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Wanted, Settlement!

British Columbia Requires Farmers and a Policy of Encouragement —The Dykes Adjustment Act Considered.

In the midst of discussion of various topics of the hour in the legislature there is one subject that seldom commands consideration and one which should be foremost in the minds of the public men of this province. That is the question of the settlement of British Columbia's farming lands. Our financial difficulties, great as they are, should not be allowed to absorb, the Administration to the exclusion of a policy so necessary to the development of the province and one which, if pursued with intelligence and liberality, would soon change the complexion of provincial finance. Construction of railways, of roads and trails is of great importance in opening up new territory or in rendering profitable industries now lying idle for want of transportation facilities, but there is one consideration that should not be overlooked, namely, the settlement of agricultural lands already within reach of roads and railways but lying idle for reasons largely attributable to the absence of a strong agricultural policy on the part of the various governments which have managed the affairs of the province during the past decade.

Owing to the enterprise of gentlemen interested in the Okanagan valley and to the successful fruit trade built up by fruit growers there with the Northwest Territories, settlement in the Okanagan is proceeding apace, but there are other sections of the province as favorably situated in every respect which do not appear to be attracting settlement. This is noticeably the case with the dyking districts of the Fraser valley. It is true that of late the Chilliwack district has begun to attract new settlers, but it appears that the provisions of the Dyking Adjustment Act endanger the continuation of the movement. Whether rightly or wrongly, the people of Chilliwack honestly believe that the act will do them great injustice, and a strong sentiment against the measure exists—so strong that the era of prosperity in that fertile valley is likely to be closed unless the government is able to recast the provisions of the act so as to remove cause for dissatisfaction. It is said that should the present Dyking Act become law, the people of Chilliwack are prepared to meet its provisions with "passive resistance." It must be realized that in drafting this measure the government has honestly tried to meet the difficulties of the situation in a just and generous spirit; that the result of the effort is not altogether satisfactory is not surprising. On the one hand, the financial condition of the treasury has to be considered; on the other hand, there are the interests of the settlers and the desire, possessed by Mr. McBride's cabinet, to encourage settlement. These dykes have long been a source of anxiety to British Columbia governments, and Mr. McBride deserves credit for undertaking a task which. it is certain his predecessors in office fought shy of. But while admitting this, and admitting the many difficulties that beset a solution of the question, it may still be urged that the measure before the legislature can stand improvement—especially in the direction of encouraging settlement by lightening the burden upon the settlers who for years have been working to build up our farming industry—especially upon those also who have been least benefitted by the dyking works. The people of Chilliwack appear willing enough to pay their fair share of the actual cost of effective work, but it is claimed, and with considerable show of reason, that money has been wasted by the officials in charge of the dykes who have expended money in ineffectual work, and are even now occupied in building an expensive and unnecessary wing dam. At all events a spirit of distrust and opposition has been raised at Chilliwack which must have most harmful effect upon the settlement of Chilliwack lands and which must have some foundation for its existence. We appeal to the government to reconsider the situation and if it is in their power to relieve the people from any cause for complaint, to do so. It is to be deeply regretted that one of the men who should be most active in promoting the welfare of the Fraser valley, Mr. John Oliver, himself one of the settlers, should have injured the cause and wasted his opportunity by an uncalled for and partizan attack upon the Premier and the Chief Commissioner when speaking on this measure in the lekislature. That is not the way to tackle the question. Mr. Munro knew better, and it is largely on account of the statesmanlike appeal made to the House by the member for Chilliwack, that The Week feels compelled to take up the cause of the present and future settlers on the dyked lands. The situation is serious and it demands serious consideration; it does not demand—nor can it be benefitted by—partizan abuse and shouting to the gallery. British Columbia is in sore need of settlers. Our financial troubles would be lightened very greatly if the larger proportion of farm products consumed in British Columbia were grown within our own borders. The annual bill for imported farm produce is enormous. Our money goes to enrich the farmers and dairymen of Washington, Oregon and California, and great tracts of our richest farm lands lie idle. With this state of affairs existing, we consider that the government can afford to be generous—nay, should be generous to the settler, and should be willing to bear the responsibility of incurring debt in order to attract settlers to the province. If the lands on the Fraser were settled by practical farmers conditions would very soon change for the better. Not only would our productiveness be vastly increased but the province would have many prosperous communities able and willing to bear their share of the cost of administration. If it were possible—and we know it is not under existing circumstances—it might be sound policy to reduce the proposed dyking charges by more than half. As it is, the best that can be recommended is further reduction and more equitable distribution—always favoring the settler and settlement of unoccupied lands. The subject is commended to the consideration of our legislators and the public generally.

In the memorandum submitted to the Federal Government it is clearly shown that during 32 years the Province contributed to the revenues of Canada the sum of $49,397,238 and has received in expenditures in return $32,454,382. The excess of contributions over expenditures being about $17,000,000. Owing to the character of this country the cost of administration per head of population is very much higher than in the other provinces, and will increase, while we have already all the taxation we can bear If British Columbia is to continue in business we must have fair treatment from Ottawa—we must have better terms.—Premier McBride in Legislature, February 17, on moving resolution for Better Terms, which was carried unanimously

THE C. P. R. PROPOSALS.

After careful consideration of the proposals of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for construction in Southern British Columbia, Premier McBride has informed the representatives of the company that he can have no dealings with them on the terms proposed.

Mr. McBride's decision will be acceptable to the majority of the people and of his party, for it will prevent the possibility of the whole of Southern British Columbia from becoming a preserve of the big corporation. Any agreement with the C. P. R. to the exclusion of other railway projects would not be in accordance with the wishes of the people.

The Passing Show.

Comment on Affairs of the Week—The Island Railway Deal—Disgraceful Treatment of an Old Lady.

This has been a busy week in the provincial capital—busy, that is, for the gossips. Trade is not brisk. The weather has been uncertain, though we have had more fine weather than wet, and so the spring trade has not got into full swing. It is no secret that "money is tight" in Victoria, due principally to lack of confidence on the part of the business people and reflected in the rather "close" policy of the banks. However, this state of affairs cannot last, for although there is again uncertainty as to the future of the Island railway, Victoria's prospects for a splendid summer and fall trade were never so bright as they are this year.

The food for gossip during the week has been plentiful and varied. First of all came the announcement, made by the Victoria Times on last Saturday afternoon, that the deal between Mr. James Dunsmuir and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the sale of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway was "off." This caused great surprise and considerable regret. The E. & N. employees had received notice to quit and, as a matter of fact, C.P.R. men already had been placed on the road and the line practically was in the hands of the big corporation. The Colonist, which might be assumed to be authoritative in regard to Mr. Dunsmuir's affairs, stated editorially on Monday that the deal is not off, but merely delayed, no reason for the hitch in negotiations being specified. The reason, however, is sufficiently clear. For some time past negotiations have been in progress between the provincial government and Mr. Dunsmuir for the purchase by the former of the big tract of land—the remainder of the original E. & N. land grant—still in Mr. Dunsmuir's possession. It has been said on the authority of Mr. Dunsmuir, that a syndicate also has made an offer for the territory, but the question of the right of the province to tax this land after the sale of the railway has arisen like a spectre in the path of progress. It is understood that the provincial government is averse to paying the price asked by Mr. Dunsmuir for his land, and the value of the land is, of course, very greatly reduced to any other buyer if taxes are to be levied upon it. The result is that if the railway is sold to the C.P.R. Mr. Dunsmuir may find a great tract of land on his hands and a big annual bill for provincial taxes to be met. This consideration may have had something to do with the proposal of the government to reduce taxation on wild lands from $5 to $3—a proposal, however, which did not meet the approval of the Legislature, which accepted a compromise of $4. It is very doubtful if any buyer could be found for the E. & N. lands with the prospect of provincial taxation on the existing scale; neither does Mr. Dunsmuir enjoy the prospect of paying taxes on what is to him a species of White Elephant. He is forced therefore into the position of declaring the deal with the C.P.R. "off," until and unless the situation is changed. It is by no means clear that on the sale of the railway the lands in question would become taxable. As the Attorney-General said in the Legislature on Tuesday, this right of taxation was not perfectly clear. In the agreement—to which the Dominion government was a party—between the province and the E. & N. company, it was stipulated that so long as the company operated the railway the lands granted should be free from taxation, or in other words that the lands were granted "for railway purposes" and so long as used for railway purposes should be non-taxable. By selling the railway Mr. Dunsmuir breaks his contract, and the lands may be taxable. Nevertheless an attempt to tax them certainly would be met by strong opposition. The matter came up before the railway committee at Ottawa on Tuesday, when Mr. Ralph Smith's bill to confirm the sale of the road was under consideration. In this bill there is a clause perpetuating the exemption of the E. & N. lands from taxation—which raises, although it hardly can affect, existing provincial rights. The clause was opposed by Mr. Duncan Ross, M.P., and Mr. Galliher, M.P., but Mr. Macpherson (Vancouver) argued that the province would be no worse off than at present while the railway would be operated to greater advantage. Mayor Barnard, on behalf of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, opposed the passage of the bill, on the ground that her son's proprietorship of half of the railway was being contested in the law courts of the province. Further consideration of the bill was postponed until April 6. There is one complication possible, namely, that it may be too late for Mr. Dunsmuir to withdraw from the deal. Of this, however, we cannot write authoritatively, and otherwise the situation seems clear enough—and the outcome doubtful.

Considerable comment has been heard of late on the subject of the contract for the construction of the new C.P.R. hotel in this city. The company has awarded the contract to a United States firm, and many citizens think that this was hardly fair. Without authoritative information in regard to the tenders received it is difficult to criticise the decision of the C.P.R. officials; but still we agree that if at all feasible the contract should have been given to a British Columbian firm. The city has done a good deal to secure this hotel, and some consideration of local industry would not have been out of place. The employment of Chinese labor on the foundations by the contractors for that work also has been much disapproved, and with reason. No doubt the contracting firm have had a difficult proposition financially, but the employment of Chinese on this sort of work is a doubtful economy and objectionable in every other way.

