



## In the Old Land.

By RAMBLER

Nice, Dec. 1st, 1907.

Well, here we are in France—left London two weeks ago for Paris. Had three weeks to spare before steamer sailed and decided to devote it to this country. If I had known, however, as much as I do now, would have remained in England, giving a week at the most to France. One seldom appreciates a place until after leaving and that is the way in this instance. The British Isles, with all the peculiarities and inconsistencies of the people are good enough for me—and London for enjoyment stands pre-eminent. One can live better and cheaper there than anywhere I know of—it being the dumping ground for all nations of the best of everything in the way of food products—the indifferent residue they keep for home consumption—just as we do in B. C. Send the best sock-eye to Britain and consume the “do-overs” ourselves. Again the finest theatrical performances and museums of all kinds are to be seen in that modern Babylon. As for the Londoner, I do admire his conceit in himself. It is sticking out of him all the time. And he really has some reason for it for he is smart—that as regards those who do something for a living—but there is a large class there for whom I have the utmost contempt—never have done anything for themselves—never will. I refer to the “Don't you know,” “You know what I mean.” “I mean to say” maniacs or rather idiots for that word would better express the type whose conversation is to a great extent made up of these phrases. I, unwillingly, overheard one describe a little episode that had happened to her in Japan. She started out in this wise: “When we arrived in Yokohama, don't you know, we hired two jinrikshaws, you know what I mean, they are small two-wheeled carts, you know what I mean, drawn by Japs, don't you know, you know what I mean, I mean to say they act as horses, don't you know, you know what I mean. The first thing my man did, don't you know, was to run into another, you know what I mean. I mean to say there was a collision, don't you know, I mean to say it may not have been his fault don't you know—you know what I mean”—and so on in this strain until I was sick of it and moved to another place in the lounge. These people have usually enough money (in most cases left to them, because they have not brains enough to make a dollar) as to enable them to live at a respectable family hotel in the West End. There were any number of them in the Prince of Wales, Kensington, where we put up at. They are nominally Christians, but in reality are devout worshippers at the shrine of the god “Respectability.” The acme of bliss to them, their very heaven, is to be in the swirl of the backwash of the great ship “Society,” at which their eyes are ever cast, but on its decks they never expect their feet to tread. They will sit for hours discussing the most trifling doings in Monarchs and the aristocracy. It was voted unanimously by them at our hotel that it would be a terrible calamity, if a fog should happen when the German Emperor reached England. They will cheat at bridge and forget to pay what they lose in the pleasantest manner. I played in the set one night, much against my will for money. I won, but did not receive my winnings. Had no change, would pay next evening, that was the last I ever heard of it. Was not much, a few shillings, but would have been the same if it had been pounds. I will give you an illustration of this utter lack of conception of what morality means: My wife was particularly anxious to see the “Sins of Society.” To get a decent place had to book about two weeks ahead, which I did, and was therefore interested somewhat to hear what people who had seen it thought of the play. Well, I had lots of opportunity, because the King, Queen and several of the Royal Family had

taken it in, consequently, it was a nightly subject of discussion by the “Don't you know” set and the consensus of opinion was that of disappointment at the “sins”. They did not amount to much, there was nothing very venial about them and so on in that strain. You can, therefore, imagine my astonishment on seeing the play to find gambling without money to pay losses, stealing, pawning other people's jewels to pay gambling debts and all kinds of human degradation short of sexual immorality depicted. And these were the “sins” that the “I mean to say” crowd at the hotel considered of very little account. I sometimes think that as compared with man's a woman's brain is a case of arrested development. Take this question of morality—she is sexually moral as a rule, but morality of that class is of a very primitive type. It would be the first evolved after man emerged from his brute existence in which promiscuous intercourse would have been the condition of life. Ethics (other than sexual) included in the term morality must have been of a later stage of development and as woman is woefully lacking as compared to man in respect to the many higher phases of morality, I can only come to the conclusion that the development of her brain was arrested at a certain stage or has progressed slower than man's. Moreover woman is much more frivolous than man and is given to chatter, in that respect approaching nearer to the character of the Simian ancestor than does the male human.

