerable significance. In the first place it is pretty certain that the fish caught must have been separated from a larger school which travelled up here, probably by a raid upon the school by some enemy, and it will be interesting to learn if any more mackerel are taken and where. It is highly improbable that only a few hundred of the fish would have come up North, as these fish travel in large bodies. In the second place, the question arises as to whether there is any chance of the mackerel permanently establishing themselves in these waters. If they do so, it will mean an important addition to the local fishing industry. The mackerel business in California, for instance, is of great importance.

The mackerel taken are of the type found in southern waters. They have not the spots which mark the Atlantic mackerel, but in other respects they are very similar. Some Atlantic mackerel were placed in Californian waters some time ago, but owing to the different marking, the fish taken here can hardly have come from that source.

Mr. W. H. Finlayson, a member of one of the oldest Victoria families, has opened up in the real estate and insurance business. He has established himself in offices at 76½ Government street, where he will be glad to show visitors some first class bargains.

Among some of the handsome calendars issued by Victoria firms, that of The Colonist P. & P. Company is of especial interest as an example of the excellent lithographing work done in the office. Mr. R. E. Brett, agent for the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, has also distributed some workmanlike calendars.

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# Social News and Gossip

## FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

### Miss Violet Vernon Married to Captain Blandy, R. E., at Christ Church Cathedral.

At Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon last, Miss Violet Mary Vernon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Vernon, of "Ivy Hill," Humboldt street, was married to Captain Lyster F. Blandy, Royal Engineers, now stationed at Halifax, N.S., and formerly at Work Point, was performed by the Rev. Canan Beanlands, M.A., rector of the cathedral, assisted by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Columbia.

If there is any truth in the old adage, "Happy is the bride on whom the sun shines," then one of the most popular of Victoria's young ladies has entered on a blissful period of her existence, for never did sun shine brighter than on Miss Vernon's wedding day. The cathedral was beautifully decorated with festoons of evergreens and large clusters of white carnations, while the altar was a mass of beautiful white chrysanthemums. Among the large and fashionable congregation, the bright red coats of the fellow officers of the groom were conspicuous, and the right aisle was completely taken up by the Royal Engineers from the Barracks. Long before the arrival of the bridal party, the church was packed to the doors, and the ushers were kept busy keeping the centre aisle clear for the invited guests.

At the appointed time the fair young bride was escorted by her father up to the altar rails, followed by her two maids of honor, Miss Alice Bell and Miss V. Pooley, and four wee bridesmaids, Misses Kathleen and Muriel Dunsmuir, Angela Blandy and Doris Watts. The bride was magnificently gowned in ivory Duchesse satin, trimmed with some rare old Brussels lace, which was worn by her mother when she, too, was a bride. The wedding veil was caught up with dainty sprays of orange blossoms, and the bride carried a large shower bouquet of roses and ferns. Her ornaments were a beautiful diamond star, the gift of the groom, and a lovely quaint old pearl brooch that belonged to her grandmother. The maids of honor wore pretty gowns of pale blue crepe de chine, with many frills. Large pale blue panne velvet picture hats, with bunches of scarlet berries, completed their costumes. The little bridesmaids were daintily attired in white, and carried baskets of white flowers and scarlet berries.

Capt. Popham, A. M. C., acted as groomsman, and the ushers were Messrs. W. Y. Willis, R. N., Charles Vernon, H. Fall, G. Johnson and J. A. Rithet.

After the impressive marriage ceremony, the happy couple passed down the centre aisle to the strains of Mendelssohn's well-known wedding march, and under a long archway of crossed swords of the officers of the Royal Engineers. The bridal party and guests then repaired to the Driard Hotel, where a reception was held, and five hundred or more gathered to offer good wishes and congratulations to the newly wedded couple. The spacious drawing rooms of the hotel were nicely decorated with evergreens, smilax, white and scarlet carnations and chrysanthemums. The supper table was daintily arranged in white and silver, with the large five-layer wedding cake in the centre. After numerous speeches the health of the bride was proposed and heartily drunk by all those present.