In the Legislature matters of more than passing interest have been under consideration. The Budget speech, Mr.

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Henderson's anti-wig bill—one of those fanciful measures that do no earthly good to any one and waste a great deal of time—and further debate on the Assessment Act constituting the principal business. These matters are dealt with elsewhere.

One of the most disgraceful instances of "red-tape" that has come under our notice for many years is the case of Mrs. Margaret Norrington, an aged lady, who, it is said, came recently to this continent from New Zealand. Mrs. Norrington is 75 years of age. About a month ago she reached San Francisco in search of her sister whom she believed to be residing in Oakland. The San Francisco immigration authorities deported her to Victoria, where she was informed her sister had gone, but on arrival here she learned that her sister had departed to the Yukon. She was sent back to San Francisco. The authorities there deported her

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Mayor Barnard, in his capacity as lawyer for Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, appeared before the railway committee in Ottawa on Tuesday to oppose the passage of the bill to authorize the sale of the E. &N. His objection was that ownership of a portion of the railway—the share willed by the late Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir to Mr. James Dunsmuir—is under dispute in the Supreme Court. Mr. Barnard, according to telegraphic reports, went out of his way to attack Mr. Jas. Dunsmuir, who, he said, took no interest in the welfare of Vancouver Island. For this he has been taken to task by the Colonist. Of course, the public is not concerned—or should not be—with differences between members of a family and the character of Mr. Dunsmuir certainly has nothing to do with the railway committee at Ottawa.

The hearing of the appeal in the suit of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was resumed this week before the Full Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Martin. Counsel for the plaintiff, Edna Wallace Hopper and the intervenor, Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, are Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., H. D. Helmcken, K.C., Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C., and D. M. Rogers; for the respondent, Mr. James Dunsmuir, Mr. E. P. Davis, K.C., and Mr. A. P. Luxton. After an agreement had been made between opposing counsel to limit the time occupied in the hearing of argument so as to conclude by April 10, Sir C. H. Tupper opened proceedings by reference to the decision rendered by Judge Coffey in San Francisco, setting aside the probate of Alexander Dunsmuir's will, in consequence of which he wished to amend his pleadings. That decision was final and conclusive and could not be appealed from. Mr. Luxton said that he had been instructed that the decision was subject to appeal. The order had not been entered; and before this was done an order would be made to prevent it. Proceeding with his argument, Sir Hibbert Tupper alleged undue influence being exercised upon the testator in regard to the execution of both the will of 1898 and that of 1899. He traced the various vital points calculated to show conspiracy to influence the testator to make a will for the particular benefit of the defendant. He paid especial attention to a review of the evidence of the witness Lowe, whom he stigmatized as a self-confessed perjurer. Counsel denounced the actions of the defendant. The case is proceeding.

A big public meeting, convened by Acting Mayor Goodacre, on Tuesday pronounced in favor of celebrating Victoria Day with the usual festivities. A management committee, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Hall, Ald. Fell, Ald. Hall, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Dr. Carter, Mr. Gareshe, Mr. N. Shakespeare and Mr. L. Eaton, was appointed. Mr. W. C. Moresby was made secretary and Mr. E. C. Smith, hon. treasurer. It was suggested that Mr. Virtue be asked to undertake the collection of subscriptions. The celebrations this year will cover two days, May 23rd and 24th. A big programme of attractions will be arranged.

Alexander Begg, a writer well known in British Columbia, died in New York on Saturday last at the age of nearly 80 years. The late Mr. Begg was born in Caethnesshire, Scotland, and was the son of a farmer and miller of Watten Parish. He was educated at a private school, and at the Edinburgh Normal school, and for some years following the profession of teaching. In 1849 he came to Canada, and after a period of school work took up journalism. In 1869 he was appointed collector of customs and inspector of inland revenues for the Northwest. He accompanied Hon. Wm. Macdougall on his well-known journey to take possession of the Territories, and got as far as Pembina, when the party were prevented by Louis Riel and his half-breeds from entering upon the promised land. Subsequently Mr. Begg was appointed emigration commissioner in Scotland by the Ontario government, and did good work in that capacity. Returning to Canada, Mr. Begg came to the Northwest, and when 59 years of age came to this province. In '94 he published a history of British Columbia, and later was one of the foremost champions of the Canadian claims in the matter of the Alaska boundary. Mr. Begg was married twice, and leaves many descendants. Of late years his age began to tell upon his vigorous constitution, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Begg was a well known figure in Victorian life, and his death will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

Sport

The Victoria Cricket Club organized at a recent meeting. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere is honorary president, and Mr. C. E. Pooley and Dr. J. D. Helmcken, honorary vice-presidents. Mr. Dewdney is president and J. C. Barnacle, secretary.

A meeting of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse Club was held on Tuesday evening. It was decided to organize a city league to include intermediate and junior teams. A general meeting of the club is to be held on the 7th inst. A subscription was received from Messrs. Meldram & Maloney.

Percy Cove, who has appeared in two boxing matches in this city and earned a good reputation on each occasion, has been matched to box twenty rounds to a decision with Collie Hill at the Savoy theatre on April 13. It should prove an interesting event in local sporting circles.

The children's annual athletic sports will be held at Oak Bay on April 20.

Hillside baseball club organized for the season on Wednesday evening, and will have a team in the city senior league.

"Bunchgrass," Kamloops:—There was a large attendance of members at the annual general meeting of the Kamloops Polo Club held on Saturday last at the old Bank of Commerce chambers, when the following officers were elected for the year: Honorary president, W. J. Roper, Esq.; president, R. H. Alexander; vice-president, Capt. E. A. Nash; secretary, H. G. Pangman; captain, A. Winterbottom; vice-captain, W. L. Fernie; committee, N. J. Hopkins, W. W. Wood, W. F. Richardson. The prospects for this season look very bright as there is quite a lot of new players available. The club has suggested a polo tournament to the Dominion exhibition authorities as one of the attractions for the exhibition next fall, two good teams at least could be selected from the clubs of the upper country, provided sufficient inducement were given to them, and if an American team could be induced to come over, too, there is no doubt that it would prove a big attraction. The first practice takes place next Saturday, and there is going to be a good turn out.

The weekly run of the Victoria Hunt Club took place on Saturday last from Hillside avenue. The course led over Messrs. King's, Glendenning's and Tolmie's land, finishing at Cedar Hill. The going was very good and the jumps higher than usual. There was only one spill, and the rider was rather badly shaken up, but not seriously hurt. Those who enjoyed the run were Miss Pooley, Miss K. Devereux, Miss Oney Irving, Col. English, Capt. Cockburn, Capt. Martin, Mr. Geary, R.A.; Mr. Parks, Mr. Bradburn, Mr. L. H. Garnett, Mr. Banister, and Mr. Cecil Drake. The next run will be from the Barracks this afternoon (Saturday) at 2.30 o'clock.

After a long wait, members of the opposition are now having their fling at the government.

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Charles Addison left for the "Old Country" this week after an absence of nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Addison is well known throughout the upper Okanagan valley, and was one of the original owners of the townsite of Lansdowne, and declining to hand over a considerable portion to the promoters of the S. & O. Railway, the road made Armstrong the town. Mr. Addison has recently sold some of his farm land near Armstrong as well as his harness business, and purposes giving some of his boyhood friends a genuine surprise party on his arrival at Wellington, Durham county, his old home.

Mr. F. B. Ward, part owner of the Alexander Ranch, Ranton, Alberta, spent a few days in Victoria last week.

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At their home on Pembroke street on Monday, the 27th, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinsman, pioneer citizens of Victoria, celebrated their golden wedding. The happy old couple were the recipients of man beautiful golden presents, and over a hundred and fifty guests gathered to offer their good wishes to the bride and groom of 50 long years ago. The house was a bower of golden yellow daffodils and other spring flowers, and the supper table decorations were carried out in the same appropriate colored flowers. The host and hostess were indeed happy, as they had around them on this event all their living children, and some of their oldest friends.

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Social

Society is busy revelling in the latest tit-bit of gossip. This time it is not an elopment, but a "would-be." It is reported that another of Victoria's fair young daughters having centered her affections on a young man of whom her parents did not approve, and refused to receive, decided to put an end to her unhappiness and elope with the object of her choice. The parents missing the young lady in question, shortly after leaving her home on Sunday evening last, became suspicious, and were only just in time to prevent her taking the Seattle boat.

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Arrangements are being made by the Royal Jubilee hospital societies to give a young people's fancy dress dance in the Assembly hall on Friday, April 28th. The tickets will be $1 each, and the proceeds are to go to the extra fund that is being raised to complete the children's ward. It will surely be well patronized, coming so soon after Lent, apart from its being in aid of such a worthy institution.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. Henry Heisterman, junior member of the firm of McPhillips & Heisterman, of this city, to Miss Lilian Salsbury, daughter of Mr. W. F. Salsbury, local treasurer of the V. P. R., Vancouver.

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Following is a list of new appointments and promotions of a number of well known naval officers, who have but lately left this station: Lieut. P. H. Waterer, formerly of H. M. S. Flora, has been appointed to the Vivid, for the Sylvia in command. Lieut. Waterer was a prominent figure in sporting circles while here, and was one of the best golfers among the naval men. Midshipmen C. J. F. Caldis, K. V. Orlebar, A. Hume, B. E. Jones, R. A. Bell-Syer, C. E. Wilkins, also formerly of the Flora, have been appointed to the Hannibal, on recommissioning, and Sub-Lieut. C. H. Michaelson to the Prince George. Lieut. J. E. P. Bickford, well known in social circles in Victoria, has been appointed to the Leasar, on recommissioning. He is the son of Admiral A. Kennedy Bickford, who was for three years in command of the Pacific squadron, and stationed at Esquimalt. The other appointments are Engineer-Lieutenant T. H. Pounds to the Gladiator, on commissioning, and Lieuts. R. G. Dinweddy and G. H. Brady to the Excellent, additional to qualifying in gunnery.