But to return to the subject of the English in general. Of course, in using that word I mean the inhabitants of the British Isles. They are a unique people in so far as commercial ability, enterprise, push and willingness to take the greatest chances combined with an inborn conservatism in their character, which appears to be ineradicable. For instance, there is no country I can safely say, in which there are greater and better facilities for travelling. They have a railway system that cannot be excelled for speed and safety, a roadbed that is the envy of all other nations—no expense having been spared—bridges everywhere, practically no level crossings, I having only seen one in all my travels through the country and yet they will stick to the old compartment carriage, modified on some trains to the extent of having a corridor running down one side, no drawing room cars and sleepers, only on the longest distance runs, while the dining service is vile—and as for your baggage, it speaks volumes for the honesty of the English traveller that one does not continually lose it. No check, simply put it in a van with a label attached, showing the destination. In this connection when changing cars at Birmingham, I left my suit case under the seat; upon discovering this went back into the train to look for it, but as all carriages appear alike could not find it before she pulled out, was thereupon taken to the lost baggage office where I reported my loss and described the article. The man in charge was very polite (all English officials are that) and asked me where they would deliver the valise in London. I thought to myself: “Young man, you had better find it before talking about delivery.” However, I kept my peace and tipped him 6d. (10c), continued my journey on a different line and would you believe it the wretched suit case was handed into the hotel within two hours after my arrival, and not a penny to pay. I say wretched advisedly, because it practically contained nothing but my dress suit, which I would have given considerable to lose, but could not, having tried all kinds of methods to part company with this miserable article of clothing, but it is no go—so I am now reconciled to carry it with me until I die—a constant bone of contention between the old lady and me—I have never yet worn it. To please her I have agreed that she shall deck me out in it in my coffin. Then again take electricity, they utilize it in all the underground tubes and railways, both of which means of travelling have been reduced by them



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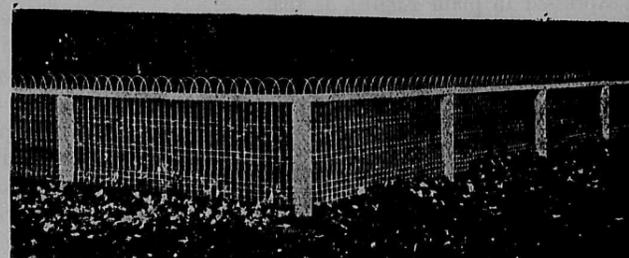
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egards feeding, they excel in d cheap restaurants, while on er hand their hair-dressing ar-ents leave everything to be de-obarber and butcher being vir-ynonymous terms. I could y illustrations but the above fice.

nt to hear Campbell at the , was very much impressed by e is a very strong character. shown by the fact that not-nding that he is continually ng the most heterodox doc- he carries his immense congre- with him. Has thrown over- the idea of the revelation of ble and the Divine nature of . As far as I can make out he s Jesus came to save the world ept and practise, that He was nly in so far that He came to o save men as a social re- that in fact He was a So- and consequently His whole n his sermons is based on the of the Brotherhood of Man, Duty to Man, and the improve- of the present social system he rs of the first importance in and treats with contempt the t dogmas, such as are insisted y the Church, are of any ac- He contends that fully one- the inhabitants of England, rance, have never had a rea- chance to succeed in life er will under the present sys- d that if man's state is not ed in that respect, Christ's death have been in vain. He wonderful, earnest and con- way about him—face intel- and somewhat ascetic looking t like a Roman Catholic . Does not rant or rave but in a very plain manner so e can catch every word. I ry much impressed with him uld, if I lived in London, be y regular attendant at his . I sent a paper with the I heard. Get it from him d it. What struck me as be- rticularly true was his state- at the most of Orthodox go- ing Christians are proven r actions to be really prac- niests. When going home in nibus, I was struck by two on the front window. One t there by a society organized ter religious maxims in pub- es, throwing away money on d window. It read: "Christ came e world and died to bring to repentance," or words to fect. Above was the Com- warning to "Beware of pick- s, male and female." Com- s unnecessary any more than mark that Christ's life and as applied by the Church has, ears to me, been virtually a when it is found necessary 800 years of application of it h Church, to place a notice of d in a public vehicle travers- best portion of the greatest d practical heart of Christen- Moreover if a stronger proof e Church's mission has been t dismal failure, one has only into the east end of this Babylon where thousands thousands of so-called Chris- e living in a state of savagery arbarism, which is not equalled ral Africa, or the South Sea and whom the Church makes ly no attempt to influence or . It would necessitate too self-sacrifice, besides there is ey in it. How does the fol- strike you: "This essay of Mr. s a conscientious and pains- study of the founder of Chris- as one among not a few in- of the astounding results that from the concurrent action of

the individual man and the favouring opportunity afforded by the prevalent intellectual and social environment. Without Jesus' personality being taken largely into account, no account can be given of the rise and growth of the religious movement which He started. But Jesus under other conditions than those which actually surrounded Him in the first century or Jesus Christ under the conditions actually existing anywhere in this country in the last third of the Eighteenth century, or later could not have become the founder of Christianity. Man and environment were necessary for a new religion that should claim to be based upon a succession of revelations and miracles recorded for the world to pass judgment upon in the form of manuscripts. The material for this study in psychology has been somewhat peculiarly difficult to acquire and to handle. There is plainly room for a justifiable difference of opinion as the relative amount of shrewd insight, self-deception, disease of imagination and judgment and unconscious fraud. Undoubtedly the mixture of all these factors varied greatly from time to time, as in the career of all men who at all resemble Jesus Christ the founder of Christianity." Does not that size up the situation concisely and to the point? I don't think it could be done better or plainer. It was written by George T. Ladd, Professor of Psychology in Yale University, and, I understand, an Orthodox Christian in the way of a preface to a book by J. W. Riley, Ph.D., Professor in the University of New Brunswick, but the book has nothing to do with Christianity or Jesus Christ. It is a Psychological study of Joseph Smith, the Founder of Mormorism, and I have merely altered names, and substituted "first century" for "first third of eighteenth century."

