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Welcoming Visitors from Near and Far to Celebrate With Her the Two Great Days of all the Year.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week Victorians and their friends from far and near will unite to do honor to the memory of Victoria the Great and Good, and to the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII., by whose august command the celebration of his natal day is merged with that perpetuating the memory of his illustrious mother. Excursion trains and steamers will bring their thousands to British Columbia's capital, and a most satisfactory programme of sports and other exercises has been arranged for their entertainment with that of the citizens. It is to be hoped that these latter will by decorating their business and residential premises, and by the display of a cordially hospitable spirit do their part in acctntuating the welcome of the city, and assuring the return in 1905 of each and every visitor of 1904. The programme, it is but fair to say in many ways parallels that of previous celebrations here since time immemorial. The regatta, the lacrosse match, the trap shooting tournament, the baseball at Oak Bay, the band concerts galore, the presence of the navy and the Indians and the "grand display of fireworks and illumination of Beacon Hill park and the parliament buildings"—it certainly sounds familiar, but none the less attractive. There is however, one new feature which, although modest, is worthy of very considerable attention and development. This is the parade of double and single driving horses. There are few cities on the Pacific Coast whose residents are happily possessed of finer carriages and horses than is Victoria. They in themselves are an advertisement of the pre-eminence of Victoria as a city of stately homes and well-to-do people. It should be the pride and the ambition of these to send their horses and equipages to the parade looking their best, in order that honor may be done the town in this respect. Of course they do not want the prizes that are offered—but surely they do want the city to show its best, and it rests with them to make this feature a conspicuous and most attractive one of this and future celebrations. Let everybody decide to do his or her best in assisting Victoria to put her best foot forward throughout the carnival. To do this should be a double patriotic pleasure. And the gods of sunshine and balmy weather may be counted upon to do the rest.

THE CARD FOR THE CARNIVAL.

Monday, May 23rd.

9.30 a.m.—Band parade on principal streets.

10 a.m.—Trap shooting tournament under the auspices of the Victoria Gun Club, at Beacon Hill. Programme:

Event No. 1.—Fifteen singles; known traps, unknown angles. Purse divided, 50, 30 and 20 per cent; entrance $1, $10 added.

Event No. 2.—Ten singles, five pairs; known traps, unknown angles except pairs. Purse divided, 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent; entrance $2; $20 added.

Event No. 3.—Four men team shoot; twenty-five singles per man; open only to teams from any one city, but can enter as many teams as desired; purse divided 60 and 40 per cent; entrance $8, $30 added.

Event No. 4.—Twenty singles; known traps, unknown angles; purse divided, 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent; entrance $1.50, $15 added.

Event No. 5.—Twenty singles; 10 unknown angles, known traps; 10 unknown angles, reverse traps, use of both barrels; purse divided, 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent; entrance $1.50, $20 added.

Event No. 6.—Consolation, fifteen singles; for shooters who have shot in two or more events but not divided any money; entrance $1, $5 added.

10.30 a.m.—Parade of Private Driving Rigs. Course: Starting at the city hall; along Douglas street to Fort street, down Fort street to Broad street, along Broad street to Cormorant street, down Cormorant street to Government street, along Government street to Parliament Buildings, where judging will take place.

Prizes.

Best Appearing Single Rig—1st, valued at $20; 2nd, valued at $10.

Best Appearing Double Rig—1st, valued at $20; 2nd, valued at $10.

Judges—S. Jones, Robt. Hamilton, V. S.; and C. J. Fagan, M.D.

Committee—W. C. Moresby, Chief Watson, and Richard Hall, M.P.P.

Marshal—E. C. Hart, M. D.

The committee reserves the right to disqualify any rig.

Post entries.

10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Public inspection of His Majesty's Warships now in Esquimalt harbor, through the kind permission of Commodore Goodrich, Commander-in-Chief.

3 p.m.—Baseball; University of Washington vs. Victoria, at Oak Bay grounds.

8.30 p.m.—Illuminated Bicycle Parade. Course: Starting at city hall, along Douglas street to Fort street, down Fort street to Broad street, along Broad street to Cormorant street, down Cormorant street to Government street, along Government street to Parliament Buildings, where judging will take place.

Prizes.

Best Decorated Wheel—1st, valued at $15; 2nd, valued at $10.

Best Comic Wheel—1st, valued at $5.

Judges—Mr. Symington, Mr. R. H. Swinerton and Mr. R. Jackson.

Marshals—Chiefs Langley and Watson.

Entries to be made to Secretary before 1 p.m. Saturday.

8.30 p.m.—Band Concert at Parliament Buildings.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH.

9.30 a.m.—Band parade on principal streets.

10.00 a. m. — Championship Lacrosse Match, Vancouver vs. Victoria, at the Caledonia grounds.

1 p.m.—Regatta on Victoria Arm.

Single shot opens Regatta at 1.15 p.m. All races to be called by bugle. Two minutes after the bugle, the races will be started by a gun.

Referee—Capt. R. G. Fraser, R.N.

Judges—Lt.-Col. English, Commander H. G. Sandeman, R.N., and Capt. J. G. Cox.

Starters—Commander A. T. Hunt, R. N.; Capts. Gaudin, C. E. Clarke and J. W. Troup.

Committee—Lieut. A. D. Pound, R. N.; Lieut. F. F. Rose, R. N.; Lieut. E. L. Whauton, R.N.; Lieut. P. H. Waterer, R.N.; Lieut. T. H. Knight, R. N.; Lieut. Elliston, R.G.A.; Lieut. French, R.E.; Alderman A. Stewart, J. S. Yates and officers of J. B. A. A.

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Grafton	Red St. George Cross on white back
Bonaventure	Yellow flag with red cross
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Shearwater	White with blue S
Egeria	Yellow and red diagonal
Royal Artillery	Blue flag, red zig zag stripes
Royal Engineers	Red and blue flag with horizontal stripes

Canoes	Color of Flag.
Valdez	Light blue
Kuper Island	Red
Klem Klemalitz	Navy blue
Cowichan	White
Chemainus	Yellow
Comiaken	Green
Saanich	Black

Races.

1. Service Cutters — Course around Deadman's Island, leaving it at the port hand, return to barge, about two miles. Open to Army and Navy regular forces. Boats to allow ten seconds athwart per mile.

Prizes—1st, $30; 2nd, $15; 3rd, $10.

Entries—Grafton, Flora, Bonaventure, Egeria and Royal Garrison Artillery.

2. Double Sculls, Schoolboys' Race—Open to boys actually attending school. Only one crew from each school to be allowed to enter. Clinker-built boats with coxswains. Course from Mr. E. Crow Baker's boat house.

Prize—Three silver medals.

Entries—Victoria High School, colors black; Scott, Sargison and Angus, cox. Tolmie School, colors red and white; Gillespie, Hancock and Brinkman, cox. Collegiate School, colors light and dark blue; Todd, McConnel and Hill, cox.

3. Double Skiff for Chinamen, with coxswain—Outriggers and sliding seats barred. Post entries.

Prizes—1st, $15; 2nd, $7.50.

4. Four-oared Gig Race—Course as in Race No. 1. Open to men of H. M. Army Forces. Four entries, R. G. A.

Prizes—1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

5. Indian War Canoes, 40 to 50 feet—Course around the Island and return.

Prizes—1st, $6; 2nd, $3; 3rd, $1 per paddle.

6. Four-oared Lapstreak, Amateur—Junior Championship of B. C.

Prize—Medals.

Entries—J. B. A. A. and Vancouver Rowing Club.

7. Skiffs—Officers of H. M. Forces, with lady coxswain. Double scull skiffs. Outriggers and sliding seats barred.

Post entries. Two prizes.

8. Indian War Canoes—Under forty feet. Course around Island and return.

Prizes—$5, $2 and $1 per paddle.

10. Service Five-oared Whalers — Course as in Race No. 1. Open to stokers.

Prizes—1st, $30; 2nd, $15; 3rd, $10.

Entries—Grafton, Flora, Bonaventure, Shearwater and Egeria.

11. Klootchman's Race — Working canoes only. Course from starters' barge around buoy and return.

Prizes—1st, $30; 2nd, $15; 3rd, $10.

12. Service Five-oared Whalers and Four-Oared Gigs—Course as in Race No. 1. Open to Army and Navy Regular Forces. Boats to allow eleven seconds athwart per mile.

Prizes—1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Entries—Four entries H. M. ships; two entries R. G. A.

13. Four-oared Lapsteak, Amateur—senior Championship of British Columbia.

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Entries—J. B. A. A., colors blue and white; and Washington University, U. S. A.

Prize—Cup and Medals.

14. Service Five-oared Whalers — Course from Deadman's Island to barge. Open to racing crews.

Prizes—1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Entries—Grafton, Flora, Bonaventure, Shearwater and Egeria.

15. Indian Canoe Upset Race—Two men to canoe. From barge to buoy and return, upsetting once on way.

Prizes—1st, $10; 2nd, $5. Three entries or no race.

16. Six-oared Gigs—Course as in Race No. 1. Open to seamen of R. N. Boats to allow ten seconds athwart per mile.

Prizes—1st, $15; 2nd, $10; 3rd, $5.

Entries to be in by Saturday.

17. All Comers' Race—Any sized boat, any number of oars. Post entries.

Prizes—1st, $30; 2nd, $15; 3rd, $10.

In any Army and Navy race if there are more than five entries the preliminary will take place on a straight course in Esquimalt harbor of the same length as the Gorge course. The first five will compete at the regatta.

No third prize will be given in any race unless there at least four competing boats, except in amateur races, three to start or no race.

The committee reserves to itself the power to prevent any boat pulling in any race, and all boats are liable to inspection by the committee.

Private oars may be used.

Protests to be lodged with the committee immediately on conclusion of race.

All amateur races under auspices of James Bay Athletic Association.

3 p.m.—Baseball: University of Washington vs. Victoria, at Oak Bay grounds.

8.15 p.m.—Band concert at Beacon Hill; illumination of streets, etc., and parliament buildings.

9 p.m.—Grand display of fireworks at Beacon Hill; illumination of Park.

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Stall of home-made candy containing the sweets for which many ladies in Victoria are justly famous.

A book stall containing signed copies of books by Canadian authors, stationery of Canadian manufacture, local views by amateur photographers, water-color and pen and ink sketches by local artists, with the young ladies in attendance costumed as characters out of Canadian novels and poems.

Cook Book containing over three hundred recipes and menus contributed by housekeepers of Victoria and vicinity, all tested and tried and recommended, and many of them original.

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Woman's Exchange, presenting the handiwork of the women of Victoria and vicinity in bewildering variety, afterwards to be permanent in Victoria.

Entertainments every evening with change of programme, consisting of plays, concerts, etc., one evening being devoted to Canadian authors' readings and songs and music by Canadian composers.

Side attractions every afternoon, many with special reference to the pleasure of children.

Afternoon tea, high tea, and light refreshments in the evening will be served every day, food products of Canada being served to best possible advantage, tables representing each Province with distinctive dishes.

The Hive Of Industry.

How One Manufactory is Building up the Reputation of Victoria Manufactures.

People often wonder what the whirring, buzzing sound is that they hear when passing down Bastion square. If they make enquiries they find that the noise comes from the fifty odd sewing machines used in the Turner-Beeton Co.'s factory, where the famous Big Horn Brand, union made shirts and overalls are manufactured.

