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GREATER VICTORIA—The Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria have made a tentative move for the purpose of extending the City boundaries and absorbing the adjoining rural districts. As a preliminary they have instituted a campaign and have held several meetings at which the project has been discussed with leading property owners in the Saanich District. The first thought that strikes one is, that these municipal misadventures have received no mandate from the citizens of Victoria, and that the idea of absorption is one which they themselves have originated. The reception which they meet with at Saanich can hardly be called encouraging, several of the leading agriculturists, who attended the meeting reminded the Mayor and Aldermen who spoke in favour of the scheme, that there is a verse in the best of books with which they cannot be very familiar. It speaks of a "beam" and a "mote," and applied to the present circumstances would suggest that before the City Council of Victoria undertook to manage its neighbours' affairs it might well learn to manage its own. This would seem to be the first and very tangible argument against the project. The next is also suggested by the Saanich Delegation, viz., that the City of Victoria has not yet grown sufficiently in immediate proximity to the rural boundaries to make annexation a natural process. There is still a large area of agricultural land within the City limits, and until this is built on there is no necessity and no logical reason for extending the boundaries. A third reason is, that Victoria is one of the highest priced cities in the Dominion and is heavily encumbered with liabilities, which will mature in the near future. There is little doubt that the Mayor and Aldermen are much more impressed with this fact, because they are better acquainted with it, than outsiders, and it can hardly be doubted that the reason for seeking the extension of the boundaries is to procure a larger area in which to derive revenue. It is quite conceivable that in the not distant future, Victoria will have built up to its municipal boundaries in every direction. When that comes, the value of land near to the City boundaries will have risen very considerably, and a portion of it at any rate need to be exploited for building purposes. By that time a greater Victoria may be a necessity, and it can be achieved with advantage to the outsiders as well as the insiders. At present it would be entirely a one-sided affair. It is hardly necessary to point out how well the adjoining municipalities and districts have managed their own affairs, and what a striking contrast is present to the general mismanagement of the Victoria City Council. This would lead one to conclude that any practical scheme for extension is more likely to emerge from one of the outside municipalities. The only lesson that can profitably be learned from the present movement is that any extensive schemes of drainage or sewer supply contemplated by outlying districts, should be designed with a view to their completion in the future. Apart from this it is unlikely that there will be any more practical result from the present abortive campaign than the letting off of a little steam, and the "education" of those who are fortunate enough to be able to find time to attend the meeting.

still is, the active and energetic President of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch, but he has founded three or four provincial branches, of which he has been elected chief officer, and he has received the conspicuous honour of being made vice-president of the Navy League, London. Mr. Wolley's latest activity runs in the direction of advocating what may be styled a Marine Department of the Boy Scouts. Such a department has been established at home, and is called a Naval Cadet Corps. There is reason to believe that Colonel Hall, the chief scout of B. C., sympathises with the project, and if so it is certain that there will be no difficulty now, in securing the necessary support from the Dominion Government. If the officials of H. M. Canadian Navy were approached, they would probably consent to the Esquimalt Naval Yard, guns and gunnery instructor to be placed at the service of the boys. They might also in this matter at any rate, follow the English lead, and allow the boys to procure the proper uniforms in blue, at cost price, from the purveyor of Navy stores at Ottawa. Since there can be no question as to the high value of the movement, from whatever standpoint it is regarded, it would seem to The Week that the visit of Commander MacDonald furnishes a fitting opportunity to discuss the matter more fully. No doubt, the Captain would consent to bringing it under the notice of Admiral Kingsmill. At any rate we throw out the suggestion for what it is worth, and would be greatly surprised if the co-operation of two such earnest public spirited men as Colonel Hall and Clive Phillips Wolley cannot speedily secure what will be a real boon for the Boy Scouts of Victoria.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES—There has been a little "spat" in the City Council on the matter of the large expenditure to be made on the new High School. Opinions differ, and The Week happens to be of those who think that something like fifty thousand dollars is being expended in "frills" which are not in the least degree useful, though they may be slightly ornamental. The Week has always been a strong advocate of education, and it has pleaded for efficiency when other papers have been dumb. But its advocacy has been rather more in the direction of paying the teaching staff a figure which would ensure the highest competency. Whatever may be said to the contrary, we are very far from having attained that standard; and it seems an anomaly to under-pay the teaching staff and go the limit on decorating the buildings. Many foolish things are done nowadays in the name of education. Under the guise of benefitting the children, there is a great deal of self glorification among School Trustees. Perhaps it is approaching the limit of fair criticism to say this in a Victoria paper, because some of our Trustees at any rate, could not be improved upon in any city in the world, but they appear to be the victims of a vicious system, which prevents them from taking any initiative in the matter of a sound, practical and simple curriculum, but which forces them to build an attractive monument and call it a school. It is not that \$250,000 or even \$300,000 is too much to spend on a High School, but the complaint, and The Week believes it to be a just one, is that the same degree of efficiency could have been attained with a very much smaller expenditure, and even then a reasonable amount of decoration could have been secured. Even the School Trustees have been infected with the "spending bug."

MARINE BOY SCOUTS—Among the many excellent services rendered to British Columbians by the Phillips Wolley, perhaps the most important has been in connection with the Navy League. Not only has he been, and

COMING EVENTS—The Provincial Legislature is to meet on the 11th of January, and it is an open secret that a redistribution Bill based on the late Dominion Census will be passed, and that shortly afterwards, probably the last week in March, there will be an election. This is strictly in accordance with constitutional usage. It is impossible to say what course the Redistribution Bill will take, but it may be well to correct a mistaken notion that membership is based on population. This is not so in any case, and the only effect which increased population has is to determine the creation of new electoral districts. For instance, since the last Dominion Census, an entirely new centre of population has been created at Prince Rupert and along the Skeena as far as Hazelton and Aldermere. This will naturally lead to a division of the Comox-Atlin district. The development of the Nicola Valley, which is now the owner of a large population may not improbably lead to a similar result. Just how the cities of Victoria and Vancouver will stand affected by means of the enormous expansion of the latter is doubtful. A strong demand will be made for increased representation for the Terminal City, and it will no doubt have to be met. Probably the best method of dealing with the matter would be to create one or two new constituencies in the large near-by districts which are being peopled so rapidly. The other important matter, to demand the attention of the House, will be the new railway policy. It is generally understood that this will include an assured north and south trunk line from Vancouver by way of the Fraser and Fort George to the Peace River Country, and important branch lines in connection with the G. T. P., C. P. R. and C. N. R., both on the mainland and Vancouver Island. When the Honourable W. R. Ross returns from Ottawa, it will be found that the control of land in the railway belt, the control of water powers, and the question of Fisheries protection will have been settled in accordance with the view of the Provincial Government.

CITY WAGES—The Week is in entire agreement with the Colonist on the subject of a referendum to settle the day wage of city labourers. It believes that the Trades and Labour Council is right in objecting to a referendum, and it stands on the ground that if the Council lacks courage to discharge its proper functions, the members have no right to remain in office. The question of what a man should be paid for his work is not, or at any rate should not be made, one of policy. It is a simple matter of appraising value and acting accordingly. The Council is in a far better position to determine this matter than the ratepayers as a whole, and it is their legitimate work. If every matter on which the Mayor and Aldermen failed to agree, were made the subject of a referendum, there would be little time left for the business of life. The argument put up by the labour men would seem to be unanswerable, the cost of living in Victoria is notoriously high; no competent judge will question the fairness of a three-dollar-a-day rate. If the present Council lacks the courage to award this rate, it at least has the alternative of leaving the matter for the new Council to deal with, and this is the only manly course to pursue.

CANADIAN COLLIER'S—The Canadian edition of Collier's is an amusing production. It is not easy to understand its "raison d'être" unless one regards it solely as a commercial proposi-

tion, selling advertising space at the highest possible price. Its editorials generally trivial to the verge of frivolity; its conclusions are far too strained and unnatural to appeal to the sane mind, and distortion seems to be its strong suit. There is another aspect of its editorial columns which may not matter much, but which is just about as objectionable as the continual flaunting of the Stars and Stripes. It not only belittles but ridicules many things which British subjects hold dear. It is impossible to imagine what it hopes to achieve by these mental acrobatics; it can hardly have a serious mission; perhaps its sole idea is to amuse, and if this is a correct diagnosis of its disease it might not be out of place to suggest a slight alteration in its title, which should read "Canadian Comic Collier's."

