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That Fire Department.

Its Inefficiency Still Invites Authoritative Investigation and Correction

To return to the subject of Fire department inefficiency!

"Progress" has been asked how long it proposes to keep rapping away at the Fire Department? The answer is just so long as the authorities continue to manifest criminal indifference to that branch of the civic service, and thereby continue to jeopardize the safety of the lives and property of Victorians.

When the Driard fire threatened destruction to the city and more than proved "Progress's" charge that the department under its present direction is hopelessly incompetent to cope successfully and intelligently with a big fire, it was assuredly up to the Fire Wardens and the Council to institute a thorough and unbiassed investigation that would pave the way for desirable reform in the interests of the city.

Nothing was done.

A member of the department in close touch with the Chief wrote for "Fire and Water" a laudatory article in connection with the work of the brigade, containing glaring mis-statements of facts, and there the matter rested.

Then came the big fire that cleared away two entire blocks of homes on Princess and Queen's avenues, and again demonstrated the disorganization of the brigade and its helplessness in the presence of such a conflagration as every city should be prepared for at every hour of the day or night.

The Water Committee got busy and is doing its best to remedy the water shortage, but the Fire Wardens are still peacefully apathetic and obviously indifferent to the city's safety for which they are responsible.

"Progress" reiterates that the management of the department is dangerously inefficient, and it has cited dozens of facts pertinent to the issue in support of this charge. So long as no action thereon is taken, the charge of wrongfully endangering the lives and property of citizens rests at the door of the Fire Wardens.

To revert to the Driard fire: It was stated in defence by the firemen at its occurrence that the fire gained its dangerous headway through the inability of the men to promptly locate and get at the point of origin.

And yet Mr. Hickey, the Driard engineer, asserts that he volunteered to show the firemen immediately upon their arrival, which was within a few minutes of the discovery of the fire, the exact spot of danger. They would not go with him, but insisted upon breaking holes in the walk and thereby giving the fire draught. In proof that it was then possible to go into the basement, which was the common-sense method of procedure, Mr. Hickey himself went back, felt his boiler all over, turned on the lights so that they would burn as long as possible, and removed certain papers.

That fire involved heavy financial loss and immense disturbance of the business of the house in the busiest season of the year, simply because common-sense brigade management was not available.

At the later and yet more threatening fire, the chemicals were not in evidence even when it was apparent to all that the water supply was inadequate (as made use of) to check the spread of the fire—just such an opportunity as would best have demonstrated the greatest value of chemical engines.

Why were they not?

And why, too, was the Deluge engine, put in good repair not so long ago at a cost approximating $1,000, never so much as taken from the engine house, although there were plenty of available volunteer engineers from local machine shops to operate it?

And why, if there was a sufficient supply of hose as Chief Watson has asserted, were not the three steamers worked from Spratt's wharf or some other point at salt water, to save the hydrant supply in the emergency? That they can be used to throw salt water, and that without material damage to them, was demonstrated at the great Seattle fire, when they were worked for 48 hours on salt water to good effect.

Why, again, is it that this most dangerous period of the year is selected by the Chief to remove the chemical from the Victoria West station, where it si urgently required, and convey it into the city for a painting that might just as well be given it in the hall, and without unnecessarily jeopardizing the safety of the western section of the city?

And why should a dilapidated express wagon be substituted for the chemical, which breaks down and seriously injures the driver at its first use?

Here is another little incident of fire department discipline that illustrates present conditions: Last week a dangerous grass fire was reported in Victoria West. An alarm was sent to the district fire hall, and meanwhile the women and boys of the neighborhood fought the spreading flames with buckets of water and saturated blankets and bits of old carpet. Presently the Department wagon and one man drove up, there being a coil of hose in the wagon, and took a comfortable position in front of the Presbyterian church—the fire being at the rear of that edifice. Word was brought to the gentleman in charge of the wagon from Fireman Wachter, who was lying at home on sick leave, just where the nearest hydrant was to lay from.

The reply of the man on the wagon was that he "didn't think it necessary to lay any hose."

And it was the women volunteers who put out the fire and saved the church as well as threatened homes.

The memory of Mr. Prefontaine's visit is disappearing on account of the anticipation of the coming of the G.T.P. officials. It is being obscured by a Hays, so to speak.

—Very Neat:

A new design for the Empress' passenger lists has been adopted by the C. P.R. and Victorians saw a first example with the coming of the "China" last Tuesday. It is chiefly remarkable for its dainty maple leaf border on robins' egg blue, which adorns the front cover, the crossed flags—company and national—being carried in the new design.

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—Good Cause for Complaint:

While Premier McBride and his lieutenants and non-commissioned officers have been telling the good people of Lillooet all about the excellent efficiency of their administration, it is a significant and deeply regrettable fact that the sidewalk on Admiral's Road from the naval hospital is still none-existent for five hundred yards or more, the planking (torn up three months ago as it was becoming dangerous) being left on the site of the walk so as to prevent the use of the sidepath even without the planks. Appeals to the member for the district have brought the information that no funds are available to make the small and much desired repair. As the heavy pedestrian traffic to and from the naval hospital demanded the laying of this sidewalk and its maintenance for ten or twelve years past, it certainly looks like retrogression in government for the province to confess at this date that it can no longer find means to keep a needed public work in existence. There is apparently no election pending in Esquimalt—and so the public may, metaphorically, be told to suffer inconvenience and be hanged to it.

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The Future of Victoria

It Depends More Upon the Efforts of Citizens Than the Railways

Victoria may or may not be chosen as the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, but there are some things that nature has done for this city that no railway company can deprive it of, and which it is to be hoped no railway company can afford to ignore. One of these is its commanding geographical position.

The Strait of San Juan de Fuca is and will remain for all time one of the principal gateways of commerce between America and Asia. There is reason to believe that it will be the principal gateway of that commerce, for notwithstanding anything that can be done at San Francisco or at any port north of Victoria that may be built up, the fact that all the existing transcontinental railways have termini on the waters reached by way of the Strait must in the long run have a potent influence upon determining the route of traffic across the ocean. A vast area in the United States will always find the Puget Sound ports the best means of reaching the ocean and a very large part of Canada can always be better served by ships entering the Strait than by those plying to any other point.

This is a factor in transportation that must count for very much in the future of this city, because Victoria stands at the very threshold of this traffic, and hence can be reached more readily and more safely than ports further removed from the ocean. Other things being equal, shipowners will prefer that their vessels should sail to and from those ports that are the most accessible and to reach which less delay and danger must be encountered. The perils of the sea under the most favorable conditions are great enough, but when these are supplemented by the necssity of navigating channls more or less intricate, and at times obscured by heavy smoke and fog, it stands to reason that if these handicaps can be obviated, the people who have their money invested in ships, and passengers and shippers to whom time is any object, will favor a port that is free from them.

In the early days of trans-Pacific steam commerce, when an occasional sailing was all that had to be considered, these things had not the weight which they have now, when almost daily sailings to and arrivals from the Orient are the rule. As steamships multiply in the inland waters reached by way of the Strait, the risks attending the navigation of such waters will increase, but it is almost impossible to suggest conditions under which vessels may not reach Victoria without delay or exceptional danger. Navigation to this point from the ocean is not at all intricate. There are no rocks to be dreaded, no shoals upon which steamships can come to grief. Of course the perils of Cape Flattery cannot be avoided, but this remark applies to all the other ports reached by way of the Strait, and as far as these perils go, they are not more serious than those to be encountered in approaching any part of the coast in bad weather.

But conceding that steamships engaged in trans-Pacific trade will continue to pass Victoria to ports further from the ocean, it is surely a great asset to this city, that every one of these ships must pass almost within hail of Victoria docks, and certainly within signalling distance. That trans-Pacific commerce will grow to vast dimensions in the immediate future is beyond all question. There would be no justification for the construction of a trans-

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THE FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

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continental line to a more northerly port unless this expansion of business could be regarded as certain. Under any conceivable conditions the major part of this traffic will come close to this city. Here will be the first and last available port of call for the greater number of the vessels engaged in it, and it is hardly controvertible that this fact must redound to the future prosperity of the city.

For trade between Canada and Mexico, South America, New Zealand and Australia, it is submitted that no port possesses such advantages as Victoria. Existing transportation plans may not recognize this, but it is to be remembered that the Grand Trunk Pacific, like the Canadian Pacific, at its outset is only a skeleton, so to speak, of a great enterprise, which will necessarily develop ramifications in all directions, so that, even if the Company may not see its way clear at the beginning to extend its main line to Victoria, one has every ground for believing that the developing necessities of traffic will compel the recognition of its exceptional advantages in this particular.

But he is no true friend of Victoria who permits himself to be absorbed in the contemplation of possible future greatness and neglects to direct attention to those things which are nearer at hand. Let us do our best to secure the recognition of the advantatges of this city as a railway terminal, but do not let us lose sight of the fact that, whether it is chosen or not, immense possibilities await energy and enterprise in the region which the railway must traverse, and that from that region Victoria may derive a degree of prosperity far in excess of anything yet experienced in her history. Especially ought the people o fthis city not to lose sight of the fact that when railway construction once begins, a vast trade can be done by this city, provided its people are prepared to do it.

But just here a word on that point. What have Victorians to sell that the constructors of the railway and others will buy? Of course one can import anything that is needed, but what is being produced at home? It is the home product that really pays. Take the item of hay and oats. How much of these essential articles are we prepared to supply from our own farms? There will be an immense demand for them during the next few years. Are the farmers in the neighborhood of Victoria getting ready to supply them? Let us not forget as a people that fortune helps those who help themselves. We have not the money to build great railway lines ourselves, and perhaps will find it difficult to offer financial inducements sufficient to determine railway routes, but we have the soil and climate which yield things which railway builders must have, and which will always find a market in such a country as the Grand Trunk Pacific will open in British Columbia. We can produce these things as cheaply as they can be grown anywhere in the world. Let the people take to heart the necessity of producing them. There is nothing that will do more good to Victoria, not even the fact that it was a transcontinental terminus, than an agricultural population tilling all the available arable land within ready reach of the city. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy told us this several years ago, but most of us thought that he hardly appreciated the facts of the case.

