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Trespassers Prosecuted

The Right of Private Ownership of Land is the Same in B. C. as Elsewhere

Whence originated the idea that in British Columbia it is necessary for the owner of property to put a fence around it and post placards announcing that "Trespassers will be prosecuted" in order to preserve his rights to his own premises? If a man leaves his land unenclosed in certain cases a presumption arises that he is willing that the public should freely enter upon it, but the rule is by no means general. For example, in certain parts of Canada and the United States the practice is not to fence the tilled fields, but only the pastures, and in consequence one drives along the road with crops growing almost to the wheel tracks. In many cities, and to some extent in Victoria, the practice of householders is to leave their gardens unfenced. It would be absurd to suggest in these cases that the public have even a color of right to go tramping over the premises. Of course in the case of unoccupied areas the rule is different, and it would be difficult for, say, the E. & N. Railway Company to sustain an action against a man for entering upon their domain and shooting grouse, although technically to do so without permission would be a trespass. But when a man puts a fence around his land everyone is bound to take notice that he intends his ownership shall be respected, and a sportsman has no more right to climb over the fence and shoot grouse than he has to enter an orchard and pick the apples. A notice displayed on fenced premises is simply an extra precaution, and the fact that there is such a notice in one field and none in the adjoining field is no excuse for a sportsman to believe he has the right to enter the latter at his pleasure.

Many reasons may influence a man in refusing permission to the public to shoot over his premises, but he is not bound to give any reasons. It must occur to everyone, however, that the owner of land will very naturally desire to be able, or to have his animals able, to move freely about his enclosed premises without risk of being killed or injured by stray shots.

While speaking on this subject mention may be made of the fact that almost every year persons are injured by careless sportsmen. The reference now is not to cases where men are mistaken for animals, but to those cases where people passing along the highways are the victims. Indeed, from now on most people will hesitate about driving much along the less frequented roads, and while it is true that a person driving for pleasure may seek those localities where there is not likely to be any shooting, there are some persons who must use even the least frequented roads. For this reason Progress asks sportsmen to exercise the greatest care to see that in their eagerness in the pursuit of game they do not cause injury to others. Such accidents of this nature as occur doubtless give the person causing them great regret. No one supposes that any sportsman would voluntarily injure any one. Carelessness is what has to be guarded against.

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SIX hundred good-looking Englishwomen ready to become his bride, and yet Mr. Cochrane of Notch Hill committed suicide! Perhaps his good luck turned his brain.

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VICTORIA hunters who intend going up the line tomorrow will do well to remember that the Game Law forbids their shooting more than five bull caribou in a single season.

Random Reflections

AT THE blowing of the dinner whistle Port Arthur was still there.

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AND now comes the bad saffron shrieker to declare that Russia's boy is a girl.

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WHEN his boy is a few years older, the Czar may regret the abolition of corporal punishment.

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THE Czarevitch also being Nicholas, is it lese majeste to refer to the Czar as Old Nick?

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THE Mayoralty voters of Fernie have decided that this is not the season for Quail.

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UP IN the Boundary country they classify robbing an Orchard as highway robbery.

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WEATHER prophets at Port Arthur predict an early fall ('steenth variation).

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A SEATTLE miss of 19 has found her mate of 79. Judge Tallman was officiating undertaker.

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WITH the excitement at Liao-yang, Port Arthur seems to be getting bravely over its falling fits.

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BY THE way, the Czar's proclamation abolishing corporal punishment does not apply to British Columbia schools

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WHERE is the bump of sentiment located with those iconoclasts who ask for a sidewalk on Lover's Lane?

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"MEN of mark" are not usually the ones who use an X for their signatures.

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AT ALL events the C. P. R. has grim satisfaction in being able to charge the G. T. P. people for their special train.

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THE season is at hand for the careless and near-sighted hunter to inadvertently put a charge of buck-shot into his deer brother sportsman.

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WITH more than three hundred doctors eager to operate, anyone in Victoria who felt a little shaky last week, did wisely in saying nothing about it.

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A CHINAMAN has been convicted of expectorating on an Esquimalt car. This shows that the law is no respecter of persons.

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ALL the distinguished jurists of England are now clean-shaven, lest the winds should indecorously dally with their alfalfas.

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MISS Tsnne Tanake, wearied of remembering how to spell her name, so she became Mrs. Ichaturi Tsnne Tanake.

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THE maternal slipper and paternal razor strop again rest from their chastening labors. School is in, and the teacher has his inning.

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NIMROD was asked how he worked up his reputation as a great hunter. "Because," replied the crack shot, "I never thought a man was a deer."

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FUNNY isn't it, how the injustice of spending $2 for school books impresses itself upon the man who thinks nothing of investing $10 in a package of Seagram's best!

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SOMEONE must have been getting in a few digs at the Honorable Robert in his own bailiwick. The following from the Kaslo Kootenaian certainly listens like it: "Hon. R. F. Green wires from the coast that there is no truth in the statement published last week that he is building an $8,000 residence."

Inquiry Is Ordered

Royal Commission to Investigate Affairs of Victoria Pilotage Board

Report has it that a commission will shortly be ordered by the Dominion Government at the instance of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to make exhaustive inquiry into the affairs of the Victoria Pilotage Board and the relations of that body to the pilots. The board consists of Captain J. Graham Cox, Lloyd's local representative, and a member of the shipping firm of E. B. Marvin & Co.; Mr. Joshua Kingham, president of the Liberal Association here, and Mr. E. Crow Baker, secretary, who has been identified with the business and social life of Victoria for almost a quarter of a century, since leaving the Royal Navy. It is said that the commission is to deal particularly with the collection and administration of the funds of the pilotage board and that about $7,000 has been diverted from the proper channel. An affidavit made by Pilot Bucknam is the foundation for the issuing of the commission.

—House Numbering Reform:

"This is positively the worst town in Canada for a stranger to find his way in." The adverse testimonial quoted, was given by a visitor to the city on Monday last. Of course Victorians do not fully recognize the justice of this complaint. If they did, they would long ago have insisted that the council take the action necessary for the removal of the reproach. The trouble rests in the fact that the buildings in Victoria have never been properly numbered according to any recognized system. Long years ago in local prehistoric times, there was a haphazard numbering of the central city streets—odd numbers on one side, even on the other. There has never been any attempt at the identification of blocks as by the hundred-to-the-block system, and probably the greater portion of the residential city has never been numbered at all. The subject is not one involving any very large drain on the civic treasury. It is at the same time one that means much in the convenience of visitors and citizens. Nothing is a worse advertisement of the city in a small way than the present absence of intelligent numbering.

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NOW that the picnic season is over, there will be a marked falling off in Sunday-School attendance until the Christmas tree casts its shadow before.

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DEMOCRATIC friends of Mr. Henry Gassaway Davis indignantly resent the insinuation that he is an octogenarian. They say his record is a clean one.

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WHEN the shooting season opened Thursday there was confusion worse confounded among the hunters. They didn't know whether it opened by Redfern standard time or Challoner and Mitchell's.

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NEW YORKERS will be able to understand how British Columbians felt when Joe Martin dropped out of politics, now that they are to lose their own David B. Hill.

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WHAT with the "Port Arthur Fallen" specialist, the gentleman at Cheefoo, and the Unspeakable Turk, not to mention sundry politicians, Ananias if he lived in these modern days, would find himself in the A, B, C, class.

Semi-Ready Business Change Sale. Bargains for This Week.

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THE GAME LAW IN BRIEF

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Although a large number of sportsmen—one may hope a vast majority of those who love the sport of rod or gun—hold it a point of honor to scrupulously observe the country's game laws, so frequent are the amendments to these statutes that inadvertent violations are quite probable unless the sportsman keeps up to date in the reading of the law which especially concerns him. That law still requires much change to make it perfect, but the tendency of recent amendments has been in the right direction, and the future is full of hope. One improvement obviously would be to limit the day's bag, instead of (as in the case of ducks under the present enactments) for the season. The law now states that not more than 250 shall be bagged by any sportsman in a season. It is obviously impossible to check a sportsman's bag for the season, and laws which cannot be enforced should have no place upon the statutes of any country. For the convenience of sportsmen, Progress presents herewith an abstract of the Game Laws of British Columbia up to date, which it would be well for hunters to preserve for reference. The synopsis in general use and circulation, printed by the Government, has not been revised since 1900, and therefore is liable to mislead the hunter who places dependence upon it. Several radical changes were made at the last session of the legislature, notably that in the prohibition of the sale of deer or venison under any conditions, and these are duly incorporated in the appended synopsis:

Species of Birds, Animals, Etc.	Unlawful to shoot or destroy during close seasons as shown below (dates both inclusive).	Unlawful to buy, sell or expose for sale, show, or advertisement.	Unlawful to Kill or Take.
Beaver	1st April to 1st November	At any time	
Birds living on noxious insects	At any time	At any time	
Bittern	1st March to 31st August	At any time	
Blackbird (English)	At any time	Before October 1st	
Caribou	1st Jan. to 31st August	At any time	
Caribou (cow or calf)	At any time	At any time	More than five in one season.
Chaffinch	At any time	At any time	
Deer (fawn under twelve months)	At any time	Before September 1st	
Deer (buck)	15th Dec. to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Deer (doe)	15th Dec. to 31st Aug.	During close season	More than ten in one season, or hunt with dogs, or kill for hides alone.
Duck (of all kinds)	1st March to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Elk, Wapiti (bull)	1st Jan. to 31st Aug.	At any time	More than 250 in one season.
Elk, Wapiti (cow)	At any time	At any time	More than two in one season.
Elk, Wapiti, calf under two years	At any time	At any time, except blue grouse, which may be sold during season	
Grouse of all kinds (including prairie chicken)	1st Jan. to 31st Aug.		
Gull	At any time		
Hare	1st Jan. to 31st Aug.		
Heron	1st March to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Land Otter	1st April to 1st Nov.	Before October 1st	
Linnet	At any time	During close season	
Marten	1st April to 1st Nov.		
Meadow Lark	1st March to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Moose (bull)	1st Jan. to 31st Aug.		
Moose (cow, and calf under 12 months)	At any time	At any time	
Mountain Goat	15th Dec. to 31st Aug.	Before October 1st	More than two in one season.
Mountain Sheep (ram)	15th Dec. to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Mountain Sheep (ewe or lamb)	At any time	Before October 1st	More than five in one season.
Partridge (English)	At any time	Before October 1st	More than three in one season
Pheasant (cock)	At any time	At any time	
Pheasant (hen)	At any time	At any time	
Plover	1st March to 31st Aug.	At any time	
Quail (of all kinds)	At any time	At any time	
Robin	Farmers only may shoot in gardens bet. June 1 and Sept. 1	During close season At any time At any time	
Skylark	At any time	At any time	
Thrush	At any time	At any time	
Eggs of protected birds	At any time	At any time	To take or destroy at any time

NOTE.—It is unlawful—

1. To enter land enclosed by fence, water, or natural boundary, for hunting purposes, without permission of the owner or occupier thereof. (Act 1902.)
2. For non-residents to shoot without a licence. Section 14.
3. For Indians, not residents of this Province, to kill game at any time of the year. Section 12 (*b*).
4. To export, and to transport for export by railway, steamship, or express, in the raw state, game birds of every kind, and also all animals protected by the Act except bear, beaver, marten, and land otter. Section 4.
5. To use traps, nets, snares, gins, baited lines or drugged bait to catch game birds. Section 6.
6. To buy or sell any deer, or portion of deer; or any game bird without its plumage. Section 9 (*d*). (S. 3, Ch. 21, 1903-4.)
7. To use batteries, swivel-guns or sunken punts in non-tidal waters to take wild ducks or geese. Section 9 (*c*).
8. To shoot any wild fowl in Victoria and Vancouver Harbours. Section 3.
9. For unlicensed non-residents to trap or kill bear or beaver for their pelts. Section 25.
10. To kill any game bird between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Section 9 (*a*).
11. To kill game birds or animals imported for acclimatization purposes. Section 5.
12. To buy or sell heads of mountain sheep. Section 9 (*b*).
13. To take trout by any other device than hook and line, nor less than six inches long. No salmon roe to be used as bait. Section 8. (S. 5, Ch. 21, 1903-4.)
14. For Indians to kill does or fawns from February 1st until August 1st. (Act 1902.)
15. Fifty dollars fine for trespassing on enclosed lands on Sunday.

*Farmers may kill deer depasturing fields, or in unorganized tracts for food. Section 11.
*Free miner has right to kill game for his own use. Section 12.
*Lieutenant-Governor may, by Proclamation, remove disabilities. Section 24.

There Are Others.—"The local Japanese are already anticipating the fall of Port Arthur."—Columbian.

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Playing No Favorites.—"Prof. Chase intends giving another of his enjoyable dances on Friday evening next, to which every person is invited."—Moyie Items.

Next!—"Our barber shop closes on Sunday. How we do move!"—Edenograph.

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Saw The Fatted Pumpkin.—"Many of our citizens were delighted spectators at Brandon Fair last week."—Carberry Express.

They're Off.—"Grain cutting has started in this district."—Carberry Express.

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Admiral's Road Envious.—"Brookdale is about to proceed with the building of sidewalks."—Brookdale Correspondent.

Odds and Ends of Sport.

The tournament held under the auspices of the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland last week to decide the championship of Oregon was the last of the tennis fixtures for 1904. Particular interest was manifested in this tourney, as practically the same players were present as had taken part in the International events at Victoria a short time before, and it was a matter of considerable speculation as to whether those who had won honors on the turf courts of the British Columbia capital would be able to retain their laurels on those of the faster clay material at Portland. However as the tourney progressed it was apparent that the Victoria exponents soon accustomed themselves to the new conditions, and were able to play in their true form, as a result of which hard fought matches were the order of the day throughout. In the gentlemen's singles Powell vs. Goss and Bethel vs. Breeze were the semi-finalists, and the winner in each case had a very hard tussle. Of the former game the "Oregonian" remarks as follows: "The Powell-Goss match was keen and closely played. There was fierce volleying and excellent lobbing on both sides, both players returning many times seemingly impossible balls. The service of both was also perfect, neither making a double fault during the entire match. There were 15 deuce games. The longest, the sixth, in the second set, returning to deuce six times before it was decided. After four fast sets in which both men were playing their best games and neither could have improved, the score stood 7-9, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, each player having two sets. Then Powell showed the master hand and won five games in succession, but Goss braced up and took two away from him before he made the sixth and took the set and the match."

Powell had a very close fight in the championship round with Breeze the Tacoma champion, and just managed to win out successfully at the critical period.

In the men's doubles the Victoria pair proved their supremacy over all comers, in fact they only lost one set in the whole series. The best teams they defeated were Messrs. Bethel and Breeze and Goss and Lewis, the latter having held the State championship for two previous years.

R. B. Powell and Miss Heitshu also gathered in the mixed doubles, while Mrs. Langton of this city shared with a Seattle lady the honors in ladies doubles, so that with the exception of the ladies singles, the British Columbians practically took everything in sight.

It has been a most successful tennis season and Victorians have every reason to be satisfied with the work of their representatives as the Northwest championships are all held in this city.

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Monday will be the last day on which tickets can be procured for the local St. Leger Sweepstakes. The last few days Mr. Salmon reports a very large sale and expresses the opinion that this sweep will be much larger than the last. The drawing will be a public one, on Tuesday, September 6th, under the entire supervision of the sporting editors of the local papers.

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The shooting season is here, and from north, south, east and west the merry crack of the gun is heard. Progress a week or so ago gave some space to description of the game conditions in the several adjacent districts, which hunters during the past few days have verified. There has been a numerous exodus to Sooke river and the intermediate districts, where birds (both blue and ruffled) are plentiful. Others find the shooting good in the islands of the Gulf and in Metchosin and Sooke districts. The great major brigade works as in days of yore, along the line of the E. & N. railway, between the Summit and Victoria being the favored ground. The result is naturally lighter bags to the individual. It should be remembered that residents of Cobble Hill, Duncan and Mill Bay intend to vigorously enforce their rights as to no trespassing, but it might also be remembered that it is but a short distance further to Cowichan lake, whose upper reaches may now be conveniently and pleasantly reached by launch from the Lakeside, and that as all the immense country at the head of the lake is still government-owned, the chances in the new sportsmans paradise are infinitely better. At Comox lake and other more northerly points in direct touch by train or steamer of the E. & N., the game is plentiful, and big bags not at all hard to obtain. Pheasants and quail of course are protected, and will be until released by proclamation of the lieutenant-governor-in-council, which it is expected will be October 1, although the quail in many near town districts are as yet too young to be shot by any good sportsman. Deer are plentiful on every hand, and should give the hunter much satisfaction.

—Socialist Candidates:

The Socialist Party in British Columbia, doubtless very much encouraged by the dominant position in provincial affairs they have been enabled to secure with but two elected members, are carrying out their expressed determination to put candidates in the field in all constituencies for the federal house. The party has already named representatives in Yale-Cariboo and in Nanaimo and now Victoria is heard from in the selection of Mr. J. C. Watters to bear the banner.

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—How It Works:

The great advantage (?) of a part call system in fire department work was again illustrated on the occasion of the steam laundry blaz eof last week. One of the call men whose duty it was to sleep at fire headquarters did not know that a fire was in progress. Not being near the supposed scene of his slumbers, it was necessary—after fighting the fire was over—for one of his friends of the department to send for him at his home in haste in order that he might make an appearance for roll call and escape the fine. And that is one way part call brigade works.

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—A "Cherry-shed T-oaken":

From Mr. W. H. Wilkerson of this city, who has been viewing the marvels of the great exposition at St. Louis, comes a sample of the very latest novelty in souvenir post card and world fair advertising combined. It is a post with the Louisiana crest on the face—but printed on a neatly cut oblong of wood instead of stiff paper, while the message on the reverse is designedly appropriate: Here it is:

"All a-board for the World's Fair. Arrived safe. Exposition is more than oak-a, it is ash-tonishing; you cedar sights of your life. The Pike is fir straight, more than a pear of peaches and the spielers don't bark like a tree Board and (s)lumber at popular prices no need to pine for what you plan down. Birch-ance the last great show for many years. More fun than the beech. I wood spruce up and come. You walnut regret it. Butternut delay. Sincerely,

"Hickory Hemlock,
"Per W. H. Wilkerson."

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—Still Another Change.

