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The Tourist Association. The Week takes the liberty of directing public attention to the present position of the Victoria Tourist Association which may be briefly summarised as follows: Last year financial stringency necessitated reorganization and a rigid exercise of economy. Permanent officials were dispensed with, standing charges largely reduced, and work hitherto paid for was undertaken voluntarily by public spirited citizens. The City made a reduced grant of four thousand dollars on condition that three thousand dollars was expended directly in advertising. When it is remembered that the Association had to pay off five hundred dollars of accumulated debts, it will be seen that only five hundred dollars was left to finance the Institution until the end of the year. By the exercise of prudence, and by dint of assisting from their own pockets, the members of the Committee have carried on the work of the Association, and have done so in a manner which reflects the greatest credit upon them. On the 31st of December they will be able to show a clean sheet, with possibly a few dollars to the good. Next year is going to be a great year on the Pacific Coast. The evidences of this are on every hand; trade is reviving, capital is again beginning to flow Westward, large investments have been made not only in Victoria but on other parts of Vancouver Island during the last month; there is a stir in the air. Next year is the year of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. Seattle will be the Mecca of several million tourists, and the golden opportunity of Victoria and Vancouver Island. Since the building of the Empress Hotel every publicity agency in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco includes Victoria in its itinerary. The strongest public organization should be the Tourist Association, and if furnished with the sinews of war it will justify its existence and put the finishing stroke on its seven years of missionary work. This is a matter for the citizens of Victoria. No greater mistake could be made than to miss such an opportunity. It should be grasped with both hands and handled in the spirit of generous enterprise. On Friday night a representative committee of the Board of Trade and the Tourist Association waited upon the City Council. The invitation was to a conference on this subject. The meeting took place, but there was no conference. The deputation, headed by Colonel Prior, was graciously permitted by the City Fathers to state its views. There was no response, no endorsement, no promise, and no discussion. The members of the deputation were bowed out just as politely as they were bowed in. This may have been the very pink of courtesy, but it hardly manifests the spirit in which the responsible representatives of the city are expected to deal with a matter of vital importance to the city's interest. It was long ago decided that publicity work pays. This has been demonstrated in a dozen cities in the interior of the Province, some of which with a tenth of the population spend double the money granted by Victoria to the Tourist Association. The Week strongly urges the due consideration of the foregoing facts, and especially the duty of the City Council to see that there is no hiatus in the work of the Tourist Association, and no lack of adequate funds to place Victoria in line with the other cities of the coast which will reap a golden harvest next year.

The Irony Of Fate. A singular Nemesis has overtaken the Liberal Party in Canada. For thirty years that party has been nominally opposed to the National Policy as established by Sir John A. Macdonald. It is true that since they came into power thirteen years ago they have adopted the policy and made a feeble attempt to carry it out, but while it may be true that the subject of Protection is no longer a matter of dispute in Canada it is equally true that for sixteen years the Liberals fought it tooth and nail, and since then have been more or less half-hearted in giving effect to the protective principle. This is evidenced by the fact that instead of "taking the bull by the horns" and protecting our native industries in the only way in which they can be protected, by the application of a scientific tariff, they have had recourse to an extensive system of bounties which at the best are only temporary expedients and which have conspicuously failed in the element of permanence. But the Nemesis comes in the shape of a notable deliverance by Sir Frederick Borden who, speaking in London recently, says: "Canada knows that if the United States lowered the customs values it would be only for her own convenience." Coming from a Cabinet Minister this must be regarded as a notable declaration. It evidences the fact that after thirty years of education the Liberal Party, whose spokesman Mr. Borden is, has arrived at the conclusion which Sir John A. Macdonald and his colleagues reached in 1878. It was a conviction of the fact that Canada stood no chance of developing her natural resources in competition with so large and prosperous a nation as the United States stretched along her borders, whilst Canada was unprotected and the States was playing the game with loaded dice. Canada knew nothing of industrial and commercial prosperity until the establishment of the National Policy, which, whilst a defence against the whole world, was mainly directed against the United States. Now that the wisdom of this Policy has been overwhelmingly established all parties espouse it, including the party of which Sir Frederick Borden is a mouthpiece; a party which at one time preached annexation and a section of which, under the guidance of Liberal Ministers, advocated Provincial Secession. Now that Sir Frederick Borden has made such open confession the way should be paved for an advance on the part of the Government of which he is a member towards a more scientific tariff, and the abandonment of the Bounty system. The present protective policy is "a thing of shreds and patches." It is ineffective where it should be most effective; it taxes some sections of Canada heavily for the benefit of other sections. Whilst claiming to give a preference to the Mother Country it in reality inures far more to the benefit of the United States. While it has contributed to the general prosperity of the Dominion it has contributed more to the enrichment of influential friends of the Government who have benefited personally from the granting of excessive bounties which have not strengthened the industries they were supposed to establish. The recognition of the principle enunciated by Sir Frederick Borden should lead to a more comprehensive and scientific handling of a great problem, and there is no work to which Sir Wilfrid Laurier could put his hand which needs finishing as badly as this.

That Protest. The unexpected has happened and at the last moment Colonel Gregory, acting presumably on behalf of the Honourable William Templeman, has lodged a protest against the return of Mr. G. H. Barnard for Victoria. No one who knows Colonel Gregory will doubt that he has done so upon what appear to him to be just and sufficient grounds. On the other hand no one who is familiar with the revelations made during the last three weeks whilst Mr. Frank Higgins was framing up a protest will envy Colonel Gregory and the Honourable William Templeman the task that lies before them. It has been confidently asserted by experienced campaigners that in every electoral contest there are technical errors which would lead to the unseating of any candidate. These arise chiefly from the impossibility of a candidate supervising and controlling all the acts of his supporters; but by common consent if a candidate has a clean record and conducts his campaign with scrupulous care and in a general spirit of fairness it is usual to overlook technical errors for which even if legally he is not morally responsible. The Week does not know that there are any such technical errors in the case under consideration, but is in a position to state that no cleaner election has ever been run in British Columbia and that apart altogether from political considerations it would be a matter of regret if the cause of clean elections received a set-back by the unseating of Mr. Barnard upon any technicality. This is essentially a case in which the Liberal Party would do well to remember that "It is the letter that killeth but the spirit that maketh alive."

Home Lessons.

Since The Week's editorial dealing with the subject of Home Lessons at the Central School, information has kept pouring in to the same effect as that dealt with in the article referred to. It now appears that the case then mentioned is only one of a number, and on the courteous request of Inspector Paul that gentleman has been furnished with the names of a number of children whose parents claim that they have suffered under the present system. Since Inspector Paul has promised thorough investigation The Week is content to leave the matter there for the present and has no doubt that it will be dealt with in a fair and reasonable manner. Meanwhile the other subject raised in the same issue of The Week, that of adequate ventilation, has been referred to Dr. Wasson, whose duty it is to report on such matters to the Trustees.

The Law Of Libel.

It looks as if decency in journalism, at any rate in the West, can only be attained by a strict enforcement of the law of libel. While libel suits against newspapers have been more numerous of late convictions have been extremely rare. An Eastern paper well expressed public sentiment when after the late Federal elections it said that either half the editors should be in the dock under a charge of libel or half the candidates should be in a prison cell "doing time." The recent conviction of a Calgary Editor for libelling his brother editor of the Eye Opener has created quite a little sensation on the Prairies, and carries a moral for the whole of the Dominion. In spite of the fact that the Eye Opener is as disreputable and filthy a journal as is printed on this Continent its critic had to suffer con-

viction because he made statements reflecting on the personal character of Mr. Edwards which he could not prove, and some of which were held to be not in the public interest. The moral of this case is that one may not even libel the devil, and that editors must exercise a just discrimination between vague and specific charges. Whether Mr. Edwards was guilty of all the horrible things laid at his door or not his critic assumed the responsibility of proving them, and failed. It might be a logical conclusion that a man who published such a degenerate sheet as the Eye Opener must himself be a degenerate, but the inference did not serve the defendant in his libel suit; he had probably forgotten the strange case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde or he would have made allowance for the possible dual personality. He could have conceived of Mr. Edwards as "an angel of darkness" when wielding the editorial pen, and "an angel of light" in his social and family relationships. Mr. McGillicuddy lacked imagination and boldly assumed that the man was as he wrote. Whilst there is general regret that anyone should be punished for slating the Eye-Opener or its editor, that regret must be tempered with some satisfaction in the absolute justice and inflexibility of the law which at times has to assert its majesty even against the moral sense of the community.