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Miss Carrie Hall, who is visiting in Victoria, is at present a guest of Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, of Fourth street.

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Mrs. H. P. Bell, of Cook street, entertained a number of her friends at tea on Friday, the 24th. The event was in honor of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Nanton, of Winnipeg, who are spending some time in Victoria, and are guests at the Dallas hotel. The drawing room, where tea was served, was prettily arranged with dainty spring flowers, and the hostess received her guests in a smart gown of black crepe. Among those present were Mrs. Wright, Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Miss Sophie Tupper, Mrs. Lampman, Miss Pooley, Miss Ida Cambie, Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Spain, Mrs. Tatlow, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Mackenzie, of New Westminster; Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Troup and Mrs. MacDowall.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Courtney and family returned from Los Angeles, where they have been spending the winter months, on Tuesday last.

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Mr. T. Cornwall, of Victoria, is now teller in the Bank of Montreal, New Denver.

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Mrs. E. W. Carr-Hilton gave a small progressive 50 card party on Wednesday evening last at her residence in James Bay.

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Miss Ruby Fell entertained a number of her young friends at a card party on Monday evening last. Progressive 500 was enjoyed by the guests until midnight, when a dainty supper was served.

The wedding of Mr. Beauchamp Tye, of this city, and Miss A. Clute, of New Westminster, is arranged to take place early in June.

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Mrs. Arthur Robertson, of Pemberton road, gave a delightful afternoon tea on Wednesday last. The house and table decorations were of daffodils, primroses and other dainty spring flowers. Mrs. Robertson was assisted in serving tea by Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Miss Lawson and Miss Tarr-Bolton. Amongst those present were: Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. King, Miss King, Mrs. Paddon, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Gaudin, Miss Kate Gaudin, Miss Irving, Miss Keefer, the Misses Pitts, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss Brady, Mrs. and Miss Todd, Miss Eberts, Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. and the Misses Angus, Mrs. English, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Lampman, Miss Jeffrey, Mrs. and Miss Alice Bell, Mrs. Day, Mrs. and the Misses Tilton, Mrs. and Miss Mara, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Dumbleton, Mrs. Browne, Miss Ethel Browne, Miss Dorothy Beanlands, Mrs. E. H. Fletcher, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wallace, Miss G. Drake, Miss Leverson, Miss Devereux, Miss Kate Devereux, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Dupont, Miss Nellie Dupont, Mrs. Blaiklock, Miss McKay, Mrs. Archer Martin, and others.

THE WILD CAT COLUMN.

M. S. Davis has about 35 men working on the Hewitt and Emily Edith at Silverton. He intends moving the old Comstock mill this summer to a point where he can concentrate the ore from both properties he is working.

Silverton ore shipments for the past two months are: Fisher Maiden, 105 tons; Hewitt, 43; Emily Edith, 43. Total, 191 tons. New Denver ore shipments for the year to date are: Marion, 15 tons, and Libbie, 3. Total 18 tons.

The zinc-bearing areas north of Fort Steele will be investigated in the near future.

An inspection will be made of the Estella group of mines (Tracey creek) as soon as the snow will permit of a surface examination. The Estella is one of the best developed mines in Southeast Kootenay. Present developments consist of nearly 2,000 feet of tunnels and shafts. In the Rover tunnel, which is in ore for over 800 feet, the main lead has a varying width of from 5 to 22 feet. There is an enormous extent of ledge matter available for stoping.

The Sullivan (Kimberly) will soon take its place among the large shipping mines of British Columbia. With a force of some thirty to forty men employed, the daily output is over 100 tons. The tramway is working satisfactorily and can handle three times the amount of ore which now daily passes over it. Last week the machinery at the smelter was in operation, everything was in perfect adjustment and no hitch of any kind occurred. The big lead stack will be blown in in a few days.

The drift on the Sally, near Beaverdell (Boundary) is in 40 inches of clean ore running between $150 and $200 to the ton. The drift is being run east following the ore body. On the Sally group there are nine parallel leads running in width from 18 inches to nearly six feet. Another shipment will shortly be made from the Sally, the ore from which is expected to run in the neighborhood of $200 to the ton.

Active development work on the Seattle mine, located ten miles north of Grand Forks, has commenced by W. T. Hunter and Horace Pemberton, who bonded the property last week. It is the intention of Messrs. Hunter and Pemberton to drive the existing tunnel, now in a distance of 60 feet, an additional 100 feet; and it is expected that this tunnel will encounter some large ore bodies, as rich copper ore can be found at almost any place on the surface of the claim.

A strike of rich ore has been made on the Horse Shoe at Trout Lake, and is reported worth $1,500 a ton.

THE OKANAGAN.

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Commencing in the next issue of The Week there will appear four interesting descriptive articles on the fertile valley of the Okanagan—one of the most important districts of British Columbia, and one which is being settled up at a rapid rate at the present time.

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4. Okanagan Lake.

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Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, when she is in Paris, spends a good deal of time in the shops of the jewellers and dealers in antiques and objects of art. On a rather dull afternoon Mrs. Leiter visited an art shop in the Rue de la Paix. She looked at bronzes, jewels, drawings and other things, and finally, pointing towards a dusky corner, she said to the polite young salesman: "How much is that Japanese idol over there worth?" The salesman bowed and answered, "About 500,000 francs, madam. That is the proprietor."

Some years ago Phillips Brooks was recovering from an illness, and was denying himself to all visitors, when Robert Ingersoll called. The bishop received him at once. "I appreciate this very much," said Mr. Ingersoll, "but why do you see me when you deny yourself to your friends?" "It is this way," said the bishop; "I feel confident of seeing my friends in the next world, but this may be my last chance of seeing you."

Clothes make the man, and want of them the chorus girl.

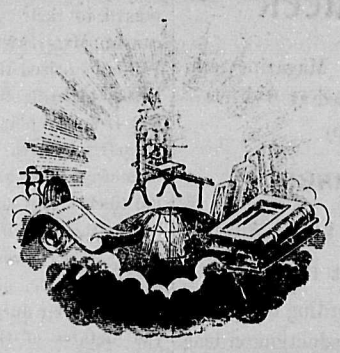
CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

An English correspondent writes to The Week: Miss Henrietta Johnson died at the Bittoms, Kingston-on-Thames, on February 7, 1905, at the age of 107. She was a half-caste, and was born at Baltimore, U. S. A. As a child she was adopted by a wealthy family named Caton. The Misses Caton married three Englishmen, and fifty years ago Miss Johnson came over to England in the service of Lady Wellesley, wife of the first Duke of Welligton's eldest brother, who at one time was Governor-General of India. She remained with Lady Wellesley until that lady's death in Hampton Court Palace. Forty years ago Miss Johnson settled in Kingston on a pension. To the end her hearing and sight remained normal.

THE GORGE TRAMWAY.

The Week is informed that the new branch line of the B. C. Electric Railway to the Gorge will be in operation by May 1st. This is good news. The company has encountered considerable difficulties in the matter of the grade, but even if grading is not quite completed the

Murphy, M. P. P., says that in his heart of hearts, Mr. Carter-Cotton considers "party lines" a failure. President of the Council was greatly amused.



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FREAK LEGISLATION.

No more absurd measure has ever been introduced into any British legislature than that fathered by Mr. Henderson and possessing the inoffensive title of "Bill No. 44, intituled an Act to amend the Supreme Court Act." We do very sincerely hope that no sensible member of the House will venture to vote this measure through its last stage; it progress so far is a sufficient reflection upon the intelligence of British Columbia's legislators. As to Mr. Henderson's position in introducing a bill to abolish the wearing of wigs and court robes by judges and barristers, we need say little. We are not surprised at this example of the quality of the intellect of the member from Ashcroft, and we commend the consideration of it to the people he represents. The character of the apparel worn by judges and barristers, either in court or out of it, is the business of the judges and barristers. All the public cares about the matter is to see that the dignity that always has surrounded the proceedings in British courts of justice is upheld in British Columbia. We speak confidently for the vast majority of the people of this province in declaring against any attempt in the direction of lowering our courts to the level of those in some of the States of the Union, in which cigars and spittoons and a remarkable lack of "justice" play important parts. In the course of the debate on this measure last Monday, some very foolish remarks were made by the introducer and by one of its supporters. It was declared that the country is a "democratic country" and that the wearing of wigs is "an abominable habit." British Columbia is not a democratic country. Our institutions are part of a monarchical system—not a democratic system. The judges, traditionally, represent the head of the system, the monarch himself. The character of the judges' wigs and robes cannot even be called into question by the Legislature, except as a piece of unwarranted impertinence. Fortunately, we are convinced that the judges in this province are capable of upholding their independence in spite of any efforts on the part of the members of the local Legislature to dictate to them in regard to their wearing apparel. Of course, Mr. Hawthornthwaite and Mr. Williams seized the opportunity to make a few general observations on the subject from the point of view of the Socialist party. Both admitted that as the measure aimed at restriction of individual liberty they ought to oppose the bill, but neither was in his place to record his vote. We are very much surprised that these gentlemen should have neglected to perform their duty and vote according to the dictates of their consciences. We hope that the absence of their names from the division list was not due to any "unholy joy" over a possible slap at one of the cherished institutions of the "capitalistic system"—the courts of law. But we have our suspicions. In regard to Mr. Henderson's claim that the wearing of wigs is an "abominable habit" we beg to refer that young man to a consideration of the characters of some of the most famous public men of Great Britain who rose to fame in a profession practicing the habit, and to refrain in future from observations so ill-considered and churlish. Mr. Henderson may be a democrat; he may be opposed to all the ceremonial attached to British institutions, but whatever Mr. Henderson may or may not be—and we think we could define what he is—we protest against freak legislation threatening the judges of our Supreme Court with fines in the police court if they persevere in a custom long honored by observance. It is true this clause was taken out on motion of the Premier in committee, but against Mr. Henderson's wish. It seems to us that this is a measure which should not have been given serious consideration by a responsible public body.