The Yukon Sun is again in new form the last stage in the evolution of the Sun, Nugget, Record, Sun, News-Sun being the Sunday Sun, published weekly. The News Sun ceased to exist on the 1st Sept., aged 1 month and 18 days.

—Resumed Her Classes:

Comaplix' Curious Desire.—"Wanted at Comaplix, a second-class female teacher."—Kootenay Mail.

Last Week in the Old Store

The Last Week of

Blygh's Removal Sale

Last Week of Blygh's Removal Sale

Two cases of new goods, the advance of the Fall Shipment, are opened up for Saturday's and next week's selling. As the stock was getting low we picked these out of our fall shipment at wharf for the last week's selling. They include new Fall Waists, Skirts, Rain Coats, Jackets, Dress Goods, Etc., and will all be sold at Removal Sale Prices.

Goods Sold at Your Own Prices This Week

Blygh's Dry Goods Store

Corner Fort and Douglas Streets

Cost Lost Sight of Until We Move

Victoria's Fall Fair

Promises Variety and Excellence of Entertainment Never Heretofore Equalled

At a meeting of the executive of the British Columbia Agricultural Association this week, the programme of fall fair events was decided upon. An appropriation of $50 for children's sports was made and it was decided to request the City Council to declare Thursday, September 29, and Saturday, October 1, public holidays. It was also agreed, on recommendation of the Children's Day committee, to endeavor to have Thursday and Friday declared public holidays. The programme in full is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 27, opening day:—

Morning, 10 o'clock—Commencement of judging. Trap shooting, starting at the same time.

Afternoon—Grand opening at 2 o'clock. Army and Navy Association football match at 2:30 o'clock.

Evening—Band concerts and vocal selections by musicians of repute at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, Navy and Army Day:—

Morning—Judging, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Afternoon—Columbia vs. Victoria Association football match, at 2 o'clock. Navy and army spectacular display at 3, including field gun competition between naval teams, physical drill exhibition by R. G. A., bayonet exercise by Royal Marines, obstacle race and a sham battle.

Evening—Boxing tournament at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Association. Band concerts.

Thursday, Sept. 29, Citizens' Day—

Morning—Finals in football tourney, from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Afternoon—Grand parade of stock at 1 o'clock. Demonstration of commercial fruit packing at 2 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30.

Evening — Continuation of boxing tournament. Band concerts.

Friday, Sept. 30, Children's Day—

Morning—Sports at 10 o'clock on exhibition grounds for handsome cup.

Afternoon—At 1 o'clock grand parade of stock. Fruit packing demonstration at 2 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30 o'clock.

Evening—Tug-of-war and miners' drilling contest at 8 o'clock. Band concerts and vocal music.

Saturday, October 1, America Day—

Afternoon—Fly-casting contest, commencing at 1 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30.

Evening—Tug-of-war and miners' drilling contest at 8 o'clock. Band concerts.

CHILDREN'S DAY SPORTS.

Following is the programme for the Children's Day sports:

Any boy in regular attendance at public graded school; entry to be made not later than Monday, Sept. 21; entries limited to two from each school for each event; medals to be awarded to first and second winners in each event.

Cup to be awarded to school winning largest number of points.

Points—1st, 3 points; 2nd, 2 points; 3rd, 1 point.

100-yard race.
220-yard race.
440-yard race.
Relay race, 880 (half mile) four members to a team.
Throwing baseball.
High jump.
Long jump.
Winners in these events not to compete in any subsequent event.

BOYS UNDER 14 YEARS.

100-yard race.
220-yard race.
High jump.
Long jump.

BOYS UNDER 12 YEARS.

100-yard race.
220-yard race.

BOYS UNDER 10 YEARS.

100-yard race.
220-yard race.

BOYS UNDER 8 YEARS.

100-yard race.

The Social Register.—"Mrs. Doyle has taken over the dining room of the Falls View hotel."—Marysville News.

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Writ Sarkastic.—"As the government is a little short on finances at present there is a movement being made to build a new school house by private subscription."—Marysville News.

HON. ANDREW G. BLAIR.

The Chairman ot The Railway Commission as a Public Man and Private Citizen.

Few men of his age have been more before the public than Andrew G. Blair, chairman of the Railway Commission. In 1865 he took part in the Confederation Campaign although at that time he was only about twenty years of age. He joined Confederation and had a very great deal to do with the election of the late Charles Fisher in that year, which event marked the turning of the tide in New Brunswick in favor of the union of the Provinces. He was an effective speaker as a young man, and if his later years have not fully borne out the promise of his youth in this respect, the reason is doubtless to be sought in his devotion to practical matters rather than to those things which make a finished debater. If Mr. Blair had cultivated oratory, there are few men in Canada who would have been his peer. His entry into public life was surrounded with difficulties and he tasted the bitterness of defeat several tims before he gained a seat in the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick, but after that he came to the front rapidly. His leadership of the Opposition was brilliant. He was courageous and persistent in attack, and rarely troubled himself with defence. When he became premier of the Maritime Provinces he was very aggressive and at the same time tactful. So much so was this the case that the Opposition was reduced to a mere fragment. His policy was practical and progressive and he had the confidence of the people of New Brunswick as few men have ever enjoyed it. Perhaps the late Sir Leonard Tilley was the only man who could claim an equal hold upon the pubilc trust in that province. When the Liberals came in at Ottawa, Mr. Blair was the logical representative of New Brunswick in the cabinet and his administration of the department of Railways and Canals was characterized by vigor and success. He devoted himself to the business details of his very responsible office, and his work in that respect will prove of great value to Canada. He was the first minister to place the Intercolonial in the proper place before the country, and his policy in regard to the canals has never been adversely criticised. His retirement from the government on account of a difference of opinion in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific reflected great credit on his sturdy independence of character. In accepting the chairmanship of the Board of Railways Mr. Blair ran some risk of having his motives called to question, but he was so clearly the one man to carry into effect the policy crystallized in the Act creating the Commission, that except in a few instances his appointment was hailed with a satisfaction which the work of the Commission has fully justified.

Mr. Blair has been successful in his profession, which is the law, as well as in the various business ventures that he has taken in hand. He has built himself up to his present position by industry and energy. He is a good representative Canadian, in his private life exemplary and in his pubilc career patriotic.

MUZZLING THE PRESS.

Does Victoria Appreciate The Value of A Paper Not Afraid to Discuss Public Questions?

There are some queer opinions entertained in Victoria as to the functions and the duties of a public newspaper, and difference of individual view leads a few to some peculiar exhibitions of pettiness. The man who feels that he has dealt a smashing blow at the press in writing to the editor that "you stop my paper" because he may not chance to quite fall in with the editor's view on some public matter of moment, is not an uncommon product of Victoria. albeit his kind has been the subject of amusement mingled with mild contempt throughout the civilized world for years past.

He has however a yet more unreasonable, less progressive and more dangerous cousin who proves himself a distinct and open enemy to the public by trying to coerce the press and stifle independent criticism of public affairs by what bears striking similarity to the most contemptible species of boycott. The good citizen feels that the country has gained a powerful advocate when papers arise that are unhampered by corporation dictation and bold to speak honest minds in criticizing errors in the administration of public affairs, regardless of political or other preferences.

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The canvass did not hurt "Progress" as it was intended to. Indeed the advertising patronage grew instead of shrinking.

But what must good citizens think of the cause that would resort to such weapons as those employed?

More recently "Progress" has, solely in the interests of the lives and property of citizens—it has no axe of its own to grind—cited numerous instances of fire department inefficiency, in the hope that the reorganization of the department may be brought about and conditions be improved.

There has been no reply to the arguments adduced—no denial of the facts stated as evidence in the case.

But it is found that an endeavour is again being put forth to coerce this paper into silence on another matter of vital public importance.

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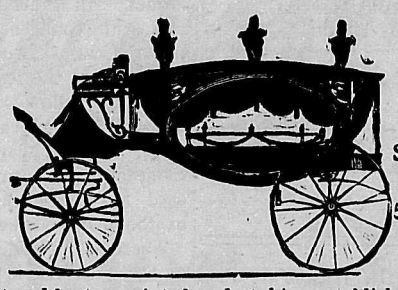

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VICTORIA AND THE G. T. P.

Doubtless the advantages of Victoria as the western terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be duly pressed upon Mr. Hays and his associates when they visit this city. It may or may not be possible to make out a convincing case, but Victorians owe themselves the duty of pressing the interests of the city for consideration by every legitimate means at their command.

It is easy to anticipate some of the objections to be overcome, and the people of Victoria must not lose sight of them in discussing the question. There are two points of view from which the question of a terminus will be regarded. One is the standpoint of the company; the other that of this city. They are not necessarily antagonistic, although it is very easy to understand that they may be so by reason of the plans of the company.