BISHOP CRIDGE—The Venerable Bishop Cridge enters on his ninety-fifth year tomorrow. It takes but a few words to chronicle this simple fact, but it would take volumes to indicate all that it means. To tell of the lifetime of the Bishop would be to deal with half a century of the life of the city, but even that record would not touch the hidden history of joy and sorrow, of sacrament and sanctuary, in which he has played an important part. His has always been the gentle spirit, the sympathetic heart and the safe counsel sought by men and women in moments of stress. The record of such experiences is to be found in one book only, and that book has not yet been "opened." To the newcomers in this modern, pushing, clamorous city, he is unknown. To the younger generation he is a picturesque and a venerable figure, to the older generation he is a loving memory, and to all men he is a noble example of the Prophet of the Lord, who brings the benediction of the past to the children of men.

AMERICA—About the silliest subject that could be discussed in the silly season, not even excluding the gooseberry and the sea serpent, is that of whether Canadians should resent the usurpation of the title America by the people of the United States. By all means let them have it, it pleases them and it doesn't hurt us. There may have been a time when their right to the title could have been reasonably disputed, but now it is something like second-hand clothing, and in this hygienic age no one wants to wear a garment that someone else has worn. The average Canadian is content with a name in which his own country figures, if the American feels any bigger for using the name of a Continent by all means let him use it. And above all let him use it without protest or he may begin to think it possesses some virtue.

NEWS SERVICE—There is some agitation in Eastern Canada for a Government News Service and no wonder when one thinks how long Canada has suffered at the hands of American news agencies. In discussing the matter the Colonist urges that the true solution of the problem lies in a Government telegraph system and it suggests that a Government News Agency would necessarily be partisan. This may be true, and probably is, but there is a third solution which ought not to be impracticable; could not the Government subsidise an agency such as Reuter's, which is an expert organization and absolutely free from partisan influence. It is pretty certain that during his first Parliament Mr. Borden will be induced to take some steps in this important matter.



I have had a horrid shock. For once in my life, I have been taken seriously. A lady subscribed, who lives in Kamloops, has taken exception to an article, which I wrote, some four weeks ago, anent the Carnegie Library. This article was meant to be humorous; in fact several people told me that it was the funniest thing I had written for many months. But my lady subscriber evidently thought differently, and she wrote me to the effect that I had written an article which was distinctly demoralising to Victoria in particular, and to any British Possession in general. I want to point out to her, and to anybody else, who may have got the same false conception, that this was the time that the "Lounge" got humorous, that he did not really mean what he said, and that he really meant to say something nasty about the way in which public institutions are run in Victoria.

Early this week one of my wealthy acquaintances took me out in his car. He did not know the city very well; neither did I. Like a fool, he asked me to direct him, and I said "Right Oh, let's go down Foul Bay Road." We went, and we suffered. Now Foul Bay Road is supposed to be a trunk road of Victoria; nobody who drove down it would take it for such. I don't want to be nasty to the City Engineer; he has a hard job and he does it well, but he has made a "big break" in the Foul Bay district, and I think it is up to me to call his attention to the fact.

I think that it is about time that I called the attention of the public to the fact that men are not supposed to smoke on the back platforms of the cars. The cars are run for the public benefit; they are not run for the benefit of the casual hopper-on who boards them in order to get to town early. I have noticed him many a time. He gets on, he does not smoke and he stands at the back. He is a nuisance.

I was over in Vancouver for a couple of days this week, and in the intervals of business took occasion to lounge through the stores, mainly in order to ascertain how the Christmas show and Christmas prices compared with Victoria. I think I may safely say that in variety, in attractiveness and in values, Victoria has the Terminal city beaten. I never realized before what an important figure Chinatown cuts when it comes to the Christmas stocking. There is something unique and bizarre about many of the offerings, with which the Oriental strews his bargain counter. Vancouver has a Chinatown, but it was very small and unimportant compared with the Victoria colony. Personally I have no use for the Oriental, he does not figure in my scheme of existence, he diggeth not my garden, and he cooketh not my meals, but when it comes to spending a few dollars from my diminutive salary for the amusement of sundry little nephews and nieces in the Old Country, I must say that I find the Chinese and Japanese store a God-send. It must be admitted, however, that in the matter of ordinary Christmas goods, the big stores in Vancouver have a pull. I suppose this is inevitable, in view of the vastly greater population, which brings me in the way of answering a question which was propounded in the Victoria Times a few days ago. That sapient journal wished to know what single benefit could result to the people from a "Greater Victoria." I must confess that at the time, nothing occurred to me, however, nor has my darkness been enlightened by the educational campaign of the Mayor and his satellites, but it does now occur to me that a population of a hundred thousand furnishes a so much bigger

market for the tradesmen that they well can afford to lay in bigger and better stocks. This may seem a small mouse to emerge from a big mountain, but even the mouse looms large to the shopper with a small purse.

I cannot conceal a chuckle of satisfaction at the very speedy demand for another "public convenience." I know it is not a particularly attractive subject to discuss, therefore, I will dismiss it in a few words, but as I happen to be the only champion of these much needed public benefits, I must stick to my guns. No sooner has the one near the Post Office been opened than the demand comes for another near the Junction of Yates and Douglas. I understand that it is intended to follow this with one near the fountain on Douglas Street, and with another at the foot of Johnson Street. All this is as it should be, and not one single reasonable objection can be raised. I would, however, like to suggest, in spite of my anti-American proclivities, that there are some things which we can learn even from Seattle, and one is how to finish off a "public convenience" so that its real character may be effectually disguised. There is a large one on First Avenue, Seattle, on which a number of Park benches have been placed, an ornamental iron roof supported on neatly designed pillars surmounts it. A number of shrubs in wooden tubs are scattered around and the whole character of the place is altered. It looks like a little rest-resort at the corner of a busy street, and the entrance to the underground portion is so skilfully disguised that it is not noticed. To approach the present convenience in Victoria, and march across the bare open space to an entrance which is conspicuously labelled requires as much courage as to face a regiment of soldiers.

I want to call attention to a matter which might be considered to be outside my domain, but which has come under my notice. I happened to be in one of the largest and handsomest new blocks in Victoria this week, it is one of our modern skyscrapers and is supposed to have been constructed on the most approved design. To my amazement I noticed that the ceiling is cracking, some of the steel beams are bending, and even the pillars were giving a little. Now the sole explanation is defective design. The

plans were prepared by someone who may be called an architect, but he is certainly not an engineer. He may have been very successful as a designer of the old school, and evidently knows nothing about the stress and strain to which these modern buildings are subjected. I do not know whether any of the other new blocks are similarly defective, possibly not, but the whole thing points to the urgent necessity for securing competent inspection of building plans on the part of some modern architect, who is also an engineer? Obviously such an officer must be in the employ of the city, or before we know it one of our big blocks will be crashing down into the street and among the unfortunate, though non-account, citizen who may be buried in the ruins, will probably be reckoned the

Lounger.

Preservation of Dialects

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Dialect Society in Sheffield Dr. Craigie, of Oxford, called for greater efforts to be made for the preservation of dialects in England. He suggested that the Yorkshire Dialect Society should endeavour to place within the reach of every Yorkshireman all that was best in the dialect literature of the county. There should also be published a concise but comprehensive dictionary of the Yorkshire dialect at a reasonable price. Many dialects had in all probability a long life still before them.

Fastest Liner to Canada

The Allan Line has placed an order for one of two new liners for the Liverpool and Canadian mail service with Messrs. Beardmore and Co., Glasgow. The liner will be 15,000 tons, and will be the fastest vessel on the Canadian route. The second has been placed with the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company.

New Copyright Law

The House of Lords have read a second time after a brief debate the Copyright Bill, which has already passed the Commons, and provides for international and imperial copyright.

A SASSENACH EXODUS

In the year 1885, an English gentleman and his wife were being driven about Ireland by a rather melancholy jarvey, who could see no silver lining to the cloud overshadowing his country and his own particular trade. "Never mind, Pat," said the Englishman, "you'll have a grand time when they give you Home Rule." "Bedad, your hanner, and we will—for a week!" "Why for a week?" "Drivin' all the gentry to the boat!" answered Pat.

