

THE ELECTORAL CONTEST—A week has brought about a marked change in the political outlook, not as to the assured success of the Government, but as indicating an absolutely certain sweep, without a single Liberal or Socialist member in the House. This is a prediction made by Mr. McBride at the meeting in Vancouver on Thursday, and if it turns out to be wrong it will be the first mistake of the kind that the astute campaigner in the West has ever made. It was natural that in the early stages of the campaign there should be in rank and file of the Party some questions and some complainings, but the long series of meetings addressed by Premier and the Attorney-General on the mainland have sufficed to remove every doubt from their paths, and to leave the public satisfied that while the McBride administration may not be perfect, it has set a record of which any government might be proud, and it at any rate has a practical, progressive programme to offer, which is more than can be said for its opponents. Socialist opposition can hardly be treated seriously. This organization is losing ground both because of the unreasonableness of its demands and the extravagance of its methods. Mr. McBride said in Vancouver that at nearly every meeting which he and Mr. Oliver had addressed, there had been an organized attempt on the part of the Socialists to prevent them from speaking. The newspaper reports bear out this statement, and also prove conclusively that in every instance the Socialist speakers were badly worsted in argument and instead of scoring a point brought increased discredit on their cause. Amid a great deal that is bad, there is something good in Socialism, and all lovers of humanity must regret that it suffers as it does at the hands of its promoters. With reference to the Liberal option, it has contracted day by day. Unless some other Liberal candidate, impelled by the consideration that "discretion is the better part of valour," should retire from the field before March the 28th, thirteen candidates of that party will face the ballot, just one more than The Week predicted in an issue of a month ago, and not more, if thirteen still constitute a "baker's dozen." Not one of these stands the slightest chance of being elected, and many of them will lose their deposits. The question is not far to seek. It is to be found much in the weakness of the Opposition and the strength of the Government. It is a little more than four years ago that Liberals were numerically as strong as Conservatives in the local Legislature. It was by that able debater, who is now Mr. MacDonal, and his irrepressible champion, the redoubtable John Oliver of the Opposition had just as good a chance as the Government of putting forward a policy of constructive statesmanship which would appeal to the electors. In spite, and possibly because, of their loud and vituperative denunciation, the presence of destruction, without an element of construction, they slowly but surely lost their hold on the House and the count. Attempting to bolster up their position on false charges, they found the charges came boomerangs, and the first time they appealed to the electors their representation was cut in half. At the last election they were practically extinguished, being represented only by one "faithful Abdiel" in the person of Mr. H. C. Brewster. All this

could not have happened without some very good reason. So complete a reversal could not have been due to superficial causes. It must have resulted from fundamental weakness, and it undoubtedly did result from the fact that the Opposition kept steadily ahead and worked upon a far-seeing, comprehensive, constructive policy, destined to aid in the development and bring about the permanent prosperity to which the natural advantages of British Columbia entitled it. This is not merely the opinion of The Week. It has been the verdict of the constituencies at two elections, and bids fair to be even more distinctly emphasized on the 28th of March. The weakness of the Liberal Opposition is in nothing more forcibly illustrated than in its ridiculous platform of sixty-four planks, adopted at the Vancouver Convention, unless it be in the attenuated synopsis which forms the election address of the leader of the Party, Mr. Brewster, and his colleague, Mr. El-

parties of the State occupied so humiliating a position that it cannot bid for the traditional rights of a Party. It only pleads for an Opposition. It is no part of the business of the Government to help to form that Opposition, and if the Liberal Party is as unable to convince the electorate of its claims as an Opposition, as of its claims to the reins of Government, its duty is obvious, viz.: to embark upon that campaign of education which lies before it and is likely to be protracted during many years of wandering in the wilderness.

POOLEY FOR ESQUIMALT—On the last page of the current issue of The Week will be found the very admirable and concise address which Mr. R. H. Pooley, the Government candidate for Esquimalt, delivered to his constituents on Wednesday night. It is a manly and straightforward exposition of his views on the policy of the Government and a con-

Mr. Helmcken and Mr. Jardine can satisfy the public and the Party that they are Conservatives in "deed" and not in "word" is by accepting the decision of their leader and endorsing his nominee.

TEMPERANCE—There has been a little difference of opinion in the ranks of the Conservative Party on the Temperance question, as indeed there is a difference of opinion in the ranks of all parties, for temperance legislation is not and should not be made a party question. Men of all parties desire temperance and are anxious to promote it. They merely differ in opinion as to methods. There is a considerable, and possibly an increasing section in favour of Local Option, or Prohibition, or both, and they would have the question made one strictly of party politics. They have demanded that it be made a plank in the platform. The leader of the Liberal Party has acceded to this request. The leader of the Conservative Party has declined it. The issue is a clear-cut one, and involves many considerations. Mr. McBride believes that public opinion is not ready for Prohibition in any form. He is not in favour of taking the daring and unstatesmanlike course of legislating in advance of public opinion. He believes that it brings law into contempt when legislation is placed on the Statute Books without the possibility of enforcement. Meanwhile his Government is responsible for the best piece of temperance legislation extant. Under the Bowser Act really remarkable progress has been made in checking the evils of the liquor traffic. It is idle to suggest that the Government has not been thoroughly in earnest in their desire to enforce this law and to promote the cause of temperance. A government anxious to favour the saloon-keeper and secure political adherents by showering favours on those engaged in the liquor trade would not have refused seventy-three new applications in the two years that have elapsed since the Act became law. Neither would it have renewed one hundred and three licenses for three months only, because the premises required to be brought up to the hotel standard. Neither would it have a record of one hundred and nine licenses cancelled, lapsed, or refused, nor of one hundred and seventy-seven prosecutions under the Act with fines collected aggregating \$21,875.

Least of all, would it have passed a law which abolishes every saloon in British Columbia on the 31st of December, 1913. If our temperance friends will bear these facts in mind, and will only look at the subject in a fair spirit, they will realize that the Government is doing the best kind of effective, restrictive work: that it is ruthlessly suppressing the most objectionable features of the traffic; that it is educating the public to a strict observance of the law, and paving the way for still more restrictive legislation when public opinion is ready to demand its enforcement.

CANDIDATURE OF B. J. PERRY—Mr. B. J. Perry, who is well known in Victoria, is before the electorate as an independent candidate. As a rule independent candidates are not much in favour, because the electors realize that they have to plow a very "lonely furrow," and unless they happen to be men of exceptional ability and eloquence, they are not likely to make much impression upon the Government of the day. The only
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"HANDICAPPED" The Liberal Party Crushed beneath the weight of its Own Platform

liott, in the Victoria constituency. This programme was analyzed in the last issue of The Week, and nothing has occurred since to make it necessary to add anything to what was said. It is calculated to arouse neither interest nor enthusiasm. It cannot even by the most charitable be regarded as the pronouncement of a leader. It is rather the despairing gurgle of a drowning man who catches at a straw. Any attempt to bolster up the fortunes of a political party on the simulacrum of "Woman Suffrage" or "Local Option" is an ample demonstration of the desperateness of the case. The Liberal Party, even by the admission of its leader, has nothing to offer. It would have the electorate grasp at a shadow, and in doing so lose the substance. The electorate has shown itself altogether disinclined to follow the advice of the Liberal Party, and its judgment is well fortified in a reference to the general prosperity which prevails. The Party is not even able to appeal for a return to power, for if every Liberal member were elected, it could still form only one-third of the Legislature. Never has one of the great

exclusive explanation of his own position as a candidate. During the week Mr. Pooley has held meetings at Metchosin, Sooke, Colwood, Esquimalt and Goldstream. Everywhere he has been received with enthusiasm, and even in those sections of the constituency where it was supposed that Mr. Helmcken would be strong, the meetings have been overwhelmingly in favour of Mr. Pooley. On all grounds he deserves to be elected, and if his own conduct of the campaign, during which he has taken any amount of abuse, without retaliating in personalities, but has met his opponents in fair argument, were not doubly endorsed by Premier McBride, he would still deserve to be returned at the top of the poll. There is only one question for the electors of Esquimalt. Will they be so unwise as to split the Conservative vote and allow the historic constituency which expects so much from the McBride administration to be the only one in the Province represented by a Liberal in the new Parliament? That is the probable result of the contest as at present outlined. It will be a suicidal policy to persist, and the only way in which



I am pleased to see that the City authorities are doing something towards the repair of Dallas Road between Ross Bay Cemetery and Clover Point. It may not be very much, but every little counts. As this is our star tourist drive, it is absolutely necessary that the road should be made passable. It is equally necessary that the section extending from Fairfield Road to Foul Bay Road should be dealt with. At present it is in a really terrible condition and positively unsafe to travel over. If, as I understand, no paving is to be done this year between the points mentioned, it is absolutely necessary that a certain amount of levelling should be provided. I have seen some narrow escapes, especially when drivers are obliged to take to the car tracks, in order to avoid deep ruts.

With improved weather, I have done more than my average amount of strolling this week, and must confess to a feeling of amazement at the amount of building that is going on. It is a case of business blocks, apartment houses or dwellings in every direction. I do not know which section of the city is building up the most rapidly; possibly the Fairfield Estate, which bids fair in a year or two to be entirely built up. The growth of this division is marvellous, and it is easily one of the best laid out sections of the city. It seems to me that the Oak Bay district is beginning to look up, and a large area of beautiful, flat land, lying between Oak Bay and Foul Bay, at the back of Shoal Bay, is destined very shortly to be a populous section. I have always been in love with the Shoal Bay district, and think it will yet become one of the most popular of our centres. In this connection, I am not a little interested in watching the first residence on the east slope of Gonzales Hill. When I first came to Victoria, I spotted this location as the finest scenic locality in the district. I am more than ever convinced that I was right, and I heartily congratulate the first man to get a house there. But then which of the Victoria suburbs is not beautiful?

The paragraph which appeared in the editorial columns of our last issue urging the establishment of a fund from which to recognize efforts of bravery on the part of the City Police, has been widely commented on, and in every instance favourably. It is one of those suggestions which appeals to human nature, which is easily carried out, and which only requires some person in authority to take the first step. In so simple a matter I had hoped that the suggestion of The Week would have been followed, and that the Mayor would have been that person. It is not yet too late and I am convinced that official recognition, such as was suggested, would ensure to the discipline and morale of the Police Force, and at the same time prove gratifying to the recipients.

A few weeks ago, I called the attention of the Police to the speeding of "joy riders" at night, and urged that the excellent system of day patrol should be extended into the "we, sma' hours." I am sorry that my suggestion was not taken in good part, because nearly every night, between midnight and 4 a.m. a considerable number of motors fly up and down Vancouver Street at the rate of forty to sixty miles an hour. It may be urged that they do no harm, and that at such a time all decent people are in bed, but the answer is, first of all, that there is a very distinct risk to any person who may happen to be out in a motor car at such a time, and it is conceivable that even respectable

people are sometimes pursuing a legitimate journey when the majority of folks are in bed. The other objection is that nearly all these delirious "joy riders" take good care to have "Gabriels" which are first cousins to sirens, and which are warranted to wake up every one within a radius of half a mile. I am sure my request in this regard was a very reasonable one, and one occurrence on Yates Street three nights ago more than justifies what I ask.

Whilst on the subject of motor cars, I would again call the attention of the Police to the fact that many of our chauffeurs are imported from Seattle, where the rules of the road and the general regulations for the control of motor traffic are entirely different from what prevails in Victoria. These new arrivals do not observe the rule of the road, and seem to resent being forced to take the proper side. They also drive much faster than the law permits, and finally they are very untidy as a class and utterly regardless of their personal appearance. I suppose this latter point is not one of which the Police can take cognizance, but it makes a lot of difference on the streets, and the employers of these chauffeurs might do worse than give them a word of advice.