If the prime object of the Grand Trunk Pacific is to build a transcontinental line that will give, with steamship lines on the Pacific, the shortest route to the Orient, it goes without saying that the more northerly the western terminus the better that object will be secured, provided the ocean route that must be followed is actually the shortest and the approach to the British Columbia coast is satisfactory from the standpoint of navigators. Measured upon the chart, the distance from Port Simpson to Yokohama is less than from any more southerly port. The degrees of longitude are shorter according to the latitude north in which they are measured. Roughly speaking, Port Simpson is in longitude 130 W. and Yokohama in longitude 140 E., which makes the difference between them 90 degrees of longitude. Eliminating fractional parts of a degree, Victoria is 97 degrees from Yokohama, and degrees of longitude measured along a Great Circle from Port Simpson to Yokohama are shorter than those measured along a Great Circle from Victoria to Yokohama. But a steamer cannot follow a Great Circle from Port Simpson to Yokohama, because of the interposition of the Alaska peninsula. There are certain considerations which influence the choice of steamship routes across the Pacific, and one of them in this case is the Aleutian islands, which extend in a chain across the southern part of Behring sea. Every Great Circle drawn from San Francisco or any port north on the American coast to Hong Kong or any point north on the Asiatic coast passes through the Aleutian group, and it is improbable that ocean steamships will be sent as a regular thing along routes of travel which will take them through this chain of islands and into Behring sea. Therefore the question of trans-Pacific routes cannot be settled by mere measurements upon the chart. It is something with which practical navigators have to deal. Nevertheless there are available ports in British Columbia nearer the Orient than Victoria, and if the governing consideration with the Company is to reach such a port, Victoria is out of the running. But until we know definitely that this is the consideration that will control the Company's choice, Victoria has more than a fighting chance.

Let us look the facts squarely in the face, so as not to deceive ourselves at the outset. If the G. T. Pacific enters British Columbia by way of Peace River or Pine River pass it will be then as far west as Victoria is. If it enters by way of the Yellow Head Pass and follows the only feasible route for such a line as the Company proposes to build it will go by way of Fort George at the great bend of the Fraser and will then be substantially as far west as Victoria. The distance from any point on any of the routes likely to be chosen by the G. T. P. common to both ports, is longer to Victoria than to Port Simpson. To reach Victoria expensive bridging or a car ferry will be needed. These are, it is submitted, all the considerations that can be urged against Victoria as compared with a more northerly point.

What have we to offer on the other hand? Against greater mileage there is the indisputable fact that the line to Victoria would pass through a region capable of furnishing greater local traffic than a line to Port Simpson, and there is very little of the area that could be made tributary to the latter, which could not at substantially the same cost be made tributary to the former. In other words, it may be said with confidence that a railway across Central British Columbia from any point in the Rockies, north of and including Yellow Head Pass, to Victoria would yield a greater volume of traffic per mile than a railway to Port Simpson. The name Port Simpson is used for convenience as meaning any of the more northerly ports.

There is nothing appurtenant to any of the Northern Mainland ports in any way comparable in potential development with Vancouver Island. It is desirable in discussing a matter of this kind to avoid the language of exaggeration, but no one can successfully gainsay the fact that Vancouver Island, which is as large as the Mainland of Nova Scotia, is naturally one of the richest areas in the world. Our people may safely challenge the closest investigation of this claim. Every year brings to light more evidence in support of it. Progress submits this proposition:

The railway that will be the first to exploit the resources of Vancouver Island will have an asset of exceedingly great value, because the whole Island, with the exception of the local trade of the city of Victoria, can be made tributary for all time to come to such a line, subject only to such competition as water transport may afford.

This Island of itself affords the strongest argument that can be made in favor of the selection of Victoria as the terminus of the new transcontinental railway.

That experienced transportation men have lost sight of the fact that at Victoria a railway will be near the centre of business and population on the northwest coast, and in touch with all existing lines of transcontinental steamships, whether to Asia or Australasia, is not to be supposed, nor is it at all likely that in their plans they will disregard this consideration. Traffic is what a railway needs, and the Grand Trunk Pacific people may be relied upon to use extraordinary business sagacity to secure traffic for their line. It is very improbable that the plans of the company do not include a southern connection of some kind. Therefore less stress is laid upon this matter in this article than upon other considerations which are not so obvious. Yet it is submitted that the facts just mentioned, combined with the future possibilities of Vancouver Island and the part of the Mainland to be traversed in reaching it, afford a very strong case in favor of Victoria, and, unless the simple question of shortness of route is to be the determining factor, present a case which would command the confidence of the financial world to a higher degree than anything that can be alleged in favor of a more northerly port.

It is to be remembered, however, that in the negotiations between the Company and the Government and in the discussions in Parliament, the route contemplated was one to a northerly port, and it might be held to be a breach of faith, if a line involving a very considerably greater mileage should be chosen. This is a matter for consideration, and it may be that in order to secure the selection of Victoria and the construction of additional mileage substantial assistance will have to be given by the city and the province. The above features of the situation are presented for the consideration of the people of Victoria, but without any knowledge on the part of Progress of the intentions or wishes of the Company than is not possessed by any one who reads the papers.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Is there any intention on the part of the city authorities to inquire into the management of the recent disastrous fire? This is a question which calls for an answer. In Victoria we have a very common habit of importing personal considerations into every public matter that arises, and this is the case to such an extent that it is almost impossible to secure the impartial discussion of any subject. If a public officer fails conspicuously in the discharge of his duty, and a newspaper directs attention to the fact, immediately some of the officer's friends seek to convey the impression that the paper has a grudge against him or is championing some one else. Singleness of purpose seems to be a thing that is not recognized. At the tmie Progress protested against the manner in which a certain conspicuous criminal was dealt with, a high official said: "You cannot make any politics out of that." When Progress has said that the present Chief of the Fire Department does not display good judgment, the only reply that has been made is that we want the job for some one else. And so it goes. Now let it be understood once and for all, that in its criticisms upon the management of the Fire Department, the only object which this paper has had is to bring about an improvement. It is solely with that object that it asks if the management of the Albion Iron Works fire is to be investigated? That grave errors of judgment appear to have been committed seems undeniable. The people have a right to know what foundation there is for that opinion, and, if there is none, the Chief has a right to be relieved of any responsibility as to mistakes of judgment.

SPELLBINDERS.

One of the most notable differences between Canadians and the people of the United States is that we have very little use in this country for the class of public men known among our neighbors as "Spellbinders." The "Spellbinder" is a speaker whose efforts are of the florid kind, and that they are effective campaigners is shown by the fact that they are in great demand . It is alleged of Chauncey Depew that he carried a country precinct by his reference to the sheep. What he said about sheep must have taken, judging from the report, something like ten minutes to utter. It was the veriest rubbish, yet delivered in good style it caught the farmers. Canadian farmers would vote a man as little better than a sheep if he would talk such stuff to them. Adlai Stevenson in his Western campaign tour devoted a lot of time both in Seattle and Tacoma to a rhapsody on Mount Rainier. Col. James Hamilton Lewis would hold an audience for an hour uttering words which had no special reference to any political issue and frequently did not form connected sentences. And so it goes. Your Spellbinder will get up before an audience and begin as follows: "Yonder pale moon whose glorious beams are more beautiful if less refulgent than those of the King of Day, whose rising the ancient people of the East welcomed with song and prayer," and so on for twenty minutes and not a man in the audience would lift his hand to shy a brick at him. The writer heard a talented lawyer address a commercial body on the Alaska boundary. He began by stating the case from his own point of view with great clearness and was listened to in silence. After he had concluded this part of his speech he launched into verbal pyrotechnics which absolutely had no meaning at all and was cheered to the echo. He afterwards said that he had to do some "spellbinding" in order to ensure the passage of his resolution to have a committee appointed to look into the matter. Fancy a man trying to "spellbind" our board of Trade! The rural parts of the Eastern States and the West generally are the fields where the spellbinder is most effective. In the Eastern cities he does not take so well; but probably nothing so influences the voter of the eighty millions of people in the great Republic as this high-flown and meaningless oratory. Which goes to prove that there are some things about popular government that might be improved upon.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

The Railway Commissioners did not hold a session in Victoria, no business having been prepared for their consideration. It is not generally understood that the commission is a sort of court and conducts its business in a regular way. That is to say, if complaints are made which come within the scope of the commission, notice must be given not only to the commission but to the party complained against. The law fixes ten days as the length of notice to the opposite party. Some people seem to have regarded the commission in much the same light as they do one of the Ministers of the Crown, that is, ready at any time to hear and determine questions; but this is not the case. There must be a specific complaint. Notice to the opposite party and the presentation of evidence which may be under oath. Then the question ought to be argued and after that, the commission render their verdict.