A representative of "Progress" visited this factory a few days ago and was surprised beyond measure at the work he found being done there. Seated at the various machines were over fifty girls of the city busily engaged in the work of overall and shirt manufacture. All seemed deeply interested in their work apparently imbued with the fact that the chief business of life was to make shirts and trousers. And to many of these young folks it is the chief business of life for not a few of them are able to support the rest of their families, while others are saving up the wherewithal to purchase the wedding clothes or the finishing touches to the home furnishings. Some, indeed, earn as much as fifty dollars a month although the standard wage is a dollar a day. That they are well satisfied with what they get is apparent for of the five who were engaged when the factory opened two years ago, three are still employed—one as forewoman, one on a special machine and the other is making big money on overalls. Of the eleven employed the first month, seven are still working, while several have been married. Had Hood looked into this factory he could scarcely have written that mournful "Song of the Shirt," but might rather have made it read as follows:

With fingers nimble and deft, with eyes
that shone with health.
The young girls sat at the sewing
machines a piling up their wealth.

Mr. Thos. Walker, superintendent of the factory expects all to work hard while they are at it, and is willing to pay them all they earn. It might be of interest to note here that this was the first factory in town to adopt the union label and the eight-hour day with the Saturday half holiday. This action has raised the standard of wages. It is customary to pay ten dollars a month for the first month, but where a girl shows special adaptability she is given more than this.

In order to give an idea of the amount of work done Mr. Walker related that last year in this factory they cut up no less than 100,000 yards of denim into overalls besides the shirting and other materials used. Seventy great bales of denim are now lying in the warehouse awaiting the shears. The average pay roll in this establishment is $1.800 per month.

A new electric cutting machine has just been installed at a cost of $400. With this they cut 72 thicknesses of denim at one time, but the machine will cut as many as 110 or 120 thicknesses It will take any material from coarse mackinaw to the finest shirtings. It is a Canadian invention, but, as with many of our patents, has been taken up by an American company. Eastman, the inventor, was a cutter, but through his invention he has been enabled to give up that work. This is the first machine in use in British Columbia though they are used in San Francisco and other coast cities. The buttons and rivets are put on with automatic machines, and the very latest two-needle sewing machines are used. These machines make the elastic chain lock-stitch, which is unbreakable.

Leaving the factory the store rooms were next inspected. Large quantities of manufactured goods are here kept so that orders may be supplied—promptly, but it is difficult to get ahead of the trade, for the next three months' output is all ordered. The special lines are silk stripe shirts, heavy miner's overalls and blue melton shirts. A new line is the overall with braces attached. These are quite a novelty and sell well.

"Our best market," said Mr. Thomson, the manager for the firm, "is in Vancouver and the Kootenays, though we sell goods in Dawson and every part of this province. The curious thing is that we have scarcely any home market. The Victoria merchants and men seem to prefer the Chinese-made goods to ours, even though we supply a better class of goods at the same price. We should not expect union men to pay a larger price for union-made goods, but one would think they would buy them as readily as those made by Chinese when the prices are the same. In the Kootenays it is difficult to find any but union-made overalls, but here in Victoria two pairs out of every three are made by Chinese. Some of the very men who rant about labor questions in this town are the ones who are selling Chinese made goods.

"Previous to opening our factory we handled the Chinese-made goods, but they were unsatisfactory; one could never be sure of the quality. Though it costs as much now as before we find the factory method much more satisfactory both to ourselves and our customers. There was a howl in Chinatown when we started, as was quite natural, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the money is now going into the hands of people of our own race.

"It is very curious that business men should send to other cities for goods which are made right at home at the same price. We sell to firms away from home because they can do better with us than in their own towns, yet our own people prefer to send away for their goods. We are not alone in this. Pendray's soap is hardly ever sold here, yet they do a very large export business. Seattle has grown so rapidly largely because the people there stick together and patronize home industry. We cannot expect our city to grow unless we spend our money at home. If the home product was used more largely the factories would increase their output and we should all be more prosperous.'

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

PORTLAND'S striking bakers continue to loaf. They don't knead to work if they don't want to.

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THOSE Oriental war correspondents should do well on the stock exchange. As speculators they are great successes.

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KUROPATKIN is still concentrating and is getting his army down so fine that it may soon disappear entirely.

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TELEGRAPH linemen working between Port Arthur and Dalny have troubles of their own these strenuous days.

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LADYSMITH has incorporated in order that its citizens may have someone to grumble at whenever things don't go exactly right.

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ACCORDING to the stories that are told of one branch of the civic service, it should be known as the "fire" department.

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THOSE distillery people are to provide the whiskey and New Westminster the water, which seems to be a fair division of responsibility.

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A DAIRY wagon broke down on Frederick street yesterday, and it only needed the product of the little busy bee to make the picture complete of the land flowing with milk and honey.

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MR. DUNSMUIR is fitting up a yacht and will carry a cow and chickens with him when he goes cruising, for company as well as truly rural effect.

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THE REVEREND Globe man is discovering that it isn't as safe to say things in a newspaper as it is in the pulpit. The public is apt to be indulgent to the cloth. It doesn't place the same importance upon the statements of preachers that it does when the same accusations are made in a newspaper that can be mulcted for damages.

In the Westminster police court the other day the charge of bigamy preferred against Sylvanus Batcheldor was withdrawn by consent of the court, the prosecutrix with tears explaining "that she did not wish to press the matter as Batcheldor was a man well up in years." There is no desire to suggest that the quality of mercy should be strained, but nevertheless one reads between the lines in the report of this Royal City case what much resembles a miscarriage of justice. Since when has it been permitted to magistrates in British Columbia to acquiesce in the abandonment of criminal cases because the individual complainant or chief witness decides to pardon the offence against the law? Such a proceeding on the part of anyone invested with judicial authority comes very near to the definition of compounding a felony.

How easy it is to give a slander wings! Someone made the statement, on the information of some secondary someone, that the Grand Trunk Pacific people had imported the great majority of their engineers and surveyors from the United States, and forthwith there rolled toward Ottawa a wave of most indignant protest. The surveyors of Manitoba were particularly eloquent upon the grievance; city councils and boards of trade passed wordy resolutions of a most patriotic character, members of parliament were hustled to take some action by telegrams and letters from their constituencies—and now all the fuss and flurry counts for nothing. For official investigation discloses the fact that 96 per cent. of the surveyors engaged are, as a matter of fact, Canadians.

It is said in government circles that the proposal made by Mr. Cain to construct a railway on this Island is not as remote from realization as has been supposed. While nothing definite has been proposed on the one part or accepted on the other, it seems to be understood that the difference to be bridged over is not very wide.

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Fraternal Societies.

Knights of Pythias—Far West Lodge, No 1, at its last convention, conferred the Esquire rank on several candidates, ballotted on four candidates and received three new applications. The only brother on the sick list at present is Rev. Mr. Blythe, who left California for Ontario, where he intends to make his future home. There are ten candidates waiting to receive the rank of Page, which rank will be conferred the first Friday in June. . . . The delegates from the last Grand Lodge session, which was held last week at Grand Forks, have returned, reporting that they had a very pleasant trip and were right royally entertained by the upper country lodges. The reports of the Grand Lodge officers make a very good showing. The number of lodges in British Columbia at the end of the year was 29, with a membership of 2,051, against 1,720 the previous year. Nearly $9,000 was paid out by the different lodges for sick and funeral benefits and other relief within the last 12 months; twelve brothers died in 1903, four new lodges were instituted during the year, with quite a few prospects in the near future. The different lodges have over $35,000 invested in paraphernalia, halls and real estate. The next Grand Lodge session will be held at New Westminster on the second Tuesday in May. The newly elected Grand Lodge officers are as follows: P. G. Ch., Chas. F. Nelson, New Denver; Grand Chancellor, A. H. Ferguson, New Westminster; Gr. Vice-Ch., George Johnson, Nanaimo; Gr. Prelate, W. Irvine, Nelson; Gr. K. of R. and S., E. Pferdner, Victoria; G. M. of Exch., T. W. Walker, Victoria; Gr. M. at Arms, G. T. Mallery, Kamloops, G. I. Guard, G. Hammer, Grand Forks; Gr. O. Guard, — Brown, Revelstoke; Supr. Representatives, J. E. Evans, Vancouver, and Noble Binns, Trail.

S.O.E.—Alexandra Lodge will hold its annual church parade to-morrow afternoon to the church of Our Saviour, Victoria West. Members will meet at A. O. U. W. hall at 2 o'clock, at which time they will leave for the church. Service at 3 o'clock. The procession will be joined by the Orangemen and juveniles, and will be headed by a military band from the Work Point garrison. The sermon will be preached by Rev. W. D. Barber, the rector, and will be appropriate to the occasion. At their meeting Wednesday evening three new members were added to the roll, and several applications considered.

I.O.F.—At the regular meeting of Court Cariboo, held in the A. O. U. W. hall last Tuesday, a number of new policies were reported as received from headquarters. A committee was appointed to make an adaptation of the new ritual suitable to the conditions of this court ,and to report at the next meeting.

Ladies of the Maccabees—The provincial convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees was held in Vancouver on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Williscroft and Miss Cook, of this city, representing the local hives. Reports on the work showed 14 hives in all in British Columbia, and every one in a flourishing condition. The Vancouverites were thanked for the royal manner in which they entertained the guests. A reception closed the convention, the first of its kind, and a very successful one. The next will be held in this city.

A good looking druggist, whose place of business is not a thousand miles from the corner of Yates and Douglas, advertised in Progress last month. This month he has been compelled to lay a new floor in the entry to his store. Reader, go thou and do likewise.

Sai Yuen, a young Korean, has sought the protection of the Vancouver police on the ground that he is marked for highbinder assassination.

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Members of Department Endorse Strictures Upon Administration. The Policy of Dolce Far Niente

It seems to be the general opinion throughout Victoria that in directing attention to the present disorganization of the fire department, "Progress" is doing a public service of much value. There can be no doubt about it, to quote an old and experienced member of the brigade, Chief Watson, although an excellent individual fireman, has no executive ability, and the department in consequence is to-day without discipline and not in any fit condition to protect the lives and property of citizens from fire visitation. The department needs a thorough overhauling. The fire wardens and the council should lose no time in beginning housecleaning. Investigation that is thorough, and action thereon that is practical and intelligent, were never so badly needed. It isn't a thing that one likes to take up. But for the interests of the city it ought to be done, and that at once.

Apropos of recent strictures upon the Victoria fire department, "Progress" has it from men who should be qualified to speak—since they are themselves members of the department—that the discipline is at present unworthy of the name, that the men go and come as it suits them, and frequently disturb the sleeping members of the brigade by their noisy behavior on coming in in the wee sma' hours. The men of the department also admit that organization is nothing such as it should be for the preservation of efficiency, and in minor points support the case made out by Secretary Elliott of the board of underwriters, and ex-Chief Deasy in his letter.

