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THE PASSING SHOW.

A Review of Local and Foreign Events and Topics by the Editor.

PROROGATION.—On Monday last the local legislature was prorogued by His Honor Sir Henri Joli, who gave his assent to no less than sixty-seven bills, representing two months of solid work, and the provision of many facilities not hitherto enjoyed for the development of the resources of the Province. It may be urged that such an enormous addition to the Provincial statutes is calculated to encumber them, but everyone who has followed the debates, both in committee and in the house, knows that they are the result of urgent necessity, and that they only passed through the mill after being submitted to the severest criticism, and the most careful winnowing. The amendments to the Public Schools Act, the Municipal Clauses Act, and the Timber Act, all constitute important changes, rendered necessary by altered conditions, and will tend to conserve the interests of the Province whilst encouraging the legitimate work for which these measures were devised. But the outstanding fact of a strenuous session is that the McBride administration is far stronger at the close than it was at the commencement. Stronger, indeed than at any previous period in its history. It has successfully withstood the fierce onslaught in connection with the Columbia & Western land grant and the Kaien Island enquiry, and in the last week of the session was able to register a larger majority on all public divisions than at any previous time. It is a fair comment to say that it finishes up strong. This is due mainly to three facts. First, the successful handling of the finances of the Province and the hopeful statement which the Hon. Mr. Tatlow was able to make with respect to the ensuing year. Next to the successful refutation of the unfounded charges brought against the government in the Kaien Island matter. And last, but by no means least, to the growing strength of the Premier, and the increasing confidence which is being established both in the Assembly and in the Province in his ability and integrity. There were at least two occasions during the last fortnight in which the government would have gone down to defeat if the Premier had not been a man with backbone. But in pursuing a course, which his opponents said would result in disaster, he so won the admiration of his party that to a man they rallied round him, with the result that every succeeding division showed a solid majority. Both in the house and on the platform Mr. McBride has developed strength in the direction of a firm stand for statesmanlike principles as opposed to parish politics. He has dealt with vital public issues upon a broad basis, and has shown himself inflexible where matters of principle were at stake. Those who have watched matters closely believe that in this respect he has nailed his colors to the mast, and can be depended upon to maintain the firm stand he has recently taken. If so, it requires no prophet to foretell that he will retain the confidence of the public who have for so many years been looking for a Premier with principles and a backbone.

KAIEN ISLAND.—Parliament has prorogued without the McBride administration being called upon by the Lieutenant-Governor to resign, to the great disappointment of the engineers of the Kaien Island Committee. The tactics pursued by the leader of the opposition and his supporters have been sufficiently exposed in the public press, and already a revulsion of feeling is taking place as a consequence of the exaggerated and unsustained innuendoes flung at the members of the government in general, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in particular. Even the publication of the so-called minority report yielded no favorable result for its promoters, for it contained nothing in the shape of evidence which was not published broadcast at the time of the enquiry, except the opinions of Mr. J. A. Macdonald and his colleagues, which carry no weight, and were not deemed of interest by the public. The only charge which would have been important, if sustained, had reference to the illegality of the reserve and the improper advice said to have been given to the Lieutenant-Governor to induce him to sign the order-in-council. That contention has been exploded by the direct testimony of ex-Commissioner Gore and other witnesses most conversant with the conditions under which the reserve was imposed. During the course of the inquiry it became quite obvious that Mr. Macdonald was more intent on securing evidence upon which to base a suit for Rossland clients whose applications for land under South African script were refused, than to pursue the legitimate aims of the investigation. The attempt to obscure the real issue, which was the integrity of the government and the pecability of one of its members by suggesting scandalous details, in support of which no evidence was adduced, constitutes the strongest condemnation both of the spirit and the method in which the inquiry was conceived and conducted from the opposition standpoint. Unless THE WEEK is mistaken greatly, such unfair and dishonest methods will find no sympathy in the permanent judgment of the people, who will at least demand that innuendoes of the kind so freely suggested by Mr. Macdonald's cross-examination should either be substantiated or withdrawn. It would perhaps be too much to expect that they should be apologised for. In the extensive review of this whole question which has been ably conducted in the editorial columns of The Colonist, only one point remains untouched. The question has been repeatedly asked: Why did Mr. Larsen figure at all in negotiations between the Provincial government and the G.T.P.? It is clear from the evidence adduced that if Mr. Larson had taken no part in the matter we should have heard nothing of Mr. Anderson or of the many suggestions that have been made as to "the band of adventurers." THE WEEK is in a position to state what has not before been made public, viz., that the whole explanation of Mr. Larsen's connection with this transaction is that he "put up" the $5,000,000 deposited on the Western section of the G.T.P. with the Federal government. This was done at a time when the new railway company had not completed their financial arrangements, and, indeed, when it seemed doubtful whether they would be able to carry them to a successful issue. It may be remembered that at the first meeting of the G. T. Railway Company in London, the chairman, Sir Rivers Wilson, was unable to induce the shareholders to adopt the G.T. P. scheme, and the meeting had to be adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Hays. On the latter gentlemau going over, he produced so favorable an impression at the adjourned meeting that the scheme was adopted, but even then the financial difficulties were not overcome, and it is an open secret that the first issue of bonds was not well subscribed for by the public, and had to be taken up by the underwriters. The fact that Mr. Larson came to the aid of the company at its very inception and found the money to make this large deposit in accordance with the requirements of the company's charter, gave him a status in connection with the Western section of the system, which is more than sufficient to explain his connection with the Kaien Island deal, and, indeed with any business of the corporation in the West. It also accounts for him so promptly tearing up the $40,000 agreement, and for Mr. Bodwell's reiterated statement that Mr. Larsen was not looking for present advantage in his dealings with the G. T. P. Now that this, the real clueto the "band of adventurers" theory is furnished, it is easy to view the whole matter which has occasioned so much anxiety and heart-burning during the present session in a totally different light, and one which reflects no discredit upon any of the parties connected therewith.

ON THE HOG.—The West Kootenay Power and Light Company is strictly "on the hog." However much its fastidious defenders may object to the epithet, its application by THE WEEK has been more than justified by the scathing judgent of Mr. Justice Hunter and the killing of their bill in the legislature on Monday. Rarely has a judge administered such a castigation to a company. He fully vindicated the repeated charge made by the City of Nelson that there was no raison d'etre for the W. K. P. & L. Co.'s action but to harass the city, and he dissolved the injunction with costs. In the local house they fared no better. After exhausting every expedient, they were defeated in committee on the essential principle of the recognition of the vested interest of the Cascade Co. Then in the closing moments of the session they "induced" Archie Macdonald to turn his coat, dragged in the member for Slocan, and pressed the member for the Similkameen, just enabling them to vary the lause to the detriment of the Cascade Co. When it looked as if they might cripple the bill to that extent, up rose Harry Wright, the member for Ymir, and rendered the best service he has ever done in the House by blocking the third reading, and so killing the measure. It was a trying position. He was besieged on every hand to "Let up," but he resisted all blandishments, and held his ground, and to him belongs the final credit of putting the West Kootenay Power and Light Company "on the hog." If they still want the Cascade Company's plant, they will have to buy it—not beg or steal it. As well as having the merit of absolute justice, Harry Wright's action will receive he endorsation of every elector in the Ymir riding. Nemesis has at last overtaken the West Kootenay Hog.

CORNER IN WHEAT.—Of all the precious hypocrites who have been found out, the worst is, by common consent, J. D. Rockefeller, who is now hiding from the officers of the law, lest he should be compelled to disgorge any of his ill-gotten gains, or to explain how he has systematically robbed the people. John Rockefeller, Jr., is a worthy successor to his sire, who when he is not helping to swell the fabulous sum of these ill-gotten gains, is blasphemously commenting upon scriptureal teaching for the edification of a young men's Bible class. The New York Times reports a recsent address which he delivered to this class on the subject of "Joseph's Corner in Egyptian Wheat," in which he reviewed the incident from the standpoint of the Chicago pit, and analyzed it according to the most up-to-date market methods. In the light of the conduct of his senior, the concluding passage of this address is worth recording, "Let us so live that we can walk along the street and look everyone in the eye unflinchingly." Evidently the Rockefeller family have agreed to divorce profession and practice.

MORMONISM.—The disciples of Joseph Smith have hitherto observed a color line, for the latest advices show that they are branching out into the South Sea Islands, where the finest specimens of physical womanhood are to be found. Whether they are incited to this policy by the lack of white slaves for the harems of the latter day saints, or whether they have been studying the effect of race admixture on the continent, does not appear, but in either case the saints will be the gainers. By the time that a few of the new recruits have been drafted into Southern Alberta, the Federal government will begin to realize that the protest of that portion of the press which has been raising an alarm for six years was not without foundation.

MESTERN FEDERATION,— The Western Federation of Miners has driven another nail, and it should be the last, into its coffin. The murder of Steunenberg and the revelations that have followed show the existence of an organized system of murder as cruel and relentless as that of any Italian mafia or Sicilian vendetta. It was only by the merest accident that British Columbia missed contributing to the list of victims in the person of Mr. Montague Davis, the well-known mining engineer of the Kootenays. Recognition of unionism and the right of labor to organize is one thing ; recognition of organized murderers is another.

INHUMANITY. — Spencer, Campbell and the White House provide some seats for their lady assistants, but not sufficient for all. The former, in particular, has none where they are most needed. In the cause of humanity this should receive prompt attention. Spencer, who enjoys a monopoly, is of all men the least excusable for neglect of this kind. Unless remedied, the matter will be carried further.

A BELATED AMENDE,—"IF we have written anything reflecting upon or inimical to the reputation of either Mr. or Mrs. Anderson, we beg to express our unfeigned sorrow and deep regret."—Victoria Times, March 15, 1906.

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Short Story

CUPID'S CAPTIVE.

(By Leslie Moore.)

My cousin Nell has a decidedly strong will. You would not think it from a mere casual observation, for she is fair and fluffy and wears lots of laces and "flimes."

That word is my own invention, and I am proud of it? and if any man does not know its significance, let him ask his intended. She will tell him.

Now, though Nell has a strong will, my own is still stronger, and, in spite of the fact that she has refused my suit three times, I fully intend her to marry me in the end.

I thought the matter carefully over all Tuesday night, and yesterday I went for an excursion by myself up the river to a delightful old ruined castle.

I did not stay very long, but I made a few important observations.

Today was fine and warm, and I suggested that I should take Nell for an excursion in the boat.

She raised all the usual objections, which my strong will quickly removed,and finally she consented. Though she would not dream of owning it, I am convinced that she missed me yesterday.

I went on ahead, carrying the cushions and the lunch basket, telling Nell to follow when she was ready.

She said that she would just put on her hat and would not be a minute.

But I was not deceived. When Nell says she is going to put on her hat I take a novel, or go to the smoking room for a pipe. She is never less than a quarter of an hour, even without a veil.

I had arranged the cushions and had had two cigarettes before Nell put in an appearance. She was, as usual, all white muslin and fluff, with a frilly parasol.