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GOSSIP FROM THE STALLS

The Gamblers

On Wednesday night an American play entitled "The Gamblers," was presented at the Victoria Theatre. The advanced notices modestly announced that it was a "masterpiece." This is rather unkind to Mr. Klein, because it puts his other plays in a sad hole. It is defective in construction, melodramatic to the verge of burlesque, absolutely unsound in philosophy and ethics, and moreover, was presented by a company which, with the exception of two old gentlemen, was about as poor in histrionic ability as Victoria audiences have suffered from. The leading man was a freak, who could not by any stretch of the imagination be supposed to rank higher than a stable man. The incongruity of such a man ousting an accomplished barrister in

keenly interested in the coming engagement here of the Lambardi Opera Company which takes place on the dates of Monday and Tuesday, December 18th and 19th, at the Victoria theatre. Advance information indicates that Impresario Lambardi, who has spent a lifetime in grand opera production, has gathered about him for the present tour, many of the most noted singers in the world of music. There are some twenty of these, many of them entirely new to American audiences. Among these are Mme. Elvira Gasazza, the distinguished mezzo soprano, of Milan. Mme. Casazza comes to this country direct from La Scala, where she has sung for the past two seasons. She possesses one of those rare, mellow, voluminous voices heard so infrequently as compared to other qual-

scandalized fashion, but you will sympathize with the preacher and his love for the little circus rider, and love her too.

"Polly of the Circus" is a protest against the ostracism of show people by the churches. In this production Frederic Thompson reaches out beyond the footlights and taps the conscience of the audience on its shrinking shoulders. The story deals with circus life and shows pictures that are wonderful creations which only a man like Frederic Thompson can produce, as he has proven to the theatre-loving public that he knows what they want in the amusement line, having produced such successes as "Brewster's Millions," "A Fool There Was," the big New York success, "The Spendthrift," and the success of "Polly of the Circus," is nothing short of wonderful. We will see a very realistic circus on the stage, showing the ring as we saw it on the lot many and many a time, with the clowns, acrobats, gymnasts, bareback riders, ringmasters, tumblers, the beautiful horses and ponies that do the remarkable tricks, aerial acts, all on the stage of the theatre, which is phenomenal. This is the same production that played one solid year at the Liberty Theatre, New York City. Watch for the street parade. A special children's matinee will be given Saturday afternoon, December 23rd.



IDA ST. LEON AS "POLLY" IN "POLLY OF THE CIRCUS"

the affections of a society lady appeared so ridiculous as to verge on the farcical. The fact of the matter is, that the leading American critic is right when he says there is no American School of Drama. Charles Klein is as far from being a dramatist as for instance Austin is from being a poet, and by common consent that is a very long way.

Busy Izzy

The patrons of the Victoria Theatre who were fortunate enough to attend the performance of Busy Izzy on Thursday night had two hours of genuine laughter-making fun. It was not a play, but a series of individual "turns," nearly all of them clever. Busy Izzy was one of the most entertaining Hebrews imaginable, and he was well supported by the male and female members of his company. It was an evening of tomfoolery if you like, but the fun was infectious, the situations grotesque, the dancing and singing good, the travesty of a minstrel troupe excellent, and the whole show the cheapest dollar's worth seen in Victoria for many a day.

The Lambardi Opera Co.

Music lovers of this city, while permitted to hear several well-known concert artists this season, and most

ities of tone, while as an actress she has attained eminence in many of the important musical centers of the old world. Mme. Casazza is said to be almost incomparable as Azucena, the gypsy queen, in Verdi's tuneful *Trovatore*, while as Delilah, in Saint Saens' famous Biblical work—a role that has been sung and acted but by singers in the realm of grand opera, she has achieved her greatest triumphs.

Mme. Casazza was willing to forego the matter of a New York debut, departing from the usual custom of most foreign celebrities when engaged for an American tour.

The repertoire to be given here will be as follows: Monday, December 18th, "Madame Butterfly"; Tuesday, December 19th, "Faust."

Polly of the Circus

A rising young preacher of exalted reputation falls in love with a young and handsome circus rider in the play "Polly of the Circus," with Miss Ida St. Leon in the title part, that will be seen at Victoria Theatre on Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23. Two deacons of the young pastor's church raise all kinds of particular trouble over the affair and the women of the congregation storm in

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The Early History of Vancouver Island

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The reference, in my last, to the Vancouver Island and Alaskan cases, was not meant to show the methods, generally, of the British and United States governments in dealing with young settlements. I was explaining the rather exceptional case of the Island, coming under an old law of the Revolutionary period, when the Colonies were a fringe along the Atlantic seaboard. In fact, there is no analogy between the compact, homogeneous United States Home-lands, which settlers occupy, and the sea-severed; very diverse, Colonial lands of Britain. The respective circumstances dictate dissimilitude. A marked difference, I have said, is that, as to the external British possessions, the Sovereign in Council (practically, now, the Home Ministry of the day), determines, freely, the applicability of institutions in establishing, or governing, a young colony, whereas, in the United States, a particular form is prescribed by the Constitution, known as the "Territorial" form of government, which is too well known to need explanation here. In practice, until a "Territory" gets an elective legislature, it is not unlike a British "Crown Colony."

On second thought, before returning to the point of my digression from the narrative, namely, the 1857 Select Committee, it may be helpful to give the reader a little anticipatory account of British opinion re Colonies, in the "sixties," and for some time later. That was, and is, the main thing for us out here to know about that period, yet few seem to appreciate it. Separation from all the colonies was growing apace as a national Home-policy, and, as a prelude, "federation" was favoured. The current of opinion in that direction, in England, if not Britain, became a distinct political factor. The old Free Traders, who were all-powerful in the Commons, regarded the Colonies as troublesome appendages, the trade of which, in any event, Britain would retain. Of Empire they had no conception. Their trusted leader, Richard Cobden wrote:

"The Colonial system, with all its 'dazzling appeals to the passions of the people, can never be got rid of except by the indirect process of 'Free Trade, which will gradually and imperceptibly, loosen the bonds which unite the Colonies to us by a 'mistaken notion of self-interest."

Again, in his speech, approving the federation of the North American Colonies, he said, it was for the interest of both Canada and the Mother Country, that they should, as speedily as possible, sever the political thread by which they were, as communities, connected. For that reason, he, and those acting with him, supported the federative proposal. That was not merely the opinion of a party in the Commons; it became the general public opinion, influencing both legislation and administration. It was hoped, at the Colonial office that Federation would tend to lessen the friction, and correspondence, in dealing with the numerous colonies. The era, as Disraeli said in a speech on Colonial affairs, was the era of "Government by Under Secretaries, most of the principal Secretaries being in the House of Lords. Some of the former were not restrained by officialdom from expressing views that, now, seem remarkable. Sir R. G. W. Herbert, Perma-

ent Under-Secretary, and real ruler, at the Colonial Office, on my suggesting that certain things might cause local dissatisfaction, out here, said, politely, "As to that, Mr. Sproat, if 'the people are dissatisfied and see a 'remedy, even in joining the United States, this office will not object."

The above era, with its Colonial Policy, certainly the most remarkable policy in the modern history of Great Britain, has passed, but the Empire-problem, one of the greatest issues ever at stake in the world, remains without any prospect of solution. I refer here to that strange era, owing to the effect of its prevailing sentiment on our little history here, in this, the last scene of direct British government on the continent, what do we find? The Declaratory Act, which had helped the Island, was never applied to the new mainland-colony. It was made practically inoperative by a short Act pushed through Parliament by the Home Government, declaring that, under the Rule of Governor and Council, if the latter should contain a certain proportion of elected members, that would constitute "representative government." Overstaffing the little colonies here might incline them to unite for economy's sake, and union would be in the line of Federation which, as many hoped, would be the prelude to separation. The Home Government, in these matters, did not act from any blindness or caprice; its policy was deliberate, and was carried out, astutely. Douglas retired with a K. C. B., but, not understanding the Home policy, or, acting on his convictions, he supported, in a private station, the "Independence of the Island, with the Free Port." His successors, Kennedy and Seymour, both Colonial-office men, had their private instructions. Our delegates, resolutions of public meetings, newspaper articles: these did not matter a row of pins, as far as the pre-determined Home policy was concerned. There were several Governments between 1858 and 1866. That of the Tory Earl of Derby (Feb. 25, 1858 to 18 January, 1859), in which Sir E. B. Lytton was Colonial Secretary, certainly favoured free government in the colony, but the above insistent public opinion, at home, directed succeeding governments in their colonial action generally—witness Earl Granville and New Zealand.