Mrs. Charles Vernon, mother of the bride, received in a beautiful black silk dress and wore diamond ornaments and rich lace.

Amon~ the smartly gowned guests were noticed: Mrs. Bunbury, in pale heliotrope with picture hat to match; Mrs. Bland, in a smart dress of brown cloth with rich furs and toque of brown velvet; Mrs. Watts, becomingly gowned in pale blue with white marabou stole and large white hat; Mrs. Barnard, who wore dark red with sable; Mrs. Frank Hanington, in black with white trimmings; Miss Brady, in a very pretty grey velvet dress, with hat of sable; Mrs. Cuppage, who looked smart in cream voile with large pale blue hat; Mrs. Gibbs, who wore a dainty gown of white over pale green, with a black hat; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, who was much admired in a lovely gown of brown chiffon velvet, with toque to match, trimmed with cerise colored roses; Mrs. Hood wore white and a large picture hat with pale pink roses; Mrs. A. Martin wore a pretty gown of dark green cloth and black hat; Mrs. Gillespie, in a grey velvet dress with a dark red hat and ermine furs; Miss Flumerfelt wore pale blue and large picture hat trimmed with parma violets; Mrs. A. W. Jones wore dark grey velvet and sable muff and stole; Mrs. Rithet was beautifully gowned in rich black guipure and black silk; Mrs. Genge wore white voile with large black hat; Miss Pooley wore a handsome dress of pale blue, relieved with touches of black velvet and a blue panne velvet hat with large black plume; Mrs. Pooley was in seal brown cloth with toque to match; Mrs. Langworthy wore pale green with white lace, and large black picture hat; Miss McEnnry looked smart in white voile; Miss Eberts wore a tan cloth gown, with black hat; Miss Loewen wore white, and Miss G. Loewen wore mauve; Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble wore a smart frock of pale blue with hat to match.

Captain and Mrs. Blandy left for San Francisco in the evening for their honeymoon tour, on the conclusion of which they will take up their residence in Halifax.

#### The Presents.

The presents were numerous and beautiful, many coming from long distances. Following is a list:

L. F. Blandy, pearl and enamel necklace, pearl brooch and diamond star; Charles A. Vernon, cheque; Mrs. C. A. Vernon, old silver, Brussels lace and diamond ring; Mrs. M. E. McTavish, cheque, pearl brooch, two silver entree dishes, lace table cloth and jewel case; F. G. Vernon, cheque, cut glass decanters and silver case; Miss Beatrice Vernon, London, Eng., gold curb bracelet; C. H. Vernon, silver afternoon tea kettle; Mrs. Blandy, cheque; Miss Blandy canteen of silver; Mrs. Nichol, Miss M. Blandy and Nicholas Blandy, silver lamp; J. Blandy-Jenkins, cheque; J. Carne-Blandy, silver tray; General and Mrs. Dawson Scott, silver cigarette box; Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller, cheque; Miss Gena Fuller, silk embroidery; Masters Duncan and Nick Fuller, black seal and silver purse; Misses Constance and Margaret Blandy, hand painted tortoise fan; Dr. Mansfield, pair Cloisonne vases and silver calendar; Commander Sandeman, silver tea set and spoons; Miss Bromley, England, silver belt buckle; Major and Mrs. Black, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, case silver and mother-of-pearl fish and fruit knives and forks; Commander Hunt, large silver teapot; Capt. and Mrs. Brady, R. E., travelling clock and silver case; Mrs. Bancroft, fancy work; Miss Alice Bell, Louis XIV. clock; Mrs. Bell, silver photo frame; Mrs. Goodhart, silver frame; Mr. Boscowitz, London, England, pearl and turquoise bracelet, diamond and ruby pendant, diamond fish brooch; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beaven, silver bon-bon dish; Kip, embroidered padded silk dressing gown; Lieut. and Mrs. Arthur Bromley, silver tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Burton, clock; Capt. Bowdier, R. E., silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, cut glass and silver biscuit jar; Capt. and Mrs. Watts, travelling clock, silver case; Rev. D. Dunlop, cut glass and silver bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnstone, silver-mounted umbrella; Alexis Martin, Crown Derby plate; Mr. Scott Whitin~ silver portrait frame; Colonel and Mrs. A. W. Jones, pair silver candlesticks; A. J. C. Galletly, pair silver frames; Mr. and Mrs. Cuppage, cut glass dish; Mrs. Powell, silver mirror; Mrs. B. W. Pearse, cheque; Dr. J. S. Helmcken, cheque; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hood, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Lawless, Ireland gold and turquoise bracelet; Capt. and Mrs. Parry, silver box; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, tea set; Mr. Justice Drake, silver travelling clock; Mrs. McCallum, silver frame; Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, silver frame; Judge and Mrs. Cornwall, cheque; Mlle. Fensch de Kerper, embroidered tea cloth; Mr. Stamford, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, silver salts; Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, silver jewel case; Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury, pearl and ruby brooch; Challoner & Mitchell, hand-painted vase; A. T. Monteith, cut glass cream jug and sugar basin; Capt. and Mrs. Davidson, hand painted fan; Mr. Cambie, brass jewel box; Mrs. Hickling, cut glass and silver puff box; Colonel English, Major Bland and officers of the Garrison, pair silver candlesticks with shades; Mr. Menzies, pair cut glass vases; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wolley, fish slice and fork; Mrs. Bland cut glass and silver claret jug; Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing, Tiffany vase; Colonel and Mrs. Prior, case silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Little, case silver spoons; E. P. Colley, silver bon-bon dish; Arthur Gore, silver scent bottle; Capt. Popham, silver coffee service on silver tray; Miss Olive Boswell, silver photo frame; A. W. Vowell, silver fruit dish; the Misses Devereaux, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Long, Rossland, silver berry spoon; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, cheque; Mrs. Pemberton, silver bon-bon dish; Mr. and Mrs. Gore, Limoges vase; Mrs. Rome and Mrs. Blaiklock, silver tea strainer; J. C. Cambie, silver frame; Miss Woodward, water color painting; W. Fisher, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, silver berry spoon; Miss Violet Powell, silver salts; Mr. and Mrs. Genge, silver butter dish; Justice and Mrs. Martin, silver ink bottle; H. Pollen, silver powder box; Mr. and Mrs. Lampman, Tiffany vase; Mrs. Macdonald, pin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, silver bon-bon dish; Commander and Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble, four silver peppers; Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Burns, G. clock; Mr. and Mrs. Flumerfelt, silver salts; Miss Flumerfelt, cut glass and silver scent bottle; Ah Young, Chinese tea set; Ah Wing, embroidered cloth; Mrs. Roper, two gold pins; Miss Cornwall, two gold pins; Dr. and Mrs. Wasson, vase; Hon. E. and Mrs. Dewdney, two silver napkin rings; Miss Dunsmuir, purse; employees B. C. Pottery Co., cut glass bowl; Mrs. Dodds, prayer book, velvet cover; Miss Bodwell, brass photo frame; Mrs. Langley, hand painted chiffon scarf; Tronson Vernon, cheque; Miss Keefer, cut glass carver rests and sachet; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hunter, silver frame; Major Dupont, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson, brass tray; Mr. Roper, set turquoise buttons; H. Gillespie, two cut glass vases; B. H. T. Drake, four silver salts; Mr. Hills, silver butter dish; Miss Powell, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, silver fruit dish; J. A. Rithet, silver cheese scoop; Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, silver frame; the Misses Swiney, silver cigarette holder; Mrs. R. Jones, silver bell; R. Stuart, hand painted drape; J. J. McEnnery, silver butter dish; F. O'Reilly, silver pin tray; Mr. and Miss O'Reilly, one pair silver salts; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, silver vase; Mr. and Mrs. Carew Gibson, Dresden china plate; the Old Hands S. M. Company, R. E., silver tea set and tray; the Premier and Mrs. McBride, silver crumb tray and scraper; S. Patton, case silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Gibb, lace tea cosy; Mrs. Rocke and Dr. Herman Robertson, silver frame; Mrs. Mary Murphy, two bon-bon dishes and silk handkerchief; Mr. and Mrs. Laundy, cut glass and silver scent bottle; Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, book; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart, silver pin tray; Campbell Sweeney, silver fork; N. K. Prior, silver puff box; Mrs. Pemberton, tray; Mr. and Mrs. Pooley, cheque.