Let Victoria labor with might and main to secure every possible railway facility and to draw to its docks the utmost amount of water-borne commerce, but the city will never be what it should be until its citizens take hold in earnest of the development of the resources that lie close at hand. Upon these we can build with the utmost confidence, and what we can have in that regard we can always hold.

—Under New Management:

Patrons of the Hotel Victoria (and their number will increase) are to be congratulated upon the announcement that upon the resignation of the management by Mr. E. E. Leason, the house has been acquired by a gentleman than whom perhaps none is better known to the hotel-patronizing public in Victoria —Mr. Edwd. Cave, for some time manager of the Imperial and latterly head clerk at the Hotel Vernon. Mr. Cave is in touch with all the requirements of really first class hotel service, and in a quiet, inobtrusive way he succeeds in analyzing the individual tastes of each of his guests and sees to it that they are pleased. He possesses in a larger degree than the average American boniface, the Old Country special interest in the individual guest which makes the hotel a pleasant, well ordered home. Victorians may look for a large augmentation of the business of the Victoria under the new proprietorship.

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—Dawson's Advertising Scheme:

Dawson has a brand new advertising scheme that will advertise the city of the Yukon gold fields wherever newspapers are published. Recently a large nugget of pure gold was found in a placer at the mouth of French Gulch, which tips the scales at 85.43 ounces and has an intrinsic value of $1280 at the low estimate of $15 per ounce. It is proposed to raise a sum by popular subscription sufficient to buy the splendid piece of gold and send it as a present to King Edward to be used for creation of a new crown. R. C. McCollum and George Quirie are the owners of the nugget, which is described as having the form of a flat rock such as may frequently found in creek beds, but its peculiar feature is that it does not contain any quartz at all, being entirely of gold and of even fineness.

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—"Insular Hospitality:"

The Vancouver Province gives especial prominence to the following, which invites some explanation from the local board of trade: "The hospitality of the Victoria Board of Trade is of a truly wonderful order," said a Vancouverite, who returned at noon today from the capital. "It is not however," he continued, "of a variety likely to excite the envy of other communities on this coast. The brand of generosity of the Victoria board is peculiar to the insular city, and may it ever remain so. It is not generally known in Vancouver that a slight was put upon Burrard's representative in the Dominion Parliament by the Victorians, but such is a fact. It would be charitable to assume that it was the result of neglect, but the facts render that view hardly tenable. On Wednesday last Mr. R. G. Macpherson left this city a member of the party of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine. The next day the Minister of Marine was invited by the Victoria Board of Trade to an excursion on the steamer Princess Victoria. All his party with the exception of Mr. Macpherson were invited. The plea of oversight can hardly be allowed. The matter is a small one, and coming from the quarter it does, should not cause more than a feeling of regret that a British Columbia city should adopt such tactics."

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—Interment of Lady de Lotbiniere:

A press despatch gives the following particulars of the funeral at Quebec on Monday of the late Lady Joly de Lotbiniere: "The remains of the late Lady Joly de Lotbiniere arrived here yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, accompanied by Sir Henri Joly and his son. A large number of prominent citizens were at the station awaiting the arrival of the funeral train, including several relatives of the family, together with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir A. E. Taschereau, Sir A. P. Pelletier, Sir L. N. Casault, Major Sheppard representing Lieutenant-Governor Jette and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. The casket containing the remains of the deceased lady was placed on a hearse, as were a wreath from Lord and Lady Minto, a cross from the Canadian Foresters Association, and other floral offerings. The funeral cortege wended its way to Mount Herman Cemetery, and was followed by many carriages. When the cemetery was reached a service was held in St. Michael's Church."

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—The Cruise of The Tillicum:

The British Columbia Indian canoe Tillikum in the course of her eventful voyage around the world, sailed for London on the 11th August, direct from Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands. It is the intention of her owner and skipper, Captatin J. C. Voss of this city, to proceed from London to New York, and then bring the Tillikum across country by rail to St. Louis where he not unnaturally expects that the little craft will attract considerable attention. The Tillikum is an ordinary Alaskan dugout carved from the trunk of a single tree in 1843, and used by the Siwashes of the Haidah tribe for many years before she became the property of Captain Voss. She left here in May 1901, bound for England by way of various islands in the Pacific—the Hawaiian group, Fiji, New Zealand, etc.—Captain Voss's only companion for the first 10,000 miles being Mr. N. P. Luxton of Winnipeg, a son of the veteran journalist W. F. Luxton. Capt. Voss' present cruising companion is a young Canadian named Harriman. The journey has already covered upwards of 40,000 miles. to which 15,000 more will be added before it is completed. Its object is to demonstrate the seaworthiness of the common Indian canoe of the west, prove the practicability of a sea anchor of Capt. Voss' invention, demonstrate the size and lasting quality of British Columbia timber ,and incidentally give the adventurous mariner a chance to see the world. In many ways the cruise of the Tillikum is the most remarkable for a small craft that has ever been made or attempted.

A WELCOME FOR ALL.

Hinton Electric Co. Invite Inspection of Their New Premises This Evening.

The new business premises of the Hinton Electric Co. of which that progressive corporation has just taken possession, and which are centrally situated on Government street almost opposite the Post Office, offer an illustration of the most practical and thoroughly modern building for the specialized business of the Company to be found in all Canada or on the Pacific Coast. The building was specially erected for the particular trade and therefore meets every requirement. The salerooms are handsomely equipped, polished oak show cases occupying all the side-walls space on the ground floor, and there being also an encircling gallery containing other showcases of similar elegance. The completeness and modernity of the stock is on a par with the premises in which it is found, comprising the most up-to-date range of electric light fixtures, motors, dynamos, etc., to be found in western Canada. The very latest addition to the stock is a ½-h. p. Emerson induction motor, a particular feature of which is that the pulley on the shaft connected with the armature is free until the motor has attained a certain velocity, when it automatically clamps itself to the pulley, which is connected with the machine by means of a belt, a very ingenious arrangement. The offices also are most up-to-date, being situated on a half floor midway between the ground and the second story. The general construction of the building shows careful thought, every demand of the business and every convenience apparently having been carefully studied. The upper floor will be used for a workshop, being most commodious and equipped with the most modern lathes, etc., that money can buy. An up-to-date elevator in the rear connects the several floors. The handsome metal-ceilinged shop is a fairyland of variagated lights and houses a complete new stock. Everyone is invited to inspect the premises this evening when music will be provided and the Company will keep open house and extend a welcome to its friends.

—A Farewell Appearance:

The Band of the Fifth Regiment bade farewell to Victoria for the summer at the garden party given on the Jubilee Hospital grounds a few days ago, playing an excellent programme from the works of Suppe, Gounod ,Ameres, Hare, Rossini Mascheroni, Wagner, Le Thiere, Tobani and Godfrey. Coincidentally the new Strathcona wing of the hospital was formally dedicated. The band expects to be home again in October.

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—Chinese Provided For:

The not unnatural objections that have been taken to the presence of Chinese pupils in the public schools, mingling with the sons and daughters of citizens, have at last been met by the trustees in the adoption of an arrangement which should meet the approval of everyone concerned. Quarters for a Chinese class have been secured in the Odd Fellows Hall, Spring Ridge, and there the Chinese from all the city schools will assemble next Monday and attend hereafter.

—Will Not Come Here:

It is understood that the party of head officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific coming to British Columbia to select the Pacific terminus of the new national transcontinental line, will arrive in Vancouver to-morrow (Sunday) and proceed north direct from the Terminal City the following day. It is hoped and expected that Victoria may be visited on the homeward journey.

—Garden Party Delignt:

At the charming home of Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, "Marifield," Carr street, this afternoon from 2 p. m. to 6.30 p.m. a garden party is to be given by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church which promises manifold delights, including a tennis tournament and clock golf contest. Good music and refreshments are among the special attractions. Prizes for both tennis and clock golf contests have been selected by a competent committee. The nominal sum of 10 cents will admit one to the grounds and a further 10 cents to participate in the refreshments. A special feature will be the home-made candy booth and visitors will do well not to overlook this fact.

—Most Reprehensible:

As though it were not bad enough for them to invade private property without the ghost of permission, numerous transient visitors and picnickers at Shawnigan have latterly been amusing themselves by setting up bottles on the little strip of beach and shattering them with stones or the missiles from small calibre rifles. The result is that the carefully cleared beaches that are used by the bathers are littered with dangerous bits of broken glass and several have received serious cuts in the feet. Shawnigan, especially during the busy summer season, deserves some measure of police protection, and the thoughtless picnickers should obtain first attention.

THIRTEEN British Columbia riflemen participated in the O.R.A. meeting. But Perry being with them they laughed at superstitions.

No time this week to enumerate even a few of the multitude of bargains in dry goods, ladies' wear, etc., at

Blygh's Big Removal Sale

The advertising man has to lend a hand in serving the customers who throng the temporary store at the corner of Fort and Douglas. When there is a breathing space between serving the customers that come and go, it has to be devoted to opening up new goods. What's the secret of the rush of business? It isn't a secret—it is simply practical recognition by this establishment that there's more money in four cents profit on each dollar's worth of goods sold, if a thousand dollars' worth is disposed of at the smaller profit, than fourteen cents profit on the dollar with but one hundred dollars' worth disposed of. Small profits and a big turn over of the goods to satisfied purchasers count in results that are satisfactory both to the buyer and the seller. That's the principle of action at

Blygh's.

The Broken Game Law

Out of Season Hunting Was Never More General—Sportsmen's Prospects

Although the shooting season does not open until Thursday next—the 1st September—the constant pop of shotgun and rifle has been heard for a week in all the districts adjacent to Victoria. No fewer than eighteen hunters, with dogs and full equipment, disembarked on Sunday last at the Summit on the E. & N. and returned with full game bags, and all along the line there has been similar open and wanton violation of the law.