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The Week in Society

Victoria society is all agog over the coming of Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and the Countess of Minto on their farewell tour of the Dominion. The vice-regal party will consist of Lord and Lady Minto, their eldest daughter, Lady Eileen Elliot, Mr. Arthur Guise (Comptroller of the Household), Major F. S. Maude, C. M. G., D. S. O. (Military Secretary), and Captain Bell, A. D. C. Of course the event of the visit which possesses most interest for the members of the Capital's "Four Hundred" is the reception which Their Excellencies will hold in the Parliament Buildings on Monday next at 10 p.m. This is to be quite a state affair and will be conducted with all the ceremony which is usual on such occasions. For instance, it will be necessary for those desirous of being presented to provide themselves with two cards on which their names should be legibly written. One of these cards will be handed to a functionary on entrance to the Legislative chamber, and the other to the A. D. C.-in-waiting, who will announce the name to Their Excellencies. Of course, evening dress will be in order, and full dress uniform for officials and naval and military officers. The flagship band will be in attendance. The handsome hall is now being decorated with flags and palms, and when all is complete on Monday next the scene should be a most brilliant one. The official programme to date has been arranged as follows: H. M. S. Grafton will arrive with His Excellency on board at Esquimalt on Sunday about 6 p.m. Lord and Lady Minto and daughter will then drive to the residence of Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich on Head street, whose guests they will be during the stay in Victoria. Sunday evening will be spent quietly and Monday will be free till 1:30 p.m., when His Excellency will proceed to the city hall, where he will be officially welcomed by the Mayor and Council and then drive to the drill hall for the presentation of the civic address. A luncheon will be given by the city at the Driard, to which it is understood upwards of one hundred ladies and gentlemen have been invited. The afternoon will be spent in driving, with possibly a visit to the sports at Caledonia grounds, and in the evening Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich will give an official dinner in honor of their distinguished visitors, after which the state reception will take place. The party will return to Vancouver by the Grafton on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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On Wednesday last the members of the Alexandra Club assembled for their annual meeting to elect a committee and to arrange several matters of importance and interest affecting the club's welfare. After the afternoon's business had been disposed of, the president (Mrs. Powell) in a few clear and brief remarks gave her ideas on what she thought the uses of the club should be. Her views were heartily indorsed by those present. It may be here remarked that this quiet little club of which at present so little is known or said and which has for its object the gathering together of its members in one kindly sisterhood, appeals more perhaps to the tired mother than any other member, for here in a comfortable chair in a bright, well lighted, airy room she can read all the current periodicals and papers of the day in "perfect quiet" (only mothers know what those two words convey), or if she desire it have a cosy tea and a chat with a friend in the general room, that sends her back to that little empire of which she alone is queen and adviser, refreshed and stimulated to take up the reins of government which for a brief interval she has laid aside. There is no doubt in the language of the far west that the club is "here to stay" and that in the future its influence will be felt not simply as a mere social rendezvous but as a centre where woman will meet her sister woman on the same plane and where together they will strive to raise the standard of what is best and sweetest in their sex.

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Victorians are much interested in the marriage solemnized on Monday last at Portland of Miss Maude Goodwin, daughter of Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken of this city, to Mr. Henry W. Ohlandt, a young millionaire merchant of San Francisco, the culmination of a five months' courtship. The honeymoon journey is being made on the steamship Senator to Nome, where Mr. Ohlandt has extensive business interests. Returning in the autumn, Mr. and Mrs Ohlandt will visit here, and subsequently take up their residence in San Francisco.

At the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, on Tuesday last (which was performed by Mrs. Charles E. Pooley), there were present among others Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Janion, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wake, Mr. E. Baynes-Reed, Mr. Woodgate, Mr. Mules, Mr. Gelsthorpe, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Saville, Mr. Graylen, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Rev. and Mrs. C. Ensor Sharp and others.

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Major Maude, Captain Bell and Mr. Guise will be guests of the officers at the barracks during their visit here. Major Maude, military secretary to the Governor-General, has already made quite a name for himself. He rendered conspicuous service in the late South African war, obtaining the medal and the D. S. O. for his good work in the Transvaal. The C. M. G. was conferred upon him on the occasion of the Royal visit to Canada in 1901.

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H. M. ships Bonaventure and Flora will be in port on Sunday to give His Excellency the customary salute on arrival. Guards of honor will be furnished by the troops at Work Point for the various functions on Monday.

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Lady Eileen Elliott, who will accompany her father and mother on their visit, has just returned from London, after being presented at King Edward's court. It is reported that she was looked upon as one of the most beautiful debutantes of the past season.

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Mrs. D. Spencer and Mrs. L. Goodacre left for the East this week, accompanied by their daughters, Misses Ada and Nellie Spencer and Maude Goodacre, who are to attend Whitby Ladies College. Before returning home Mrs. Goodacre will visit friends in New York, and Mrs. Spencer make a short stay with her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) McCrossan, in Minneapolis.

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Mr. and Mrs. James B. McLaren and family of Vancouver have spent the greater part of the week here, in the course of a cruise on Mr. McLaren's handsome schooner yacht Maple Leaf, one of the prettiest pleasure craft that has ever visited the local harbor.

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Messrs. G. V. Cuppage, A. G. Wrigley and W. W. Bolton returned this week from a pleasant cruise with the clipper yacht Gwenol, and Messrs. Cuppage and Bamford are now cruising with her in the Gulf archipelago, enjoying the sailing, fishing and shooting.

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Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, accompanied by his son and daughter, leave Quebec for Victoria on Wednesday next. Sir Henri's official term expires in June next, when he will again take up his residence in Quebec.

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Among the Victorians attending the dance in honor of Hon. and Mrs. Cecil Edwardes, given by Mr. Edward Mahon at Vancouver last Friday, were Miss Keefer, Miss Wey, and Mr. O'Reilly.

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The wedding took place in Montreal this week of Dr. E. H. von Eberts, a nephew of Mr. D. M. Eberts of this city, and Miss Muriel Howard, daughter of Dr. Howard, former dean of the medical faculty of McGill.

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The Bishop of Columbia and his bride have arrived home and received a warm informal welcome on Wednesday evening. A formal reception will be tendered them at Bishopsclose on Tuesday, as already stated in these columns.

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The steam yacht Thistle is making a three weeks cruise along the northern Island coast with her owner, Mr. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Dunsmuir and family, Dr. and Mrs. Wason, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Little, Mr. T. E. Pooley, Mr. B. H. T. Drake and Mr. W. F. Burton.

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A large afternoon tea was given by Mrs. G. V. Cuppage recently in honor of her sister, Miss Gladys Kane, who is at present in Victoria.

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Rumor is current of the engagement in marriage of Mr. Ernest V. Bodwell and Mrs. M. H. Cowan.

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Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P. P., and Mrs. Macgowan, spent a considerable portion of the week with Victoria friends.

Mr. Edward Bruce Irving, son of the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, has returned to the Royal Military College at Kingston, to resume his studies after a very pleasant vacation spent with his parents. Miss Paula Irving, his sister, has left for England to rejoin her schoolmates after the holidays, now about over.

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Mr. D. R. Wilkie, vice-president, and Mr. W. Cockshutt, one of the directors of the Imperial Bank, visited Victoria last week.

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Miss Mary Scott of Portland, who has been spending a fortnight with Miss Musgrave of Vancouver, is now visiting Victoria friends.

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Mrs. H. H. Powell of Santa Clara, Cal., returned home last Wednesday, after a pleasant stay with friends here.

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The Misses Bertha and Mabel Steele of Dundas, Ont., are visiting with Rev. and Mrs. D. MacRae.

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Mr. Francis J. Hunter, inspector of the Bank of Montreal, has returned to the East, after an extended visit in the Coast cities of British Columbia.

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Miss Kathleen Mills has returned home to Vancouver, after spending several weeks of the departed summer here.

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Mrs. J. W. Gordon of Enderby is the guest of Mrs. E. C. Simmons of Vernon, and will arrive here in a few days for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Horton are visiting friends in England and expect to be away from Victoria for the greater part of a year.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and a party of friends are making a late summer trip to Port Simpson on the little steamer Fern.

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Mr. R. Matheson of this city and Miss Georgina McGavin were married in Seattle last Wednesday, Rev. J. Wharton officiating.

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Alexandra lodge, S. O. E. B. S., hospitably entertained the members of the Work Point band at a social on Wednesday evening.

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Mr. A. M. Rasch and Mrs. Abbie Gertrude Wellington, both of Seattle, were united in marriage here on Tuesday by Rev. H. J. Wood.

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Mrs. S. B. Snider has returned to her home in Vancouver after a pleasant two weeks' visit with Victoria friends.

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Mr. J. Frank Grimason of Chicago is visiting his brother, Mr. J. L. Grimason.

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Mrs. George White-Fraser and her sister, Miss Miles of Dawson, will spend the winter at Roccabella.

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Messrs. Challoner and Mitchell, with a party of friends are at Sooke river for the shooting.

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Messrs. F. A. Gowen, J. A. Rithet and Frank Stevenson are holiday-making at Salt Spring Island.

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His Honor the Lieut.-Governor leaves Quebec for Victoria on Wednesday next, accompanied by his son and daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Marchant left this week on a three months' holiday visit to the Old Country.

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Miss Kane of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. G. V. Cuppage, Maclure street.

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Mrs. Frank L. Macfarland of Vancouver is visiting Mrs. Fraser of 45 Menzies street.

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Mr. E. J. Dunsmore, Phm. B., has arrived from Vernon to take up his residence here.

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Miss Phipps has returned from Vancouver, where she was visiting with her sister, Mrs. F. J. Proctor.

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Mr. Ernest Miller of Grand Forks spent several days with Victoria friends, returning home this week.

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Mrs. A. L. Gartshore of Vancouver is the guest of Mrs. H. Goulding-Wilson, Douglas street.

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Mr. W. H. Wilkerson has returned from a holiday at St. Louis.

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The Week in Society

Continued from page 5.

Mr. W. H. Bullock-Webster is visiting Nelson.

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Mrs. Richard Hall has returned from a visit to the Sound.

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The Misses Hipperson of Nelson are visiting friends here.

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Mr. R. W. Irving of Kaslo is enjoying a vacation visit in Victoria.

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Mr. Dean Spencer has returned from an extended visit to Europe.

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Mrs. S. F. Mackenzie of Vancouver is visiting Victoria friends.