The Coming Man.

Although a great family paper the Colonist is not always strictly just in its dealings. On Thursday last it had a sub-editorial note to the effect that at Ottawa a report was in circulation that Mr. Mackenzie King had been designated as the probable successor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Either the Colonist is, as usual, several weeks late with its news or it willfully overlooks the fact that in its first issue after the Federal elections The Week voiced this probability, and was the first paper in Canada to do so. Whilst on the subject it may be said that if Mr. Mackenzie King goes on as he has commenced there is no man in public life in the Liberal party who could dispute his claim to the position. Of course Mr. Fielding's claims are at present paramount, but it is not certain that they will be at the next election, and even so Mr. King is a young man and can afford to wait. He comes of splendid stock, has created a favourable impression on everyone with whom he has come into contact, is a man of the highest personal character and ideals, and unlike so many of the leading men of both parties is not tarred with the brush of mediocrity. Intellectually he stands head and shoulders above all the younger men of his party, and indeed he has no contemporary in the Conservative rank of equal calibre. His only possible rival is Mr. Lemieux, also a man of splendid parts, more aggressive than Mr. King and more of a politician, but not cast in quite so fine a mould. It is not likely, however, that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier retires Canada will be willing to accept another French Premier, and if this conclusion be correct there is nothing to prevent Mr. Mackenzie King from succeeding to the highest position in the gift of his country.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

Madame Nordica.

On Wednesday evening Madame Nordica appeared at the Victoria Theatre under the auspices of the Victoria Musical Society. She was assisted by Miss Showers as a solo pianist and Mr. Hastings as a vocalist. The concert as a whole can only be described with one word—Splendid. I must confess that Madame Nordica surprised me. I last heard her seven years ago in New York. She was singing in Grand Opera and I judged that she had just about reached the zenith of her powers. Seven years allows time for considerable deterioration in a vocal artist who is in the forties, but so far as Madame Nordica is concerned that deterioration is only discernable in exacting operatic selections. The audience was enraptured by her singing and she most graciously responded with an encore to almost every number. She no longer attempts to dazzle with thrills and shakes but relies more on the effect of simple tones. Her voice has retained its quality marvellously and within its present compass is a delight to listen to. Her most satisfactory selection and indeed the soundest from a musical standpoint was Strauss' Serenade. In singing this her tones were true, and her notes full and round. In one or two of her other selections, notably in the opening one, she was not so happy and she committed a serious error in attempting to sing "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." At no time did Madame Nordica possess the temperament for a number of this kind, but as she had to mutilate it in order to sing it at all it is the more regrettable that it should have been attempted. The number is a classic, Tietjens and Christine Nilsson made it so forty years ago. Madame Nordica gave a taste of her quality in the final selection, Schumann's "Waldegesprach," and her adieu, "The Sweetest Flower that Blows," was exquisitely rendered. Miss Showers, for so young a girl proved to be an excellent pianist, her Chopin selection being exceptionally well rendered. Mr. Hastings is a more than usually competent baritone. He has a rich, strong voice, but is handicapped by a few mannerisms which may be overcome by practice. The house was a crowded one and under all the circumstances was a remarkable testimony to Madame Nordica's popularity. The Musical Society made no mistake in giving Victorians the best obtainable and must be congratulated on a highly satisfactory result.

"Texas."

"Texas," a comedy drama by J. Mauldin Feigl, which is in its fifth season, will be presented for the first time in this city. It is a most stirring play. It is a comedy drama of the western plains and the action of the play takes place in Texas and the name of the heroine is Texas West. The play has the charm of atmosphere, and the story which is simple, is well told. The interest is well sustained and there are some thrilling dramatic moments. The characters are skilfully drawn and are as clear cut as a cameo. The characters are not dragged in to help along the action, but the action develops naturally and consistently from the characters. The hero of the play is a stalwart young ranchman, who is strong, heroic and resourceful. He loves Texas West, and the course of their love would have been smooth and sunny, but for the plottings of Pasquale, a border half-breed whom Jack Dallam, the hero, has branded as a cattle thief. An English lord is also concerned in the plot and endeavours to purchase Buckhead ranch, the home of Texas, as he has learned there are valuable gold deposits on the land. He is prevented from doing this by Jack Dallam, who learns suddenly that he has become rich through his oil fields in Eastern Texas. Jack purchases the ranch and

the home is saved. The strength of the play lies not so much in the plot as in the characters and the atmosphere of the plains which pervades it. The love story is very prettily told and the comedy element is bright, sparkling and breezy. The coming production is under the direction of Mr. George Broadhurst, author of "The Man of the Hour." It will be seen at the Victoria Theatre Monday, December 7, for one night only.

The Devil.

Nearly every season has its dramatic sensation. Last year was the "Merry Widow." This year it is, strange to say, "The Devil." Probably no play that has been seen in New York in recent years has created anything like the furore that has been aroused by this psychological, and yet wonderfully dramatic stage story. Those who have seen the play do not marvel at its success. Those who have not seen it are justified in wondering why it has taken such a wonderful hold upon the public, and has become the most discussed play of the year.

The peculiarity of "The Devil" is that it is a comedy and not a comedy—a tragedy and not a tragedy. "The Devil," as played by Ramsey Wallace, the clever American actor, who will make known the wiles of the masquerading Satanic tempter to the theatre-lovers of this city, is bubbling over with ironical humour; he amuses by his cynical exposure of the weaknesses of human nature; and yet, through it all, his persistent, heartless temptation of those who have come under his spell reveals the inherent tragedy of human life.

"The Devil," masquerading as "Dr. Miller," is, of course, the central character of the play, and all the other characters revolve about him. The especial objects of his devilish machinations are Olga Holmann, the wife of a rich banker, and Karl Mahler, an artist. These two have been lovers, but poverty and the woman's marriage with the banker has separated them. Now the artist has become famous, the banker would have a portrait of his wife, and once more the man and woman are thrown together. The love they once owned for each other has not been destroyed; it has only slept. Their meeting revives it in all its old intensity, but they fight against it as being unworthy. Probably in the end they would have conquered their passion, but the devil enters into the game. By suggestion, by innuendo and finally, by open insistence upon the right of men and women to follow their own desires, he tempts the man and woman beyond their power to resist, and the inevitable tragedy follows. Incidentally, there are a number of other characters that give interest to the performance and which serve to show how well the devil understands and plays upon the weaknesses of human nature. This is the physical, the apparent side of the play. The occult side is even more interesting; for, in a singularly adroit and clever way, the audience is made to understand that, after all, there is no physical devil—no satanic tempter to be seen of men—but that the evil one is in the mind, and must be conquered, if conquered at all, within the souls of men and women.

The company that will present "The Devil" at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 9, is said to be one of the strongest ever organized for a production of this kind. It is announced an exact counterpart of the Henry W. Savage Company, which is now giving the play to such tremendous crowds at the Garden Theatre, New York. Incidentally, it will interest the public to know that this is the only authorized version of the play, and is being given by direct arrangement with Franz Molnar, the famous Hungarian author. Mr. Savage, in turn, has given permission to James D. Barton & Company to present the original and only correct version of the play, and this is the one that will be seen here. Scenically, the production will be superb. There is an entire car-load of scenery by Arthur Voegtlin—the famous scenic artist of the New York Hippodrome, and it is an exact copy of that being

used in the Garden Theatre production.

There is scarcely a well-known periodical in the United States or Europe that has not recently devoted a large portion of its space to discussing "The Devil," and the wonderful public interest it has aroused and there is no doubt that local playgoers will be tremendously interested in seeing a play that has created such a profound impression throughout the world.

The New Grand.

One of the best and most novel features seen for some time on the vaudeville stage is to be found at the New Grand this week. I refer to Professor Patterson's Bronze Statues. The poses are indeed startling and the whole work clever. It is a first class turn. The two Ingrams are good in a novelty juggling act and Johnnie Fields is one of the best raconteurs I have heard for a long time. The moving pictures are just as good as usual, and that means a lot at the New Grand.