I told her it was not a suitable frock for the river, but she only said that men know nothing at all about it.

She seated herself in the stern, and opened her parasol.

I had long ago discarded the rudder. Rowing with Nell at the helm is an art beyond my powers.

Our conversation was at first spasmodic, and then ceased, which was perhaps as well, for it was very hot and we were both a little irritable.

I was glad when I saw the ruin in sight, and we landed near a clump of trees.

After we had had our lunch we both felt happier, and our spirits rose.

"I like this," said Nell. "You were a darling to bring me, Jack."

The moment seemed propitious.

"Nell," I said, "Will you marry me?"

Nell grabbed a handful of daisies and flung them at me.

"No, silly!" she said.

"Very well," I replied contentedly, "we will see."

"We shall," laughed Nell.

"Why won't you have me?" I asked.

Nell tossed up the daisies and caught them again.

"You're so lazy," she said; "and you've no object in life."

"I've just rowed you down here on an August morning," I replied calmly, "and my object in life is to make you consent to marry me."

"Well," replied Nell deliberately, "if ever I do consent I'll keep my promise."

"I shall not forget that," I answered, as I rose. "Let's go and have a look at the castle."

Nell held out her hands and I raised her to her feet.

The courtyard of the castle was overgrown with weeds, and the main part of the building was now an utter ruin. The turret alone was in fair preservation, and I suggested that we should investigate it.

Nell, after some demur, picked up her frock, and began to ascend the winding stair. I followed. At the top was a room with a small but heavy door, the bolts of which were on the outside. The windows were mere slits, through which a hand could hardly pass.

Nell went up to one of them to look out.

I slipped back across the room and out thsough the door. The next moment it was shut and the bolt pushed to. I heard Nell run across the room.

"Jack," she called out, "don't be so silly! Undo the door."

"Nell," I said, quietly. "Will you marry me?"

"No, I won't," she cried, and I could hear that she was angry.

"Very well," I answered, "then the door stays shut."

Nell did not reply, and there was a pause.

Then she spoke.

"Jack, what are you doing?"

"Sitting on the stairs," I replied.

"How long are you going to stay there?"

"Till you agree to marry me," I answered.

"Then I guess you'll stay there till you're a fixture," she retorted; and I heard her move away from the door.

I took out my pipe, lit it, and then waited. After a while she came back again.

"Jack, do open the door."

"Will you promise?" I asked.

"Is it likely?" she answered. "What should I do with a husband with a temper like yours?"

"I should have an equally obstinate wife," I replied, coolly; "that would balance matters."

"Jack, I hate you," she cried.

"Nell, I love you," I answered.

There was another pause.

"Jack, if you will open the door I will give you an answer."

"You've given me that one four times," I replied.

"Perhaps it will be a different one this time."

"There must be no 'perhaps' in the matter," I returned.

"When I get out of here I will never speak to you again," she cried.

An hour passed away and then I heard Nell near the door once more.

"Jack, it must be getting late, and mamma doesn't know where I am."

"You are in quite safe keeping," I answered.

I heard her stamp her foot.

"Jack, if I don't go home soon, what will people say?"

"The usual kind of thing," I replied calmly.

"I'll never forgive you," she said passionately.

"Will you marry me?" I asked again.

"No! NO! NO!" she cried, and once more I heard her retreat from the door.

Another hour passed, and the stairs were hard, but I stuck manfully to my post.

"Jack," I heard Nell's voice once more, "doesn't it strike you that you are a coward?"

"On the contrary," I replied, "it strikes me that I am a man of determination."

"But I am not a woman of determination," she answered, and her voice broke with a little sob.

I sprang up and opened the door.

"Nell!" I cried, as I caught her in my arms, "I was a brute—an utter brute; but, darling, I did want you so very much."

"It was the very silliest way to try and get me, then," she answered, with her head on my shoulder; "for if I didn't love vou, Jack, I really would never speak to you again."

Why Nell refused me four times is a problem which I have not yet solved.

THE BEAUTIFUL SOUL AND HER FRIEND'S CONFESSION.

(From Mueller's "Deutsche Liebe.")

Only—but this is rare—
When a beloved hand is laid in ours,
When, jaded with the rush and glare
Of the interminable hours,
Our eyes can in an other's eyes read clear,
When our world-deafened ear
Is by the tones of a loved voice caressed,
A bolt is shot back somewhere in our breast,
And a lost pulse of feeling stirs again.
The eye sinks inward and the heart lies plain
And what we mean, we say, and what we would, we know.
A man becomes aware of his life's flow,
And hears its winding murmurs, and he sees
The meadow where it glides, the sun, the breeze.

And there arrives a lull in the hot race
Wherein he doth forever chase
That flying and elusive shadow, rest.
An air of coolness plays upon his face,
And an unwonted calm pervades his breast.
And then he thinks he knows
The hills where his life rose,
And the sea where it goes.

Debarred.

Tramp—It is needless to ask you the question, madame. You know what I want.

Lady—Yes, I know what you want badly, but I've only one bar of soap in the house, and the servant is using it. Come again some other time.

OLLA PODRIDA

From Missouri.

They were discussing America generally, and one man remarked that he could always tell what part of the country he was in by the class of matches he found on the bedroom table in the morning (which is pretty nearly a fact).

"Why," said a Yankee, "I can tell at a glance what State a man comes from, from the looks of him. Now, I am willing to bet that that gentleman comes from my own State, Missouri."

"The gentleman is wrong, but the mistake is excusable," replied the stranger, "for I've been ill."

A Costly Pet.

He took her out to supper, and wanted to do things proper—on the cheap. So he whispered to the waiter: "What's the lowest for one of those bottles in a basket?"

Rock a Bye Baby.

Edison is a bit of a wag in his way, and he knows how to choke off too inquisitive visitors to his laboratory.

"What is that?" inquired an interviewer, pointing to a queer-looking model.

"That," replied the inventor, gravely, "is a motor to run by sound. You attach it to a cradle, and the louder the baby howls the faster the cradle rocks. I ought to make a fortune out of that; don't you think so?"

Obeying the Command.

It was the time allotted for physical exercise at a certain provincial board school, and a line of little boys was ranged down the centre of the playground. "Toe the line," was the command.

A shufflling of feet indicated obedience.

The master inspected the line approvingly, until his eyes rested on an urchin so far behind the others as to be almost out of sight.

"Jenkins," he cried, "why don't you toe the line?"

"Pleath, thir," he lisped, "I am toeing it, but I've got dad'th booth on."

He was excused.

Quite Believed It.

Once there was a very stupid and very rude Scotch judge, who, when a celebrated advocate was arguing before him, pointed with one forefinger to one of his ears, and with the other to the opposite one.

"You see this," he said.

"I do, my lord," said the advocate.

"Well, your pleading just goes in here and comes out there."

"I do not doubt it, my lord," said the advocate. "What is there to prevent it?"

A Little Too Willing.

He—And you will elope with me tonight?

She—I will.

He—What will your parents do?

She—They will wait until we come back, and then give us their blessing.

He—I'm a little afraid they won't.

She—Indeed they will. They have both promised.

To Sicken Her.

He—There is a certain young lady deeply interested in me, and while I like her, you know, still I never could love her. I want to put an end to it without breaking the poor girl's heart. Can you suggest any plan?

She—Do you call there often?

He—No, indeed; not any oftener than I can possibly help.

She—Call oftener.

"Women are the weaker sex," says Ian Maclaren, "and in the arrangements of creation the weaker animals have always held their own against the stronger by trickery."

Useful for Something.

A lady who kept one of the curly abominations, recently lost her pet and called upon a policeman to find it.

The next day the officer came with the dog, which was very wet and dirty.

The lady was overjoyed, and asked forty silly questions; among others, "Where did you find the dear baby?"

"Why, ma'am," replied the officer, "a man up in Sullivan street had him tied to a pole, and was washing the windows with him."

Mrs. Langtry on Audiences.

An actress never knows in America whether she is being successful,except by the booking-office, for the people are most undemonstrative. Whereas, when an English audience is pleased, they simply rise at you.

Freehand or Model?

A school teacher one day, during the hour for drawing, suggested to her pupils that each draw what he or she would like to be when grown up. At the end of the lesson one little girl showed an empty slate. "Why," said the teacher, "isn't there anything you would like to be when you grow up?" "Yes," said the little girl, "I would like to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."—Life.

A Happy Medium.

"Was their marriage a success?"

"Oh, yes; through it they both met others whom they really loved."

Conclusive.

Street Car Conductor—So you think you ought to ride for half fare?

Little Edith—Yes, sir; I'm a twin.

Ruinous Devilled Kidneys.

Eighty per cent of women would have lovely milk-and-rosy complexions if they only kept to a simple nursery diet. But directly a girl comes out, she kicks over health traces and starts on devilled kidneys and Welsh rarebits, etc., at supper after the play. And then the trouble with her skin begins.—Health.

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"It is precisely in respect of moral culture that our educational system—in Great Britain at least—betrays its worst defect. A formal alliance exists between the church and the school; but this alliance, in spite of the inseparable connection between religion and ethics has failed, so far, to be productive of any combined and determined effort to build up the character of the people. For religion itself has drifted away from its ethical basis; hence "religious teaching" has come to mean anything and everything except the one thing it ought to mean. All kinds of side issues—some of them none too creditable to the parties concerned—have been suffered to obscure the central purpose of education. We have made idols of our theological jealousies and ecclesiastical divisions, and in blind devotion to these have trusted to scraps of doctrinal patter to form the manhood of the race, and to save us from being as Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment. In how many of the schools of the people are the lessons of private and social duty being effectively taught? How many make it their aim to teach the elements of self-respect and self-control? Where do we find a higher place given to courtesy, self-subordination, temperance, courage, filial piety, than to the Latin accidence or "the requirements of the code"? Where is it taught as a daily lesson—as a truth never to be forgotten by poor man or rich—that there are objects and occasions in the presence of which life is to be counted as nothing worth, and freely offered in sacrifice? Bushido—the virtue of the warrior—may be a poor thing—I do not think so—but what would one give for a breath of Bushido among the vicious and anæmic youths who throng the lighted thoroughfares of our great towns among the idle rich, among the drunken thousands of Glasgow, Liverpool. Birmingham or the East End."—The Hibbert Journal on "The Moral Supremacy of Christendom."

Passing of the Horse Omnibus.

At the general meeting of the London Road Car Company, on Monday, the chairman finally admitted the futility of horse-drawn vehicles endeavoring to compete with motor-omnibuses. As a consequence of a falling off in receipts, the older omnibus companies are, in several instances, making fresh issues of capital in order to finally substitute the mechanically propelled vehicles for all the old omnibuses.

Hero of a Daring Charge.

The death is announced at the age of seventy-six of Baker Pasha, V.C. (Major-General Charles George Baker), for many years head of the Egyptian police.

It was while he was a subaltern in the Bengal police during the Indian mutiny that he gained the Victoria Cross for charging at the head of only sixty horsemen and scattering a force of 1,000 infantry, fully armed and backed up by a troop of cavalry—an action which was described by Lord Clyde as "the most gallant of any during the war."