And it is the men who respect the law, and are the true sportsmen, and as such entitled to more than an equal chance at the game, who suffer.

One has not read in the daily papers of a single conviction for infraction of the Game Act, and general disgust pervades sporting circles in consequence. The law is there—it can be enforced—and it is the evident duty of the provincial authorities to see that it is enforced. If the present supply of provincial officers is inadequate to the work, their number should be added to. The fines accruing from successful prosecution of offenders would more than compensate the treasury.

Not that this paper advocates the enlistment of a number of untrained special constables for short periods, which is a practice never satisfactory. Better far that the regular men, who will carry out their duties intelligently and without fear or favor, should for this season of the year be mounted and thereby enabled to cover a much larger territory and cover it quickly and well.

The sight of evidences galore that deer have been killed and cleaned in the woods, which anyone who takes a walk into the hills these days is treated to, is enough to make a sportsman's blood boil,and to make a sworn enemy of him of the government whose indifference to the enforcement of good law permits such a state of affairs.

By the time the season opens Thursday, hunters who respect the law will have to go much farther afield than do the lawless pothunters. Still there appears to be an abundance of game this season to reward their efforts, a score or more of delightful hunting fields being made accessible by the service of the E. & N. and the V. & S. railways.

The latter enables the lovers of the shotgun to reach the Islands of the Gulf, where the grouse are reported exceptionally numerous and in good condition.

Up the E. & N. the points of vantage for the hunter are "too numerous to mention."

Between the city and the Summit, where the bush fires have not made their presence felt, the birds are thick, in coveys of from six to ten. There are also deer to be got by those not averse to doing a little walking.

In the hills back of Shawnigan, the ahead-of-the-season hunters have been operating freely, and the opportunities are therefore lessened.

Along the Koksilah and the Cowichan fine bags will be obtainable, while the upper Cowichan gives chances at the deer that are distinctly tempting.

A recently inaugurated launch service on Cowichan lake enables the sportsman with a week or more to spare, to reach comparatively new hunting ground that offers variety of charm—birds in number, deer, occasional bear, and timber wolves and panthers.

The Cowichan is a big lake, and those who go to the northern end may with little difficulty penertate to the elk fields, in the valleys to the north, where according to late information several large bands of these magnificent deer are roaming free, awaiting the advent of the soft-nosed bullet.

The Island railway also affords direct and quick connection at a reasonable cost with Cameron lake and Alberni, in which localities there is also an abundance of good big game shooting, with plenty of birds for variety.

The steamer service of the same railway company enables the sportsman to reach Comox lake and intermediate points, as well as Campbell river—the mecca of both hunter and fisherman—where the opportunities for heavy bags are exceptional.

In the southerly island districts—Sooke, Metchosin, etc.—the birds are scarcely as numerous as in former years—yet they are there, and careful hunting will bring adequate reward.

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FASHION'S FANCIES.

The Return of the Big Sleeve—What London and Paris Are Wearing.

After a stay of almost three months in the fashion centres of the world—New York, London, Berlin and Paris—Mr. Angus Campbell is back at business in his modern ladies'-wear establishment on lower Fort street near Government, qualified by personal investigation to answer all inquiries as to what the fashionable world is wearing or going to wear this season—that is the people of fashion who aim to be completely up-to-date. It was in early May that Mr. Campbell left for the cities that set the styles for millions, and it is only within the past week or ten days that he has returned home.

Of course it is Paris and London that really set the fashions. New York is even yet to a large extent an adapter of what Paris years. And so it was in Paris and in London that Mr. Campbell spent the greater part of his time.

"Changes in fashions? I should say there are to be changes," he said breezily to a "Progress" interviewer. "One of the most noticeable rests upon the edict that the big sleeve shall come again. Ladies' coats are to be loose and of a different cut; they will be fuller and the old sack back will disappear. Inverness capes also are to be very much in vogue.

"In street costumes it is the decree of Fashion that all skirts shall be of uniform length all round—instep length it is called. The plainer tailor-made suit is to reign, the newest costumes being made with tight fitting coat and vest. The fashionable colors of the season are greens, blues, and browns, while tangerine (a burnt orange shade as some call it) is to be very much used in trimmings, particularly in millinery.

"The feature in the tight-fitting coat is a return to the leg-of-mutton sleeve, which will be seen everywhere. There are certain to be many, happily possessed of good figures, who will prefer the tight-fitting coats, and we have laid in a large stock of the very latest and most swagger for them.

"For evening wear there is a new material known as foleine, which is somewhat after the voile. Crepe de chine is also to be much in evidence, and silks of all kinds are strong again with taffeta very much in favor."

It is a fact that bespeaks Victoria's quality, that this city leads all Canada in presenting to its lady residents the very latest in fashion and materials while they still are "the very latest" in London, Paris and Berlin. This is admitted by buyers from all parts of the Dominion. It is well understood by the big dealers of the Old Country. Merchants of this city are aware that their patrons want the latest, and they are not afraid to lay in large stocks of the novelties while they are such, whereas the Eastern Canadian buyers content themselves with standard goods, keeping clear of novelties and avoiding the lead of fashion until the procession forges ahead of them. They cannot afford, they say, to take chances with the new lines in the way the Victorians can. Besides, Eastern Canadian customers are not so particulars about being right up -to-date. Victorians are.

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THAT WATER SUPPLY.

Editor Progress;

Apropos of the lamentable shortage of water during the progress of the recent serious fire on Douglas and tributary residential streets, I am informed that it was largely due to the fact that on the day in question something was being done to one of the filter beds, and the supply came from but one—a half supply. It would have been the proper course naturally to have turned the water on direct from the lake in the meanwhile, but apparently the men at the lakes knew nothing of the fire I cannot personally vouch for this, but my informant is in a position to know what he is talking about.

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Victoria, Aug 25th, 1904.

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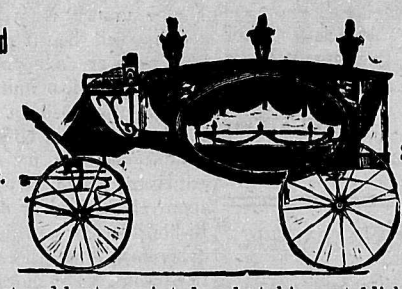

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THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Victoria's two daily papers continue to contribute to the diversions of the silly season by saying things, amusing and otherwise, about each other in regard to the possibility that the province may be asked to subsidize the Grand Trunk Pacific. Both of them claim to know certain things. For example, the Colonist knows that the reason no date was fixed for beginning work in this province was that Sir Wilfred Laurier was a party to a scheme to "hold the province up." The Times knows that the provincial government has been extremely urgent to get the Company to accept a provincial subsidy. The Times states that it can prove what it says; the Colonist is frank enough to admit that it cannot prove what it alleges. Something less than a quarter of a mile of good newspaper space has been devoted by our contemporaries to the elucidation of the vagaries arising out of these allegations. "Progress" stands in a different position. It does not know anything about the matter. What it has to say, therefore, is based solely upon the way the matter appears to a rank outsider.

One thing that "Progress" does not know is whether or not there is anything that the Company can and is prepared to do for the province that is worth paying for; or, to state the case from the other point of view, whether or not the province can make it worth while for the company to do something of public benefit, which it is not bound to do as a business corporation in carrying out the terms of its contract with the Dominion. Until this point is cleared up, it seems to be love's labor lost to discuss whether the province should give anything and what it would be justified in giving. In other words, it is just as well to wait until a proposition has been made before deciding if we shall accept it. There are things which might be done by the Grand Trunk Pacific for which the province would be fully justified in paying substantially, but whether the Company will undertake to do them for anything that the province would be justified in giving is another thing. No sane man supposes that a railway company, which will be so closely bound up with the future of British Columbia as the G.T.P. will be, proposes to signalize its entrance into the province by playing the part of a highwayman. That aspect of the case may as well be dismissed at once from consideration. The people of this province may feel absolutely certain that, if this Company approaches the government with any proposal, it will be on business lines.

Another feature of the case impresses itself upon this paper, namely, that as a business proposition the Company will naturally devote its energies at the outset to the construction of that portion of the line that will cost the least money and will give the most immediate returns. When Mr. Hill projected the Great Northern he followed this plan, and it is a wise business plan, because it keeps the price of the Company's securities at a good figure, thereby reducing the capital charges upon the enterprise, which is of itself a desirable thing from the point of view of the public, especially when the public stands a guarantor for 75 per cent. of the cost. It seems reasonable to suppose that it would be easier to finance a bond issue for the mountain division of the G. T. P., after the prairie division was in operation, in part at least, and making a good traffic showing, than it would be at present. This is why, speaking from the depths of its ignorance, "Progress" finds itself under so much difficulty in deciding if there is anything which the province can do that would be of material assistance to the Company in immediately financing the mountain division, that before considering whether aid should or should not be granted, it would like to know what the Company wants, that is, if it wants anything at all, and what it proposes to do for what it gets. To "Progress" this seems to be a good place to suspend discussion for the present.

A BISHOP AND A SALOON.