What promises to be a rarely good line, arranged for next week includes Blockson and Burns, late of Dockstader's Minstrels, who provide fun fast and furious; Herbert Cyril "The English Johnnie," sometimes called the Bean Brummel of the vaudeville stage, who will sing his own creations, "Hello, Hello, Hello," "It's a Different Girl Again," "The Worst of Being so Beastly Well Connected," "When There Isn't a Girl About," etc.; John Birch, "The Man With the Hats," James and Lucia Cooper, billed as "Chattering Chums"; Gus Bruno, the dialectician, who is a thorough master of dialects, and gives French, Irish, Swedish, Italian, Chinese, Scotch, English and others in rapid succession and all with remarkable fidelity; Thos. J. Price, singing "Don't You Understand, Honey?"; new moving pictures, entitled "A Gilded Fool," and a new overture by the orchestra.

The London Bioscope.

The London Bioscope, entertainment furnished by Clifford Denham at the New Grand has attracted large crowds this week and at the last two performances the house has been packed. The subjects are well chosen and the films being quite new are extremely distinct. There is much added interest in the form of verbal description by Mr. Denham and the accessory of a good orchestra. It is evident that this entertainment has hit the public taste and that Victorians have found their way to a popular lounge at popular prices.

Musical Society Makes Generous Offer to Bona Fide Musical Students.

The Victoria Musical Society has decided to place the top boxes in the theatre at the disposal of students at the rate of three dollars per seat for the three remaining concerts, which is at the rate of one dollar each seat per concert.

To ensure these season tickets being issued to bona fide students, they must be applied for by the music teachers of the city on behalf of their pupils and the Committee of the Society will rely upon the teachers that the privilege is not abused.

There are four boxes containing six seats each.

The committee feels that in affording this opportunity of hearing the world's greatest artists at a small fee the pupils will be encouraged thereby to persevere in their studies and that the students, the musical profession and the musical growth of the city generally will be stimulated and assisted thereby.

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Social and Personal.

A wedding of interest to Victorians was that of Miss Gertrude Marion Keefer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keefer, Pemberton Road, and Captain Pym Sankey of the Royal Engineers, Chatham, England, which took place at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Canon Beanlands officiating.

The bride looked extremely handsome in a very smart white cloth suit and large white picture hat with plumes.

Miss Tilton made a charming bridesmaid, wearing a charming frock of wine colored velvet and hat to match.

Mr. Clarke Gamble ably supported the groom.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, smilax and trails of ivy.

Captain and Mrs. Sankey left by the evening boat for Vancouver en route for Chatham, England.

Mr. A. W. Harvey returned from a business trip to Seattle early in the week.

Mrs. Peter Dodds of Chemainus was a visitor in town last week.

Mrs. Robin Dunsuir is visiting friends in San Francisco.

Rev. Baugh-Allen and family returned from England last week.

The Bridge Club met on Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. William Pig-gott, Belmont avenue.

The decorations were artistically carried out in chrysanthemums. The lucky prize winner was Mrs. C. V. Spratt, who carried off four dainty cut glass vases.

Captain and Mrs. Pym of Vancouver are registered at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ward of Ganges Harbour are in town and guests at the Balmoral.

Mrs. Hibben, 924 Pandora street, was hostess at a very charming reception given in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. (Major) Hibben, on Monday evening last.

Mrs. Hibben, Sr., was handsomely attired in black with touches of real lace, and Mrs. Napier Hibben was greatly admired in a smart sequin robe.

The house had been most artistically decorated with autumn leaves and greenery.

A most delightful evening was spent the Fifth Regiment orchestra being in attendance.

Among the numerous friends who had gathered to present their good wishes were Mrs. and Miss McTavish, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. (Dr.) Powell, Mrs. and Miss Wilson, Major and Mrs. Nicholles, Mrs. Dennis Harris, Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, Miss Beanlands, Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson, Mrs. D. Ross, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. (Dr.) McMicking, Miss Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss Devereux, Miss Williams, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Irving, Miss Irving, Consul and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. W. E. Norris of Vancouver came over on business Tuesday.

The engagement has been recently announced of Miss Vyvaan Bolton and Mr. Dick Mainguy of Westholme.

Miss Norah Bell is the guest of Miss Olive Bryden.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Springer of Vancouver were guests at the Empress this week.

Mr. J. M. Eaves, James Island, was in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, were registered at the Empress for a few days this week.

Mr. Maurice Hills returned from a short visit to Seattle on Monday.

Miss Beatrice Holmes of Duncans was the guest of Mrs. McKay, Daltas Road, during the week.

Major Hibben and Mrs. Hibben, (nee Dennis) have returned from their honeymoon trip spent in Southern California.

Mr. A. W. Bridgeman is a patient in the Jubilee Hospital, having recently submitted to an operation on his ankle.

Mrs. H. B. Good was the guest of Canon and Mrs. Beanlands for a few days this week.

Mrs. (Col.) Grant and children left

by the Charmer on Tuesday for Vancouver.

Mr. E. P. Colley, B.C.L.S., leaves on Tuesday for England where he intends to spend the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Marpole was a passenger by the mid-day boat on Wednesday, from Vancouver for the purpose of attending Miss Keefer's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McClure have returned from a trip to the Old Country, after an absence of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gore spent the day at their house-boat on Shawnigan Lake last Saturday.

Miss Barbara Mainguy of Westholme was in town for a few days this week.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Canadian Magazine.

The Christmas number of The Canadian Magazine stands as evidence that in literary quality and artistic ability Canadian writers and illustrators can hold their own with the average of production anywhere. It is easily the best representative Canadian magazine yet published, and is a splendid indication of the advances that have been made in a literary and artistic way in the Dominion. There is a long table of contents, and some of the best known contributors are Theodore Roberts, Robt. E. Knowles, Frederick George Scott, Isabel Ecclestone Mackay, Virna Sheard, Jean Blewett, George Herbert Clarke, Albert R. Carman, James P. Haverson, L. M. Montgomery, S. T. Wood, Augustus Bridle, Jean Graham, Archie P. McKishnie and S. A. White, with a hitherto unpublished poem by William Henry Drummond. There are several illustrations in colour from reproductions of clever drawings by J. W. Beatty. The other artists whose illustrations appear in this number are Fergus Kyle, T. G. Greene, George Butler and A. C. G. Lapine.

An Idyl of Village Life.

Zona Gale's New Book, "Friendship Village," an American "Cranford," published by Macmillan & Co., Toronto.

To say that "Friendship Village," the new book by the author of "The Loves of Pelleas and Etarre," is better even than its predecessor, may seem extravagant praise; nevertheless, this verdict will probably be upheld by a jury of readers. Miss Gale is a fortunate mortal, for she has certainly lived in the most delightful village in America. The people one meets in the pages of "Friendship Village" are so real that they cannot be entirely "made up" characters. The charm of the book, the exquisite truth of its delineations, will be fully appreciated only by those who have lived or at least visited in a small American village, say of the middle West. Yet there is so much universal humanity in these characters that even the most confirmed city dweller could not miss all of their attraction. Calliope Marsh is a character who has come to stay. She is altogether real without being in the slightest degree like anyone else. She is shrewd and unworldly, grotesquely funny and irresistibly charming, and her opinions of all that goes on about her provide a fund of entertainment that lasts from the beginning to the end of the book.

One such character would make Friendship Village remarkable, but Calliope is not the only original character in this unique village. Here are some of the others as they come on the stage:

"I am fond of remembering them as I saw them first: the Toplads, that great Mis' Amanda, ponderous, majestic, and suggesting black gros-grain, her beaming way of whole-hearted approval not quite masking the critical, housewife glances which she continually cast; and little Timothy, her husband, who, in company went quite out of his head and could think of nothing to say save 'Blister-in' Benson, what I think is this: ain't everything movin' off nice?' Dear Doctor June, pastor emeritus of Friendship, since he was so identified with all the village interests that not many could tell from what church he



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had retired. (At each of the three Friendship churches he rented a pew, and contributed impartially to their beneficences; and, 'seems to me the Lord would of,' he sometimes apologized for this.) Photographer Jimmy Sturgis, who stood about with one eye shut, and who drove the 'bus, took charge of the mailbags, conducted a photograph gallery, and painted portraits. ('The Dead From Photos a specialty,' was tacked on the risers of the stairs leading to his studio.) And Mis' Photographer Sturgis, who who an invalid and 'very, very seldom got out.' (Not, I was to learn, an invalid because of ill health, but by nature. She was an invalid as other people are blond or brunette, and no more to be said about it.) Miss Liddy Ember, the village seamstress, and her beautiful sister Ellen, who was 'not quite right,' and whom Miss Liddy took about and treated like a child until the times when Ellen 'come herself again' and then she quite overshadowed in personality little busy Miss Liddy. Mis' Holcomb—that-was-Mame-Bliss, and Eppleby Holcomb, and the 'Other' Holcombs; Mis' Doctor Helman, the Kekerjecks, who 'kept the drug store,' and scented the world with musk and essences. ('Musk on one handkerchief and some kind o' flower scent on your other one,' Mis' Gekerjeck was wont to

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say, 'then you can suit everybody, say "I hardly know how to begin, sir," who who will.'"
The whole book tempts to quotation, for it is packed full of human nature. It is not more charming in sentiment than "The Loves of Pelleas and Etarre"—that would be impossible—but it is a better story and closer to real life. At last we have in "Friendship Village" an American "Cranford."
said the would-be son-in-law, as a starter.
"Permit me to help you out," said the old man.
The words were polite enough; but the young man thought he saw trouble ahead, and got out unassisted.