AWKWARD, VERY!

On two occasions recently the so-called "Ottawa Liberals" have been in an awkward position in the provincial legislature. The first occasion was when the Premier introduced his resolution praying for "better terms," and the second occasion was when Mr. Bowser moved a resolution protesting against the interference of the Dominion government in the local affairs of the new provinces by inserting clauses in the Autonomy Bill regarding the religious complexion of the public schools. The just demand for "better terms" is of so great moment to the welfare of British Columbia that the opposition in the Legislature hardly could avoid supporting the Premier's resolution, although the wording of the resolution had to be somewhat altered to suit the fastidiousness of the leader of the opposition. Nevertheless, the unanimouth acceptance by the House of that resolution, directed to the Governor-General, must have been very galling to Senator Templeman and our brilliant local member of the House of Commons, Mr. George Riley. These two notable politicians (the first especially) never lost an opportunity to decry the claim of the province for fair treatment financially by the Ottawa administration. The astute Senator scented a Conservative party cry from afar, and like the thorough party man that he is, hastened to adopt the other side. It is true that on one or two occasions he hinted that there might be something in the claim, and that in the midst of his important affairs he might later find an opportunity to look into the matter, and come to a conclusion on the subject, but the only kind of "better terms" that really appealed to him was "a change of government across the bay"—the substitution of Messrs. Macdonald, Oliver, McInnes and Drury for Messrs. McBride, Carter-Cotton, Tatlow and Fulton—and the other members of the cabinet. This particular kind of better terms, while it may seem good to Senator Templeman, does not appear to appeal to the people of British Columbia. Moreover, Senator Templeman was careful, in speaking on the subject, to say that the province should not expect separate treatment, but should wait for the proposed consideration of relations between the Dominion treasury and all the provinces—exactly what British Columbians who understand the situation do not desire, and against which the resolution unanimously carried in the provincial Legislature protests. This places Senator Templeman out of the ring in the provincial Liberal party. Mr. Bowser's resolution on the separate school question also was awkward for the Liberals, who desire to keep in sympathy with the Ottawa government. Certainly, they could not be expected to support a resolution which amounted to a vote of censure on Sir Wilfrid Laurier. On the other hand they could not take a stand in support of the school clauses—frankly detested by the vast majority of the people in this province. Under Mr. J. A. Macdonald's advice, the honorable members who sit on the left of the Speaker did the only thing left for them to do, which was nothing. They preserved a discreet silence; they neither lifted up their voices in eloquence, nor said "aye" or "no" when the question was put. Mr. John Oliver, to whom silence is very painful, sought safety in flight from the chamber. The question is, was Mr. Bowser's resolution carried unanimously, or not? These episodes serve to show how hard it is for the provincial party in British Columbia to "keep in with" the Liberal party of the Dominion, and suggest that perhaps it is just as well that the party that rules in Federal affairs should not also control the local administration.

OUR BACKWARDNESS.

Editor, The Week:—We are often asked, why is British Columbia so backward as a mining country? It is not because the country has not got the mineral; it is not because it has not got the values. Then what is the cause? One reason is that the people have not got the "vim" to invest their money in developing the natural resources of their country which our neighbors to the south possess. Experience proves that the workingmen in British Columbia, who receive high wages, will not avail themselves of this means of earning a competence, but too often prefer to spend their money over the bars, to investing it in undertakings of the most promising character. It is a mistake to suppose that it is only the capitalists who can invest; the immense industrial undertaking in the United States have been largely capitalized by the so-called working classes. Workingmen will cheerfully spend the value of say 500 shares in a promising mine, in a saloon, but if they are asked in invest in mining stock they will decline. You will find wise men from "Gotham" who will tell you that "they are not going to put their hard-earned coin into any scheme in which they may lose it, and that mining is a gamble." As if, in a sense, any other investment is not a gamble also? Yet, in our mining camps, these same men will play away the value of scores of shares to see "who pays for the drinks." This goes on day after day, week after week, and they never complain. They will say, "We spent our money, but we had some fun for it, anyhow." As a rule, the man who approaches the wage-earner to suggest that he take shares in an venture is looked upon with great distrust; regarded as a "grafter." The fact is that not one of the most successful industrial undertakings was started without a risk to the investor, and unless the people of a country possess some enterprise and something of the sporting habit of "taking a risk," development must be greatly retarded, and the fruits of industry probably will go to the more enterprising people in other countries. Our workingmen seem to have been inculcated with the idea of "trusting in providence," and of being "satisfied with their environment"—to be satisfied to be hewers of wood and drawers of water! The nobler plan is to follow the doctrine of "Man Improve Thyself"—physically, mentally, socially, morally. The successful men of the day have in most instances risen from small beginnings; have risen by thinking, studying, working. As they have sown, so do they reap. And the unthinking multitude calls them "lucky." But it is not "luck"; it is the natural and the just result of their efforts to succeed. They have "tried, tried, tried again," and have followed the infallible rule of "nothing venture, nothing have." These men have striven for the real thing, not for the phantom of a night. They have been enabled to see the golden opportunity and to make it the foundation of their social improvement. But such men are lamentably few, even in this, the twentieth century.

PEARL RAFDRE.

"You say your late uncle was an eccentric old fellow. Do you think he was insane?" "I don't know—the will hasn't been read yet."

VARIOUS VIEWS.

WHY CHLOROFORMED?

If Professor Osler's chloroforming at 40 theory were put into effect, what a walk-over McBride would have with John Oliver and John Houston. But Richard the Only seems to have a safe majority, chloroformed as it is.—Mainland News.

CLEAN SURROUNDINGS.

Cleanliness is essential to public health and general attractiveness. To clean up the back yard, the vacant lots and the alley-ways is as much of a duty as attention to the person.—Revelstoke Herald.

NO RETORT COURTEOUS.

There were a few—very few—readers of the Gazette who seemed to think that the Star should have been treated to a reply in kind. Well, the Gazette prizes too highly the respect of its readers and its own self-respect to go into that sort of thing. Furthermore, every journalist owes a duty to the craft to observe the amenities and keep his columns clean.—Hedley City Gazette.

G.T.P. NOT THE ONLY PEBBLE.

That there are other railway propositions of vastly greater importance at the present time than the Grand Trunk Pacific is realized by the government, and every possible consideration is being given to the various schemes offered with a view of supplying the wants of districts already opened up by settlement and industries which guarantee a tonnage for any road tapping them. The Similkameen is the most important of these districts, and when the necessary legislation has been submitted it will be found that that district has not been overlooked. There are various offers before the government which will serve the needs of that part of the province, and it may be asserted that the very last of these offers, the one which will ensure the earliest entry into the valley, is the one which will receive the most consideration.—Kamloops Standard.

THE POOR SMELTER OWNERS.

As the Sun has previously remarked, British Columbia is not a one-per-cent. country, so far as the Boundary smelters are concerned, or in any other respect. Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby company, has just announced that that corporation's big smelter in this city is at present earning its owners the tidy little sum of $100,000 per month, which amount will be considerably increased when the two additional large furnaces are added to the battery, increasing the capacity of the works by 35 per cent. These earnings are at the rate of almost 10 per cent. on the total capitalization of $13,500,000 of the company, but is a much higher percentage, of course, on the capital actually invested.—Grand Forks Sun.

ISRAELITISH!

Bravo, McBride! All honor to him and his government, who sent Mr. Morse, the minion of the Israelitish mendicant G.T.P., back home empty-handed and with a flea in his ear. It is still up to Senator Templeman and Minister Prefontaine to square themselves with the people of British Columbia for the representations made last fall.—Hedley City Gazette.

PROMPT JUSTICE.

The expedition, and the relentlessness of British justice have both had a recent exemplification—one local, the other of the plains. The conviction yesterday of Joseph LaPlont in the local police court and his sentence to a term of ten years, was a good illustration of how justice should be dispensed and of how efficiently it can be done even in the petty courts of our land. The promptness with which LaPlont was dealt with would have delighted the heart of even such a thorough administrator as Inspector McCluskey of New York.—Victoria Times.

B. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The newspaper men of the province will meet at New Westminster during the Dominion fair in September, and organize a press association.—Fort Steele Prospector.

The suggestion made to the management of the Dominion fair, that the time would be opportune for a convention of British Columbia newspaper men, when organization of a Provincial Press Association might be taken into consideration, appears to have been favorably received by the editors of the province. The fairmanagement is willing to encourage the promotion of this project by providing special entertainment and accommodation on the grounds for the press gang.—Grand Forks Sun.

We heartily endorse the proposal to take advantage of the Westminster exhibition to form a press association for the province. At present the pressmen are about the only body of men unorganized. A well organized press association would do a whole lot to create a spirit of esprit de corps among journalists.—Kootenay Mail.

THE DYKES BILL.

Editor, The Week—I should like to say a few words on the dyking bill. I was a resident in the Matsqui district, and have considerable interest in the lands under discussion. The settlers in that district are perfectly willing to pay the actual dyking charges, but consider that they should have something to say in regard to their maintenance. For instance in this district the watchman of the dykes, who is employed by the provincial government the whole year and receives $60 per month for his services has no interests in the dyke lands and no property there. He is only really needed five months in the year, that is from April, which is one month before the high water, until August, at which time all danger of flooding is past. This man can hire all the help he wants, and instead of employing settlers he gets in outside help, thus making the settlers pay for the work which they could do themselves quite as well and as cheaply besides getting the pay for their work. The settlers do not see why an outside man should have full control of their interests, without their being able to have a say in the matter when the occupant of the district are all men who have had large experience in lowlying lands and dykes. What the settlers in Matsqui would like would be for two of their number to act in conjunction with the inspector, and this they would be willing to do voluntarily, as by these means they would have some voice in the matter and be better able to know what they are paying for. Hoping that you will find room for this in your interesting paper I remain, sir, yours faithfully,

H. C. BENSON.

BETTER OFF.

George F. Baer, the successful president of the Reading railway, was describing a poor-built railroad line in a remote part of Pennsylvania.