Bishop Potter, of New York,—no relation, we believe, to "Mr. Potter of Texas,"—recently opened the Subway saloon with religious ceremonies, concluding with the apostolic benediction, and the institution is now ready to dispense drinkables of any kind, from ice water to sulphuric acid, which the thirsty souls of Gotham may demand. The assurance is given that the barkeepers will be, if not Christians, at least as near an approach to it as circumstances will permit. In all essential respects it will be a saloon, pure and simple. As would be expected, the Bishop has come in for an assortment of criticisms, which vary from extravagant approval to virulent denunciation. The Bishop himself says that he is trying an experiment and asks to be judged by the results. This does not seem an unreasonable request, and if it were not for the shock to our preconceived ideas occasioned by the association of prayer and the benediction with a whiskey joint, however conducted, most people would commend the Bishop for his courage and hope for his success. If it is possible to morally reform the saloon, that is to make it a place where a man will go simply as to a respectable club and where anything approaching drunkenness and debauchery will be rigidly tabooed, the effort is worth the making, and success in such an effort would be the next best thing to the total abolition of the saloon. At the same time most men of the world will have their doubts as to the success of the experiment. Indeed, it seems not unlikely that whatever local benefit may accrue to the patrons of the Subway saloon, the influence of the Bishop's action will be pernicious over a very wide field. It will be more difficult to persuade young men that the saloon is an undesirable resort, if such places are to flourish under the apostolic benediction pronounced by a bishop in lawn sleeves and all the other paraphernalia of his holy office. It is difficult, indeed, to reconcile the association of a so-called holy office with a business that, at its best, produces no good, and almost inevitably must produce much evil. It will also be difficult to differentiate between a "jag" obtained at a saloon patronized by a bishop and one secured at a "joint" owning no higher claim to distinction than that it is frequented by, say, some ward politician. On the whole, "Progress" wishes that the Bishop had reserved his benediction for some other kind of a place. If he felt that he could do something to make the saloons of New York less obnoxious, he might very properly take such action as he felt proper, but in so doing he ought to have remembered that religious ceremonies are associated in the public mind with a class of things to which whiskey selling does not belong. He might have done as he wished with his own means and his own reputation, but he had hardly a right to use what is the common property of mankind for a purpose so widely apart from the uses to which it has for centuries been consecrated Probably Bishop Potter is able in his own mind to distinguish between the prostitution of religious ceremonies and such a use of them as Bishop Potter has made, but very few people have yet reached that condition of mind. The Apostle Paul was a very liberal-minded man, probably as much so as Bishop Potter, but he said that he would refrain from eating meat if his eating of it caused his brother to offend. On the same principle, Bishop Potter might very properly here refrained from trying his experiment in the way he did. To conclude, the inimitable Dooley may be quoted: Hennessey asked:

"And so you think the saloon is a necessary evil?" to which Dooley answered:

"If i't necessary it isn't an evil; and if it is an evil it isn't necessary."

In which there is a chunk of wisdom which Bishop Potter and people like him would do well to ponder over.

Mr. Prefontaine is a politician. He learned more on his late trip than he told people, and he left behind him a situation, which from his point of view could hardly be improved upon. His promise of a commission was as guarded as the utterance of the Delphic oracle. You can put his words together as you like, and it will be very hard for the government to do anything outside of their scope. But what else ought anyone to expect? The Vancouver canners pelted him with conundrums of all sorts and descriptions, and he took refuge under a promise, which may mean much or little, depending upon what he meant when he said that the commission, if appointed, would consider such things in connection with salmon fishing as the government might see fit to refer to them.

THE CENTRE STAR CASE.

Rightly regarded the decision in the Centre Star case will be seen to be one of the best things that ever happened to organized labor in this province. It establishes the responsibility of labor unions, their officers and members for the consequences of their acts. It proves that in this province there is is only one law, and that no body of men can claim to be above it or beyond its reach. Ardent union men, who have educated themselves up to the belief that their organizations are a law unto themselves may refuse to assent to the above proposition, but all moderate men will agree that power without responsibility too dangerous a condition to be permitted to exist in any community. This being a free country, where a man has a right to control his own conduct, the right to strike must be conceded. But it would not be a free country, if, with this, went the right to control the conduct of others. We must all be alike free, or else the comumnity is under a despotism, and despotism is always hateful, whether we call the despot a Czar, a Walking Delegate or a Union. An unmistakable demonstration of their responsibility was the one thing that labor unions needed more than anything else, and this they have now had. We venture to think the result of the decision will be to strengthen the unions in all their best aspects, and to reduce to a minimum the vocation of the agitator and the interference of foreign organizations with the affairs of the people of British Columbia. Labor unions are necessary for the due protection of working men. Only a few unreasonable people think otherwise. It is an excellent thing for these organizations that they have been brought into court and their responsibiilty has been defined. They will be the stronger and better for it.

RECENT NOVELS.

"Of making books there is no end," nowadays as well as in the time of Solomon, and if those produced in his day were as vapid as the majority of those written in the Twentieth Century, it is not to be wondered at that the wise old king concluded that such an occupation "also is vanity." There never was anything ,claiming to be literature, quite as worthless as the up-to-date novel. Out of the scores turned out by printing offices every year hardly one will be remembered two years from its date of publication. They are of trash trashy. They are not good enough to be bad. No mental make-up can be so feeble as to be influenced by them. The trouble with the average novelist of to-day is that he, especially she, wholly mistakes the object of a novelist, which is, or at least ought to be, to amuse and not to teach theology or philosophy, or attempt experiments with the Ten Commandments, and more especially with one of them. The glorified tommy-rot of such books as "Joan of the Sword Hand," "To Have and To Hold," "With Ring of Shield," "Mark Everard," and others of that class is a praiseworthy revolt against some of the philisophical stuff, which paid reviewers made fashionable or the prurient imaginings of women, who sought to gain fame and money for themselves by creating false impressions as to the virtue of their sex. There is one satisfaction about it. The work is all so badly done that it produces no real effect upon people who read it.

The stoicism of the noble red man has been the theme of many an eloquent pen, but it is as nothing as compared to the immobility of the Indian reserve. About the only really sacred thing in this Dominion is the title of the Indians to the various fine pieces of ground which they so persistently misuse. You may speak disrespectfully of the British Constitution and express your doubts as to the inspiration of the Pentatuch-You may take exception to the Precession of the Equinoxes and lay unhallowed hands upon the judicial ermine. But you must draw the line when you come to an Indian Reservation. Like the laws of the Medes and Persians, it changeth not.

The Republican papers in the United States are not quite so funny over Parker, the Democratic candidate for President, as they were a month ago. Parker is developing unexpected strength. The Democrats are mentioning that, while on several occasions men, elected Vice-President, have become President by the death of the elected President, none of them has ever enjoyed a second term. But on the other hand none of them was ever nominated, while Martin Van Buren, the only person elected Vice-President who was ever nominated for President, was elected. Precedent favors Roosevelt.

It is not very clear why the birth of a boy to the Czarina should be a reason for pardoning a lot of criminals.

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Some criticism is occasionally heard of Great Britain's alleged slowness in dealing with the seizure of British ships by Russian ships of war, irregular and otherwise. There is no real slowness. Deliberation is needed in matters of this kind. In the first place it is not for the Mistress of the Seas to establish awkward precedents; in the next place, and perhaps principally, Great Britain is Japan's ally, and therefore must be very careful in acting upon questions involving rights of neutrals.

If the provincial government is making any effort to prevent forest fires, the fact is not very apparent. Yet it is conceded that a great deal can be done in that direction. Perhaps the best thing would be the succesful prosecution of some person who wilfully or negligently causes a fire. At the same time it is worth remarking that a great deal of the smoke, which fills the air just now, comes from fires which are doing no real harm to valuable timber.

Russia never was much good upon the seas, but we were hardly prepared to find a Russian paper say that the disarmament of two war vessels in Shanghai, though a serious loss, was offset by the fact that the Japanese did not get them. The utility of a navy that has to choose between disarming and being captured is not very obvious.

If all the people in Canada exercised ordinary good sense in their eating and drinking, Victoria would not have had so fine a body of visitors this week. "There are many fools in this world," said a prominent lawyer to Dr. Abernethy. "If there were not," said the physician, "lawyers and doctors would not ride in carriages."

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An unusual number of well known Seattleites have visited Victoria during the week, among them being Mr .and Mrs. W. L. Webb and Miss Annie Carter; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Butten; Mrs. Corey, Miss Jennie Elliott, Mrs. J. S. Elliott, Miss M. Corey; Mrs. Eagelson and family and Miss Ollie Giteau; Miss D. A. Daniels and Miss Maloney; Mr. T. S. Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Adams; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bryant; Mr. E. W. Molander; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stead; Mr. R.H. Grandy; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Newton; Mr. George E. Youle; Mr. Thomas Kleinogle; Mr. J. S. Fitzgerald, Mr. L. S. Gillette, Miss Gillette, Miss McMaster, Miss Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Keller; Mr. W. Eddy and family, Mr. Howard Stevens, Miss D. L. Cansey, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Adams, Mr. C. Babbett and Mr. Thomas B. Wall; the Misses Bertha King, L. Johnson and Florence E. Poucher; Mr. and Mrs. D. Tout; Mr. J. McIntosh, Mr. J. E. Zimmerman, Mr. C. W. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Payne; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Lazier, Miss G. R. Bryer, and Mr. T. S. Ellis. Besides these the Washington visitors of the week have included Mr. John R. Dawson of Bremerton, Messrs. M. C. Halcolm and G. A. Rolinson of Chehalis, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. McGregor, and Mr and Mrs. B. L. Mimmick, of Tacoma; and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nicholson of La Conner.

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The rush of summer tourist travel has brought many prominent Ontario people to Victoria of late, there being found among the present week's visitors the following: From Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wynn, Mr. F. G. Allen, Mr. J. L. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blakie and Miss Blakie, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mackay (who after enjoying a brief stay here passed on to Seattle, en route for home via San Francisco and the "southern route"), Mr. M. B. Conrad, Mr. H. W. Redman, Mr. J. D. Roadsham, Mrs. D. B. Neill and Mrs. T. Sidsworth. Other visiting Ontarians have been Mr. D. B. Simpson, K.C., and Miss Simpson, Bowmanville; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McIntosh and family, Guelph; Mr. John and Mrs. Fred Stone, Chatham; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew; Rev. and Mrs. John Robertson, Port Dover; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Spence, St. Mary's; Mr. C. Richardson, St. Mary's; Mr. D. W. Bonestell, Frankfort; and Mr. J. Leckie, Brussels.