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An English tourist came upon a farmhouse in a remote glen. "How delightful to live in this solitary spot!" he remarked to the farmer.

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A Spokane schoolgirl was required to write an essay of 250 words about an automobile. She submitted the following: "My uncle bought an automobile. He was riding out in the country when it busted going up a long hill. I guess this is about 50 words. The other 200 are what my uncle said while he was walking back to town, but they are not fit for publication."—The Copper News.

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### At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

People who thought they knew more about the matter than I did undertook to criticize my comments upon the gross mismanagement of matters at the Empress hotel under Mr. Gordon's regime; and when his resignation followed so quickly on the heels of my complaint, his apologists were very profuse in their expressions of regret and in their suggestions that Mr. Gordon had taken matters into his own hands and resigned because he was not allowed to exercise control. My complaints have been more than justified by subsequent events and have been endorsed by numbers of people. Mr. Gordon's total unfitness for the position which he occupied all too long was well illustrated in the incident which fortunately found its way into the press this week. An Italian gentleman of position and means, who had been a guest at the Empress, was prevented from boarding an outgoing boat because the management of the hotel was either too ignorant or too indifferent to pay him that attention to which every guest is entitled. Mr. Gordon's remaining incumbency will be of exceeding brief duration, but probably long enough for the public to get an inkling of the real reason for his short reign.

I am more than a little amused at the comedy-farce in which a section of the City Council is indulging with reference to road-making and tree destruction on Rockland avenue. In my last notes I described exactly how the property owners are justified in refusing to pay a cent for such work; no fair minded man would have the cheek to ask them. Whether the road is according to the specification agreed upon I do not know, but if the property owners ever agreed to what is now being done, they are simply a set of lunatics, which however I respectfully decline to believe. The City Fathers should bear in mind that other people have to use Rockland avenue besides those who reside there, and further that money spent on inferior workmanship is money wasted.

As to the tree destruction, I admire the pluck of Mr. F. W. Jones, although probably his methods are too drastic for Victoria.

On the supposition that the tree in question was his own property he had a perfect right to put up a notice to that effect, and also to say that he would protect it from destruction "if necessary with firearms." I well remember in my boyish days trespassing time and again on park lands in the Old Country, where I was confronted with such notices as the following: "Trespassers are warned to beware of the man-trap," and "Trespassers beware of the spring-gun." I see very little difference between these notices and the one which Mr. Jones put up, and I think the vandal who destroys a venerable oak unnecessarily is none too severely punished if he is peppered with shot. The whole question, however, turns upon the point of ownership, and I sincerely trust that in the present instance Mr. Jones can justify his claim. When I look at the names of the members of the sub-committee which went to view the destruction already wrought, a great sadness comes over me, for if the public cannot expect a little enlightened consideration from such men as Alderman Pauline and Alderman Henderson, what will happen if they ever fall under the tender mercy of several other Aldermen, who shall be nameless?

It is generally understood that the action seeking to invalidate the high pressure water by-law is instigated by an ex-city official, but in any case I venture to think that it is ill-advised. Allowing for all the spoilt ballots there is still a substantial majority in favour of the by-law, and if a technical error has been committed, it will not prevent the wish of the ratepayers from prevailing.

I regret that the law does not make provision for surcharging those who are responsible for the blunder with the cost. The fact that a wrong system has been pursued for years neither makes it right nor exonerates the blunderer.

As a lover of horses I am glad to notice that the noble animal is re-asserting his popularity in Victoria. For two years he has been hustled aside by the chug-chug machine, but this season already there are more fine horses round the City than at any time for at least six or seven years. The motor car has its use, and when it has been adapted to the requirements and the purse of the many will become a valuable public convenience, but it will never replace the horse. At present its use is mainly confined to two classes, the rich and the tough. The middle man still drives his nag and loves it, and year by year that nag is improving in breed, to the great delight of his lovers. Any fine afternoon a string of well bred and well groomed drivers can be seen on Government St. I only wish there were more saddle horses, but that too will come in time.