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Highwood, the residence of Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, was the scene of a small dance on Wednesday evening last. The dance was given for the younger members of the family, who invited a number of their friends, and all enjoyed themselves until the small hours. Some of the guests were the Misses Monteith, Mr. Roger Monteith, Miss Pooley, Miss V. Pooley and Mr. Tom Pooley, Miss Foster, Mrs. Thorp-Double, Miss T. Drake, Miss Violet Drake, the Misses Tilton, Miss Todd, Miss Mara, Miss Alice Bell, Miss G. Green, Miss Phipps, Miss E. Hanington, Mr. D. Hanington, Miss Bullen, Mr. D. Bullen, Miss Brady, Miss Dupont, Miss Irvin~ and Mr. W. Irving, Messrs. Jones, Foot, Morris, F. Hanington, J. Cambie, B. Prior, B. and L. Bell, Harvey, Irvine, Forsyth and G. Johnson.

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At Cutler, near Sudbury, Ontario, S. P. Dawson, one of Fernie's most energetic contractors, was married last Saturday to Miss Ethel Foster. They will make their home in Fernie.

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Miss Phoebe Boak and Mr. Thos. McKenzie Archibald, of Nanaimo, were uited in marriage by the Rev. A. E. Heatherington last Saturday.

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A masquerade ball is to be given in the Assembly Hall at Nanaimo on January 16th. The affair is looked forward to as the event of the season and large numbers of Coal City people have signified their intention of taking it in.

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Mr. R. Grant, M. P. P., of Cumberland, has returned home after an extended sojourn on Mr. Fortune's ranch near Kamloops, where he went in search of better health. He has quite recovered.

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Mrs. N. B. Grisley, of Elford street, gave a small tea to a few of her friends on Tuesday last, in honor of Miss Jefferies. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. R. Brett, the Misses Angus, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Buchart, and the Misses Buchart.

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A. J. Baxter, secretary of the Vancouver Tourist Association, is very seriously ill.

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Mayor Keary, of New Westminster, just elected for his third consecutive term of office, was in Victoria during the week on business.

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The Rev. H. H. Gowen delivered the first of his interesting lectures on Tuesday evening, January 10th. The attendance was not as good as was expected, and it is hoped that in the future a larger number will be present. All the following lectures will be given in the drawing-room of the Driard Hotel, Mr. Harrison having kindly allowed the Tuesday Club the use of this room for that purpose.

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The annual ball of the Native Sons will be held on Friday, February 10, in the Assembly rooms. The Native Sons intend making this event the gala dance of the year and will spare no expense to accomplish this end. The following members of the order have the dance in hand: Chairman of general committee, W. H. Langley; secretary, Arthur E. Haynes; treasurer, S. Sea, Jr.; supper committee, Jos. E. Wilson, Chas. F. Gardiner, Arnot Kerr, W. A. Lawson and Phil Austin; hall and decorations, W. H. Langley and the general committee; music, Jas. Fletcher, Frank Higgins and Arthur E. Haynes; printing, Frank Higgins and G. F. Fox.

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Miss Clute, of New Westminster, sister of Mrs. (Dr.) Fagan, of this city, is paying a visit to Mrs. Thos. Tye, of 277 Douglas street.

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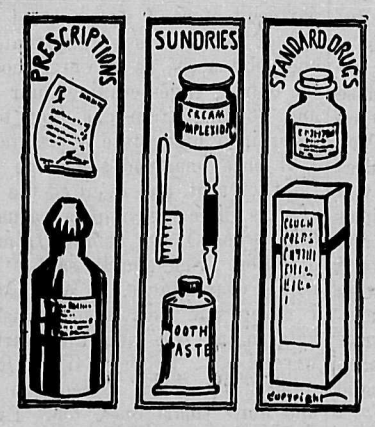
Mr. Geo. L. Courtney, traffic manager for the E. & N. railway, is making a flying trip to the east.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# The Stage

### The Redmond Theatre.

Victoria theatre-goers will regret the departure of the Redmond Stock Company who have played so successful and satisfying a season at the new theatre. However, the parting is not likely to be forever, as Mr. Redmond retains his theatre and makes this move on sound managerial principles. The first season of the Redmond Company in Victoria closes tonight, when no doubt there will be a bumper house to see the amusing comedy, "Brother John."