I want to say a word in commendation of the building firms who are erecting blocks in the city at the present time. I do not think that I have ever seen better or quicker work done, and thanks to the enforcement of building regulations, there is far less inconvenience to the general public than was the case last year and the year before. I always maintained that when footpaths and streets were encroached upon, it was because of the City authorities who made no attempt to enforce the regulations. This is now proved to be the case, and if by continually hammering away, I could only induce them to put their foot down on the iniquitous practice of piling up sand and gravel at the street corners and blocking the thoroughfares, I should feel that I had at last achieved something of importance.

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Editorial

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thing which gives an independent member a status and some influence in the House is when he voices the wishes of a considerable section of the community, and this of course means a distinctive policy. Mr. Perry has issued an address to the electors in which in the main he expresses approval of the policy of the McBride Government, but urges the necessity for a capable and honest Opposition. But whilst admiring Mr. McBride he claims that "the Government of the Province has ceased to be government by the people. It has crystallized into an oligarchy of the most dangerous kind, since its dictators are not the aristocracy of the brains and ability of the Party. As a matter of fact, they are mediocrities who make politics a business." Mr. Perry would break into this "oligarchy of mediocrity" for the purpose of submitting their measures to intelligent criticism, and would especially stand against Oriental immigration and for the payment of workmen's compensation by the Government without resort to litigation. The first plank is an integral part of the Conservative platform, the latter of the Liberal, so that Mr. Perry amply demonstrates his independence by bor-

rowing from both. Mr. Perry thinks he will be returned; The Week thinks otherwise, but all the same will be interested in following his addresses which are sure to furnish many refreshing details and not a little food for reflection.

New Lighthouse

Construction work, at the new Lighthouse on Langara Island, is in progress.

"Many a True Word—"

It had been a late "session," and not a fortunate one for the Judge, who, when the chips were at last put back into the ebony holders, was something more than forty dollars to the bad. He suspected, too, that he might have a bad taste in his mouth next morning, so he left a note on the hall table, directing that a glass of iced Apenta water be brought to his door at eight. Prompt to the stroke of the clock came Mary's tap-tap, and to the usual query from inside came the answer:

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The Sikhs

By Ralph E. Smith

It is safe to say that nothing in recent years has aroused such intense bitterness of feeling among all races and classes in India as the treatment meted out to Indians in South Africa, especially in the Transvaal. The treatment of Indians in British Columbia, mild in comparison though it has been, and the closing against them of the doors of Australasia, have contributed to the deepening of this feeling and have strengthened the hands of the opponents of British rule in India and aroused a prejudice against all colonials, whether missionary or civilian. The questions are naturally being asked, What after all does British citizenship mean? Would we be treated so if we were an independent country?

There is much that may be said from the standpoint of those who would exclude Asiatics entirely. They differ entirely in race, colour and religion from Canadians, and they cannot be assimilated and Canadianised; will their admission therefore not mean the creation of a race and colour problem in Canada? They have not been deemed proper subjects for the franchise in their own country; shall we extend the franchise to them here, or create a large body of unfranchised persons? India is teeming with its countless millions of people; if we throw down our gates shall we not be flooded with hordes who know not our laws, our ideals, our religion and the principles that underlie our civilisation? Their standard of living is much lower than ours; will not the labour market be ruined and the industrial equilibrium of the country be disturbed? These and other questions will be asked.

But how can we, in justice, insist on the open door in Asia and claim the right to travel or trade or study or settle in those countries and deny a similar right in return? The Canadian in India is often met with the question, "how is it that you come freely into our country and claim the right to freedom of action here and yet mob Indians in your country or shut them out altogether?" Is the world to remain forever shut off into water-tight compartments and the different nations and races never to learn to live together? The increased facilities for intercommunication and international travel make an emphatic negative the inevitable answer to such questions.

Every day the world is becoming smaller. Forty-five years ago it took a letter six months to reach India. Today it takes but half so many weeks. Forty years ago Jules Verne startled the world with his book, entitled "Around the World in Eighty Days." The trip may be done in half that time today. And every knot added to the speed of the ocean liners, every hour cut from the railway timetables, every new line of cable and telegraph, the coming of wireless telegraphy and the flying machine, are all drawing the world together and making all nations close neighbours. How can our doors remain barred to Asia?

The problem is one of sufficient perplexity, and it will not be helped to a solution by an appeal to prejudice on the one hand or to sentiment on the other, or to the selfish interests of any section of the community. What is required is constructive statesmanship of first-rate ability, wider horizon and a deeper sense of Imperial responsibility. The issues are not local; they are imperial. And Canada should meet India in a frank discussion of both sides of the question. The question will not die a natural death. It is here to stay, and

the sooner it is ably and squarely faced the easier will it be to find a permanent solution.

The treatment of Asiatics by the West today is not so very different after all to the treatment of Westerners by Asia in the days when Westerners first began to demand entrance into Asiatic countries. The treatment then was very largely due to prejudice. More knowledge of the incomer very largely removed that prejudice. More knowledge of the Sikhs, therefore, ought to serve some part in the solution of the present difficulty. And anyone desiring to become better acquainted with them will find interesting reading in McAuliffe's great work, recently published, on the history of the Sikhs, which has put other books on the subject much out of date.—Ralph E. Smith, in The Canadian Magazine.

Vancouver Horse Show

The Vancouver Horse Show, to be held in Vancouver April 22-27 inclusive, will eclipse every previous exhibition of the kind on the Pacific Coast. The opening will be a very brilliant affair. The chief officiating figure will be the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. T. W. Paterson, and there will be present also Premier McBride, Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General; Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and most of the other ministers. The wives of these honourable gentlemen will be the guests of the Association also during the Show.

This year's exhibition, the fifth to be given by the Vancouver Horse Show Association, is attracting a great deal of attention, not only because of past excellence and accomplishments, but also because of the handsome trophies which will be hung up for competition this year. There will be championship trophies in every class, in addition to the usual prizes, but the great feature for exhibitors will be the cup offered by the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada. This is the first time that a Governor-General has donated a cup to a Horse Show in Canada, and British Columbia's big event should flatter itself that it has attained such fame in the east that such an offer should have been made unsolicited. A cup will be offered by the Duke of Connaught to the Vancouver Horse Show Association each year he is in office. This trophy has aroused much enthusiasm, and as it will be coveted by horsemen there will be keen competition for it.

The prize list contains full entry for all classes and some fine displays of horses will be seen. The judges will be Dr. Webster, Ottawa; Dr. Sinclair, Simcoe, Ont.; Dr. Grenside, of the Ontario Agricultural College staff, Guelph; and Mr. Robert Graham, Renfrew, Ont., men with reputations as impartial horsemen and who are much sought after to act as judges at horse shows in the large eastern cities of Canada and the United States.

Overseas Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Overseas Club was held last evening in the Foresters' hall, Rev. Dr. Gray presiding in the absence of the President, Mr. W. Blakemore. After the reading of the minutes Dr. Gray gave a short address on the First Lord of the Admiralty's naval policy, and the possibilities for and against international peace. Songs were contributed by a number of the members, including Mrs. McLaren, who gave "Thoughts Have Wings," and also acted as accompanist, Mr. Thomas, who sang "Thora," while Mr. Horton sang "Two Eyes of Grey." Rev. Dr. Gray gave a much appreciated recitation, and at the close of the evening received an enthusiastic vote of thanks for taking the chair. The next meeting of the club, on April 16, promises to be of special interest, as the evening is to be divided between a ventriloquial entertainment and a magic lantern lecture, the latter being given by Dr. Gray, the views including scenes from the Old Country, Greece, Egypt and other countries.—(Colonist).

To The Honorable Richard McBride

on the Eve of his Election, the Commencement of his Third Term as Premier of the Province of British Columbia

Child of the Western Land,
Born in the Royal Town,
Hard by the timbered strand
Of Fraser, racing down,
How came those gifts of thine?
Imagination great,
With eloquence to shine,
Thy power to plan, create?
In childhood's tender years,
A lad at work or play,
'Midst boyhood's hopes and fears
Couldst see the far-off day,
When, by the people's choice,
Their leader thou shouldst stand,
A MAN by manhood's voice,
To rule our own dear land?

Didst see the valleys peopled
By a stalwart farming breed?
Didst scan the cities steeped,
Didst watch the iron steed?
Didst hear the sledges ringing
As the drillers pierce the rock;
Didst hear the buzz-saws singing,
Where the lumber freighters dock?
Where the eagles soared secluded,
Where forests dimmed the light,
And foolish man, deluded,
Had given up the fight.
But now, oh youthful dreamer,
Thou modern Joseph, now,
Imaginative schemer,
We term thee, yea, and bow
Our heads in just obeisance,
To one who more than all
Has proved his true allegiance,
Has heard his country's call;
To open up her treasures,
To reach her hoarded wealth,
Fish, ore, or coal in measures,
Fruit, lumber, farms in tilth.
Great is the debt we owe thee,
Vast is thy labour done,
Still Fair Columbia's glory
Shines on her honoured son!

—Walter Howard.

THE SEALING FLEET

Hard by the Point the silent schooners lie,
Disturbed by nought save the recurring tide,
Uncared, unseen, but by some casual eye,
There restless, torn, and woe-begone they ride.
Had they but speech, what yarns these hulls
would spin,
How with what joy a berth in them was
sought,

Tout, trim without, and plenshed well within,
They were the story and glory of the Port.

How in the misty morn, when, from his gate,
The radiant sun emerged his coarse to ride,
'Midst parting cheers they ventured down
the strait

To cross the narrow seas and dare the wide,
How sweet to feel the balmy Chinook blow,
And flee before his ardent amorous zest
To where the realms of everlasting snow
Quench his hot blood, and North-east dares
the West.

Past many an isle and many a woody cape,
And many a fjord, enmeshed 'twixt mountain
grim;

By many a hazard, many a hairbreadth scope,
They made their Northward, tho' the Sun was
dim,

And sea mists veiled Polaris every night,
Yet naught could daunt the temper of their
crew,
Forever holding next day would be bright,
Sanguine, courageous, tho' in numbers few.

And so they Northward worked their devious
way,
The Otto, Doris, Mascot, Ocean Belle,
Diana, Viva, Etta, Lillah May,
(And many another left the Port as well),
And made at length those chilly Polar Seas,
Where swam or basked upon the rocks their
prey,

Poor unsuspecting beasts, they took their ease,
Or, urged by Eros, fought the live-long day.

In silence deep the drifting schooners glide,
The crew all armed with bludgeons do prepare,
Gently the boats are lowered o'er the side,
And softly pulled to yonder ice gloe, where
The seals most plenteous lie—Oh! draw the
veil.

Before the bloody scene which now ensues,
What profits it to tell the gory tale?
Man's need is man's brutality's excuse.

Thus pass the days, the season soon is o'er,
And homeward turns the heavy storm-tossed
fleet.

Astern the groaning ice, ahead that shore,
Where shines the sun, where firs majestic beat
Their vasselled cones in welcome. And each
man

His share of those rich skins which store
the hold
Doth compute, and in his dreams doth plan,
How he will spend his share when they be
sold.

So they retain, past many a ness and voe,
'Til in the South th' Olympic Mountains rear
High o'er the clouds, their peaks, bedecked
with snow;

Perils and troubles o'er and Home is near.
Now at the Point behold a merry throng,
Imagine now the questions, shouts galore,
And many a jest is told, and many a song
Roared with deep chorus ere the evening's o'er.
Still by the Point the rotting schooners lie,
Cradled and loved by their old friend the tide,
Relics of bygone days they slowly die;
Who thinks that they were once the joy and
pride,

The hope, the stake, of many an honest soul?
That many a prayer was said when they set
sail?

Write "Ichabod" upon them 'tis the goal,
Of sailing, ships, and with a torch write
"Vale."
—Walter Howard.