I am very glad to notice that Senor Ceccotti is not to leave the city without being heard in concert. I was simply amazed when I heard him sing an operatic selection at the Eagles' Convention in the Victoria Theatre a few weeks ago. He is undoubtedly an operatic tenor of very high rank. He is properly classed as a "tenoro robusto" and has such a voice as has certainly never before been heard in the West. I venture to predict that he will create a sensation wherever he is heard, and Victorians will make a great mistake if they do not ensure him a crowded audience at the Institute Hall.

Our dramatic editor made a slip last week in his note upon the new Empress Theatre, and as I regard this to some extent my own department I want to put it right. His write-up left the impression that the Arcade Theatre was to be closed when the Empress opened; as a matter of fact both will be continued under the same management.

The grounds at the new Empress Hotel are almost completed, but that unsightly corner at the junction of Government and Belleville streets remains "in statu quo" despite the fact that the Chairman of the Street Committee declared a month ago that it

was going to be cultivated and planted. My offer to do this for sixty dollars still holds good.

Last Sunday afternoon I strolled round Beacon Hill Park what time the band was discoursing musical strains to a large and admiring crowd. There is no question that band music is highly appreciated everywhere, and it is a thousand pities that Victoria gets so little of it. It is a great attraction as well as a pure enjoyment. I was particularly struck by the solo work of a little man from Esquimalt, who played just like an Old Country bandsman, he is evidently a thorough musician; I learnt that his name was Joe Ball, so here's luck and long life to Joe!

*Lounger.*

Massachusetts, which pronounces "Woburn," "Wooburn," is offended because the British pronounce "Edgbaston" "Ejerston," and "Pontefract" "Pomfret." Also the Massachusetts "Worcester" is "Wooster," as in the old country.

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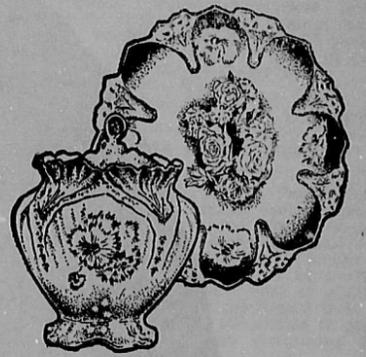
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## Sporting Comment.

Although the Victoria Senior Association Football teams failed to land either the Island or British Columbia championships, I am pleased to see that both the intermediate and junior champions will hail from this city. The Victoria West intermediates have made a fine record in the Island league and it is a pity that the Mainland champions could not see their way clear to come to Victoria to fill their engagement. This default gives the local boys a lead which will be difficult to overcome and it is practically a foregone conclusion that they will be returned champions of the Province when they journey to Vancouver.

The North Ward juniors continued their winning streak by defeating the Mainland leaders in a most decided manner on Good Friday at Vancouver. From press reports it appears that the local boys had their opponents at their mercy and were never in danger. The second game to decide the championship will in all probability be played this afternoon. Both the Victoria West intermediates and North Ward juniors are entitled to the congratulations of the sport-loving citizens of this city and it is hoped that they will be as fortunate in their second game as they were in their first.

I have to tender my humble apology to the Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club for my failure to make any mention of their splendid victory over their Nanaimo opponents at Oak Bay two weeks ago, which gave them the right to be called the champions of B. C. It was an oversight on my part and I take this opportunity to

congratulate the ladies on their brilliant showing. The team was strong in every department and I think that had the field been kept clear of spectators that a much better game would have been witnessed. As it was on every occasion the people crowded on to the field and made good play impossible. Not content with winning the highest provincial honours I understand that the team is planning an invasion of Seattle with the express purpose of teaching their American cousins how to play the game. I think I can safely say that the result of the game will be a win for the local players.

I have every reason to believe that this summer will see some of the finest baseball ever presented to Victoria sports. I well understand that a few years ago, the brand of ball that was presented was ahead of anything ever shown here until that time but unless this season eclipses all previous exhibitions I will miss my guess. Every preparation is being made to put a first class team in the field, where the locals were weak, outsiders have been secured to fill the positions until today a probable team is in sight that will show Victorians how baseball should be played. Several good practices have been held, the players showing to good advantage, the hardest try-out however will take place at Oak Bay tomorrow morning. By this time all outside players will have reported and will be ready to take their place in the line-up. The diamond is being put in good condition and when the Umpire calls Play Ball on May 9th for the first game the locals will be in condition to go as hard as any team that can be secured on the North Pacific Coast, not even excepting the league teams in the Northwestern league.

As summer approaches the lovers of cricket are getting anxious and already several members of the local clubs have had a practice. The outlook for a successful season is very bright and I think will eclipse all past records. At present the Victoria club gives promise of being as strong as ever, while the Albions (Oak Bays of last season) will be much stronger than before. The Victoria Club will again occupy the grounds at the Jubilee Hospital while the Albions have made application for the use of a portion of Beacon Hill park. I understand that permission has been granted to use the ground but the application for permission to erect a small pavilion has been refused. I cannot understand what objection can be raised against this. The Club is doing considerable good for the city and the erection of a small but neat pavilion will not detract from the appearance of Beacon Hill park. I hope that the Park Commissioners will in some manner give consent to the erection of the club house.

