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Women teach us repose, civility and dignity.—Voltaire.

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All that I am my mother made me.—John Quincy Adams.

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There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.—Lamartine.

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If woman lost us Eden, such as she alone restore it.—Whittier.

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The world well tried—the sweetest thing in life
Is the unclouded welcome of a wife.
—N. P. Willis.

All the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of women.—Voltaire.

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O, woman! lovely woman! Nature made thee to temper man; we had been brutes without you!—Otway.

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Women admire strength without affecting it; men delicacy without returning it.—Jean Paul.

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All the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of a woman.—Voltaire.

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Woman is the Sunday of man; not his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life.—Michelet.

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As for the women, though we scorn and flout 'em,
We may live with, but cannot live without 'em.
—Dryden.

The Pilotage Investigation

Mr. E. Crow Baker Assailed by the Pilots Who Want to Recover Money Signed Away.

The inquiry into the charge against Mr. E. Crow Baker, secretary of the Victoria Pilotage Board ,was resumed before Special Commissioner R. T. Elliott on Wednesday, Mr. Joseph Martin K.C., and Mr. B. J. Perry appeared for the pilots, and Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., for Mr. Baker.

The charge is that Mr. Baker retained, or misappropriated, moneys due to the pilots during the years 1893 to 1900. It had been the custom of the board to set aside 10 per cent. of the funds received by the board until the end of the year, and the pilots allege that this should have been divided among them at the end of each year, whereas during the period mentioned the whole amount had been retained by Mr. Baker, the pilots signing receipts for their shares of it. The pilots say that Mr. Baker made them sign away this money by undue influence, as they feared to lose their positions if they declined to do as he wished.

The defense is that the pilots willingly made over the money to Mr. Baker because they desired to retain his services on the board and he was unwilling to continue to act as secretary at the salary paid, $50 per month.

There appears to be some political interest attaching to the case, prominent members of the Liberal party being conspicuous at the proceedings.

The evidence given by the pilots Messrs. Thompson, Newby, Bucknam and Bebbington was much to the same effect, namely, that they had made over this money, amounting to about $7,000 during all the years involved, to Mr. Baker because they were afraid to offend him. One of the witnesses, however, modified this statement by saying that he understood the money was not to go to Mr. Baker, but to be the nucleus of a fund for aged pilots.

Mr. Baker gave his evidence on Thursday. He showed very clearly that the arrangement made by which he received the so-called surplus fund, or 10 per cent. of the receipts, had been agreed to by the pilots. A great mass of documentary evidence was put in, and Mr. Baker explained that the present action had resulted apparently from a pact on the part of the pilots, one of whom, in his evidence on Thursday, stated that he hoped to recover a large amount of money by the present action. Mr. Baker did not deny that his action had not been endorsed by the pilotage board, but testified that he had acted in accordance with the unanimous desire of the pilots that he should remain on the board and receive additional remuneration from them for so doing.

Mr. Martin, in his cross-examination of Mr. Baker, endeavored to show that Mr. Baker had been ordered by the commissioners to pay over money to the pilots in one particular year which money he had retained, but this attack fell down, Mr. Baker producing the cheques for the amount, which cheques had been duly paid by the bank. It was shown that Mr. Baker practically had created the means by which the pilots earned the large salaries, averaging between two and three thousand dollars a year, which they had pocketed, while his official salary had averaged $50 a month since the creation of the association; and with the "surplus money" added, his salary had averaged a little over $60 a month.

Suggestions were thrown out by Mr. Martin in his cross-examination, that Mr. Baker had held his position and drawn the additional money, assigned to him by the pilots, by virtue of his influence with the Conservative government then in power, but no evidence in support of these suggestions was offered.

The investigation concluded yesterday morning, and the special commissioner will forward his report to Ottawa at the earliest possible moment. It will probably be a week or two before anything will be known as to the result, which is looked forward to with keen interest.

PROGRESS—AN ACROSTIC.

Pages of Progress with interest are read,
Right glad are its readers that changes are made;
Over its items a brightness now shines,
Greatly enhancing its well printed lines.
Regarding its jokes one can laugh at the fun,
Ever clouded before with its questionable pun;
So long may you flourish—who edits anew,
Send Progress, prosperity, good readers and true.

H. C.

LEGAL.

A case in which a good deal of public interest was manifested was decided before Mr. Justice Harrison this week. It was that of the three men charged with assaulting Street Car Conductor McLeod. The men had a preliminary hearing and were lodged in jail, and, electing for speedy trial, were brought before the County Court Judge. The evidence was repeated, and at its conclusion the Judge found the men guilty of the charge preferred against them, and imposed a fine of $30 in each case. In so doing, His Honor commented on the seriousness of the offence and the importance of protecting public officials in the discharge of their duty, adding that the previous good character of the prisoners was fully considered, and had much to do in mitigation of the penalty. The evidence went to show that the men were somewhat under the influence of drink and were under the impression that the new schedule rates announced were in effect on that date. The conductor does not appear to have exercised much discretion in his mode of treating these particular passengers—a little forbearance on his part might have averted the whole trouble. It, unfortunately, too often happens that when men are invested with a little brief authority and clothed in uniform, they are apt to forget themselves. In this particular case, there is a general feeling that Conductor McLeod might have used more discretion and by so doing saved a lot of trouble. However, as His Honor pointed out, it is important public servants be protected in the discharge of their duty. It is not often that there is friction between the street car employes and the public, and it is to be hoped that the present case will be the last.

Too many people are patriotic only when their own party is in power.

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Now that the Liberal Government in Hungary has been defeated it talks of appealing to the country.

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In order to avoid the risk of the Russian officers getting on the spree and bringing the navy into disrepute, the second Pacific squadron is going round the Cape instead of through the Mediterranean.

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General Stoessel is said to be a Swiss by birth, tall and bulky, a rigid disciplinarian and very profane. One can imagine how such a man will just now curse the Japs, the Russians, the Czar and his durned luck.

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With the approach of the session of 1905, newspaper readers must be prepared for another series of long leading articles from that editorial mill on Broad street on "The Government; Its Sins and Shortcomings; Why It Should be downed, and How to Down It." It is still a Conservative Government.

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The Privileges Teachers Claim

Convention or Convenience Discussed at Meeting of Public School Trustees.

In addition to the usual routine business transacted at Wednesday's meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the question of permitting school teachers on Vancouver Island to close their schools on January 3rd and 4th for the purpose of attending the annual convention of teachers to be held in Vancouver, was discussed.

Trustee Beaumont Boggs introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas, a notice to teachers has been printed in the public press of Victoria (unsigned) announcing that the Education Department has granted permission to the Island teachers to close their schools for the purpose of attending the convention to be held in Vancouver on January 3rd and 4th next.

"And whereas, the usual summer vacation of six weeks was extended for eight weeks, and the schools close for the Christmas vacation on the 16th and should reopen on the 2nd of January;

"Therefore be it resolved, That this board emphatically protests against a further closing of the schools of the city on the 3rd and 4th of January, as mentioned in the said notice."

Trustee Boggs supported the resolution in a vigorous speech, asserting that the teachers now had more holidays than enough, and in this connection he enumerated some of the regular vacations which the teachers at present enjoy.

This gave rise to considerable discussion, and finally a resolution of Trustee Lewis was accepted, directing that the schools be opened on January 3rd.

Spanish Treasure.

Like the confidence-trick man, the Spanish treasure swindler is ever on the alert in endeavoring to ensnare fresh victims, says an English exchange. Another budget of artfully-framed letters is being scattered about the country, but this time the epistle does not emanate from a State prisoner, but from one who is laid by the heels for bankruptcy, and makes appeal to astute Britons to aid him in freeing luggage which he has in France. Among the articles is a valise containing information as to the whereabouts of £37,000, and the apportionment of the third part of this amount is dangled as a reward before the eyes of the to-be-duped ones. As the bankrupt's case is urgent, replies by telegram to a given address in Madrid are requested. Mine host in an Ayrshire town who has been honoured with one of these epistles, had some years ago, by way of frolic, a nibble at the Spaniard's hidden treasure bait. After luring the swindlers—who hailed from Cadiz—on for a time with offers of assistance, the transaction to be carried through the aid of female relatives of the Don, the Scot brought matters to a crisis by mentioning that he had a brother a sailor, who was likely to call at Cadiz, and would do himself the pleasure of visiting the sister or daughter of the unfortunate Spaniard, if the necessary address was forwarded, and then render the financiad aid required. Needless to say, he heard no more of the matter.

A short time ago the head master of an English boarding school observed one of the boys cleaning his knife on the table cloth and immediately pounced on him. "Is that what you generally do at home, sir?" he asked, sternly. "Oh, no," replied the boy quietly, "we have clean knives at home."

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Misadventures of Augustus Smitherins

No. 3—The Misadventures of the Yellow Dog.

In relating the very peculiar experiences of my friend, Augustus Smitherins, I do not think that any part of my task has caused me so much anxiety as that dealing with the Surprising Misadventure of the Yellow Dog. I thank Heaven that I have never been to Rossland. Accustomed as I am to the comforts and refinements of old England, I find difficulty in appreciating the truly remarkable conditions, social, moral and commercial, of that distant and dreadful city. And unless I master, to some extent, this difficulty, how can I hope to make intelligible or credible to the ordinary reader the story that I have to tell? That the facts about to be set forth are true, I know, but that they should be true almost passes belief.

I had heard of Rossland some little time before Augustus visited it in the course of his explorations in British North America. A former friend—he is not dead, but our friendship is at an end—advised me to invest money in some sort of mine at Rossland. I took his advice, and some of the inhabitants of Rossland, I suppose, took my money. Whether the man who advised me to invest was one of the conspirators, I cannot say with certainty, but if he was, his sin has found him out, for I am informed that recently he has had to part with his valet, and his villa in St. John's Wood, and is threatened with bankruptcy proceedings.

But to return to my narrative. The first intimation which reached Smitherins Manor of the arrival of Augustus in Rossland came in the alarming form of a cablegram. It arrived before noon, when Lady Smitherins never feels very strong, and its arrival completely unnerved her ladyship. Crying out, "Augustus is dead!" her ladyship collapsed on her favorite Persian kitten, which happened to be asleep on the nearest chair. The kitten succumbed, but when the cablegram was opened, it was found to deal only with urgent financial matters. In view of my own experience of Rossland, when I saw that the cablegram was dated from that place, I quite understood why Augustus had run short of money.

When Lady Smitherins recovered consciousness, the purport of the message was explained to her, but it was long before her mind was cleared of the idea that Augustus was in the bands of mountain brigands who had held him for ransom.