Dean Swift and "Stella."

Considerable interest has been aroused by the statement that a hitherto unpublished letter has been discovered in the library at Christ Church, Oxford, in which it is clearly shown that Dean Swift was married to "Stella."

The Very Rev. Dr. Bernard, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin, threw some new light on the matter in the course of a lecture in the Royal Dublin Society's Theatre on Friday.

It was not possible to say with certainty that they were married, said Dr. Bernard, but he considered the evidence of the marriage was very strong. There was no doubt that "Stella" must have looked forward to a closer union even while Swift was diverting himself in London with the unhappy Vanessa.

Dr. Bernard said he had seen an unpublished letter, written in 1723, which showed that at the time of writing it was common report that Swift and "Stella" were man and wife.

$1,500,000 for Charities.

A remarkable discovery has been made in connection with the bequests of the late Baron Inverclyde of Castle Wemyss, Wemyss Bay, Renfrewshire, who died on October 8, 1905.

By a will dated March 20, 1901, his lordship left the whole of his estate absolutely to his wife. But a document in his own handwriting on three sheets of paper, dated Reaseheath Hall, Nantwich, November 9, 1902, was found in a handbag at his office in Jamaica street, London, superseding the prior will.

By this new will, which has been confirmed, the testator left estate to the Merchants' House of Glasgow, for the creation of a fund to be known as the Inverclyde Bequest, the income from such fund to be allocated annually to charities or institutions connected with seamen.

Two-fifths of the income realised will be apportioned to seamen's charities in Scotland, one-fifth to Liverpool and Manchester, one-fifth to Belfast, and one-fifth to New York and Boston.

It is expected that these charities will ultimately benefit through the bequests by a capital sum of £300,000.

Love's Young Dream.

A speaker at the meeting of the London Association for the Protection of Trade declared that "gentlemen" who were about to be married had on occasions written to ask the association about the financial standing of their intended wives!

The Apotheosis of Mr. Burns.

Prominent at Lady Campbell-Bannerman's reception was Mr. John Burns, resplendent in his official gold-laced uniform. It is said that this is the first time the member for Battersea has worn a high collar. He bore himself well in the new garb, but had to bear with much chaff, of the good-humored kind, of course, from the other guests.

"Little England" Bourbons.

Mr. Winston Churchill has lost no time in notifying us that the Colonial Conference has been postponed, and that when it assembles the government will refuse to consider preferential trade within the Empire. Thus an early intimitation is given that the "Little England" school has not changed for the better. These gentlemen are like the Bourbons; they never learn and they never forget. However conditions may alter, they stand where they were fifty years ago.—Mail and Empire, Toronto.

Very "Neat."

The "smart set" have got hold of another neat expression. "You must pull your socks up" is the latest form of saying "Never mind," or "Pull yourself together." The other day, at a bridge dinner, it was amusing and a sign of times to hear a certain youthful eldest son recommend a dowager countess of seventy to "pull her socks up."—Onlooker.

Unliterary England.

I have had in my time in perambulating England, for political orations or other purposes, to mingle much among what are called the upper middle classes, and I was constantly appalled at the shocking trumpery I found on the book shelves of those who were kind enough to entertain me on those occasions.—John Morley, in The Critic, New York.

Misplaced Melancholy.

We often deplore the degeneracy of the times in which we live, but there certainly never was an age when more efforts were made for the reformation of society, for the alleviation of distress, for the cure of anomalies, and the eradication of various forms of social evil.—Canon Newbolt, in The Guardian.

Swan-Neck Beauties.

Among the Padaungs from the Karenni and Shan States, recently inspected by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the swan-neck is esteemed so great a mark of beauty that extraordinary pains are taken to acquire it. As early as possible in the life of the female infant, brass rods, about a third of an inch in diameter, are coiled around the neck and are added to periodically so as to keep the neck in a constant state of tension. The longer the neck the greater the beauty, and some of the Padaungs carried from twenty to twenty-five coils.—Mail, Madras.

How French Women Score.

A French woman has a happy knack of making a little attraction and a little intellect go very far. The Englishwoman, endowed, as a rule, with infinitely more physical beauty and far more mental profundity, is lamentably ignorant of the art of making the most of herself.—Ladies' Field.

Our Social Craze.

Jiu-jitsu appears to be the new craze for ladies in society as well as for men. Miss Toupie Lowther is now taking lessons in the art from a Japanese wrestler, and the Baroness de Meyer also intends to be instructed in the gentle art of twisting an adversary's neck with a dexterous twist of the wrist.—Vanity Fair.

Investors and Canada.

The fact that the twentieth century belongs to Canada, as the nineteenth belonged to the United States, has at last been grasped by the British investor, who sees that the gigantic driving force of the great vital industries on which modern civilization was based is behind every sound and well-managed Canadian undertaking.—Canada.

How We Are Ruled.

For the present the British Empire is in the hands of the party wire-puller, the ignorant and indolent voter, and the political candidate who is striving to squeeze his wife into the broadening spheres of aristocracy.—Harold Begbie, in London Magazine.

Sunday Golf.

Llandudno is being agitated on the question of Sunday golf. The lessee of the North Wales Golf Club has received intimation from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the owners of the land, that they cannot renew the lease except with a clause prohibiting Sunday golf. The town, it is stated, makes £20,000 annually from those who come to play golf at week-ends, and the prohibition of Sunday golf would mean the loss of that sum.

Slanderous Sermons.

The Rev. C. Williams, rector of the parish of Tedstone-Delamere, Worcester, was mulcted in £100 damages for slander at the Worcester assizes. The complainant was Mr. Charles Bowers, the steward of an estate, and the slander complained of was to the effect that Mr. Bowers gambled and drank and deceived his employer. It was uttered in conversation in the church porch and in sermons.

John Burns Says "Marry Quickly."

Mr. John Burns, who holds that bachelorhood must not be encouraged, has recently given some matrimonial council to one member of his staff at the Local Government Board offices. The other day he asked one of the clerks, "What is your salary?"

On being told, and seeing that it was large enough to maintain a wife and family, he asked, "Are you married?"

"No," was the reply.

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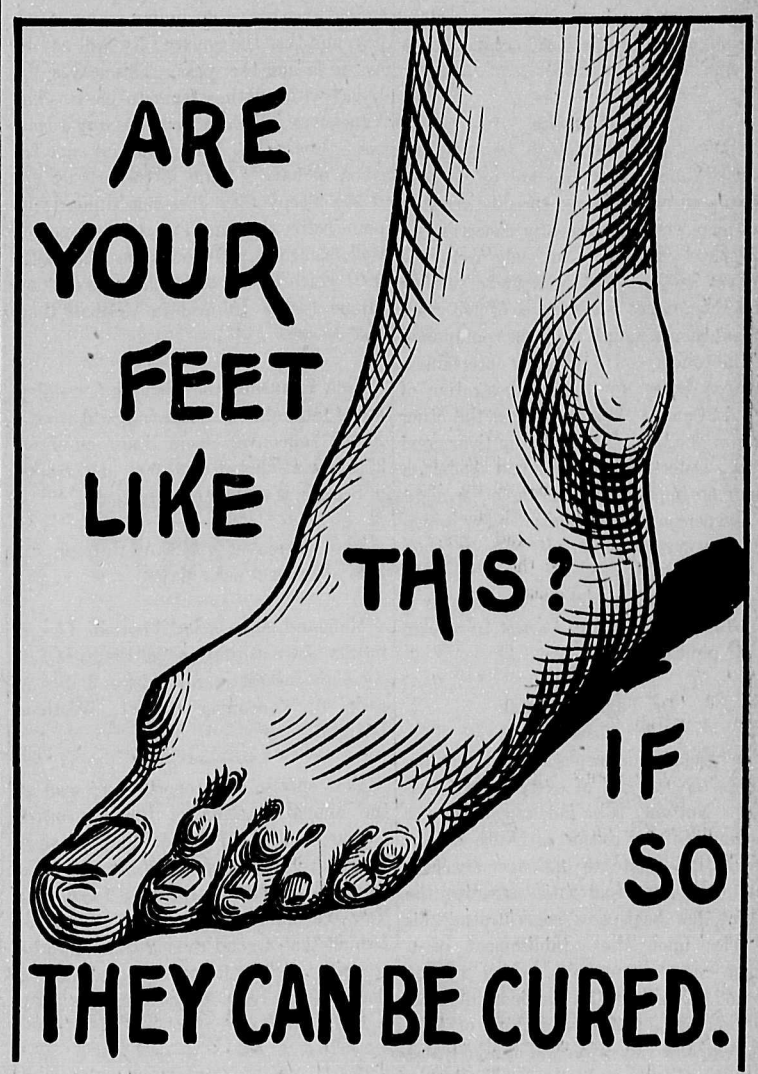

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VANCOUVER

As to "Scorching."

A prominent citizen has brought himself within the clutches of the law by scorching in Stanley Park with an automobile. This is of all offences the least defensible, because it is always a menace to life and limb, and has no redeeming feature. So many people have been killed or injured by the recklessness of rich automobilists that in England the law is enforced with the utmost strictness, and the result is that scorching is almost unknown. This is driving the hobbyists to construct special tracks for high speed demonstrations, on which the experimentalists can only kill each other. There is plenty of room in Canada for a similar solution of the difficulty. Automobiling is the luxurious pastime of the few, and therefore should not be permitted to endanger either the safety or comfort of the many.

Punishment Fits Crime.

There is no more reprehensible practice than that of selling liquor to a drunken man. Such an offence is as injurious to the trade as it is offensive to public morals, and the fine of $50 inflicted on Charles Schwan, proprietor of the New Fountain Hotel, is a case in which the punishment fits the crime. The false move cost him altogether $105, which left no margin of profit on the transaction.

The Glanders.

The owners of horses in Vancouver were not sorry to hear that Dr. Moore had been recalled to Ottawa by the government. Whatever this may ultimately mean, it puts an end for the moment to the wholesale slaughter of horses in progress. If it leads to the substitution of a more definite test for the disease, the agitation which has been aroused in certain sections of the Province will not haye been in vain.

Swift Justice.

The Vancouver police are to be congratulated on having so speedily arrested the men who were recently concerned in the jewel robbery. Not only were the thieves arrested, but brought to justice; and Hazard got his sentence of five years in less than a month from the commission of the robbery. He probably entertains a greater respect for the administration of law in Canada than he had on the other side of the line. Following up their good work, Detectives Jackson and Anderson made an important arrest the other night in the person of one Thomas Taylor, wanted on a charge of murder. It certainly looks as if the Vancouver police were waking up, and not a minute too soon, for it will take more than one arrest to redeem their reputation.

Dr. Fagan's Appeal.

Dr. Fagan is doing a good work, and deserves the support of every loyal Canadian. Not only is he indefatigable in the discharge of his duties as health officer, where they relate to drainage, sewerage and other municipal works affecting the Island, but he is now concentrating his energies upon the establishment of a Home for Consumptives, which will be started this year in the Kamloops district. Victoria has guaranteed a grant of $750 per year, and Vancouver will be asked, and will undoubtedly make, a contribution in the same ratio—that is, $30 per thousand of population. The Coast cities will be the largest contributors of patients to any such institutions, and it is therefore fitting that their donations should be correspondingly large.