As for myself, I accompanied a worthy colleague to defeat here, in the decisive election of 1865, with the "Independence of the Island and the Free Port," on our banner—the same that Douglas favoured. Success would have tended to make Victoria the rival of San Francisco. Going, then, to London, I was chairman, for half a dozen years, of the Committee to watch British Columbian affairs, (on which A. G. Dallas and Donald Fraser served), which position I left to become the first Agent-General of the Province. The doors of the Colonial Office, and the columns of the "Times," were open to me. These little experiences are mentioned to show, that, whether I made good use of it or not, I had some opportunity of knowing what was going on.

The reader, perhaps, is now better prepared to return with me, in my next, to the 1857 Select Committee on Hudson's Bay Company's affairs, and to the genesis of the mainland colony, and Douglas' connection therewith.

Postscript.—How often have I sat on platforms from which Bright, Cobden and Mill spoke! Bright was the only speaker who ever made me rise, involuntarily, to my feet. A greater master of argumentative exposition than Cobden, I never listened to, in language a boy could understand. Mill, author of books on political economy and a work on Logic, did not shine on the platform; indeed, I often thought him illogical. I never missed their meetings, but cannot say that I was in much agreement with any of them.

THE CHARM WAS LOST

Mrs. Finefather—"Are you taking your husband abroad this year?"
Mrs. Bonton—"No. I decided last year when he insisted upon speaking of the Venetian gondolas as canal-boats that the real charm of Europe is lost upon him."

KEYS TO HAPPINESS

A Talk about the Mental Qualities which Govern Life

By Keith J. Thomas

Free will means the power to rule our minds. We cannot rule unless we understand. It is not necessary that we should indulge in morbid introspections concerning ourselves. We can learn by studying human nature, and by pondering over the lives of the great men and women of the ages. Self-control is the first lesson that life teaches us, because without it we cannot succeed in anything we may undertake.

What Success Is

Success is merely a relative term. To some people it stands for happiness; to some, contentment; to others, money. Money is not to be despised. After all, it is the visible and tangible sign of success in business. We must never forget, however, that success in business does not necessarily mean success in life. The philosopher said, "Success cannot buy happiness," to which the cynic replied: "No, but it can buy off a lot of unhappiness." If you have money you want to know how to use it so that it will bring you actually what you need, and this demands a cultivated and well-balanced mind.

There is one quality of the mind that makes for power and progress above all others. Without it life must be a failure and a fraud, hopeless and despairing. With it, all the days are tinged with rose, all our troubles, defeats and disappointments are but the sign-posts marking the steps of the road to success and happiness. It is the philosopher's stone of life which turns all it touches to gold. This quality is optimism. It is a gift of God possessed by everyone, like free will. It may become atrophied by lack of use, or remain stunted by being used too little. Yet, like all our natural gifts it will increase in value by cultivation and use. Man was never meant to be a pessimist. Pessimism is an entirely artificial habit of mind that has no existence. Take an example. The optimist says, "Every cloud has its silver lining." The pessimist replies: "Every silver lining betokens a cloud." "Yes," says the optimist, "but the cloud only hides the sun for a while. It is there all the time, more powerful than the cloud, and in time, its strength will disperse the cloud altogether."

The Power of Optimism

In business, optimism generally goes by the name of ambition. The ambitious man sees only the goal towards which he is striving. He has his losses and his setbacks, but he knows the goal is still accessible. As soon as he begins to doubt that, his efforts slacken and his work deteriorates in quality. Success is a state of mind like everything else. Each day of achievement is a day of success, though the work may not look profitable. Each task well done is a help to success because it induces a sense of satisfaction, and makes work easier and pleasanter. You can see if you follow this line of reasoning, that every material and moral success is bound up with the quality of optimism, and that the more we cultivate this quality the more successful and the happier we shall be.

It is the duty of each one of us to be an optimist. Do you suppose that the derelicts of London who throng the Embankment seats at night, would be there if they were optimists? Some of them fell into the depths because they had no strong hand to drag them upwards. If they had had the self-reliance that optimism breeds, do you suppose they would have given up the struggle? Some got there through drink. Drink, as we know, produces an artificial feeling of pleasure. It dulls the pessimism of the brain. That artificial state of mind can be produced much more easily by an effort of will. If all the world were pessimists what an awful place it would be to live in. We all know men and women who come into a room like a ray of sunshine. They are optimists, and their influence makes other people optimists too. You must be one of those people—it is your duty

to yourself and to those you meet. The effect of your optimism will spread itself in ever-widening circles, affecting people you never meet, and the world will be a better and a brighter place because of your life. You have that duty to perform to the world, and in performing it you will gain affection and happiness as well as material success.

Happiness is Easy

You may think it is not easy to be an optimist. It is easy because it simply means being natural. All you have to do is to be an optimist. Stop reading this article a moment, and smile. Don't you feel happier by that very action? Now throw your chest out and look upwards at the ceiling. Doesn't that simple action help to turn your thoughts upwards away from the petty troubles and worries of life? If you don't feel better after that go out into the open and look up at the sky. Up there your little troubles would soon be lost. Nature has no room for pessimism. It breeds only in the narrow street and among little people. Measure your mind by the infinite and you will lose all your little troubles.

If you study life you will not fail to notice that for every pain there is some compensation and for every trouble some recompense. A man I know, in his youth wanted to be a journalist. He applied for a position on a newspaper, and was offered a job on the commercial side. He went home, he said, wishing almost that a tram would run over him and end his disappointment. Today he is at the top of his profession earning probably three or four times as much as he could have done if he had secured the work he asked for. What he regarded as a disaster was the beginning of his success. If your daily work is obnoxious to you, do it as well as you can. Be sure it is developing some side of your character that will make you more successful in life. Mr. Gladstone hated figures when at school, but he mastered them so successfully in after life that he became Chancellor of the Exchequer and, subsequently, Premier. Be sure that your humdrum worrying work, well done, is producing valuable experience and is moulding your character. Be an optimist and you will get there.

Uses of Trouble

Look back over your life for two things only. Once to note all the pleasures it has brought you, and once again to see how your troubles were only the beginnings of happier times, which you could not have had without them. Browning has crystallised the sense of optimism in familiar lines which are immortal because they are true. Here they are. Learn them by heart, and when you are depressed and pessimistic, say them over, and then look back over your life and "count your blessings":—

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake."

The mind has this great advantage over matter, that it can create from itself its own atmosphere. The grass in the field scintillates and brightens in the sun, and becomes dull when the sun disappears behind a cloud. The mind can store up its sunshine and sparkle in dullness from its own reserve of brightness. Just as the engineer imprisons the flood waters of the Nile to let it loose on the arid plain during the drought, so the mind can absorb its sunshine, and its pleasant thoughts, and imprison them till they are required to enliven dark hours of difficulty and danger.

Mental Sunshine

The dominant reality of life is brightness and beauty. The body responds to beauty whether it be beauty of form, of scent, or of sound. The physical counterpart of sunshine is a bright expression. It is instructive to note how beauty produces brightness. A beautiful melody exhilarates the mind and refreshes the

body. The scent of flowers, even in a room, conjures up visions in the mind of sunlit spaces. Visible things are seen because they reflect light. The more power an object has of reflecting light, the more pleasant it is to look upon.

Some people are naturally more cheerful than others. They have a greater capacity for absorbing brightness into their minds and retaining it there to be called out when needed. It is of such persons that we say "their presence is like sunshine." They correspond to those colours which readily reflect light, and they affect our spirits in a very similar manner.

In the normal condition of mind, the spirits rise in bright sunshine. When the spirit is darkened by sorrow, or disappointment, the sunshine passes or is unnoticed. It is there if we choose to see it, and when the sun sets or is hidden, the brightness it gives to the earth is still there if the mind will only let loose its hidden store of light. You have often seen a landscape under a cloudy sky, looking dark and forbidding. Suddenly the sun breaks out, and a thousand hidden splendours spring to view. The sun does not create them. They were there before, only you did not see them. All the beauty of the earth lies before your eyes whenever you care to see it, if you will only store up your sunshine and use it when need arises.