"It reminded me," he said, "of the Scottish lines of the old school. It claimed that no lines in the world ever equaled the old Scottish ones in roughness, and I believe the claim is correct."

Mr. Baer smiled slightly.

"It is said," he resumed, "that an American on the way to Inverness, complained bitterly of the rough Scotch railroads. He declared that the bouncing and bumping made him stiff and sore. He even pointed to several black and blue spots where he had been flung against the windows and the walls.

"As he was complaining to the conductor in this way, the motion of the train suddenly became smoother.

"The conductor put his head out of the window, and the American traveller said:

"'You are running smoother now.'

"'We're off the track,' said the conductor."

R. Hinton Perry, the sculptor, is responsible for the following story of the "scrublady" who cares for his studio. "How many children have you, Mrs. O'Flarity?" he asked her one morning. "It's siven I have, sir," she replied, "four be the third wife of me second husband, and three be the second wife of me furst."

DIARY OF THE LEGISLATURE

The House Getting Down to Supply—The Budget—Bills in Hands of Private Members Under Discussion.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24:

In committee on the Game Protection Act, Mr. Oliver moved an amendment making Sundays close seasons for all game. Mr. Hawthornthwaite considered that there would be more reason in prohibiting sport on any other day than Sunday, which day was the only one in the week on which a large number of the people had an opportunity to get out into the country. The Provinical Secretary thought it inadvisable for the House to attempt anything in the way of Sabbath legislation in view of a recent decision in the Supreme Court of Canada. The amendment was defeated on a mixed vote. Mr. Tanner then moved an amendment with the same effect as Mr. Oliver's, and this, of course, met a similar fate. An amendment prohibiting the cold storage of game at any time of the year was carried. Progress reported. Debate on motion for second reading of the Dykes Adjustment Act resumed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who advocated the appointment of a commission to report on the real value of the existing dyke work in order that assessments might be made on that basis. Mr. Macgowan considered that the excess of legitimate expenditure on the dykes should be borne by the province as a whole. After further discussion the second reading was carried on a division by eight votes. Being "interested parties" in regard to the dykes question, Messrs. Munro and Garden paired for this vote.

MONDAY, MARCH 27:

Mr. Bowser, K.C., moved the following resolution: "That this House regrets that in the bill proposed to be submitted to the Dominion parliament, granting autonomy to the Northwest Territories, there is an interference with provincial rights in regard to the provisions dealing with their school system." Mr. Bowser quoted many great Canadian authorities to show that the Dominion parliament had no right to dictate to the new provinces in the matter of public education or in any department of local administration. He thought the legislature had a right to protest against this interference on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the provincial affairs of the Northwest provinces and to show the Northwest people that British Columbia was willing to take their part. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was now attempting to do what he had opposed when it was done by the Conservative party in 1896, namely, to force unwelcome religious strife upon the new provinces. Mr. Bowser made a powerful speech, in which he uncovered the inconsistencies of Mr. Sifton, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding. The resolution was carried without any "noes" being heard. Hon. members on opposition side preserved discreet silence. Mr. Macgowan moved second reading of act to incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia. The object of the bill was, he said, to improve the profession of accountancy. Second reading carried. On report on Supreme Court Act Amendment Act, Mr. Bowser moved to increase limit of amount of security for appeal from $200 to $500. He pointed out that this did not mean that the limit would generally be ordered by the judge. As a matter of fact the amount of security generally ordered for appeal was $150, but there were some expensive suits in which $200 would not nearly cover costs of respondent. Mr. Bowser opposed the amendment, which he said would defeat the object of the bill. Mr. McInnes supported the amendment. He considered that a certain amount of discretion properly could be given to the judges. The Attorney-General was satisfied that in committee the matter had not been understood by many hon. members. He considered the amendment reasonable. Mr. J. A. Macdonald opposed amendment and claimed House already had pronounced its opinion against any increase in the limit of security required. Amendment lost on a non-party division 20 votes to 13. Mr. Henderson moved his freak act to prohibit use of wigs or robes (other than black) by judges and barristers in the law courts. He said that in 1899 an act was passed making use of wigs optional, and that now attempt was being made by judges and benchers society to practically enforce use of these ancient ornaments. One of the judges had written a letter stating that the majority of his brother judges approved the use of wigs. Mr. Henderson referred to the wearing by one of his judges of robes different to those ordinarily worn by judges. For these and other reasons Mr. Henderson thought the legislature ought to prohibit use of wigs and colored robes. Two of the other reasons were that wigs were unhealthy—an abominable custom!—and that they cost $49 and had to be bought from a London dealer. Attorney-General really was surprised that in year of grace 1905 a member of legislature should attempt to introduce freak legislation prohibiting gentlemen prom wearing certain clothes—and clothes worn by the profession since the reign of Queen Ann. Believed custom originated through whole of Bar in England going into mourning. As a matter of fact great majority of members of profession preferred to keep up old custom. The matter was entirely in the hands of the judges. He disliked incongruity—sometimes observed—of a judge in court without a wig and barristers with them. How dreadful it would be if House were to legislate on subject of ladies' apparel, what size hats they should wear and what colored stockings, for instance. Mr. Brown thought custom was a relic of barbarism. This is a democratic country, he said, and he disliked idea of judges forcing barristers to keep up old and unpleasant customs. Very few barristers would care to risk interests of their clients by displeasing the judge. Mr. Bowser thought House should be serious in dealing with measure which dealt with the liberty of the subject. Personally he did not care whether he wore wig, or not. Was doubtful if House had any right to dictate on subject of barristers' wearing apparel, and threaten—as in the bill—the judges with police court prosecution if they wore wigs. Mr. Parker Williams wondered if Mr. Bowser would be as solicitous for members of other professions and trades as for the Bar. In some trades men were not allowed to wear certain clothes or even moustaches. Still he approved the principle of individual liberty. He had intended to vote for the bill at first, but principle referred to compelled him to take the other side. Mr. Ross reminded hon. gentlemen of legal persuasion that they might some day be judges themselves, and that the precedent set by this bill might recoil upon their own heads. Mr. Hawthornthwaite thought he would not vote at all. If judges liked to make fools of themselves, let 'em. They might think that the wearing of ridiculous garments impressed the poor "downtrodden"; but that idea was wrong. He did not care what the judges wore. Second reading carried by 17 votes to 13, very much to surpise of majority of hon. members. The Premier voted "aye," and the leader of the opposition "no." Mr. Clifford moved second reading of Provincial Elections Act Amendment Bill, enabling persons employed on coasting steamers of over 250 tons register to vote at provincial elections on board ship when out of port. The Attorney-General feared that such a provision might lead to abuses. Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton objected to feature which made master of vessel returning officer for men in his employ. The captain might coerce his men by threatening dismissal. The principle was faulty. Thought House went below its dignity in considering this measure and that of Mr. Henderson. Mr. J. A. Macdonald disagreed with President of Council. He recognized difficulties but thought that bill should go to committee in order to see if some provision could not be made for sailors to vote on board ship. Mr. Henderson quoted Australian election law. The Premier moved adjournment of debate.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28:

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved a long resolution urging upon the government the necessity of taking immediate steps to protect the rights of the people of this province in the matter of the right of taxation of the E. & N. lands. Mr. Hawthornthwaite explained that the E. & N. company had taken high legal advice and it appeared that while the sale of the railway would render null and void the agreement between the company and the province whereby the lands granted to the company are exempted from taxation, the bill introduced into the House of Commons by Ralph Smith, would secure to the seller of the railway continuation of this exemption. Attorney-General explained that resolution arose through an agreement between the E. & N. and C. P. R. companies. The lands given to the E. & N. were exempted from taxation in agreement entered into at the time of construction of the railway. It was said that the sale of the railway would give province right to tax these lands. He did not wish, at this juncture, to express an opinion on that contention. He was sure that a great fight would be put up against any taxation of these lands. Still, in order to be on the safe side, when he learnt of the provision in the bill before the House of Commons he had telegraphed to the Minister of Justice, who had replied that he could not understand that clause referred to could have any effect upon provincial rights. It seemed clear that if the province had the right to tax, that right could not be affected by any legislation at Ottawa. The House could trust him to look after the interests of the province, although he had no particular objection to the resolution. Mr. J. A. Macdonald was sure there was no intention to reflect upon Attorney-General. Agreed that provincial rights could hardly be affected but thought that passage of Mr. Smith's bill might lead to constitutional question being raised. Moved amendment to resolution, which was accepted by mover. Mr. McInnes agreed with Attorney-General and deprecated mention of Mr. Smith's name in connection with a private bill introduced, according to custom, by the member for the district affected. Amended resolution agreed to without division. On report on Assessment Act Amendment Act, Mr. Evans moved to make the definition of "wild land" so as to include land on which less than $5 per acre improvements have been put, the section in act fixing the limit at $2.50. This was defeated by a big majority, 26 to 11. Mr. Oliver moved an amendment providing that small incomes derived from investments should not be exempt from taxation. Defeated by 30 votes to 3. Mr. McInnes supported an amendment of Mr. Oliver raising tax on wild land from $4 to $5. Could not understand why no explanation of this reduction of the wild land tax was offered by the government. It was inconceivable to him in view of the hard-up condition of the provincial treasury. Defeated by 24 to 16. Some technical amendments were made and report adopted. Estimates received from Lieut.-Governor and Message laid before committee of the whole House. Minister of Finance, in moving that the House go into committee of supply, pointed out that from 1892 to 1904 the expenditure of the province had exceeded the revenue by over nine millions of dollars. Total revenue in those years, $18,760,000; expenditure, $27,773,000. In 1904 present government came into power and found financial situation very serious Half yearly revenue up to December 31, 1904, was $1,235,463, an increase of $116,015 over similar period in 1903. Estimated revenue for coming year was $2,559,376, and the estimated expenditure $2,621,030, leaving a deficit of $61,662. Hon. Mr. Tatlow went into figures at some length and showed that the prospects of the province were bright. Mr. Murphy moved adjournment of debate.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29:

Chief Commissioner's bill to regulate speed of motor vehicles read the third time and passed. Attorney-General moved second reading of bill regarding rules governing practice and procedure in provincial courts. Explained that there was nothing revolutionary in the bill, which provided that the Lieut.-Governor in council might order adoption of rules being drawn up by committee presided

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over by the Chief Justice. Mr. Henderson objected to the measure being passed before the House had the rules before it. Attorney-General said bill was to avoid litigation; Lieut.-Governor in council had power to adopt rules at any time. Mr. McInnes wanted to know whether if this measure was adopted the Lieut.-Governor in council would be able to override Mr. Henderson's wig act—supposing that passed the final stages. Attorney-General was not sure whether Mr. McInnes was serious; if he was, then the question was a constitutional one and notice should be given. Mr. J. A. Macdonald thought question was serious, as another Supreme Court Act, passed this session, might be overruled in the same way. Second reading agreed to and bill considered in committee and amended. Atorney-General's bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act, providing on distraint for rent, the landlord can only sell tenants' interest in goods held by tenant under duly filed agreement for hire or conditional sale read the second time and passed by committee. Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved second reading of bill to amend Workmen's Compensation Act. Agreed to. On going into committee on Supreme Court (wigs-no-more) Act, the Attorney-General moved that the committee rise. The Premier thought he had a right to debate the point. The House yelled "Order." The Premier said he could debate; he was in order. In days gone by he had talked for hours on a motion that the committee rise (laughter). Chairman (Mr. Gifford) said Premier was in order and Hon. Richard went ahead. Was sure member for Yale would not have introduced bill unless he thought it was of great importance to community as a whole. He was prepared to support portion of bill abolishing wigs but not that portion affecting judges' robes and providing penalties. Asked Attorney-General to withdraw his motion. Attorney-General shook his head. Minister of Finance supported Attorney-General heartily; regretted could not for once agree with the Premier. Mr. Bowser considered whole proposition ridiculous. Appealed to House not to support Premier's sophistries. (Laughter). Mr. Henderson said proposition was not that House should dictate to the judges, but that judges should be prevented from dictating to the barristers. Mr. Brown congratulated Premier on his position on the question. Mr. J. A. Macdonald remarked that while Finance Minister was unable to follow his leader, he was unable to follow his followers (laughter). He considered member for Yale had introduced measure for fun. Considered this sort of legislation reflected on both the legislature and the bench. Attorney-General quoted Carlyle on Clothes. Motion to rise defeated by 16 to 12. Premier's amendment striking out reference to judges' robes and penalties carried and bill passed committee. The Premier resumed debate on second reading of the bill to provide voting facilities for sailors on coasting vessels at provincial elections. He supported second reading, which carried by 30 to 6.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

Mr. Hall took strong exception to the third reading of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's Coal Mines Regulation Act—enforcing penalties for contravention of the eight-hour law underground. He moved discharge of order for third reading, and an amendment to section 3 of the act of 1903 defining the meaning of "bank." He approved of the protection of the coal miner, but objected to legislation forcing mine owner into a position in which he might not be able to compete with mines in the United States, and might force him to close down. Mr. Williams said that the majority of coal mines in Washington and California worked eight hours only, and the coal produced was not of a quality to compete with the Vancouver Island product. Mr. Hall wanted a sort of eight-hour day which would not go three times into a day of eight hours. The bill aimed only at securing conditions which had existed for the past 15 years on this coast. Mr. McInnes was sure that the act of last session only passed on the distinct understanding that it would not alter existing conditions. But it was now shown that, if enforced, the act would disturb conditions in the two principal mining centres of Vancouver Island. The bill would in some cases reduce the worker's time of labor by 50 minutes, and therefore those paid by piece would not be able to make so much money. Men paid by time probably would be asked to accept a smaller wage, and this would result in a disastrous strike. He believed that if this law was enforced, the company at Nanaimo would promptly close down, and he appealed to House to support Mr. Hall's amendment. Mr. Wright moved adjournment of debate. Third reading of Dentistry Consolidation Act agreed to and Mr. Macdonald's Railway Act also passed third reading. President of Council opposed Mr. Williams' bill (on second reading) to reduce candidate's election deposit from $200 to $50. Thought if law was altered at all the deposit might as well be abolished. Anyhow, there was no chance of general elections for two years. Government was firmly entrenched in power with the strong support of the people behind it, so there was plenty of time for Mr. Williams to bring in his measure. Mr. Bowser moved adjournment of debate, to which Mr. Hawthornthwaite objected somewhat. House went into committee on Mr. Macdonald's Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Bill. Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to amend by increasing amount of limit of compensation for death from $1,500 to $2,000. Mr. Paterson said amendment was in line with declared policy of mover and his party "to wreck the industries of the province." Mr. Hawthornthwaite said this statement was untrue—and deliberately untrue. Mr. Brown disagreed with Mr. Paterson; he did not consider that the compensation law worked detrimentally to employers of labor. There were cases in which, under the Employers' Liability Act, a larger sum than $2,000 might be recovered, but the workmen much preferred a "sure thing" to a long suit in the law courts. Amendment carried on a mixed vote by 16 votes to 13. Similar amendment, in cases in which accident did not result in death, was lost by a few votes. Bill reported complete with amendments. On report on the Wig Abolition Bill, Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved an amendment that only red wigs should be allowed. Mr. Brown protested against any further amendment of the bill. Solemn division was taken to great joy of hon. members and the gallery, and weird amendment was defeated by 17 to 14—a majority of 3 votes. Report adopted. Adjourned debate on motion to go into supply resumed by Mr. Murphy, who said he wanted to go away to look after his business and desired to give his reasons for opposing the granting of supply to the present government. Mr. Murphy retailed gossip concerning formation of Mr. McBride's cabinet, and made a most amusing speech which was greatly enjoyed by both sides of the House.

MARY.

A frenzied and despairing effort on the part of an obliging young man to cope with the prevailing fashion of scrap-books amongst the young ladies of England.—Written for The Week.)

You must know, little girl,
That my head's in a whirl,
For I find that our language is chary
Of adjective rhymes,
At appropriate times,
For the sweet appellation of Mary.

I have will and to spare
To write odes to your hair,
But I can't use the epithet, "hairy,"
In describing the streams
Which have haunted my dreams
With a golden edition of Mary!

It would hardly be wise
If I spoke of your eyes:
Above all things I needs must be wary:
For your mother might look
In the leaves of this book
And be shocked at my fervour, dear Mary!

As the days will go round
I shall sigh for the sound
Of your voice and your footstep so airy;
(Which is nonsense, I grant,
But I vow that I can't
Find a lyrical equal for Mary.)

And so I may rave
As your absolute slave,
And proclaim you "my fair" and "my fairy,"
But I warn you each verse
Will get steadily worse
For I cannot do justice to Mary.

Oily to bed and oily to rise is the fate of a man, when an auto he buys.

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A Good One on Col. Lowery

Bro. Walker of Enderby Gives Away Farmer Chief on an Onion Proposition—The Press Association Project.

Our travelling correspondent recently dropped in on Editor Walker, of the Edenograph, Enderby, and after the usual informalities consequent upon the meeting of old-time associates in the greatest of all professions, the subject of the proposal to form a B. C. Press Association came up.

"If ever there was a class of people who needed shaking up, it is the editors of British Columbia," remarked Brother Walker. "They are slow, very slow, to see their needs, or perhaps they just don't care. Still, I think they do. In my experience in newspaper work in this province, I have found the best class of men in the business; but did you ever think how ignorant they are of each other, and in many cases how uncharitable?"

Our correspondent nodded a cordial assent.

"The great need, it seems to me," he continued, "is the organization of a Provincial Press Association, such as is being promoted by R. J. Burde, press agent of the Dominion fair at New Westminster. I received his letter a few days ago. You have, no doubt, heard of it from other newspaper men in your travels. He proposes to organize a press association during the holding of the exhibition.

"It would be a most unfortunate thing if the matter should drop there. We see in the province every branch of labor and capital organized and holding their annual conventions to discuss the welfare of their calling. But never the editors. They do not come together, and therefore do not know each other. There is no uniform schedule covering any department of the trade, and they seldom know anything about the conditions of business outside of their own immediate locality. Surely this is a mistake. Let us rub closer. We need it. We need it financially as well as fraternally. There would be less jealousy to bar the way to our advancement—and, God knows, we need to advance."

Then Bro. Walker got talking about old times and Col. Lowery, of the Fernie Ledge.

"I could tell you a good story on our friend the Colonel," he remarked. "Bob Lowery has a way of doing things that is distinctively his own. In telling the most hum-drum story with his pen he does it in a way that makes one smile. And yet, the man is gradually getting stale just for the lack of appreciation. This is no joke. Lowery is better appreciated away from home than he is right here. Why? Well, you know what Christ said about a prophet. I do not know that His remarks were intended particularly for the Colonel, but they have some application.

"Yes, Bob Lowery has his peculiarities. I was with him for eight years and got pretty well acquainted. He is a man of fads. I remember one time he had a fad for onions. Let the flipper-flopper of the gabber jack on the big press break or get out of order, the Colonel would eat a pint of raw onions and all would get right at once.

"At one time our pressman had returned from a short trip with his bride. The girl was somewhat deaf. Her condition appealed to the Colonel. He has a tender heart for all sufferers. One day she came into the office complaining of sickness. Bob was seated in his old arm chair dreaming about the work he had to do. Yes, he was always on good terms with work. I have seen him sit beside it all day and never turn a hair.

"When the young lady entered the sanctum she was faint from the stomach out. The Colonel gallantly tendered her his chair and solicitously attempted to diagnose her case. She was dreadfully sick in the stomach; had tried everything, but could not get the sick feeling to move—it staid right there. It was clear to the Colonel that something should be done. In his bachelordom he had never come in contact with anything just like it in his experience with the ladies, but he, himself, had had it often—at least he said so. Oh, yes; it could be easily remedied. Just eat about six raw onions, and he was sure the cause of her sickness would leave her.