A few weeks after the arrival of the cablegram a letter, dated from Rossland, was received from Augustus.

"I have reached a very remarkable place," he wrote. "I never imagined that such a town could exist within the confines of the Empire, on which the Sun never Sets. In Rossland there is no Day and no Night. Of course, there are two periods of the 24 hours, one lighted by electricity and the other by the sun, but Rossland is never asleep. I approached the town by night. The approach is very slow, for Rossland is situated high up among the mountains, and the train goes round and round, backwards and forwards, in order to mount to its destination. You see the lights of the town, apparently quite close to you, some time before you arrive. It was interesting, and, I should imagine, a trifle dangerous.

. . . . The hotel at which I put up was about the size of a little village inn in our country. It was built of wood and contained only seven or eight bedrooms, very small and scantily furnished. I was told there was a bigger house in the town, but it was of the same character. Being so high in the mountains—the peaks hem you in there on every side—the streets are hilly and rocky, and Rossland strikes you as a cross between an Alpine village and the slums of a big city—saloons here, there and everywhere, and just a few respectable buildings for the banks and public offices.

"On my arrival I was put up at the Rossland Club, a comfortable bungalow, where cards and cocktails are the principal attraction. It was there that I first heard of the mysterious yellow dog. I was listening, in the reading-room, to a fluent description of the Rossland mines and their enormous capabilities, by a rather dissipated-looking young man, who, I was informed, had recently come from Toronto and was manager of a mine called the Frozen Bear, his principal qualification for that important position being that his uncle was a director of a Canadian Bank. During this interesting address, another rather dissipated young man came in and was introduced to me by the manager of the Frozen Bear as Mr. Joseph Tompkins. Mr. Tompkins was very affable, and, much to my amusement, a little condescending. Mr. Tompkins, however, was restless, and soon rose from his seat, 'Sorry I can't stay,' he remarked, 'but I have to see a Man with a Yellow Dog.'

"My friend, the manager, smiled. 'We will excuse you,' he said, and Mr. Tompkins went out of the room, after bumping against two chairs and one side of the doorway.

"'Is Mr. Tompkins fond of dogs?' I asked.

"'Oh—ah—yes, I suppose so,' replied the Mine Manager. 'The Yellow Dog is, of course, extra valuable.'

"'What kind of breed is he?' I asked.

"'Just yellow. I don't think you have him in England.'

"As my friend appeared unwilling to pursue the subject, I did not ask any more questions. On the following day I received an invitation, by word of mouth, to attend a banquet in one of the wooden hotels in honor of a political visitor, Mr. Martin, who aspired to the premiership of the province. I accepted the invitation with pleasure, and meeting the Mine Manager at the Club, inquired if he would be present. He said, 'Yes,' and added that he would see me there, and, if possible, arrange to sit next to me. 'Just now I can't stay with you,' he said, 'I have to see a man with the Yellow Dog.' He had gone before I could express my surprise. Was everybody in Rossland anxious about this strange animal? I went out and walked around the town. I saw lots of dogs and several dog fights, but no sign of a dog that struck me as being particularly yellow. The dog fights, by the way, seem popular in Rossland. Whenever one commences, the buildings near by are promptly vacated by the people in them and a crowd of spectators assembles to watch the fray. Possibly, I thought, the yellow dog is a great fighter.

"The banquet commenced at 9 o'clock. I met my friend, the Mine Manager, at the Club, and we walked to the hotel together. On the way, I asked him if he had seen the yellow dog. He replied that he had and that he thought I should very likely have a chance of seeing that animal myself during the night. The banquet was highly entertaining. A crowd of men, the majority of whom were properly dressed, sat down to the tables, the political gentleman having the place of honor on the chairman's right. I regarded him with considerable interest. He was oddly dressed in a very ill-fitting suit of dark grey. He was stout and by no means handsome; in fact, he did not impress me at all. When he replied to the toast of his health, however, I was both impressed and startled. Mr. Martin has a very nasal, hard voice, but he speaks with great fluency and effect; he is no doubt a man of ability without much culture. The other speeches were absurd. All the men in Rossland appear to think themselves orators, and their after dinner speeches are high-flown nonsense. One gentleman, an American general, caused great amusement. On being called upon, he asked for a few minutes delay in order that he might send a messenger boy to the office of the local newspaper. The boy was sent for, and on returning from the office handed the general a long slip of paper printed on one side. The general took the slip in his hand and rose to his feet.

"'This, gentlemen,' he said, 'is a proof of my speech which will appear in the Rossland Digger tomorrow, and with your kind permission I will now read it to you.'

"This caused great merriment, and the general read his speech all through very carefully. Personally, I was surprised that any newspaper should trouble to print it at all, much less in advance of its delivery.

"But the 'sensation of the evening,' as the Digger expressed it next day, was 'sprung upon the festive gathering by the Hon. Mr. Martin.' I should say it was! Whether the particularly bad champagne had upset Mr. Martin's liver, or whether the muscular 'spring chicken' refused to be digested, I cannot say, but something clearly was the matter. Mr. Martin transfixed the banqueters with a stony stare, and, secure in his own plain wearing apparel, denounced them as 'white-shirted hoboes!' A cold shiver ran round the tables. But I will not disclose the painful scene. A 'hobo,' it appears, is a sort of tramp or idler.

"I have referred to the quality of the champagne, and I speak of it feelingly. Not content with the fact that I had been drinking a fair share of this stuff, my friend the mine manager, who was in a state of marked exhiliration, introduced a quantity of whisky into my glass and then induced me to 'join him.' I did so, and was very nearly ill on the spot. I succeeded in avoiding that, however, but I must confess that my head swam horribly. Later, the mine manager and I left the dining hall and went into the street. It was a fine, cold night. But the air did not do me much good. We went into a saloon to get what the mine manager called a 'straightener to fix us up.' It certainly fixed me, for, coming out of the saloon, I fell off the sidewalk into a mixture of melting snow and mud several feet deep in the ditch. The mine manager pulled me out, and as I staggered to my feet a huge dog came bounding down the street, rushed between my legs and hurled me for the second time into the soup. The mine manager laughed so much that he also lost his footing and joined me in the ditch.

"I hardly know how we got out. But we managed to scramble onto the sidewalk somehow. We sat down on a doorstep and endeavored to separate ourselves from some of the mess. While thus employed, the mine manager ejaculated, "Ha!" and pointed up the street. 'You have seen him at last,' he said.

"I looked in the direction he pointed. There, on the sidewalk, just below an electric lamp, sniffing the air, and wagging his tail, stood an enormous Yellow Dog."

(Next week—No. 4. The Misadventure of the Great Atlantic Hotel.)

The monthly mixed foursome competition of the United Service Golf Club took place last Thursday at Macaulay Point. The scores were as follows:

	Score.	Hde.	Total.
Mr. Ellison and Miss Bell	77	13	64
Mr. F. S. Barnard and Miss G. Loewen	76	12	64
Col and Mrs. Jones	72	7	65
Maj. and Mrs. Bland	83	18	65
Mr. Rithet and Mrs. Gence	80	15	65
Mr. Pooley and Miss V. Pooley	82	14	68
Commander Hunt and Mrs. Langley	74	5	69
Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury	85	15	70
Mr. French and Mrs. Perry	92	19	73
Mr. Spearman and Mrs. Becker	88	14	74
Commodore Goodrich and Miss Pooley	85	11	74
Capt. Blandy and Miss Vernon	95	18	76
Capt. Parry and Miss Walsh	106	23	83
Capt. and Mrs. Brady	107	19	88

Hon. F Hood and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. Foll and Hon. Mrs. Hood, Mr. Genge and Mrs. Davidson—No returns.

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Although the present J. B. A. A. handball tournament is not for the championship the interest taken in it by the members is as keen as ever. Appended is the standing of the teams us to last Thursday:—

	P.	W.	L.
Smith and Sutherland	5	4	1
Hart and Pettingell	5	4	1
Jost and Finlaison	8	6	2
Jones and Jesse	6	4	2
Peden and Hughes	5	2	3
Hunter and Belyea	6	2	4
Smith and Leeming	6	2	4
Woods and Mowat	4	1	3
Kennedy and Andrews	2	0	2
York and Pendray	3	0	3

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Active preparations are being made for the boxing contest to take place on December 23 at the Savoy theatre. The management promises this will be one of the best contests that has ever tatken place in this city. Both men are hard at work training and will be in the best of condition on the night of the contest. Oakley is in training at the Colonist hotel, and Neilings is in the hands of men who are a safe guarantee that the people will get their money's worth. The match will be fought on Friday evening, December 23. Jim Oakley is a bluejacket on board H. M. S. Shearwater, and Neilings is the dangerous man of the R. G. A., who has made Sergt. Dunn hustle on more occasions than one.

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According to Mr. F. E. Lacey, the M. C. C. secretary, the precise loss incurred by the club through last year's tour in Australia was £1,044 19s. 10d. Mr. Lacey takes exception to those who said "the M. C. C. can afford it," for, though it was partially true that the M. C. C. was a rich club, and that if their possessions were realized there would be enough to discharge all liabilities and have a small balance in hand, the question had to be looked at in the light of a going concern, and without a doubt they were largely dependent on the weather. Speaking personally, he thought it unreasonable that the M. C. C. should take over the whole of the financial responsibility, and he thought that steps might be taken to reduce the possibility of loss to a minimum. The Melbourne Club had handed over £500 to associations out of the proceeds of the last trip, and they would naturally not give away the greater portion of their profits.

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The Victoria West Association team played with only eight men the eleven of the Egeria at Oak Bay on Saturday, and in spite of heroic efforts had to acknowledge defeat to the tune of 6 goals to 1. No team three men short can expect to achieve success.

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The Y. M. C. A boys are taking up handball and their court is just about completed.

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The J. B. A. A. intermedaite basketball team has made an excellent showing so far this season. Out of three matches played two were victories. The other was lost to the Fifth Regiment by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 6-5. The victories were against the Fernwoods, the first being with a score of 21-17 and the second 30-21.

The prize for the competition for last week is awarded to the competitor who sent in the remark "What's in a name?" as the monkey's remark on the tuberculosis concert. Two competitors sent in this reply and the prize is awarded to the first opened.

PROSE.

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THE MONKEY'S REMARK.

On another page will be found among the advertisements a coupon for this competition. The competitor must cut out the coupon, fill in the space left for that purpose with the most appropriate remark he or she can think of, and mail to "Progress" office so as to arrive on or before Wednesday evening next. The competitor sending in the most appropriate and ingenious "remark" by the Monkey will receive $2. The decision will be made without any reference to the political color of the remark.