"There can be no question about it," said one of the men a day or so ago, "that ultimatum for a raise of salary—or the resignations of all the men as an alternative—would certainly have gone through but for the means adopted to defeat it. It was quietly whispered that if the men went out and the council, as they would have to, decided to reorganize the department upon a solid foundation, there was every likelihood that former Chief Deasy would be called upon to do the reorganizing. That meant that the call men would have to go, as Deasy had put himself on record as insisting that a fully paid department was essential to safety under modern conditions in such a city as Victoria. The call men, of course, were inclined to go slowly with such a prospect conjured up. And there were quite a number of the permanent men who would not like to forego the present happy-go-lucky times for the restored Deasy discipline. And so there you were. Of course the department is in rotten shape at present—nobody who looks at the way things are running with any understanding of fire department work, needs an investigation to show that. But what's the use of hammering at the chief or the call men or anyone else in the department. Isn't it the fire wardens who compose the responsible body? And the chairman of the fire wardens is himself an insurance man, and one would think would take sufficient business interest in the matter to insist upon thorough reforms being brought about. Anyway, it isn't our funeral. The men who are onto their work and doing their duty, whether they have to or not, are not the ones that care a snap how many investigations they have, so long as they don't doctor and whitewash the story."

While on fire department subjects, a prominent citizen who has for years taken a common-sense view of fire department affairs, pointed out to "Progress" yesterday that whoever is responsible for the character and condition of escapes in this city appears to be some years behind the times.

"How many women—or men either"—he asked, "could make their way safely down one of the perpendicular iron ladders that are now the sole apology for fire escapes on our higher buildings? Perhaps a man might navigate them safely in daylight with nothing to rattle him, but there would be few who could come down safely with flames roaring about them, and those iron rungs and sides hot from their position against the walls. In modern cities the fire escapes are no longer made in the straight-up-and-down fashion that one sees here. They are broken with little balconies at each story, and are placed on an incline that one does not require to be an expert athlete to traverse safely. I was showing a friend about the city only recently, he happened to be the assistant chief in the fire department of one of the large coast cities, with escapes especially under his care. He was astonished at the obsolete character of all the so-called escapes he say here. Nothing but death traps and altogether out of date, was the way in which he spoke of them. Victoria should not be open to such criticism."

One of the call men, interviewed in respect to present conditions a day or so ago, said: "Deasy is wrong in his estimate of the cost of running the department without call men, but in every other respect I think he was right. It will cost the city more to run the department with regular paid men, but it would be money well spent, for the gain in efficiency would be very great. Now, I am no friend of Deasy's, but his letter was all right. There is more than that, too, for the sleeping apartments of the men are in a horribly filthy condition. The men complain of the bugs crawling over them at night and of the filthy habits of some of the men. The place is a disgrace and I should be ashamed to take a friend in there. I do not know what visitors from the Sound must think of us after what they have been used to. The only occasion on which the chief spoke to the men about cleaning up was one Saturday night after a run. Then he asked them to come up on Sunday morning to do it, and I think they were right in refusing to do it on that day. One of the parts of the second floor at the hall is called Hogan's Alley by the men because it is so dirty."

One of the regular men said that every word Deasy wrote in his letter was true.

"And more than that," said he, "Chief Watson only claims to have 8,000 feet of hose in good condition, whereas there were 12,000 feet in good shape when Deasy left. The city council is to blame for appointing a man who does not know his business and who takes less interest than any other man in the department, in his work. I am glad that 'Progress' has taken the matter up in the interest of the city. There is plenty of room for complaint."

Still another regular man offers this comment: "I see Chief Watson declares he has two steamers in commission and one in reserve. He's have to show me. How can a steamer be in commission that hasn't water in its boiler and isn't ready for use? It's not, that's all there is about it. The department is in no shape at all at present, and every man in the brigade knows it, the chief included."

Another of the call men, who has just left the department, says the firemen's sleeping places at the central hall are worse than pigsties. Four men have quit within the past month on account of the filthy accommodation. He thinks Deasy did not say half enough in his letter. There is, he says, grave doubt whether there is even 2,000 feet of hose in good condition. Between 2 and 3 o'clock and again in the evening there are only two men in the hall. Should a fire start during those hours there would be great delay in getting out.

And in conclusion will Chief Watson or Ald. Oddy kindly state

Whether or not it is true that at the recent fire at Dr. Gibbs' two of the call men did not even turn out of their beds, and the chief, knowing this, has taken no action?

Whether or not it is the fact that substitutes are taking the places of permanent men, which substitutes are strangers to the city and to the location of the fire hydrants and boxes?

Whether or not if Chief Watson hastened to have the fire cisterns filled as soon as "Progress" came out last week, giving the information that they were low?

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

Inclined to Be Sarcastic.—"Maxey says that yesterday's issue of the World was the best in years. The Count likes jossing."—Rossland World.

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Had No Corkscrews.—"Some people were out hunting bears yesterday. The bears didn't like the bait."—Rossland World.

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Giving the Lady Away.—"A burly marauder held up Miss Brown at her residence the other evening."—New Westminster Columbian.

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Neighbor Makes Business. — "Dr. Quinlan has opened his dental office next to Mrs. Walker's candy store."—Cumberland Enterprise.

Chief of Police Stewart of Nanaimo died very suddenly this week, while attending the assize at the Coal City in his official capacity.

Enderby's newspaper is to be known as the Edenograph.

Joseph Jacquin, aged eight, was drowned at Nelson last week, while heroically endeavoring to save the life of his younger brother.

A Granby miner has been rescued after 21 hours' burial in an ore chute, little the worse for wear.

Vancouver's harbor is to be protected by the mounting of guns, with suitable fortifications, at Points Grey and Atkinson.

New Westminster has won the much-coveted distillery industry away from Vancouver, and the council of the Terminal City has adopted an "it-wasn't-our-fault resolution that reads like very childish nonsense to outsiders.

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Interesting and Unique Attraction For the Coming Week—An Object Lesson for Patriots.

The "Made in Canada" fair which opens in the Assembly hall on Monday at 3 p.m., will be one of the principal attractions of the celebration, for during all the other events, it will last all the week. The fair will be under the auspices of the King's Daughters and the proceeds will be given to charitable objects. Splendid support has been received from local manufacturers whose exhibits entirely line the hall, while the centre is devoted to exhibits from Eastern Canada and Manitoba.

The decorations will be patriotic and extremely handsome. At the entrance to the hall an artistic flower stall will gladden two of the senses. Advertisements will take the form of charming and original costumes worn by the young ladies who will assist the exhibitors. Besides the actual exhibits there is a woman's exchange, towards which every artistic amateur is invited to contribute a specimen of her handiwork; a parcel delivery office, where parcels and wraps may be left and checked; a mysterious tent, where fortunes will be told; a demonstration of the making of candy; an Old Country store; and a tea room where tea, coffee and other refreshments will be served between the hours of 4 and 10 each day.

On Monday, the opening day, the band of H. M. S. Grafton will play intermittently from 3 till 10 p.m., and at 7 o'clock there will be speeches by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, the Mayor, the Premier of the province, and others. On Tuesday evening a conversazione will be held, the hall on that day being open from 7 till 10 only. Wednesday evening the Arion club will give one of their charming concerts, and Miss D. Sehl will give the dance which was one of the chief features of the pantimime, "Alice in Wonderland," last year. Thursday is set aside for Patriotic Canada, for which an exquisite programme by native talent has been prepared. Friday evening a play will be given by the Misses Sehl and a drill by the Fifth Regiment, while on Saturday evening the bluejackets from H. M. S. Grafton will give some of their most entertaining events. This will be the closing day.

An effort will be made as far as possible to use all local products in the refreshment room, while at Mrs. Watt's book stall, pictures, photographs and books by Canadian artists and authors will be for sale, as also a cookery book now published for the first time and crammed with experience. At the candy stall, in charge of the Hawthorne Circle, none but home-made candies will be served. Mr. Bancroft will provide his excellent ice cream throughout the week. The Blue Ribbon Tea people will serve their own products and provide a cookery demonstration by an experienced lady in a tent adjoining the hall. This should prove a great attraction. The Hinton Company are installing the light free of cost.

The ladies have been working on the arrangements for this show for the past six months, and it will be the most unique and original affair ever held in Victoria. It is to be hoped that the Victoria people will appreciate their efforts and patronize the various features to the fullest extent possible.

The Kamloops Standard says that a delegation from the Kamloops Liberal Association waited upon Mr. Bostock and urged him to accept the vacant senatorship from this province, and, we are told, "Mr. Bostock looked favorably upon the suggestion, and will, if stronger strings are not pulled in some other direction, become one of the august body." It will relieve many anxious minds to know that the Kamloops Association has settled what otherwise might be a troublesome question. There has been an impression lying around loose to the effect that the Governor-General had something to do with the appointment of senators, but we live and learn.

One of the finest speciments of copper ore shown in this city in a long time is a mass of yellow copper brought down from Uchucklesit, on Barkley Sound. It comes from a mine that is exceptionally well situated and will be among the shippers within a few weeks. There are other indications that West Coast mining properties are coming to the front.

A very excellent prospect exists of something being done to utilize the iron deposits of Vancouver Island at an early day. Negotiations are now in progress to that end, although those engaged in them do not care to give the public the slightest inkling of their plans.

There is considerable activity in city real estate, and a prominent man in that business said yesterday that in his opinion the present outlook for Victoria is better than it has ever been. Prices are not yet showing much of an appreciation, but the tendency is upward and sales are more numerous.

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WHY CITIES GROW.

Winnipeg has increased in population, according to the municipal census, one hundred per cent. in ten years, and equally in the valuation of its taxable property. The prairie city will, when the next federal census is taken, easily be the third city in Canada, if it cannot already claim that honor. Why has Winnipeg grown? Certainly not because it is a place where people would go in search of ideal residential conditions. Certainly not because of beauty of situation. It has grown because the country around it has been developed, and so great has the growth been, and so rapid has been the accumulation of wealth, that Victoria, which was past its first youth before Winnipeg had a name, is actually counting upon an influx of retired Winnipeggers as one of the factors of its growth. The growth of a city depends upon the growth of the region tributary commercially to that city. The advantages which climate and beauty of situation give are not to be despised. They have also made cities grow and will do so again, but the only solid and substantial progress which any city can enjoy is that which is based upon the expansion of the commercial and industrial interests centering there. Let it be granted at once that Winnipeg has in the vast wheat area an exceptional factor. We have nearer home an example of even greater growth for which no such cause can be assigned. The reference is to Seattle, which has increased 300 per cent. in population in seven years. The fashion is to say that the Klondike trade did it. That trade did its share, but the almost superhuman manner in which the people of Seattle advertised their city as the Gateway to Alaska did more. But there has been another factor at work in building up that city about which very little is said, and it is in this respect that it supports the argument drawn from Winnipeg and gives an object lesson to Victoria. Sailing out of Seattle are an almost innumerable company of steamers, known as "the mosquito fleet," little steamers, some of them, which run once, twice or three times a day to points up and down the Sound. The amount of traffic handled by this fleet is enormous. The whole Alaska trade does not begin to equal it. This traffic is perhaps the chief cause of the commercial growth and stability of Seattle, this and the business developed within the city by the fact that its prosperity has attracted a large population.

What Winnipeg has done by its rail connections and Seattle by its "mosquito fleet," Victoria can accomplish, if her people go at it in the right way. The natural resources of the region that may be made commercially tributary to Victoria are far greater than the resources of the areas tributary to Winnipeg or Seattle. The difference is that the exploitation of resources in the case of Victoria's territory proceeds either slowly or not at all, while in the case of Winnipeg and Seattle it is proceeding with tremendous strides. Victoria can have a railway bringing the trade of the whole Island to her doors and laying the North under tribute, and it can have a "mosquito fleet" carrying traffic to scores of places along our almost illimitable coast line. Why do we not have these things? To answer this question correctly would require many articles, and we hope to write them.