Commencing on Monday, the Platt-Fanning Company open at the Redmond Theatre for a season of indefinite duration. The first play produced will be "The Black Flag," an English melo-drama of well established popularity. During the second half of the week the bill will be, "Shall We Forgive Her?" a pleasant problem play, the scene of which is laid partly in the Australian bush and partly in England. The Platt-Fanning Company is an excellent organization and can be counted a good successor to the Redmond's.

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### At The Grand.

Manager Jamieson, of the Grand Theatre, on Johnson street, reports big business during the entire week. The offering at this popular house is a strong one. The principal feature, and undoubtedly the one to which the large attendance is mainly attributable, being the marvellous act of the Cliffords, in which Miss Clifford, with the greatest ease, and with apparently not the slightest discomfort, puts swords, knives, razors, saws, bayonets, scissors and innumerable other instruments, some fifteen inches down her throat. A sensational finale is the firing of a small cannon about two feet long and six inches in diameter at the butt, which is attached to the hilt of a bayonet inserted in her throat. There is nothing revolting in the act nor is there any "fake" about it, although it excites the amazement of medical men and laymen alike.

Another strong feature which keeps the audience in convulsions from start to finish is the turn of O'Brien and West, comedians, in a running fire of up-to-date gags and comic songs. The Curtis Sisters render operatic and popular selections in pleasing voice, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morrell bring down the house in a most amusing comedy sketch entitled "Home Troubles." Mr. Roberts sings the illustrated song "There's aMother Always Waiting for You at Home, Sweet Home," and the moving pictures offer a very realistic representation of battle and other scenes in the war between Japan and Russia.

There will be two matinees today, beginning at 2:30, at which only five cents will be charged for children, and the week will close with three performances tonight, beginning at 7:30.

For the coming week, Manager Jamieson promises one of the best programmes yet given at the Grand, in that the main feature is the greatest novelty yet presented at a popular priced house. At very large expense he has secured, almost direct from the St. Louis exhibition, the Shak-Hadji-Tahars' troupe of seven Arabs, as whirling Dervishes, gun-drilling, acrobatic pyramids, tumbling, and portraying Arabic pastimes. This act, which will undoubtedly pack the Grand from floor to ceiling every night next week, will provide the major part of the entertainment, but in addition there will be Clem Magee, in monologue and singing cartoon work, and Miss Core Francis Bowen, a double-voiced nightingale in soprano and baritone selections, both great acts. Mr. Roberts will sing, "Please Come and Play in My Yard," and the Manning Sisters will be new and interesting. The week will open with the matinee on Monday afternoon, beginning at 3 p. m. sharp.

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### The Savoy.

"The Rag-Picker's Child," this week's comedy-dramatic offering, closes a successful week tonight. The drama met with big success. The many specialties introduced were of the best and all met with a hearty reception. It is the intention of the management to offer varied attractions, i.e., one week drama, then comedy and burlesque, and at the same time presenting an entire change of vaudeville features.

For next week, commencing January 16, the burlesque offering will be one of Bob Hewlette's merry numbers arranged in one act and called "The Skule fur Skandul," introducing the entire company in the cast. This is a musical burletta and laughable from start to finish. The vaudeville features for the coming week are said to be of the best. Among them may be mentioned the St. Clair Sisters, comediennes, and Mamie Lawrence, the Colorado nightingale. These artistes come direct from Denver, Colorado, to Victoria. The hold-overs will appear in entire new specialties. Several changes have been made in the stock company, and the new members come highly recommended and are sure to meet with success. The management have many surprises booked for the near future that will prove a revelation to the many patrons of this popular home of burlesque, vaudeville and drama.

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### The Platt-Fanning Co.