The late residence of Hon. D. W. Higgins, on Cadboro Bay road, has been sold by Messrs. P. R. Brown, Ltd., to Dr. Ernest Hall. The house is one of the handsomest in the city. The property is beautifully situated and the land comprises two and one-quarter acres and covers a full city square. It is adorned with ancient oak and other trees, garden shrubbery, orchard and vegetable garden, tennis court, stabling, etc. The figure paid was slightly under $10,000.

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R. C. Wilson, Rec. Sec., 191 Chatham Steeet.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.
Victoria Aerie No. 12 F. O. E. meets every Wednesday evening in Eagle Hall, Adelphi Block, at 8:30 p. m. Sojourning brothers made welcome. Joseph Wachter, W. President; Frank LeRoy W. Secretary.

Northern Light, No. 5935. A. O. F.
Meets 2n and 4th Wednesday in each month in K. of P. Hall, Douglas St. Visiting members cordially invited to all meetings.
J. P. Hancock, Chief Ranger; W. F. Fullerton Secretary.

Knights of Pythias.
Far West Lodge No. 1 meets at their Hall, cor Douglas and Pandora Streets, every Friday at 8 p.m. Sojourning brothers are always welcome.
J.H. Penketh, C.C.; Harry Weber, K. of R.&S. Box 544.

Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters
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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

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

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

S. Y. WOOTTON,
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SAYS CHEFOO.

Once again Port Arthur's fallen,
Kuropatkin's had a maulin',
Says Chefoo;
Stakelberg has been surrounded,
Rennenkampf has been impounded—
All's confusion worse confounded,
Says Chefoo.

Japs besieging are defeated,
Says Chefoo;
Nodzu hurriedly retreated,
Says Chefoo;
Kuropatkin's won the day,
Old Oyama he will slay—
Russians never run away,
Says Chefoo.

Prince Ouktomsky's been suspended,
Says Chefoo;
War is practically ended,
Says Chefoo;
Fighting's only just begun,
Both sides madly on the run—
Telling whoppers is such fun,
Says Chefoo.

Poor Kuroki's quite prostrated,
Says Chefoo;
No, he's not; he's quite elated,
Says Chefoo;
Fighting's over, and it's not,
Weather's freezing cold, but hot—
Ain't it fun to send out rot?
Says Chefoo.

CONCERNING PERFUMES.

"Phymar" Writes Wisely on This Important Topic—What to Use and How to Use It.

Some of the latest hints from Paris tell us that perfumes are being used more and more by the smart set. We find now in my lady's boudour, scented sachets in all shapes and sizes, one in her work basket, while others are only just hidden in the corners of her favorite sofa pillow. On the dressing table, two or three are in the mouchoir case and glove boxes. Every bodice and skirt, when brushed and laid away by her maid, is accompanied by its own particular sachet. Even tailor-made street jackets, when not used, are hung on padded silk-covered coat racks, delicately scented. Ball gowns have the sachets permanently fixed in the bodices, and on the petticoats of these frocks dozens of little sachets are hung all along the lace flounces. The hair is faintly scented as in 1830, and sachets are kept in many a bonnet box. The idea of this fad is to have always about one a delicate odor of violets, lavender, roses, or whatever particular scent one may fancy. This fad is supposed to have originated from the stories of a celebrated French novelist, whose heroines were always ladies of high degree, and about whose person invariably clung an alluring odor of their favorite flower. Of course this is rather an expensive fad, as the desired effect can only be obtained by the use of good sachet powder and the very best essence. So I would advise young girls who cannot afford the best in this line to leave it alone altogether. Sometimes passing a young lady in the street, one gets a long whiff of sickening cheap scent. This gives one the idea of a 25-cent bottle of perfumery having been poured over the clothing just before leaving the home. Ladies think (young girls, especially) that they must be fashionable at any cost. Consequently when it comes to their ears that perfumes are in vogue, they make it a point of dousing themselves with any kind of essence they can lay their hands on. But young girls should remember, that a perfect lady never goes in for extremes, and yet keeps in the height of fashion, and certainly on no occasion would she saturate herself with promiscuous perfumes. As I said before, the use of sachets in the clothing is the best way of having one's things daintily scented. The abuse of a custom has always brought its own punishment, and in case of perfumes notably so. Early in the nineteenth century every maid-servant had her bottle of cheap essence, we are told. Presently, people awoke to the novelty of bath-rooms, and gradually, as water rose in estimation, spicy odors fell. Following that came a period when perfumes were banished from amongst the elect. But the inevitable swing of the pendulum has, happily, brought them back. One says "happily," for, while awakened to a Godly love of the bath, this nation also recognizes the fascination of sweet scents, such as "Rhine Violet," "Malmaisen," "Rhine Gold" or other refined and distinctive essences. As for our trusty and well-beloved Eau de Cologne, who would be without it? This toilet water should be the inseparable ally of every dressing bag and well-equipped toilet table. Nothing is so refreshing to a person suffering from a nervous headache or faintness as a little Eau de Cologne applied to the forehead and nostrils. The "4711" is the best brand of that incomparable essence, and can be obtained from Mr. Bowes, Government street, and elsewhere.

"PHYMAR."

DEATH OF FRANCIS PAGE.

Another pioneer of British Columbia passed away this week in the person of Mr. Francis Page. For many years past the deceased gentleman discharged the duties of Clerk of the Police Court, in which office he distinguished himself for efficiency and courtesy. Mr. Page was one who figured prominently in the early history of Cariboo, being among those who went into that country during the early stages of the gold excitement. He was successful in his search for the precious metal, and returning to Victoria started business here. He was a man universally respected for his many noble traits of character, and his loss is deeply mourned.

IGNATIUS'S MIRACLES.

A London despatch to the New York Herald says: "Continuing his avowal of the old faith, even to the raising of the dead, Father Ignatius, the Welsh clergyman, proceeded to recount to a press correspondent various occasions upon which he had performed so-called miracles. One notable occasion, it appears from Father Ignatius's statement, was in the year 1862, when one night a woman earnestly besought Father Ignatius to save her daughter, who was dying of typhoid fever.

"Suddenly," said Father Ignatius, "I felt the command of our Lord upon me and I rose up. All I said to my friend was: 'Bring your relic with you.' He had a wonderfully beautiful relic, a piece of the wood of the true cross. We had a long walk and went as fast as we could.

"When we reached the house the girl was dead. She had been dead two hours and the body was already composed for burial. Upon an involuntary impulse, however, which I felt to be inspired, I took the relic of the cross from my friend and laid it upon the dead girl's breast. Then, in the words of the apostolic command, I cried: 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I say unto thee arise.'

"Slowly and stiffly the corpse arose in bed, and my friend, turning to me, cried, 'What have you done?'

"I have done nothing," I replied, "but the Lord hath done great things indeed."

Father Ignatius further declares that upon sprinkling the crushed corpse of a killed workman with Lourdes water and uttering a divine command, the man got up and walked home.

The many friends of Mrs. James McElhinny will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from the effects of her recent operation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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The Sons of England celebrated yet another anniversary a few evenings ago, and under particularly happy auspices, as the order is rapidly increasing in this Province, as elsewhere. A very enjoyable time was spent.

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The annual banquet of the B. C. Pioneers' Society was held this week, and, as might be supposed, many a familiar figure was missed from the festive board. Grim death has been busy among the founders of this venerable organization during the year, and by degrees the honored roll is diminishing. However, there was a large gathering on the occasion, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Sister societies were well represented and among the prominent speakers was the Premier of the Province.

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A bazaar was held Tuesday and Wednesday under the auspices of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The booths were prettily arranged with all kinds of dainty articles and appropriate Christmas gifts. The following ladies were in charge: Fancy work. Miss Lawson and Miss Newbury; plain work, Mrs. George and Miss Langley; fancy paper stall, Mrs. Higgins; doll booth, Miss Carrand, the Children's Guild; candy stall, Miss McTavish and Miss Wilson. Mrs. (Dr.) Carter and Miss Ella served afternoon tea daily. A delightful musical programme was arranged for both evenings, including a drill and skirt dance by Mrs. Lester's pupils.

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The Fifth Regiment R. C. A. held a most enjoyable smoker on Friday last at the A. O. U. W. hall. The tobacco, etc., provided for the entertainment were all that could be desired. Private Soutar, R. M. A., sang with great spirit several catchy comic songs and received hearty encores. "Let Her Down" was well rendered by another soldier from the barracks, and Sergeant Askey's songs were much appreciated. The Pierrots added to the enjoyment of the evening. "Sammy" was sung by Pierrette in her own captivating style, and the modest Colonel who was singled out as "Sammy" was the subject of much good-natured chaff from his fellow officers. One jolly soldier from the barracks, perhaps all the jollier from the effects of the smoke, announced his appreciation of the song by singing out "That's hall right!" Pierrot was splendid in his clever character sketches and "take-offs" of an army officer and "swell" volunteer. Gunner B. G. Prior then delighted his hearers with that charming love song of the South, "Honey That I Love So Well." A recitation by Mr. Bird from the Redmond's theatre brought the programme to a close. Colonel Hall then proposed three cheers for the entertainers, after which the National Anthem was sung and all went home.

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The most delicious sweetmeat now on the market in Victoria, and at the same time wholesome, is the **Home-Made Butter Toffie**, manufactured by W. P. Hartley, 74 Yates Street.

IN THE INSIDE INN.

(Adapted from the Baltimore American.)

A visitor to the World's Fair walked up to the inside clerk of the Inside Inn and asked:

"Excuse me, sir; is this the Inside Inn? And is the proprietor of the Inside Inn in?"

"Yes," replied the clerk, "this is the Inside Inn, and you will find the proprietor of the Inside Inn outside by the Inn side. He has kept the Inside Inn for several weeks. Once on an ocean trip he couldn't keep his inside in, but that is inside information and he don't want it known outside."

"All right," said the inquirer, "if this is the Inside Inn, we want to see its inside as well as its outside before we look inside any of the outside inns. If we like the Inside Inn's inside and outside better than we like the outside inns' outside and inside, we may bring out things from outside inside and stop inside the Inside Inn. Because we won't have to go from the inside outside or come back from the outside inside, but can remain inside or outside the Inside Inn, it being the only inn inside the grounds. The other ones are on the outside and furnish no more comforts inside or outside than does the Inside Inn with exhibits close outside the Inside, while those who stop at the outside inns have to go inside to get in, and outside to go to their inn, so you see—"

But the clerk had fainted and fallen inside the Inside Inn's desk, and bellboys were hurrying with water for his outside and brandy for his inside. In their excitement they got that which was meant for his inside outside, and that which was for his outside inside.