FOUND ONE

"Persistence will win any sort of a career—even matrimonial," is the conviction of William Lackaye, and he illustrates it with the following story:

"She preferred the upper berth in the Pullman and so he took the lower. After the curtains had been drawn and all was quiet in the car those near the couple heard the woman lean over and whisper to her husband:

"Peter, dear, I have at last found what I have looked for so many years."

"What's that?" inquired the bridegroom.

"A man under my bed."

Lover (humbly)—She is a fool to want me.
Friend—Why, old man, you're perfect mates.

OVERHEAD AT THE GROCERY

Obliging Clerk—"Well, little girl, what can I do for you today?"

Little Girl—"I'd like a quart of molakek. I can't say molakek, so I have to say molakek."

Gossip From The Stalls

The Empress Theatre

The Waterbury Bros. & Tenny comprise the big act at the local vaudeville house this week, the latter member playing the black-face comedian to perfection, and the two former showing themselves to be musicians of a high order. Their performance on the musical glasses in itself is one of the prettiest and cleverest turns that has been heard in Victoria for some time. Josie Flynn, comedienne, has been giving an amusing interlude which keeps the audience in good humour. Lupita Perea is a dainty trapezist, and Anita Bartling puts up a skilful juggling act. The Fol De Roal girls, four in number, have been scoring a success, their last item being specially entertaining.

The Crystal Theatre

The writer of this paragraph made two attempts to enter the Crystal Theatre on Wednesday (Amateur) night, but the waiting crowd on each occasion offered little prospect of a vacant seat and he had to turn away disconsolate. There is little doubt that the regular institution of an amateur performance every week has proved one of the most popular forms of amusement in the city, and when it comes in addition to a steady exhibition of first-class pictures it is no wonder that even the large Broad Street house finds itself cramped for room.

The Majestic Theatre

At the close of last week a most dramatic picture was unreeled at the Majestic in the shape of "For Love of His Son," which showed a physician "doctoring" the people soft drink in order to build up a fortune for his only son. The latter, by means of this same soft drink, becomes a cocaine fiend and thus brings retribution on the head of his erring father. A fine line of pictures has been running to date, including some excellent "World's Events" by the Warwick Company.

Romano's Theatre

It is no wonder that the Moving-picture habit has become so firmly established in Victoria when we have three splendid houses in town, of which Romano's is one. Apart from the excellence of films shown in the Government Street house, there is an allurements in Romano's which never fails to bring the weary pedestrian within its portals, for the seats in Romano's are spacious and soft, and the music is first-class. This week there has been an AI set of films in view.

Eccentric Comedy

After a complete season's run at Weber's Theatre, New York, the English version of the German-French farce with music, "Alma, Where Do You Live?" will be presented by Joe Weber at the Victoria Theatre Tuesday, March 26.

The German version, "Alma, Wo Wohnt Du," was done the previous season at the German Theatre of Adolph Phillip in New York City, and although in a language not generally understood by the theatrical public of New York, made a distinct impression because of the wonderful French music of Jean Briquet. In both the Phillip and Weber versions the music has remained unchanged. The fourteen original numbers of the clever Frenchman are just as he composed them, the words, of course, having been done into suitable English or German.

The raciness of the original French farce has not been disturbed in the Weber version, although it has been rendered comparatively objectionable. The great stimulating tonic of a French farce has always depended much on the humorous situations. It is the study of the French comedy method which has made the American producer demand more and more from the librettist, that he pay greater attention to the development of situation. The critics have recognized that in the English "Alma" there is one of the cleverest presentations of the real French farce that has yet been placed on the American stage. It was the appreciation of the fact that he had a valuable dramatic

property which made Mr. Weber most careful how it was done in English.

George V. Hobart, the prolific American comedy writer, was engaged by Mr. Weber to make the English version. The success he made of was phenomenal. He went back to the original French story and paid little attention to the German as intermediate helpmate. It is for reason that the sluggishness of German "Alma" is entirely omitted. Hobart's natural American wit combined with the Frenchness of original proved the most enterprising bit of work presented to York theatre-goers in some time.

The excellent company which make Mr. Weber's presentation is headed by Nannette Flack, Charles A. Murray and Aubrey prominent in the cast. Others are Charles Walton, Edwin Carewe, Fry Sherwood, Pickering Brown, Herbert Crowley, Vivian Gill, Croft and Bae Hamilton.

The farce begins in the most usual "night before" starts the trouble. Theobald and his prospective son-in-law, Gaston Duval, arrive at home and domestic wrath awaiting them. Adventures have included a meeting with Mlle. Alma, once the fiancée of Gaston. Presently Alma appears complicates things for the return prodigals. An unexpected return however, reconciles her presence to the women of the household.

An eccentric millionaire relative the Martins, leaves his fortune to adopted son, Pierre le Peach, on condition that he shall not fall in love with or propose to any woman before he comes of age, which event happens on the morrow. In the event of Pierre's surrender to some seducer, Theobald and Gaston are to divide the fortune between them. They immediately suggest that Mlle. Alma shall win a proposal of marriage to the young heir presumptive. It is not an easy task for the youth to his appearance singing melodious warnings against womankind. To his benefactor had instilled in him

Moreover, Mlle. Alma is an ideal as well as a Parisian milliner. She determines to save the lad's fortune for him despite the conspiring prodigals. And then she falls in love with farce comedy Parsifal, who is all innocent. And finally she wins the tune and its possessor for herself.

A SUITABLE QUOTATION

A high-school boy who had failed in English examination took the teacher to because she had asked no questions on Merchant of Venice," one of the books died. At the second examination, the question was "Give a quotation from Merchant of Venice." When the boy had in his paper, imagine the teacher's ings as she read, "O hell! what have here?"

MAKING SURE OF IT

Brown had just received a telegram saying "Your mother-in-law is dead. Shall we or cremate her?" "Take no chances," was the reply; both."

BOOK NOTES

At the Standard Stationery Co., Ltd., 1220 Government St., Victoria, B.C.:

"For the Queen," by E. Phillips Oppenheim. \$1.50.

"A Queen of the Stage," by F. M. White. \$1.50.

At the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., 1004 Government St., Victoria, B.C.:

"He Who Passed." \$1.50.

"Dop Doctor." \$1.50.



BUILDING PERMITS

MARCH 13 TO 20

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March 18—	
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W. C. Bond—Craigflower Road—Dwelling.....	500
Geo. Fraser—Cecil St.—Dwelling.....	1,500
Mr. Brooks—Acton St.—Dwelling.....	1,500
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E. Matthews—Shelbourne St.—Dwelling.....	1,500
Miss A. and O. Russell—Luxton St.—Add'n.....	700
Frank Clark—Fernwood Rd.—Dwelling.....	3,000
March 20—	
B. C. Electric Co.—Store and Constance Sts.—Add'n.....	25,000
E. E. Corbett—Olive St.—Dwelling.....	1,800
G. H. Pledger—Shelbourne St.—Dwelling.....	1,400
Jas. Lyons—Fernwood St.—Dwelling.....	1,950

DEMAND FOR DUTCH MONEY

Canada has obtained considerable capital from Holland, the money being placed chiefly in agricultural land and mortgages. There is about \$200,000,000 invested in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in mortgage loans, the money being supplied from eastern Canadian, French, British, Dutch and Belgian sources. We are anticipating more funds from Holland, but the American consul, F. W. Mahin, at Amsterdam, in a recent report, says that prospects for borrowing Holland money on United States farms are not as bright as is popularly imagined, owing chiefly to the excessive demand. Not only is the United States drawing hard on the Dutch supply of loanable funds, but Canada, Mexico, South America, and Africa, are offering favourable inducements for their share.

Supply Is Not Adequate

The popular idea that Holland has large funds to loan abroad is false, but its supply in recent years, due to the great industrial development in the Netherlands proper and its colonies and in the Americas and Africa, has fallen far short of demands. As a consequence, interest rates have gone much higher, and the security required is much better. There are so many requests for what funds are available that the best interest and security are sifted out, to the rejection of all others. The competition is so very keen now that those desiring to borrow money here must present unusually strong inducements. Money lenders merely eliminate the least desirable and select the best high-gilt-edged securities.

Information given by one of the oldest Holland-American land-banking companies is to the effect that they have had to confine their business to one of the United States because they cannot get money to supply a larger territory.

Many Mortgage Banks

The actual amount of money in Holland has not diminished, but the organization of numerous mortgage banks to do business with foreign countries has worked the field so thoroughly that available funds are almost exhausted, while the development of intensive agriculture at home has also required more capital. A few large loans on American and Canadian lands at 5 per cent. are still floated, but that is a rock, 6 per cent. being more general; at the same time the security must be unimpeachable.

Attempts are being made to organize here a Holland-Texas mortgage bank, contemplating loans on Texas farms, but the scarcity of available funds makes the founding of the institution doubtful. It is predicted that the rates of interest which will have to be paid to get the necessary capital will be more than could be asked in Texas.

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A personal visit will, as a rule, assist an effort to obtain money in unequivocal credentials from a bank or a financier known and trusted Holland. But in every case the applicant must produce strong and by the Dutch capitalist from whom money is sought.

NEWS AND NOTES

The capital stock of the Malcolm and Souter Furniture Company, Limited, has been increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

Many shareholders of the Trethewey Silver Mines Company are objecting to the proposed increase of the company's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Archer Shee, M.P. for Finsbury in the British House of Commons, is advocating that a committee of the British House take up the question and secure the co-operation of the overseas governments, for an all red cable connecting Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The Brantford Board of Trade officers for 1912 are as follows:—President, Charles A. Waterous; vice-president, J. S. Dowling; secretary, George Hadley; representatives to Associated Boards of Trade, W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., C. Cook, G. S. Matthews, M. A. McEwen.

At the annual meeting of the South Vancouver board of trade, officers were elected as follows:—President, R. C. Hodgson (re-elected) vice-president, J. C. McArthur, J.P.; secretary, C. Harrison (re-elected); council, C. M. Whelpton, C. W. Feast, J. B. Appleby, J. B. Gibson, G. Greenslade, C. Richardson, K. Lammond, W. J. Prouse, H. B. A. Vogel, E. W. Boswell, J. R. Peach, D. Burgess, E. G. Norris, J. Armstrong and W. A. Pound. Mr. Stuart Campbell was elected honorary vice-president, and Reeve J. A. Kerr, honorary president.

Mr. J. E. Caldwell, of Moose Jaw, explained to the banking and commerce committee of Ottawa, on the bill to incorporate the bank of Saskatchewan, the nature of their proposals. The promoters, he said, were all prominent citizens of Moose Jaw, leading business men of the city. They all understand the double liability. It was a bona fide application. They hoped to sell the stock by public subscription. They expected to have it sold among business men of Moose Jaw and Saskatoon. He understood the feeling of the minister of finance and would be willing to submit evidence to the Government.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

A friend once asked "Uncle Joe" Cannon for information as to the prospects of a politician who was at that time generally thought to be "on the ragged edge."

"He seems to think he's getting on all right," said Uncle Joe, "but others entertain a decidedly different opinion. His situation brings to mind the story of the old lady up in Maine. When she was asked as to the whereabouts of her husband, the dame replied: "If the ice is as thick as Henry thinks it is, he is skating; if it is as thin as I think it is, he is swimming."

WHOW!!

Vancouver papers gloated over the recent low temperatures in the East. Well, some people do prefer drowning to freezing, no doubt about that.

**SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS**

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-west Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Bella Coola

TAKE notice that Edward Harrington, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Lineman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted half a mile south of the S. W. corner of William Sutherland's late pre-emption No. 2975, on the west side of the Bella Coola River; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains north to the point of commencement, containing 160 acres or thereabouts. Dated February 24th, 1912.