TO YOUNG MEN.

The young men of Victoria do not take nearly enough interest in public matters, and the one thing that this town needs more than another to set it going rapidly forward is a change in this respect. "Progress" is thinking just now, not of young men in general, but of certain particular young men, who are never seen or heard of in connection with any public movement. Some of them any public business men; others are young professional men; others are young men working for salaries; others are young men turning their hands to whatever honest undertakings they can find to do. Walk down the street with one of them and he will talk readily about public affairs and talk well; but ask him to take an active part in bringing about the things he favors, except at election times, and like the man in the parable, he straightway begins to make excuse. Press him, and the chances are that he will tell you that he "is not wanted." Now, young man, who is it that does not want you, or who do you think has the right to say that you are not wanted? This country is yours. Probably older men own the most of it that is owned, and have all the places that are most worth having, but they are tenants for life only, and they are only holding things in trust for you. Watch them to see if they rightly discharge their trust. Take an active part in the development of your heritage, by which we do not mean the country in a territorial sense, but the community in a business, social and political sense. Victoria and British Columbia will be what the young men make it.

To older men there is something to be said in this connection, namely, that they ought to welcome the enthusiasm of youth. You need it. It is your interest to have things looked at from a different point of view than that which you necessarily occupy, from the point of view from which you looked out in the days when you were laying the foundation of your careers. If you will only stop to think for a moment about those days, you will recall that your elders were rather impatient with you because things did not move fast enough to suit you. Encourage young men in your employ to participate in public movements, not as your subordinates, who are expected to back up your views, but as your equals, who have really a greater stake in the country than you have, although they may not have as plethoric bank accounts or as much real estate. Their stake is the lives they will have to live, when you have passed off the stage. Therefore, fathers, encourage your sons to take an active part in the public life of the community. Employers encourage your young employees to do the same thing. Encourage them to find new and broad interests. Then they will be better and stronger men, men who will rise superior to petty temptations and appreciate the necessity of keeping sound minds in sound bodies.

TEACHERS AS CRITICS.

It was recently stated in a semi-public manner in this city that a disposition exists in the Department of Education to severely discourage anything like independent criticism on the part of teachers of the school system and its management. There must be some mistake about this. It will surely not be suggested by any one in authority that a man or woman by accepting a license as a teacher forfeits even a scintilla of independence as a citizen. It is not objectionable for a government to insist that its political appointees shall refrain from comment upon the acts of those who appoint them, or else bear the consequences; but teacherships are not political appointments. The teachers are the working staff of a great public institution; they are the people who know best of all how the methods adopted from time to time by the department are working out in practice, and consequently they are above all others the best qualified to criticize and make suggestions. We should expect to find the department inviting criticism from interested and well-informed people, who are in the closest possible touch with the work which the department is endeavoring to do. Hence it is impossible to credit the statement that the department is impatient of criticism, and that teachers indulge in it at their peril.

The department has a right to exact a certain amount of submission from teachers. While the law and the regulations stand, the teachers are bound to pay regard to them, no matter how erroneous they may think they may be in some particulars. The department would be fully justified in frowning upon insubordination, but between insubordination and freedom of criticism and suggestion there is a wide gulf and we cannot believe that the department does not recognize its existence. A story is told of the late Duke of Cambridge. Once when he was Comamnder-in-Chief, a friend strongly recommended an officer for promotion to a responsible post. The Duke said: "Seems to me I heard something against ——. Hasn't he written a book, or something?" He was assured that he had not, and promised to take the matter under consideration. The next day he met his friend, and exclaimed in his blunt way: "I knew there was something against ——, and I've found it out. He's one of those fellows that think." The Duke was a good old military Tory, and we take leave to doubt that he has any successors in the B. C. Board of Education.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AFFAIRS.

Mr. Thomas Watson, chief of the Victoria fire department, and Ald. Oddy, chairman of the council committee having especial jurisdiction over this branch of the public service, have united in informing the Times that they propose to take no notice of the criticism recently offered in these columns with respect to the administration of fire department affairs and their present condition. The chairman of the fire wardens takes it upon himself to say without due inquiry that there is no occasion for alarm—no necessity either for investigation or corrective measures. Apparently the long-deferred big fire visitation is required to convince some persons in authority of the fallacy of trusting too much to luck. Should such a fire occur with its inevitable disclosures of fire department weaknesses, it will be in order for Ald. Oddy to explain "why. I had no idea, etc." Unhappily that would scarcely satisfy the sufferers in view of the fact that Ald. Oddy has every opportunity to know and it is his duty to the citizens to know. He is quite satisfied that all is as it should be in the fire department. "Progress" has it from every member of the brigade who has been spoken to in the matter that conditions in the department were never so bad as now—that there is virtually no discipline, and that Victoria's fire preparedness in half a dozen respects is dangerously faulty. And the men who say so, should by nature of their business know what they are talking about. They are prepared to state facts whenever the fire wardens desire to take the bandages from their eyes and put the brigade in a state of efficiency. Ald. Oddy is taking a very serious responsibility upon his shoulders under such circumstances, in saying that there is no necessity for inquiry or reforms.

Several rural correspondents have of late taken it upon themselves to announce the prospective retirement from the political arena of Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, now sitting in the local legislature for Alberni, and not unnaturally the Government party press has done its best to help the story along, and facilitate its possible justification. Mr. McInnes has, however, not yet made his exit. It is to be hoped that he will vary the programme so willingly mapped out for him; for now that Mr. Joseph Martin has passed from the scene, he is perhaps the most picturesque, interesting and magnetic personality in British Columbia's parliament. An experienced parliamentarian; a ready, convincing and at times truly brilliant debater; a clever politician—he has his career before him, and he is sufficiently blessed with youth not to require to force the hand of time. Naturally Mr. McInnes has been somewhat chagrined at the turns provincial affairs have taken during the past year or two. He only missed the premiership when Hon. Col. Prior went out of power by the bungling interference of men of his own party. He subsequently missed the Liberal leadership largely through devotion to compromise and expediency. Yet still he should abide the progress of events. Parties cannot make leaders, although leaders make parties. If Mr. McInnes is, as many hold, the natural leader of his party in this province, the fates will bring him to his proper place. And he should not be so unsportsmanlike as to handicap the game the fates elect to play for him.

The made-in-Canada" idea is a good one and it might be given even a more local color with advantage. Victoria manufacturers say that the hardest place to dispose of their products is in this city. The fault is not wholly with the retail merchants. It has been in part the fault of the manufacturers themselves, who have been in some cases so chary of the use of printers' ink that people here hardly realize that their goods are, or at least ought to be, on the local market. There is really no prejudice against local products and in favor of goods from elsewhere; but goods manufactured in other places are widely advertised in Victoria, and their names are household words. The manufacturers themselves advertise them, not because they find wholesale buyers in that way, but because the wholesale buyer will purchase what the manufacturer advertises for him. If Smith of Smithtown, Pennsylvania, advertises in every paper in Victoria that he makes the best possible brick dust in the world, and a Victoria man makes equally good brick dust and does not advertise it at all, the Victoria retailer will buy Smith's brick dust, because it is advertised. He buys the benefit of the advertising with every package of brick dust. The people of the community can also help the local manufacturer by asking retailers for his goods. This ought to be regarded as a duty by all Victoria people.

Mr. Fulton has been sworn in as Provincial Secretary, so that the ministry is now complete. The fact that a Provincial Secretary has not been found at all necessary for nearly a year, seems to indicate that the Constitution Act might advantageously be amended by abolishing the office and consolidating its work with that of some other department. Nomination for the vacancy occasioned by the acceptance by Mr. Fulton of this position will take place on May 30th. There is no word as yet of opposition. It was understood that Mr. Bostock would contest the constituency in the event of Mr. Fulton's entry into the government. What effect the mention of his name in connection with the senatorial vacancy will have is not known.

A schoolmaster, who is principal of a country school and who is in receipt of the princely salary of $50 per month, has been ordered by the county court to pay a certain proportion of the sum monthly in satisfaction of a debt. This sets one thinking. There is something the matter when a man fit to be principal of a school must work for less than a common laborer's wages. Are we trying to do too much with our schools? Is there not a danger that we are spoiling a lot of young men by training them along lines which do not lead to profitable employment?

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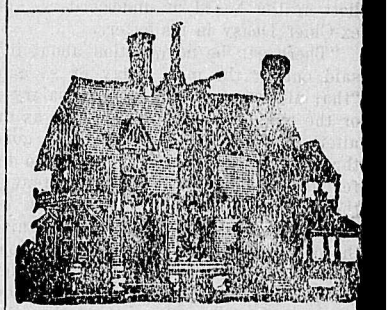

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The Week in Society.

Charming "At Homes" the Feature of the Closing Week—His Honor's Victoria Day Dinner.

Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner at their residence on Head street last Saturday evening, the flagship band being in attendance, and the arrangements otherwise being perfection: His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Archer Martin, Col. and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Miles, Paymaster and Mrs. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Beaven, Miss Dunsmuir, Mr. Roland Stuart, Mr. R. B. Powell and Mr. L. Blackler, R.N.

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The marriage of Miss Mabel Davey, daughter of Mr. Frederick Davey, to Clarence Deaville, son of Mr. W. B. Deaville, of the Gorge road, was solemnized at the Centennial church by Rev. J. P. Westman, who came from New Westminster for the occasion, on Wednesday evening last. The bride was gowned in cream crepe de chine over cream taffeta trimmed with clung lace and chiffon, and carried a shower bouquet of cream roses and fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Mills, cousin of the bride, and Miss Florence Deaville, sister of the bridegroom. Each was gowned in cream voile with tene riffe lace and ruchings of silk, and wore wreathes of forget-me-nots. They carried bouquets of pink roses tied with blue ribbon, and wore pearl brooches, gifts of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr. Geo. Deaville and Mr. Frank Davey, while Mr. Bert Richards and Mr. Arthur Deaville acted as ushers. The church, which was decorated by friends of the contracting parties, looked very pretty indeed. Three arches had been constructed on either aisle, covered with ivy, clematis and white lilac. The altar and platform were decorated with white flowers and a background of palms. As the bride entered the church the choir sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." Mr. Parsons, the organist, played the bridal march from "Lohengrin" as the guests were entering the church, and Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party left the church. Only the immediate friends and relatives were invited to the wedding supper, the following being present: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Deaville, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Deaville, the Misses Deaville, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Davey, Mrs. Arthur Davey, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, Miss Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Richards, Miss Richards, Dr. Richards, Mr. Burt Richards, Mrs. J. R. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. William Souden, the Misses Souden, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grant, Dr. Frank Morris, Mrs. Morris, Miss Carlyon, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Westman, Mr. Edward Parsons, Mr. George Deaville and Mr. Arthur Deaville. The supper room decorations were pink roses, lilies of the valley and smilax. The members of Centennial church choir presented the bride with a silver tea service, and the B. C. Permanent Loan & Investment Co.'s local staff gave a drawing room table. The other presents, which almost filled one room, were too numerous to mention. The young couple left that evening for Harrison Hot Springs for their honeymoon. They will reside on the Gorge road in the new house which is being built for them.