Funiosities.

When a young man sows wild oats the crop is seldom a failure.

Mary sat upon a pin
But showed no perturbation;
For some of her was genuine
But most was imitation.

Hook—Jones is the most melancholy fellow I know.

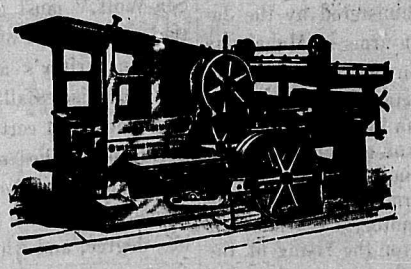
Rook—I should think so, indeed. He proposed to a girl once by asking how she would like to be his widow.

"I'm afraid I'll have to buy my house," said Subbubs.

"Why so?"

"I can't afford to rent it."

Smile!



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(See Competitions, page 8.)

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A GATHERING STORM.

The check administered by the Japanese to Russian arms in Manchuria brings well within the range of possibility a social-democratic revolution in Russia. It is an historical fact that the governments of autocratic countries always are imperilled by the defeat of their armies abroad. The downfall of the autocrat's armies is often the signal for the rising of the revolutionist. Influence tending to undermine the Imperial regime in Russia have long been working beneath the social structure of Russia. From time to time the red hand of revolution has been raised above the surface to destroy an Emperor or an Emperor's Minister, and these deeds are but the signs of the tumult below, signals of the coming reign of anarchy. The danger is deep-rooted. It can hardly be stayed now by tardy reforms forced at the last moment from a reluctant government. Promises have been made so often and always broken. A few days ago the Russian capital echoed to the strains of the Marseillaise, a stirring song with ominous associations. The riot was quelled for the time being; the singers have not yet learned the lesson of self-defence. They are as yet "passive resisters." But the seeds of revolution are sown in rich soil. It is not the loafers, the criminals of the Russian cities who periodically break out in riotous demonstrations against the government, but the students—the young, energetic, freedom-thinking men and women of Russia—who gather together and shout a little and are then ridden down and sword-slashed by the mounted police or the Cossacks. Soon this ever-increasing force will learn to demonstrate more effectively. The red flag will be protected by fire and sword and we shall see a re-enactment in St. Petersburg of the great human drama—bloody but effective—that desolated Paris in 1793. The triumph of Russian freedom awaits only a leader worthy of the cause.

Chiefly because Mrs. Florence Maybrick is an American, the majority of our friends in the United States have always been convinced of her innocence of the crime which she has expiated by 15 years seclusion in the English prisons. Absolute certainty in such a case as that of Mrs. Maybrick, dependent to some extent upon circumstantial evidence, is hardly possible, but the appeal of Dr. Emmet Densmore to the public to assist Mrs. Maybrick by buying a copy of her book, "Mrs. Maybrick's Own Story," contains some gross misstatements of fact in regard to the trial. This champion of Mrs. Maybrick asserts that she was found guilty and sentenced through the bias of a mentally unsound judge. He overlooks the fact that the trial was conducted in the usual British manner, by a judge and jury; that Mrs. Maybrick was defended by the ablest counsel in England, and that judge, jury and public opinion alike concluded that she was guilty. No doubt the book will have a large sale, by reason of the sympathy of friends and the curiosity of other people.

Considerable anxiety exists in the minds of Victorians as to the outcome of the negotiations now in progress between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and other transportation companies doing business in Victoria. It is feared that the negotiations will result in the C. P. R. Company securing a monopoly of the ferry business, and while citizens are pleased to see that the big corporation is interesting itself in Victoria, they do not desire to be entirely monopolized. That would mean the transformation of a friend into a master.

Many good citizens will welcome the announcement that Mr. G. H. Barnard will be a candidate for reelection to the Mayoralty of Victoria. He has given proof of his ability to direct progressive legislation, and his first year of office has been productive of considerable improvement work in the city. The Aldermen also are entitled to some credit for the achievements of the year, and in many respects the Council of 1904 has been one of the most business-like of the Councils of Victoria.

LONDON "SLATED."

Californian Author's Latest Novel Reeks With Blood and Thunder.

Jack London's latest novel, "The Sea-Wolf," must give pause even to the most ardent of the young Californian writer's admirers, says the San Francisco Call. For by the very insistence of a certain element in the telling of his last story London boldly challenges a question which his former tales have raised, though in less degree, and which will find in its answer, given by the readers, the forecast of future success or failure for London the writer of fiction. This question, boldly put, is: In how large a measure does the element of strength in a novel condone the use of the ugly, the sordid, the brutal; can the utter elimination of the spiritual in favor of gross materialism be considered an asset of esthetic value in the final appraisement of a novel's worth?

This issue is boldly, even pugnaciously forced by Mr. London in this story of his. The trite phrase of the reviewers who sum up the worth of a book by its arterial pressure of "good red blood" certainly applies to London's sea story as it has applied to no recent piece of fiction. Red blood spurts from every page of Wolf Larsen's log, red blood and teeth coughed up after blows, and ribs cracked from tigerish mauling. The central figure, at all times the controlling figure, is a Cyclops, a moral Caliban, whose law is the law of the Stone Age and whose scheme of life is that of the "Mad Philosopher," Nietzsche—life the sordid thing. From the second chapter of the book through to the last the atmosphere is permeated with the taint of this Wolf Larsen—a man whom London calls "Lucifer, proud spirit"—destroyer, infidel, captain of a "hell ship" in very truth. There is no surcease from the spoken and acted enormities of the man. Blood and blasphemy reek from three hundred pages of "The Sea-Wolf."

To what end? Truly, brutality has found place in the most treasured of our classics. Homer sings of Achilles dragging Hector about the walls of Troy at the tail of his chariot; but this exemplifies the divine rage of men of the heroic age. Tolstoy tells of the horrors of war in his "Sevastopol" with the single purpose of painting the unpardonable tragedy of conflict. The brutality in "The Sea-Wolf" serves no purpose but its own; it is brutality for brutality's sake.

Wolf Larsen's savagery constructs nothing, profits nothing. His gross iconoclasm of philosophy moves nobody in the story, convinces nobody. This savagery, then, this iconoclasm, serves but to bring strength to the author's conception of his character—and we are back to the question: Does the suppression of the spiritual to the advancing of bald, hard materialism make for strength in a novel—for true strength?

The writer argues in the negative. Continuing, he says:

The author's grasp upon the course of true love is not so certain. The whole incident of Van Weyden's rescue of Maud Brewster from the Ghost, of their subsequent drifting in an open boat, their sojourn on a desert island and their final emancipation from the wilderness of the sea lacks the convincing quality that characterizes the early part of the tale. It reads like an excerpt from the story books. The psychological moment for the implanting of that kiss upon the fair Maud's lips was not at the sighting of final deliverance, but at the instant the castaways set foot on Endeavor Island.

If, in resume, I may be permitted an expression of opinion directly personal, I say that "The Sea-Wolf" will add nothing to Mr. London's credit, and that another story of its frankly brutal nature would detract largely from his well-earned reputation. I do not believe that the reading world wants this butcher's meat, hacked dripping from the bones of realism.

THE PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Why Do the Heathen Rage?

What have the Liberals of Steele go to grouse about? "Big Bill" had a majority of nine in this town, every one a Conservative.—Fort Steele Prospector.

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Man Wants But Little, Etc.

Lost, strayed or stolen—a custom house for Phoenix. Liberal—not Conservative—reward paid to finder, with preference to Duncan Ross, M. P.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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The Strenuous John.

John Houston is a candidate for the mayorality of Nelson. The weather will be sultry early next month in the town by the lake.—Boundary Creek Times.

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Thrust Upon Him.

Mayor Naden, yielding to the solicitation of numerous supporters, announces himself as a candidate for reelection. His card appears in another column.—Boundary Creek Times.

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So Say All of Us.

An editor always considers that one subscription in his hand is worth five on the books.—Fernie Ledge.

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No Such Luck.

The rumor in circulation to the effect that the C. P. R. contemplate moving their car shops from Vancouver to Revelstoke has no foundation in fact.—Revelstoke Herald.

THE TELEPHONE.

Says the Vancouver organ of Presbyterianism and the Sunday School, otherwise known as the World:

"Vancouver and Victoria have made another forward move. Telephone communication has been established between them. For years this facility has been desired but, with customary and business-like caution, the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company felt compelled to delay providing it until it could see that it would get an adequate return on the capital outlay. This it has done by taking the system into Bellingham, also by way of the larger islands in the gulf which are becoming fairly well settled. There are two business institutions of this city of which the citizens feel unusually proud. They are the B. C. Electric Railway and the N. W. and B. I. Telephone Company."

Vanity a Virtue.

The man whose mother advised him to "throw over" the girl unable to pass a mirror without looking at it was not properly brought up. Vanity is the foundation of all that is good and beautiful that the world has known. It is the wish to excel, a knowledge of work well done, a desire to prove it to the world that has given us our masters in literature, music and art. What higher ambition—or vanity, if you will—can a woman have than to be beautiful, to make her home attractive, and to give her country well-trained, healthy, useful citizens? This will keep the average woman pretty busy. Hugo has said that no one knows the depths of sorrow till he has learned the sufferings of woman. The sorrows of an ugly woman, sitting alone and neglected, while her beautiful sister is surrounded, no man can fathom.

THE GREAT NORTHERN.

American Railway Has Reached the Chief Coal City of South east Kootenay.

The steel on the M. F. & M. branch of the Great Northern reached the C. P. R. track at Fernie on December 4. The diamond crossing was put in and on the following day the steel was continued parallel with the C. P. R. yards. The yardmaster's office has been moved and the junction with the C. P. R. track will be completed in a week.

Mr. B. F. Shanley, contractor for the Great Northern buildings, started this week on the new depot. The frame is completed. The bulding will be 30x76, including the baggage room. The depot is located on McEvoy street. The building will be completed by December 31st. Mr. Shanley has the contract for four other buildings, including a section house and the engineer's offices.

The foundation for the new water tank has been commenced. The tank for fire protecton purposes will be built at a considerable elevation, and it will be one of the largest on the system. The round house at Swinton will be moved to Fernie and enlarged from three stalls to five.

The steel will all be laid by to-morrow night. Four tracks are down in the yard, and the gang is now busy laying the steel on the Y northwest of the yards. The G. N. R. will be running scheduled trains to Fernie by January 1st.