The Ladysmith Football team sprung a surprise on the Nanaimo team in the first match for the People's Shield which was played in Vancouver on Saturday last. It is surprising after the showing made here to see the Smelter boys romp home winners. In the matches for the Island championship I picked the Ladysmith team to win, and I confess I was rather disappointed at their showing, but their win in Vancouver gives me some hope that my faith in them was not misplaced, although they did not win here. I have seen both teams in action and I think that the Ladysmith team will not only win the majority of games from Nanaimo but will also win the People's Shield which represents the championship of Canada.

A popular victory was recorded in Vancouver on Good Friday when Frank Baylis of this city won a decisive victory in the five-mile football Marathon race. Baylis was the only entry from this city and that he won from a field of six competitors is something of which any runner may well feel proud.

Next week I intend to devote some space to horse racing in this city. This is a game that is popular all the world over and there is no reason and I will endeavour to show why it should not be so in this city, it should not be so in this city sh there are not more racing in Victoria than there has been in the past.

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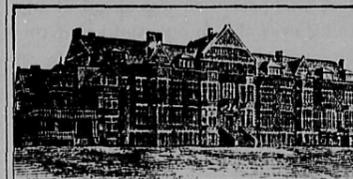
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**Social and  
Personal.**

Mr. Henry Rochefort was in town for Easter.

Mr. Clarke Gamble has left for Fernie.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittome, Duncans, were in town during the week.

Mr. W. W. Kirkley left for England on Wednesday.

Mr. F. Fitcher returned from a fishing trip up the line.

Mr. K. Gaudin returned home from Vancouver on Sunday last.

Mrs. R. Pim Butchart was a guest at the Empress for a few days.

Mr. Harry Davis, Vancouver, came over for a short holiday.

Mrs. Hirsch, Duncans, came down on Wednesday.

Mr. Jack Berrington visited Victoria for a few days during the week.

Mr. Stewart Williams returned from Kuper Island on Monday evening.

Miss Mutter was a passenger by The Eth from Duncans on Wednesday.

Mr. Boyer of the Bank of B.N.A., Duncans, spent the week end in Victoria.

Mrs. R. P. Roberts, Kuper Island, was a guest of Captain and Mrs. Gaudin during the past week.

Miss Doris Mason has returned from a visit to Mrs. Furlonger spent at Cowichan Lake and Duncans.

Mr. C. H. Cookson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Saanich, for Easter.

Mr. James Girdwood is the guest of Mr. W. E. Oliver at Cowichan Lake.

Mrs. Freeman and Miss Little left for California by the overland route via Seattle Thursday morning.

Mr. Cambell Sweeney, Jr., Vancouver, has been a guest at the Oak Bay Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet and Mr. Pompley Garnet have left for a four months' visit to the Old Country.

Mr. Henry King, who has been ill in St. Joseph's hospital, is better and hopes soon to be about again.

Messrs. W. A. Harvey and W. E. Fisher left for the North on the Princess May on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs who have been guests at Craigdarroch for the past few months, left for England during the week.

Mr. F. H. Maitland-Dougal and his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Phipps, passed through Victoria on Wednesday en route to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peters, accompanied by their niece, Miss Olive Peters, are registered at the Oak Bay Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Shalleross, Vancouver, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shalleross at their beautiful new residence on the Foul Bay Road.

Mr. R. H. Pooley and Mr. F. O'Reilly left by the Camousin on Thursday evening to hunt big game in the Northern Interior.

Miss Helen Spalding, who has been spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Mackay, Dallas Road, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. Donald Fraser of New Westminster and Mr. Jack Gibson, Vancouver, both of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, spent their Easter holidays in Victoria.

"All a Mistake," which is to be presented early in May for the first time in Victoria, is one of Mr. W. C. Parker's most entertaining productions.

The proceeds of this farcical comedy which is to be presented in the Institute Hall, under the direction of Mrs. R. Berkeley, are to be devoted to the Seamen's Institute Fund.

Mrs. T. S. Gore entertained a few friends informally at five hundred and bridge on Monday evening. Mrs. H. Tye won first bridge prize. Mrs. Gibson won the second, and Dr. Wasson the five hundred.

Those present were: Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Tye, Miss O. Heisterman, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Messrs. B. and H. Heisterman, Dr. and Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson, Mr. Brand.

The Five Hundred Club met on Tuesday at Mrs. Charlie Todd's and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The prize was won by Mrs. C. E. Pooley.

Among those present were: Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Crowe-Baker,

Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Rourke, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Pooley and others.