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Prima Donnas.

The visit of Madame Nordica to Victoria has put me in a reminiscent mood, and like my good friend William Christie I feel, if not like fighting my old battles over again, at any rate like recalling a few of my earlier musical experiences. Before preceding to them, however, let me relate a little incident for the benefit of whomsoever it may concern.

At the conclusion of the magnificent concert on Wednesday evening when a packed and enthusiastic house rose to sing "God Save the King," and afterwards to give three cheers for Madame Nordica, an elderly gentleman pushed through the crowd to grasp me by the shoulder and whisper in intense melo-dramatic tones the cabalistic words: "Christie has his answer." I leave it at that.

Now to my theme, the first Prima Donna I ever heard was Tietjens. I suppose I ought to say I shall never forget it, but certainly the occasion was an impressive one. It was at Covent Garden in the late sixties; the great singer was in her prime, and was the idol of the moment. She was singing in the title part of *Lucetta Borgia*, a part which she had made her own, and which has not been adequately rendered, and indeed rarely attempted, since her death. The opera never appeared in the repertoire of such a well known troupe as the Carl Rosa Opera Company; indeed during the last forty years I have only heard it once when Madame Marie Rose had it mounted and scored a moderate success. The part is too exacting in its combined musical and dramatic requirements for any but an actress and singer of phenomenal powers.

The part fitted Madame Tietjens like a glove, and she produced the same thrilling effect as that which characterized the great Salvini's performance of *Othello*. Since the days of Tietjens we have had several splendid Prima Donnas, but none her equal in force combined with sweetness, and none to approach her in dramatic intensity.

Only a little later at the same place I heard one whom I have always regarded as the greatest Prima Donna, and within certain limits, the finest singer of the last half century I refer to Christine Nilsson. In the early seventies she was young, in appearance most impressive, being tall and extremely graceful. She had the long flaxen hair, pale blue eyes and simplicity of manner and expression characteristic of her countrywomen. To adequately describe her voice is impossible. It was a pure, high soprano, liquid, tremulous, sympathetic; indeed its sympathetic quality was always one of its most prominent features. On the occasion to which I refer she was singing *Marguerite* in *Faust*, assisted by a splendid cast which included Trebelli-Bettini, Campanini, and Faure, three stellar artists who have never been surpassed in Gounod's immortal Opera. Christine Nilsson's singing was not merely inspiring, it was exalting to a degree, and I have always applied to it the one term, "ineffable." I was but a boy at this time and that may account for my impressionability and enthusiasm, but through all the intervening years I have never lost sight of that prostrate figure on the straw pallet in the cell, and have never seen anything to excel the tragedy and pathos of Christine Nilsson's rendering of the famous death song.

I will only recall one other incident in connection with Christine Nilsson's career; it occurred in the Birmingham Town Hall some fifteen years later, in fact just before the great singer was married to the

Spanish Count who robbed the Operatic stage of its brightest star. At the end of one of Harrison's splendid concerts Christine Nilsson sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." She sang it as it has never been sung before or since. The hour was late, but everyone waited to hear the gem of the evening. I do not know why, but in addition to an air of expectancy there was an undefinable subtle influence, half of seriousness and half of sadness. While the recitative was being declaimed there was breathless silence, but when the glorious voice took up the aria nearly every face in a vast audience evidenced emotion. As the silvery notes of the final cadence fell upon our ears the mighty clock of St. Phillip's near-by began to strike the hour of midnight. The effect was truly electrical; sighs and sobs were audible, and I do not think that in a very full lifetime of experience in the musical world I have ever witnessed a scene at once so impressive and so sublime.

I could say much of another great Prima Donna more widely known and even yet giving farewell performances. I refer to Adelina Patti. As a phenomenal singer she undoubtedly surpassed any woman of her time, and in her prime was simply unapproachable in certain classic roles, but she had not the temperament of either of the two singers to whom I have referred, and indeed but for a marvellous voice her numerous vagaries would have acted as a handicap to her success. I would not for a moment depreciate the merits of Madame Patti's brilliant career, and it would be presumptuous to praise her. As an operatic singer she was both dazzling and unique, as a singer in Oratorio she was a failure, or at any rate only achieved a "success de'estime." I shall never forget a remarkable scene in the Crystal Palace at the Handel Festival of about 1870 when she shared with Madame Lemmens-Sherrington the soprano music. She sang among other selections the well known air, "Let the bright Seraphim." When the number was announced she came tripping on the stage like a giddy young actress, bowing and smiling a very self-satisfied smile. Sir Michael Costa frowned and appeared quite ill at ease; his baton, already raised in the air, fell to his side and he noticeably paused for several seconds until Madame Patti assumed an attitude more in keeping with a Handel Festival and a sacred selection. The singer's manner changed under the obvious rebuke which was well deserved, but I doubt if any other conductor would have had the temerity to administer it, and it is a safe assertion that it was the only time in her career that Madame Patti submitted to it. Much more remains to be said about Prima Donnas, but not this week.

Bohemian.

The Merchant of Victoria.
(Contributed)

"No light, you see, is burning in my hall,
No more my 16-candle throws his beams!
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For when there drops a gentle rain from heaven
On Goldstream Lake beneath, it is twice blest:
It blesseth him that rideth on the cars,
It blesseth him that reads beneath the lamp.
'Tis mightiest when 'tis rainiest. It becomes
Scant in the driest seasons. Therefore,
Sir,
Though Power be your plea, consider this—
That had the drought continued, none of us
Had seen these blessed candles of the night,
Nor found a car to bear us home to tea."

Literary Hit.

"Did your friend make a hit at the literary club?"
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Victoria, Dec. 2, 1908.

To the Editor of The Week.

Sir,—Why are the necessities of life or the cost of living in Victoria so high? Is it the combines? But no matter what it is, it is doing Victoria a lot of harm, and has been the case for the last three years. It is preventing people from locating here, and it has compelled people to leave here that I know of. Why is flour \$7.50 per barrel here, when it is sold in Seattle for \$4.50? Why is coal that costs 70c a ton to mine sold here at \$7.50, while the same kind is carried 700 miles and sold in Frisco for \$5.00? Why is oatmeal 55c per ten pounds which cost but 35c three years ago? These things are not imported, but raised close to home, and the same applies to dozens of other things. Surely man is not receiving a fair share of the products of the earth under such an arrangement. We will watch with interest the action of the Board of Trade who is about to undertake the task of advertising the Island and adjusting trade relations, as many of its members are the heads of concerns that are charging such fancy prices for their goods. Will they mention these things in their pamphlets? They might with profit to the public take a leaf out of one of their members' book, Mr. Jos. Sayward, who broke the combine and cut the price of lumber in halves. Now if the cement works would do the same with their product, people would build themselves homes now that real estate has fallen to its normal value. Why try to cripple Victoria all the time? Let the people who should do it but won't. Once let her get well started on the road to expansion and she will be like the block pavement, it will be hard to keep her down.

A HOUSEHOLDER.

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His Views.

"What do you think of dividing the day into twenty-four hours?"

"I think it would be better if we could arrange to have nine or ten evenings to the week," replied the young man who was beginning to call steadily on one girl.

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Not Alone.

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an illustration he told the following incident:

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"Were your problems correct, dear?"

"No, mamma," replied the child. "They were all wrong."

"All wrong?" repeated the amazed parent. "Oh, I'm so sorry!"