FAITH MILITANT.

What if we found in the friend we clasped
An unsuspected foe?
What if the hand we gladly grasped
Was the hand that struck the blow?
What is the use of being sad?
We cannot lose what we never had.
Better by far to know.

What if a slanderous tale was told,
And whispered in many an ear?
What if a glance or two grew cold?
Whose soul would the slander sear?
When green-eyed jealousy rears her head,
What does it matter what she said?
Truth has nothing to fear.

What if we found our trust betrayed
And echoed in sorrow, "Thou, too?"
What if we shrank in dread, dismayed
When treachery came to view?
Search for the gold we wish to find;
Love is the lever which moves mankind.
Thousands of hearts are true!

What if our ships are still at sea;
Luck forgets to nod?
What if our plans "aft gang agley?"
Even has ever an odd.
Just honor the truth as the honest can,
And fight against fate for our faith in man;
For behind that faith stands God!

—Helen M. Dickson.

The Rugby football match arranged to take place at Brockton Point, Vancouver, today, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

The Victoria Junior Rugby players left by this morning's steamer for Vancouver where they will meet the Terminal City juniors in the first Rugby championship match of the season. The Victoria line up is as fol'ows: Full back, H. Ogden; three-quarters, A. Sargison, F. Anderson, J. Gidley, S. Nason; Half backs, H. Sargison, F. Nason; Forwards, A. Raymur, Patterson, Miller, Morris, Loat, Keefe, A. Jeffs (captain), L. Sweeney. Reserve, R. McInnes.

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Society News and Gossip

On Wednesday evening, "Highwood," the beautiful home of Mrs. Gillespie, presented a picture of gaiety and mirth. The scene was like unto an old English country home, filled with young people, "making merry" during the glad holiday season. The house was prettily decorated with festoons of evergreens and colored lights, and in the big open fireplace burnt the "Yule Log." The occasion was a dance given for the young people of the family, and all enjoyed themselves in the way that only youth can. About midnight a sumptuous supper was served in the dining room. Here the decorations were beautiful, the effect being a mass of shimmering silver, crimson flowers and lights. Mrs. Gillespie received the guests in the hall, and was becomingly gowned in a lovely frock of a delicate shade of heliotrope silk, with rare old lace and jewels. Some of the guests were Captain and Mrs. Watts, Capt. and Mrs. Meadus, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Miss Pemberton, Miss O'Reilly, the Misses Macdonald, Miss Foster, the Misses Monteith, Miss Vernon, the Misses Green, Miss Dupont. Miss G. Green, Miss Loewen, Miss Irving, Mrs. and Miss Hannington, Miss Todd, Miss Drake. the Misses MacKay, Miss Bell, the Misses Devereux, Miss Baiss, Miss Mara, Miss Newcombe, Miss Cobbett, the Misses Pitts, the Misses King, the Messrs. B. Prior, R. Worlock, B. Bell, Jones, Foot, Morris, Forsyth, Tinson, Willis, F. B. Pemberton, Richardson, C. Vernon, H. Cobbett, John Hirsch, Tom E. Pooley, A. S. Gore, J. B. Radcliffe, Geo. Johnston, Dr. H. Robertson, R. Monteith, J. Cambie and Capt. Blandy. The music was furnished by the Sehl-Bandy orchestra.

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The Rev. H. H. Gowen, of Seattle, Wash., delivered a most interesting lecture on "Dante" on Wednesday afternoon, at the Alexandra Club. Needless to say the rooms were packed, as Rev. Mr. Gowen's reputation as a lecturer is widely known throughout all the literary circles of the coast. It is rarely one has the opportunity of listening to a lecturer who is capable of treating literary subjects in such a scholarly, at the same time delightful fashion. He explained and simplified many of the difficult passages in Dante's works, and notebooks and pencils were much in evidence. Evening and afternoon classes are to be formed, giving everyone the opportunity of following these interesting and instructive lectures on other well-known authors. The first of these lectures is to be given on January 9th, and all the ladies and gentlemen wishing to take up this course will kindly send their names to Mrs. Hasell, stating whether they prefer the evening or afternoon classes. After the lecture, a vote of thanks was proposed, by the Rev. Mr. Clay, who also thanked the ladies of the Alexandra Club for the use of their rooms. Among those present were noticed Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. J. D. and Miss Pemberton, Mrs. Monteith, Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Poff, Miss Leverson, Miss Eberts, Miss Cameron, Canon and Miss Beanlands, Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Miss Newling, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. G. C. Shaw and Mrs. Beaven, Mr. D. W. Higgins, the Rev. Mr. Clay, Canon Newton and the Rev. Mr. Miller.

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The members of the Victoria Hunt Club had another delightful run on Saturday last. The weather was ideal and all the horses in good condition, consequently the pace was a pretty fast one. The start was from Hillside avenue, then over the land of Messrs. Conn, Borden, King, Clendenning and Irving, finishing up at Cedar Hill. The following are the names of some of those who enjoyed the run and were "in at the finish:" Mrs. Bradburn, Mrs. Bland, Miss Pooley and Miss Violet Pooley, Mrs. Langley, Miss Devereux and Miss Oney Irving, the latter a very young lady of only 9 years, distinguishing herself by her pluck and fearlessness. She was up with the hardest riders in the front most of the way, giving the field a lead over fence and ditch to many an older huntswoman. The gentlemen were: Messrs. Langworthy, Basil Prior, Hughes, Williams, Garrett and McHenery, Colonel English, Captain Cockburn, Mr. French and Mr. Willis, R. N. The next run will be from the Gorge bridge at 2:30 this afternoon.

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A pleasant social evening was spent by the members and friends of the Y. M. C. A. in their rooms on Wednesday evening. Hon. Abraham Smith presided and a splendid programme of songs, readings and orchestral music was given to an appreciative audience. Coffee and cake was served by the ladies and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Among those taking part in the programme were: Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Jesse Longfield, Mr. Barron, Miss Smith, Mr. and Miss Talbot, Dr. Bolton, Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. McCallum.

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In the school room of Christ Church Cathedral, the annual sale of work, by the Church Auxiliary, was held on Monday afternoon. In the evening an entertainment was given, the proceeds going towards the purchase of new side screens for the cathedral. The programme was as follows: Overture, Mrs. Russell Boulton; vocal solo, Mrs. Moresby; vocal solo, Mr. F. Richardson; recitations. Miss E. Green, and vocal solos by Dr. Nelson, Miss Heyland, Miss Lugrin, Dr. Cobbett and Mr. Moran.

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A very pretty wedding took place on the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Royal avenue and Sixth street, where Miss Bella Ewen, second daughter of Mr. Alex Ewen, of New Westminster, and Mr. John McMillan, of Vancouver, were united by the Rev. J. S. Henderson, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Miss Lexie Ewen, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Mr. Donald Moore supported the groom. The interior of Mr. Ewen's residence was most attractively decorated with ivy and chrysanthemums and presented a very pleasing effect indeed. The bridal gown was of white silk, with veil and orange blossoms, while Miss Lexie Ewen was attired in cream silk.

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At New Westminster on Monday the marriage took place, at the residence of the bride's father, of Miss Edna Darcy and Mr. William C. Marshall, a prominent livery man of Vancouver. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Ed. F. Darcy, of New Westminster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Morden, of Queen's avenue Methodist church. Miss Esther Reid, of Vancouver, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Wm. Davis, of Vancouver, supported the groom.

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At the residence of the Rev. Mr. Wood, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, on Wednesday, the marriage took place of Miss Minnie Holness, sister of Jimmy Holness, the popular pitcher of the Victoria Baseball Club, and Mr. George Smith, the club's umpire, and who, as proprietor of the Old Postoffice Cigar Store, is a successful business man of the city. The marriage was quietly celebrated, only a few intimate friends of the principals being present. Miss Eliza Wilson acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Victor Heather as best man. After the ceremony the young couple left on the Whatcom to spend a week or two in Seattle. On their return they will take up their residence at 60 Frederick street. Both bride and bridegroom are natives of Victoria and have a host of friends in the city.

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Dr. Yates, of the University of London, now a guest of Archbishop Orth at the Palace, will deliver a free lecture on "The Early Development of Christianity" in the Institute hall tomorrow, at 8 p. m. The lecture will be purely literary, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Bishop and Mrs. Perrin entertained the officers of and delegates to the annual meeting of the Council of Women, on Monday evening. This social feature has been the closing feature of the annual gathering for a number of years. The host and hostess received in the library, and one of the most enjoyable of the amusements provided was a "Conundrum Contest," upon the public buildings in Victoria. Mrs. R. S. Day, on behalf of the council, tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

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W. F. Proctor, of Vancouver, has been appointed manager of the Bank of Montreal at Greenwood, Mr. DeVeber having been promoted to a similar position in Nelson. Mr. Buchanan, of Nelson, takes Mr. Finucane's place at Spokane, and the latter will look after the financial interests of his father-in-law, Charles Sweeney, the millionaire mine owner.

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Miss Anna Fraser, daughter of Master Mechanic Fraser, of the Granby mines, will be married on December 27th to Mr. V. G. Younghusband, formerly of Phoenix, but now a resident of Coleman, Alberta.

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Miss Marrack will give in the Institute hall on Tuesday, December 20, a varied entertainment consisting of the latest songs, with trios and quartettes, a dance in costume by 14 young ladies, comic monologue and farce. The high quality of the entertainments prepared by Miss Marrack are well known and she is sure to receive generous support.

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Dr. A. T. Watt, of the Quarantine Station, visited his father, Dr. Hugh Watt, of Fort Steele, on his return trip from St. Louis exposition last week.

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The marriage of Jas. A. Graham, third son of T. W. Graham, of Shuswap, with Miss Madge Bell Spence, second daughter of W. G. Spence, of Shuswap, took place at Shuswap last week. The Rev. T. O. Miller conducted the ceremony, which took place at the residence of H. A. McAlpine, brother-in-law to the bride.

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Mrs. Nash had a musical evening on Monday last at her residence on Pemberton road. The clever and gifted pianist, Miss Miles, charmed those present with her delightful rendering of many difficult selections. She also played in a number of trios with Drs. Cobbett and Nash. Many music lovers of Victoria were present, as Dr. and Mrs. Nash are well known in all musical circles.

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Mrs. Frank Higgins, who had been in the hospital for some little time, is home again and very much better for the treatment she received.

On the Departure of a Lieutenant.

Now what shall I do,
For my sailor blue,
My dear "caddie" true,
With his eyes like dew,
Has just been ordered away.