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Miss Graham has returned from a visit with Mrs. Matheson of Phoenix.

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Miss Holmes is visiting with Mrs. Clarence M. Marpole of Vancouver.

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Hon. Justice Drake and the Misses Drake are enjoying a noliday at Glacier.

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Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., spent the week at the Capital.

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Mrs. J. Keating and family of Los Angeles are visiting Victoria friends.

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Miss Brownrigg has returned from a visit to California friends.

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Mrs. H. Molyneux and Miss Molyneux of Atlin, are visiting Victoria friends.

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Hon. Captain Tatlow was the guest of Mr. Joseph Page, J. P., of Galiano Island, for the beginning of the shooting season.

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Premier McBride is to pay a visit to the Similkameen during the coming week.

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Mrs. S. Byrne, wife of the Mayor of Spokane, visited Victoria this week.

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Mr. Charles E. Jones of Tacoma, for many years identified with the business life of Victoria, has been spending the week with old friends here.

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Dr. G. A. Ben Hall of Nelson has been visiting his brother, Dr. Lewis Hall of this city.

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The annual picnic of the Sons of England at Esquimalt last Saturday was a great success in every way.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hooton have returned to their home in Tacoma, having spent their honeymoon here.

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Miss Constance Spencer has been visiting with Mrs. A. B. Erskine, Vancouver.

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Mrs. J. W. Armstrong has returned to her home in Vancouver, from a visit with Victoria friends.

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Messrs. W. W. Sylvester and H. M. Finlayson visited New Westminster friends last week.

—Further Evidence:

Apropos of the remarks previously made in these columns on the text of the greed displayed by the Esquimalt Water Co. in bargaining with small property owners desirous of building in the suburbs, still another instance presents itself on Lampson street. A resident of that thoroughfare informs "Progress" that although a water main runs immediately in front of his house, so that all he required was a service pipe of fifteen feet length, when he applied for permission thus to connect with the main he was informed that he would have to pay $150 for the privilege. Rather than submit to such Shylock dictation he dug a well and erected a windmill. There are scores of others who have been held up by the Esquimalt Water Co. for payments that are as outrageously excessive, and building in the suburbs has been immensely handicapped through their non-progressive and unfair policy. It certainly is high time for many reasons that the company's service should be taken over by the public.

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VANCOUVER papers tell the story of how W. C. Burge got a piece of bone in his left foot and had it work round until it came out of his big toe on the right foot. No people in the world would believe the yarn but those who can be induced to swallow the statement that Joe Martin is quite out of politics.

Labor Day Arrangements

Monster Parade and Pleasures for All Tastes on Monday Next

Arrangements are now virtually completed for what promises to be the longest and best Labor Day celebration in local history, on Monday next. A big feature will, of course, be made of the parade, which it is hoped His Excellency the Governor-General will consent to review ere it reaches its destination—Caledonia Park.

In the parade it is understood that the oldest union shall take the lead, headed by the Victoria City Band, and followed by the others according to seniority. The Highland Pipers' band and the Boys' Brigade bugle band will be placed at uniform intervals in the line, but just what unions will be headed by bands cannot be definitely settled until the arrival of the visiting bands.

The parade order is as hereunder:

UNION FORMATION.

1. The Victoria division forms in order of seniority on the west side of Douglas street, with the right facing Johnson street.
2. Vancouver division forms between Pandora avenue and Cormorant streets, on Douglas street.
3. Nanaimo and Ladysmith division forms between Cormorant and Fisguard streets, on Douglas, with the right facing on the north side of Cormorant street.
4. New Westminster division forms between Fisguard and Herald streets, on Douglas street, with right facing on north side of Fisguard street.
5. The parade will be in double rank formation facing east.
6. Each division will be preceded by a band.
7. In the order of march a distance of six feet will be allowed from front to rear and an interval of six feet between lines will be observed.
8. The police and fire departments form on the right of the line, the former preceding and the latter following the band of the Victoria division.
9. The Boys' Brigade forms on the left of the Victoria division.
10. Carriages with civic and provincial guests will form on the north side of Pandora avenue, between Douglas and Government streets, and enter the procession between the Victoria and Vancouver divisions.

MERCHANTS' FLOATS.

Merchants' competitive floats form on the south side of Pandora avenue between Douglas and Government streets, and will be so divided that an equal number follows each division.

UNION FLOATS.

The floats of each competing union will form in order of seniority on the east side of Douglas street, between Johnson street and Pandora avenue, and enter the procession directly behind their respective unions.

ADVERTISING FLOATS.

Business advertising floats will form on the south side of Cormorant street, between Douglas and Government streets, and swing into line immediately following the New Westminster division.

Appended is the order of march:

Police Force.
City Band.
Fire Department.
Typographical Union.
Ship Carpenters and Caulkers.
Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.
Bricklayers.
Iron Moulders.
Stone Cutters.
Cigar Makers.
Pressmen.
Boiler Makers.
Longshoremen.
Letter Carriers.
Retail Clerks.
Painters.
Tailors.
Laborers' Protective Union.
Electrical Workers.
Boiler Makers' Helpers.
Barbers.
Blacksmiths.
Leather Workers.
Garment Workers.
Fife and Drum Band and Boys' Brigade.
Judges, Civic and Provincial Guests.
Highland Pipers.

The Labor Day luncheon will take place at 12:30, immediately the parade is over, at the Victoria hall, Blanchard street, and at 1:30 the games and sports will commence at Caledonia Park, where most people will no doubt go after paying their respects to the Governor-General. Chief Watson will take charge of the balloon ascension at the grounds.

At 8 in the evening the mass meeting will open in the city hall, where many able speakers will entertain those who wish to hear labor matters ably handled.

At 9 o'clock the Labor Day dance will commence at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, and there, too, entertainment will be furnished those who wish to enjoy themselves.

Throughout the evening bands of music on the public streets will help thousands of promenaders to enjoy themselves and pass a pleasant evening.

THE HOSPITAL FETE.

One of last week's principal events was the garden party in the grounds of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, given by Mrs. James A. Douglas assisted by the Hospital Auxiliary ladies. The initial idea in organizing the fete was the establishment of a room in the new Strathcona wing to the name of Douglas, a name which will be always honored and must stand first in the history of this Province, and its benefactors.

The Directors took the opportunity of formally opening the new ward. Right Rev. Bishop Cridge said the dedicatory prayer and a short but felicitous speech followed by the president. Mr. Robert S. Day. Among those present were Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. J. D Pemberton, Mrs. James A. Douglas, Mrs. Robert Day, Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Thornton Fell, Mrs. H. A. S. Morley, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. A. Griffiths, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Dickenson, Jr., Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mrs. W. E. Oliver, Mrs. Fraser, Sr., and numerous other friends. During the afternoon and evening upwards of 500 visitors took the opportunity of visiting the Hospital and inspecting the new ward. An interesting feature of this building is that the furnishing of each room has been undertaken by either a society or an individual friendly to the Hospital and desirous of placing a memorial there. As the rooms stand now they are named as follows:—"Douglas" "Helmcken," "Dunsmuir," "Martin," "Trades and Labor Union," "Woman's Auxiliary," "Daughters of Pity," "The King's Daughters," "The Arion Club," and two more remain to be named—the A. O. U. W. having one of these under consideration.

The Sun room is as yet unfurnished, but $20 donated by the J. B. A. A. will be devoted to this, and it is thought that perhaps some individuals would like to contribute a piece of furniture towards the comfortable furnishing of this very desirable acquisition to the comfort of convalescent patients.

The fete was a complete success; the band of the Fifth Regiment gave an admirable programme both in the afternoon and evening, and tea and refreshments were served throughout, the Daughters of Pity rendering all assistance when their help was required. After sunset the grounds were prettily illuminated with lanterns and colored lights, which, together with the full moon, made the always attractive surroundings of the Hospital look more beautiful than ever.

The auspices under which the Strathcona Ward has opened are certainly happy ones, and let us hope that these will continue until the Hospital is fully equipped with those further additions of which this ward is only the necessary precursor

Mrs. Douglas would like to thank all those who by their hearty interest, contributions, and presence on the occasion assisted so largely in insuring the success of the undertaking.

—At The Next Assize:

Inquiry has been made to "Progress" as to what has become of the two Chinamen convicted of murder in connection with the Oriental theatre tragedy in this city six months or more ago, and sentenced to be hanged during August. The Chinese are still in jail, and have not paid the penalty prescribed simply because the full court in its wisdom set aside the verdict and a re-trial is ordered for the next court of assize. Misdirection of the jury was alleged by counsel for the prisoners in asking for the rejection of the decision in the case, and thereby hangs a good joke on Mr. Justice Irving, the trial judge. It is one of the primary duties of a judge presiding at a murder trial to define in his charge the exact difference between murder and manslaughter. This Mr. Justice Irving in some unaccountable manner forgot. He at once recognized the omission as soon as the notes of his charge were transcribed. And so did counsel for the defence, who made use of the omission.

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—Mr. Keast's Successor:

The local organ of the Government, the Colonist, announced this week the appointment of Mr. Raymond B. Punnett in succession to the late Mr. Arthur Keast as deputy registrar of the county court of Victoria. This appointment it is gathered from other sources is however merely temporary. Trere is a probability that the permanent appointee will be Mr. Herbert Stanton, formerly a resident of this city, and for some years past government agent at Nanaimo. The business of the latter office has much depreciated of late years, and it may be deemed wisdom to cancel the government agency in the coal city.