Reprehensible Journalism.

The Vancouver World is using a red ink scare head on its front page, and the enterprising understudy who is responsible for its wording is easily the most blood-curdling artist in Canada. If that be the object of the editur, he has certainly achieved success. A string of these head lines for a week would constitute an admirable advertisement for the chamber of horrors, and, since this paper is now a qualified one in the field of yellow journalism, THE WEEK would suggest the substitution of ink of that color. The most striking feature, however, of all the scare heads is that they bear no relation whatever to the truth of the matter which they profess to elucidate, and this is rather a bad record for a paper which boldly proclaims, immediately under its title, that it is "The paper that prints the facts." The condemnation under which it fell in the legislative assembly on Friday last may not be productive of any reformation on the part of The World, but the scathing denunciation of the Premier will undoubtedly have the effect of directing public attention to the advent of yellow journalism into British Columbia of a kind which is as reprehensible as it is illiterate.

Sporting News

Vancouver lost five of six games in the International Bowling League this week. Bellingham had the winning team, and the Vancouver players made a sorry showing. Kundegraber, the Bellingham captain, rolled some high scores. While watching one of the games in the Vancouver alleys, I was struck by the large number of small boys who were allowed to hang around there after ten o'clock at night. Most of these youngsters were smoking cigarettes, but whether or not they purchased their tobacco at the alley cigar stand, I cannot say. One thing is certain, the proprietors of the alleys should take care to exclude these little fellows after ten p. m., and while they are allowed in they should not be allowed to smoke. If some parents would take a little more interest in their children, they would not get into such bad habits.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster Lacrosse Club will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening next. The date for the annual meeting of the Vancouver Club has not yet been set.

Will the Pacific Northwest Baseball League be formed this year? Vancouver is out of it, and now Everett has announced that even pennant winning teams do not pay, and that the Smoky City will not be in the league this year. This leaves Mr. Lucas with another team to place. The Vancouver franchise went to Gray's Harbor. Lucas has been counting on Tacoma to have a team in the league, but if the Sleepy City does not support the team better than the Tigers of last year—well, someone will lose more than $12,000, which is said to be the amount that Mique Fisher dropped in baseball there last season.

Sinc Swanson, the Nanaimo wrestler-miner, and Matsuda, the Jap, will wrestle in the Vancouver Opera House on March 27th, for a side bet of $1,000. Dr. Roller, of Seattle, is spoken of as referee.

The Vancouver Y.M.C.A. Harriers will hold a big meet next May.

Mainland Association Football League results last Saturday in the Empire Charity Cup contest were: Celtics 2, Shamrocks 0: Vancouver City 1, Westham Island 0.

Most encouraging reports were read at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Rowing Club, held last Monday evening. The club is taking steps to arrange for a permanent course on Burnaby Lake, near New Westminster. Should this be done, I think that a good rowing club could be organized in the Royal City and bear a share of the cost of clearing the new course.

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club held a special meeting in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening, and adopted a new set of flags. In future there will be a crown on the club's burgee, and also on the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore's flags, to denote that the club has a royal warrant. These flags are to be flown at the masthead by the proper officials, and the blue ensign will fly at the peak of all yachts which are duly registered and have been granted admiralty warrants.

The annual meeting of New Westminster Gun Club was held on Nonday evening, and the following officers were elected for the ensiung year: President, Hon. W. N. Bole; Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Vidal; Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Hacking; Secretary, Mr. Guy Johnstone; Captain, Mr. George Cunningham; Solicitor, Mr. J. P. H. Bole. The club will hold a trap shoot on Good Friday.

The Mount Pleasant Gun Club's annual meeting was held last Friday evening. The reports for the coming season are most encouraging.

The Victoria Senior Hockey team defeated Vancouver last Saturday by 4 goals to 1 in the final league game of the season. The Garrison wins the championship for this year.

The annual Spring Open Bench Show of the Coast clubs will in a few weeks commence. These annual events are of interest to all the Coast kennel clubs and to all owners of dogs. The Coast can now boast of numerous thoroughbred dogs, who can hold their own in any open show on the continent. The best judges are always engaged, the classes are numerous, and prizes—cups, specials, etc.—are donated by the citizens of the Coast cities in a Kost encouraging manner. The Vancouver Kennel Club has the honor of holding the largest show on the Coast, and it is expected that this year it will make its third annual event a banner show. Over 70 cups and trophies have been already donated, and besides these there are numerous specials contributed by Vancouver merchants, who always willingly and liberally assist local sports. The dates for the circuit shows are now finally settled, and are as follows :

Vancouver	May 9 to 12
Victoria	May 16 to 19
Seattle	May 23 to 26
Portland	May 30 to June 2
San Francisco	June 6 to 9

All are working in harmony, and this year each club expects banner shows. The Bench Show Committee of the Vancouver Club is working hard towards success. Mr. George Borradaile, of Medicine Hal, has been engaged to judge all setters, pointers, retrievers, Irish water spaniels, Clumber spaniels, and Springer's spaniels. The other judge will be finally selected in a few days.

The judge for Victoria is H. O. Payne, of San Francisco, and Mr. James Cole, of New York, will act as judge at Seattle.

—CANUCK.

VANCOUVER SOCIAL

Mr. G. M. Champion returned from Harrison Hot Springs Thursday, where he spent the past three weeks for his health.

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A quiet wedding took place on Friday evening at the First Congregational Manse, when Miss Henrietta Louise Cherry was wedded to Mr. George William Kuppler, of Seattle. Rev. John Simpson officiated.

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The wedding was solemnized Saturday evening at the First Presbyterian Manse, of Mr. George H. Adams and Miss mary Nannah Sharpe, both of this city. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Dr. Fraser.

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Mrs. M. K. Bowman (nee Harford) held her post-nuptial reception at her home, Thirteenth avenue west, on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

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Mr. Hugh Campbell, one of the lacrosse club's most prominent supporters, left on Monday for Crofton, where he will reside in the future.

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A very successful bridge party was given by Mrs. J. W. Kerr on Wednesday evening. Those present were : Mr. and Mrs. D. G. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Senkler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Billings, and Mrs. W. Hutchins.

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Miss Robertson, Burrard street, entertained at bridge on Tuesday evening.

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Mrs. R. H. C. Green made a charming hostess at bridge on Tuesday afternoon. Among the guests present were : Mrs. D. G. MacDonald, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. O. Plunkett, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. J. W. McFarland, Mrs. J. C. Donald, Mrs. G. Coleman Mrs. J. W. Kerr, Mrs. M. T. Quigley, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. J. G. Woods, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. W. Ferrier, Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. H. Senkler.

A very jolly time was spent on Tuesday evening, when the members of the Killarney Progressive Pedro Club, with a number of their friends, gathered in the O'Brien Hall to enjoy the usual fortnightly dance given by the club. Nearly one hundred people were present to enjoy a lengthy programme of popular dances.

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The Benedicts' Club held its regular fortnightly assembly in the O'Brien Hall on Friday night. Quite a number were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

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Mrs. Osborne Plunkett entertained at the tea hour on Sunday.

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Mrs. John Burns gave a large at home at her residence, Barclay street, on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Frances, who has been her guest for quite a while. All present spent a most delightful afternoon.

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Invitations have been issued by the members of the Orange Young Britons Lodge, No. 91, for a prize masquerade ball, to be held on Wednesday, March 21st, in O'Brien Hall.

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Mrs. C. J. Brown, of Burnaby street, who has moved to Pender street, will be at home on the fourth Wednesday of each following month.

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A merry dance was enjoyed by the members of the Eureka Dancing Club in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday night.

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A quiet yet handsome wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Anna Latimer, Burrard street, on Wednesday, when her daughter, Anna Kathleen, was wedded to Mr. D. Dermott Rolston. Rev. Mr. Prescott, of the Wesley Church, officiated. The bride was prettily gowned in pastel grey reseda broadcloth, with a hat to match. Madame Yulisse(aunt of the ride) played the wedding music, and at the end of the ceremony sang "God of Love, Bless This Union." The bride's resents were both cotsly and beautiful, and were chiefly cut glass and silver. Mr and Mrs. Rolston will reside in their flat on Granville street, after a short visit to cities along the Coast.

VICTORIA SOCIAL

The social event of the week has been, as far as I can make out, the Amateurs' performance at the Victoria Theatre, "All the Comforts of Home," which was given in aid of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital on Monday and Tuesday. The company was trained by Mr. Irving Beers, who is to be congratulated on the result of his hard work. The parts were all very well taken, so much so that it would be impossible to pick out any special ones. Those taking part were: Hon. F. and Mrs. Hood, Misses Sehl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. H. Garnett, Mr. Piggott, Mr. Rhodes, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Agnes McKay, Miss Green, Mr. Basil Prior, and Mr. Arthur Gore. On the second night Mrs. Ohlandt sang a solo between the first and second acts.

The theatre was very well decorated with flags and evergreens, which was most effective and made a very pretty picture to the stage and striking costumes of the Jung ladies taking part.

Amongst those who witnessed this very pleasing entertainment were noticed: Mr. had Mrs. P. E. A. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Piggott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piggott, Mrs. Olandt, Mrs. and Miss Newling, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Courtnay, Mr. and Mrs. Cambell McCallum, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Whiting, Mrs. Beaugart, Mrs. and Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Cobbett, Miss Cobbett, Miss Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mrs. and Miss McQnade, Mr. E. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. W. Langley, Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Arundell, Mr. Pander, Mrs. and Miss K. Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mr. Cecil Ewart, Mr. E. Harvey, Misses Devereux, Mr. Kerwin, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fraser, Mrs. and Misses Pooley, Mr. Fell, Mrs. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gore, Miss Arbuckle, Miss Jessie Prior, Mrs. Lawson, Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. and Misses Croft, Miss Moresby, Miss Saunders, Miss Edwards, Mr. J. Bridgeman, Miss Angus, Mr. Green and son, Mr. D. Leeming, Miss McKenzie, Mr. J. Cambie, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Creighton, Miss Steele, Miss M. Henderson, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Misses Hickey, Capt. and Mrs. Wright, Capt. Williams, Miss Drake, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Lester, Miss Macdonald, Miss Bell, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. W. Langley, Miss Langley, Mr. Pollen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pemberton, Mrs. Baiss, Mr. and Miss Bullen, Miss Holmes, Misses McKae, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mr. Williams, Mr. H. D. Helmcken.

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Mrs. (Dr.) Fagan returned on Sunday from a visit to friends in Vancouver and New Westminster.

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Mrs. H. D. Helmcken left last week for San Francisco to visit her daughter.

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Mr. J. S. Clute, of New Westminster, is spending a few days in town, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Fagan.

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Mr. Cecil Drake is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Wallace, Scoresby street.