The're officers few
Who will e'er keep true,
Though they'll promise to,
And doubt him I do,
My "boy" of the ship so gay.

I know what I'll do,
Another I'll woo,
Perhaps sailor blue,
Or a soldier true,
Which ever may come my way.

So here's to the new,
Be you red or blue,
I don't care a "sou,"
So I smile for you,
Let come or go who may.

—Phyllis Dare.

The marriage took place on Saturday last in Vancouver of Mr. George Henry Brown and Mrs. Annie Maud Burton, both of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Rugg, D. D., the new pastor of the West End Baptist Church, at his residence.

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Dated this 14th day of November, 1904.

W. A. DIER

True Citizenship:

How Shall We Develop It?

"What is the city but the people?—True, the people are the city."
—*Coriolanus III, 1*

Paper read before the Baptist Young People's Society, December 5 by

By Agnes Deans Cameron

(Continued from last week.)

I have spent all my life in a schoolroom and I never yet heard these questions raised concerning a would-be teacher: "Is he brave, aspiring? Does he believe in anything? Is he capable of human emotion? Has he the gift of insight into children's hearts? Has he a heart of his own?" We fail to realize that education is nine parts inspiration, and one part drill.

The main factor of education is the teacher. He alone has his finger on the pulse of future citizenship. His scholarship is an important matter, but two qualifications must be considered before that:—

First—His conception of the great aim of all human life; that is to make character and not only to make a living.

Second—His ability to get close enough to the child to plant in him his own high ideals.

To think, to reason, to feel nobly, to see the relation of things to their causes, to discuss the sources of power, to see the moral as governing the intellectual, and both as dominating the material, such is the education that will fit for truest citizenship.

Socrates and Dr. Arnold had this high ideal and also the close inspiring sympathy with their pupils, and it is this combination that made them truest teachers.

We learn much these days of technical education, the so-called practical education. The enthusiasts among the crusaders would teach every boy to be a carpenter, and every girl to cook. The age cries, "Teach us how to get a living." Let us as teachers listen rather to the still small voice calling from the deep heart of humanity itself, "Teach us how to live."

And if the materialism of the present misjudge us, we must turn our hungry hearts back to the men of old for the inspirations, without which we cannot live. How much better an opportunity we have than had the teachers of the past! Plato, one of the greatest teachers of them all, built an ideal republic and himself pronounced its doom, because, idealist as he was, he did not reconcile the life of the individual with the corporate life of society.

"Do you mean to teach politics to children?" I hear someone ask. Yes, and no. We must teach, the School Act says, "the highest morality" in school. We must not inculcate any more of our own peculiar ideas of public questions than we can possibly help. We as teachers must not teach children to pronounce judgment on the theories of Tolstoi, or John Alexander Dowie, of Henry George, or Peter Verigen, to decide between free trade and protection, high license and prohibition, chiefly because we cannot arrive at a finality on these matters ourselves.

We may not, by any means, directly or indirectly, inculcate our own religious creed or unbelief, but we must show those large and simple principles upon which all religions rest; we must teach our future citizens that all questions must be settled not by self-interest, but by justice, by merciful considerations and not mercenary ones.

How is this to be done? Many never cease to lament that the Bible is excluded from our British Columbia schools. The Bible without a true teacher behind it would not educate. Are not the moral laws revealed in the Bible also impressed on the hearts of men? These laws were in full force and effect before the Bible was written. As soon as men began to live in communities these laws began to act. The facts of morality are stated in the Bible because they are true; they are not true because they are stated in the Bible. Every law of the decalogue is a natural law and as such scientifically verifiable. Moral laws and their workings can be as easily and conclusively taught as the laws of motion or of gravitation, or the trade winds. They can best be taught through and in the teaching of history. The most perplexing questions of today will be in the hands of our children for solution after we are dust and our good swords rust.

Can we help them better than by implanting in their minds the truth that righteousness exalteth a nation?

Some will say that the teaching of what our American cousins call civics in our schools is what is needed to secure good citizenship. These are the people who think that the ballot in itself is the key to all reforms. We must first know what is right (and that is a matter of education), and we must next earnestly desire it (and that is a matter of education and of inspiration), before any real step in advance is taken.

I do feel, though, that a true conception of the working of our present system of government should be given to every child of over ten years in our schools.

He should know the leading features of monarchical government, of responsible government, of federal government, because Canada affords the unique example of a state ruled at one and the same time by these various forms of government; and yet it is forcibly true that with all this we are eminently a self-governing people.

Show the future citizen the workings, too, of municipal government, for with this he will first have to do. Bring to his notice those features of Canadian government which are in advance of those of the United States, namely, our non-political and permanent civil service, the crown-appointment of the judges, and the independence of the judiciary.

So much for the home and the school. Then comes the pulpit. Could the pulpit do more than it is doing toward the preparation of our future citizens? Without wishing to arouse opposition, I think it could—by being often more simple and direct, and more insistent on the plain duties of man to man.

We want something on Sundays that we can take with us to our work on Mondays, and that will remain with us during the whole of the week's trivial round and common task.

When I was young, many a score of sermons did I hear, many a learned discourse on justification by faith, on apostolic succession and verbal inspiration, but I never remember to have heard a sermon on school-girl honour or playground ethics, or a plain discourse on those primitive commandments that lie at the root of good citizenship, "Thou shalt not lie;" "Thou shalt not steal."

How can the press promote good citizenship? Can we begin to put a limit on the power of the press? So many people take their thoughts at second hand and adopt the opinions of others ready-made. The conversation of most people, especially their political conversation, is just the reflex of their own party paper. How can we all, then, parents and preachers, editors and teachers, and society at large, help our future citizens?

First—By keeping carefully all the laws of the country, just because they are laws. To be specific—don't ride your wheel on the sidewalk and then boast about it; your son will do the same thing on his very first opportunity. Don't smuggle a pair of shoes in from Seattle the next time you visit the Sound, and follow it up by saying in the presence of your own family that there is no sin in cheating the government. Your action no doubt will have little effect upon the public credit, but it will have an effect on the standard of right and wrong in your home.

If you are a man, don't violate the game law and slip the illegal grouse or string of trout under the seat of your dog cart and send your boy to gather ferns to cover it up. If you do, and your boy is caught next week red-handed robbing an orchard, be manly enough not to read him a moral lecture about it.

If you are an employer of labour, don't compound a felony by conspiring with the young men under you in their dishonest efforts to avoid paying the poll-tax.

Don't send your five-year-old boy to school labelled six to evade the school act, and then mourn with the teacher over Johnny's untruthfulness.

This is what we must not do. How can we all positively help? How would it do to form a law-and-order league which should at first sharply restrict its operations to the enforcement of existing laws?

We have good laws, not a few of them that are now set at naught by the vicious classes, while the virtuous and well-disposed with the law on their side are not aggressive; much grumbling and plenty of good sentiment is a poor offset to the positive and strenuous active force of the lawless.

It is not necessary to make sweeping assertions against the police. The police must and do reflect public sentiment. If we want existing laws enforced, we can have it. The police force (like every other force) acts along the line of least resistance.

How can we all, then, help our future citizens? Clearly not by showing them the steep and thorny path to heaven, while ourselves the primrose path of dalliance tread; but by being like that kindly old man who allured to brighter realms led the way.

Some local possibilities I will leave with you, to think about, without remark:

First—A number of our future citizens attend no school. Are we responsible?

Second—A number of our future citizens are putting in time in a so-called reformatory. Is their environment and training there as bright and wholesome and helpful as we can make it?

Third—The ten-cent theatres, six nights a week are crowded with girls from the years of seven to seventeen. Many of them go through town to these places of amusement and return unattended. Is the education they get in these places always pure, unsmirched, elevating? Do the entertainments give them higher standards of taste and set before them a lofty ideal of womanhood?

Fourth—Small boys are on our streets nightly, sometimes long past midnight. As they see the citizens of today coming out with unsteady steps from music halls, gambling houses, saloons and worse places, what lessons in citizenship are they learning?

To conclude:—

There shall come from out this noise of strife and groaning
A broader and a juster brotherhood,
A deep equality of aim postponing
All selfish seeking to the general good;
There shall come a time when each shall to another
Be as Christ would have him—brother unto brother;
There shall come a time when knowledge wide extended
Sinks each man's pleasure in the general health,
And all shall hold irrevocably blended
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If you have beauty,
We can take it;
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STORIES OF THE STREET.

The question is not "Where Shall I spend Christmas?" but "Where shall I spend my money at Christmas?"

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Divide the population of the country into two equal parts and one part will approximately equal the number of dead-brokes in the month of January.

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Spend what you earn every month and a little more at Christmas.

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It is to be feared that Earl Grey will be but a poor successor of the great administrator Taschereau.

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And so it is a cracked satellite that revolves around this planet, reflecting for our use some of the Sun's rays. The light will never seem to be just as clear and bright after this.

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The ocean hath its sea serpent and Vancouver Island its wild man.

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It was doubtless a wise move of the school trustees to disallow the departmental order giving the teachers permission to attend the annual convention. If teachers are allowed such liberties the next thing we shall hear will be that they are organizing a society for mutual protection. Surely, if a professional man or woman earns sixty dollars a month, he or she should be satisfied to work all the time and not try to qualify for better work.

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What with the suppressing of religious institutions, the separating of Church and the recognition of the practice of duelling, the French Premier is making a record for himself.

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Is it this winter or next that Nogi intends to spend in Port Arthur?

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Victorians are unanimous in wanting a better water supply, but they are not unanimous in demanding that the Council provide it. It seems likely that another summer will be spent with an insufficiency of poor quality water when there is plenty of good water within easy reach.

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No wonder the lawyers of this town are shining lights when they have to appear before the Lampman before they are allowed to practice.

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Weiler Brothers have an eye to business. They are giving away needles for Christmas presents.

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One of the daily papers announces that Mr. J. M. Finn has been given a conductorship. No doubt it was a Christmas present.

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The Russian ships have been put in cold storage until the Japanese are ready to use them.

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"These be stirring times," said the housewife as she mixed the Christmas puddings.

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But little is heard these days of the big ditch that Uncle Sam Monroed away from Colombia. There is a whisper, however, that little Miss Panama does not like her new protector as well as she expected. Uncle gets too paternal sometimes.

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To the honour, to the eternal honour of the sex, be it stated, that in the path of duty no sacrifice is to woman too high or too dear.—Balfour.

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Fair ladies! you drop manna in the way of starved people.—Shakespeare.

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Sing of the nature of women, and then the song shall be surely full of variety, old crotchets and most sweet closes. It shall be humorous, grave, fantastic, amorous, melancholy, sprightly, one in all and all in one.—Marston.