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With the Player Folk

Considerable discussion has recently taken place in the local press with respect to the advisability of attempting another musical festival during the coming winter, to be carried out on much the same lines as that of the one held previously, under the conductorship of Sir Alexander Mackenzie. No doubt the subject should be very carefully thought over before action is taken in an affair of such magnitude; and then again it would seem that Victorians should not give the project a second thought before voting it unqualified approval and deciding to go ahead with it, as music of the description provided at the previous festival cannot fail to be an educator not only to a large proportion of the public composing the audiences, but also to the performers themselves. Victorians today are this much better off than last year, that they have some practical experience of musical festivals, which they had not then, and that alone is perhaps the cause of the subject being viewed somewhat askance. But supposing that the musical folk of the city eventually do make up their minds and decide to again have a festival, whom shall be asked to be the musical leader? This is of as much importance as anything, so let the local musicians first find a conductor and then probably all will be well, and preparations advance with perfect harmony, and Victorians will then again be able to pitt themselves against their musical neighbors across the Gulf. There have been many head-shakings and knowing looks passed from one to another when the musical festival question has been brought up, as if there were something to be explained before assistance should again be lent to an affair of this sort. Well supposing—only supposing—that there is a little matter on which some are a trifle hazy, and remembering the slight inconvenience they were put to in having to turn out for practices in inclement weather? Surely this is not enough to interdict further advance in music, even if Victoria did not benefit financially by the performances.

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Business at The Grand keeps up its wonderful record. This week the crowds have been going to the birds chiefly—although all are not hunters. The Cockatoo circus preceded with such extravagant praise has more than made good expectations, and all classes unite in attesting the wonderful training of the feathered performers: Superlatives are not at all out of place in paying tribute to the act which Professor Montague has provided with such infinite patience and so wonderful resource in the training of his pets. Ernest L. Barbour is another of the week's strong features, presenting a monologue with impersonations, etc., that reminds one irresistibly of Marshal P. Wilder, although not as a copy by any manner of means, for Mr. Barbour has originality of method that saves him from such imputation. The Three Moores do a neat comedy act that has plenty of spice, and entertaining singing and talking in it. There are songs, duets, trios, etc., all good quality, and Miss Marion also proves herself a clever skirt and contortion dancer. Fields & Whallen have a laughable skit in the line of singing farce, but it verges on roughness and fun of the slapstick sort, and is therefore somewhat below the standard of the house. Mr. Roberts' song for the week is the pretty "In The Village by The Sea," and the motion pictures are new and clear, thereby pleasing everyone. For the coming week the bookings are the Four Juggling Martons, expert club manipulators; Demaria & Orlando, singing and dancing soubrettes; Harry Walton, the so-called king of Chinese impersonators; Agraz & Hilton, in a novelty bicycle act; Mr. Roberts in the illustrated song "Last Night When the Moon Was Shining"—and the moving pictures up-to-date.

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The first week of the re-opened Edison under the capable managment of Mr. Walter Kellogg, evidences that the popularity of this house stays with it, and that as a manager as well as an entertainer Mr. Kellogg is the right man in the right place. There is little contributary to the comfort or the pleasure of his patrons that is overlooked, and is must be encouraging to him to note that the demand for improvement is centralized in the requirement of additional seating accommodation, which will very shortly be provided. The act of the present week that has apparently given the greatest pleasure has been that of the Mexican trio—one man and two ladies—who introduce a melange of characteristic vocal and instrumental music and dances of a varied nature. They are clad in the bright, picturesque costumes of Mexico and perform their various selections with much vim and energy. A clever piece of character work is that done by Kehoe and Rainer in their rural comedy sketch. Miss Rainer's rendition of the character song "Way Down in Maine" causes many laughs and loud applause. Mr. Kehoe as the old farmer, is a character-study in make-up, dialect and acting, acquired by long experience with leading dramatic productions. They are a strong team, and their laugnable cross-song and eccentric dance finish a sketch that demands an encore. Queen and Ross also proved a strong attraction, and they have something unusual in the way of a sketch. Mr. Queen does some fine tumbling, and Miss Ross is an expert dancer and contortionist. Both sing and dance and have some rapid-fire repartee that is catchy. The illustrated song for this week is "The Face in the Firelight." It is well rendered and the pictures are beautiful. The moving pictures are varied in character. Those representing scenes on the battlefield in the war between Japan and Russia are very interesting at the present time.

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The Crystal theatre marks Labor Day with its re-opening with a programme for the week that shows quality in every item, with business-like discrimination in balancing the bill so that all tastes may be suited. "Lone Star Harry," the world's champion rifle and pistol expert, heads the bill of five strong items. His act is described as the greatest of its kind ever offered British Columbia patrons of vaudeville. After many wonderful feats of expert markmanship he concludes his act by playing a tune with rifle bullets fired at bull's eye targets, ringing the bells in rapid succession and thus producing the air. Surely nothing to surpass this in novelty was ever offered in a musical act. Another feature of the bill is the song, "The Wreck of The Clallam," composed by Mrs. Albert E. Oates of this city, and now for the first time offered a British Columbia audience. The other features are the great Pamplin, the Egyptian novelty artist; Blunt, the contortion wonder; Tom Doyle, the world's champion reel dancer and vocalist; Morton and Fairfield in a comedy sketch entitled "The Fortune Teller," and an interesting series of moving pictures. In future the Crystal's admission price will be 10 cents to all parts of the house for matinee performances; in the evenings the standard prices of 10 and 20 cents will prevail, and all will agree that big value is offered for the money.

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Prof. Montague, who is exhibiting a cockatoo circus at the Grand this week, is a man full of interesting stories. He loves to talk of his birds and tells endless stories of his experience, as a trainer. Everybody remembers since childhood Madame Garetta, who became world-famous through her educated pigeons. It used to be the ambition of every child to go and see her performance. She was Prof. Montague's wife. He did the work behind the stage and she did the exhibiting. The professor likes to speak of his late wife, how all animals took great liking to her at first sight and used to follow her on the streets. Among many mementoes from European trips the professor fondly cherishes a faded bouquet presented Madame Garetta by the then Princess of Wales, now Queen of England, while appearing by royal command at Marlborough house in London at a children's party.

"There is only one secret about bird training," said the professor to an interviewer, "and that is kindness and patience, with a large stock of the latter, and determination to succeed. I have trained two lots of cockatoos, my late wife using the first lot. These that I am exhibiting now at the Grand I procured on my last visit to Australia in 1896. I arrived there too late in the season to get nest birds, which are tame, and was obliged to accept trapped ones, which are caught in nets. Everyone I knew in Melbourne told me I had attempted an impossible feat. This, however, made me more determined than ever to accomplish my task—and I succeeded, as you see, though at the risk of nervous prostration. The performance which I am now introducing is the result of seven years of hard and constant practice, combined with a patience that would try the spirit of a Job.

"The cockatoos are said to live to the age of 100 years. It is possibly true, for I saw one in the zoological gardens at London which had been there 85 years and they don't know how old he was when he was placed in the garden.

"My birds have never been whipped or abused, which accounts greatly for the willing and happy manner in which they go through their performance. My real work is not on the stage, but in the morning, when I spend two hours looking after their health and comfort. All the delicacies of the market are theirs, and when I appear I am greeted with a chorus of 'Hello, papa;' 'Hello, papa!' 'Good morning, papa!' and they screech to beat the band in a frantic endeavor, one to out-do the other in making noise."

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The season at the Victoria opens Monday evening with a sumptuous revival of that merry chestnut, "A Texas Steer."

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Florence Roberts is to add "Marta of the Lowlands" to her old repertoire this season.

Virginia Brissac, last here with Florence Roberts, is now a member of White Whittlesey's forces.

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Reginald Travers, formerly with James Neill and Ralph Stuart, is to go out with Wilton Lackaye.

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Signor Ernestio Claudio, formerly with the Rose Shay Opera Company, has opened a studio here, for violin, mandolin and guitar.

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Gorton's Minstrels, on Thursday evening next, is the second attraction at the theatre on View stret. Gorton's show is well known here, and rates about a good second class in minstrelsy.

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Looks Like a Threat.—"Those stories of "Mark's" and "Willie's will be published in book form some time."—Cumberland Enterprise.

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A local daily remarks that Sir Chas. Wyndham, Ellen Terry. Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Forbes Robertson, Mme. Rejane, Ermete Novelli, and Tomaso Salvini will probably be among this season's offerings at the Victoria Theatre. The probability of these or any of them being seen by Victorians at home is about one in seven millions.

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Good fishing is reported from the upper Cowichan.

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The yacht White Cap has returned from a week's cruise among the islands.

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It is expected that a Labor Day lacrosse match will be arranged between the team which recently returned from Oregon and a picked twelve.

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An eleven of the Royal Engineers C. C. is playing Tacoma in the City of Destiny today.

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Wrestler John Berg has gone home to Sweden to see the old folks. He is still a sick man.

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New Westminster and Nelson lacrosse teams are to play exhibition matches during the big fair at the Royal City.

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Mr. A. J. O'Reilly of this city has for the third consecutive year won the croquet championship of British Columbia. Hon. Mrs. Cecil Edwardes won the cup for the ladies' handicap singles.