The Power of Happy Thoughts

If you were to hang a room in black and let the sun pour into it, very little of its brightness would be absorbed. It would be dark and depressing under all circumstances. A white room, on the other hand, would gleam in the sunshine and be bright, even with a cloudy sky. If you are to make your mind a storage place for mental sunshine, you must first of all clear out all the dark and forbidding thoughts, and replace them with bright and pleasant ones. A man stands sentinel at the portals of his mind. He can admit or refuse his thoughts at his will. One of the penalties of Satan after his fall from Heaven, according to Milton, was the loss of his brightness:

"Oh how fallen! how changed!
From him who, in the happy realm of light,
Clothed with transcendent brightness did'st
outshine
Myriads though bright!"

It is our privilege to be able to create for ourselves an earthly Paradise by the creation of bright thoughts that will shine out and illumine our lives. According to modern thought, Heaven and Hell are matters of the mind. Hell is a mind purged of everything but gloom, Heaven the glory of transcendent brightness. If we allow worry and despair to come into our mental houses and drive out hope and contentment, it is our own fault. To the lover the world is always a garden, bright with flowers and sweet with incense. On the darkest day his spirits are high and undaunted. The world lies before him at his feet. He would not change his state with kings, for he has that within him which kings would envy. This is purely a state of mind created by himself, and it is a state of mind that he can create at any time.

A Cure for Pessimism

The mind is dominated by its strongest interest. If you concentrate your thought upon your work, you are oblivious to the external influences that surround you. If you are absorbed in listening to music, or in the contemplation of a beautiful picture the state of the weather outside has no influence on you whatever. The small boy going home in the dark whistles to keep his courage

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NEED FOR A FINANCIAL HOUSECLEANING

There are signs that in certain directions Canadian enthusiasm has overruled commonsense and regard for the strict maintenance of Canadian credit. The incidents concerned have been comparatively few, but sufficient in number to cause self-examination, self-admonition, and to create a resolve to mend ways which are not proving attractive or profitable at home or abroad.

The chief unsatisfactory feature in this situation is the inability of various industrial amalgamations to pay dividends on their heavy capitalization, or to show earnings approaching the optimistic estimates made in the prospectus which was offered to the investor at the time of consolidation. One prominent merger has defaulted on its bond interest. Another is likely to do so. A third has failed to declare the dividend on preferred stock. A fourth has earned, during its second year, half a million dollars less than the estimated earnings. These are serious matters, and will have two effects: first, an undermining of confidence in Canadian securities; and second, suspicion on the part of investors in connection with securities issued by mergers. Too often, consolidation of industrial enterprises has meant over-capitalization, counteracting difficulties of individual companies absorbed, making easy money for promoters, and almost invariably over-estimation of economies to be achieved from amalgamation. Although it has been said by President Taft that it is possible to conduct business under modern conditions without the crutch of combination, there are those who think otherwise. We shall, therefore, have more mergers and further issues of their securities to the public. The promoters may figure the following as certain factors in the situation:—

- 1.—More information than hitherto afforded as to the past history and actual earnings of companies absorbed, must be given in the prospectus.
- 2.—The investor must know what was paid for the properties acquired by the consolidated company, and whether the consideration was cash, stock, bonds, or all three.
- 3.—Greater discretion and conservatism must be used in estimating the economies likely to accrue from amalgamation.
- 4.—Capitalization must be based upon the cost of acquiring properties, real assets, a reasonable amount for future development, and legitimate profits to promoters.
- 5.—Capitalization should be such as to enable the predicted dividends to be paid even in times of moderate trade depression.

The second undesirable feature, and one which has a tendency to grow stronger, is unbridled speculation in land. Fortunately our banks act as a check in this direction. The past few months have witnessed the birth of innumerable land companies. These have been floated in every part of Canada, and a large number have found their way to England. Prospectuses have been issued forecasting enormous profits to shareholders, profits which may not easily be paid at any time and cannot be disbursed in bad times. Such times come every few years in every country. It looks as though the excitement of land speculation has gained such an impetus that many are no longer content to gamble with their own money. Through the medium of land companies, they are seeking the small investor's capital in order to swell the amount available for speculation.

There is no desire to belittle the legitimate increase in land values. There is a conservative appreciation of such values every year, in keeping with general progress and development. The rapidity of growth in existing cities and in towns and the building of new communities necessarily enhances real estate values. But the fact remains that some of these values have been forced beyond their proper point, and that wild speculation is being fostered and encouraged by various

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promoters. Mr. R. M. Horne Payne, at the meeting of the British Columbia Electric Railway in London last week, stated that that market is now inundated with wild Canadian proposals, especially in land and town properties. The same applies to Canada. It only requires the investor to exercise the greatest caution in order to freeze the stream of gushing offers.

The third unwelcome feature is the promotion of innumerable industrial and other companies in Canada which are undeserving of support. Several of these have been criticized in the columns of *The Monetary Times* during the past few weeks. The most common method is for a professional company promoter with an attractive scheme and with only the interests of his own bank account at heart, together with a glib stock salesman, to initiate a stock selling campaign. Extraordinary dividend promises are made, and unless the investor is accustomed to examine a prospectus, to delete the wanderings of a good imagination, and to get down to actual facts and prospects, he is likely to be led into helping to finance an enterprise which will never make good. With so many excellent sources of unbiased advice on investments, the day is passing when such promoters and stock salesmen should be allowed to fleece the investor.

The fourth factor, and perhaps the most important of all, is the thoughtless freedom with which well-known and respected public men in Canada allow their names to be used as founders or directors of companies, about the promoters of which they know little and about the prospects and probable conduct of which they know nothing.

It is not enough for a gentleman who values his good name to give his services as a director simply because he sees that another eminent public man has already done so. In many cases it has been proved that the first few prominent names have been used without permission or obtained by false pretences. If the investor is to consider good names on a directorate as an asset of a new company, he must know that the directors are familiar with the company's origin, promoters, business, management, conduct and prospects, and are willing to endorse the enterprise personally as sound and worthy of confidence. Otherwise, the investor will shortly refuse to consider as an investment attraction a list of well-known men as directors.

These matters all need attention, and are part of a necessary house-cleaning at home. In view of the wonderful development and prosperity of the Dominion, it is only natural that a few flaws should exist. In the interests of the British and foreign investor, and in the best interests of Canada, we must remedy the undesirable features noted. Mr. R. B. Angus, president of the Bank of Montreal, at its annual meeting on Monday, recalled that the money markets of Great Britain and the continent of Europe have taken freely of Canadian bonds and stocks. There was a brief interval of dullness, but that condition seems to have passed, and well-vouched-for securities are again in good demand. "There is ample room," said Mr. Angus, "for the employment of foreign capital in this rapidly developing country, and it becomes the more imperative that no issue having any taint or doubtful value should be submitted to the foreign investor."—*The Monetary Times*.

DOMINION CROP REPORT

The total area in potatoes, roots, fodder crops, hay and clover this year in Canada was 9,007,492 acres, with a total produce value of \$219,055,000. This is \$1,600,000 more than last year, and there is a decrease of \$3,120,000 in hay and clover. The largest increase is shown in potatoes, which is nearly \$6,000,000 more than last year, although the product is less by 8,000,000 bushels, the average selling price being sixty cents per bushel, as compared with forty-five cents a year ago. The value of this year's product of hay and clover and fodder corn is \$159,065,000, which is less than last year's value by \$2,608,000. Potatoes, turnips and other roots and sugar beets have a value of \$59,990,000, being more than last year's value by \$4,213,000. The quality of all the crops this year is 90 per cent. and over, excepting sugar beets, which is 88 per cent., and last year all crops excepting potatoes, turnips and other roots were over 90 per cent. The values of all root and fodder crops this year by provinces were: \$5,754,000 in Prince Edward Island, \$12,228,000 in Nova Scotia, \$12,596,000 in New Brunswick, \$73,315,000 in Quebec, \$99,468,000 in Ontario, \$5,583,000 in Manitoba, \$3,790,000 in Saskatchewan, and \$6,321,000 in Alberta.