EDWARD HARRINGTON.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Bella Coola

TAKE notice that Jeff Kilgore, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Labourer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of Lot 319 in Range 3, Upper Bella Coola Valley; thence 20 chains south; thence 20 chains west; thence 20 chains north; thence 20 chains east to the point of commencement, containing 40 acres or thereabouts. Dated February 24th, 1912.

JEFF KILGORE.

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NOTICE

Meryl Mineral Claim, situate in Victoria Mining Division of Highland District. Where located—On Section 61, east side, Saanich.

TAKE NOTICE that J. W. A. Lorimer, Free Miner's Certificate No. 54147B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 12th day of February, A.D. 1912.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3

TAKE NOTICE that James H. Morrison, of Dunder, Scotland, occupation Accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 40 chains west from the north-east corner of Timber Licence No. 44219; thence west 20 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence south 40 chains to point of commencement and containing 80 acres more or less. Dated January 3rd, 1912.

JAMES HODGINS MORRISON,

J. R. Morrison, Agent.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Malahat

TAKE NOTICE that I. Henry Kelway Gwyer Bamber, of London, England, occupation Cement Manufacturer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 127, Malahat District; thence in a northerly direction following the high water mark of Saanich Inlet for a distance of 50 chains more or less to the southern boundary of Lot 102, Malahat District; thence true east for a distance of 3 chains 30 links, more or less, to low water mark of said Saanich Inlet; thence following said low water mark of said Inlet in a southerly direction to a point which is true east of the point of commencement; thence true west to the point of commencement, and containing ten acres more or less. Dated 29th day of January, 1912.

HENRY KELWAY GWYER BAMBER,

Per Francis A. Devereux, Agent.

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**TO CANADIAN ARCHITECTS**

Competition for New University Building to be Erected at Point Grey, near Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Government of British Columbia is Competitive Plans for the general scheme design for the proposed new University together with more detailed Plans for the buildings to be erected first at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

Prizes of \$10,000 will be given for the successful Designs submitted.

Particulars of the competition and plan site may be obtained on request from undersigned.

The designs to be sent in by July 1912, addressed to

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3

TAKE NOTICE that Charles Morrison Stornoway, Scotland, occupation Merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 10 chains south from south-east corner of Lot 126; thence south 20 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 20 chains; thence east 40 chains to point of commencement. Dated January 2nd, 1912.

CHARLES MORRISON,

J. R. Morrison, Agent.

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NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Edward Cutler, late of the City of Victoria, deceased, are hereby required to the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of April, 1912, after which date the administratrix will proceed to distribute said estate, having regard to those claims of which she has notice. Dated March 2nd, 1912.

GEO. A. MORPHY,

1118 Langley Street, Victoria, B.C.

Solicitor for the Administratrix.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Bella Coola

TAKE notice that Peter Tester, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Hotel Proprietor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted three miles east of Section 27, T. ship 9, Range 3, on the south bank of Bella Coola River; thence east 40 chains south 20 chains; thence west 40 chains thence north 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres or thereabouts; land being the late pre-emption of W. Sutherland and numbered 2975. Dated February 28th, 1912.

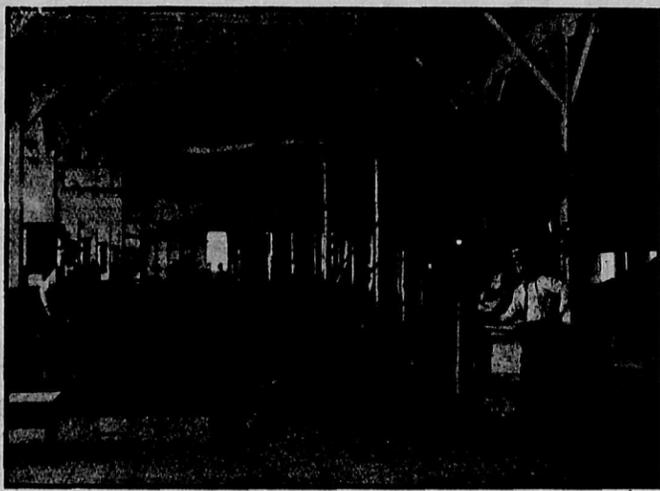
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Universal Progress

By C. B. S.

The essence of Universal Progress is a proper sense of proportion to the cure which frequent appeals must be made to the proper oracle, which is "The People." It has been contended that party governments are prone to overdo this system and too frequent appeals are being made to the people, causing unrest on the public market and undue fluctuations in exchange.

Education, however much the compulsory courses have been criticized, selected standards raised from time to time, most certainly tend to be the best opinion we can arrive at, viz., public opinion. The more the classes get in touch, the more they become to know each other and realise that "the devil" you is better than the devil you are.

About a year ago the Welsh strikes looked serious and strife broke out among union men and non-union workers (those who considered their duties towards their employers) and strikers who considered what they called their rights—we were badly in need of a Gambetta, a Covour, or a Gambetta. We could not control the situation with the military forces of the Crown; the presence of the latter finally kept the revolutionary down and restored order. Excess was involved on the nation, but miners and soldiers intermingled had an opportunity of mutual acquaintance and found out for themselves that in the long run war was not at all a bad chap. This year the matter has taken far more formidable lines and threatens to become much more serious.

At the outcome may be or solution is difficult to say but at the present political ministers and mine owners have a difficult problem to

solve. During a year the greatest British trade has become more involved than ever in the hands of trades unionism of a very bad kind—rights apparently alone being considered whilst duties have been apparently left out of the hunt.

Whatever political ministers may have in view they cannot afford to remain idle, since stagnation in the coal industry must bring about most dire results within the Mother Country to the detriment of every form of trade, it must also cause injury to the trade of a friendly power, viz., France, so dependent to a very large extent on us for coal. It would be a drastic means of nationalizing our coalfields if ministers went far enough to delay matters to offer such a solution as being the only one; why not bring this about the more gradually for all concerned by losing no time in educating the land forces of the crown to that industry, so that they could take up the work of strikers whilst giving the coal industry better facilities for learning the more healthy art of defence of the nation. Possibly the strikers find their trade not entirely a healthy one and that their lives and that of their children and families generally involve friction and unhappiness, also dangers which are not compensated for by the higher wages they earn, also that the wear and tear of an unnatural existence underground shows increase of disease in statistical records as compared with other professions and medical reports show up their lot as not altogether a happy one. Exhaustive inquiry into natural and social causes alone can bring out the real cause of the evil; undoubtedly there is some real evil which can be stamped out by practical means and permanent workable remedy found. The sooner found out and put into operation the better.

Dominion and Provincial News

Snow in Okanagan

Fifteen and a quarter inches of snow fell in the Okanagan district during the month of January, according to the government observer, Mr. G. R. Binger.

Hospital Ready for Patients

On Monday last the Nicola Valley General Hospital was opened for the reception of patients. The formal opening ceremony will take place at an early date, when it is expected the Hon. T. Taylor, Minister of Lands and Works, Alex. Lucas, M.P.P., and other prominent gentlemen will be present.

Fair Building to Cost \$5,000

Plans for a new exhibition building for the Grand Forks Agricultural Association's grounds, estimated to cost \$5,000, are being forwarded to Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Agriculture, for inspection.

Kamloops Nears Centenary

The preliminary preparations for celebrating the centenary of the founding of Kamloops in 1812 by the Pacific Fur Company, are now well in hand. His Royal Highness, the Governor-General, Lord Strathcona and other noted personages are expected to attend the opening ceremonies which will take place in September next, and will usher in the festivities extending over an entire week.

You Can Never Tell

Cigarette smokers can never be sure of the contents of the flimsy paper. Recently a Scotch firm of cigarette makers was fined \$2,500 for having 500 tons of horse manure on the premises, which was used in the manufacture of cigarettes—an aromatic smoke.

Would Do for Victoria

A Kaslo girl, whose name is not published, recently sent twenty-five cents for a receipt to promote and preserve beauty. She received the following reply: "Mind your mother and stay home nights."

Protest Against Bait Fishing

A petition is being circulated in the district between Slocan Junction and Castlegar, protesting against bait fishing and asking for further restrictions with regard to angling in inland waters. The petition is to be forwarded to the Dominion government.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Fuel for Public Buildings
SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 25th day of March, 1912, for supplying and delivering best lump coal required at the Provincial Government Buildings at Victoria, as enumerated hereunder, during the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1913, to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed during the period above stated. The approximate annual consumption of coal at each of the buildings named is as follows:

Best lump coal in sacks—	
Parliament Buildings, Victoria...	230 tons.
Government House, Victoria...	110 tons.
Court-house, Victoria...	60 tons.

The above-mentioned quantities are not guaranteed; the quantity actually required may be under or above the figures stated. Tenders to be based on ton of 2,240 lb. Each delivery must be accompanied by an official weigh-master's certificate. Tenders shall be accompanied by a cheque in the sum of \$100, or a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline or neglect to enter into the contract when called upon to do so. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned upon the execution of the contract. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Tenders must be signed by the actual signature of the tenderers.

J. E. GRIFFITH,
Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 6th March, 1912.
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TENDERS are invited by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, up to the 23rd March, 1912, for the purchase of the following articles or parts thereof, viz.:

- Second-hand Boilers, Pumps, Scrap Iron, Copper, etc.

The above now lying at the Government Wharf, Wharf Street, Victoria, B.C. Detailed list to be obtained at the office of the above Department.

Purchase money must be paid before removal of goods.

The lowest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.

All tenders to be sealed and addressed to the Agent of Marine and Fisheries Department, Victoria, B.C.



PUBLIC SCHOOL DESKS

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tenders for School Desks," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, 1st day of April, 1912, for supplying and delivering the following school desks packed or crated and ready for shipment to places to be hereafter designated to the order of the Department at Vancouver or Victoria, B.C., on or before the 30th June next:

Single Desks	
Size No. 5.....	600
Size No. 3.....	800
Size No. 2.....	800

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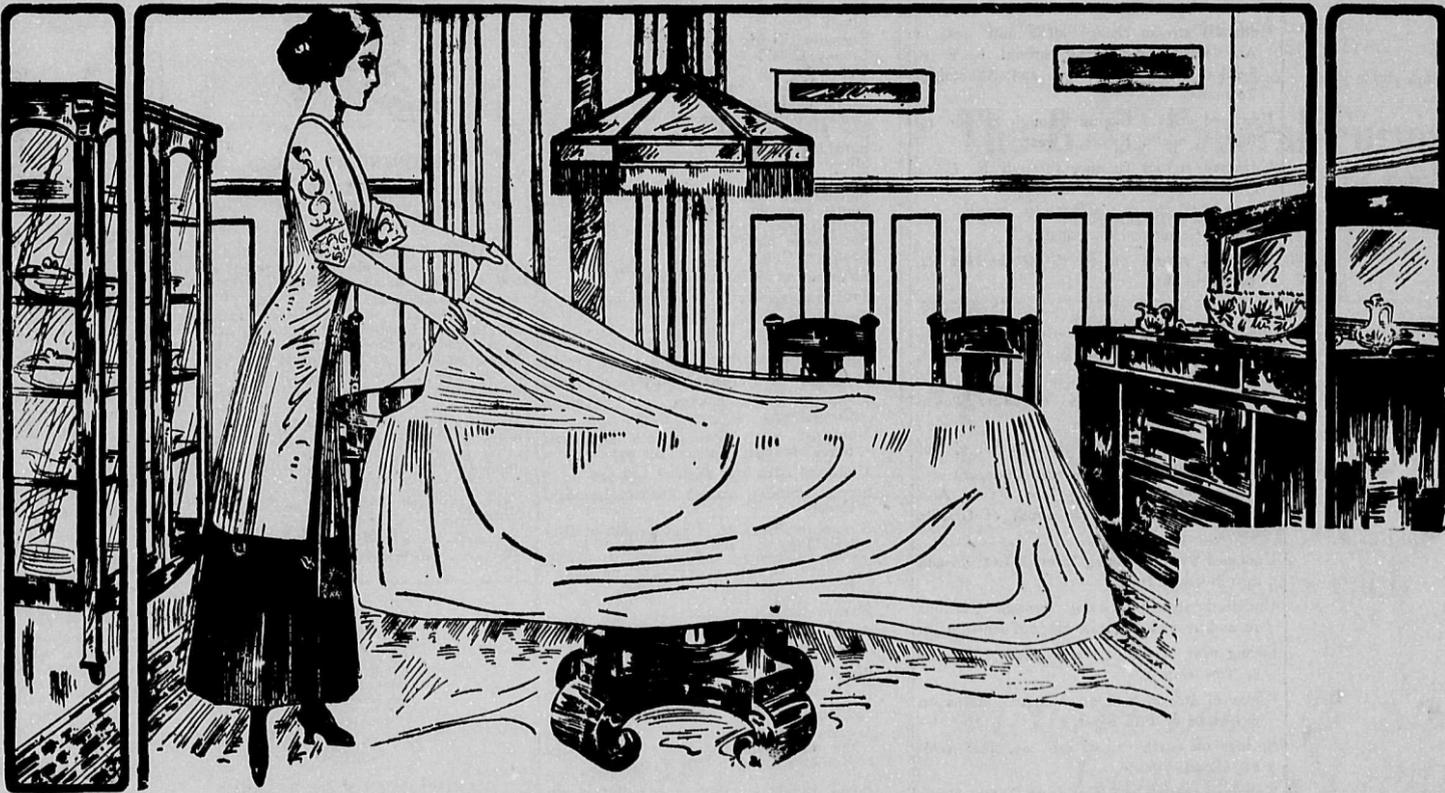
The name of the desk and maker to be mentioned in tenders.