One of the events of the present theatrical season will be the engagement of the Platt-Fanning Company at the Redmond Theatre, commencing on Monday next. They come well recommended from a six weeks' successful engagement at the Alcazar Theatre in Seattle. Some of the plays that this company are producing are "The Black Flag," "Shall We Forgive Her," "Siberia," "Cinderella," "Monte Cristo," "Bottom of the Sea," "The Man From Mexico," "The Young Wife," etc. The company carries its own carpenter and scenic artist, who build and paint everything for each play in their repertoire. Among the members are such well known players as Frank Fanning, Sidney Platt, Russel Reid, William Mullen, Al. Newman, Theodore Joss, Charles Place, Rupert Drum, Molise Campion, Georgie Francis, Julia Chandler, Maybelle Place, Jack Medland.

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### The Victoria Theatre.

"The New Dahomey," produced by the Williams and Walker outfit at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday night drew a big crowd, most of whom enjoyed portions of the performance, which is entirely silly, with a certain amount of fun in it.

Last night the old English comedy, "The Rivals," was creditably staged by the two Jeffersons and a capable cast.

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Miss Grace Pinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pinder, of this city, has for some time past been a member of the chorus in one of the leading comic opera companies now playing in London, England. This young lady possesses a splendid voice, and is sure to be a success in the profession she has chosen.

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The French Senate adopted a Bill repealing the article of the Civil Code which prohibits a divorced person from marrying the co-respondent.

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Yarmouth Town Council accepted the lowest Belgian tender for tramway rails, the price being 9s. 6d. per ton less than the lowest English tender.

## TROUBLE AT COLEMAN.

### Miners Go Out on Strike for Recognition and a Scale of Wages.

On January 1st at a mass meeting of the Miners' Union at Coleman a strike was declared against the International Coal and Coke Co., and on the following morning the mines were tied up. The strike was declared with the consent of F. H. Sherman, president of the District Union. The mine management threatened to import labor, so enginemen and firemen were called out and the fires were drawn. The pumps have been taken from the mines and everything points to a bitter fight. The men are determined to secure the recognition of the union.

At a public meeting of the townspeople on Tuesday a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Galer to endeavor to get him to meet the union committee. Mr. Galer is out of town, meeting his directors, and nothing has been heard from him. It is understood that the International company have entered into contracts with the C.P.R. at a very low figure and this may explain why they refuse to agree to a scale of wages.

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American defaulters drop in here thinking it is a sequestered nook far from the madding crowd of detectives' ignoble hurry to round them up. Two of them discovered this week that Victoria is not a good place to spend the lie-low season.

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Knowledge of the Bantu language may be acquired by studying an outline dictionary which is being printed by the Oxford University Press to the order of the British South Africa Company. Handbooks dealing with the Senga and Wisa dialects are to be issued next year.

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**Victoria Fr** **I Claim.**

Situated in the Mount Sicker Division of Chemainus District.

Where located.—On the east slope of Mount Brenton.

Take notice that, I, W. A. Dier, agent for the Mount Sicker and Brenton Mines (Limited) Free Miners' Certificate No. B85247 intend, 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1904.

W. A. DIER

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## LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the Application of William Farrell for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Subdivision Lots D and E of the Garbally Estate (Map 116) Victoria District (now Victoria City).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above land to William Farrell on the 6th day of February, 1905, unless, in the meantime, a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by a person claiming an estate or interest therein or in any part of it.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 31st October, 1904.


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Owens and Lamar,
Dancing Marvels.

Mamie Lawrence,
Denver Nightingale.

Mlle Laurendeau
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Minnie Adams,
Balladist.

Anita DeShontz,
Serio-Comic.

Mae Mulqueen,
Serio-Comic.