The area sown to fall wheat this season is \$1,097,900 acres, being 797,200 acres in Ontario, and 300,700 in Alberta. This is 2.93 per cent. less than a year ago.

The per cent. of fall ploughing completed ranges from 73.57 in Ontario to 90.40 in Prince Edward Island for the eastern provinces, and from 18.73 in Alberta to 34.12 in Manitoba for the western provinces, which is less than the average of last year at the same date. For summer following the average in all the provinces is well over 90 per cent. for each of the three years, 1909-11.

VISITORS FROM MANITOBA

A large party of Manitoba men recently visited the Slocan district of British Columbia to look over mine prospects. The party included Premier Roblin; Hon. Hugh Armstrong and Judge Marshall, of Portage la Prairie; Messrs. W. A. Cousins, Medicine Hat; J. C. I. Bremner, Clover Bar, Alta.; Joseph H. Morris, Edmonton; L. S. Vaughan, Selkirk; R. L. Richardson, Capt. H. I. Cairns, Hugo Ross, G. H. Walton, W. J. Clubb, Chas. H. Forrester, Oswald Montgomery, A. P. Cameron, Henry Bryant and M. J. Rodney, all of Winnipeg.

HONOUR FOR CANADIAN BANKER

Mr. F. Williams Taylor, the well known manager in London of the Bank of Montreal, was recently presented in that city with the silver medal of the Royal Society of Arts, for his paper on "Canada and Canadian Banking," the lucidity of which has earned this great honour and tangible mark of the society's commendation. The awards of the Society of Arts are known and highly valued the world over. Mr. Taylor will have the congratulations of his many friends on both sides of the Atlantic.

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"What is your name?" he asked the man.
"Joshua, Marse Henry Joshua Green."
"Are you the Joshua mentioned in the Bible who made the sun stand still?" asked the Colonel, smiling.
"No, sah," answered the puzzled darkey.
"I didn't make de sun stand still, but I make de moon shine."

THE SMALL BOY SCORED

A conjuror who was giving an entertainment to a crowded audience in the school at a village in Yorkshire performed some astonishing tricks. He was clever, and he knew it, otherwise there would probably have been no cause to tell the following story.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, pompously, at the conclusion of his last trick, "I defy anyone in this audience to mention a single action that I can perform with my right hand that I cannot do with my left."

The intense silence which followed the great magician's challenge was rudely broken by a boy at the back of the room.

"Put yer left hand in yer right-hand trouser-pocket, guv'nor!" he shouted.

A NASTY ONE

When George Stephenson, the famous railway inventor, was once leaving Sheffield for London by the night mail-coach he jocularly remarked to the coachman and guard:

"What is to become of all you saucy coachmen and guards when the railways are made?"

The coachman was equal to the question.
"Oh, sir," he replied, "they'll make civil engineers of us!"

OLLA—

Johnny Williams had been "bad" again.
"Ah me, Johnny!" sighed his Sunday school teacher, "I am afraid we shall never meet in heaven."

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Character by Hand-writing

The Editor of The Week wishes to call special attention to this Department, which is conducted by an English gentleman, a 'Varsity man of high attainments. Character reading from hand-writing is a scientific study, entirely devoid of charlatanism and is possibly the most reliable index of all, because hand-writing records the development of character, and its index is not confined to natural traits. It is an interesting study, not merely in enabling us to see ourselves as others see us, but may be turned to important account in submitting the hand-writing of persons with whom we have business relations. Indeed, viewed in this aspect, it is only a reasonable precaution to learn all that the chirographist can tell us. Before deciding to institute this Department the Editor of The Week imposed the severest tests, submitting the hand-writing of well-known persons entirely unknown to the gentleman conducting this Department, who is a stranger to Victoria and a recent arrival. He is prepared to guarantee absolute accuracy and hopes that the readers of The Week will avail themselves of what is a genuine privilege.

RULES

1. All persons wishing to consult "Tau" must enclose a specimen of hand-writing, consisting of about four lines, written on unruled paper. It may be signed with their own name or not, but there must be an initial or nom-de-plume to identify the answer, which will appear in the next issue of The Week.

2. Each specimen of hand-writing must be accompanied by a P. O. for 50 cents or stamps for the same amount, and the outside of the envelope should be indited "Hand-writing." Absolute privacy is guaranteed.

REPLIES

East—Has plenty of common-sense, is consistent, methodical and neat, but is apt to be a bit careless. Has not much ambition and is inclined to take a small view of life. Generous, affectionate, fond of children with a high sense of honour and very just. Not much enthusiasm and inclined to be opinionated. Not a jealous person, has a good clear head and a distinct sense of honour. Fond of sports and outdoor games and pursuits.

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Vanity.—Abundant energy coupled with a firm will, should conduce to the prosperity of the writer. Good common sense, good business abilities yet with imagination and perception of the beautiful. Impulsive, at times perhaps too candid, yet a staunch and generous friend. The passions and other feelings are all on the big scale and Vanity should make allowances for the weaknesses of others. Sincerely religious, yet sometimes unjust and impatient. Apt to be careless and inaccurate over small matters, through the pursuit of the larger end. On the whole a reliable, straightforward and fine character.
TAU.

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NOTICE

PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitions for Private Bills must be presented to the Legislative Assembly not later than Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1912.

Private Bills must be presented and introduced to the House not later than the 1st day of February, 1912.

Private Bills must be reported to the House by the Committee considering same not later than the 8th day of February, 1912.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1911.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

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2. All who desire to compete for the prizes offered by "The Week" for Limericks must enclose the Coupon below, together with 50 cents and forward same not later than December 23rd, addressed Limerick Editor, The Week, Victoria, B.C. All letters sent after that date will be disqualified.

3. Competitors may submit two or more Limericks if desired—but each attempt must be accompanied by separate coupon, and additional entrance fee. Competitors sending more than one Limerick may enclose one money order or cheque for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. The Editor undertakes that every Limerick shall receive careful consideration, but he will not hold himself responsible for coupons lost or mislaid.

4. The decision of the Editor on all matters relating to this competition must be accepted as final, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

5. The result of each competition will be duly announced in the next issue of "The Week," following the closing date for entries. The names of the prize-winners, together with their addresses, will be published with the winning lines.

6. The total amount of the money received will be distributed amongst the winners who will be graded in order of merit, less 10 per cent. for various objects of general public interest, and 10 per cent. for expenses. The 10 per cent. this month will be paid to the Public Library for the purpose of adding new books to the Library. (We should be happy to receive any suggestions as regards the books most in request by readers). Next month the amount set aside for public purposes will be given to the Jubilee Hospital.

"THE WEEK" LIMERICK COMPETITION

Coupon No. 3

A skeleton sat on a fence,
Just to show that a ghost may have sense,
But the first passer by
Gave a terrible cry

Name

Address

No. of M. Order.....

Motherlana

£30,000,000 Combine

The negotiations between the London General Omnibus Company and the Speyer group of electric railways—comprising the District Railway and the London Electric Railway—have reached such an advanced stage that what amounts practically to a fusion of the three companies is on the point of submission to the shareholders. If the scheme is approved, the holder of £100 of Omnibus shares will receive securities of two different kinds, yielding him 12 per cent. on his original capital and a share in the surplus profits besides. The capital of the three companies amounts to £30,000,000.

Mayor and Mayor's Banquet

The decision of the mayor-elect of Southend, Mr. Charlton Hubbard, not to attend the mayoral banquet on the night of November 9 caused something of a sensation in the town. Mr. Hubbard, who is a teetotaler, when formally elected, said he should not attend the banquet, except under the condition that "no one shall give any intoxicating drink to those attending the dinner." The Banquet Committee informed Mr. Hubbard that they could not comply with this condition, so that the banquet had to be held without the mayor.

Fortunes from Hops

Many Kentish hop growers are now regretting that they sold their crop so soon after the picking, as there has been a rise in price from 7 to 12 guineas per hundredweight in about a month, which is almost unprecedented in the history of the industry. Speaking at the annual competitions of the Rochester and Gravesend Agricultural Association, Lord Darnley said a grower had told him that he had disposed of his hop crop for £42,000, and that if he had kept it a week longer he would have made £8,000 more.

Telephone to Berlin

During this month the Post Office have taken over from the contractors the new submarine cable laid between St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover, and La Panne, in Belgium. It is with this sea line, the finest of its kind yet constructed, that the postal authorities hope to open up a public telephone service between England and Holland and Germany.