No tender will be entertained unless accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank of Canada, payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, or by cash, in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the contract.

Cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned upon signing of contract.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. E. GRIFFITH,
Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B.C., 12th March, 1912.
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WATER RIGHTS IN THE RAILWAY BELT

New Westminster Water District

NOTICE is hereby given that any person, partnership, company, or municipality having any claim to water rights in the Railway Belt may file with the Chief Water Commissioner at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, a statement of claim to water privileges on a printed form (No. 50), which can be obtained from the Water Commissioners at New Westminster, Yale, Ashcroft, Kamloops, Revelstoke, and Golden, or from the Chief Water Commissioner.

Evidence will be heard at local points as soon as the claims have been examined and tabulated, and notices will be published in the British Columbia Gazette and local papers of the place and date when each stream will be dealt with. Objections may be filed with the Chief Water Commissioner. The following streams are supposed to be wholly or partially within the Railway Belt in the New Westminster Water District:—

- Atcheltz River.
Atchutitch River.
Beaver Creek.
Bertrand Creek.
Bole Creek.
Bristo Creek.
Brunette River.
Buntzen Lake.
Campbell River.
Cascade Creek.
Cheam Lake.
Chehalis Lake.
Chehalis River.
Chilliwhack River.
Como Lake.
Coquitlam Lake.
Cultus Lake.
Cypress Lake.
Deer Lake.
Deer Lake Stream.
Dunville Creek.
Eagle Creek.
Elk Creek.
Elm Creek.
Elsons Creek.
Fraser River.
Fields Spring.
Gold Creek.
Goose Lake.
Harrison Hot Springs.
Harrison Lake.
Harrison River.
Hatzic Lake.
Indian River.
Innis Creek.
Jackman Creek.
Johnston Creek.
Kanaka Creek.
Kanaka Creek, North Branch.
Laity Creek.
Lewis Creek.
Lillooet Lake.
Lillooet River.
Lillooet River, North.
Lillooet River, North Fork.
Lillooet River, South.
Little Lillooet River.
Luckachuck River.
Matsqui Prairie Creek.
Mesilloet River.
McGillivrays Creek.
McKenny Creek.
Mission Creek.
Mitchell Creek.
Morris Lake.
Murray Creek.
Nicomekl River.
Noons Creek.
Otter Lake.
Pitt Lake.
Pitt River.
Salmon Creek.
Salmon River.
Semihalt Creek.
Serpentine River.
Silver Creek.
Squawkum Lake.
Statloo Lake.
Statloo River.
Stave Lake.
Stave River.
Steelhead Creek.
Stewart Creek.
Stony Creek.
Suicide Creek.
Sumas Lake.
Sumas River.
Sweltzer River.
Tamihi Creek.
Trout Lake.
Vedders Creek.
Vjarette Creek.
Walker Creek.
Weaver Creek.
Weaver Lake.
Welcome Lake.
Wilson Creek.

Creek running through Section 20, Township 39, and Lot 226, Group 1, and emptying into Burrard Inlet opposite Port Moody.
Unnamed stream flowing through Lot 226, Group 1.
Small spring creek situated on Lots 22 and 34, in Mission Township.
Stream running through Lot 4, Group 3, and Lot 2, Group 3, Mission Township.
Spring on Subdivision 16 of the S.E. 1/4 Section 8, Township 8.
Stream which crosses the main line of C.P.Ry., 1,620 feet east of Mission Station.
Small stream east of Whonnock Station C. P. Ry., running through part of Lot 434, Group 1.
Stream at Bon Accord.
Small stream just east of Whonnock Station, Lot 226, Township 39.

Stream at Cascade Station, C. P. Ry., mile 6376/30.
Small unnamed creek running north through west side of District Lot 201, Group 1.
Small spring in Section 17, Block 5 north, Range 2 west, Township 38.
Stream running through Lot 111, Group 1.
Spring at head of a gulch on N. W. 1/4 of Section 21, Township 1.
Unknown stream flowing through Lot 225, Group 1.
Springs at head of gulch on N. W. 1/4 Section 20, Township 1.
Stream running through portion of E. 1/4 Section 3, Township 6, Range 7 west of 7th, into North Arm of Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed easterly stream running off Vidder Mountain, through Lot 83, Group 2.
Unnamed stream on Lot 12, Township 4, Delta Municipality.
Unnamed stream flowing in a south-easterly direction through Government Reserve and part of Lot 226, Group 1.
Spring near south-east corner Lot 62, plan of subdivision of Lot 1, Group 3, Township 17.
Unnamed creek on north-east portion of S. E. 1/4 Section 28, Township 1.
Unnamed creek near south-west corner of S. W. 1/4 Section 5, Township 15.
Three springs on west part of Lot 51, Group 2.
Unnamed spring on S. E. 1/4 Section 10, Township 1.
Small stream entering on western boundary of Section 22, Block 5 north, Range 1, Township 38.
Creek No. 3, rising on east side of Halls Prairie Road and flowing hence through N. E. 1/4 of Section 20, Township 8.
Creek No. 2, rising on east side of Halls Prairie Road and flowing hence through N. E. 1/4 of Section 20, Township 8.
Creek No. 1, north of Clayton School-house on east side of Halls Prairie Road.
Small unnamed creek running through Lots 375 and 201.
Unnamed stream flowing north-west through Sections 2 and 11, Township 19.
Unnamed stream flowing through Lots 349, 347, and 348.
Unnamed stream running through Lot 30, Township 12.
Stream rising in Block 229, Group 1, and running into Bedwell Bay, North Arm Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream running through Town Lot 784, Port Hammond Township.
Unnamed stream running through Lot 429, Township 9.
Unnamed stream coming from hill-side about 1,000 feet west of Silverdale Siding, C. P. Ry.
Unnamed stream rising north of Keary Street, Sapperton, thence along ravine.
Small creek running through N. E. 1/4 Section 24, Township 26.
Small stream flowing through N. E. 1/4 of Section 20, Township 17.
Unnamed stream flowing through Lot 32 of subdivision of Lot 1, Group 3.
Unnamed stream rising half a mile west of Abbotsford and running through S. E. 1/4 Section 21, Township 16, and Abbotsford Township.
Unnamed stream flowing through Section 19, Block 5 north, Range 2 west.
Unnamed stream running through N. E. 1/4 Section 10, Township 16.
Unnamed creek on N. E. 1/4 Section 27, Group 1, Surrey Municipality.
Unnamed spring on S. E. 1/4 Section 24, Township 8.
Unnamed spring on N. E. 1/4 Section 3, Township 16.
Unnamed creek on S. E. 1/4 Section 10, Township 16.
Unnamed stream on E. 1/2 Section 11, Township 19.
Unnamed stream running through W. 1/2 Lot 190, Group 1.
Unnamed creek emptying into North Arm Burrard Inlet, one mile south of Granite Creek.
Unnamed stream running through Lot 376 and into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream flowing through Sections 20 and 17 and Lot 226, all in Township 39.
Spring near centre part of N. W. 1/4 Section 8, Township 8.
Unnamed stream running from mountains on west side of Pitt River.
Springs on north end of Lot 109, near Skidway Road, Group 1.
Unnamed stream 20 chains from Austin Road, Port Moody Road, New Westminster.
Unnamed stream running south across Austin Road, Township 38.
Unnamed stream running through Section 30, Township 12.
Unnamed creek passing through Sections 29 and 32, Township 16.
A small spring situated on legal Subdivision 13, Section 4, Township 2.
Spring on California Street, between Welton Avenue and Thorne Avenue, Mission City.
Spring on Lot 18, Block 96, Mission City.
Unnamed stream flowing through the N. E. 1/4 of Section 24, Township 1.
Unnamed stream running through N. W. 1/4 of Section 31, Township 29.
Two small lakes on Lots 360 and 362, Group 1, known as East and West Lakes.
Stream rising on Lot 305, Group 1.
Spring on S. E. 1/4 Section 35, Township 16.
Spring on N. E. 1/4 Section 35, Township 16.
Stream running across Section 18, in Township 22 and Section 13, Township 19.
Small stream running through District Lot 226, Group 1.

Spring rising on S. E. 1/4 Section 1, Township 23.
Unnamed stream flowing through N. E. Section 7, Township 24.
Stream on N. W. 1/4 Section 3, Township 2.
Stream running through Section 29, Township 1, south-east of Nicomekl River.
Unnamed stream in N. E. 1/4 Section 2, Township 19.
Unnamed stream running through Lots 376 and 202 and emptying into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed creek flowing through Lot 51, Group 2, into Boundary Bay.
Statements of claims may also be filed to water in any unnamed spring, stream, creek, pond, gulch, lake, or other source of water supply, in the vicinity of any of the said creeks, etc.
Dated February 21st, 1912.
W. R. ROSS,
Minister of Lands.



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS Water Branch.