"I do not know that the girl tried the onions, but I learned afterwards that the Colonel's diagnosis was not reliable."

HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Galliher, M.P., has written the Kaslo Board of Trade that the conditions in the zinc industry are under consideration by the Ottawa government.

The sub-recording office, known as Tobacco Plains, situated at Phillipps, has been transferred to the residence at Elk river of Mr. Michael Phillipps, J.P., deputy mining recorder.

The Revelstoke City Band are taking up subscriptions for new uniforms, and require 400. They offer to play once a week in the city if assisted to this extent.

James Hawkins, a street car conductor of Nelson, has been offered an engagement to play "heavies" with an eastern theatrical company.

Mr. P. DuMoulin, accountant of the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, has been transferred to Kelowna. Mr. A. E. Taylor, of New Denver, will be the new manager at Enderby branch, which opened recently. Mr. Cornwall, of Victoria, succeeds Mr. Taylor, and Mr. DuMoulin will be succeeded by Mr. H. G. Fisher, of Greenwood branch. Mr. Phipps, manager of the Imperial Bank at Revelstoke, is on a tour of inspection.

At the civic elections held in Enderby on the 22nd, the following were returned: Mayor, Mr. George Bell; aldermen, Messrs. Smith, Kenny, Sharpe, Bradley and Evans.

Actuated by jealousy, at Enderby, recently, Tom Flood fired six shots from a revolver, sending a bullet through the right arm of Miss Mary J. Cole and wounding her brother-in-law, Henry M. Baird, in the right hand. Flood was arrested by Constable Gardom, and, after a preliminary hearing before local magistrates, sent up for trial.

Salmon Arm is applying to be formed into a municipality, and proposes to administer its affairs in the same way as a pallumcheen municipality.

The property owners of Greenwood are to vote on a by-law to provide funds for the waterworks extension. It is the present intention of the council to submit a by-law calling for the issue of between $23,000 and $25,000 in debentures. About $15,000 of this will be expended on the waterworks, and the remaining amount applied to retire debentures issued five years ago and at present held by the Bank of Montreal. In the past year the city has reduced its indebtedness on these debentures by $7,000.

"Well," said Mr. Titewad, putting down his paper, "that woman who got all that money from those bankers certainly was shrewd. Seems like a woman can always get money from a man, no matter how cautious he is." "She can," remarked Mrs. Titewad, "so long as she isn't married to him."

The Stage

MR. REDMOND'S RETURN.

he Home Company Takes Possession of Popular Playhouse on Fort Street.

he Redmond company return to their n theatre on Monday night, and will en for a season of entirely new pro- ctions, commencing with "A Bache- 's Romance." Victorian playgoers ll be glad to welcome the Redmonds d to know that they have been doing lendid business ever since they left ctoria, having broken the records for ck shows in every house in which y have appeared.

The company, while absent, have been ting up new plays, and we are prom- d some pleasant surprises. The per- nel of the company has not changed, t there are two new people added to force, a stage director and a lady, s Neta Marsky, who will be seen in e interesting roles.

THE GRAND.

e Grand has been well to the front ng the present week with one of the t programmes that Victorians have the opportunity of witnessing for e months past. The marvellous ixie" is quite an entertainment in self and quite came up to all we were to expect by her abundant "advance ices." This sagacious animal combines hematics, music and a host of other omplishments with which we do not ily credit the equine race. "Trixie" drawn huge crowds to the popular rand," and Manager Jamieson must rubbing his hands over the success of engagement.

rville Pitcher is billed as a monolo- st and comedian; he is without doubt former but hardly the latter; he, how- , gave a very excellent rendering of e Carnival of Venice" on what he ins to be the "smallest instrument in world." The Duffy children are an edingly clever pair; they open their r with the song, "My Blue-Eyed ," and then proceed to do some er contortions and some bright danc- The whole Duffy family are seen bright little comedy sketch which ds being sentimental and is distinct- musing. The moving pictures this are numerous and funny and please audience as much as ever. The illus- ed song this week is "Good-Bye Lit- Girl, Good-Bye," which Mr. Roberts s in excellent voice. The programme rst rate from start to finish, and e who have missed it can condole themselves on having lost a rare t.

or next week Manager Jamieson an- ces a big programme of "feature" including Marrell and Evans, so- y entertainers and operatic duettists; great Carless, character impersona- Charles and Edna Harris, refined edy sketch artists, and moving pic- s concerning "Hop o' my Thumb." Jamieson says this bill will equal programme ever presented at this lar little theatre, and that means a t deal. For the week commencing l 10, Manager Jamieson has two t attractions, the Royal Tetsuwari pe of six Japanese acrobats and y Box, in a return engagement in ch he will change his songs each t.

THE SAVOY.

he new faces will make their ap- ance at the Savoy the coming week, dor brothers will appear in "poses ique." Jacques and Alsaco, in trick cottage, is certainly a high act. It possesses the merit of lty and will be well worth seeing. on and Deagle, refined eccentric dy stretch team, are crisp, bright entertaining. The versatile sketch , La Rose and Statfield, singers, ers and refined character change ts will appear and Miss Ethel Jack- serio-comic; Little Annetta La e, serio comic; Shaw sisters, charac- hange artists; Blanche Trojan, comic, will be on deck.

Pollard appears to appreciate Vic- talent as he paid this city a flying visit last week to secure two new recruits for his Liliputian company for Tuesday of this present week the Pollard company opened at the Marquam Grand to play at that town for a fortnight.

THE POPULAR SHOWS.

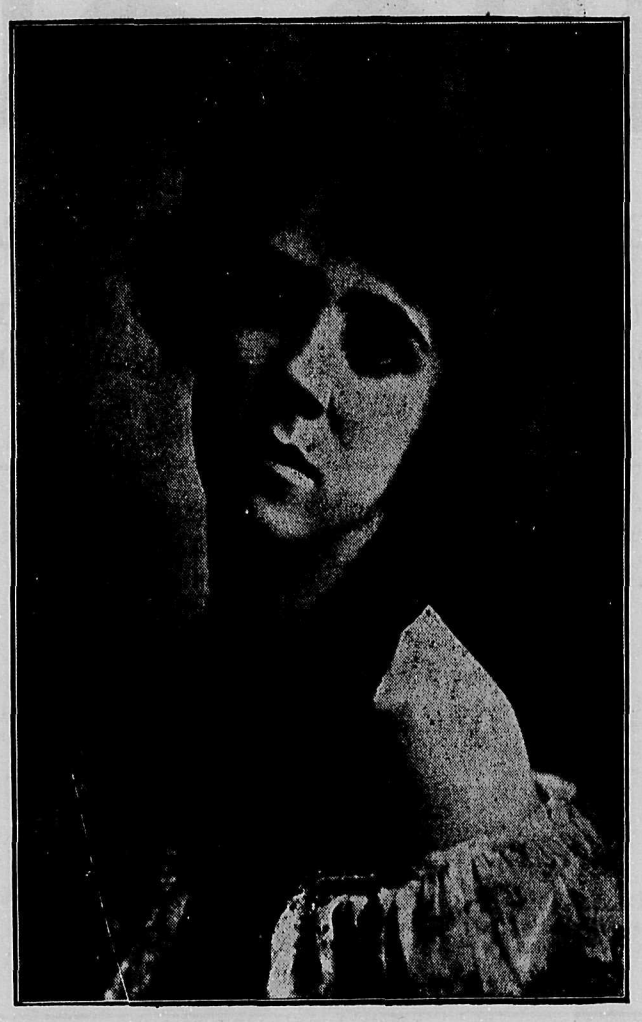
Considerable amusement has been caused among local theatrical people by the Colonist "pipe-dreamer" and his pronouncements on the subject of a theatrical war, waged by "The Trust" against the popular priced houses. The foundation of the story is the lease, for a brief period, by what is known as the "Star Circuit" of the Victoria theatre for vaudeville shows at 10c. and 25c. rates. "The Trust"—that the the Klaw and Erlinger interests—have nothing particular to do with the scheme, which is simply a bid by a vaudeville "circuit" for bigger business than it has enjoyed in the past. There is no enmity whatever between the Klaw and Erlinger interests and popular stock companies, like those of Mr. Redmond and Mr. Watson. On the contrary, the best understanding exists, and the stock companies, when touring on week stands, generally play in the Trust's houses and receive their contracts through the managers of the Trust circuits. The "Star" people have leased the Victoria theatre in the same way that any other enterprising theatrical manager might lease the house—that is all, and nothing more. Whether the enterprise will succeed or not remains to be seen, but it is most improbable that any loss of business will result to the Redmond or the Grand theatres. There is no "war" of any kind on the tapis. Theatrical managers are like other business men: they endeavor to get all the business they can, but if anything, there is more friendship and community of interests among theatrical managers than is found in any other class of business men.

"CAPTAIN SWIFT."

The production of "Captain Swift," Haddon Chambers' exciting story of a Queensland bushranger, at the Redmond during the earlier part of the week, was remarkably good in every way. The play is one of the best of its kind; interest never flags for a moment, and while the denouement is somewhat sad, one feels that Captain Swift's death is the only solution of the difficulties which his past career create. In the name part Mr. Hayden Stephenson did splendid work, and he was, as usual, splendidly supported by the charming Miss Roberts, who appeared as "Stella Darbisher," and by Mr. Harry Pollard as "Gardiner." Mr. Pollard's performance in this role was, in my opinion, the best thing he has done yet in Victoria. Mr. Watson appeared in a very "unpleasant" part, and did his duty—and his worst—with his customary ability. During the latter part of the week, the Watson company produced "In the Confederate Service"—a clever "curtain raiser" by Mr. Watson—and the ever popular comedy, "Ole Oleson." The performance of this bill to-night will close the first season of the Watson Company in Victoria, but we are promised an early return visit, and this clever company is assured of a warm welcome from Victorian playgoers.