"WATER ACT, 1909."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, holder of Water Licences Nos. 1919 and 1920, granted by the Water Commissioner for the Victoria Water District, for the diversion of 1,000 cubic feet per second of water from the Puntledge River, a tributary of Courtenay River, has submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a map or plan of the works by which it intends to divert the said water and conduct it to the place where it shall be used for generating electric power as described in the said Licences.

That the undertaking of the said Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, as set out in the said plans is hereby approved, and the said Company is hereby authorized to construct and execute the following works in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted and filed in the office of the Chief Water Commissioner at Victoria, viz.:

- An impounding dam near the outlet of Comox Lake.
- Lowering the bed of Puntledge River and the hereinafter described diversion dam to an increased depth of five feet or less.
- A diversion dam on Puntledge River about 2,800 feet below the impounding dam above described.
- The works necessary for the transmission of the power generated under the above Licences on and in the vicinity of lands belonging to the said Company.

That the Company may exercise its powers within the Comox and Nelson Land Districts.

That no capital be required beyond that already subscribed and paid up.

That the works shall be begun on or before the first day of May next, and shall be completed and in actual operation on or before the 31st December, 1913.

With the proviso that during the construction of the said works any engineer appointed by the Minister of Lands for that purpose shall have free access to all parts of the works for the purpose of inspecting the same and of ascertaining that the construction thereof is in accordance with the plans and specifications herein referred to, and that the cost of such inspection shall be paid by the Company.

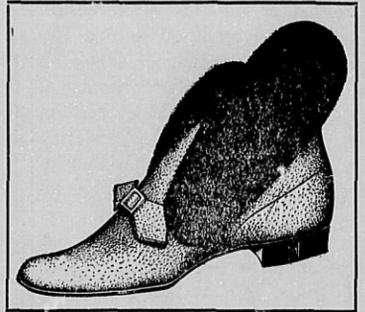
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A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Correspondence

The Week accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by its correspondents. Communications will be inserted whether signed by the real name of the writer or a nom de plume, but the writer's name and address must be given to the Editor as an evidence of bona fides. In no case will it be divulged without consent.

CITY WORKMEN

Victoria, Dec. 14, 1911.

To the Editor of The Week.

Sir,—It has come to my notice that men who live in this city, with their families here, are not able to obtain city work. These men are ratepayers and have their homes here and their families to keep. These men ought always to be in employment, and have no difficulty in obtaining city work. It is monstrous to have such men walking around in the winter with nothing to do, whilst the "alien" and "foreigner" from "over the line," step into city work right away. There is city work to be done right now, but, our city workmen are told by foremen to politely go to Hades, and that they don't care a jot. Men who have families to support, and who have their homes here and are ratepayers must have city work. Why should these men have to leave their homes and take up work in "camps" because the "alien" and "foreigner" from "over the line" have city work? I have complained, but have been told that it is impossible to discriminate. It only shows that our present civic fathers don't care a jot—I omit the expletive—who starves, so long as they swim in plenty, ease, and luxury. Have we returned to the days of "Uncle Tom's Cabin?" Yes! we have! The city foremen are told to hustle, swear at, bully and nigger drive their white men labourers.

The President and Secretary of the Labourers' Union should be pick and shovel men, but they are not. The President and Secretary of this "Grand Organization" are instead in "touch" with the city hall officials. A man at the last meeting but one stood up and said so, and he was backed by his fellow workmen, and the President put up such a poor defence that the veriest novice could

see it was from the "tree of graft." I am a union man. Let the new mayor and council be chosen by the working men of this city, not for their handsome looks, and plausible manners, but for their common sense and non-slavery and non-graft methods. It is up to the working men to vote right at the election and not to place any more "petticoats" in office, but a good, sound, hearty, manly body of men, so that this city shall no longer be the "laughing stock of Europe," as the British newspapers now call it. thanks to my bringing it to their notice, as an independent, common-sense journalist. Look at our city main thoroughfares—all mud and mire—a disgrace to any tin-pot town in Europe, let alone a grand Capital City like this one claims to be.

Put city workmen to work, and don't place the nigger slave driver over them. A fair day's work for a fair day's wage is the union motto in letters, but not in deeds.

"A WORKMAN."

ROAD REPAIRS

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 13, 1911.

To the Editor of The Week.

Sir,—I read with interest Mr. Craddock's letter in your last issue. I have always wondered why it is that in Victoria nothing is done in the way of putting gravel on the streets to keep them in repair. In other towns I can mention whenever there is a hole in the surface of a street it is repaired with some fine gravel. In Victoria as in other places this would be a saving of money, as it certainly costs more in repairs to different sorts of vehicles travelling over such roads as we have, than the gravel and labour would cost, not to mention also the comfort of being able to travel over a good surface. Victorians should certainly be ashamed of the state the streets are now in, and the comments of visitors here show how much behind the times they think us in this respect.

Yours truly,

N. J. HOPKINS.

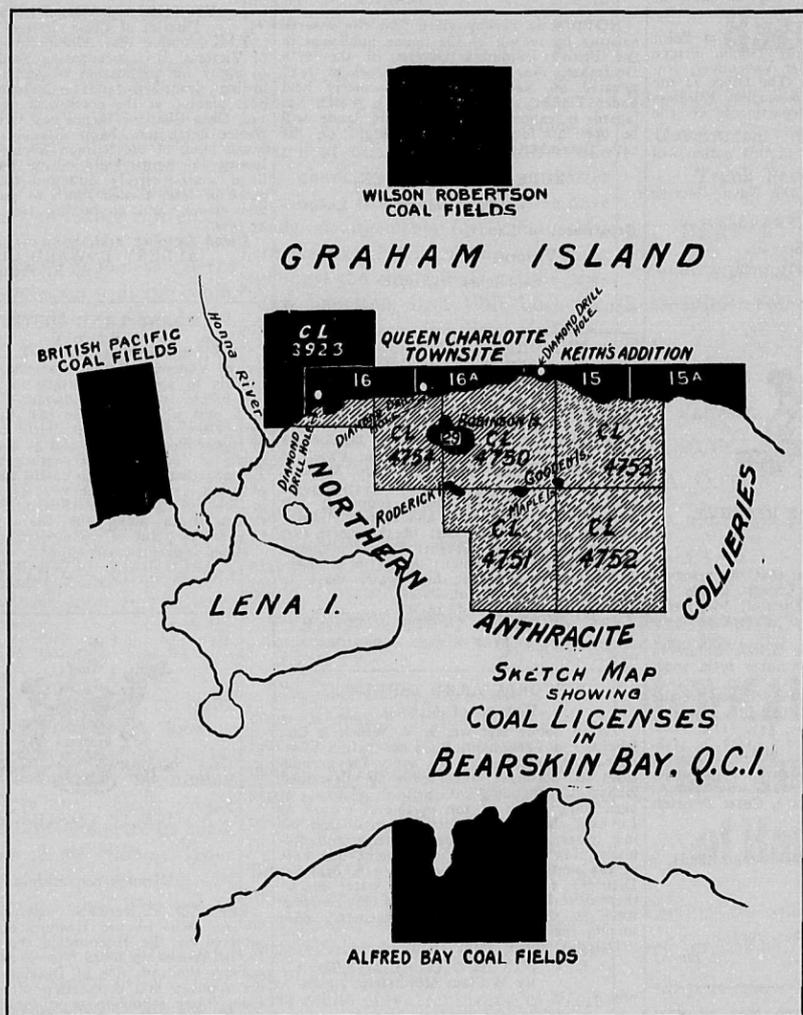
TRUE MODESTY

In Delta, Colorado, the town council is becomingly modest; and we are told that when a tax on dogs was imposed, they made the ordinance read: "Tax on each dog—male, one dollar; vice versa, three dollars."

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D. R. Young has contracted for purchase of two blocks of shares of 100,000 each, and are being sold by A. E. Kealy for purchaser The entire proceeds of which are to be used for development purposes only

Latest Information from Queen Charlotte by wireless is to the effect that the diamond drill is already down over 500 feet and making fifteen feet each day, in coal formation, and is expected to cut through seam of coal at any hour

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This application is made by me subject to (50,000) shares being subscribed for and purchased.