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Last Saturday the first year students in arts of Victoria College held a most enjoyable picnic at the Gorge. Proceeding far up the Arm a landing was made and games and other amusements indulged in. The first year students present were: Misses L. Mowat and K. Pottinger, and Messrs. J. Clearihue, C. Rogers and F. Wood. The invited guests were: Misses M. Cameron, B. Munsie, K. Munsie, H. Fraser and L. Saunders, and Messrs. H. Brown, H. Pope, H. Whyte, G. Stephen and J. Gibson. Mrs. William Cameron and Mrs. Wood acted as chaperons.

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Progress owes an expression of regret to a very estimable young lady and gentleman of this city for having coupled their names last week in connection with an interesting announcement. The statement was made on what seemed to be unquestionable authority, but it appears to have been a mistake, and Progress hopes that the persons most directly interested will accept this apology.

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Mrs. Troup gave a tea at Robleda, her home on Belcher street, last Saturday, in order that her friends might see the beautiful clematis which covers one side of her house. The large number of guests spent a very enjoyable time, and much admired the mass of white bloom over the green background with which the south side of the house is covered, and may only be seen from that side.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. George Wilt Clinton, paymaster for the Wellington Colliery Company at Cumberland, to Miss Jessie Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw, of Colwood.

It is understood that there will be no formal entertaining this year by any of the residents along the Arm on the 24th, owing to different causes. There will doubtless be a few small parties, but that will be all. This very pleasant feature of Victoria's chief holiday is not abandoned by any means, but owing to an unusual combination of circumstances will not be observed this year.

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Miss Agnes Russell, of this city, left last evening for Chicago, where a married sister resides. Miss Russell will be very much missed by a large circle of friends, especially in connection with musical events. In a very unpretentious manner she made excellent use of her great natural talent.

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Mr. German French, mining engineer, who was recently resident in this city, is now located in Mexico, where he is engaged in carrying out some extensive works at Ferrerai San Miguel, Laenaltipan. Mr. French writes that the present progress of Mexico is due to the introduction of English and Canadian capital.

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On Wednesday of last week Mr. Robt. Holland Owen, brother of Captain Owen, was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fairall, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. Fairall. The wedding was a surprise to all their many friends, so when they heard of it a surprise party was formed and a jolly evening spent.

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Lady Bromley has returned from the country, and will now remain in the city until after her son's marriage with Miss May Dunsmuir, which will take place early in June. Her daughter, Miss Esther Bromley, will arrive in Victoria from England next week.

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The marriage was solemnized in Seattle this week of Mr. L. S. Humber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Humber, of Victoria, and Miss Mabel F. Bechtel, daughter of the late Meyer Bechtel, also of this city. The young couple have taken up their residence here.

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Mrs. MacTavish gave a smart tea at her residence on Haywood avenue, Thursday. The decorations, which were in green and white, were very effective—narcissus, white clematis and white lilac being particularly noticeable.

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Mrs. D. Kilpatrick and her little boy, of Cumberland, and Miss Williams, of Vancouver, are spending a few days with Mrs. Kilpatrick, on Cadboro Bay road.

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The many friends of Mrs. J. H. S. Sweet, who has been at Harrison Hot Springs for several weeks, will be glad to learn that her sojourn there is proving very beneficial to her health.

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Mr. Alfred G. P. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher (nee Marcon), who were married in this city on April 30th last, have taken up their residence at 11 Gloucester street, Toronto.

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Mrs. H. W. Newlands, wife of Mr. Justice Newlands, and Miss Stewart, who spent the winter in Southern California, have taken up their residence at 51 South Turner street.

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By the advice of her physicians, Miss Nason will leave in a few days for California. She is now happily convalescent from her recent serious illness.

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Mrs. Smith, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Heisterman, during the winter, intends leaving for Dawson on June 9th.

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Mr. Frank Bennett is recovering rapidly from a very serious operation, which he underwent recently at the Royal Jubilee hospital.

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Mrs. Thomas R. Smith gave a very pleasing At Home Thursday afternoon at "Ethewold," her residence on Cook street.

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The officers of the Navy will entertain their friends at the Canteen grounds on the afternoon of June 1st next.

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The Commodore will hold a reception on H. M. S. Grafton on June 2nd, to witness a naval regatta.

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Miss Gertrude Wells is visiting at the home of Mr. E. F. DeFoe, 67 Superior street.

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Mr. R. W. Dunsmuir is ill with typhoid fever, but his condition is as favorable as can be expected.

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Mrs. John A. Douglas and Miss Margaret Nuttal left last Thursday for California.

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Miss Jeanne McAlpine visited New Westminster this week to sing at the meeting of the Methodist conference.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, of Carlton street, Toronto, will divide the summer months between this city and Vancouver.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. Redfern, of Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., to Miss Redfern.

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Mrs. Leeming, of Dallas road, gave a small party Wednesday for Miss Russell, who is leaving for Chicago.

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Mrs. Williams, of Greenwood, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Macfarlane, of Sylvia street, James Bay.

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Mrs. J. H. Todd gave a large tea at her home on Johnson street on the afternoon of the 18th.

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His Honor the Lieut.-Governor entertains at dinner at Government House on Tuesday evening next.

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Miss Nellie Nuttal will spend a few days' vacation with Mrs. Robert Welch, Vancouver.

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The marriage of Mr. Napier Dennison and Miss Ethel Walbran is announced to take place on July 19th.

AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT.

Machinery of Justice Slips a Cog Through Most Inexcusable Failure in Provision.

It is with more or less regret that Progress finds itself called upon to draw public attention to a piece of culpable negligence on the part of the provincial government. It appears that in a certain bailiwick of British Columbia the workings of that ancient institution, the British Constitution, were seriously embarrassed by reason of the fact that the deputy sheriff was not attired in a dress suit, and, it is added, with what degree of truth this deponent saith not, that the wheels of the Car of Justice were arrested for a considerable space of time, while the deputy sheriff aforesaid skirmished around to borrow the necessary apparel. Surely this likewise ought not to be. The McBride government ought to see that its myrmidons are properly attired in order that justice may be properly administered. If the munificent salary of $40 per month be alleged insufficient to permit a deputy sheriff to go dressed like Soloman in all his glory, dress suits ought to go with the office and be constructed on an adjustable plan so that in case an officer should be removed for pernicious partizanship, it can be made to fit his successor. It is also desirable that the law in regard to these matters should be made explicit. A story is told of a certain North Carolina judge, who was incensed because the sheriff appeared at court with a white vest on. "Mr. Sheriff," said he, "do you not know that the law requires you to appear in a black coat and vest." To which the sheriff replied that he was aware of the fact, and that he was so attired. "Your vest is white, sir," thundered the judge, "and it ought to be black." "Excuse me," answered the sheriff, "the law says nothing about the color of the vest. It simply says I must wear a black coat and vest. I have a black coat and I have on a vest. It also says that the sheriff must have a cocked hat and sword.' Does this mean that the sword must be cocked?" It is alleged that the business of the court proceeded forthwith. In view of the possibility of errors of this kind being committed, whereby the liberty of the subject may be greviously imperilled, it is to be hoped that any legislation which may be introduced will be as explicit as language can make it.

THE BAND IN THE PARK.

The Fifth Regiment band will play at Beacon Hill park for the first time this year to-morrow afternoon. The programme is as follows:

Grand March.....Richard Wagner
2nd Mt. Raff's Symphony "Leonore"
....Arr. Tobani
Sacred Aria "For All Eternity"..
....Mascheroni
Cornet obligato, Sergt. North.
Selection from "Tannhauser".....
....Myrelies
Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night"
....Suppe
Batiste's "Organ Offertorie"....Brooks
Selection from "Les Huguenots"...
....Meyerbeer
Excerpts from "Prince of Pilzen"..
....G. Luders
"God Save the King."

CABINET CHANGES.

Hon. Premier McBride having resigned the Provincial Secretaryship, Hon. Fred. J. Fulton, K.C., of Kamloops, has accepted the office vacated and been sworn in, the writ for a new election being issued and nomination day fixed for the 30th instant. It is suggested that the by-election in Lillooet will be made simultaneous, and that other pending election petitions will be dropped.

SHOWING 'EM HOW.

For the past week a demonstrator has been baking delicious hot buns in Mowat's Grocery Store. These buns are made from Moffatt's Patent Hungarian Flour, milled at Enderby by the Columbia Flouring Mills. This company also makes the well known Three Star family flour and Drifted Snow pastry flour.

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The Lumber Industry.

Plain Statement of a Grievance That Has Two Contrasted Aspects According to Viewpoint

The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association has issued a circular to the mill owners suggesting that all mills shall be closed one day in each week in order to curtail the output. It appears from the circular that fifteen mills are now running half time, and thirty-two mills are closed. Only one of these is a British Columbia mill, namely, that of the Cowichan Lumber Company, which has been shut down for several years. One hundred and sixty-eight mills have agreed to curtail their output, the only British Columbia establishment among them being the Chemainus mill. The circular, which is dated May 12th, says: "Some of the mills will close down four days in the month; others will curtail a portion of their capacity equivalent to a total cessation of one day in the week; still others contemplate closing down entirely for several weeks. The total curtailment is a trifle over 10,000,000 feet, or about 50,000,000 feet per month." The circular adds that "it is the firm belief of the best posted mill men that curtailment is necessary." This circular is issued by the "Rail Trade Branch" of the Association, and so presumably has no reference to the condition of the market elsewhere than in America.

The association wishes the British Columbia mill men to join with them in curtailing the output. There is something in this request that is worthy of special attention. If the demands of the markets reached by sea were such that curtailment of the supply were necessary, it would be very natural for Canadian mill owners to co-operate with those in the United tSates; but this is not the question. The market which is over supplied is that of the United States and Canada. It is not claimed that the Canadian mills have overstocked the Canadian market or have contributed in any appreciable degree to overstocking the market of the United States. Canadian products are shut out of the latter market, so far as the mills of British Columbia are concerned, that their exports to it could safely be disregarded by the Puget Sound mills in considering the best policy to be adopted. The only reason for asking the British Columbia mills to close down partially is to enable the United States mills to work off more of their surplus in Canada. This jug-handled kind of arrangement very naturally meets with strenuous opposition from the mill men of this province.

In order that the difficulties surrounding the case may be fairly understood it is proper to point out that under the existing tariff Canada exports very much more lumber to the United States than she imports from that country. Last year the total exports of wood and manufactures of wood to the United States were valued at $18,911,924, of which $12,503,810 consisted of what is known as lumber, $1,596,181 of shingles, and $1,558,560 of pulp. The imports of wood and its manufactures from the same country were valued at $6,701,139, of which $5,023,038 worth came in duty free. The argument deduced from this condition of things is that the present tariff arrangement works very greatly to the benefit of Canada, and that to do anything that would reduce our export to the United States would be a mistaken policy. If we take lumber off the free list, it is claimed that the United States will increase the duty on lumber and thereby shut the products of our mills wholly out of the market of that country. It is claimed that this would be a worse evil than that resulting from the competition to which British Columbia mills are subjected. It is also to be mentioned that, while the existing arrangement is perfectly acceptable to the Eastern provinces, it is hurtful to this province, and thus a local element enters into the case. Another factor is the demand of the people of Manitoba and the Northwest to be allowed to purchase their lumber where they can get it cheapest. These considerations show that the question is by no means free from difficulty.