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Woman was made out of the rib, taken from the side of a man; not out of his head, to rule him, but out of his side to be his equal, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.—Matthew Henry.

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There is one who hides another's infirmities more faithfully than one's own; there is one who loses all sense of self in the sentiment of kindness, tenderness, and devotion to another; that one is woman.—Washington Irving.

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Wherever a true woman comes, home is always around her. The stars may be over her head, the glow-worm in the night-cold grass may be the fire at her feet; but home is where she is; and for a noble woman it stretches far around her, better than houses coiled with cedar or painted with vermilion, shedding its quiet light far for those who else are homeless.—Ruskin.

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The modest virgin, the prudent wife, and the careful matron are much more serviceable in life than petticoated philosophers, blustering heroines, or virago queens.—Goldsmith.

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BEFORE THE FOOTLIGHTS

The Victoria theatre of late has not seen many bumper houses, although some good attractions have been on the boards. It is seldom, however, that a really meritorious combination comes round and fails to score a success from a financial point of view, for Victorians are a theatre-going people and are as appreciative an audience as need be desired. From time to time some of the best companies have appeared in most popular plays here, but far ahead of any of these are the Ben Greet players, billed for the 20th and 21st inst. The attraction for the first given date is "Everyman" which may be somewhat new to many Victorians, as the play has never been put on the boards here, although it has proved an immense success in the Old Country and everywhere it has been produced on this continent during its successful run extending over three years. During this period the company has appeared in the best theatres and in all the principal universities of the United States and everywhere was accorded an ovation. For 150 consecutive nights these talented artists held the boards in New York, and lately have been delighting California audiences. The Ben Greet Players are the original combination formed in London, England, some years ago, and their plays are of the miracle order. Ben Greet is one of the most noted of the English stars of to-day and is backed up by a company specially selected for their special line of work. "Everyman" in its original form was written in 1489 by Peter Dorland, a monk of Diest, Belgium. The play is the finest extant specimen of the morality plays which were commonly performed about the streets and in the religious houses of Europe during the middle ages. The morality, mystery and miracle plays, comprehending the religious drama of that period are the earliest dramatic compositions in the English language, and are notable for their dramatic picture.

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Star of Bethlehem.

"Star of Bethlehem" is one of the greatest Christmas Plays that has ever been offered to the audiences of the English-speaking world. It is the grand story of the nativity told from the old plays of the early 15th century, and in such a manner that young and old can appreciate. On its recent appearance in San Francisco it delighted large audiences with the naive comedy of the middle ages, in which it is the best modern example, and impressed all with the beauty and strength of its story. The dramatic critic of the San Francisco Call gives the following vivid description of the play as presented recently by the Greet Company.

"First come from behind the hall, singing an ancient carol, the good Clerkenwell monks. They march through the audience to the stage, that represents the Clerkenwell Priory. Still singing, they go behind the scenes and climb to the gallery. Comes Gabriel then. One is grateful to the Greet players for many beautiful pictures. Here is one of the most beautiful.

"The central curtain divides, to reveal the figure of Gabriel, star-crowned, in a mantle of wonderful blue, lillies in the hand and with the exquisitely spiritual face Constance Crawley can bring to the picture. Gabriel plays throughout something of the part of the Greek chorus, foretelling and explaining the story, and one knows what the Crawley voice can do for that.

"The tale of the thieving shepherd, Mak, takes up the beginning of the play. It is one of the earliest examples of English comedy, shrewdly interesting and naively humorous. Mak joins the three shepherds that see the star of Bethlehem. He steals one of the sheep. Gyll, his wife, fearing discovery, puts the wether in the cradle, prentending it is a new-born child. The three shepherds come. The moans of Gyll and the protestations of Mak deceive the 'herds.' They go. But one, out of pity for the poverty of the couple, proposes to leave gifts for the child with a kiss. The wether is discovered and Mak is tossed in a blanket for his sins. The whole story, told in vigorous and terse English, is of strong historic value and in itself essentially dramatic. Mr. Greet was a highly humorous figure as Mak and the other shepherds were also admirably undertaken by their unlabeled exponents.

"The second "processus" introduced the three Magi, who, with ingenious symbolism, were represented as black, red and white men respectively. In such mood was one by this time that the shift from the first act to the Orientalism of the second was accepted with pure trustfulness. Splendid pictures were the three Eastern potentates and bravely suggested the poetry and romance of their wonderful journey. Ingeniously interwoven with their scene is the appearance of Herod's messenger, who overhears their story. The next scene shows Herod himself, surrounded by soothsayers, prophesying the birth of the new King. One is sorry to see so little of him, so admirably is the tyrant portrayed by John Sayer Crawley.

"The last scene concerns itself with the Nativity. Here again is a picture and climax of singular and touching beauty, exquisitely reverent and impressive. The curtains—these, of course, at the back of the stage—open to show the Madonna, leaning over a cradle from which comes the light that illumines the scene. By her side are Joseph, Gabriel, the maid Ancilla and in the front the Magi and the shepherds, who in turn offer gifts. One would have preferred—the illusion was a little destroyed thereby—that the Madonna had not spoken. Better, too, would it have been dramatically to shorten the speeches of both shepherds and Magi. But the feeling was delightfullly preserved throughout. The highest praise is due the acting here—so little did it seem acting, and one is grateful for one of the unforgettable pictures of one's experience. Altogether 'The Star of Bethlehem' is of the things that may not be missed."

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THE REDMOND THEATRE.

It has become a settled fact, that if you wish a good evening with the drama, at popular prices, a visit to this popular family resort will certaily pay you. Mr. Redmond is himself a careful actor, and his company of players can always be depended upon for excellent support. His plays are carefully selected and no two are alike in theme. It is easy matter to select plays for presentation, indeed it is one of the most difficult and trying duties of a successful manager. Mr. Redmond has been happy in his repertoire so far, and promises many good things for the future. Victoria is becoming proud of the success attained by this popular gentleman, for he has demonstrated the fact that this city is not only able, but willing, to support something worthy. The local theatregoer has not been slow to appreciate the opportunity of enjoying good, clean, wholesome amusement, at prices of admission within the reach of all.

The past week at the Redmond opened with the jolly farce comedy. "Miss Hersey From Jersey," and the play, as announced, was a "hummer." Victoria certainly laughed as it seldom did before. Mr. Theo. H. Bird assayed the character of "Miss Hersey," and certainly surprised his many admirers. His costuming of the part alone was an artistic success. The last half of the week, "The Middleman" was offered, and in this splendid play Mr. Redmond achieved a personal triumph.

As the old ambitious potter, he presented a character full of pluck and devotion to his calling which even starvation could not diminish. A personality that recognized no failure, or defeat.

"The Middleman" is a splendid play, and one that is bound to make one feel the better for having seen it.

Next week, "Man and Master" is announced for the first half of the week, ending the usual Wednesday Souvenir Matinee, on which occasion the portrait of Miss Rae Bronson will be presented to all attending.

Beginning with Thursday, Madame Myee will begin her engagement with the Redmond Company in the good old English comedy, "Caste," and much is expected of her.

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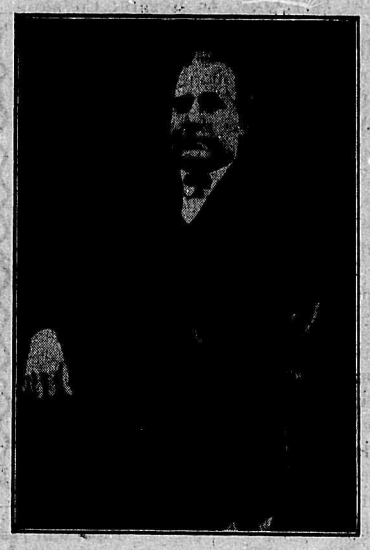
"Time in its ceaseless round once more, brings Christmas as in days of yore"—and the management of the Savoy theatre is ever on the "qui vive" to secure attractions that will prove acceptable to their host of patrons. During the past week crowded houses have been the rule, the chief attraction being the Hewlette "Merry Burlesquers" in a superb spectacular production of the fairy burlesque—"Miss Cinderella," which caught on immensely and nightly attested the capacity of this cosy temple of vaudeville and burlesque. For Christmas week, commencing Monday, December 19th, Mr .Hewlette will present the sensational comedy "Happy Jack; or, "A Bootblack's Xmas," arranged in three acts and seven scenes. The combined forces of the Hewlette and Savoy Companies will appear in



Bob Hewlette

the cast, and a grand scenic production is promised. The great railroad scene, the Slums of Boston, the funny Major and Judge, the owl's nest, the scheming Dago and the foxy negro are among the many pleasing and sensational features introduced. Notwithstanding this stupendous attraction the management has arranged for a long list of specialty features, embracing singing, dancing, comedy sketches and illustrated songs.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The public schools closed yesterdav afternoon for Christmas vacation, and for the next two weeks the youngsters of Victoria are not likely to pay much attention to their books—except, indeed, such books as Santa Claus or other kind friends may select for them as presents. As usual, at Christmas vacation, there was that happy evidence of the best of good feeling between both pupils and teachers. In very many instances the latter were made the recipients of unmistakable tokens of the children's esteem in the form of little gifts from "your affectionate pupils." The rising generation will make things agreeably lively during the next couple of weeks.

In the whole course of my life I never met a female, from the flat-nosed and ebony-coloured inhabitants of the tropics to the snow-white and sublime divinity of a Greek isle, without a touch of romance.—Croby.

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I never addressed myself in the language of decency and friendship to a woman, whether civilized or savage, without receiving a decent and friendly answer. With man it has often been otherwise.—Layard.

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Auld Nature swears, the lovely dears,
Her noblest work she classes, O;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
An' then she made the lasses, O.
—Burns.

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Make the doors open a woman's wit, and it will out at the casement; shut that, and 'twill out at the keyhole; stop that, 'twill fly with the smoke out at the chimney.—Shakespeare.

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Man without woman's a beggar,
Suppose the whole world be possessed;
And the beggar that's got a good woman,
With more than the world he is blest.
—Cooper.

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There is nothing by which I have, through life, more profited than by the just observations, the good opinion and the sincere and gentle encouragement of amiable and sensible women.—Romilly.