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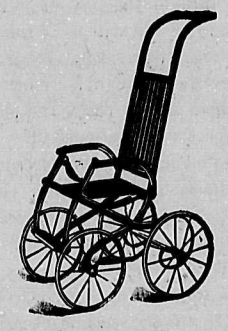

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Dr. and Mrs. H. Anderson, of William Head, spent Wednesday in town.

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Miss Adelaide King is visiting her sister, Mrs. Keith Wilson, of Salt Spring Island.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Kerr left last Saturday for California on a few weeks' holiday.

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Mr. Cecil Ewart returned this week from the Northwest, and is registered at the Balmoral.

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Mrs. (Dr.) Davis, Nanaimo, who has been visiting Mrs. Stanton, Menzies street, left for her home on Wednesday.

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Miss Holmes, of Duncans, is visiting Miss Bullen, Esquimalt road.

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Mr. Beauchamp Pincler returned on Monday from England.

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Mr. A. F. Griffiths is confined to the house with a very severe attack of influenza.

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Mrs. C. M. Roberts entertained at bridge on Friday afternoon.

For next week Manager Jamieson has arranged an all-star programme, comprising Muller & Chum, expert hoop controllers; Miss Marie Laurens, prima donna soprano, late of the Bostonians and Ellery's Roya,l Italian Band; Stoddart & Wilson, in a comedy musical act, entitled, "The Rat Catcher"; D. C. Broderick, "The Tall Pine Tattler," in monologue and song; Jessika, "The Kentucky Variety Girl," in song and stories; Frank Smith, in the illustrated song, "Back Among the Clover and the Bees," and a new line of Moving Pictures. Mr. Nagell's overture for next week will be the "Valse Fantasie," by J. H. Rogers. There will be a matinee on Monday afternoon with the full show.

The Stock Show.

The sale of pure-bred live stock and spring stallion show, to be held on the 21st and 22nd inst. at New Westminster, is receiving very liberal patronage. The entries in all departments are daily increasing, so that a good show is assured. Secretary Logan has returned from a visit to New Westminster, where he has been superintending arrangements for the accommodation of stock and the comforts of all who attend. Special attention is directed to the auction sale of the whole of the stock on the second day. Numerous inquiries are pouring in from allover. the Province with reference to the en tries

NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Westminster.

The wave of prosperity now sweeping across this Province has reached New Westminster, which for some years past has shown little progress. The city assessment for the year is considerably higher than last, in consequence of greater activity in building. The total value now exceeds $5,000,000, of which $3,301,690 was assessable; the unassessable property including that which belongs to the city, the Dominion government and various charities. The advent of the Great Northern Railway system there and the impending construction of the V., V. & E. Railway will undoubtedly result in increased activity and prosperity in the Royal borough.

Those Booster Clubs.

Spokane started the game with an 100,000 club. Nelson followed with 20,000, then Vancouver joined with 100,000, and now Kamloops, which at the present time can only boast of 3,000, has registered its ambition in a 10,000 club; Revelstoke is considering the matter. It looks as if within a short time every city in British Columbia, with more than 2,000 inhabitants, will have a "booster club." The more the merrier. There is plenty of room for the clubs and the millions who may be expected to be brought here through their agency, but THE WEEK would again urge the subject of organization. Nelson has tackled this important branch of the subject in a thorough and finished manner. The most influential and wealthy citizens have joined, and are taking active part, not merely in talking, but in working. The president, Mr. F. M. Black, is the district manager of P. Burns & Co., and one of the most capable and respected men in the Kootenay. A feature of the programme mapped out by Nelson is that men of position in the city have been asked to contribute articles to a general write-up. The appeal has been responded to by so many that when Nelson publishes its booklet every branch of the subject will be thoroughly set forth, not in the usual exaggerated and booming style of land company and townsite agents, but in a substantial and reliable manner. It may be a little early for the suggestion, and local jealousy may stand in the way, but there should ultimately be an amalgamation of all these clubs to the extent of developing upon similar lines, and under a common policy. The press is daily teeming with evidences of the appalling ignorance of outsiders in respect to everything connected with this Province.

Fanatic or Madman.

The Grand Forks Sun ruminates in the following words upon the member for Nanaimo: "Hawthornthwaite, in championing the bill handing over some 800,000 acres of land in Yale district to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, declared that he did not care if every acre of land in the Province were given to corporations; in fact, this course would be the best, as it would arouse the workingmen to a true sense of their duty. These are the words of a fanatic or madman—if there is any distinction in the meaning of the two words—and not of a sane man who has been elected to office to guard the people's interests."

Glanders in Okanogan.

The protest of the Okanogan farmers against the wholesale destruction of horses supposed to be suffering from glanders has received some justification in the action of the Dominion government in withdrawing the veterinary inspector from Vancouver and recalling him to Ottawa. This only took place after horses to the value of $75,000 had been destroyed in and around the Terminal City. This action is said to be due to the fact that close scientific inquiry tends to increase the doubt as to the absolute reliability of mallein as a test for this pestiferous disease. It seems that the process adopted is the injection of mallein into animals supposed to be suffering, and if the result is that the temperature rises two degrees the horses are destroyed after three tests. This is altogether too technical a subject upon which to speak with any degree of assurance. The law must be obeyed, and as long as the mallein test received the approval of the expert government advisers, there was no alternative but to accept its conclusions. Now, however, that a reasonable doubt has arisen, the matter should be authoritatively dealt with.

Granby's Great Record.

No industry in the Province has made more rapid strides than that of smelting, and among smelters Granby is easily first. It has established a record for three things—treating the largest tonnage, producing the cheapest copper, and paying the largest dividends. Its capacity is 3,000 tons of ore a day, its cost of copper is 9 cents a pound, and its profits reach $175,000 a month with copper at 18 cents. The earnings are now at the rate of 15 per cent on the common stock, and shares stand at $11.50. Mr. S. H. C. Miner sold out his interest two years ago for $3.50 a share. The Yankees outwitted him.

Kaslo Apples Are All Right.

Kaslo apples have again caught the eye of a compeetent judge. Mr. James Waugh, editor of the agricultural section of The Free Press, who recently visited Kaslo, says the fruit raised there is "unsurpassed in any other section of the Dominion."

Nanaimo Scores Its Member.

The Midway Star is not alone in its inability to explain the extraordinary attitude adopted by Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite in the Provincial assembly. Whatever the peculiar and particular tenets of Socialism may be, it is generally conceded that tht main object of that cult is to advance the interests and ameliorate the conditions of the working and poorer classes. Yet, as pointed out by our contemporary, Mr. Hawthornthwaite invariably registers his vote in favor of capitalistic enterprises. THE WEEK is not objecting to this because it has any sympathy with Mr. Hawthornthwaite or his views, but, like The Midway Star, it is unable to reconcile the action of the honorable member with his profession. In view of the severe rating which he received at the hands of his party in Nanaimo last week, it is said that Mr. Hawthornthwaite will not again be invited to stand for that constituency, but that he is anxious to secure nomination for Victoria. Hence his explanation that the defeat of Mr. Marcon may be attributed to the fact that "we did not support him."

The Curfew Bell.

Although there is no curfew bell in Victoria these days, the good old custom is still observed in most of the Kootenay cities, including Nelson, Greenwood and Grand Forks, which leads a local paper to reflect as follows: "What is the matter with parents that it should be necessary to have a curfew? Surely the majority of people who have children have some desire to see their offspring brought up in the way they should go, and none can attend to that better than the parents themselves. There is grumbling about the drunkenness, immorality, etc., of the present time, but can anything else be expected when children are left to the tender mercies of the curfew, a relic of a bygone age, instead of to their parents? The good old cane, properly administered for disobedience, is worth a dozen curfews." It is refreshing to find that there is still one paper in Canada with the courage to admit that the rising generation might be better for an occasional "whacking."

Shatford's Good Service.

The Hedley Gazette rejoices at the fact that the Similkameen riding has been generously treated in the matter of government appropriations. This gratitude is not misplaced, and is a fitting tribute to the fact that the government has recognized the importance of the district. It is also a tribute to the energy and loyalty of the member, Mr. L. W. Shatford, who has been an indefatigable worker throughout the session, and has earned the confidence and respect of every member of his party.

An Incongruity.

It is a little surprising to find so truculent and bigoted a partisan editing a newspaper in Kelowna, where fruit and flowers occupy the attention of everyone. For out and out unreasoning, prejudiced partisanship, commend us to the gentleman who writes the political editorials in The Kelowna Courier. Education is supposed to place a man in possession of a good vocabulary, and to teach him how to use it effectively. Although the editor of The Kelowna Courier has been educated, he has learned none of these lessons, and admits in one of his latest effusions that even his "language fails of sufficient condemnation for the McBride government." It is difficult to see exactly what this means, but obviously it is not intended to be complimentary. One would think there might be more profit in attending to horticulture and floriculture than in this rabid kind of partisan journalism.

Frank Richter, J. P.

Mr. Frank Richter, of Keremeos, the pioneer rancher of the Similkameen Valley, has been appointed a justice of the peace, a tardy but well-earned recognition of the worth or a man who has done more than any other to build up the reputation of this fertile section of the Province, and whose integrity and shrewdness are recognized wherever he is known. THE WEEK still looks for higher honors for Mr. Richter. Of all men, he should be a member of the local legislature.

Prosperity in the Slocan.

The Sandon Standard predicts a successful season for mining, in the Slocan. There will be a large tonnage of concentrated ore for sale, the Pilot Bay smelter will be in operation, old mines will be reopened on an extensive scale, in K. S. Territory, and altogether it looks as if for the first time in six years the Slocan will be a money maker.

Father Coccola.

Throughout the Kootenay, where Father Coccola is so well known, and especially at Fort Steele Mission, which he founded, there have been fearful misgivings at his long silence since starting on that northern trip into the Stewart Lake district. It was feared that he might have fallen a prey to the Indians of that section, who were known to be hostile, but within the last few days a communication has been received from him, which removes all cause for fear, a circumstance which will be the occasion of great rejoicing in the Interior.

An Armenian Profit.

Last summer a mild-mannered, obsequeous Armenian, wearing clerical robes, and bearing a stack of testimonials from prominent divines in Eastern Canada and the United States, made a tour of Kootenay cities, collecting funds for the establishment and support of a home in Macedonia for persecuted Armenian girls. It is known that the "Rev." gentleman, who claimed to be a priest, and who brought credentials to that effect, was most successful in his mission, and collected several thousand dollars. It is a fact that in Nelson alone the collections were in the neighborhood of $750. After exhausting the field in British Columbia, he went to Manitoba, and instantly disappeared, after announcing that he had received instructions from home to discontinue the work. One does not like to be too suspicious. That none of the clergymen or ministers who gave him their support are able to obtain replies to their communications, has raised a doubt as to the "bona fides" of the itinerant missionary, whose success was mainly due to the fact that thirty or forty years ago, when it was customary to read the Bible, many people became acquainted with the cry sent to St. Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Kelowna Water Works.