In the matter of the Board of Investigation created by Part III. of the "Water Act" for the determination of water rights existing on the 12th day of March, 1909; and in the matter of the following creeks in the New Westminster Water District:—

- Alta or Summit Lake.
Alpha Lake.
Allan Creek.
Britannia Creek.
Boulder Creek.
Clementine Creek.
Capilano River.
East Branch of Capilano River.
Chee-kee Creek.
Cheakamus River.
Cheakamus River, North Branch.
Cheakamus River, South-east Fork.
Cold Creek.
Caldwell Creek.
Cathedral Canyon.
Crocker Creek.
Cypress Creek.
Daisy Lake.
Deer Creek.
Eight-mile Creek or Soo River.
Elahe or Squamish River.
Furry Creek.
Fitzsimmons Creek.
Green Lake.
Houlgate Creek.
Holmden Creek.
High Falls Creek.
Lynn Creek.
Lewis Creek.
Mineral Creek.
Mamquam River.
Little Mamquam River.
McCartney Creek.
Mosquito Creek.
Mishloot River.
Mackay Creek.
Mud Creek.
Martin Creek.
McDonald Creek.
Nita Lake.
Nelson Creek.
Olsen Creek.
Rice Lake.
Shone Creek.
Seymour Creek.
Stoney Creek.
Upper Stoney Creek.
South Valley Creek.
Skookum River.
Summit or Alta Lake.
Soo River or Eight-mile Creek.
Sunshine Creek.
Silver Falls.
Sisters Creek.
Squamish or Elahe River.
South Squamish River.
Swift Creek.
Shovelnose Creek.
Shannon Creek.
Straamus or Stroamus River.
Trafalgar Creek.
Tenderfoot Creek.
Thames Stream.
Unnamed creek flowing into Lynn Creek.
Unnamed creek flowing into Nelson Creek.
Unnamed creek flowing into Seymour Creek.
Unnamed creek flowing into Squamish River through District Lot 977.
Unnamed stream in District Lot 549.
Stream running through District Lot 600, Group 1.
Stream on Block 43 of Subdivision of District Lots 771 and 547, Group 1.
Unnamed stream running in on north boundary of District Lot 626.
Stream on District Lot 271.
Small creek running through Lot 775 in southerly direction.
Small stream running into North Arm, Burrard Inlet, opposite works of the Vancouver Power Company.
Unnamed mountain stream coming in on the north boundary-line of Lot 25, in Municipality of North Vancouver.
Small stream running in a southerly direction into Burrard Inlet, about one mile and a half east of Seymour Creek.
Unnamed stream flowing through E. 1/4 of District Lot 1240, Group 1.
Unnamed stream running east and west through Lot 950, southern portion.
Creek running through District Lots 979 and 812, Group 1.
Unnamed stream flowing through eastern portion of District Lot 2028.
Unnamed stream close to eastern boundary of same.
Unnamed stream rising in Lot 1494, North Vancouver District.
Unnamed stream on west shore of Mainland emptying into Howe Sound opposite east shore Bowen Island.
Unnamed stream having its source north of District Lot 559, and running in a southerly direction through the said lot into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream which runs through Lot 2049 and Lot 2048.
Unnamed stream which runs southerly through subdivision of north-easterly part of District Lot 871.
Unnamed creek on Lot 230, about 12 chains from south-west corner.
Unnamed stream running from Lot 1406 through Lots 1360 and 2048 into Burrard Inlet.
Unnamed stream which passes through District Lot 881, flowing south-westwards into District Lot 785, and through District Lot 850.

Unnamed stream passing through District Lot 785 westwards.
Unnamed creek flowing through District Lots 1301, 869, 803, and 862.
Unnamed stream on north boundary of District Lot 882.
Unnamed stream flowing south-easterly through District Lots 2003 and 2004.
Unnamed creek entering North Arm of Burrard Inlet on west side, between Brighton Beach and Point Beautiful.
First gulch south of Schooner Harbour, and running through Lot 2076, Group 1.
Unnamed creek running through easterly part of District Lot 801, North Vancouver.
Unnamed creek running westerly from Snow Flat, on Lots 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, Group 1, and all unnamed springs, streams, creeks, ponds, gulches, and lakes tributary to or in the vicinity of the above-named streams.
Take notice that each and every person, partnership, company, or municipality who, on the said 12th day of March, 1909, had water rights on any of the above-mentioned creeks, is directed to forward on or before the 29th day of February, 1912, to the Chief Water Commissioner at the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, a memorandum of claim in writing as required by section 27 of the said Act as amended. Printed forms for such memorandum (Form No. 19) can be obtained from any of the Water Commissioners in the Province;
And take notice that the said Board of Investigation intends to proceed to tabulate such claims on or about the 30th day of March, 1912.
After the claims have been tabulated by the Board, notice will be given of the places and days on which evidence and argument will be heard at local points.
Dated at Victoria this 13th day of January, 1912.
J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

ESQUIMALT NAVAL PRISON
SEALED TENDERS endorsed "Gaol Supplies" for the supply of Groceries, Bread, Beef, Clothing, Boots and Shoes for the above named institution, from the first day of April, 1912, to the thirty-first day of March, 1913, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen years, will be received by the undersigned up to the Twenty-second (22nd) day of March, 1912, at the Warden's Office, Provincial Gaol, Topaz Avenue, City. All supplies to be delivered at the Esquimalt Naval Prison as required without extra charge. All articles required for use in these contracts to be of provincial manufacture as far as practicable. Forms of tender will be supplied on application at the Provincial Gaol.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. M. MUTTER, Warden.
Victoria, 1st March, 1912.



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PROVINCIAL GAOL VICTORIA, B.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. M. MUTTER, Warden.
Victoria, 1st March, 1912.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve existing over Lot 55, Queen Charlotte District, by reason of a notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 27th of December, 1907, be cancelled for the purpose of effecting a sale of the said land to the Canadian North Pacific Fisheries, Limited.
ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Victoria, B. C.,
29th February, 1912.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

TAKE notice that Arthur W. McCurdy, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Retired, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the south-easterly corner of Lot 130, Malahat District, thence south-westerly along the shore of Saanich Inlet to the southerly angle of said lot; thence east five chains; thence north-easterly parallel to the shore of Saanich Inlet to a point five chains south of the point of commencement; thence north five chains to the point of commencement.
Dated March 11th, 1912.
ARTHUR W. McCURDY.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve established by notice published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, and dated the 13th August, 1884, is cancelled in so far as the same relates to Frac Sections 2 and 11, Township 12, and portion of Section 35, Township 10, Koo District, lying North of the C. P. R. of way and West of the E. & N. R. right of way in order that a sale of the lands may be made to Henry L. Simons.
ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the existing over the lands described as I 2130, Group One, New Westminster I by reason of a notice bearing date of 6 of June, 1907, and published in the British Columbia Gazette on August 29th, 1907, is cancelled so to permit of a lease of the being given to Albert Scott.
ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.



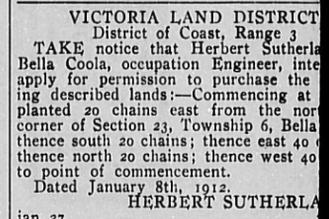
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ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Victoria, B. C.,
January 5th, 1912.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve existing over Lot 6623, Group One, Koo District, formerly embraced in Timber I No. 16727, by reason of a notice bearing date of 24th December, 1907, and published in the British Columbia Gazette of 27th December, 1907, is cancelled in order that a sale of the said lands may be effected to Elizabeth Cummings.
ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Victoria, B. C.,
February 8th, 1912.



VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

TAKE notice that Elizabeth C. Clay Bella Coola, occupation Engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 20 chains east from the north corner of Section 23, Township 6, Bella thence south 20 chains; thence east 40 chains north 20 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.
Dated January 8th, 1912.
HERBERT SUTHERLAND.

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Dated January 19th, 1912.
ELIZABETH C. CLAY.

THE FAVORITE GOLD MINING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, Limited Liability.
TAKE NOTICE that three months the date of the first insertion of this herein application will be made to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council Order in Council, changing the present name of the above company to "United Coal and Development Co. Limited Liability."
Dated this 28th day of February, 1912.
A. S. ASHWELL, Secretary.

Character by Hand-writing

The Editor of The Week wishes to call special attention to this Department, which is conducted by an English gentleman, a 'Varsity man of attainments. Character reading by hand-writing is a scientific study, entirely devoid of charlatanry, is possibly the most reliable method of all, because hand-writing reveals the development of character, its index is not confined to narratives. It is an interesting study, not merely in enabling us to know ourselves as others see us, but in being turned to important account in submitting the hand-writing of persons with whom we have business relations. Indeed, viewed in this aspect, only a reasonable precaution to take is all that the chirographist can advise. Before deciding to institute this Department the Editor of The Week imposed the severest tests, subjecting the hand-writing of well-known persons entirely unknown to the gentleman conducting this Department, who is a stranger to Victoria and a recent arrival. He is prepared to guarantee absolute accuracy and hopes that the readers of The Week will avail themselves of what is a genuine privilege.

RULES

All persons wishing to consult the Editor must enclose a specimen of their writing, consisting of not less than six lines written in ink on unruled paper. A portion of a letter is better than copied matter. It must be signed with their own name, but there must be an initial or monogram to identify the writer, which will appear in the next issue of The Week.

Each specimen of hand-writing must be accompanied by a P. O. order for \$1.00. Stamps will not be accepted, and the outside of the envelope should be indited "Hand-writing." Absolute privacy is guaranteed.

REPLIES

The writer is a happy, bright person with lots of go and energy. Dogmatic and self-assertive, she is kind-hearted and sympathetic, and self-sacrificing for those she loves. Although somewhat careless owing to her youth, she is methodical and a good organizer. Tasteful in dress, clever in her work, and with any manual work, she is at the same time hardly an artist. She should be interested in golf, boating, swimming, dancing, tennis. Fairly fond of literature, although not deeply read; should be good at languages. Temper is fairly strong, apt to be irritable, will-power good, good sense of judgment, very little jealousy, moral sense good, but sense weak. Truthful, straight-forward, tactless at times. On the whole she has a strong and distinct personality, and should be reckoned with. Affection is very strong.

Navy League's Annual Meeting

British Columbia Branches Will Unite to Give Their Counsels Greater Weight

A proposal that the various Navy League branches of British Columbia unite so that resolutions may carry added force met with the hearty approval of those who attended the annual general meeting of the Esquimalt organization Thursday night at the Alexandra Club. On this occasion was one of exceptional importance, delegates being present from practically all the provincial branches. Captain Eddie, of Vancouver, presided.

The eleventh annual report was first read, its contents, which were of a satisfactory nature, being received with gratification. The report was adopted unanimously. A discussion followed on the advisability of the branches joining forces for the purpose of adding to the influence of their counsels. It resulted in the adoption of the appended resolutions.

The Victoria-Esquimalt branch of the Navy League heartily endorses the proposal that the various branches of the League in British Columbia be formed into one organic body and requests the chairman to appoint a small committee to prepare a plan of such an organization in

conjunction with similar committees appointed by other League branches."

In reviewing the events of the past year, Captain Langley remarked that one of the most noteworthy incidents was the bold declaration of Premier McBride that, in his opinion, the doctrine of "optional neutrality" was not worthy of consideration. His statement that if Great Britain were at war her colonies must also be so had been copied extensively by the Old Country press, and was an indication of the development of public opinion in this section of the Dominion.

Captain Langley declared that the question of naval defense was being made a political football. The situation was serious. One of the clauses of the terms of confederation was that Canada should use all efforts to maintain the British navy at Esquimalt. In a recent blue book memorandum by the British Admiralty it was stated that Canada required a fleet unit on the Pacific consisting of one battleship and its attendant ships. All that the station possessed was H. M. C. S. Rainbow. As a matter of fact, the Pacific coast was practically without defense. Speaking as one who had held a position in the militia, he was prepared to say that the local military defense was a farce. Lt.-Col. Hall endorsed these views. —(Colonist).

ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT

District of Rupert
TAKE notice that E. Shaw, of Vancouver, B.C., clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:— Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 20 (situated on the Nimpkish River), being the north-west corner of land applied for; thence east 80 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.
Dated March 1st, 1912.
EMMETT SHAW,
Geo. F. Hibberd, Agent.
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PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA

British Columbia Dredging Fleet, Supplies, 1912-1913.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned at Vancouver, B.C., and endorsed on the envelope "Tender for Supplies," will be received up to noon, March 28th, 1912, for the supply of the following articles, for use of the British Columbia Dredging Fleet, at Victoria, B.C., for 12 months ending March 31st, 1913:

- Hardware.
- Packings.
- Manila Rope.
- Meats.
- Groceries.
- Ship Chandlery.
- Paints, Oils and Varnish.
- Wire Rope.
- Fresh Fish.
- Valves and Fittings.
- Oils, Greases, etc.
- Steel Castings.
- Fresh Vegetables.

The supplies must be of the best quality of their several kinds and must be delivered at the points specified in the various forms of tender.