CECILIAN ORCHESTRA CONCERT.

Under the direction of Mr. Jesse A. Longfield, the newly formed Cecilian orchestra gave their first concert in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Monday evening last. The hall was packed with an appreciative audience, and the selections were well rendered. Mrs. McCoy delighted her hearers by her artistic interpretation of Denza's dainty ballad, "May Morning." Miss Underhill was splendid in her recitation of "The Cherubs Entertain," and her encore, "Little Boy Blue," was given with much feeling. The vocal solo, with violin obligato, "For All Eternity," sung by Mrs. Staneland, received hearty applause. Mr. Larrigan's piccolo solo, "Through the Air," was much enjoyed, and was deservedly encored. Another soloist who delighted the audience was Mr. D. B. Christopher, who sang Clay's "Gypsy John" in fine style. The selections by the orchestra afforded much pleasure, and Mr. Longfield is to be congratulated on the success of the first concert. The orchestra consists of the following: First violin, Miss Brooker, Miss Elford, Miss Rolfe, Miss Nora McCoy, Mr. D. Herbert, Mr. E. Gregson. Second violins, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. F. Savage, Mr. E. Spragge, Mr. A. Ward, Mr. Rogers, Mr. P. Sherrit. Violas, Mr. Berridge, Mr. O. McCoy. Violincellos, Mr. A. Longfield, Mr. A. Parfitt. Contrabassi, Mr. S. Mathews, Mr. J. Hollings. Flue, Mr. H. Wilders, Mr. G. H. Larrigan. Clarionet, Mr. De Foe. Cornets, Mrs. Danes, Mr. Bird. Trombone, Mr. N. Barker. Conductor, Mr. Jessie A. Longfield.



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Of The Redmond Company.

"Rush Bronson" is in the city again, a little ahead of the Redmond company. He is delighted with the splendid business done by his show in Vancouver and Washington State. The Redmond company has signed contracts for an extensive tour on "the other side," and being anxious to play a short season in the "home" house prior to the tour, arranged with Manager Carl Berch, of the People's theatre, Vancouver, for the balance of the time there to be filled by the Watson company.

"Trixie" at the Grand has been the talk of the city. She is a wonderfully clever beastie, and should be seen by everybody before she moves on.

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"Babette" has Garden Ideas

Weekly Letter Also Tells of Spring Fashions, Beautiful Pottery, and Other Things in Stores.

Dear Madge.—Of what shall I write to-day? Really I have seen so many pretty things in the stores of late that I hardly know how to describe them all However, before I plunge into my usual discourse on the latest hats, frocks, blouses, etc., that are so tempting, and that have caused me many a pang of envy, I will first answer your questions about spring gardening. As regards new garden tools, I see that a new lot of these utensils is advertised at Hastie's Fair, on Government street. Of course, *outdoor gardening can hardly be said to* open in March, and yet for very early flowers it is necessary to do some planting, transplanting, plowing and a good deal of cleaning up and preparation. Yes, the sweet peas should be in deep trenches by now, and you will have them in bloom early, and I should certainly advise you to bring up the geraniums and other potted plants that have been wintering in the cellar, give them new rich soil, and as the season advances, water them until they begin to show new stems and leaves. In a hundred little ways like this you can take advantage of the season, and when the warm, mild weather is really here to stay, everything will be ready for rushing the flowering plants to early bloom. For fertilizing I believe the best substance is what the florist use. It is called "blood and bone mixture." An old gardener asked me the other day if I thought that Omar Khayyam, in his Rubaiyat, referred to this fertilizer when he wrote the following lines:

"I sometimes think that never blows so red the rose as when some buried Caesar bled," etc.

This week the Westside is calling our special attention to the great reductions *being offered in the ladies' cashmere hose* line. By the way, I see that they have moved the hosiery and underwear department to the back of the store, and made it a most attractive spot. This is an excellent idea, as one can now take one's time in choosing these different articles of apparel without being gazed at by a store full of inquisitive female shoppers. The hemstitched lawn handkerchiefs are selling for only 40 cents per dozen, and I must tell you that the W. B. corsets are advertised at $1.15 to $6.50 a pair. You *know that this is wonderfully cheap.* The D. and A. corsets are also very popular for summer wear, and are advertised from 75 cents to $3 a pair. Some very beautiful silk and cloth costumes have made their appearance, and are attracting many an admiring glance. I noticed a pretty cream voile gown which was handsomely shirred, and another one made up in the new shot silk, a green and blue effect. Light shot cloth skirts and silk coats are regarded as a coming fashion, and some dashing models are on view. A suitable present for your old nurse, I think, would be a nice large wool shawl, in black or grey. I see a number of these are marked 75 cents, originally they were $1.75 and $1.50 each. On Tuesday last the Westside held their spring opening of millinery, but on account of closing out they did not make their usual grand decorations, although the hat show was as beautiful as ever. There was a very smart pale blue French model, in graduated tucked chiffon, with chrysanthemums shading from pale green to mauve, and several New York "Maxine Elliott" hats, which are to be very much worn this season. Besides these, there were other new shapes which seem specially evolved for wearers with small, piquante features and retrousse noses. The saucily tilted forward hat, with its very elevated back, and just perched on the top of the head, is an incongruous coiffure for any woman with long face, or marked features. It is essentially Parisian, and although our milliners are bound to show the style, it is probable that it will be modified to become general. The staunched adherence which "la mode" has shown to tucks of all sizes is quite remarkable, considering her instability. Tucks represent a feature with which we are always very lothe to dispense. This season the blouses and summer gowns will be tucked as elaborately as ever. They vary from the most minute pin-tuck to the wide horizontal tuck running round the skirt, on which it is posed in the style known as "religieuse." Graduated tucks will likewise be very much "in evidence." Yes, I think, that the combination of *some shades of reds and blues is very* smart, but I do hope, Madge, that you are not going in for the "I dote on the military" sort of a costume. By this I mean a frock fashioned after the style of the one I am about to describe. The frock in question is worn by a very tall young lady who certainly seems partial to the army. It is made of dark blue serge, and the coat or blazer has collar, revers and cuffs of bright red. There is also a band of red around the bottom of the skirt. I am not quite sure that there are not brass buttons on the coat, and that a red stripe is not worn down the skie seams on the skirt. However, I am certain that the lady wears a high white collar, with a red and blue striped military tie.

And now let me tell you of some of the *pretty and artistic things I have seen in* Weiler's fascinating store. There was a window full of that pretty Bretby ware in all shapes and sizes, some of the vases are very pretty indeed, and the jardinieres, made of this ware, are decidedly quaint and artistic. I also noticed a number of fancy Venetian glass flower vases, with long delicate stems, just large enough for one or two beautiful roses. These vases, filled with flowers of any kind, make dainty decorations for a tea table. I was also much fascinated by their lovely Rozane ware; this, to my mind, surpasses all other art pottery. Its richness, graceful design and exquisite *coloring imparts the crowning touch of* ornamentation, and it lends itself ideally to any scheme of decoration. I was much tempted to invest, Madge, but I bethought me of the near approach of my birthday, and decided it would be better to drop a few hints at home, as to the different pretty novelties in this line that take my fancy.

In the jewellery line, fashion prognostications, point to the fact that the popularity of necklets and pendants is considerably on the increase, while the vogue for elbow sleeves has made bracelets quite a necessary part of a woman's toilette, and jewelled pins and combs represent other important items. I saw such a pretty fancy comb for the hair in *a jeweller's store; the design was two* jewelled mercury wings, and it would look equally smart worn with a low or high coiffure.

"BABETTE."

MR. VINCENT HARPER.

Interesting Sketch of Our Noted Author Contributed to The Week.

W. Bell, one of The Week's "constant readers"—at least we hope "constant"—sends us the following interesting little sketch of Mr. Vincent Harper, the noted author of fiction, who is a dweller in our midst:

Upon seeing a notice in the columns of The Week that the Theosophical Society was to hold a meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday evening last, when a Dr. Knapp, of Vancouver, would deliver a lecture, and that Mr. Vincent Harper was to be chairman, I, being very much interested in Theosophy and also having a curiosity to know what sort of a man Mr. Harper was, decided to go, to mark, learn and inwardly digest.

The appointed hour found me with a *fairly large audience expectantly awaiting* developments, and after the lapse of a few minutes a gentleman, neatly dressed in black, with a slight beard partly covering a chin which meant determination, with a forehead of fair height and of very good width, with a head of a notably good intellectual type, stepped upon the platform. In a very entertaining and pleasing manner he began his address by making the following statement:

In the course of a somewhat eventf life, I have been in a number of peculi positions, but none more so than this which I now find myself. I was ask to come here this evening and introdu the speaker. Now, I am not a Theos phist, and for me to introduce a Theo phist to a number of other Theosophi is in itself rather strange. But, wh was my surprise upon coming up h a few minutes ago, to be informed t Dr. Knapp had wired that he would unable to come, and that I should to deliver the lecture myself! My pr of inability was in vain, so I shall h to do what I can."

Mr. Harper then gave a very enterta *ing and instructive* address on Theoso as viewed by a layman, dwelling parti larly on the points that appeal to man of the street. He likened The phy to an oil, which caused the seem contradictions of life to work smoo and harmoniously, as one whole—as of one life. The address showed the speaker had made a very deep careful study, not only of Theoso but also of most of the world syste religion and philosophy.

Judging from this evening's lecture Harper's new book, at present i press in New York, ought to be very worth reading, and is sure to be a ciated by all who love a book worth name. W. BE

A clergyman, recently engaged another of a different belief in a troversy regarding some question o ligion, sent to a newspaper office a article supporting his side of the tion. The manuscript had been "se in type for the next day's issue. A midnight the telephone bell rang ously, the minister at the other end ing for the city editor. "I am so trouble you at such a late hour," said, "but I am in great trouble." "W can I do for you?" was asked. "I article I sent you to-day I put Da the fiery furnace. Please take hi and put him in the lion's den."

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