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By THE LOUNGER

With reference to my remarks in last issue on the subject of better ventilation in our schools I was greatly impressed by an article in the Montreal Star of the 27th ult., which came to hand this week. It dealt with an address delivered in that city by an eminent educationalist who strongly advocated open air schools. He came to Montreal on the invitation of the School Trustees to give the benefit of his experience of an open air school which he is conducting on Rhode Island. In this school there are no windows or doors, the air from the outside is free to circulate wherever natural conditions determine, the class rooms are warmed by a sufficient number of stoves, and the children wear their out of door clothing. Apart from the main idea, which is hygienic, the system is specially adapted to combat the "white plague" and the lecturer declares that it was absolutely successful and the children who had evidenced the beginnings of the disease had completely recovered under this system. I wonder when people will learn that oxygen is not merely hygienic but curative. I wonder further when School Trustees all the world over will learn that the neglect to supply the children with abundant fresh air even in their class rooms and to permit the continuous system of closed windows and doors is nothing short of criminal? I said something last week about

Municipal equilibrist and opined that Mayor Hall was not the greatest sinner in this respect. In view of the action in the Police Court during the week it is not permissible to say anything more about the particular cartoon under discussion, but anyone who reads the editorial on the subject which appeared in last Saturday's issue of the People's Press will probably endorse the opinion I expressed last week, that the great Moral Reform programme is a side issue, and that the moral reformers whose names figure on the prospectus of the Company when the paper was launched are simply being made use of as pawns in a game of which they know little and understand less. In these days of advanced science it would only be charitable to assume that they were hypnotized by some modern Moses who is supposed to be leading them to the Promised Land. It looks to me as if their wanderings in the wilderness will parallel those of the Israelites.

I was very glad to notice the promptitude with which the Empress and Driard Hotels responded to my suggestion to open Grill Rooms. Indeed the promptness was so striking as to be only explicable on the ground of hypnotic suggestion, for although The Week is not published until Saturday my letter was written on Friday, and lo! and behold the next day the announcement was made that the Empress would act upon the suggestion of The Week; the Driard having apparently decided to do so a little earlier. Both hotels are to be congratulated on recognizing the value of my suggestion. (The foregoing paragraph is in the usual "Colonist" style, but for fear of offending the susceptibilities of the Lounger it is allowed to pass this time.—Ed. Week).

I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but like Saul of old I often find myself lounging among the prophets. From a venerable seer who has had wide experience in star gazing, studying the signs of the Zodiac, and performing other freak astronomical stunts, I learned that the coming winter is to be a very severe one and that Victoria may expect harder frost than it experienced two years ago. My informant declined to give any reason for his belief, but that is the usual attitude of professional prophets, you have to take their utterances on faith, I always take them with a grain of salt, but this time I really feel in my bones as if the prediction is likely to be true; certainly King Frost has made an early and a fierce start and I am more than ever glad that I did not sell my old Northwest Coon coat for the five dollars that a generous hearted second-hand clothes dealer offered me in the spring. At the risk of being shot in mistake for a deer, I shall be wearing it this winter in the streets of Victoria if it gets much colder.

Condolences are in order and I tender mine most sincerely to the C.P.R. at the untoward result of the collision between the Charmer and the Scow. If the passengers could have been snatched up in a Zeppelin airship I could have devoutly wished that the Charmer would have sunk, if possible, in a thousand fathoms of water. That the vessel should have been saved as well as the passengers is little short of a calamity. For once I find my vocabulary inadequate to express my feelings but Victorians have a grudge against the Charmer which will not be removed until that miserable tub receives its "coup de grace." Time would fail me to tell of the hours and indeed days which I have lost

through belated passages on the Charmer. She is a miserably inefficient, out-of-date boat, top heavy, uncontrollable, and in a storm unseaworthy. It is a libel upon the splendid system of steamships operated by the C.P.R. for a passenger vessel to occupy nine hours in making the trip from Victoria to Vancouver. It is an even greater discredit for such a vessel to have to tie up or retreat ten or twenty miles in a storm through which any of the other vessels would plough their way in safety. No doubt the best policy was pursued in all these cases, which, however, only emphasizes the grudge which the public have against the Charmer.

I fear that I have said so much about the streets of Victoria at one time or another that my readers hardly consider Loungers weekly letter complete without some reference to that. This week, however, I have only to say that it is about time someone undertook to render Cook street passable; I imagine the responsibility for its present outrageous condition rests with the city authorities; at any rate they are the ones to whom the public has a right to look. The street railway has been completed on Cook street for at least two months and there is no excuse on this ground for the delay in levelling up and constructing a decent thoroughfare. I do not often resort to the use of slang, but in the present instance am constrained to say that Cook street is the worst yet.

Lounger.

On the Same Terms.

Diner (who has run up a heavy bill)—You are manager here, eh? Well, six months ago I dined here, and unfortunately, being unable to pay my bill—er—you kicked me down stairs.

The Manager—very sorry, indeed, sir, but business, you know—er—I had to—er—

Diner—Oh, that's all right, old chap—but—might I trouble you again?

Sarcasm of the Road.

"Lady," said Plodding Pete, "dat bulldog o' yer's mighty near caught me."

"He did?" exclaimed the woman with a firmly set jaw. "I'll give him the worst beating he ever had!"

"Lady, be merciful. If dat dog finds it as hard to get anything to eat around here as I do I don't blame him fur reachin' fur anythink dat comes along."

Father, Dear Father.

Father, dear father, come home with me now,

The clock on the dashboard strikes one.

Don't fuss with the car any longer pupah;

You can't get the old tub to run. The cylinder's cracked and the timer won't work,

And mother's been waiting since tea.

So tether the car to a post, father dear,

And come home on the trolley with me.

Come home, come home, etc.

"You'll wake up some day and find yourself famous."

"Well, I dunno. I've been going out early for the morning papers for a long time now."

Sporting Comment.

The first Rugby football match of the season against an out of town club will take place on Saturday at Oak Bay when the local exponents will try conclusions with the Terminal City representatives.

The fifteen that have been selected to represent the Capital City are the best of those who have attended practice and taken as a team it is a very creditable line-up. I understand that there was considerable difficulty in selecting the team owing to the lack of interest that has been shown by some of the players regarding practice and had every member of the club turned out there would have been several changes, but it was up to the selection committee to give those who have been attending practice the preference. As I have already stated the team that has been selected should give a good account of themselves as every man is in good condition and can be depended on to go the pace without flinching. The team that will represent Vancouver will, with one or two exceptions be the same as visited California a few weeks ago, and as they have had the advantage of playing together it can be readily seen that the locals will be up against it. They should in no wise discourage them, however, as the locals are individually as good as their opponents. The game should be well worth witnessing and I hope there will be a big turnout.

Since my last remarks several important sporting events have taken place which have materially altered the standing of some of the champions. The first win was that of Freddie Welsh, the English featherweight, who successfully picked the plumes from Abe Attell. Although the match was not scheduled as a championship event, considerable interest was taken in it and the wise ones who saw the fight are of the opinion that the Englishman had the better of the argument from the beginning. The other event to which I refer was the defeat of Hayes, the United States Marathon winner by Dorando, the Italian, who made such a gallant fight for first place at the Olympic games. I am in no way prejudiced against the Americans, but I think this defeat will cause the officials of the American Athletic Union to sit up and take notice. I notice that the Canadian long distance runner, Longboat, is matched against the Italian and it should be a great struggle.

The race for the championship of the Victoria City League in Association football is attracting considerable attention as there is still a possibility of either the Victoria West, James Bay or Esquimalt winning out. At present the Wests are in the lead with the Bays four points behind, having played one game less with Esquimalt next one point away. The game between Victoria West and James Bay which is the next on the schedule will practically decide the championship. Unless the Bays win they will be out of the race, that is, considering that the Wests win their remaining game which is practically conceded. The match last Saturday between the Bays and Esquimalt resulted in a win for the former by the score of 4-2. In referring to this match I have to state that the game was started sharp on time, thanks to Referee Rutherford, but in doing so, Costello of the Esquimalt team and Lawson of the Bays were not on hand. The former decided to put on an extra while the Bays played ten men until the absentee arrived. There has always been a tendency to delay the games, but if all the referees were as strict regarding the starting time as Rutherford is there would be very few complaints. The result of the match put the Bays ahead of Esquimalt in the race after a very sharp match. The Esquimalt team presented a stronger appearance and played a far better game against the Bays than they did against the Wests the Saturday previous, but they were unable to win.