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The recent visit of the United States warships New York and Marblehead to Esquimalt, and the round of hospitalities in connection therewith, furnished Society with a most welcome variation from its stereotype employments. It also afforded, in the circumstance that Commodore Goodrich, R.N., in command of H. M.'s North Pacific squadron, represented the British forces ,and Admiral Goodrich, U.S.N., the American, an opportunity for the alert correspondents to do some very nice and readable romancing upon the foundation fiction that the two officers in command are cousins, meeting for the first time thus in charge of the naval forces of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations. As a matter of bare and unpoetic fact the two Goodrich's are but very distantly related. They spring from the same ancient family. It is true that their great grandfather was one and the same individual. But the relationship is no closer, albeit the warmth of the mutual intercourse while the ships were at Esquimalt bespeaks brotherly international harmony.

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The marriage of Mr. Frederick W. Pamphlet, second son of Captain and Mrs. T. H. Pamphlet, and Miss Mary Harris, was solemnized a few days ago at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Morrison, Gorge Road, the pastor of Victoria West Methodist Church, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, officiating. Miss Annie Pamphlet, sister of the groom, and Mr. A. A. Clayton, respectively performed the duties of bridesmaid and groom's supporter, while Miss Hazel A. Morrison, Miss Beatrice A. M. Morrison, and Miss Stella M. M. Pamphlet were flower girls The wedding company was limited to relatives and very immediate friends. After the wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Pamphlet took steamer for the Mainland, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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Organization was perfected during the present week of a St. Andrew's Society to again bring into sympathetic touch the Scotsmen of Victoria, the old St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society having ceased to be some little time ago. Officers of the new society have been chosen as follows: Hon. President, Mr. Justice Irving; President, Dr. G. L. Milne; First Vice-President, R. H. Jameson; Second Vice-President, P. J. Riddell; Secretary, E. C. Smith; Treasurer, M. Crawford; Chaplain, Rev. A. Ewing; Installing Officer, E. B. Paul, M.A.

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Among the notable arrivals by the Empress of China who made short stays here were Le Viscomte de Fontenay, scion of one of the oldest and most famous French families; M. L. Flayelle, Mme. Flayelle and family of Hongkong, where M. Flayelle is consul of the French republic; Mr. C. N. Crosse, the veteran counsellor of Kobe; Mr. C. S. Barff, a well known Shanghai financier and a brother of the late Mr. Lionel C. Barff, the artist of this city; and Mr. G. E. Ackerman, who represents the Standard Oil Co. at Kobe.

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His Excellency the Governor-General Lord Minto, in company with Lady Minto will visit Victoria on the 5th proximo, to take farewell of the Pacific province prior to their departure for England at the expiry of Lord Minto's term as viceroy. His Excellency and party will arrive here on the D.G.S. Quadra at 11 a.m., remaining one day, and then returning to Vancouver by the Government steamer en route East.

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Professor Conway McMillan of the University of Minnesota, and his summer class of twenty students, returned this week from their outing session at the Port Renfrew botanical station. It is expected that next summer's class at this interesting station will be much larger than ever and embrace many students from Eastern universities.

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Prairie visitors to Victoria during the current week have included Mr. William Paterson, Mrs. A. and Miss Jardine, Mr. John King, Mr. L. E. Denis, Mr. Robert Johnston, Mrs. and Miss Guest, Mr. and Mrs. E. Best, and Mr. A. C. Young, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bishop, Calgary; Mr. H. H. Millie, Carman; Mr. W. E. Payne, Red Deer; and Mr. J. M. Dixon, Calgary.

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The marriage was celebrated this week by Rev. E. G. Miller of Mr. George H. Larrigan and Miss Agnes Ward, the wedding being private and Mr. H. E. Beckwith and Miss Annie Smith supporting the principals at the altar. Mr. and Mrs. Larrigan are spending their honeymoon among the islands of the Gulf, and upon their return will make their home at 55 Belleville street.

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At "Pinehurst" last Saturday evening Dr. G. L. Milne entertained at dinner Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. O. E. Talbot, M.P., (Bellechasse, Que.), Mr. George Riley, M.P., Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P. (Nanaimo), Lieut. Col. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Ottawa), Mr. W. K. Houston, Mr. Joshua Kingham and Captain John Graham Cox.

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Among the well known Oregonians visiting Victuria during the current week are Mrs. Walter Reed, Mr. S. F. Freeman, Mr. James S. Reed, the Misses Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grant and son, Mrs. Le Roy Fields, Miss Hoskins, Mr. LeRoy Fields, Mr. Arthur Fields, Mr. James Sanderson, and Mrs. Sigmund and party, all from Portland.

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Among the Quebec visitors to Victoria this week have been Hon. Raymond Prefontaine; Mr. O. E. Talbot, M.P., Bellechasse; Mr. Alex. Walker, Mr. Albert Freedman, Mr. George McL. Brown, Rev. K. W. Fogarty, Mr. H. L. Langlier, and Mr. C. M. Ricketts, Montreal.

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A Vancouver young lady, Miss Annie Carey, has the unexpected honor of being chosen queen of the Seattle industrial exposition and state labor day celebration, the second in the running being also a Vancouver miss—Miss Alice Garnier. Their respective votes were 7,584 and 6,870, while Miss Nettie Lester of Seattle, in third place, had but 4,724.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McIntosh of Guelph, Ont., visited Victoria for the first time this week. Mr. McIntosh is editor and proprietor of the Guelph Mercury, a paper of considerable influence which was established more than a quarter of a century ago by the late Mr. J. C. McLagan and the late Mr. James Innes.

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On Tuesday next the Knights Templars, No. 1, St. John's Commandery and Calvary Commandery, Providence, R.I., will arrive in this city from over the Canadian Pacific railway. There are 35 members in the party. They will spend a few days at the Driard after arrival, and return East via the Yellowstone Park .

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Arrangements are being made by the ladies of the Cathedral for a reception at Bishopsclose to the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Perrin, his bride, on the 6th proximo. Mrs. Scriven ,who has been making her home temporarily at Bishopsclose, will remove shortly to apartments at the Balmoral.

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Mr. E. E. Blake and Mr. Oliver Snaith, of the B. C. Electric Co.'s staff, left Wednesday night for St. Louis, via St. Paul. After seeing the wonders of the big fair, they will return by Kansas City and California.

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Mr. M. W. Buscombe of Bristol, Eng., president of the British Opticians' Society, visited Victoria this week, and is now at Salt Spring Island. He returns East and home to England, via Portland, San Francisco and St. Louis.

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Announcement is made of the engagement in marriage of Miss Etta Chapman Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Bates of Tacoma, and Mr. Kenneth J. Burns, manager of the Great Northern in this city.

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Mr. F. J. Deane of Nelson, editor and proprietor of the Daily News and former representative of North Yale in the Local House, is here to recuperate, his health having broken down under the strain of too protracted work.

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Dr. Gomes de Silva of the Portuguese navy, and Fleet Surgeon V. G. Thorpe, R.N., latterly on duty with the China squadron, were visitors last Tuesday.

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Mr. E. T. C. Werner, British consul at far away Hoi-how, arrived by the Empress of China, on his way to England. He spent Wednesday and Thursday with Victoria friends.

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Sir John and Lady Lister Kaye returned Tuesday from a tour round the world. They will spend some little time in the Territories before going through to England.

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The members of Pride of the Islands Lodge, S. O. E. B. S., are looking forward to a delightful time at their annual picnic to-day, the scene of the gathering being Esquimalt harbor.

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The Week in Society

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Thursday night the many members of the Cotillion Club held a merry re-union in the A. O. U. W. hall which has been leased by Mrs. Lester, the well known teacher of dancing. Apropos of this it may be remarked that the hall is in process of renovation and will be a great boon to the dance-loving members of society for at a small cost a pretty homelike room can be hired with a good floor, cosy sitting-out corners (far removed from the Argus eyes of chaperones) music, light, attendance, crockery, etc., capable of holding from one to two hundred people. This will fill a want felt by many hostesses whose rooms are too small for entertatining purposes. With regard to Thursday's dance the boys and girls, to judge by the many happy smiling faces and the energy with which their gay feet tripped over the polished boards, enjoyed themselves to their hearts' desire. Had it fallen to the writer, like Paris of old, to award the apple, a whole orchard would not have borne sufficient fruit, for all were fair as all were young. Among the many pretty frocks Miss Tupper's was worthy of special admiration, being of crimson accordeon pleated chiffon over taffeta silk, a crimson sash knotted behind falling to the hem of the skirt, this with slippers of the same shade and a cluster of roses of the corresponding color in her dark hair formed a very charming tout ensemble. Miss Hanington looked dainty and chic in pale blue; Miss Dupont, and Miss Bell, whose dancing is the poetry of motion, were attired in cream and pale green; Miss Newling in black and ecru, a Parisian confection looked charming; Mrs. Holmes in pale green; Miss Monteith, in pale blue; Miss Newcombe in a quaint dress trimmed with daisies and grasses; Miss Langley in a very smart pink creation, and many others. The tables were tastefully decorated with sweet peas of delicate shades and asparagus ferns, the artistic handiwork of the Misses Hickey, Newcombe, Newling and Monteith. Mr. Sydney Powell also deserves special mention and thanks for his energetic work before and during the dance, but this, knowing the name he bears, va sans dire. Mesdames Hanington, Newling and Monteith kindly acted as chaperones during the evening. The music was supplied by Miss Heayter on the piano and Mr. Fawcett (violin) and left nothing to be desired in the way of execution and time; a hearty vote of thanks is accorded them for their many good natured responses to hearty encores. Among those present were Mrs. and Miss Hanington, Mrs. and Miss Langley, Mrs. and the Misses Monteith, Mrs. Holt, Miss Hickey, Mrs. Holmes, the Misses Lucas, Gaudin, Newcombe, Dickson, G. Lucas, B. Gaudin, K. Gaudin, Mason, Tupper, Green, Baiss, Bell, Dupont, Foster, Brown, Campbell, Mrs. and Miss Newling, Messrs. F. Pemberton, Foot, Jones, P. Keefer, S. Powell, B. Bell, R. Monteith, Black, Berkeley, Marcon, L. Bell, Raymour, F. Hanington, B. Prior, Goddard, Patton, Jones H.M.S. Flora), Pooley, Palmer, Musgrave, T. Hanington, Vernon, Troup, Bridgman, Worlock, Richardson, Cambie, Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Geary, Miss Mara, Mrs. Todd, Miss Todd and the Misses Flumerfelt.