The weekly meeting of the L'Alance Francais was held in the Alexandra Club rooms on Wednesday evening and the following little play, "Tel Oiseau, Tel Nid," was presented. The cast of characters is as follows: **Mdlle Baratin**, Mme. de Kerpeydrion; **Valentine**, Mdlle de Kerpeydrion; **Marietta** (Ternante), Miss Loenholt; **Mme. D'Arcizis**, Mrs. Holden.

Among the appreciative spectators were Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss Dupont, Mrs. and Miss Burrell, Mrs. Howett, Miss McKay, Col. Gregory, Mrs. and Miss Wolfenden, Mrs. H. Dumbleton and the Misses Dumbleton, Miss H. Peters, Miss Newcombe, Miss Foster, Miss P. Irving, Mr. F. Davie, Miss R. Fell, Misses Irving, Miss Heaney, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Donovan, Mr. Jeffs, Mrs. Loenholt, Mr. Lombard, Mrs. and Miss Warren, Misses Pitts, Miss Child, Miss Leiser, and others.

The dance given by "a few of the bachelors" on Monday evening at the Cosy Corner rooms was a very jolly affair. The room had been tastefully decorated with daffodils and ivy and Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the music.

Those who kindly acted as chaperones were Mrs. Finch-Page, Mrs. Rebbeck, and Mrs. John Irving.

The following were among the invited guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gresley, Jr. and Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howell, Mrs. Dundas, Miss Day, Misses B. and G. Irving, Miss Boulton, Miss Rebbeck, Miss Lowron, Miss Lawson, Miss P. Irving, Misses Page, Miss Newcombe, Miss C. Helmcken, Misses Rant, Miss King, Miss Reade, Miss Heyland, Miss Blackwood, Miss Bulwer, Miss Cobbett, Miss Loenholt and the Messrs. Dunn (Saanich), Pitts, Parker, Bishop, Holmes, McDougal, W. Newcombe, Owen, Johnson, D'Arcy, Bridgman, Berrington, H. B. Phipps, Lawson, Floyer, Rant, Eaves, G. Holland, Selfe, W. Piggott, Dr. Dolbey.

The Alexandra Club guest day was last Tuesday. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Courtney and Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. H. Gillespie arranged the decoration of the rooms and tea tables with red and yellow tulips.

Mrs. Tilt and Mrs. Hall presided over the refreshments.

Among those present were: Mrs. Masell, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. and Miss Hill, Mrs. Rattenbury, Mrs. Topp, Mrs. and Miss Mackay, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. and Miss Cobbett, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Crosse, Mrs. C. Gibson, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. P. Shallcross, Miss Hill, Miss Blakemore and others.

Mrs. H. F. Heisterman, Douglas Street, was the hostess at a large tea on Wednesday afternoon in honour of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Vancouver.

The table decorations were very prettily carried out with pale pink lilies and smilax, and centre piece of pink tulle.

Among the numerous guests were noticed Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. B. E. Wark, Miss Wigley, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. H. Heisterman, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. and Miss Gaudin, Mrs. Day, Mrs. B. Schwengers, Mrs. C. Wilson, Miss Sehl, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Janion, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Love, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. Coresby, Mrs. G. Wilson, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, Misses Blackwood, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Arbuthnot and others.

Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson, Rockland Avenue, was the hostess at a bridge and Five Hundred tournament on Thursday afternoon last. The first and second prizes for Bridge were won respectively by Mrs. A. G. Smith, and Mrs. C. M. Roberts, and those for Five Hundred by Mrs. Troup and Miss Nelson.

The tea tables were arranged with water lilies banked with soft green moss.

The following were some of the guests present: Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Masell, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. McGile, Mrs. A. P. Smith, Mrs. Troup, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. G. Gillespie, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Savage, Mrs. Cleland, Miss Holmes, Mrs. and

Miss Gaudin Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. G. Wilson, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. Bodwell, Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Butchart, Misses Butchart, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, Mrs. A. Robertson, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. A. Gillespie, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. J. Irving, Misses Irving, Miss Nelson, Miss Sehl, Mrs. and Miss Arbuthnot, Mrs. and Misses Blackwood, Mrs. and Miss King, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. H. Tye, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. L. Wark, Mrs. Lawson, Misses Lawson, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. B. Tye, Miss M. Lawson, Mrs. H. Barnard, Mrs. Higgins and others.

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice Baynes-Reed, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Baynes-Reed of this city, and Mr. Douglas Livingstone, eldest son of the late Mr. Clermont Livingstone, formerly manager of the Tye Copper Co., at Duncan, B.C. The wedding has been arranged to take place in June.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Dorothy Green, well known in social circles in this city, and Norman Barclay of Vancouver.

The punster who lamented the noted novelist's death in poverty has been killed. He said, with a dry smile: "She should have come to America. Ouida done better by her, on this side."