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The golf club at a meeting last week received the reports of various officers and elected Col. A. W. Jones to the club captaincy and Mr. Harvey Combe to the secretaryship.

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Mr. C. B. Wainwright of Vancouver, has invented an improved patented centreboard for sailing craft, which bids fair to become a necessity in modern yacht-building.

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Frank B. Greer has issued an open challenge, through the East Boston Athletic Association Boat Club, to any sculler in the world, Lou Scholes or Fred Peterson preferred.

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L. Sweeny of the Central lacrosse team of this city, accompanies the Vancouver Argos on their Eastern tour, which will include matches in Winnipeg, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Montreal.

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Pte. Perry of Vancouver is undisputed military rifle champion of the British empire. And now Co. Sergt-Major Fred Richardson of this city, has won the championship of Ontario and broken the aggregate record of Canada. The Easterners will begin to realize shortly that the West can shoot a few.

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The English partridges have increased and multiplied at Langley, where they were turned out this spring. A close watch should, however, be kept on them during the next few months or the pothunters will make an end of the experiment.

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Campbell and Gray, lightweights, have signed articles to wrestle here at catch weights, catch-as-catch-can, on Labor Day. Campbell is favored by the Mainland papers, being picked to score an easy victory from the Nanaimoite.

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The Nelson lacrosse team has accepted $850 to play in New Westminster during fair week, not because the thought of monetary considerations does not make their amateur souls boil, but so that the New Westminster folk will not be offended.

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In the Seattle tennis tournament, the papers were in error in recording a victory for Mrs. Davidson and Miss Goward over Mrs. Langton and Miss Hulbert. It was the other way. Mr. Hunter, Miss Goward, Mrs. Langton and Mr. Powell were all amazingly successful in their Sound and Oregon tennis engagements.

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The score in the Garrison-Victoria C. C. series of cricket matches now stands 2-all, the club having won last Saturday's match at the Jubilee grounds by 167 for three wickets to 112 on a completed first inning. Great interest is taken in the prospective fifth and final match.

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W. H. Yawkey, the Detroit baseball magnate who is reputed to be worth $10,000,000 and to have spent $55,000 on baseball, visited Victoria this week. After attending a ball game at Oak Bay he must have come to the conclusion that if he received as poor support from the public as is accorded the Victoria baseball management, he would very soon go broke.

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It is rather amusing to read in the Portland press that "the combination of the Victoria lacrossists bore testimony to the fact that they have played long in company." The fun arises from the fact that they had never played together before.

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The proposal to form an international lacrosse league for next season to include Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle, Everett and Tacoma, is meeting with a good deal of support on both sides of the line. The idea seems a good one, especially as it may lead to a renewal of playing relations with New Westminster. Preliminary negotiations might be undertaken by the Vancouver club, and the other clubs mentioned doubtless would appoint delegates to discuss the proposal if the suggestion is made.

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Last Saturday's very successful regetta of the Bays is now too ancient history for any recapitulation to be desired by readers of "Progress." This paper feels it a pleasure however to compliment the officers and committee of the Association upon the excellence of the general arrangements and the members upon the good sportsmanship displayed in all events. The presentation to Dan O'Sullivan of a handsome souvenir locket—of gold with crossed oars, in which is set a diamond and the letters J.B.A.A.—was a fitting finale to regatta day.

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Chief interest in the final shoot of the Victoria Gun Club centered in the match for the club trophy, successively won heretofore by J. C. Maclure, Robert Sangster, Otto Weiler and W. H. Adams (twice). This time the victor was C. F. Banfield, who broke 27 out of 30 for the cup, and, shooting on, finished with a break of 46 out of 50. Otto Weiler ranked second in the trophy shoot, with a score of 25, while following in their order came W. Bickford, 24; W. H. Adams, 23; Charles Pears, 22; T. Peden, 21, and W. Pears, 21.

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F. J. Miller, a veteran prospector and miner, addresses the following pertinent letter to the Cranbrook Herald: "Has it ever come to your notice the number of fish that have been dynamited this summer in Fish lake? I took a trip through that part of the country about four weeks ago and I figured out that the lake had been dynamited, because there was as much as four inches of dead fish in the creek coming out of the lake. I believe there is such a person as a game warden in this part of the Kootenays, but what is he doing, except draw his remuneration every month? The only trouble is that there are not enough men employed to protect the fish and game of this country. Wake up, people; wake up."

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This week will be the last for the sale of tickets in H. L. Salmon's St. Leger sweep. Mr. Salmon reports that the sales are increasing day by day. As the amount of commission to provide for all expenses, is stated, viz., 10 per cent., the public are safeguarded, and get back 90 per cent. of the entire subscription. Pretty Polly is a strong favorite for this classic event, and St. Amand the winner of the Derby, is second favorite at 4 to 1 against. No tickets for the sweep will be sold in Victoria after September 5, so that the drawing can be prepared. This will be held in Pioneer Hall on the afternoon of September 6. The public will be invited to be present.

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The Pacific Coast is to have a challenge trophy to be competed for by lacrosse teams from California to Alaska, Mr. P. J. Lally, of the Lally Lacrosse Manufacturing Company, of Cornwall, Ont., on behalf of his firm, has offered to donate a trophy to represent the championship of the Pacific Coast. and to be open to the competition of teams from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California. The trophy will be ready for competition next season. Just what form it will take has not yet been definitely settled, but arrangement of this, of the details of donation and the conditions of competition have been left in charge of the sporting editor of the Vancouver World, who will communicate with the various leagues, on behalf of Mr. Lally, and obtain their views.

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It was the old, old story of an unappreciative public insofar as baseball in Victoria is concerned, out at Oak Bay Park last Saturday. The locals were pitted against the crack Rainiers of Seattle, one of the strongest nines of the Coast in all departments of the game. The home team, bereft of McManus, put up a very pretty exhibition. Schwengers particularly distinguished himself, but the empty seats in the grandstand were disheartening in their number. The Rainiers won by 4 to 1, but it is not too much to say that if the Victorias had anything like the substantial encouragement from the Victoria public that their opponents have from the people of Seattle, they would very soon outclass their conquerors of last Saturday. Today baseballers, as well as everyone else, will be shooting, but next Saturday will witness what probably will be the closing engagement of the baseball season at Oak Bay, the Victoria nine meeting the famous Fernwoods.

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The Victoria lacrosse twelve, under the management of President Thomas Hooper and the captaincy of Art. Belfrey, returned Monday from a visit to Oregon, which included matches in Astoria and in Portland. In both games the opposing twelve was representative of Portland. The first match was drawn, 2-2; in the second Victoria won, 2-0. The attendance in each case was large and the public thoroughly appreciative of clean and fairly fast lacrosse. Victoria's team, largely composed of intermediates and juniors, was quite new to one another. The Portlands were found to be largely made up of old Eastern players. There were four importations from Tacoma—Brown, Wallace, Lynch and Thurston, late of Vancouver; Oddy, late of the New Westimnster champion team, and Hague and McCance, of Nanaimo.

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The Y. M. C. A. Lawn Tennis Club will hold a handicap tournament on Monday next. Handicaps have been fixed as follows: W. M. McNeill, owe 15; A. B. Fraser, jr., scratch; W. B. Fisher, scratch; R. Dunn, receive 1-2 15; H. F. Pullen, receive 15; Rev. A. Ewing, receive 15; J. Nelson, receive 15; W. S. Terry, receive 30-15; S. Porter, receive 30-15. The following matches will be played on the day mentioned: Fisher vs. Porter, Waddington vs. Terry, Pullen vs. McNeill, Ewing vs. Nelson, and Fraser vs. Dunn. The finals will be played during the week.

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Of the six hundred or more sportsmen who went out for the opening of the season, about 549 would like to have a personal interview with the man who said "the birds were never more plentiful." Good hunters with good dogs on the opening day had to be content with three or four birds. A bag of twenty has yet to be reported to any single gun, and blanks were numerous as the famous leaves of—what is that Spanish place? Yet everybody got good exercise and the majority acquired magnificent appetites, so that there should be no general kick. With the unfortunate, the standard excuse is as in years agone, "the dog wouldn't work." The more lucky ones with becoming modesty shared the glory with the faithful hound. One of the best bags on the E. & N. Thursday was made by an enthusiast who, although bereft of one of his legs by a railway mishap, managed by a patrol of the track on a speeder and his own good marksmanship, to make up a bag of seventeen. He had no dog. Another gentleman who had gloried in the loan of a setter of famous name and illustrious pedigree, found that once in the woods the much-honored animal insisted upon losing herself and would not hunt a little bit. After carrying the prize winner out of the woods a couple of times, she was given a meaning kick in the ribs and tied up for the rest of the day, while a reservation mongrel put up the birds and won a reputation. Another gentleman who borrowed a famous dog—allegedly worth $700 though who shall say what a dog would do with so much money?—tied him up in a shanty near Goldstream Wednesday evening as he (the hunter) retired to dream of triumphs on the morrow. In the morning there lay poor Gelert stark and stiff. He had jumped through a low window during the night, unwisely without measuring the length of the confining rope, and hanged by the neck until the spark had flown. The hunting season has opened auspiciously, in that there have been no serious accidents recorded. But the man who desires to make a bag would do well to shun the get-at-able localities. They are pretty well worked out.

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