In the game against Victoria Wests the half-backs were weak. This was not the case against the Bays, as the halves supported the attacking division in good style. The Bays on the other hand started off at a lightening pace and maintained it until they had rolled up a comfortable margin when they appeared to lag. In the second half the Bays did not do as much work as their opponents and did not score again while the Esquimalt secured their two points. On the form of the two teams, however, the Bays played the better game, although they did not have as much play as Esquimalt. On the showing made by the three teams in the past two games I think the Bays have slightly the best of the argument, although I admit that they will have to go all the time to beat the boys in green and white from the western suburb.

The schedule for the Island League has been arranged and it will give Victoria good first class football until near the end of March. The Esquimalt and Victoria United have entered from this city and it would not be surprising if the championship was brought to this city after an absence of eight years.

UMPIRE.

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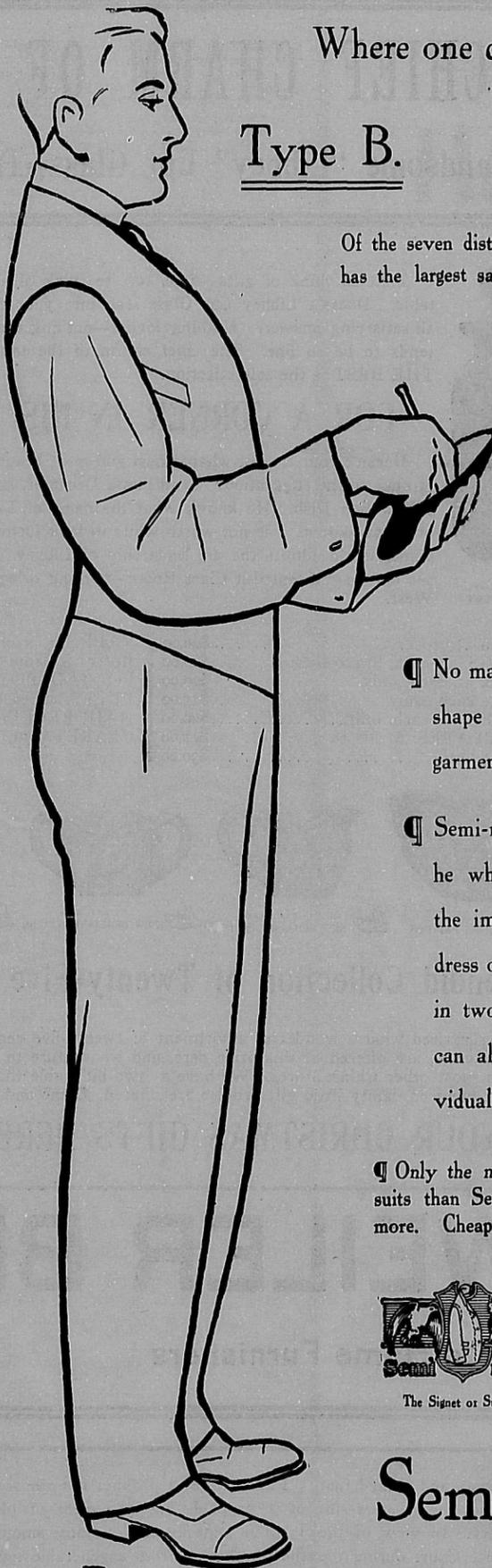
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A Lady's Letter
By **BABETTE.**

Dear Madge:

In France they are gravely introducing a Bill to eliminate the words "to obey," which brides in that country—as in most others—pronounce at the altar. There is small need to do so. The girl is generally laughing in her white-satin sleeves as she makes her humble declaration, for has she not the experience of the ages to show her that it is not she, but the man at her side, who will do all the "obeying" in the joint life together? Candidly, how many husbands do any of us know who don't "knock under"—at home—to the slightest wish of their wives? Do they, after they marry, remain on intimate terms with their own friends? On the contrary, they are obliged to become intimate with hers. Are they able, as a matter of practical politics, to see much of their own family and relatives? In nine cases out of ten, they entertain only those of their wives. Can a man continue to have his own hobbies, indulge in his own amusements, stay at home, and travel where he likes? We will draw a veil over the situation, lest the young man be deterred from marriage and this Island wants for inhabitants. In short, the bride's assertion of obedience is as much a euphemism as that of the impecunious bridegroom who publicly asserts before the congregation, the parson, and the verger that he intends to "endow" the heiress at his elbow "with all his worldly goods." Without these official hypocrisies these nice-sounding phrases, we should never get some folks to the altar-rails at all.

Much has been said and more has been written about the Kaiser and his various doings. But the imagination reels at the thought of what unkind people would say if instead of Kaiser Wilhelm he happened to Kaiserin Wilhelmina. The heavens would ring with stories of the variable moods incidental to the feminine temperament. It is unthinkable, if Europe—and incidentally of the world would be urged, that the peace of—should be imperilled by the caprices of a woman, or that potatoes should be allowed to give other nations what is vulgarly known as "a bit of their mind." Yet, on reflection, it will be remembered that if the Kaiser were Kaiserin it is more than probable that the whole affair would never have happened. Great female monarchs—Elizabeth, Catherine, Victoria—have shown themselves circumspect and adroit. Never did any of them let the cat out of the political bag at moments when it was highly inconvenient for that domestic animal to appear. England, at any rate, did wonderfully under her Queens, better, perhaps, at home and abroad, than under her varied assortment of Kings. The golden times of Elizabeth, the Augustan age of Anne, the wonderful reign of Victoria, have all contributed largely to our triumphant British history.

"Hats," remarked a young man the other day, "are nothing more or less than walking aviaries this year." And this is not far off the mark. The prodigious proportions of so many of the new hats demand generous trimming, and what is more bold in its effect than a mass of up-standing wings and a gorgeously plumaged bird or two? To the bird lover, this prodigal use of rare and beautiful birds is a source of sorrow, for the wholesale massacre of birds will in many cases inevitably result in their extinction. Thousands of birds of paradise, for instance, will be used to trim the season's hats, and despite Queen Alexandra's good example, fashion remains faithful to the osprey.

It is pleasant, however, to know that the farmyard supplies many of the really beautiful wings to be seen wreathing the big hats. Feathers of many kinds of birds cleverly dyed are made up into one handsome mount. The effect is good, and no unne-

sary slaughter of the innocent is involved.

BABETTE.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Government House, Victoria.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Porte Cochere, Government House, Victoria," will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Thursday, 12th November, 1908, for the erection and completion of a Porte Cochere at Government House, Victoria.

Drawings, specifications and forms of contract and tender may be seen, on and after the 1st November next, at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Lands and Works Department, Victoria.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in the sum of \$300.00, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. Cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 30th October, 1908.
Nov. 7

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 26 of part of Sections 19 and 68 (Map 290) Victoria City.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above land issued to Robert Henry Brown on the 12th day of January, 1892, and numbered 13304a.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 10th day of November, 1908.
Sidney Child, Solicitor for Applicant.
Nov. 14.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

To the Legal Representatives of Henry Hooker Newman, deceased:

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register William James Hanna as the owner in Fee Simple of Lot Thirty-Six, Block Seven, Esquimalt District, according to Map No. 265, deposited in this office, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of the District of Victoria to him, dated the 22nd day of October, 1908, and you are required to contest the claim of the Tax Purchaser within thirty days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 18th day of November, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.
Nov. 21

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."
Canada:
Province of British Columbia.

No. 452.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Hartford, Connecticut.

The amount of capital of the Company is five million dollars, divided into fifty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and W. A. Lawson, Insurance Agent, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this tenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:—

To make insurance against the loss by fire on all kinds of real, mixed and personal property of every name and description, and are also authorized to insure on vessels of all descriptions, and on all kinds of goods and merchandise; and said Corporation shall be liable to make good, and to pay to the several persons who may or shall be insured by the said Corporation for all losses they may sustain in the subject matter insured, in accordance with the terms of the contract of insurance and of the form of the policies issued by said Company, which said policies, and all other contracts of said Company, may be made with or without the common seal of said Company, and shall be signed by the President or Vice-President and countersigned by the Secretary, and, being so signed and executed, shall be obligatory on said Company. To make insurance against loss or damage by wind or hail storms, lightning, tornadoes, cyclones, leakage of sprinklers and sprinkler systems installed or maintained for the purpose of protecting against fire, and explosions, whether fire ensues or not; provided the same shall be clearly expressed in the policy, but nothing herein shall be construed to empower said company to insure against loss or damage to person or property resulting from explosions of steam boilers.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on Graham Island.