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On Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Gorge Road, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Alfred E. Norris, late of London, Eng., and Miss Elizabeth McFaun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, Rev. Dr. Campbell being the officiating clergyman, and the wedding company including the relatives and a favored number of more intimate acquaintances. Miss Isabel Davidson was bridesmaid and Miss H. McFaun a charming flower girl, while Mr. Hugh Stewart supported the groom. The bride was gowned in French brilliantine, trimmed with old lace. Both the maid of honor and the flower girl wore frocks of white organdie. The gift of the groom to the bride was a pearl crescent brooch, while his souvenir present to Miss Davidson was a pearl horseshoe brooch and to Miss McFaun, a gold heart locket. The best man was remembered with a pearl stick-pin. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are to make their home on Esquimalt Road.

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St. Barnabas was the scene of a pretty church wedding on Wednesday, when Venerable Archdeacon Scriven joined in matrimony Mr. Benjamin H. Cross of Scarborough, Yorks, Eng., and Miss Florence Georgina Mills, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Mills of 85 Chambers street. Miss Anna Hebert of Seattle was bridesmaid and Mr. Percy Richardson supported the groom. The church was prettily decorated in white and green. The bride wore white organdie, trimmed with lace, and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid wore pale pink trimmed with lace. The church was crowded with friends of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. H. P. Johnson presided at the organ and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" after the ceremony. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, where a host of friends sat down to a very pleasant supper. Mr. and Mrs. Cross will take up their residence at 105 Toronto street.

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"Gonzales," Mrs. Pemberton's charming home, was the scene of a merry gathering on Monday last, when with tennis, croquet and putting competitions the golden hours of the afternoon passed all too quickly. Pretty prizes were given the successful competitors, premier tennis honors going to Miss Sophie Tupper (Vancouver) and Mr. R. H. Pooley. For second prize three couples tied—Miss Goward and Dr. Nelson, Miss Loewen and Mr. Bell, and Mrs. E. Crow Baker and Captain Bunbury, the fates being friendly to the first mentioned couple in the final arbitration. The prize in the putting competition was won by Miss Violet Powell, after the drawing of a tie with Mrs. Crow Baker.

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Mr. Danvers Osborn, nephew of the sixth baronet and son of the late Col. Osborn of mutiny fame, has been spending the past month on vacation in the city, being at present an official of the Pacific Cable Board. Mr. Osborne has himself given evidence of the hereditary character of military taste, and served with the First Canadian contingent in the South African war, being a member of one of the Nova Scotia companies He has also done considerable journalistic work of a character commanding attention and admiration.

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Mr. Beaumont Boggs returned a few days since from a delightful sailing cruise around the picturesque islands of the Gulf, upon which he was accompanied by Mr. F. W. de Mille of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Vancouver, and Mr. G. Franklin of Halifax, eminent as a naturalist and as an art photographer.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir this week treated a number of friends to a pleasant cruise up the picturesque Island coast on Mr. Dunsmuir recently reconstructed steam yacht Thistle. Included in the party were Mr. T. E. Pooley, Mr. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mrs. and Miss Little, Mr. Burton and a number of others.

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A jolly little dance was given at A. O. U. W. Hall on Wednesday evening, in honor of Mr. Sidney Powell, who is leaving shortly to resume his studies at Toronto University. About thirty couples were present and the evening passed most agreeably, the weather being just sufficiently cool to give zest to the dance.

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Mr. H. E. Hamilton and his bride (nee Frances Carr) of Winnipeg, are spending their honeymoon on the Coast. The marriage was celebrated out of doors at the Manitoba Capital last Tuesday, by Rev. W. L. Armstrong.

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Miss Violet Drake, niece of Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, is expected to arrive from England on Tuesday, after an absence from Victoria of almost seven years.

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Mr. and Mrs. James A. Davidson, Messrs. George A. and Albert J. Davidson and Miss Isabel Davidson of Chicago, have spent the week here and may return to become permanent residents.

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Mr. Robert G. Breeze of Tacoma, who is well known in Victoria (more particularly among tennis folk) was married this week in the City of Destiny. He and his bride are spending their honeymoon in Portland.

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Mr. J. A. Dunnage of the Bank of Montreal staff at New Westminster has just completed a canoeing voyage including visits to this city, Saanich Arm, Salt Spring, Burgoyne Bay and other islands and island settlements.

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Dr. R. L. Fraser, Miss Phills, and Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones were among the visitors from this city at the conversazione to the visiting medical association delegates in the Terminal City Wednesday evening.

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Lady Eileen and Lady Ruby Eliot, daughters of Lord and Lady Minto, narrowly escaped serious injury in an automobile smash-up at Quebec last week.

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Mr. Danvers Osborn, who has been staying with Sir Hibbert Tupper, returned from Vancouver on Wednesday and is at the Badminton Club.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Moncrieff of Selkirk are spending a month in British Columbia.

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Mrs. Edward D. Hill (nee Jessie Mark) of Nanaimo, is visiting Toronto relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Matins have returned to their home in New Westminster from a honeymoon visit here.

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Miss McKenny has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Bull of Vancouver.

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Mr. J. C. Devlin visited New Westminster this week.

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The I. O. O. F. lodges of the city will have a moonlight water party at the Gorge next Tuesday evening. Dancing will be in order.

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Mr. Donald Cleveland, eldest son of Mayor Cleveland of Salisbury, South Africa, has returned to Victoria, after a three years' absence.

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Mrs. H. G. McConnan of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Dixi H. Ross.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Berryman have returned from California.

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Mrs. Tatlow returned Thursday from a visit to Vancouver.

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Mr. T. R. Russell having resigned the superintendenc yof the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo, will shortly take up his residence here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Tipping (nee Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell) of Vancouver, are spending their honeymoon with Victoria friends.

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Mr. James D. McNiven, M.P.P., is visiting Vancouver friends.

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Chief Justice and Mrs. Gordon Hunter have taken a cottage at Atlin and will spend the ensuing six weeks there, as will also Mrs. Eulalie Blygh.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McDermott have returned from a visit with Seattle friends.

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Mr. John Cain of Port Angeles paid Victoria friends a visit this week.

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Mrs. R. Ross Munro and Miss Hilma Munro have returned from a visit with friends in New Westminster.

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Mr. W. Gourley, correspondent of the United States Express Co., is on his way here for a leisurely vacation. At present he is visiting the mountain resorts of the C.P.R.

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Mr. Ernest Temple of Revelstoke has been spending a holiday here, and has now left for his home in the mountains.

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Rev. J. C. Herdman of Calgary spent several days of this week in Victoria.

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Mr. W. H. Clarke is visiting friends at New Westminster.

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Rev. W. E. Pescott, pastor of Wesley Methodist church, Vancouver, was a visitor in the city this week.

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Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Porter of the Terminal City are here on a holiday.

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Miss Amelia May of Portland and Miss Rae Lewis of Seattle have returned to their homes after an enjoyable visit with Victoria friends.

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Mrs. M. Rae and Miss Fernie McLean have returned to Vancouver, after a visit here.

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Miss Helen Meyer of Portland, who has been enjoying a short stay in Victoria, has returned home.

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Dr. and Mrs. Putman of Seattle are spending a week at the Hotel Strathcona, Shawnigan Lake.

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Mr. J. W. Sutton has gone to Portland to represent Victoria and the British Columbia Mining Association at the American Mining Congress.

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Miss Butler of Saanich has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. P. F. Scharschmidt of Whitehorse, Y.T.

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Mr. John B. Leighton of San Francisco paid a flying visit this week to his sister, Mrs. R. B. McMicking.

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Mr. Thadius Roberts and Mr. Roy Wolford, of Seattle, are spending a fortnight's holiday in British Columbia.

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Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper has spent the greater part of the week with Victoria friends.

M. von Stoibral, Commissioner for Austria to the World's Exposition at St. Louis, spent the week in Victoria.

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United States Senator and Mrs. F. W. Mott of Missouri spent the week in Victoria, making numerous pleasant friendships.

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Mr. J. O. Lander of Kamloops has spent the week with Capital City friends.

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Mr. Thomas Gifford, M.P.P., of New Westminster visited the Capital this week.

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Mr. Thomas Clarke of Lytton has been enjoying a vacation here and leaves for home to-morrow.

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Mrs. Raymond, of the Hotel Kalamanka, Vernon, is spending an August holiday in the city.

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Mr. R. M. Palmer has returned from an extended visit to Winnipeg.

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Mrs. John Milne of Seattle is the guest of Mrs. Marwick, 18 Niagara street.

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Mrs. A. H. Harder of Tacoma spent the week with her sister, Mrs. George Stelly.

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Mrs. Charles Wilson is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwood. Hon. Mr. Wilson is at St. Joseph's Hospital, rapidly recovering from a minor operation.

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Judge Pruther of Spokane is spending a fortnight in Victoria.

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Mr. James McGowan, superintendent of the C. P. R. west of Winnipeg, is here for his summer holiday.

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Miss A. Mortimer is spending a holiday in Seattle, with her friend, Miss Bessie Sears, a former Victorian.

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Mrs. Brenchley and family have returned from an eight weeks' vacation at Shawnigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sargison have returned from a fortnight's vacation "over the Sound."

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Lucas of Kaslo have spent the week with Victoria friends. Mr. Lucas is gold commissioner in the Interior town.

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Miss M. Summers is over from Vancouver on a visit to Capital friends.

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Miss Johnson of Vancouver is visiting with the Misses Russell, Boyd street.

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Mrs. James Findley of Vancouver and Miss Peebles of Montreal spent the past week in Victoria.

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Mr. H. T. Ceperley of Vancouver was in the city this week.

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Mr. W. H. Best is visiting Quatsino.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and family have returned from a week's outing at Shawnigan.