And the One Act Burletta by Bob Hewlette, entitled

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DAILY 7.30 to 11.30
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## Sports and Pastimes

### Hockey.

Weather permitting — and at the time of writing it looks bad—a very interesting game will be played at Oak Bay this afternoon between the Victoria champions and the team of the Royal Garrison Artillery. Victoria recently defeated Vancouver and last week the R. G. A. team did the same thing and the soldiers are feeling pretty pleased with themselves. The standing of the four teams at present is as follows:

| | Pld. | Wn. | Lst. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| R. G. A. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Victoria | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| R. E. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

The game today will commence shortly before 3 o'clock. The Victoria team will be: Full backs, C. McLean, A. McLean, K. Gillespie; half backs, W. Winsby, W. Jagers, H. Gillespie; forwards, L. York, A. Gillespie, K. Scholefield, centre (capt.), B. Schwengers, B. Tye; reserve, H. R. N. Cobbett, J. Hart.

Next Saturday, January 21, the Victoria intermediate team will play a match at Oak Bay with the Duncans team. The intermedidates are a pretty strong bunch, the forward line being especially capable. The Duncans team is newly organized, but contains several good players, and a very interesting match should result. The Victoria team will be selected from the following. H. R. N. Cobbett, Cliff Rogers, Jack Gibson, F. Nason, S. Winsby, D. McInnes, Chas. Jenkinson, R. Hayward, G. Carne, H. H. Brown, H. A. Brown, Leslie Bell, T. Forsythe and J. Cambie.

The intermediates have selected their officers, S. Winsby being captain and Jack Gibson vice-captain.

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### Association Football.

The schedule of the Vancouver Island Football Asociation, drawn up at a recent meeting of delegates is as follows

Jan. 14—Victoria United vs. Egeria; referee, Mr. Williamson, R.N.

Jan. 14—Garrison vs. Bonaventure; referee, Mr. French, R.N.

Jan. 19—Egeria vs. Garrison; referee, Mr. Goodenough.

Jan. 21—Victoria vs. Bonaventure; referee, Mr. Hanbury.

Jan. 23—Columbia vs. Egeria; referee Corporal Miller, R.E.

Jan. 28—Columbia vs. Garrison.

Jan. 28—Egeria vs. Victoria.

Feb. 4—Bonaventure vs. Columbia.

Feb. 9—Bonaventure vs. Egeria.

Feb. 11—Garrison vs. Victoria.

Feb. 11—Egeria vs. Columbia.

Feb. 18—Victoria vs. Columbia.

Feb. 23—Bonaventure vs. Garrison.

Feb. 25—Garrison vs. Columbia.

Feb. 25—Victoria vs. Bonaventure.

Mar. 4—Columbia vs. Bonaventure.

Mar. 4—Victoria vs. Garrison.

Mar. 11—Columbia vs. Victoria.

Mar. 11—Garrison vs. Egeria.

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### Rugby Football.

A very interesting scheme is on foot to send a British Columbia team to tour Australia, and Mr. H. Gillespie is in Vancouver seeing what he can do there. It is proposed to take five players from Victoria, Ken. Scholefield, the two Gillespies, J. C. Barnacle and J. Cornwall.

Nothing definite has been arranged in regard to the proposed match between the Island and the Mainland.

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### Handball.

The championship doubles tournament of the J. B. A. A. will commence on the 15th inst., and the following entries have been received: J. Hunter and J. Leeming, R. Peden and K. Hughes, S. Jost and S. McB. Smith, B. C. Pettingell and J. Sutherland, A. Belyea and J. Finlaison, R. Woods and D. Mowat.

P. K. Winch has a big lead in the first round of the Fernwood handicap tournament with 100 per cent. R. Westcott and W. P. Marchant have 66 per cent. each, and W. P. Bassett and E. B. Jones, 50 per cent. Play will be resumed on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The game in the Y. M. C. A. tournament between Terry and Fisher and Northcott and Roskamp resulted in a victory for the former by the following score: 21-29, 15-21, 21-20.

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### Basketball.

At the drill hall this Saturday night the match between No. 5 Co., 5th Regt., Cloverdale intermediates and juniors will commence at 8 o'clock. The teams will line up as follows:

No. 5 Co.—Forwards, Clegg and Morris; guards, Sweeney and Jenkinson; centre, Roskelly.

Cloverdale—A. Dakers, C. Cousins, forwards; guards, J. Dakers and R. Owens; centre, A. Chislett.