There must be a corner in $10,000 water works systems, requiring tanks with an elevation of 50 feet, and pumps worked by 20 h.p. gasoline engines. Last week Vancouver was dickering with a proposition of this kind; now it is the turn of Kelowna, which announces in identical terms its advent into the water works business. To disinterested observers it would appear that the requirements of these two places are not exactly identical, but there may be other reasons for installing a similar system in a city of 2,000 and one of 50,000 inhabitants, with which THE WEEK is not acquainted.

Coal at Enderby.

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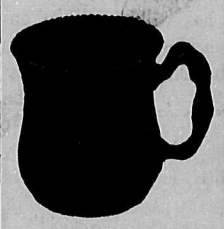

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

It is a good thing for Moses' reputation for meekness that he did not live in these days of electric light as administered by the Victoria Electric Light Company. I am very much inclined to doubt whether the man who showed signs of a very peppery temper on more than one occasion would be content to sit still and make no "kick," as we long suffering people do, in the semi-darkness with which we are so often favored. During the past few days this has been worse than usual, and unless one sits right under the light it has really been almost impossible to read a book in a room fitted up with the ordinary number of lights.

Those who live in high places in Vancouver are at present apparently much concerned as to whether it is better to pave the streets with asphalt or wood blocks. The Daily Province naively says: "It is alleged on excellent authority that in London, England, wood block paying is rapidly displacing asphalt, because of its possession of the qualities of durability and cleanliness in a higher degree than can be found in other kinds of material." The Lounger can endorse this; probably he has been in London since the writer of the above, and he therefore has no hesitation in saying that wood blocks are favored by the Queen of Metropolitan Cities. There is no doubt that wood gives a far better foot-hold to the horses, which have a great claim on the consideration of the municipal authorities. There is nothing more painful than to see a horse struggling to get a foot-hold where no foot-hold is, as is often the case when the roads are paved with asphalt. Moreover, as The Daily Province points out, the use of wood blocks would directly promote an industry for which British Columbia is famous. Douglas fir is above all woods the best fitted for this kind of work, and it is also the wood which British Columbia is best fitted to turn out. Why should there be any hesitation? In the one case the contracts would have to be let to a foreign firm, and the horses would suffer; in the other, the local industries would be patronised, and the horses would have a better time.

Talking about horses—has it ever struck any of my readers that we hear very little of the Society for the Protection of Animals out here? And yet the animals are, on the whole, very much better treated than they are in the Old Country, where the society is all eyes and ears. I am not a particularly observant person, but I have noticed one thing, and that is that it is extremely rare to see a horse working with a sore. Now I have seen many a beast in England between the shafts with sores which condemn the employer as a heartless brute. Unless my observations are very much at fault, this is a matter for congratulation on the part of the Province.

Thanks be to the powers of Compromise. I learn that Mr. Ricketts and the Musicians' Union have at last come to an understanding, whereby the patrons of the Victoria Theatre will have the pleasure of listening to an orchestra, instead of merely hearing one piano, however well played. It was high time that some such arrangement was made. We, in Victoria, have suffered long enough from the dispute which had arisen between the high contracting parties, and I have no doubt but that Mr. Ricketts will see from the improved houses that he was wise to come to terms with the union. Whether he or the union were in the right is no concern of mine; I simply speak as The Man in the Street, and I know that it was a positive scandal that in the principal theatre of the Capital City there should have been no orchestra for so long.

The weather has been particularly inconsiderate in giving us this cold snap at the present time. I am given to understand that there are, or have been, a party of Winnipeggers here with the object of sampling the climate. Apparently they left the Terminal City just when the early days of promise were fading, and landed at Victoria in time to catch this fleeting glimpse of Father Christmas. It is borne in upon them that this variety of weather is peculiar to the Island, and so they are reconsidering their projects of investing a fabulous sum of money in house property here. It is certainly the duty of the energetic secretary of the Tourist Association to flood Winnipeg with pamphlets lauding our climate up to the skies, and making the best excuse he can as to the way in which the Clerk of the Weather has treated us lately.

I had occasion once before to call attention to the disgraceful condition of the plots of ground which lie at the back of Johnson street. There is a Chinese section there, and the whole of the vacant lot is rapidly becoming one mass of rubbish. To put it mildly, this can be hardly healthy—it is certainly not ornamental. The next time that the city authorities have nothing special to do, I would recommend them to make a trial trip in this direction and see for themselves how filthy the conditions are.

While on the subject of water, The Lounger would like to know why there are so many fire alarms in Victoria? On Monday, the 12th inst., there were no fewer than eight calls, which is a record for this city. In every case there was either nothing or little to be done. I believe that in all there was $200 worth of damage, and that was all in one house. Fire is a terrible thing, and no one can be too careful; but there is a lot of difference between exercising common care and ringing up the fire alarm for nothing.

I had a paragraph in last week's column on the question of the civility of car conductors, in which I defended the latter. I am glad to be able to back this up with a reference to the cool-headedness of a driver who last week pulled his car up within about six yards, six inches in front of a drunken man who had fallen across the rails. That sort of thing needs a good share of presence of mind, and carries no reward with it. But it sticks all the same, and makes thinking people realize moer and more that they owe a great deal to the men who are always on shift to carry them with the greatest degree of safety to "the haven where they would be."

Was the Gadski concert sufficiently advertised? A little advertisement in the dailies for four days in advance of the performance date, and the customary notices in the stage news—that was all. Was it enough to acquaint the public with the facts and their importance? The question as to whether or not Victoria is a musical city remains in doubt even yet, by reason of this inquiry obtruding itself. The answer should be final when Gerardy plays here on the 20th proximo. It cannot be said that this wonderful artist comes unheralded. The musical folk have been talking of the coming of Gerardy for quite three months past—indeed ever since his season contracts were signed. The preliminary advertisements of his coming have been appaering daily for weeks past. Gerardy and his present eminence in the musical world have furnished food for conversation in polite circles during as many weeks. Gerardy has been here before, and Victoria is aware he is no disappointment. He returns in the zenith of his greatness, and his visit will indeed constitute a true test of the attitude of the city toward great music and great musicians. The concert here will be under the joint auspices of the Arion Club, Victoria Musical Society, and Ladies' Musical Club, all of which organizations are equally interested in the promotion of the cause of music and refinement. Seats have been placed at a top price of $2 (which is just two-thirds of the price in the larger cities), and subscription lists now open will give a line upon the verdict during the ensuing fortnight. These lists are to be found at the Victoria Theatre, The Colonist and Times offices, T. N. Hibben & Co.'s, M. W. Waitt & Co.'s, the Hicks & Lovick Piano Co.'s, Richardson & North's, Fletcher Brothers', and Dean & Hiscock's. Signers of these lists are entitled to first selection of seats, two days in advance of the general opening of the box plan. The signing is merely an earnest of co-operation, no money payment being required, and secures a reciprocal advantage in the priority of seat choice. It is to be hoped—and apology may be made for the use of a somewhat hackneyed phrase—that Victoria will prove true to her own past reputation as a city of discrimination, appreciation and culture, by contradicting all who declare it otherwise, through giving Gerardy a capacity house.

The railway line that hasn't a tunnel on it manifestly does not cater for bridal traffic.

The Eclipse of a Meteor.

A Chapter From the Life of Lord Randolph Churchill.

(By Winston Churchill.)

The collapse of Lord Randolph's political career, foollowed swiftly by physical and mental delay is a melancholy tale. The more his faculties were impaired the more his determination to persevere was strengthened, and he carried out, despite all advice, the whole programme of speeches he had arranged in the autumn of 1893. But the crowds who were drawn by the old glamor of his name departed sorrowful and shuddering at the spectacle of a dying man, and those who loved him were consumed with embarrassment and grief.

At last even he saw that the hounds were hard upon his track. He agreed to give up political life for a year, and undertook a journey round the world in company with his wife. The light faded steadily. At intervals small blood-vessels would break in the brain, producing temporary coma, and leaving always a little less memory or faculty behind. His physical strength held out until he reached Burma, "which I annexed," and which he had earnestly desired to see. But when it failed the change was sudden and complete. In the last days of 1894 he reached England as weak and helpless in mind and body as a little child. For a month at his mother's house he lingered pitifully, until very early in the morning of January 24 the numbing fingers of paralysis laid that weary brain to rest.

He was only forty-six, and the work of his life was practically crowded into the seven years between 1880 and 1887.

The sadness of this inglorious close to a career, which had once been great with promise, is hardly relieved by the author's optisism and the assurance that Lord Randolph's life work is embodied in higher ideals in present day statesmanship and state craft of the future. "Lord Randolph's part in national affairs is not to be measured by long years of office. No great legislation stands in his name upon the statute book. He was chancellor of the exchequer without a budget, a leader of the House of Commons but for a single session, a victor without the spoils. No tangible or enduring records . . exist of his labors and the history of the Conservative and Uuionist party, might be imperfectly realized by a later generation unless it were explained, asserted and confirmed by the evidence of those who came in contact, or collision with his imperious personality."

The following are the words in which Mr. Winston Churchill concludes this touching tribute to the memory of his illustrious father:

"All his pledges he faithfully fulfilled. The government changed. The vast preponderance of power in the state passed from one great party to the other. Lord Randolph remained exactly the same. He thought and said the same sort of things about foreign and domestic policy, about armaments and expenditure, about Ireland, about Egypt, while he was a minister as he had done before. He continued to repeat them after he had left office forever. . . .

"Lord Randolph Churchill's name will not be recorded upon the bead-roll of either party. . . . The eulogies and censures of partisans are powerless to affect his ultimate reputation. , . .

"There is in England which stretches far beyond the well-drilled masses who are assembled by party machinery to salute with appropriate acclamation the utterances of their recognized fuglemen; an England of wise men, who gaze without self-deception at the failings and follies of both political parties; of brave and earnest men, who find in neither faction fair scope for the effort that is in them; of 'poor men,' who increasingly doubt the sincerity of party philanthrophy. It was to that England that Lord Randolph Churchill appealed; it was that England he so nearly won; it is by that England he will be justly judged."

Mother's Nickel.

A little boy once told his friend, another youngster, that his mother was accustomed to give him a nickel every morning so that he should take his cod-liver oil in peace and quietness. "Well, what do you do with it?" inquired the little friend. "Mother puts it in a money-box until there is a dollar." "And what then?" "Why, then, mother buys another bottle of cod-liver oil with it."

Enough of Married Life.

A vicar returning from the round of calls on his parishioners, spied an old fellow of some sixty-five summers making a hasty disappearance down by a by-lane, as though anxious to avoid the reverend gentleman.

"Ha! There's old James running away from me. I must get hold of him and find out why he has absented himself from church of late," said the vicar, as he quickened his pace, and soon overtook the fleeing James.

"Now' James, " said he, "why haven't I seen you at church of late?"

Thus captured and pressed, James confessed.

"I'm afraid of your youngest darter, zur, that's just come home from school," said he.

"Afraid of Nelly! A girl of eighteen! What do you mean, James?" exclaimed the vicar in surprise.