On the other hand the British Columbia lumbermen claim that they are the only manufacturers in Canada who are not protected, and that if it is not proper to insist that the purchaser of, say, cotton goods shall have the right to buy them where he can get them the cheapest, it ought not to be considered just to apply that rule to lumber. The answer made to this is that the Dominion government is seeking to settle the Northwest and therefore wants to make the conditions encountered by the homeseeker as easy as possible; but to this the reply is made that if British Columbia mills had the Northwest market to themselves, competition would keep down the price to a reasonable figure. In regard to the probability that the United States would put a higher duty on Canadian lumber if Canada puts a duty on what now comes in free, it is pointed out that the fact of such a disparity between the imports and exports of lumber between the two countries is proof positive that the United States needs our lumber and that the consumer in that country would have influence enough to prevent an attempt to shut out the Canadian produce. The case has a local aspect in that country as well as with us. The Puget Sound and Oregon mill men clamor for protection against Canadian products, but the consumers in the Eastern States want our lumber duty free, if they can get it.

Such seems to be a fair presentation of the case, and as it seems to be conceded by both political parties that the tariff shall be so arranged as to secure at least fair play to Canadian producers, it is clearly the duty of the federal government to take the matter up and seek to discover an adequate remedy. Whether this ought to take the shape of a duty on lumber from the United States, or whether the strict enforcement of the law as it now stands would make certain grades of lumber dutiable that now come in free and thus afford a measure of relief, of whether there are other means by which the reasonable demands of the British Columbia lumberman can be met are matters that call for expert knowledge and cannot profitably be discussed in a newspaper.

A QUESTION OF LICENSE.

Editor Progress: Will you kindly publish the following in the interest of fair play and British Justice:

Non-compliance with the ballot box and under the pretext of non-compliance with the Licensing Act:

To the Taxpayers, Residents and Householders of Comox District:

Having been requested by friends and those who signed my petition that I should renew my application for a license at the next sitting of the licensing court, I feel that some explanation is due. There have appeared several articles over various signatures which may have been attributed to me being the author, any knowledge of which I must disclaim, but it might be well for me to explain matters fully, and I do so over my own signature. When I first made application I did so with the encouragement of the license inspector of my ultimate success. Before the election last fall I was waited upon by the returning officer, a gentleman I was acquainted with, but one who had never been inside my premises for the last five years. He informed me that one of the board who had been mainly instrumental in opposing my application had changed his mind, and was decidely in favor of it. It was for that reason, and that only, I renewed my application. Owing to circumstances, which I have explained at the licensing court, I have been forced into this application, and although I may be applying for something which may not appeal to everybody's sympathy, I have not lost all self-respect, which I consider I should do were I to renew my application and lay myself open to the indignity and insult offered to me by the license inspector, which up to this time neither the attorney-general nor the board nor the inspector have tendered any apology for. Until I have the assurance of the board, with the knowledge they have of the necessity, that they will endeavor to grant my request, instead of placing every obstacle in the way, I have no intention of putting myself to trouble and expense to obtain signatures, only to receive the information under pretext that I had not complied with the act. At the same time, at the sacrifice of all personal feeling, and on the face of strong opposition, I will never fail to raise my protest to the highest source when I am denied equal rights and protection which every citizen and British subject can demand. Considering the road work for this season is abandoned in this district, owing to the want of funds, one would think that the government, in the face of a deficit, would influence it officials in endeavoring to increase its revenue instead of sanctioning their efforts to thwart and refuse funds tendered for a bona fide necessity. This method, and similar ones, of conducing the business of the country is sufficient evidence to show how the deficit has arisen in the public funds, which, if allowed to continue, will be the means of many taxpayers who have hitherto supported the government changing their policy, and when the occasion occur for them will comply with the ballot box acordingly. Thanking you for your support in the past I am, ladies and gentlemen, yours truly.

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SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reading matter during the month of April from the following: Miss A. G. Law, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. (Capt. W.) O'Leary, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Quebec street; Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. G. S. Stainer, Mrs. J. A. Van Tassell, The Lord Bishop of Columbia, The Navy League (B. C. Branch), D. B. Holden, M. D., Mr. H. Burnett, Mr. J. C. Mackay, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. S. G. Russell, the Times and Colonist daily papers and the local weekly paper "Progress," and Miss Marie Bailey and Mrs. G. S. Stainer, flowers. The following cash donation on behalf of the Institute is also gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, $1.

United Empire Loyalists.

Canada Does Well to Honor the Memory of Their Self-Sacrifice. A Suggestion.

In the province of New Brunswick May 18th is a public holiday known as Loyalist Day, for on that day one hundred and twenty-one years ago the first shiploads of those devoted patriots, known as the United Empire Loyalists, landed at what is now the city of St. John. Much has been written in a desultory way of these people and a few attempts have been made to deal with them in a historical-biographical fashion. A few poems have been written about them, but oddly enough it has remained for an Englishman, now a resident of British Columbia, Mr. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, to catch the real spirit of the Loyalist movement and embalm it in verse. The chief historian of the movement, Charles Sabine, a resident of the State of Massachusetts, says of the Loyalists that they were undoubtedly the best educated and highest types of people in the revolted colonies. In many instances they were persons of wealth, who sacrificed everything they had rather than remain in a land which had rebelled against British rule. It is true that their departure was in many cases hastened by the persecutions to which they were subjected in their homes by those whose cause they would not espouse, but they might have remained had they preferred prosperity and rebellion to privation and loyalty. It is useless at this late day to discuss the wisdom of their course. Suffice it to say that it is to them that Britain owes Canada, and that as the years roll round the name bestowed upon them, "United Empire Loyalists," grows in significance.

In all the Loyalist families stories are preserved of those days "that tried men's souls." Some of them have a tinge of romance; all of them have a strain of tragedy. We are told of delicate women, reared in the luxury of which Winston Churchill speaks in his novel, "Richard Carvel," who were compelled to face the rigors of an intensely cold winter in tents, with scant provision for food; of strong men who succumbed to the hardships which they had to endure to keep their wives and children alive by labor to which their hands were unaccustomed. Some compensation was made them by the British government for their sacrifices during the war, but this only came to hand after many disappointments, and by a strange irony of fate money that should have gone to some of them was actually in some instances paid to relatives who had remained in the United States in comfort on the family homesteads. Notwithstanding this they never flinched in their loyalty to the flag and the crown, as the part they took in the war of 1812 abundantly testified.

It is not too much to say that the Loyalist spirit is what preserved Canada to the Empire and made a really United Empire possible. Without disparagement to the English, Scotch and Irish colonists who came to the Eastern provinces during the first half of the last century, it may be truthfully said that they did not bring with them a very fervid attachment to the Mother Country. They were not in any sense disloyal, but to them British North America was next thing to a foreign country, and having severed all their chief ties to the land of their birth, they were not particularly anxious to preserve the slight one that remained. But the Loyalists had made sacrifices for British connection and they valued that connection in proportion to the sacrifices. Their spirit proved contagious and thus was kept alive in what is now Canada an attachment to the British crown and British institutions, which is without historical precedent. It may be accepted that among the descendants of the Loyalists there are few whose ancestors have not lived in America for from one hundred and fifty to more than two hundred and fifty years, and through all the generations that have come and gone during those long years the feeling of attachment to the Union Jack and all which it implies has been kept alive, so that it is to-day as strong as, if not stronger than, ever. Of no other people can this be now said, nor could it ever have been said. Therefore the Loyalist movement and Loyalist Day are worthy of passing notice, and it would be a fitting thing if the descendants of these patriots in Victoria, whether they came in ships to St. John or Halifax, or overland to Ontario, should meet next Loyalist Day and in some worthy manner do honor to the men from whom they are sprung and the principles for which their ancestors sacrificed everything but honor.

Some years ago Alderman Williams, as he was then, advocated the sprinkling of the streets with oil as a preventive of dust. The idea has been revived. It was a good one when Alderman Williams proposed it, and it is a good one now, and the necessity for acting on it is greater than ever.

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Players and The Play.

New Home of High Class Vaudiville is Ready for Dedication—The Four Cohans High Class.

No one who has made even the most superficial study of the trend of popular taste in things theatrical can doubt for a moment that the demand for high class vaudeville entertainment is stronger and more insatiable to-day than ever it was before. The houses that cater for patronage with short, crisp specialties—and these are what make up the vaudeville programmes—and into which one may drop at any hour and leave when it pleases him, are the ones that are making the money, not only in great cities, where vaudeville parties have long been the rage, but in the western cities as well. The vaudeville fashion was some little time in reaching the Coast, but now that it is here, it seemingly is universal. If it were not, one would scarcely find the houses devoted to this special class of entertainment here, in Vancouver, in New Westminster, and in other provincial cities, crowded each afternoon and evening while the more pretentious houses and attractions receive scant patronage. The trouble in Victoria in the past has been to find suitable premises wherein to cater advantageously to the new-born and popular demand, and this has now been met by the erection of a brand new theatre dedicated exclusively to family vaudeville, which will be formally opened to the public on Monday evening next with a long bill of ten separate and attractive features.

The Grand, as this new theatre is named, has been built expressly for a family theatre by Mr. John Hepburn, a little below Government street on Johnson, and will be managed by that veteran in theatrical affairs, Mr. Robert Jamieson, formerly manager of the Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster opera houses—a gentleman bearing the reputation in theatrical circles of being the most energetic and keenest house manager in Western Canada. Such a bill of attractions as that with which he opens his new temple of amusement to the public he plainly admits exceeds in value many a programme which in the past he has offered to his patrons at ten times the admission price he now will ask—10 cents for matinees and 10 and 20 for evenings, according to the seat locations.

The theatre whose fortunes Mr. Jamieson will hereafter direct is now receiving the finishing attentions of the decorators. It is only equalled in capacity and completeness of arrangements by two other continuous vaudeville houses north of San Francisco, these being the Grand at Vancouver and the new Orpheum in Seattle, both of which houses are on the same circuit and play the same attractions as will appear from week to week under Mr. Jamieson's management.

The lower floor, which measures 80 feet by 30 feet wide, exclusive of the stage, has an adequate slope, which insures a perfect view from every seat; as has also the balcony. The seats are arranged in three rows; one down each side and one in the centre, with two wide aisles down the length and one across. There is a roomy vestibule in the front, on the right hand side of which is the box office, a wide stairway in the centre leading to the balcony. A brick arch separates the auditorium from the stage; a stand pipe with hose attached has been placed on the stage, and the city's fire and building by-laws have been strictly complied with in every respect. Besides the ample exits in the front, there are two emergency exits, one on either side of the piano, which lead out under the stage through a six-foot door to the vacant lot at the back. The operating room, from which the moving pictures are thrown, is lined with fire-proof material, so that every provision possible for safety has been taken.

Particular attention also has been paid to the comfort of patrons in the placing of the seats and in providing perfect ventilation. A large sign brilliantly illuminated with electric lights is being placed in position.

The stage, which is twenty feet deep, has a proscenium opening twenty feet wide by fifteen feet high, and is equipped with a complete set of regular scenery, painted by Paul Beygrau. The comfort of the artists is provided for by four large dressing rooms, nicely carpeted and properly furnished; and there is also space under the stage for a large heater, which will be installed before the commencement of the cold weather, and from which heating pipes will radiate through the auditorium.