MISS GEORGINA BEBBINGTON

Miss Georgina Bebbington, a talented pupil of Prof. E. G. Wickens, will accompany several soloists on her Goethic Erard harp at the professor's students' recital on April 28th, in the Institute Hall, View Street, Victoria. Tickets are on sale at Fletcher Bros., Hibben and Waitts' music saloon.

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Staked March 17th, 1908.

**JAMES HASTIE,  
H. J. KIRBY.**

April 11

**CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.**

"Companies Act, 1897."

I hereby certify that "The Ferro-Concrete Construction 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.

The head office of the Company is situate at Cincinnati in Hamilton County, Ohio.

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 Henry Graham Lawson, Solicitor, whose address is Victoria, B.C., is the attorney for the company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock. Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

**S. Y. WOOTTON,**

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this company has been established and registered are: Manufacturing and dealing in fire-proofing and building material of all kinds, and constructing, equipping and owning buildings, bridges and structures of all kinds, and all things incident thereto, of engaging in a general contracting business; and of acquiring, holding, owning and disposing of all rights, patent and otherwise, necessary and convenient for the prosecution of its business.

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile west-north-west from Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains, thence south 60 chains back to place of commencement.  
Dated February 22nd, 1908.

**G. E. GIBSON,**

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of bay inside of Jesse Island, one quarter of a mile north of Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.  
Dated February 22nd, 1908.

**H. G. ANDERSON,**

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.



**NOTICE**

The bridge at Craigflower over Victoria Arm is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

**F. C. GAMBLE,**  
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 9th March, 1908.



**\$1,000 Reward**

THE GOVERNMENT of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA hereby offers a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men who, on the 25th day of February, 1908, at the Gorge Hotel, near the City of Victoria, B.C., armed with revolvers, entered and, while committing a robbery in the said Hotel, shot and wounded one Richard Dancy.

**DESCRIPTION.**

- No. 1.—Man about 5 feet 11 inches in height, slim build, dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap.
- No. 2.—Man about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; slim build; dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap. Both men were armed with dark-colored revolvers and wore long white cotton masks.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of either one of the said men.

By order, **F. S. HUSSEY,**  
Superintendent of Provincial Police.  
Victoria, B.C., 26th February, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.  
Dated March 7th, 1908.

**Graham Island, B.C.  
R. D. HOYT.**

**VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.**

District of Rupert.  
TAKE NOTICE, that I, Frank Kelly, of Victoria, B.C., timber cruiser, intend to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

6. Commencing at a post planted at northwest corner of T. L. 16186, Section 3, Township 33; thence east 40 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 160 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.  
December 17th, 1907.

Apl. 4 **FRANK KELLY.**

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, on Graham Island, B.C.:

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1, thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.  
Dated March 7th, 1908.

**Graham Island, B.C.  
J. O. HOYT.**

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1, thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.  
Dated March 7th, 1908.

**Graham Island, B.C.  
W. L. ARCHAMBEAU.**

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted in the northwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement containing 640 acres.  
Dated March 7th, 1908.

**Graham Island, B.C.  
JOHN DEARBORN.**

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, about 100 feet west of the wharf; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south along the shore back to the place of commencement.  
Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 **C. G. JOHNSTONE.**

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the entrance of said bay, running west 80 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence east along the shore of bay inside of Jesse Island; thence northerly along the shore of Blinkinsop Bay to the place of commencement.  
Dated February 22nd, 1908.

March 14 **O. C. BASS.**

March 14 **C. G. Johnstone, Agent.**

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the outlet of the creek at the head of bay, running north along the shore 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence west 60 chains back to the place of commencement.  
Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 **L. P. LOCKE.**

March 14 **C. G. Johnstone, Agent.**

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

District of Coast, Range 1.  
TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the head of Blinkinsop Bay, 50 feet north of the creek running to the bay; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.  
Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 **M. J. G. WHITE.**

March 14 **C. G. Johnstone, Agent.**

**VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.**

District of Renfrew.  
TAKE NOTICE that Frank V. Hobbs of Victoria, B.C., occupation gentleman, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted about eight chains in a northerly direction from the southeast corner of section eleven, township eleven, thence following the sinuosities of the shore line northwesterly 17 chains, thence southwesterly 10 chains, thence northerly 10 chains, thence southeasterly to the point of intersection of the southeast quarter of section eleven (11) and the southwest quarter of section twelve (12), township 11, Renfrew District, and extending eastwards from said shore line as before described and including the foreshore and land covered by water.

Dated April 6, 1908.

April 18 **FRANK VICTOR HOBBS.**

## Music and The Drama.

### Brewster's Millions.

On Easter Monday the successful farcical comedy, Brewster's Millions, was presented at the Victoria Theatre, and proved to be a mirth-provoking entertainment. Robert Ober was distinctly good in the title part and gave a unique and interesting performance. His main support was good but all the women of the company were distinctly weak. Miss Mathis, who assayed the role of "Peggy" was very weak and quite unable to rise to its requirements. The feature of the production was the spectacular third act, representing the yacht scene. This was a triumph of stage mechanism and display, and far discounted everything else in the show.