"It's like this, passon," said James. "A forchin-teller told me I was to be married three times—fust to a red-haired girl, then to a yeller, and then to a dark party. Now, my two wives wot's gone, you know, zur, was red-haired and yellow respectively, and they was quite enough for me. I don't want no more. So when I burries pore yellow Sairy two months back, and your daughter with the dark 'air comes 'ome from schule, it comes to me like a shock, 'That's the dark one! She has turned up, and if I don't keep away from church, she'll catch me!' An' that's the truth of it, passon."

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Notes on Canadian News

The Spokesman-Review gravely announces that ex-Governor Mackintosh will start a new paper at Winnipeg, B.C. This is a rather startling announcement for a paper usually so well informed as The Review. From all we can learn, its facts are as wide of the mark as its geography.

Uncle Sam's Joke.

Uncle Sam is a bluffer or nothing. His latest suggestion that Canada should give up pelagic sealing in August and September may be labelled with Artemus Ward's favorite label, "This is a goak." As these are the only two months during which profitable sealing can be carried on, the joke possesses an even richer flavor of humor than usual. Strange to say, the offer was refused, even if it was proffered through the Imperial government.

Solicitor's Costs.

Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, intimated the other day that the legislature should consider and remodel the present legislation respecting solicitor's costs. Referring to the case before him on the occasion referred to, he said: "After winning the case the plaintiff was worse off than though he had not contested the claim at all.

Those Doukhobours.

The Federal government organs are persistent in advertising the growing prosperity of the Doukhobour community. They are said to be building a combined school and church, they have a three years' supply of food laid in, they own steam plows, threshing outfits, grist mills, saw mills, flocks and herds. All this has been amassed since their arrival in Canada, in a destitute condition, a few years ago—but the government is not bringing in any more.

Municipal Ownership.

Whether municipal ownership be a good thing or not may be a matter of opinion. Few students, however, of affairs can fail to realize that the idea has seized the popular imagination and is growing in favor. If its operation is confined to "public ownership of public utilities," it will prove successful wherever there is good management and sufficient people to furnish an economic market. This has been demonstrated in scores of English towns and cities. For this reason it is little short of an outrage that the Quebec legislature, composed of as greedy a gang of boodlers as could be found in Canada, should have refused the necessary legislation to enable the city of Montreal to purchase the gas works. It is, however, only a temporary defeat, brought about by corrupt means, and has aroused a wave of popular indignation that will not subside until the will of the people is respected.

Edmonton Prospering.

No city in the Canadian West has before it a fairer prospect than Edmonton. Three transcontinental railways and a fertile belt conspire to render it the centre of attraction, and building is going on at a great pace. McDougall and Secord, the pioneer merchants, who have made an immense fortune in the frontier city, have just begun the erection of a new block on Jasper avenue. The junior partner, Mr. Richard Secord, was the Conservative candidate at the last Federal election, and is as popular as he is prosperous.

Lord Strathcona's Philanthrophy.

Lord Strathcona has added another to his many public benefactions in the gift of his Montreal residence to the city for the purposes of an art museum. This splendid mansion is on Dorchester street, immediately adjoining that of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. It is a modern granite and sandstone building of handsome design and finished interior. When the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Canada they made it their home. The grounds are extensive and well laid out by an English landscape gardener. The property is worth not less than $200,000.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS.

In The Victoria Daily Times of March 14th, there appears, under the title, of "Imperial Troops Will Leave in May," a column-review and synopsis concerning the changes to be made in the Esquimalt Garrison. The latter portion of the article in question is written in extremely bad taste, as between each line one can read taunts which the writer evidently does not dare to state openly.

With the attitude of The Times on the subject of Imperial or Canadian politics we have nothing whatever to do, but as Westerners we heartily thank The Times for so honestly acknowledging that, at the present moment, no Westerners need apply to join the Canadian army, and that so far as the applications from the officers of the Fifth Regiment are concerned, they are turned down with a point-blank refusal.

In a series of articles on banking we recently pointed out the insidious methods of Eastern bankers and capitalists. In matters of currency and banking the evil is wrought silently; not being a political matter, the searchlights of the Press are not turned upon it, but in the case of the evil we are at present discussing, in its extreme desire to chortle, our friends in Broad street have given the show away and acknowledged that in spite of Canadians, the finest fighting men living west of the great lakes, the protection of the Western Coast is to be handed over to a bevy of college-drilled, toy soldiers from Eastern Canada, whose only eligibility for the position will probably be found to be a relationship, be it near or distant, to some member of the Liberal party in the East.

We will let a little more daylight into this matter. The Times incidentally mentions that one or two members of the Fifth Regiment had applied for positions in the regular army in connection with the Esquimalt transfer. The Times is modest. There were quite a number of applications, amongst which were several very promising officers—men who have taken from their business career quite an amount of time in order to perfect themselves in their military duties. So anxious were these gentlemen to be enrolled in the permanent force that they interviewed "Templeman, M.P.," on the subject, and received from him his ever gracious and ready promise to do "all in his power."

Needless to say, this was before the recent election. Mr. Templeman's power is evidently nil, as the application of our enterprising Fifth Regiment friends has been turned down with scorn.

Surely the time has arrived when the men of the West should in no uncertain voice intimate to the powers that be at Ottawa that even the Western worm will turn. There is a way in which we can emphasize our disgust of this robbery of positions which should have been shared equally by West as well as East.

The appointees, although they may be excellent fellows in themselves, should be rigorously boycotted in every Victorian club and home, until the East learns that there is a West to Canada, and that the West was not created merely to fill the coffers of Eastern Canada.

NATIVE SON.

Kootenay Letter.

Nelson, B. C., March 12.—The worst storm that has visited the Kootenays in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, which period, after all, does not carry one back to any hoary age of time, has been raging here since Friday evening last, and is still unbated. Unaccompanied by snow, the wind has been careering at a velocity from 30 to 40 miles an hour, with even fiercer gusts at intervals, and the thermometer has fallen to 10 degrees above zero, not rising above 18 throughout the whole of Monday. In the midst of the storm a fire broke out, which luckily was of little importance, or the whole of the business section of the city might have been wiped out, as far as the frame structures are concerned. In connection with this outbreak the Fire Chief was suspended by the Mayor for his "evident condition," as The News phrases it euphemistically.

The storm has placed some check upon the preparations for the regatta which is to be held here this summer, and to which the Coast crews are coming. Apparently there does not seem to be much hope of Nelson carrying off the chief prizes, but the oarsmen of the city are by no means daunted, and if pluck and assiduous practice may govern the upshot, victory, after all, may rest with the green and white, Nelson's colors.

The Great Northern Railway people are talking of organizing a tourist train to run from Spokane, via Bonner's Ferry and Kushkanook, to Nelson, and back to Spokane, via Northport and Marcus. This will involve the building of a tourist hotel, as neither of the proprietors of the two leading hotels seem inclined to launch out, although both hostelries never have any room to spare, and guests are nightly turned away during the summer months. The Great Northern steamer will probably leave Nelson on Sunday mornings, and run up the lake to meet the Spokane excursion, returning with the tourists in the afternoon, affording a pleasant jaunt. Apparently there is no fear of the Lord's Day Alliance in their minds. If that excursion were stopped on any such account, there would be trouble in this city. Of course the tourists would be entertained over night in the proposed Nelson Hotel, and altogether the Great Northern are likely to do well by their project. Spokane has taken up the matter hot-foot, and is stirring up the local 20,000 club to renewed action in this connection, asking for all sorts of information and promising active help and co-operation and assistance.

The 20,000-Club last week gave a smoker, which, however, was a fizzle. The smoker turned out to be a smoker without the usual concomitants, and consequently did not catch on. The two principal officers were at daggers drawn over the question of beer or no beer. The beer men said that if the 20,000-Club was to be anything, it had to enlist the sympathies of all classes. Just then they wanted the workingmen, and incidentally their dollar membership fee. Hence a smoker and a programme of comic songs, sentimental ditties and the class of music generally at which the admirers of the classical turn up their educated noses. That is to say, educated in music, not in sympathy. However, the opponents thought that a smoker could not be held without drunkeness, for which charitable opinion of course the working men must have greatly thanked them. It is doubtful whether there is not more amusement to be had out of a good second-class song than the best chef d'oeuvre of the Maestro, murdered by some ambitious amateur who thinks that everything in the shape of expressive words must be sacrificed to what is thought to be music.

The Board of Trade last week held a well-attended meeting, in which the new editorial association of Toronto, for promoting an all-Canadian news service, was endorsed.

It is a sign of good times to see the water carts abroad so early as March. With this high wind blowing, life would have been well-nigh unendurable if the council had not decided to send out these indispensable adjuncts to civilized society.

Reform in Love Letters.

There is so much that a man may write to the woman of his heart about that it seems a pity he should waste his ink and his note paper in giving expression to all that is banal and ridiculous.—Weekly Dispatch.

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

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"Companies' Act, 1897."

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NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the C. C. of L. and W. for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated on the right bank of the Skeena River, about half a mile below the Little Canyon and bounding Geo. Little's Pre-emption Claim, on the west side, viz.: Commencing at a post marked F. R. L.'s S. E. Cor., and thence running north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, and thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres.

Signed, FRED. R. LITTLE,
Locator.
GEO. LITTLE,
January 12th, 1906. Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the northwest corner of W. L. Polson's land, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less for *agricultural purposes.*

M. DURHAM.
Per Chas. Durham, Agent.
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land for agricultural purposes: Beginning at the S.W. corner of George Little's Pre-emption Claim on the right bank of the Skeen River, Coast District, B.C., about 40 chains below the Little Canyon, the line runs thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 60 chains, more or less, to the river, thence northerly along the bank of the river about 80 chains to the point of beginning, containing 400 acres, more or less.

WM. L. POLSON,
Per Roger S. Greene, Agent.
Skeena River, Dec. 8, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands: The northwest quarter of section 14, Township 6, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

H. F. BISHOP.
A. FERGUSON.
Dated February 1st, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the south half of section 9, the southwest quarter section 10, and the northwest quarter of section 3, all in Township 7, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. R. JACKSON.
Dated 8th February, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to *purchase 320 acres of land on the Skeena River,* Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the southeast corner of M. Durham's land, thence running east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres, more of less, for agricultural purposes.

T. S. BAXTER,
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., Dec. 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 17, Township 7, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated February 1st, 1906.
fe1 R. J. McDONELL.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about one and a half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "D. W. Moore, initial post, southwest corner"; thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

D. W. MOORE.
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about a half-mile above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "A. Mackay, initial post, northwest corner"; thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

A. MACKAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate about three miles southeast from Little Canyon of the Skeena river and adjoining Copper river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Shaw, southwest corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of beginning, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.
L. SHAW, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southeast of the Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of A. E. Gaker, southwest corner, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

A. E. BAKER, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the permission to purchase the north half of section 9 and the south half of section 16, all in township 7, Coast range 5, Bulkeley Valley, containing 640 acres more or less.