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Mr. William Jackson and the Misses Jackson have returned from a week's camping at Sooke Lake.

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Mrs. Stephen J. Thompson of Vancouver has returned to that city, after a month's visit with Victoria friends.

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Mr. R. J. Dowdall, a prominent attorney of Butte, Mont., is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. Muirhead.

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Mr. Charles D. McPherson, editor of the Portage la Prairie Liberal is enjoying a sumer vacation on the Coast.

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Miss E. C. Loat is visiting Vancouver friends.

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Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., of Nanaimo spent several days of this week with Victoria friends.

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Mr. James Henderson and the Misses Henderson of Vancouver paid a visit to Victoria friends this week and are now holiday-making at Shawnigan.

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The Misses Cullen of Guelph, Ont., are visiting Vancouver Island friends.

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Mrs. F. W. Valleau has returned from a visit with Mrs. F. W. Wise, Seattle.

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Musical features are in the ascendan- in this week's bill at the Grand, ere being no fewer that three good nging and comedy combinations, at e head of which in merit is that in- led "Miss Betty's Courtship" present- by Signor and Mme. Bolli, both of om are vocalists of no mean order. rry & Sims also supply some excel- nt singing mixed with effective fun, d the German comedians Kolu & Sey- our intersperse their nonsense with ngs that are not half bad. Still fur- er for the delectation of music-lovers, ere is Mr. Frederic Roberts, the use baritone, whose song for the week llustrated with some very pretty pic- res) is "There's a Mother Always Waiting You at Home, Sweet Home". side from the musical features, the eek's bill contains a distinct novelty the form of the illustrated monologue John Boozelini, who has a cartoon lk something on the order of that hich made Canada's Bengough famous. , as well as "Miss Betty's Courtship," hould not on any account be missed. latinee and evening performances to- ay furnish a final opportunity.

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It's a cold day when Melbourne Mac- owell fails to get in the calcium. He sn't for some time now—not since he agined that Blanche Walsh lived ly by the light of associating with him gained much attention by his acting. herefore he seek desperate exped- nts in order to get a chance sight of s name in big type in the newspapers t long ago he got it by cruelly beat- g Miss Stone, his leading woman. en he tried a particularly protracted ge with the hootchino. Ordinary ex- dients failing in San Francisco a w weeks ago, he filled up with his ual brand of gasoline and disappear- leaving a note for the coroner that s lifeless body would be found in the d waters of the bay. Naturally as on as he saw the real water, Mac- owell hastened away lest it should ch him. Now the A. P. correspond- t in San Francisco is induced to hand e following to all takers of the ser- ce:

"Melbourne MacDowell, the actor, has ain taken unto himself a wife. This e it is Bertha Wooden, very much ge struck, who fell in love with him ile he played in Sardou roles here. appears that MacDowell promised teach her the dramatic art. She be- me an apt pupil and very much in- tuated with her work. As time wore , she came to look upon MacDowell her hero and a "warm bond of friend- ip which soon ripened into love sprang between them." Despite objection on e part of many of her friends she an- ounced one day recently that she loved elbourne and Melbourne loved her nd there was no good reason why they hould not wed. At first it was thought be but a passing fancy on her part ut a day or so later their names ap- eared in the marriage columns of the an Francisco papers and Mr. and Mrs. acDowell are now on their way to ortland, Ore., where the former opens he season in "Cleopatra."

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The Grand has several attractive fferings for the coming week, foremost mong these being Montague's Cockatoo ircus, "most wonderful and brilliant of ll bird acts." The Cockatoos waltz to usic, run races in the miniature vehicles erform on the horizontal bar, roll and alance a globe on a brass rod and con- lude with an exhibition of a fire com- any turning out to subdue the flames f a burning building. In this scene one ird mounts to the second story of a mall house actually in flames, and, iece by piece, throws the furniture hrough the window. Another strong eature in Ernest L. Barbour. one of New York's leading Lyceum entertain- rs, also Marshall P. Wilder, in a rep- rtoire of jest and story, impersonations, tc. The three Moores present their or- ginal comedy creation, "The Coming Affair"; and Fields and Whalen are een in their amusing farce, "Dr. Mary's anitarium."

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The EdisonTheatre, that cosy little ouse on central Yates street, re-opens n Monday with the evening perform- nce, matinees and evening shows being iven daily hereafter at a uniform ad- ission price of a dime. The house, nder the management of Mr. Kellogg will be conducted in such a way to merit he best class of family patronage. En- argements and redecoration are con- emplated in the near future. For the pening week the attractions are: Kehoe nd Rainer; rural sketch; Queen and Ross, comedy acrobats; the Mexican Musical Act; and illustrated songs by Mr. Kellogg, "The Face in the Fire- light," and "Two Congregations."

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Miss E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahion- wake) the Iroquois Indian poet reciter, in poems, legends and stories, accompan- ied by Mr. Walter McRaye in his de- lightful impersonations of Dr. Drum- mond's habitant characters of French- Canada will shortly visit Victoria.

Sir Henry Irving announces that he will devote the entire period of his stage activity to England, Ireland and the United States—which is the round- about way of contradicting the report that he would go shortly to South Af- rica.

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Mr. Herbert Taylor, formerly of this city is making a tour of the Interior towns, giving entertainments. A little comedy singer of Vancouver and Miss Marrack as accompanist, make up the party.

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Jessie Maclachlan, the Scottish prima donna, is en route for Canada with her Scotch concert company. She will make an extended tour of the Dominion, the United States, and then Australia, open- ing in St. Johns, N. B. on the 5th proximo.

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Learning that the band of the Fifth Regt. would be out of Canada for a couple of months, the bands of the Black Watch and the famous Grenadiers are coming over to the Dominion for a ser- ies of concerts.

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The Crystal Theatre is taking a short rest. While dark to the public it is being brightened up and refurnished. It will reopen on the 5th September, with a record bill.

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The juggling Thorns and Menz & Vivians, head-to-head balancers, are among the first of the pike attractions booked for the autumn fair here.

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"Dorothy" is now in active rehearsal by local amateurs in charge of Mrs. Bridges.

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John Maguire may come to the Coast in September.

—Time for Reforms:

Some weeks ago "Progress" briefly outlined how the settlement and build- ing up in uniform fashion of Victoria's suburban districts is hampered and re- stricted by the policy of the Esqui- malt Water Company, who content with their big customers, do not put them- selves at all out of the way to assist the construction of rural homes. Other instances have recently presented them- selves. One gentleman has just brought to the attention of "Progress" an elo- quent case in point, in which he himself played the part of under dog. He owns a lot within the absolute monarchy of the Esquimalt Water Co. He wanted to build. And so he crept to the foot of the throne and implored the powers for a water service. It would require 100 feet of pipe, and the company haughtily demanded $100 down before a move would be made.

"But," the intended customer protest- ed, "the pipe would not cost more than 18 cents per foot at an outside esti- mate, and laying 10 cents, or $28 for all."

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Again a word of reproach was ven- tured. There was another on the 100 feet pipe pipe who would also require connection.

"Well, it would cost him $100 also."

That was $200 in advance for a work costing $28 and upon which a monthly return of $2.50 or $3.00 at the very least would be returned to the company.

The Standard Oil Company might learn something from these methods. But they illustrate how necesary it is for the city to take over the entire water service as speedily as possible in order that building may be encouraged rather than discouraged in the western suburb.

—Suburban Service:

The cheap rates in effect during the summer holidays to Shawnigan Lake will on and after next Monday be dis- continued. The train service will, how- ever, be continued until some time next month. The rate to Shawnigan lake will be one dollar return and half fare for children under twelve years, tickets being good for thirty days from date of issue.

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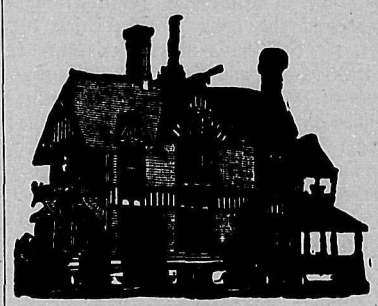

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The Portland tournament which closes to-day and in which Victoria is very effectively represented by the champion, R. B. Powell, is the last of the series of tennis tourneys throughout the Northwest which, beginning at Victoria, have brought the crack players together successively here, and at Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma, and the the Oregon metropolis. Reference was made last week to the play and results at the Terminal City. In Seattle, which was next, J. D. Hunter, Mrs. Langton and Miss Hulbert of this city creditably supported Victoria's tennis renown, Hunter getting into the semi-final with S. L. Russell (to whom, worn with much play he fell a victim—6-1, 6-2), and Mrs. Langton defeating Miss Hulbert in the final of the ladies' singles, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. Concerning the play, the Post Intelligencer comments that "Mrs. Langton's steadiness was the chief feature of the game, coupled with the quick, accurate, back-hand places of Miss Hulbert." Miss King and Miss Hobson of Vancouver won the ladies' doubles from the Victorians, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, Miss King playing a particularly brilliant game; and Russell won the State of Washington championship from J. A. Ballinger (Seattle), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. The state championship doubles was won by Russell and Tyler from Paschall and Benham, 6-4, 7-5, 6-1. At the Tacoma tournament the home players were first and second in the men's singles, first in the men's doubles and second in the mixed doubles, which considering the fact that there are fewer than twenty active players in the Tacoma L. T. C. is certainly a very creditable performance. Miss Goward proved herself in a class of her own among the ladies, while Mrs. Langton again was well forward, beating Miss Richardson of Tacoma in the semi-final, 6-3, 6-2; while Miss Goward qualified for the final by defeating still another Victoria candidate, Mrs. Davidson, 6-0, 6-0. The final went to Miss Goward, 6-0, 6-0. In the mixed doubles, partnered by A. T. Goward, she defeated Miss Keown and R. G. Breeze, Tacoma, 8-6, 6-2. And with Mrs. Davidson she beat Mrs. Langton and Miss Hulbert in the decisive match of the ladies' doubles, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3. It will be noted that the Victoria ladies had virtually to fight all final issues among themselves. A. T. Goward was not in his usual form and lost in the singles to Albert Armstrong of Tacoma, a player scarcely up to his rating. The Ledger says of this match: "Both men showed the effect of the hard strain of the last two days, and neither played anywhere near the top of his game. Goward won the first set without much exertion, and took the lead on the second set, which, had he kept up his game, he should have won handily. But after getting a start of 2-love his game fell off somewhat. His passes were frequently just out of court, and he placed many balls in the net, some of which were very close kills. These mistakes encouraged Armstrong, who played a desperate game, running to the net on every opportunity. After a long drawn out contest Armstrong took the second set by the score of 10-8. He kept up his work in the third set and soon ran away from Goward, leading at 4-1, and again at 5-2. After the score of 5-3 Armstrong won his own service at love, and thereby put out the last of the visitors, and took his place in the finals." The final in the men's doubles was won by the veterans Breeze and Remington, defeating Goward and Hunter, 7-5, 0-6, 6-4.