The department reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any tender. Forms of tender may be obtained at the office of Wm. Henderson, Esq., Resident Architect, Victoria, B.C., at the office of G. A. Keefer, Esq., District Engineer, New Westminster, B.C., and at the office of the Superintendent of Dredges, Room 40, Post-office Building, Vancouver, B.C.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

H. A. BAYFIELD,
Superintendent of Dredges,
Vancouver, B.C.

March 13th, 1912.
Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.
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Liberal Candidates' Address

To the Electors of Victoria:

In accepting the nomination to represent the Liberal party in the City of Victoria at this provincial election, we wish to lay before the electors the following statement of our political principles:

We are in entire accord with the platform of the Liberals of British Columbia, adopted by the Vancouver convention March 1, 1912, and particularly:

1. We believe in bringing all departments of municipal government under direct control of the mayor and council; and that the abolition of the police commission and board of licensing commissioners, or their being constituted elective bodies, is an imperative public necessity.
2. We believe in extending the right

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of franchise to women; and are impressed with the especial necessity of so amending the Municipal Act as to allow women full right of franchise at all municipal elections.

3. We believe in the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic; and as a means towards that end we believe in the adoption of the local option policy and of making its adoption dependent only on a straight majority vote of the people affected.

4. We believe that the appointment of road bosses and all government officials entrusted with the expenditure of public money should be made regardless of politics.

5. We believe in the necessity of adopting a policy of giving greater publicity to the details of expenditures of public funds.

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A. W. Desart, from Seattle, is a guest in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen, of London, are making a short stay in Victoria.

J. T. Green of Chicago, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

H. A. Graham of Oakland, has arrived in the city from the South.

Mrs. Gordon, from Otter Point, was a guest in town during the week.

Mr. Billingham, of this city, was a visitor to Vancouver during the week.

Miss Tiny Monteith has returned from visiting Miss Hilda Ramsay at Chilliwack, B. C.

Mrs. Mather, of Tacoma, is registered at the Westholme Hotel for a few days.

E. A. Emmons, of Winnipeg, is among the guests registered at the Dominion Hotel.

H. F. Keefer, Vancouver, B.C., was in town on a brief visit last week.

Mrs. B. W. Powell, of Duncan, B. C., has arrived in the city and is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Norie from Cowichan Station, are enjoying a holiday in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of North Vancouver, have been recently staying at the Prince George Hotel.

Mrs. Charles Gore, Vancouver, was the guest recently of her mother, Mrs. Langley.

Captain and Mrs. Verner, from Duncan, B.C., have been enjoying a holiday in Victoria.

Mrs. Ross Turner, who has been visiting her relatives here, left on Friday last for her home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wilson, Vancouver, are the guests of friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zink, of Chilliwack, B.C., are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kerr, Vancouver, are making a short stay in the city.

Mrs. Langley is visiting in Vancouver, and is the guest of Mrs. Frances Grosvenor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Young, of Spokane, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Greta Macdonald, Vancouver, is staying with Miss Winona Troup, Esquimalt Road.

Mrs. George Cluff, Victoria, is the guest of Mrs. L. Davies, of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lewis, of Montreal, spent a few days of last week in Victoria.

Mr. William McMaster, of Montreal, is in Victoria on a business visit.

Miss Charleson, Vancouver, has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Ray Rome in Victoria.

Miss E. Chamberlain of Vancouver, has been staying with friends here for a short while.

Mr. Harry Good of Nanaimo, accompanied by Master Lambert Good, spent a couple of days of last week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davis, from Winnipeg, were guests recently in Victoria and were registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Gee of Vancouver has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. de Noe Walker, "Phoenix," Dallas Road, this week.

Among the recipients of honours during the Durbar at Delhi was Colonel Sir Swinton Jacob, who received the decoration of Commander of the Victorian Order. Mr. E. A. Jacob of this city is a nephew.

Monday afternoon, the 18th, was guest day at the Alexandra Club and a large number of guests attended. The tea table was daintily adorned with pink carnations and greenery in fancy baskets tied with broad pink ribbons. Among those present were: Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Todd, the Misses Angus, Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Miss Charleson, Miss Rennie, Miss McN. Jones, Miss Thain, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Jas. Raymur, Mrs. D. Ker, Mrs. McDiarmid, Mrs. Ray Rome, Mrs. Gavin Burns, Mrs. J. Bryden, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Solley, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. R. Jones, Miss McKay, Mrs. R. Mackenzie, Capt. and Mrs. Foulkes, Miss Page, Mrs. R. D. Finlayson, Miss Clarice Finlayson, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Basil Combe and Miss Drake. Some very pretty fancy dances were given by Miss Swepstone during the afternoon in the ball-room.

Saturday, the 16th, was a day brought with interest to most Victorians when Miss Genevieve Irving, daughter of the well known Captain John and Mrs. Irving, became the bride of Mr. Henry Milman, R.N., of H.M.S. Algerine, fifth son of Sir Francis Milman, bart., and Lady Milman, of Levaton, Woodland, Devon, and of 18 Fitzjames Ave., West Kensington, London. The ceremony was conducted by Very Rev. the Dean of Columbia, assisted by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, at the Cathedral, which was prettily decorated with spring flowers for the occasion. The service was fully choral.

The bride was gowned in exquisite white satin, its folds enhanced by a veil of flimsy Horniton lace, held in place by a chaplet of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a handsome diamond sunburst, the gift of her mother. She carried a large stem of Madonna lilies and was attended by three dainty little bridesmaids dressed in white satin with over-dresses of gold gauze; they also carried stems of lilies.

The groom was supported by a brother officer from H.M.S. Algerine. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents 256 Menzies Street. Mrs. Irving received her guests in a smart costume of grey crepe de chine; she was ably assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Weston, wearing a pale blue gown with white furs. Later Mr. and Mrs. Milman left for Vancouver, the latter travelling in a navy blue suit with hat en suite.

The house was charmingly decorated with daffodils and hot house flowers, the bride cake forming a centrepiece to a table massed with white tulle, satin ribbons and beautiful bride roses.

Among those present were: Mrs. Richard McBride, Mrs. Hannington, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs.

Loewen, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mrs. B. Tye, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. A. Gillespie, Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. J. Pemberton, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. C. Sampson, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Shngsby, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Wm. Monteith, Mrs. Finlayson, Mrs. N. Rant, Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Kitto, Mrs. Keith Wilson, Mrs. D. Twigg, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Garesche, Mrs. Lugin, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Mohun, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. B. Heisterman, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. Floyer, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Captain and Mrs. Foulkes, Capt. Gillan, Captain Lindsay, Mr. Derrick James, Mr. Prinz, Hon. Edgar and Mrs. Dewdney, Mrs. and Miss Mutter, Mrs. and Miss Tuck, Miss Wadmore, Dr. and Mrs. Leeder, Miss Lorna Eberts, Miss New ton, Miss Angus, Miss L. Angus, Miss Kitto, Miss Walkan, Miss Newcombe, Miss Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Hannington, Miss Pooley, Miss Gillespie, Miss Pemberton, Miss Blackwood, Miss V. Blackwood, Miss Rome, the Misses Page, Miss Wark, Misses Lawson, Miss Keith Wilson, the Misses Lugin, Miss Combe, Miss Drake, Miss Miles, Miss Saunders, Miss Peters, and the Messrs. C. Lowenberg, D. Martin, B. Irving, Bromley, Marshall, Rev. Sweet, Lawson, R. G. Monteith, Keith Wilson, Twigg, D. Bullen, Dr. Hume, E. Faucett, Phillips, Munroe, B. Heisterman, J. Arbuckle, G. Rothwell and many others.

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 And he puzzled his brain,
 To achieve just a kiss!
 So he glowered in the train,
 At sweet dainty Marie
 And it went 'gainst the grain,
 To sit thus; but the rain,
 Gave an opening you see.
 For it entered the train
 By the window let down,
 And she struggled in vain
 To exclude that same rain
 Ere it spoil her smart gown.
 He arose in the train,
 Shut the obstinate glass,
 For he saw he would gain
 His end in the main,
 And sweet speech with the lass!
 So they talked in the train;
 And their journey at end,
 They oft met again,
 Though there was no rain
 Its humour to vend.
 Now the moral of this
 Is quite plain you'll admit,
 If you meet a sweet miss
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The Week's Rumours and Humours

(By The Hornet)

That the Mastermind who conveyed an examination for the onerous posts of City Inspectors, was uncertain as to the meaning of the word "illabus."

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That now the said examination has been held, it would be wise to publish the results.

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That it would be interesting to know why certain of the examination papers were changed at the last moment, and how many of the present ones successfully answered the questions.

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That although the said examination was open for any citizen, it was never advertised.

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That altogether, like the birth of a nation, it was "wropt in mystery."

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That Louise Gunning is "stunning."

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That "the flowers that bloom in Spring," cost a dollar a dozen in Victoria, unless you grow them yourself.

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That your best girl does not prize any more on that account.

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That she would far rather be taken into the fields to gather buttercups and daisies.

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That the Suffragettes have had to take a back seat to the coal strike, Mrs. Pankhurst is as obstreperous as ever.

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That dear Chrystabel is said to have been transported to Persia—at the request of the Shah.

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That there is a wide field for suffrage activities in a "Persian garment."

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That Hornet made a fairly good impression when he said that some Conservative candidates would not abide by the vote of the nominating convention.

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That having appealed to Caesar, they will have to abide by his decision.

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That any politician who does not play the game is apt to get left.

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That it is a wise child that doesn't know more than its father.

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That it should be easy to apportion a hundred votes among the five candidates for Esquimalt Division.

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That after the election there will be several applications for political appointments.

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That the Victoria "Big Four" are as sure of election as they were of nomination.

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That the nomination of Parliament candidates by delegates is not popular in Victoria, and hereafter all nominations should be in open convention.

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That when the elections are over public attention should be turned to the provision of a new civic centre.

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That the present City Hall accommodation is totally inadequate, and is lagging behind the requirements more every day.

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That on all grounds the best scheme would be a new City Hall and offices on the Pandora Street Gore; with Police and Fire Headquarters down-

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That the reason Sir Hibbert does not control a party today is that he has never yet learned to control him-

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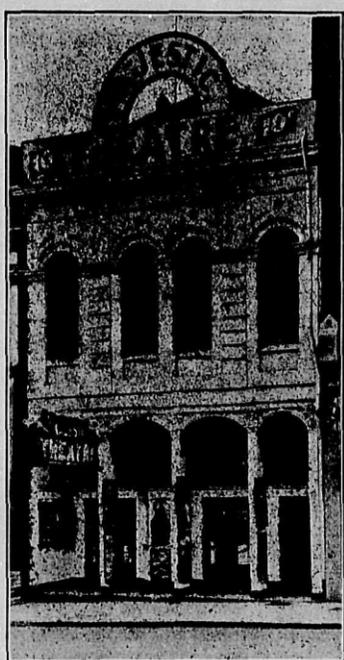
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That according to the daily press the Socialists of Fernie hot-aired their troubles when the Premier was there, but got a Roland for their Oliver.

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That one would have thought Fernie had paid enough already for the luxury of harbouring professional agitators.

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That it is paying Premier McBride a poor compliment to say that he endorsed Harry Pooley as nominee of the Esquimalt Convention "without knowing what he was doing."

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That the Premier's reputation is that of a fairly competent politician.

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An Address Delivered to the Electors of the Esquimalt Division by Mr. R. H. Pooley, the Government Candidate, at the Masonic Hall, Esquimalt, on Tuesday, March 19th, 1912

Mr. R. H. Pooley, on rising, was greeted with loud cheers and the singing of "For he is a jolly good fellow." When the applause had subsided he said:—

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:— I am sure that I am very much obliged to you for your reception of me; it speaks well for the 28th. I do not think that I need any introduction here; you all know me fairly well, but for the benefit of newcomers let me say that I am a Native Son, having been born on the Esquimalt Road and having attended my first school within fifty yards of this Hall. With the exception of five years spent in England I have lived here all my life. However, there are some people who do not know me as well as you do, and if you have been reading the papers you will have learnt that according to some estimates I am a very bad boy indeed. To begin with, I have no business in this fight, according to their views. It is true that my opponents can give me points both in years and experience, but we all have to make a start, and I will start on the 28th of this month, and when I do start it will be many years before the electors of Esquimalt regret the day. (Applause).