J. A. PELHAM.
G. G. DALMADGE.
John D'Orsay, Agent.
Dated January 25th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two and a half miles south of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post markid "initial post" of Frank Leeson, northeast corner, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of beginning, containing 320 acres more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.
FRANK LEESON, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southwest of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Ross, northeast corner, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

L. ROSS, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchare the following described lands, situated in Skeena District: Commencing at a post planted on the north boundary of the new Kitzequla Indian Reserve, on the right bank of the Skeena River, and marked "A.B., S.E. corner"; thence 80 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence following the right bank of the Skeena river to point of commencement, and containing 320 acres more or less.

A. BURDICK.
Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in the Skeena District: Commencing at a post planted on the east boundary of the old Kitzequla Indian Reserve, on the left bank of the Skeena river, and marked "S.J.F., N.W. corner"; thence south 80 chains, along the Indian Reserve line, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

S. J. FLETCHER.
Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles north of Lake Lakelse, and about five miles south of Little Canyon, Skeena River: Commencing at a post marked "Walter Williscroft's, N.E. Cor."; thence running south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

WALTER WILLISCROFT,
Geo. Little, Agent.
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the east side of Copper and south side of Skeena River: Commencing at a post marked Alex. McKenzie, initial post, northeast corner"; thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains, more or less, west, to Copper River, thence 40 chains north along Copper River to the Skeena River, thence 40 chains east along Skeena River to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

ALEX. McKENZIE.
Dated December 10th, 1905.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate in the Bulkley Valley, Coast District: Commencing at a post planted at tht N. W. Cor. lot 618, range 5, and marked F. E. H. D.'s N. W. corner, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning, being lot 618, range 5, Coast District.

FLORENCE E. H. DEPPE.
Victoria, B. C., January 9, 1906.

LANDS AND WORKS.

COURT HOUSE, VANCOUVER.

Notice to Architects—Competive Designs.

Extension of time.

The time for receiving Competitive Designs for a dew Court House at Vancouver has been extended to the 20th of March next, ensuing, inclusve.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 28th Feb., 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about two and one-half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "W. F. Teetzel, initial post, northwest corner"; thence 80 chains east along Indian Reserve line, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to the point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

W. F TEEZEL,
December 8th, 1905.

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—

We have not yet arrived at the middle of Lent, and already the stores are exploiting most fascinating creations in the "Easter bonnet" line; and in spite of the bitter March weather, many of the fair sex braved the fierce wind on Tuesday last to be present at the numerous "hat-at-homes," or annual spring openings. Talking of millinery, its intricacies are proverbial just at present and quite put out of court the puny efforts of the amateur. Hat brims twist and curl and curve most tantalizingly over pretty faces, and the large flat hat of too many seasons' fashions has dropped out of sight and mind completely. At the spring openings, which may be regarded as the founts of all metropolitan inspirations, one receives a series of agreeable shocks at the unexpectedness and charm of each new model.

The old and always lovely Watteau colorings of soft pinks and blues, with hints of mauve and tender greens, grow in favor, and a fondness for these shades has always possessed my fancy, I must confess.

We all know how lucky it is supposed to be to wear something new on Easter Day, and when in doubt what to purchase, always let it be a hat, say I. It is also the fashion to give some small offering at Easter: but of course the importance of these "etrennes" is not to be compared with that of the Christmas season. A very pretty form of "remembrance" is an Easter egg, of azalea blooms, which opens, disclosing a tiny cardboard box or case containing some pretty "bijou." Another acceptable offering is a basket of flowers, or a growing plant, in a gilded pot, decorated with an immense bows of some corresponding colored ribbon.

By the way, "apropos de fleurs," why do not more women of taste open really first rate flower shops here, on the lines of the exquisite depots of floral decoration one meets with in large cities? I do not know why this trade is not more exploited by venturesome debutantes in business. Surely it is more "sympathique" for ladies in every way than the creation and execution of gowns for capricious customers by unconscientious and often inexperienced hands. And here in Victoria, where flowers grow in such profusion and with so little cultivation, I am sure that it would soon become a flourishing enterprise. I may add that I have more than once heard tourists enquire the whereabouts of "a real nice flower store." And, by the way, I have also heard them ask to be directed to Weiler Bros., not to purchase flowers, however, but in search of art pottery. This speaks volumes for the popularity of this well-known establishment, where all that is best in modern art expresses itself in ahundred ways. There are chairs, tables, coffers, brassware, delicate porcelain, doughty Doulton and majolica —marvels in art embroideries. And the Oriental rugs, curtains, etc.! One pauses for adequate adjectives to describe their fascinations ! ! !——! ——! ! ——! ! !

But to return to Easter offerings. And should your generous heart remember me at this time, I pray that you wend your way to Challoner & Mitchell's, where my affections have lately been enslaved by the beauties of a French enamel buckle. You will be shown a tray full of these tempting baubles, but the one that I long to possess is of dark blue enamel, oblong in shape, with a wreath of dainty "fleur-de-lis"—"N'oubliez pas."

And I must not forget to tell you that the Patterson Shoe Company have opened up their new spring stock, and it behooves me to impress upon you the importance of selecting your foot-wear at an early date.

The day after a recent important golf match I heard the victor telling a group of admirers in the tram, that it was the "combination that did it." "What combination?" asked they in a breath. "Why, the good old combination of White Rock and Johnnie Walker's," he replied. (I must keep off the grass—the "Lounger" grass.)

The Standard Stationery Company have a splendid lending library, where one can obtain all the latest novels by joining and payinig a moderate fee.

Apropos of stories, I was present, some evenings since, at a neighbor's house, where the discussion of marriage customs in different countries was under investigation, and it was interesting to hear a learned old gentleman aver his experience that perhaps nowhere, save in Ireland, was the ideal marriage more often realized, where up to recent times, "there was no lurid and volcanic company-keeping before marriage, and no Dead Sea ashes of disillusion after." Here, according to ancient custom, the peasant mother says to her child, "Bridget, get out your Sunday dress; you are to be married on Thursday evening." And Bridget says, "Very well, mother," not even asserting the faintest right to know the name of her spouse. Yet these marriages are almost invariably happy, unless drink comes in to disturb the household peace. "How, then," concluded the speaker, "do these well-proved facts contrast with the erotic emotionalism of other places, where people are less pious, less simple, and less pure?" And if we did not find an answer, we, none the less, found food for reflection.

—BABETTE.

Music and The Drama.

On Monday and Tuesday last the Local Amateurs held the boards at the Victoria Theatre with "All the Comforts of Home," which was produced under the auspices of the Jubilee Hospital and under the stage management of Mr. Irving Beers. Probably the Amateurs have never given such an entirely successful performance since the time of their inauguration. That their efforts were appreciated was evidenced by the fact that the house, which had some vacant seats on the first evening, was packed on the ground floor on Tuesday, the dress circle being also well filled. The happy result is that the hospital is benefitted to the extent of at least $200. Of the individual performers, it is safe to say that the honors were divided between the Hon. Mrs. Hood and Mr. C. W. Rhodes. The former captivated the house with her song, "Alice Sits by the Fire," and was presented with two bouquets, which, unfortunately, she did not see till the curtain came down. Mr. Rhodes deserves the greatest commendation for the finished manner in which he acted. Mr. L. Harold Garnett was distinctly good as a comedy artist. It was a great pity that Mr. Arthur Gore had no opportunity to make use of his baritone voice. The Misses Sehl both did well, as did Miss H. Bell. Mr. George Phillips hardly came up to the expectation of his friends; his work lacked the necessary sustained effort, and he allowed himself to be obviously worried at the appearance of a dog which was not meant to be included in the cast. Those who have not yet witnessed this play should not fail to see it next Wednesday, when it is to be reproduced for the benefit of the indefatigable stage manager, Mr. Irving Beers.

On Monday next the musical comedy, "Piff-Paff-Pouf," will be presented at the Victoria Theatre, with Miss Kathryn Osterman as the principal lady. Miss Osterman has a great reputation as an interpreter of musical comedy, and also enjoys the admiration of her friends as being a wit of no mean sort, and a good narrator of comic stories.

Story telling is not an art generally attributed to the gentler sex, yet there are few men who can tell one with better grace than Kathryn Osterman, of the "Piff-Paff-Pouf" company. She is very much amused at present over the trials of a certain young lady friend of hers who receives the attentions of two ardent admirers. Recently, while Miss Osterman was calling on the young lady, the door bell rang a couple of times. The young lady called the maid, and said: "Go to the door and let Mr. B—— in, Mary. He has rung twice." "It isn't Mr. B——," said Mary; "it's the other young man." "Well, wait a minute, then. I must change these photographs on the mantel-piece."

Fred Mace will appear in this creation of B. C. Whitney as the leader in the comedy parts. He has achieved renown in the States, and is said to be the equal of any comedy man at present on the boards.

On Thursday next "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," by T. Cheever Goodwin and Jno. J. McNally, will be given at the same theatre. This piece had a phenomenal success in New York two seasons ago, and was a grand draw piece at Drury Lane. Over one hundred people are connected with its organisation, and it is said that the management have engaged one pretty girl from each State in the Union, not excepting the Territories. While on tour this play has never failed to draw full houses. The costumes are magnificent, the scenery really good, and, best of all, the play is smart and clean, and is a never-failing source of joy to the youngtsers as well as to their elders.

This is the last week of the Pringle Company at the Watson Theatre. Their last week was filled with a triple bill, including "My Sweetheart," "Only a Farmer's Daughter," "A Foxy Tramp," and Miss Lansing Rowan's own interpretation of "Camille," which is to appear on the day of issue. Next week the theatre will be dark, and remain so until Manager Albert Watson has completed his business negotiations for a further renewal. Just exactly what we are to expect in the future, is not disclosed at present, but whether the house inclines to the present rage for vaudeville or continues to carry on business as the home of comedy and drama, we may be sure that Mr. Watson will in due time stage a company which will satisfy all demands.

At the Grand Madame Gassman has been charming all spectators by her act with the picaninnies; the singing and acting of the little darkies evokes a feeling of enthusiasm amongst the audience. The Zareldas are wonderfully clever acrobats, and keep the house sitting open-mouthed over some of their perilous feats. It is a long time since the vaudeville stage in Victoria has had such a singer as Rosalie Sheldon. The ordinary singer in vaudeville is throaty and theatrical; Miss Sheldon has a clear, sweet voice, and is natural. She sings "The Last Rose of Summer" with marvellous expression. The Moving Pictures show the manner of the "Great Jewel Robbery," and are quite up to their usual mark.

Conceited Young Man—I wonder why that young lady over there looks at me so much."

Sarcastic Young Lady—She has weak eyes, and the doctor told her to relieve them by looking at something green."

By thy own soul's law learn to live;
And if men thwart thee, take no heed;
And if men hate thee, take no care;
Sing thou thy song, and do thy deed.

The Rennie Seed Company, which established offices in Vancouver last fall, reports a good business being done in their lines. The company is one of the oldest-established and most favorably known in Canada. They carry a full stock in Vancouver, and can supply high-class seeds without the delay of sending to Eastern Canada to fill the orders. The Rennie Seed Company issue a fine catalogue, containing much information of value to the gardener annd farmer, and a copy will be forwarded free if mention is made of this paper.

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