No. 1—Commencing at a post planted

at the southwest corner of Lot Ten, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

PERCY HARRISON.

No. 2—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot Ten, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

CHARLES HARRISON,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 3—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, opposite the southwest corner of Lot 11, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

HELEN HILL,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 4—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, being ten chains south of the northeast corner of T. L. 12947, thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

GEORGE YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 5—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, one mile west of the southeast corner of Lot Six, thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

MARGARET W. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 6—Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, one mile west of the southeast corner of Lot Six, thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 7—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Coal Licence 2304, the being northwest corner; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

E. M. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 8—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, at the southeast corner of 2306, Graham Island; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN S. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 9—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, opposite the southeast corner of Coal Licence 2306, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

A. J. KITTO,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 10—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, at the northeast corner of Coal Licence 2306, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

ALEX. W. YOUNG,
Percy Harrison, Agent.

No. 354. CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."
I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Jordan River Lumber Company of New York," has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, County of New York, State of New York.

The amount of the capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria and J. D. Lutz, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

The Company is limited.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 357. CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the "Hidden Creek Copper Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends, except the construction and working of railways.

The head office of the company is situate at the City of Seattle, King County, Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is two million dollars, divided into four hundred thousand shares of five dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at the City of Victoria, and Henry Graham Lawson, barrister-at-law, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years, from March 1st, A.D. 1908.

The company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Canada: Province of British Columbia.

No. 460.

This is to certify that the "Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts.

The amount of capital of the Company is two million dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver and C. H. Macaulay, General Insurance Agent, whose address is Vancouver aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirtieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: For the purpose of making insurance against losses by fire and against maritime losses.

Nov. 7.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 1, Block 14, (Map 537A), Town of Port Essington.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above land issued to Edward Ebbs Charleson on the 28th day of March, 1905, and numbered 10977C.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 18th day of August, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

No. 455. LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."
Canada:
Province of British Columbia.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company of Canada" is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

The amount of the capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver, and Johnson & Richardson, Insurance agents, whose address is 314 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C., is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:

(10.) The Company may make and effect contracts of insurance against any accident or casualty, of whatever nature or from whatever cause arising, to individuals, whereby the insured suffers loss or injury, or is disabled, including sickness not ending in death, or in case of death from any accident or casualty, not including sickness, securing to the representative of the person assured the payment of a certain sum of money upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon; and in like manner may also make and effect contracts of indemnity with any person against claims and demands of the workmen and employees of such person, or of the legal representatives of such workmen and employees, with respect to accidents or casualties, of whatever nature or from whatever cause arising, whereby the insured suffers pecuniary loss or damage, or incurs costs and expenses; and may generally carry on the business of accident and sickness insurance as defined by the Insurance Act, and for the time being in force.

(11.) The Company may make and effect contracts of insurance:

(a.) To protect principals, employers and other persons from and against injury, damage, or loss by reason of fraud, theft, embezzlement, defalcation, robbery, or other misconduct or negligence, or acts of omissions or other breaches of duty or of contract by persons in their employ, or acting on their behalf, or dealing with or having the custody or control of their property, or occupying or about to occupy a fiduciary or administrative position of trust or confidence;

(b.) To guarantee the due performance and discharge by Court and Government officials, employees and agents, receivers, official and other liquidators, special managers, committees, guardians, executors, administrators, trustees, attorneys, brokers, and agents of their respective duties and obligations.

(c.) To guarantee persons filling, or about to fill, situations of trust or confidence against liabilities in connection therewith, and in particular against liabilities resulting from misconduct of any co-trustee, co-agent, sub-agent, or other person;

(12.) The Company may carry on generally the business of guarantee insurance, as defined by "The Insurance Act" for the time being in force;

(13.) The Company may acquire and hold any real property required in part or wholly for its use and accommodation, and may dispose thereof when necessary; but the annual value of such property held in any Province of Canada shall not exceed three thousand dollars; except in the Province of Ontario, where it shall not exceed ten thousand dollars;

(14.) The Company may also cause itself to be insured against any risk undertaken in the course of its business.

(2.) The Company may also undertake the re-insurance of the risks of other companies.

Nov. 21

No. 357. CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the "Hidden Creek Copper Company" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends, except the construction and working of railways.

The head office of the company is situate at the City of Seattle, King County, Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is two million dollars, divided into four hundred thousand shares of five dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at the City of Victoria, and Henry Graham Lawson, barrister-at-law, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the Company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years, from March 1st, A.D. 1908.

The company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this company is established and registered are:

For mining, milling, mechanical, mercantile, wharfing and docking, improvement and building purposes, and especially for the transaction of the business of mining and extracting ores and minerals, and the reduction of the same, and the development of mineral producing properties, and to engage in every species of trade or business incident to the mining, extraction, reduction, smelting and refining of ores and minerals, including the purchase and sale thereof, with full power to do any act or thing necessary, incident to or demand advisable in connection therewith.

To purchase, acquire, hold, lease, bond, mortgage, encumber, sell and convey mines and mining claims, mining property and mining rights and privileges of every kind and from any source of title whatever, and also to locate, appropriate, claim and acquire by patent or otherwise, mining claims and mining

rights and privileges, including mill sites and water rights, from the United States Government, and from any other political authority, in the manner provided by law.

To purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, lease, mortgage, sell and convey real property and any interest therein, and to develop and improve the same, for its own use, or for sale to others, and to deal in real estate for profit.

To purchase or otherwise acquire, and to own, lease, sell and convey timber lands and limits, and to acquire, build, operate, lease and sell saw mills, logging railroads and other means or facilities for lumber transportation, and to engage in the logging and lumber business, and to do any act or thing thereto incidental, or deemed necessary or advisable to accomplish or promote the same.

To charter, hire, build, purchase, or otherwise acquire, lease, maintain, operate, sell and dispose of steamboats, barges, tugs, ships and other vessels, and to employ same in the conveyance of passengers, mails and merchandise of all kinds; and to engage in the transportation business as a common carrier; and to acquire, build, maintain, improve, manage, operate, sell and otherwise deal in wharves, piers, docks and landings.

To purchase, hold, lease, encumber, pledge, mortgage, sell and transfer personal property and choses in action of every kind and description.

To negotiate, purchase or otherwise acquire, discount, sell, endorse and deal in mortgages, stocks, bonds, debentures, promissory notes, warrants, and other securities, bills of exchange, and other evidences of indebtedness.

To acquire, purchase, lease, sell, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of townsites or towns and lots, blocks and subdivisions thereof, including the right to enter townsites on public lands, and to obtain title thereto according to law.

To acquire, construct, equip, lease and operate trams, tramways, waggon roads, highways and private thoroughfares, and any other device or equipment for the handling of ores or minerals, and of supplies used in connection with mining or the reduction of minerals.

To acquire, build, equip and operate railway terminals, spurs, switches, side tracks and other appurtenances, and to operate engines, cars and other equipment thereon by any kind of motive power and to charge and collect compensation therefor.

To construct and operate canals, flumes and ditches, and to conduct the business of furnishing a water supply for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, and to collect and enforce tolls, rentals and other charges therefor.

To acquire, construct, equip and operate power plants, and plants to manufacture and develop electricity for light and power and other useful purposes, and to sell and supply the same to other persons and corporations, and to charge and collect tolls and rentals therefor, and to apply for, purchase, or otherwise acquire and own water records, and to acquire and operate the business of a power company.

To accept and acquire franchises, and to own, operate, utilize, sell and dispose of the same.

To exercise the right of eminent domain for any corporate purpose.

To buy, sell, barter, exchange and deal in all kinds of goods, wares and merchandise, both at wholesale and retail.

To buy and sell ores and gold dust and minerals in any form, and to deal in the same as merchandise or for profit.

To subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, pledge, sell, dispose of, and deal in the bonds and stocks of this or other corporations, with full power to vote such stock at corporate meetings, either by its officers or by proxy, and to exercise every act and power of ownership, therein by law permitted.

To receive consignments and to sell goods on what is known as a brokerage or commission basis.