### Miss Abbott.

If there is one subject nearer to my heart than all others in relation to music, it is the advancement of our native born American youth, says a writer in the Dayton, O., Herald of October 16th, in the various specialties this may elect to follow in the art of music. Of late I heard from the lips of the gifted and most Italian of Italians, Chevalier Pier Adolfo Tirindelli, that statement that now the cause of music is more ardently advocated in the United States than even in Italy, its first great home. It has been admitted for a quarter of a century that the American voices are admirably good, and many Americans, especially ladies, have attained to eminence in Europe. Here comes another of most brilliant. On the evening of Saturday, October 12, I heard in Music Hall in Cincinnati that fascination coloratura soprano, Miss Bessie Abott. Miss Abott is one of the most perfect singers of the old Italian type, whom I have heard for years. She brings to life again the very best traditions of that school of pure liquid vocalism which was omnipresent in the middle of the nineteenth century. The natural organ of her voice is of the sweet, clear, refined species which American women are so often endowed with, and her schooling has made the scale as even as a necklace of polished pearls, for all the tones from top to bottom pass into each other with no awkward breaks or clumsy notes such as we always hear in the runs and melodies of untrained or even of half trained singers. In the tremendous elaboration of the great mad scene from "Lucia" and in tiny folk songs like the "Last Rose of Summer," she is equally at home.

### The New Grand.

The programme at the New Grand this week is quite satisfactory from every standpoint. The comic circus is a splendid mirth-provoking turn, the horse being a masterpiece. The acrobats are excellent, and the playlet, "The Diamond Robbery," well staged and played. The other items are about up to the average, except the lady who styles herself "The Irish Queen"; she is certainly one of the things which would not be missed.

Next week's bill will include Robert Henry Hodge, assisted by Blanche Craig, Marion Ellsworth, and May Stewart, in the comedy sketch, "Troubles of Bill Blithers' Bachelor"; The Doric Four, which includes Billy Moore, Chas. Reiner, Ken. Metcalfe, and Wilbur Turner, in a high class singing act; the Three Musical Bell Boys, singing, dancing and musical act; Harry Holman, polite comedian; Canard, "The Man on Time," novelty aerial act; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song, "Dreaming," and New Moving Pictures, entitled "Galvanic Fluid," and "Comedy of Errors."

A distinctly interesting concert was given on Thursday evening to open the new schoolroom of St. John's church, which by the way has been designed and constructed to meet the demand in Victoria for a first class concert hall of medium capacity. Acoustically the new hall is much superior to the average auditorium, al-

though a grave fault has been made in not having the stage flooring project beyond the line of its enclosure, and there was at the opening concert a very manifest echo which it is to be hoped will be done away with when the hall is better filled. The concert was arranged by Mrs. Herman Robertson, upon whom devolved the principal accompaniment work of the evening, in which she was assisted by Miss Hall. Mrs. Robertson also contributed a pianoforte solo, choosing Rachmaninoff's famous prelude, which was a feature item of Paderewski's programmes during his recent tour. The most notable contributor to the concert of Thursday was Mr. Francis Armstrong, violinist, who was heard in a duet with Mrs. Robertson, A Brahms sonata, which fell as flat as Brahms' selections usually do with the modern concert audience, and afterwards in a delightful "Ave Maria," displaying notably pleasing double-stopping and harmonics, a sweetly melodious minuet of Beethoven, and the pyrotechnic Wieniawski grouping of Russian airs, supplemented by delightful encore extras. Mr. Armstrong showed sound musicianship, a broad and sonorous tone, and a distinct bias for pure melody that appeals distinctly to the masses of the public. He added much to his established reputation as an artist. The other contributors to the programme were Miss Lugin, who sang vigorously and pleasingly, although not with her accustomed sound musicianship, even going off the key on one or two occasions; Miss Cordial Cordelia Grylls, who has a dainty voice of purity and excellent training, and Mr. Raymond, a baritone whose work is scarcely remarkable for anything, albeit he has one or two pleasing notes.

### A Popular Citizen.

There are few more popular men in Victoria than Harry Maynard, who has been identified for so long with the fortunes of the Phoenix Brewery Company. The public were greatly surprised to learn a few weeks ago that Mr. Maynard had resigned his position, and those who knew of his invaluable services to the Company ventured to predict that there would be some interesting developments. They have not had long to wait for it is now announced that Mr. Maynard and a few personal friends have bought out the business of the Silver Springs Brewery, which will be enlarged and developed on thoroughly up-to-date lines under Mr. Maynard's management. All his friends and acquaintances and their name is legion will wish Harry good luck in his new and important business venture.



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