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It is estimated that upwards of seven thousand watched the annual swimming races at English Bay, Vancouver, last Saturday, in which W. H. Granger established himself as quarter mile champion of British Columbia, winning from D. Sinclair (2) and A. Littlebale (3) in 9.37½; while J. L. Carnegie captured the 100 yards championship dash in 1.34 flat, with A. C. Stewart second, and A. Austin third. It was not the championship events that excited greatest public interest, however, but the contests of the boys and girls who have made this natatorial tournament an annual civic carnival. And chief among the contestants, the heroine of the occasion, was little Miss Griffin of Victoria, aged seven, who won the 50-yards dash for girls under 12, and won it handily, from Ivy Jenns (2) and Madeline Jones (3), both considerably her seniors. This race (as indeed all on the programme, the Colonist and Times to the contrary notwithstanding) was not a handicap, but an open class event. Mr. A. J. Baxter, secretary of the Vancouver Tourist Association, to whose efforts largely is due the annual swimming field day at English Bay, writes to "Progress of the race as follows:—

"The race for girls under 12 which was so splendidly won by little Miss Griffi nof Victoria was not a handicap—in fact none of the races were handicapped. Miss Griffin made a tremendous hit and it was most interesting to see the headwork she used. At 25 yards she was a full yard to the bad, swimming easily, but with both eyes open. At 40 yards she commenced to move up, and the crowd roared like mad as she breasted the Jenns girl and then gradually went to the front, winning by a good safe margin. I should like to see the girl of her age who could win from her."

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An overflow attendance at the swimming contests for the juveniles last Saturday in a measure rewarded and expressed the public's appreciation of Mr. Ian St. Clair's efforts in behalf of Victoria's boys and girls. The thoroughness of the instruction was fully exemplified in the several contests and the judges (A. R. Langley and H. U. Dunn) found their task no sinecure by reason of the general excellence of the competitors. Medals were placed in competition by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, His Worship Mayor Barnard, Ald. Vincent, Superintendent Eaton, Mr. John G. Brown and Mr. W. J. Dowler, while the contest awards were distributed as follows:

Best stroke boys—First Roland Heater; second, Thomas.

Best stroke, girls—First, Marion Erskine; second, Myrtle Sargison.

Best life saver, boys—First Bagshawe; second, C. Knox.

Best life saver, girls—Ivy Straith.

Best diver, boys—First, H. McIntyre; second, W. Stewart.

Emergency dash—First, boys, Wm. Stewart; girls, Ivy Straith.

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The annual regatta of the J. B. A. A. is arranged to take place this afternoon on the harbor course, the first event being called at 2:30 sharp and all the four-oared events being rowed over a one-mile course—from Coffin Island, at the entrance to the inner harbor, back to the clubhouse. As the annual regatta is really an "at home" for members of the J. B. A. A. a large attendance of friends is expected. For their convenience two barges have been secured and placed at points on either side of the course near the finishing line. These will be furnished with comfortable chairs which visitors are invited to use. The reception committee consists of J. A. Mactavish, H. Hobbis and W. W. Wilson, who will be assisted by lady friends of the club in dispensing its hospitalities. The club house premises have been suitably decorated and the Bays' magnificent collection of trophies will be on view, adorned with the blue and white. The adopted regatta programme is as hereunder:

No. 1. 2:30 p.m.—First heat, club fours; Flumerfelt cup. A McLean, stroke; D. Leeming, 3; P. Austin, 2; L. Foot, bow; vs. P. Andrews, stroke; W. W. Lang, 3; G. Y. Simpson, 2; H. E. Hobbis, bow.

No. 2. 2:45 p.m.—C. B. Kennedy, stroke; T. Watson, 3; V. Wolfenden, 2; J. Y. Simpson, bow; vs. J. Donaldson, stroke; W. T. Andrews, 3; W. R. Jenkinson, 2; T. L. Crocker, bow.

No. 3. 3 p.m.—F. Dillabough, stroke; K. Hughes, 3; G. Moore, 2; G. Jameson, bow; vs. R. B. King, stroke; C. Jenkinson, 3; C. Wales, 2; H. E. Boorman, bow.

No. 4. 3.15 p. m.—W. W. Wilson, stroke; J. Sutherland, 3; E. Robinson, 2, E.F. Geiger, bow; vs. E. Brown, stroke; E. Hughes, 3; S. Jost, 2; V. Gray, bow.

No. 5. 3.30 p. m.—Winners of 1st and 2nd heats.

No. 6. 3.45 p. m.—Winners of 3rd and 4th heats.

No. 7. 4 p. m.—Dingy race, double sculls, with lady coxswain; quarter mile straightaway; post entries.

No. 8. 4.15 p. m.—Single paddle canoe, with lady passengers (cruising canoes), quarter mile straightaway; post entries.

No. 9. 4.30 p.m.—Junior singles, Mallandaine cup; post entries; course from Coffin Island to club house.

No. 10. 4.45 p.m.--Tandem canoe race quarter mile straightaway; post entries.

No. 11. 5 p. m.—Final heat; club fours.

No. 12 5.15 p. m.—Senior singles, Helmcken Cup; post entries; course same as junior singles.

No. 13 5.30 p. m.—Upset canoe race; post entries.

No. 14 5.45 p. m.—Tilting contest; post entries.

No. 15 6 p. m.—Swimming match; post entries.

The judges are J. C. Bridgman and F. A. Macrae, the starters D. O'Sullivan and T. Jones, and the referees H. D. Helmcken, K. C. and J. J. Shallcross.

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Baseball takes a new lease of life at Oak Bay Park this afternoon, when after a rest of several weeks, local lovers of the fast American game will be treated to an exposition of baseball at its best the competing teams being the local nine under the captaincy of Jack Rithet, and the famous Rainiers of Seattle—a nine with the enviable record of twenty consecutive wins. So far this season the Rainiers have been humbled once—and that in the infancy of the season, before the nine had got its batting eye. It will be a mighty triumph if the Victorians succeed in bringing the proud ones to grief, as they intend to do. And while they are trying it, it is "up to" sport lovers--and baseball lovers more especially, to show that they appreciate the efforts put forth at no little cost, to illustrate the game at a high standard in this city. It costs money to provide good ball, and heretofore this season, the patronage at Oak Bay has not been what it should be. A little substantial encouragement, and Manager Virtue will see to it that Victoria gets the best in the ball line that is going in the Pacific Northwest. But it cannot be done without support. Here is the line-up for today's engagement, and it is an attractive one:

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Smith	Catcher — McManus
Kelly	Pitcher — Blackburn
Roseburg	1st Base — Potts
Kayson	2nd Base — Schwengers
Mayne	3rd Base — Rithet
Spidell	Short Stop — Moore
Whittiman	Right Field — Goward
McManc	Left Field — McConnell
Davie	Centre Field — Burnes

G. Smith will umpire and the game will be called at 3 o'clock sharp.

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Sportsmen generally—and fishermen particularly—will read with interest the following, which is reprinted from the Colonist in order that it may obtain that wider publicity which is its desert:

"Messrs. Price Bros. have placed a splendid little naphtha launch on Cowichan lake and it will prove an immense boon to fishermen and others wishing to make the 30 mile trip to the head of this large body of water, formerly quite an undertaking. The second run of the launch was made last week, the engine working without a hitch throughout the 60 mile journey, notwithstanding a heavy sea. Among those who went up to the head of the lake were the Messrs. Cronin, accompanied by Mr. Dan Savoy as guide. It is their intention to pack through to the Nitinat river to test the fishing in what is practically unknown water.

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As this issue of "Progress" goes to press, Mr. Jack Munro, erstwhile miner and hard-working mountaineer of the Phoenix and Rossland camps in this province, is preparing to decorate or be decorated by Champion Jeffries. The latter does not appear to have regarded the engagement seriously, while Munro has trained faithfully under competent preceptors, his finishing course being under Professor "Kid" McCoy. It is 10 to 7 betting with Jeffries favored, and not much of that, but some time the fanciers of the champion will slip up. Champions come and go and there is no more reason to believe Jeffries invincible now, than there was to so consider John L. Sullivan when Corbett initiated him into the has-been degree at Carson City.

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No definite announcement has yet been made as to the exact date of the Bankers tennis tournament, but it is expected to take place in about three weeks on the James Bay courts. The arrangements are well in hand, and, as far as can be gathered, the intention is to carry out the tourney on a much more elaborate scale than usual. There will be a larger list of events and more valuable prizes. An exceptionally large number of entries is expected, so that it is probable that it will need fully a week or more to complete the series. Some exceedingly fine players have recently developed among local bankers, and competition promises to be keen throughout.

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The Victoria Cricket Club has gained a player of considerable skill and experience in the person of A. P. Kitson, who has recently arrived here to take the head clerkship at the Hotel Vernon. He is a cricketing enthusiast and a bowler of renown. Trained on the Yorkshire fields, he knows his game thoroughly and well. Latterly he has been recognized as one of the strongest players on the Nanaimo eleven.

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