A Native Son

"You all know where I stand; you all know where to find me. I have always been willing to meet electors and I always shall be, and I have had the pleasure of meeting a large number of you in my position as President of the Esquimalt Conservative Association. As regards politics, I am a true-blue Conservative, first, last and all the time. My father represented Esquimalt for 22 years. On his first election he had to make his rounds on horse-back, for there were no roads then. He lost touch with approaching years and it is said that it was because he gave the people the go-by on the streets that he lost his seat. Gentlemen, if he gave people the go-by on the streets, it was because he did not see them, owing to an infirmity and I tell you that on many occasions he has passed me on the streets without recognizing me, but whenever he saw a man he knew, or whenever one of his constituents went up and spoke to him, he gave the right hand of fellowship, and as long as my eyesight holds out, that will be my policy, be the man big or small, rich or poor.

Unfair Criticism

"Now some of these good people have started in by making personal attacks on me. Let them go ahead. That is not my system of fighting. (Applause). My methods are all above-board, but I want now to refer to two or three things which I wish to put right. I have been attacked because I am solicitor for the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. No doubt that Company has got into hot water occasionally and has not always done right, but that is no reason for an attack on me because I am their solicitor. There is only one Being who has the right to visit "the sins of the fathers upon the sons," and that is not Mr. Matson, nor yet Mr. Jardine, nor even Mr. Helmcken, but One far higher than they. (Cheers). However, my shoulders are broad enough to bear it all.

With regard to this Water Company matter I have also been attacked because they say that the roads have been left in a bad condition. There is no doubt that the roads were in a bad condition, and there was no bigger "kicker" than your humble servant. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and you all know that even in Victoria the streets are fifty times worse than in Esquimalt, but no one "kicks" there.

They also say that the Government has paid \$30,000 in fixing up the roads. The reason was that before the Com-

pany started they gave the Government six months' notice and advised the Government to postpone any work till the pipe-laying was finished, and for once the Government took the advice of the Company and did not spend any money for three years, and it is the accumulations of three years that the Government is spending this year. Now, I am no champion of the Company, but I am clearing up points on which I have been attacked. But you mark my words; when the Sooke pipe is laid the road will be up again, for the City has given them no notice.

Mr. Jardine's Mis-statements

"It strikes me that when a man makes personal attacks it shows that he is at the end of his tether. Mr. Jardine says I have promised Mr. Peatt re-instatement if I am elected. That is untrue. I see Mr. Peatt here, and he can correct me when I am wrong. In Mr. Jardine's letter to the Colonist with reference to myself and the Company the language he uses means that if I am returned to the House R. H. Pooley can be bought by the Company. C. E. Pooley could not be bought and the then Government knew it, and they cannot buy his son (Loud Applause). It is said that every man has his price, but there are two men who cannot be bought, and the man who wrote that letter knew that R. H. Pooley cannot be bought, and Mr. Jardine knows this; he has reason to know it, and he has himself said so. Yet Mr. Jardine said that if Pooley goes in Peatt will be reinstated as foreman, and he knew that that statement was incorrect.

Mr. McBride's Policy

"Now we will leave these things and we will go on to the policies of the McBride Government, whose candidate I am, and in making that statement I want to tell you that I am Mr. McBride's candidate, and no one else. (Cheers). You all know how my first telegram was received and that I wired again to Mr. McBride. In his reply telegram he confirmed what he had said in his previous wire and further said that he would speak on my behalf, and I have the pleasure, gentlemen, of announcing to you now that Mr. McBride himself will speak in this hall on the 27th of this month. (Loud Applause). And mark you, he will not speak for any other candidate in this district.

Railway Building

"When Mr. McBride was before the electors at the last election his Railway Policy was greeted with cries of 'hot air.' 'He can never fulfil his promises,' we were told. I leave it to you as to whether he has carried out his promises. You know that he has, and that he is six months ahead on them too. Now what does this mean to you and me? We have all seen the wonderful strides which we have made, due to Mr. McBride's progressive policy, which has been shown not only in his railway administration but in his plans for developing the minerals, the timber and the agricultural lands of the Province. He saw far enough ahead to realise that the first thing he had to do was to induce capital to come here, and how well he succeeded you know as well as I.

He saw also what would happen when the Panama Canal was opened and forthwith commenced negotiations with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. I wish that you could have seen, as I did, the activity prevailing in the Fraser Valley last October as a result of these negotiations. The general result of this progressive policy has been that people all over the world have their eyes on British Columbia. Last, but by no means least, his policy has made the other railway companies sit up. From Winnipeg to Spence's Bridge the C. P. R. is double-tracking its line, and when

you get big corporations bucking in competition against one another, it means prosperity, and this we are seeing, thanks to Mr. McBride's policy.

"As I said a few moments ago, the Victoria Times said that this was all 'hot air,' but I saw in tonight's copy of the paper that 'the spirit of optimism pervades the Province,' and this is indeed an admission on the part of the Times, because it means that Mr. McBride is responsible for it.

Railways Not Over Subsidized

"Mr. McBride's coming before the electors at this time means that he has not yet finished with the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, but that you are going to get a second instalment, for according to the negotiations the C. N. R. have to build to Campbell River. There has been much talk about the Government guaranteeing the bonds on an estimate of \$35,000 per mile and this amount has been called extravagant



and wasteful, but if you had seen the country through which the line has to pass you would not say that it was wasted, for on many portions of the route the cost has run to \$75,000 per mile and up to as much as \$150,000.

How the C. P. R. Were Handled

"What has been the result of this little movement on the Island? When the C. P. R. saw that the C. N. R. was getting busy, they came forward a little time ago with the proposition that they were going to build to the north of the Island, but they had forgotten that they did not own the E. & N. Railway. On the old E. & N. Charter a large grant of land had been made free of taxation; when the C. P. R. came they found that they could not take the E. & N. but could only buy the shares, and this they did. Nobody would lend them money to build to the north of the Island because they did not own the railway, but Mr. McBride said that if they were really going to build it will be all right. So they entered into a contract by which the C. P. R. ran their railway in their own name, and for that privilege all their land is subject to taxation at the rate of one-and-a-half cents per acre. This followed right on Mr. McBride's policy and the Province is now to get \$18,000 a year in taxation on lands which were previously bringing in nothing to the public revenue.

Peace River Railway

"Another feature is the railway to Fort George, which will later be continued on to the Peace River country. This is a magnificent country abounding in minerals, timber and agricultural lands, all waiting means of transportation more suitable than

the waggon roads which have done service in the past. This railway will open up that vast and rich country and its trade will come this way and will not go to Edmonton. (Applause). It takes a man of ability to stand up to railway companies and dictate terms to them, but this is what Mr. McBride has done and for that reason alone, if there were no others, you will give him your votes and return him to another term of power, so that he may continue the good work that he has begun.

Competition on Vancouver Island

"Nor is this all. Take the railways on the Island; they are all pointing to Seymour Narrows. This means that they want to get the best location there. You saw by the paper that the C. P. R. had bought a lot of land at Duncan Bay, near Seymour Narrows. I will tell you something more. The C. P. R. had been trying to strike a hard bargain with the owners, but the latter knew the value of their land and the C. P. R. tried to 'Jew' them down. Somehow or other their plans leaked out and came to the ears of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann who slipped down here and 'bagged' the whole business. That will show you how Mr. McBride has these Railway Corporations by the throat, and that same C. N. R. is the Company that Mr. McBride introduced into this Province. The two are racing to the entrance of Bute Inlet, Seymour Narrows will be bridged very shortly. This is no 'hot air' talk, for we know now that the two Governments will come together on this and the Dominion Government will help the Provincial in this matter.

The Songhees Reserve

"Now with regard to the Songhees Reserve. The Victoria Times is still hammering away because a portion of the Reserve is not to be used as a park. Let me tell you that Mr. McBride had surveys made by the best engineer procurable in the United States for the purpose of making terminals, and when the Report was handed in, this engineer said that the Reserve was not big enough for the terminals, let alone for a park as well, so, naturally, Mr. McBride thought it the best thing to do to let the railways have the Reserve, but—he made them pay for it. All these companies are getting busy for the opening of the Panama Canal, and the C. P. R. had recently bought 1,720 acres of land at Coquitlam for railway shops and tracks and 400 miles of sidings, in addition to what they have in Vancouver. Surely this will show that the Reserve is not too big for railway terminals in Victoria.

Harbour Improvement

"In addition to what I have said about railways, you have heard a lot about Harbour Improvement. For years and years the Dominion Government has been 'footling' away, and when the last election came Mr. Templeman brought up a map. Now, with a Conservative Government at Ottawa, we have \$500,000 appropriated to commence work on Mr. Coste's plans, although the House has not yet finished its first session. Surely this is a proof that Conservatives keep their promises.

"What does this all mean to us? You are seeing good times; consider real estate; the whole world has its eyes on British Columbia. People are hearing of its minerals and its fruits; with their own eyes they can see its fruits sweep the prize boards at agricultural exhibitions. Only lately in New York we carried off the first prize for the best 'spuds' grown anywhere in the wide world. We want people to come in and develop this country and we want to make it a white man's country, and Mr. McBride is helping us to do it.

The Liberal 64 Planks

"Now, gentlemen, I think it is to you to give Mr. McBride the dorsation which he is looking for, the whole Province is going ahead "leaps and bounds." The Liberals that things might be better. They have a platform with 64 planks in but Mr. R. T. Elliott says that they are enough and he is leaving others in the shade. You know, gentlemen, the attitude of the Liberals now reminds me of a story of an Anglo-Indian major, with the regular Anglo-Indian irritability and liver, was living at home in Ireland, he had the greater part of his money invested in a profitable concern which was bringing him in anything from 15 to 20 per cent. every year. One year he attended the annual meeting of the shareholders, and after Chairman had announced his pleasure in being able to declare 15 per cent. dividend, the Major rose to his feet and proposed that an entire new Board of Directors be appointed because, as he said, though the directors had done very well, it was possible that a Board of new directors would do better still. It strikes me that this story applies in the present case, and in this instance also it is 'nothin' doin'.' (Applause).

"On this question it is up to Esquimalt to do its best. I have no doubt that the district will do its best and give me a vote on the 28th. This being my first campaign, I want to tell you that there is not a man in this hall who will ever regret having returned R. H. Pooley."

Solid for Labour

To Mr. Cook rising to a question regarding 8 hours and a minimum wage of \$3.00 a day for Government Road labourers, Mr. Pooley said he was in sympathy with the measure and that he had already had conversations with the Deputy Minister of Works on the subject, also having urged the stopping of work at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoons so that they could get into town in time to do their shopping before supper time.

Mr. A. M. Jones asked the speaker whether he approved of the section in the Forestry Act which laid the onus of proof on the accused person in the matter of bush fires. Pooley said that he had already expressed his disapproval of this infringement of the British principle of assuming a man innocent until proven guilty, and had stated his opinion more than one occasion to the Attorney-General. It must, however, be borne in mind that there are serious offences which it is very difficult to prove in the case of bush fires, and a man of criminal intent had an opportunity to get away before he could be arrested, and unless special additional powers were conferred by the Act it might be extremely difficult to bring the real criminal to justice. The enormous losses from bush fires had necessitated drastic steps on the part of the Government, but he rather favoured an increase in the number of inspectors and closer supervision that the infringement of the first principles of British justice.

The meeting concluded with loud cheers for Premier McBride and R. H. Pooley.