Manager Jamieson states that the Grand will cater to ladies, children and gentlemen, and that it is his aim to furnish them with continuous vaudeville of the most refined and novel character, and that he will so arrange its programme that there will be constant diversity and diversion for everyone. To that end neither expense, talent nor energy will be economized in the booking of attractions, or in the management of the house.

The Grand has been placed on the Edison Unique Theatre circuit, the same circuit that furnishes the attractions for the Edison, which is under the able management of Mr. Erickson, and the most friendly relations exist between the two managers. Mr. Jamieson states that the Edison puts up the best show that can possibly be given for ten cents, and that the Grand will differ from it only in giving a larger show—that is in number of turns—and sometimes in giving bigger acts, which can be put on the larger stage of the Grand, and which could not be put on the smaller stage of the Edison. For this reason the prices of the Grand will be slightly higher, 20 cents being charged for part of the lower floor and 10 cents for the remaining lower floor seats and for the balcony. The matinee prices will be 10 cents all over the house.

The opening week's bill at the new theatre will be worthy of special mention even in times to come, for nothing like it in variety has ever before been offered at such prices in British Columbia. The roster is headed by the Burkes, expert club jugglers and hoop rollers, who rightly are classed by the profession as standing supreme in their neat specialty. The Rice Brothers, German dialect comedians, are next upon the bill; and fresh from the Kansas City Orpheum come the three "Marvellous Dentons," acrobats extraordinary. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mounts contribute "fifteen minutes of high class singing and talking"; and Mr. Juan Peralto, a pleasing baritone, sings "The Silent Violin," the song being illustrated with a series of truly beautiful slides colored in the perfection of modern art as applied to projectoscopes. Edison's up-to-date and fascinating moving pictures, shown with a new and latest model kinetoscope, will complete the bill.

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The Four Cohans, in their presentation at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening of Mr. George M. Cohan's musical comedy "Running For Office," much more than redeemed the expectations of their audience. As is not unusual, the coming of this strong body of comedians and singers, in a farce that has real body to it as well as picturesqueness, wit, and bright new music, did not draw more than a third house at the best—the overboomed and infinitely less meritorious "Girl From Dixie" had taken off the cream of the available patronage. In structure "Running For Office" is somewhat akin to George Ade's "County Chairman." It is a satirical skit on municipal politics in the neighbor republic, and has domestic and lovers' tangles to make it further interesting. The principals are strong and clever, and the musical forces adequate to heavier demands than are made upon them. There are several pretty songs and effective choruses, but the palm must go to Miss Della Nivens, the contralto, for her song "I'll Be there in the Public Square," with the double sextette chorus and dance—a feature on a par for merit with the "Pretty Maidens" of "Florodora." The singers of the Cohans' company are all distinctly capable.

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It is a little curious that in the writing of his musical farce "Running For Office," Mr. George M. Cohan has succeeded in bringing together the four starring members of the family in exactly the same relationships that they actually occupy in life—Messrs. Jerry J. and Helen F. Cohan being the husband and wife, "Mr. and Mrs. John Tiger," and Mr. George M. and Miss Josephine Cohan respectively son and daughter. It is probably mere coincidence, but it is doubtful if there is another such coincidence in the modern drama.

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Important alterations and improvements at the Victoria theatre have been decided upon, Mr. Boscowitz, the proprietor and manager, having accepted plans which will increase the seating accommodation from 900 to 1,500, while greatly improving the appearance of the house and its comfort—as well as affording increased stage accommodation. The improvements will involve an outlay of about $30,00, but will make the Victoria thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.

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Daisy Deane, a pretty chorus girl who dazzled the public from the front row in De Wolfe Hopper's "Wang" has announced her forthcoming marriage to William Chittenden, of Winnipeg, a prosperous fur buyer and ranchman. She will not, however, let a little thing like marriage interfere with her stage career.

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As an additional celebration attraction, Manager Fred. W. Dailey had booked his "Maloney's Picnic," just such a farce as the name implies, for presentation at the Victoria theatre on the evening of the 24th instant. Under advice, however, of the general fate of Victoria Day theatricals, it has been thought best to cancel.

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The report that Manager Fred. W. Dailey and Miss Edna Keeley, the vivacious comedienne, had joined forces, appears to be what the war correspondents describe as a canard. That it should be so is subject of regret, from the standpoint of both the interested parties.

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Mr. Steve O'Brien, of Seattle, formerly of this city, is to take a vaudeville show to Nome. From current reports it will be a tropical number.

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Miss Marrack has announced an unavoidable postponement of the contemplated juvenile production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

Arion Club. An Educator.

What This Organization Has Done For Art and for Victoria.

The circumstance that the ever-popular Arion Club with their concert at Institute Hall last Monday brought their twelfth season to a close, suggests a speculation as to whether Victorians as a community are as appreciative as they rightly should be of what this far-famed male choir has done and still is doing for the city. Victoria's Arion Club is unique among the musical bodies of the Pacific Coast. It is in Canada the only organization of its kind with the exception of the equally celebrated Mendelssohn Club of Toronto. As an educative influence for good music it fairly may be classed one of the most important factors in Western Canada, bringing the best in music within the comprehension of those not so fortunate as to have the undeniable advantages of musical education—creating and satisfying a popular demand for richer, fuller and more worthy music than that commonly to be found in concert programmes or even in the current operatic offerings. Coincidentally the club has given deep, satisfying and long-remembered pleasure to all who have had the pleasure of attending its numerous concerts, has stimulated musical study and growth among its members, and has published the fame of Victoria abroad as a centre of musical culture and excellence in attainments. For it is to be questioned if any other city of so limited population the wide world over possesses such a club—one whose performances outclass for quality and artistic finish those of more than ninety per cent. of the much advertised touring professional musical organizations.

The Arion Club was organized in February of 1893, the original members being Messrs. F. W. Thomas, Ernest Wolfe (now musical director for the Pollard Opera Company), J. C. M. Keith, E. H. Russell, Algernon S. Aspland (who afterwards embraced a professional career as an opera tenor), K. J. Middleton, A. C. Martin, J. Kingham, S. Y. Wootton, J. Sterling Floyd, the late William Greig, Alf. Hood, Herbert Kent, George Henwood, W. S. Goodwin, James Martin, C. W. Rhodes, Ed. Grizzelle, Percy Wollaston, jr., George Jay, W. H. Pegram, Godfrey Booth, E. A. Jacob, Ross Munro and George Shedden. The active members to-day are: First tenors, W. H. Binns, J. L. Forrester, A. T. Goward, J. C. M. Keith, A. Muir and M. C. Reynard; second tenors, J. Brookes, F. Galbraith, J. H. Griffiths, L. W. Hall, D. D. Muir, S. Y. Wootton and M. R. C. Worlock; first basses, W. Goodwin, A. S. Gore, R. A. C. Grant, H. Kent, B. C. Mess, R. R. Monro, Geo. Phillips, F. M. Russell and F. Waddington; second basses, G. Booth, G. Henwood, G. Jay, J. Mullins, C. W. Rhodes, F. J. Sehl, W. Williams and P. Wollaston. And the auxiliary members: First tenors, J. L. Gibson and F. P. Savage; second tenors, H. Dier and F. H. Worlock; second bass, H. Abbott.

The honorary president to-day is Mr. D. D. Muir; the honorary librarian, Mr. W. S. Goodwin; the honorary secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. S. Gore, and the honorary conductor, Mr. E. H. Russell, B.A. The music committee is composed of Messrs. E. H. Russell and B. C. Mess; while the management of the club's affairs generally is in the hands of a committee comprising Messrs. W. S. Goodwin, A. S. Gore, B. C. Mess, R. R. Monro, D. D. Muir and E. H. Russell.

The happy thought of organizing such a club as the Arion if it did not originate with that much respected gentleman and thorough musician, the late Mr. William Greig, at all events was largely fostered, given definiteness and finally brought to fruition by his well directed energy and enthusiasm. And it was in Mr. Greig that the club found its first and notably successful conductor, bringing to bear upon its affairs an intense love of and for music, the equipment of a thorough and profound musical education, and ripened experience with such a body as the Manchester choral union, with which he had been formerly connected. It was through his perfect understanding of and sympathy with good music that many Victorians found in the Arion Club's numbers their first intelligible examples of musical classics—hitherto sealed books to them, to be endured as a social duty and hypocritically exalted with hollow praise. In Mr. Greig's hands the club quickly became a splendid instrument for the interpretation of master compositions of rare beauty, and in each and all of them a splendid discrimination and rare sympathy with the composer's thought and plan has been disclosed. Upon Mr. Greig's lamented demise, his assistant in the conductorship, Mr. Russell, succeeded to the baton, and still directs the club with an affectionate devotion to it and the cause of music. The only change in the club's performances since the passing from his place of Mr. Greig may be said to mark the difference in temperament of the two conductors, equally loyal and enthusiastic—Mr. Greig striving ever for true artistic effects, for delicacy in shading, for the complete elaboration of all the poetry encompassed in the compositions interpreted; whereas Mr. Russell is unquestionably less poetic in his treatment and more insistent for correctness in phrasing, pronunciation, etc. The club has steadily and studiously added appropriate numbers to its repertoire until the library to-day contains no fewer than three hundred odd compositions, in which the classical predominate, but which include as well some humorous, some heroic and a number sacred.

For the third concert of the twelfth season, the programme was made up entirely of old favorites, no pretentious works being included, but rather such illustrations of simplicity and melody as—far more than any other examples of musical composition—go straight to the heart and evoke spontaneous and truest appreciation. And it may very gravely indeed be questioned if there be aught in vocal melody surpassing such gems as the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes"; Neidlinger's dainty "Hush"; the "Silent Recollections" of Johannes Pache; or Franz Moir's delightfully descriptive "Suomi's Song." In these as in the other club numbers, the choir was heard to marked advantage, the tenors being in especially good strength and voice.

Assisting the club at its recent concert were Mr. H. T. Hanlan, the Tacoma basso; Miss Charlotte Spencer, contralto; Mr. Frank Watkis, pianist; and Dr. Richard Nash, violinist. Mr. Hanlin may fairly be said to have electrified his audience, his sonorous and majestic voice surpassing anything heard in this city within many months, and his perfection of method being the subject of profoundest admiration. His programme numbers were the Romanza from "Simon Boccanagra" (Verdi) and Roeckel's stirring "Angus Macdonald," in addition to which he gave as encore extras a splendid "Bedouin Love Song," the old Scottish ballad "Blue Bonnets Over the Border," and "The Millwheel." Miss Spencer in her several numbers, the best of which perhaps was her "Dear Love" (Chadwick) displayed a true contralto of especially fine texture in the lower tones, and abundant range and power. She is fortunate, too, in the possession of a most attractive stage presence, and gives substantial promise of becoming as she develops, a notably successful singer of good music when her few mannerisms, born of youthful nervousness, shall have disappeared. Mr. Watkis and Dr. Nash were heard to advantage in a scholarly interpretation of a Greig sonata, while Mr. Watkis also played the accompaniments of the evening with much taste save and except in the case of Miss Spencer's first solo, when the piano was perhaps a trifle obtrusive.