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THE REALM OF SPORT

At Oak Bay today there will be two most interesting hockey games, one between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies and the other between Victoria and Voncouver men. Both are championship games. The ladies' game will commence at 1:30 and the men's at 3 p. m. Both ladies and men have been practicing most energetically and both teams hope to beat the visitors. As mentioned in last week's "Progress," the Victoria men, if they win this year, will get the championship trophy "for keeps." The only changes in the team are that of B. Tye, who goes to right wing forward from half back, and C. McLean, who is a new man and who will play in goal. The line-up for the men will be:

Victoria—Forwards, Ken. Scholefield (captain), L. York, A. Gillespie, B Schwenger, B. Tye; half-backs, H. Gillespie, R. Jaegers, W. Winsby; backs, Ken. Gillespie, Alex McLean; goal, C. McLean. Reserves, J. Hart, H. R. N. Cobbett.

Vancouver — Forwards, Bayfield, Crawford, Barwich, Ponsford, Nicholls; half-backs, Melhuish, Crickmay, Innes; backs, Burns, Stevens; goal, Dean.

The line-up for the ladies' match is as follows:

Victoria—Miss M. Nason (captain), Miss W. Wilson, Miss C. Hardie, Miss B. Roberts, Miss A. Fatcher, Miss D. Sehl, Miss E. Reid, Miss M. Newcombe, Miss G. Baiss, Miss L. Bowron, Miss Burgess. Reserves, Miss D. Leeming and Miss C. Jay, the latter being likely to be put on the team, as she is recognized as a strong player.

Vancouver—Mrs. Creighton, Miss Lawson, Miss McClure, Miss Turner, Miss Burpee, Miss E. Burpee, Miss F. Davis, Miss G. Barwick, Miss Nixon, Miss Boult, Miss Babington. Reserves, Miss Whitehead, Miss Crawford, Miss Fraser.

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The Provincial Hockey League promises to provide some interesting games this winter. Four teams are competing, namely, Victoria, Vancouver, Royal Engineers and Royal Garrison Artillery. At a recent meeting of representatives the following schedule was decided upon:

1904—

Dec. 17th—Victoria vs. Vancouver, at Oak Bay.

1905—

Jan. 7th—Vancouver vs. Garrison, at Vancouver.

Jan. 14th—Victoria vs. Garrison, at Oak Bay.

Jan. 21st—Vancouver vs. Victoria, at Vancouver.

Jan. 28th—Victoria vs. Royal Engineers, at Oak Bay.

Feb. 4th—Victoria vs. Garrison, at Garrison.

Feb. 13th—Royal Engineers vs. Vancouver, at Victoria.

Feb. 18th—Victoria vs. Royal Engineers, at Oak Bay.

Feb. 25th—Vancouver vs. Royal Engineers, at Vancouver.

March 13th—Garrison vs. Vancouver, at Garrison.

Dates for the two games between the R. G. A. and R. E. have not been included in the above series. They will be announced in the course of a few days.

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An executive meeting of the above association was held on Thursday evening at the Y.M.C.A. rooms at 8 o'clock, when delegates were present from Victoria United, the Garrison, Victoria West and the Navy. The president, Rev. W. W. Bolton, was in the chair, and Mr. T. G. Wilson acted as secretary. The games for to-day were arranged as follows:

No senior league match. A friendly game will, however, be played between the Garrison and H. M. S. Bonaventure at the canteen grounds at 3 p.m.

Intermediate league match, Victoria vs. Capitals at Oak Bay, 3 p. m.. C. Hanbury referee.

Junior league matches: St. Louis College vs. Victoria West, Beacon hill 1:30 p.m., L. Tait referee. North Ward vs. High School, Beacon hill, 3 p.m., C. Goodenough referee.

Mr. J. G. Brown reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Daekers, for whom the benefit matches had been arranged and carried through, stating that whilst appreciating very fully the kindness of the action, he felt that he could not accept the sum raised on his behalf. On motion it was therefore decided that the $71 be donated towards the purchase of a Vancouver Island championship trophy. This will be a substantial beginning. The president reported that he had written the following letter to the clubs at Nanaimo and Ladysmith:

Victoria. Dec. 8, 1904.

To the Secretary-Treasurer Association Football Club, Nanaimo, B.C.:

Dear Sir: A joint resolution relative to football matters was forwarded to your own club and tha. of Ladysmith, through Mr. Freeman, by the secretary of the V. D. F. A., in the hope that it would come before your delegates on December 3rd. No reply having been received, and the need of immediate action being imperative, I am directed by the executive of the V. D. F. A. to write to you personally, to request you to bring the matter of the formation of a Vancouver Island Football Association before your club. We shall be glad to hear:

1. If your club will fall in with the proposal.

2. If so, will your club name two delegates to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming a Vancouver Island football association. t

3. Will it be convenient in this city; or would you prefer to meet us halfway at Duncans.

As we propose to have the series of games start at once after the 1st of January, we suggest the date of meeting to be Saturday, December 16th. In the event of no reply being sent to this communication by Wednesday next. the clubs in the V. D. F. A. will, albeit with much regret, have to proceed without your valuable co-operation.

Kindly address reply to Mr. T. G. Wilson, care of Turner, Beeting & Co., Wharf street, Victoria, B.C.

W. W. BOLTON,
President V. D. F. A.

The secretary having received no reply the executive decided that a meeting should be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on this Saturday evening, the 17th inst., at 8:15 o'clock, to organize a Vancouver Island Football Association.

In anticipation of the formation of a provincial league, the president was instructed to write to Mr. Timms, of the mainland league, asking that three delegates should be selected by the mainland to meet a similar number from the island and at an early date in order to arrange the details of the organization.

Mr. H. J. B. Harper was present from the Shamrock Club of Vancouver, and he brought a message from that club with reference to a report of the great battle between the Celtics and Columbia College, whereat the referee's decision as to the duration of the game was disputed. It had gone abroad that the referee was not upheld by the league, whereas the fact was that he had been fully upheld, and that the mainland men were as keen to back up their referees as footballers are locally.

It was reported to the executive that the local junior league was not altogether free from some lads who openly and aggressively disputed the referee's rulings. The executive therefore instructed all the official referees to sternly and strictly discipline any lads guilty of such conduct, and if immediate obedience was not rendered to give the game to the opposite side.

With reference to the game between the Junior Capitals and North Ward, which is ordered to be replayed, it was decided that such should be played off at Beacon hill on Monday, December 26th, but only if agreeable to both teams.

The meeting then adjourned.

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At a meeting of the J.B.A.A. committee and representatives from the different schools at the club house last Wednesday it was decided to form a new league for school boys under 16 years of age and allow the other league to stand as it is. Therefore the position is this; In the new league all boys playing on the teams must be bona fide school boys under sixteen years of age. In the older league South Park has dropped out, which leaves the other teams, Collegiate, High School and Centrals in the same position as formerly. The Collegiate and High schools will only play boys from the schools, while the Centrals will be permitted to play outsiders up to the age of eigheten.

It is hoped that the five schools, South Park, North Ward, Collegiate, High and Central, will enter teams for the new league, as the schools which enter the older league will have plenty of boys left to enter in the under sixteen competition.

The idea of the J. B. A. A. is to bring out the smaller boys and encourage them in every way, for that is the only means by which the game can be kept alive. The J.B.A.A. committee having this matter in hand will recommend the management committee to donate the cup promised by the club to the league for boys under sixteen.

The following representatives were present: J. B. A. A., D. Leeming; South Park, Miss A. D. Cameron, C. Briggs (captain); High school, N. Scott (captatin), C. Rogers; Collegiate school, Mr. Muskett, R. McConnell (captain); North Ward, N. Seabrook; Central, Mr. Gillis, Mr. J. C. Barnacle and G. Morley (captain).

As the holidays will necesarily take a number of the boys away from the city to their homes, it was decided to draw up the schedules early in the new year. The meeting then adjourned.

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There never was a better chance (writes "Observer" in the "Melbourne Argus") for a moderately good bowler to win a place in an Australian team. It is an axiom in war that the side which is good only in defence and not in attack can never succeed, and very much the same thing applies to cricket. Our defence—taking batting to represent defence—is strong enough, more especially now that Darling is prepared apparently to take another trip—and Darling is one of those admirable batsmen who represent both sides of the game. He can attack when his side has to win against time; he can defend when a game has to be saved; and saving the game is the third and important phase of cricket in England, which is quite unknown in Australia. But the winning is the important thing, and everyone is speculating where the bowling—otherwise the attack—is to come from. What are our present chances of getting a strong English side out, unless something remarkable in bowling talent, that everyone has overlooked, is suddenly discovered?

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The match between the Garrison and the Victoria United, on the former's ground on Saturday last, was one of the best and most exciting association games on the sporting records of Victoria. The Garrison men are heavier and larger than the civilians, and if anything, play the better game, but the Victoria United men are now in splendid condition, and they staved off defeat by stubborn defence and by never letting up on their efforts to score. The first half of the game was practically one long defence against the repeated assaults of the soldiers, but in the latter half time the civilians began to show up as an attacking force. It was within seven minutes of the close of the game before the Garrison scored, the defence being momentarily weakened by one of the backs getting too much into the game. A few minutes later the civilians evened the score by rushing the ball into the soldiers' goal after a free kick. Lawson's play at centre forward was immense and nearly all the members of the United team distinguished themselves.

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Lacrosse will become a topic of conversation soon after Christmas, as there are tedious negotiations pending for the formation of a new league. The Vancouver-New Westminster quarrel seems to have remained in statu quo, and to bring the two clubs into some sort of diplomatic relations will require plenty of tact. There is talk of a Northwest League, to include some of the Washington State Clubs, which would be an excellent thing for lacrosse so far as public support goes. The first duty of Vancouver lacrosse people who want to see the game flourish in British Columbia is to clean out altogether the gambling element from the directorate of the Vancouver club. Until that is done the attitude of the Vancouver lacrosse team will continue to appear to the other clubs in the light of an organization that always wants the sure thing end of a bargain, and there has been too much cause in the past for this opinion.

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Basketball players will be very pleased to hear that a neutral hall may be obtained for the league matches. Secretary Northcott of the Y. M. C. A. is authoirty for the statement that the association is negotiating for the use of the old Methodist church for four months for basketball purposes. If they succeed in obtaining it, Mr. Northcott says the Y. M. C. A. will offer the hall to the City League in order that all the teams may have a neutral place in which to play their matches. Although not so suitable as the dril hall, the old church building would make things more satisfactory than they are at present, as all teams would have equal chances in every match.

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A very interesting match is expected when R. Peden and K. Hughes (J. B. A. A.) meet E. A. Gallop and P Winch (F.Y.M.A.) in the Fernwood hall next Tuesday evening. The Fernwood representatives are the strongest handball players in their club and they hope to make a good showing against the J. B. A. A. experts.

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