To do business on commission, and to act as agent or attorney for other persons or corporations in any business which this corporation might transact for itself.

To acquire, construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines, and to receive and collect tolls, charges and rentals therefor.

To acquire by application, entry, purchase or otherwise, and to own, lease, operate, sell and convey patents and patent rights, copyrights, trade marks, and licenses for any and all kinds of inventions, devices and improvements.

To borrow money, and to give security therefor upon the property of the corporation by mortgage, pledge or otherwise, and to issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, and to negotiate, endorse, discount, transfer and deal in the same.

To loan money to other persons or corporations, either as principal, agent or broker and to negotiate loans and to collect compensation therefor, and to receive and enforce security for the payment of the same by mortgage, pledge or otherwise.

To do any act or thing in any manner connected with or deemed advisable in the conduct of any business herein recited or that may be necessary or advisable to accomplish or promote the same.

This corporation is also formed to transact business, and may execute any and all of the powers herein mentioned, outside of the State of Washington, and particularly in the Province of British Columbia and elsewhere in the Dominion of Canada, and wherever its interests or business operations may require or render it advisable.

Nov. 21.

TAKE NOTICE that Samuel George Marling, of Victoria, real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land for quarrying purposes:—Commencing at a post planted on Lorimer Creek, about one-quarter mile from the Gordon River; thence west 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement.

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Latest Telegraphic News.

New York, Dec. 6.—Control of the United Railway Company, which owns all the street car lines in San Francisco, has been offered to E. H. Harriman and it probably will be added to the Southern Pacific System.

Nanaimo, B.C., Dec. 5.—Tug Hope, from Victoria, is ashore at Boat Harbor, near Dodd's Narrows, ten miles from here. The vessel struck a rock, and at present lies stranded and is in a dangerous condition. Tugs have gone to her assistance.

London, Dec. 6.—The first practical result of the agitation against the use of racing cars on English roads is the exclusion of this class of car from the motor car show at Olympia.

Rome, Dec. 5.—Lloyd Griscom, the American ambassador to Italy, was received in audience by King Victor Emmanuel, and presented his majesty with the decoration of the American cross of honor, a life-saving order organized in 1898.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—J. E. Harris, city clerk of Vancouver for four years, was arrested yesterday in Portland on a warrant sworn to by one of his bondsmen, charging him with larceny by embezzlement. Expert accountants have found his books short about \$200 and they are not through with the examination. He was to have left this afternoon for California.

Seattle, Dec. 6.—Of about 4,000 women entitled to vote at the school election only 468 registered in Seattle. It is safe to say that the principal reason why women don't get the ballot is because only about one in a thousand really cares to vote.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The colonial budget includes an original appropriation of \$150,000, to be followed by \$32,000 annually, for the erection and maintenance at Tsing Tao, in the German territory of Kiao Chau, China, of schools for the Chinese natives, where instruction in technical matters will be given.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The Mikado today purchased for \$100,000 from Joe Sliscovitch, the famous Alaskan pioneer, the largest antimony mine in America from which the Japanese government will take vast stores of mineral containing valuable ingredients for smokeless powder and materials which will make the steel hulls of Nippon battleships proof against barnacles.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The Pasadena, Cal., church people have guaranteed a certain attendance at Saturday ball games in that city provided they are not played on Sunday. This looks like an attempt of the umpire to elevate the general language toward himself for at least one day in the week.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 6.—President-elect William H. Taft today gave John Barrett, director of the international bureau of American republics, renewed assurances that his administration will demonstrate this country's friendship for the republics of South America.

Dublin, Dec. 6. The title for the new university, which has been the subject of an acute controversy for some time, was settled yesterday to the satisfaction of all parties, when King Edward issued letters of patent constituting it as the National University of Ireland.

Reno, Dec. 6.—Suit to dissolve the Nat C. Goodwin Company, of this city, was filed today by Warren Miller, formerly vice-president of the Company, who also asks for \$100,000 damages. Miller alleges that Goodwin and George Graham Rice, the latter now in New York, have conspired to defraud and cheat him of

his rightful interests and profits in the company.

New York, Dec. 5.—Presented with \$40,000 by members of his congregation on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship of Grace Church, this city, the Rev. Dr. William Reed Huntington, aged 70 years, has declined to accept the gift, and has turned it back for the use of the church.

New Westminster, B.C., Dec. 6.—Fred. B. Halvard, a trusted employe of the Hudson Bay Company, left Edmonton on Thursday with the winter's mail for Fort McPherson, 2,000 miles away. The journey will occupy six months. Leaving Edmonton, Halvard drove out as far as Lac La Biche, where the mail is transferred to a dog train, which will be used as far as Fort Resolution, where a relay will be secured for the remainder of the journey.

Boston, Dec. 6.—A rumor was circulated among Harvard men in State Street today that the presidency of Harvard College, after Charles W. Eliot leaves on May 1 next, had been offered to James J. Storrow, president of the Boston school board and a member of the banking firm of Lee Higginson & Co.

Seattle, Dec. 6.—The entire sixth floor of the Central building on Third avenue, with the exception of three or four offices, has been leased to the Union Pacific railroad. The new offices will be occupied shortly after the first of the year.

London.—Auguste Van Biene, the well known cello player, on Thursday played in several London thoroughfares and collected \$3.80 which with \$25 he will send to the music hall benevolent fund for musicians.

The action was the fulfillment of a vow made forty years ago. On November 18, 1868, a starving boy of seventeen was discovered playing in Hanover square by Sir Michael Costa, who, remarking the boy's wonderful power, asked him why he was playing in the gutter.

"Because I am hungry," Van Biene replied in French. Sir Michael took him home, and, after hearing him play, gave him a place as cello player in the Convent Garden orchestra. He then vowed that on every anniversary of his delivery from starvation he would go back to the streets and play. He never has broken the vow.

A Satisfactory Answer.
The man who at a civil service examination for fireman answered a question in municipal government with "What's that got to do with squirting a hose?" has been eclipsed. At the last examination of applicants for the fire department one candidate seemed to have difficulty in answering several of the questions. He finally gave up trying, and wrote after each question: "I don't know, but I want the job." He got it.

The Only Way.
Horan—Ah, well, no wan kin prevent w'at's past an' gone.
Doran—Ye could if ye only acted quick enough.
Horan—Go 'long, man! How could yer?
Doran—Stop it before it happens.

H. K. Thaw recently gave an order for 15,000 cigarettes. Which explains some things.

"Has he any incumbrance on his home?"
"Yes—an automobile."

A Barren Branch.
Guest (at anniversary dinner)—You belong to one branch of the host's family, I believe?
Poor Relation—Yes. I belong to the branch that never had any plums on it.

Tennyson's Many Loves.
In discussing little oddities and peculiarities in connection with the works of various writers, and more especially poets, an official of the Congressional library recently said:

"I was talking with a publisher not long ago about a new edition of Tennyson's poems which he proposes to bring out. He showed me a sample of the type which he intended to have cast for the edition, and I asked: 'Have you given an order for an additional lot of I's and V's?'"

"Why, no; why should I?" he asked.
"Because you will have to have them," I told him. "The work 'love' occurs so many times in Tennyson's poems that the usual percentage of I's and V's is far short of the number required."



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Roads, Streets and Sidewalks at Prince Rupert.

SEALED TENDERS. superscribed "Tenders for the construction of plank streets and walks at Prince Rupert, B.C." will be received by the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to and including Wednesday, the 9th day of December, 1908, for constructing 236,000 square feet of plank roadway and 112,000 square feet of plank walks, at Prince Rupert, B.C., including the necessary grading and close cutting. Plans, specifications, and forms of contract and tender can be seen by intending tenderers, on and after the 21st day of November, 1908, at the office of the undersigned, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C.; at the office of the Government Agent, Prince Rupert, B.C.; at the office of Mr. James H. Bacon, Harbour Engineer, Prince Rupert, B.C.; at the office of the Government Agent, New Westminster, B.C.; and at the office of Mr. R. J. Skinner, Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B.C.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the order of the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines, or neglects, to enter into contract and satisfactory bond when called upon to do so.
An accepted bank cheque, or guarantee bond, in the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, as security for the faithful performance and completion of the work will be required.
Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, accompanied by the above mentioned cheque, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.
The Chief Commissioner is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
F. C. GAMBLE,
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Lands and Works Department,
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