Mr. James McNair, of the Hastings Shingle Company, is reported as about ready to disrupt the Dominion, if a duty is not put on lumber coming into the country from the United States. It is to be hoped that he is not in earnest, or at least that, before he cries havoc and lets loose the dogs of war, he will let the other great powers have notice, and not follow the example of Japan. But seriously, what sort of nonsense is this, that every man who does not think his particular business sufficiently protected is at liberty to threaten a campaign of secession?

The Colonist's correspondent telegraphed that paper from Ottawa that the vacant senatorship from this province had been offered to Mr. Hewitt Bostock. Some people, who may be presumed to know something of what is going on, deny this statement. It is noteworthy that the Times does not confirm the report. There seems to be no reason why so much greater haste should be shown in filling up the British Columbia vacancy than has been exhibited in connection with other vacancies in the Senate.

Rossland amateurs have lost money on "The Private Secretary."

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All members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society of Alexandra and Pride of the Islan Lodges are requested to be at the A.O U.W hall on Sunday next at 1.45 p m. to parade to St Saviour's church, Victoria West.

Service at 3 p m. A military band will be in attendance.

All visiting Brothers are respectfully invited to join the parade.

The Realm of Sports

Lacrosse on Tuesday is all the Talk of Experts—Fishing is Good.

While the regatta as usual is featured as THE event of the coming Victoria Day celebration, there can be no doubt but that the lacrosse match between Victoria's new and promising twelve and the lads from the Terminal City, on Tuesday morning at 10, constitutes in the opinion of a vast majority of the lovers of athletics, the main attraction of the approaching carnival. It will afford a first oportunity to get a line upon the prospective championship determination of the season, and will give the public their first real glimpse of the Victoria team that many experts have said should accomplish the re-establishment of lacrosse in this city and make at least a strong and aggressive battle for championship distinction.

It will, too, be the first match for many a weary year which the public will have opportunity of watching conveniently and comfortably, the fine new grandstand having been completed, and it, with the reconstructed old stand and press boxes, furnishing accommodation for 1,000 persons, in seats each 20 inches wide, and which may be reserved at Campbell & Cullin's at any time one cares to call there for them.

This introduction of modern methods shows that the club this year is determined to consider the public's interests first and foremostly. That is a popular step, and it will be followed by the providing of games that will be sharp and keen insofar as the home twelve can make them so, contested in gentlemanly fashion but with all the vigor that makes lacrosse the favorite spectators' game wherever it is played.

Faithful training, effective discipline, a team captain in whose judgment the men have unqualified confidence, and sufficient team rehearsal to enable the players to thoroughly know one another's points of strength or weakness—these are factors in the preparation of the Victoria team for their first of the season's engagements. The team has yet to be finally and authoritatively selected, but the difficulty is not in getting good men and in the pink of form, but of saying which of several good men most deserve to be honored with places on the fighting brigade. The line up, it is expected, will include Cullin, Belfry, Cattinaugh, Dewar, McCorbie, Peele, West, McConnell, O'Brien, White, Williams and——there's where the guessing begins.

Very little has been heard of the probable composition of the Vancouver twelve. Like Brer Rabbit, the Terminal City aggregation has been lying low. The expectation here is that Vancouver will play Allan, Barr, Yorke, the Morrison brothers, Wright, Cao, Godfrey, Matheson, Reynolds, Cameron and one or two new arrivals from the Prairie Capital.

The field at Caledonia park has been shorn and shaved, has been the recipient of Jumbo's fondest attentions for several days past, and now is fit for billiards. That the game will be fast and electrifying, although the first of the season, may be set down as a fact even on present evidence.

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At last the fisherman is coming into his own. At Cowichan lake, in the river, at Prospect lake, at Sooke, and in three or four other favored localities, good bags are now being made by all devotees of the rod who frequent these waters, and at all the waters are going down to a normal height and are clearing well. Cowichan lake just now is especially good fishing, the trout rising greedily to either March Brown, White Moth or Black Gnat, while not disdaining spoon or the humble worm. The season is not yet sufficiently advanced to find the Koksilah at its best, but the Cowichan river is also good fishing even now. From ten to twenty nice fish averaging three-quarters of a pound may be set down as an average basket for Cowichan these present halcyon days. Shawnigan lake is scarcely up to its reputation, probably being over-fished, while Sooke and Prospect lakes give goodly numbers and fine quality fish—but rather small. Going a little farther afield, Cushion lake, on Salt Spring Island, was never better than now; while Cameron and Comox lakes if one have time to pay them a visit will repay the attention with as large bags of good fish as one wants to carry home.

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The first yacht race of the series for 1904 will be run to-day Great interest is taken in this race on account of the new boats in each class, it being their first appearance. Vampire, having given a good account of herself in the race at Halifax, her record is three races and three firsts. She has a worthy antagonist in Dione, the smartest boat of her class on the Sound. In A class Whitecap will try conclusions with Gwinol and Dorothy for the first time, although built for cruising and yawl rigged, it is expected she will give a good account of herself. The "A" class yachts will start at 2.30 p. m. and the "B" class ten minutes later. The course will be from Pearline rock to buoy off Royal Roads, and from there to Brotchie ledge and thence to Pearline rock, all marks to be left to port, except the starting buoy, which will be left to starboard.

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If the stalwart soldiers from Work Point Barracks do not prove victors in the approaching regatta events in which they are entered, it will be subject of surprise to many who have been studying their show of form in practice. The men are working with the regularity of a clock. They go over the course daily with a swinging 37 stroke, and they row from and back to the Barracks at no snail's pace. It would be a discomforting thing for the sailors to have the Army best them on the water—but the Army is going about the preliminary preparation for triumph in the right way.

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Mr. Wm. Whyte, of the King's Head, than whom there are few better all-round sportsmen in the country, while fishing at Shawnigan this week, landed a true steelhead of satisfactory size and in excellent condition. This is the first time on record that a steelhead has been taken at Shawnigan, and is prima facie evidence of the good results from the placing of fish ladders last fall by the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club in the stream connecting the lake with the sea. The club is now in correspondence with the fishery authorities in the East with a view of securing the fry of the Atlantic salmon, which will be turned out in the streams of the Island. As these salmon rise readily to the fly, they should prove very popular with western sportsmen.

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Shooting ducks with the shotgun is now voted too poor sport for grown men by a number of the best sportsmen of the west, Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley being among the number. They use and advocate a small calibre rifle, the missile from which they declare does not break up the duck, while using it in the shotgun's place calls for a display of finer marksmanship and at the same time as good or a better bag is to be got. The substitution of the rifle for the shotgun in ducking is an experiment that may be made with interest at all events.

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Mr. W. R. Dickson will put up a championship silver cup to be competed for by the Indian canoes at the regatta. It will have to be won three years to become the property of the winners.

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Vancouver has announced the date of its tennis club tournament, which will open on August 8th, immediately after tennis week in this city.

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The local ball team to-day is playing the University of Columbia (Oregon), with Blackburn in the box for the locals.

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Emmerson is to pitch for Victoria in Monday's game with the University of Washington.

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The J. B. A. A. Club regatta is scheduled for next Saturday.

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Nelson proposes to organize a central rifle association for the interior.

VICTORIA WEST PROTESTS.

In Public Meeting Assembled, Against Unjust Discrimination.

At the public meeting of the ratepayers of Victoria West held in Semple's hall, Thursday evening, Mr. L. Tait was appointed chairman and P. R. Smith secretary. Alderman H. M. Grahame was the only representative of the council present. Mr. Beckwith sent an apology for his absence.

Mr. Boggs was requested to explain the object of the meeting, which he did in a neat speech, stating it to be as follows: To consider the questions of sewerage of the district as well as school and other matters.

He regretted the defeat of the by-law, and explained that no action could be taken until next year. He hoped the committee would impress upon the council the necessity of the extension of the sewerage system.

Alderman Grahame said the council intended to place a septic tank at the foot of Mary street, but that it would take at least three tanks to properly provide for Victoria West.

Short speeches were made by Messrs. Andrew Gray, Davey, Evans, P. R. Smith, S. Shore and Dickson, and a general discussion followed on the unfair treatment of the district by the city council.

A general committee of twelve was appointed to formulate requests, which will be presented to the city council at their next meeting. It was also decided that this committee should form a ratepayers' association for the district to strengthen the hands of those representatives who are willing to consider the needs of the district.

Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Boggs the Craigflower road question was tabooed. A number of ladies were present.

The committee is as follows: S. Shore, T. Gold, William Dixon, Andrew Gray, Thos. Redding, J. Painter, J. Styles, H. Firth, C. W. Kirk, Evans, L. Tait, president; Phil R. Smith, secretary.

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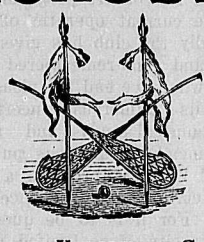

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THE PEOPLE'S PARK.

No Time Like Now to Acquire the Historic Gorge For Public Gardens.

The city ought to purchase all the land around the Gorge, convert it into a pleasure resort, close up the two public houses there and arrange with the provincial government to issue no more licenses to persons intending to open drinking places in that vicinity. In all well regulated communities the sale of liquor in localities set apart for public pleasure grounds is prohibited, and the reasons are too many to need stating.

The Gorge road is under existing conditions very frequently a scene of incidents that are the reverse of edifying. Men and women in barouches and badly under the influence of liquor, dissolute women in single carriages, drunken men on foot and other similar abominations are entirely too common. The one thing which seems to make the most impression upon the powers that be is how things will affect strangers, and certainly a stranger would be very unfavorably impressed with the community if he formed his opinion from some of the things that can be seen along the road between the Fountain and the Gorge bridge, due solely to the fact that the road is a highway to drinking resorts that are popular with a certain class. This sort of thing must be stopped and stopped at once. If a well-behaved citizen is unfortunate enough to let his horse trot across a bridge that ought to be strong enough to carry a train of artillery, he is likely to be fined for so doing, and a special officer is from time to time detailed to lie in wait for such offenders. But disorderly men and lewd women may make a spectacle of themselves Sunday and weekday and nothing is said about it.

VALUES ARE GROWING.

Increase of Upwards of Fifty Per Cent. on City Realty Within One Year.

During the present week what is known as the Windsor Hotel property, almost opposite the post office on Government street, but with frontages also on Gordon and Courtney streets, became the property by purchase, of Mr. Stephen Jones, the amount of consideration moving being placed at $23,000. It is Mr. Jones' purpose to hold for a time, and then erect a modern business block, for which the site is unquestionably admirably adapted. This property at the price paid is unmistakably a good buy. It could, at one time within eighteen months past, have been got, however, for $15,000 cash. The trend of values is upward in Victoria, and eighteen months hence it is safe to prophesy an offer of $35,000 would meet with a refusal, because the property will be worth more than that money within the time mentioned.

The new proprietor of the Driard, like the proprietor of the Dominion, is not the least alarmed because the C. P. R. is going to build a mammoth hotel here. He is improving his hostelry and is out for business. Mine Host Jones, of the Dominion, has made that house known everywhere in America, and that is the way it is going to be with the Driard. Victoria needs more of this sort of thing. We are all too modest to blow our own trumpets, but it is worth remembering that "modesty is a quality that adorns a woman, but damns a man" or a city for that matter.

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