No. 5 Co. Juniors—Johnston and Sellick, forwards; Ross and Clark, guards; Clegg, centre.

Cloverdale Juniors—Forwards, G. Coughlan and N. Owens; guards, E. Harris, C .Coughlan; centre, B. Graham.

## THE HUNT CLUB.

### Last Saturday's Run Commenced Heavy—Next Outing Depends on a Thaw.

The Victoria Hunt Club run on Saturday last started from the Royal Oak. The going was rather heavy at first through the plowed fields. However, they managed to get in some good galloping later on. The course led over Messrs. Garret's, Deville's, Bull's and McKenzie's land, and they finished on the Strawberry Vale road. The turnout was small, owing to a number of the horses not being fit. There was but one "upset," horse and rider coming "to earth" by landing on a stray rail after getting safely over the jump. Fortunately, the ground was very soft, and they only got a little shaking up. If the weather permits and the frost disappears, the next meet will take place from "Mountjoy," the residence of Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Foul Bay road, on Saturday, at 2:30 p. m.

Following are the names of those who took part in last Saturday's run. Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, Mrs. Bland, Miss Violet Pooley, Capt. Popham, Lieut.-Col. English, Messrs. W. T. Williams, T. Pooley and P. Garnett.

## TALES OF THE STREET

It is better to have a pull than a reputation for decency.

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By the way, who is Captain Orlando Cullen?

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S. S. Taylor certainly got in the neck, when the C. J. delivered judgment.

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The British officer, be he milingtary or nivy, is apt to fall a victim to the charms of Victoria's pretty girls.

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All the development noticeable in British Columbia to-day is taking place in the Okanagan or along the Crow.

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What a gorgeous fuss the Yankees do make about the Nan Patterson case. Just a second-rate prize fighter and a chorus girl of easy virtue!

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How those big turkeys of Mr. Hodgson, of Galiano Island, survived the Christmas season to put in an appearance at the poultry show puzzled many people.

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If "In Dahomey," as presented at the Victoria theatre on Thursday night, was really commanded before the King, as advertised, His Majesty must have been jolly hard up for amusement. "The Week" begs leave to doubt the story.

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"Gentlemen," shouted the enthusiastic candidate for Victoria alderman, "I can assure you I know this Indian Reserve question down to the ground, inside and out; for I'm personally acquainted with every Indian, male and female, on that Reserve!" (Sensation, roars of laughter, and calls of "Rooster!")

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Wonder what has become of the old wiseacre who fulminated the dictum: "He who eats rice, thinks rice," as one expression of occidental contempt for oriental capacity. At all events, the Russians "think rice" is what the inmates of the United States penitentiaries are pleased to denominate "hot stuff."

Of all the wines that from the East
Are fetched by sale or barter
I dearly love, said the great white Tsar,
The wine they call Port Arthur.

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What some people say in Victoria is that unlimited "gall" is more successful than honesty and competence combined.

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"Committed to earth" is the latest sentimental introduction to a funeral notice in the Colonist.. It means less than "laid at rest" and a great deal less than "at peace with God"—which is at least an expression of editorial opinion. This sort of stuff makes even school boys feel tired.

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Oregon has produced another freak. This sample of perverted growth, a male person of the genus homo, has sent $25 to "Nan" Patterson, with a note saying that if she needs more there is plenty where that came from. The Patterson woman must now feel certain that it was not the last of the fools she killed.

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### The Baltic Fleet.

Rojdestvensky gaily out wentsky
Looking for wily old Togo.
But Nick, the white Tsar, recalled the bold tar,
And so that little trip was no go.

G.

If you have beauty,
We can take it;
If you have none,
We can make it.
**Savannah, Photo Studio, Fort St.**

Jehovah never did a finer thing than when he turned Adam and Eve out of the Garden, and said: "Children, get busy!"—Elbert Hubbard.

An article now widely advertised is goat lymph. I know a man who tried some, and he developed into a buttinsky.—The Philistine.

If there are men who can be hypnotized by such a face as Mrs. Chadwick is compelled to wear, what would happen if a woman who looked half-way pretty tackled them?