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A. E. KEALY, Office: 506 Pacific Bldg., 744 Hastings St., W., Vancouver
H. J. HEAL, 125 Pemberton Block, Victoria, B. C.

Dominion and Provincial News

Joe Bayley, the Victoria boxer, knocked out Harry Lombard, the Chicago lightweight, on Friday last at Edmonton. Bayley will meet Laurier for the Canadian title.

The 67th birthday of Queen Mother Alexandra on Friday was celebrated throughout the Dominion. At Montreal, a royal salute of 21 guns was fired at Champs de Mars.

Special news has been received from France that a French squadron of warships will visit Canada next spring. The ships will remain eight days in Halifax, five days in Quebec, and eight days in Montreal.

The November customs revenue for November was \$7,332,085, an increase of \$1,307,303 over November of last year. For the first eight months of the current fiscal year, the increase over the same period last year totals \$8,939,900.

Steel head on the Grand Trunk Pacific has now advanced to Mile 12 in British Columbia. On December 15 it will reach Mile 30 in British Columbia, crossing the Fraser River. Track-laying operations will then be discontinued till June next year.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased fifteen acres of land in Transcona, six miles east of Winnipeg, for sorting yards for its cars. This has become imperative owing to the congestion in the local yards, which is daily becoming more pronounced.

Owing to the large number of branch lines which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway have constructed in the West this year, the company had to build many new stations, and up to the present 98 depots have been built, and another 27 are under construction.

Sweeping changes in the government and administration of the city of Winnipeg are forecasted in the Manitoba capital, a canvass of candidates out for public office in the civic election of Dec. 8 having shown a large majority in favour of the adoption of the single tax and the commission plan of city government.

A fortnight ago friends of McGill University set out to increase the endowment by \$1,000,000. When some progress was made and the subject seemed in a fair way to success, an offer of \$100,000 was received with the condition that the amount be raised to \$1,500,000. The larger programme has been carried out, and the McGill income will be permanently increased by some \$75,000.

It was announced on Friday at Edmonton, that the government would proceed with the construction of two railroads from Edmonton to the Mackenzie River, through the Peace River country. One will extend from Athabasca Landing to Peace River Crossing, and the other from Edmonton to Fort McMurray. Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. will be the builders and operators.

The Sentinel, the organ of the Orange Society, declares that the time is ripe for a national naval policy. That journal advocates the presentation to Britain of super-dreadnoughts built of Canadian material by Canadian workmen, the placing of an export duty on raw material and nickel matter, the re-establishment of the British North Atlantic squadron with headquarters at Halifax, and a request for a voice in Imperial Councils.

Now that he is relieved from the leadership of the Union party, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour contemplates an extended visit to Canada in search of health. At the same time he will personally inspect the large property holdings which he has acquired in the Dominion. After disposing of

his Scottish estates, Mr. Balfour invested most of the proceeds in real estate in Canada. Not long ago some of his property was destroyed by fire in Winnipeg. Mr. Balfour, who is a bachelor, is said to have an annual income of a quarter of a million dollars.

John Demetrok, a Finlander, was murdered in Vancouver last Friday. A companion is being held by the police.

Jack Gillis, the Vancouver police athlete, and all round champion of Canada, is in such poor health that he has been forced to leave his home town, and will spend the winter at the Tranquille Sanatorium.

The old Cariboo mine situated at Camp McKinney, which was at one time the biggest gold-producer in British Columbia, will shortly resume operations, it is reported. The mine has been closed down for the past five years.

It is probable that the Olympic games of 1916, four years after the Stockholm Olympiad, will be held in Vancouver in the proposed stadium at Coal Harbour. The Swedish stadium will be similar in many respects to the proposed Vancouver structure.

For the first time in some years the mayor and aldermen of Grand Forks will draw a salary this year. At a meeting of the Council by-laws were introduced and put through their initial stages and if these go through the final stages at the next meeting as easily as they did at the last the city council will have to disburse several hundred dollars to the members of the Council.

The track-laying gang of Guthrie & Co. has arrived at Coalmont, B. C. The arrival of the rails at Coalmont marks another step in the progress of the V. V. & E. toward Vancouver. There is every reason to believe now that this line will be pushed on to completion in the shortest possible period, and when finished will bring Coalmont to within 152 miles of the Coast metropolis, a matter of a few hours' ride.

A representative convention at Nelson of Kootenay mining men has adopted a resolution asking the federal government to appoint a commission to investigate the problem of the silver-lead-zinc industry and to inquire into Canadian mining matters generally.

More of the export lumber trade has been captured by Victoria mills from United States Pacific Coast plants. With one order for 2,000,000 feet of British Columbia lumber for Australia about to be filled, the Puget Sound Lumber company has just booked another and similar order from the Antipodes, this second order being placed in Victoria because the United States mills could not deliver the size of lumber required.

The Dominion Government has purchased the Indian reserve of Fort George for \$125,000. One-fifth of the purchase price has been paid down to Chief Joe Quawand and his 200 Indians.

Vancouver's police commissioners are considering plans for a three-story headquarters building for the force, the cost of which is estimated at \$150,000.

That the grading of the Cowichan Lake branch of the E. & N. railway is well under way along the entire route of eighteen miles and will be finished for the laying of the rails within the next three months, was the statement recently of Mr. J. W. Moore, of Moore & Pethick, the contractors. The proposed line will tap some of the most important timber limits on Vancouver Island.

A REASONABLE QUESTION

The late Sylvanus Miller, civil engineer, who was engaged in a railroad enterprise in Central America, was seeking local support for a road and attempted to give the matter point. He asked a native: "How long does it take you to carry your goods to market by mule-back?" "Three days," was the reply. "There's the point," said Miller. "With our road in operation you could take your goods to market and be back home in one day." "Very good, senor," answered the native. "But what would we do with the other two days?"



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVAL SERVICE

Radiotelegraph Service

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Tender for Dwelling-house," and accompanied by a certified cheque for 10 p. c. of the amount of the tender will be received up to noon on December 31st, 1911, for the erection of dwelling houses at the Government Wireless Stations at Prince Rupert, Cape Lazo and Point Grey.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the following places:—

The Government Wireless Stations at Point Grey, Cape Lazo and Uigby Island, Prince Rupert. The Post Offices at Vancouver, Nanaimo, and Prince Rupert. The Office of the District Superintendent, Government Wireless Service, Victoria, and Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa.

Unauthorized publication of this notice will not receive payment.

Deputy Minister of the Naval Service

G. J. DESBARATS,

Department of the Naval Service,
Ottawa, November 29th, 1911.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserves established over vacant Crown Lands in Ranges 4 and 5, Coast District, by notice bearing dates respectively of December 17th, 1908, May 5th, 1910, and May 25th, 1910, which were published in the British Columbia Gazette in the issues of December 17th, 1908, May 12th, 1910, and May 26th, 1910, are cancelled in so far as the same relates to the lands surveyed as Lots 387, 388, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, and 1122, all in Range 4, Coast District; and Lots 4028, 4029, 4030, 4031, 3022A, 3030, 3031A, 3043, 3044, 3594A, 4933, and 4934, all in Range 5, Coast District.

R. A. RENWICK,

Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.

11th October, 1911.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum under the following described submarine areas adjacent to the South-west Coast of Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia:—Commencing at a post placed about the south-west corner of the north-west quarters of Section 5, Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 50 chains north, more or less to the sea beach at high water mark; thence following the sea beach at high water mark in a westerly direction to the point of commencement.

Dated September 18th, 1911.
Locator, W. FLINDELL,
Agent, G. F. Payne.

nov. 25
dec. 23

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast

TAKE notice that I, Rebekah Crane, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation House Wife, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains west of the north-west corner of the north-west quarter of Section 22, Township 8, Range III, Bella Coala Valley, and containing sixty acres, more or less.

Dated September 20, 1911.
MRS. REBEKAH CRANE.

nov. 4
dec. 30

RENFREW LAND DISTRICT

District of Jordan River

TAKE notice that I, Netta B. Moore, of Victoria, occupation Married Woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted sixty chains distant in a westerly direction from the north-east corner of Lot 3, Renfrew District, being Netta B. Moore, S. E. Corner; thence north 40 chains; thence west 34 chains; thence south 18.6 chains; thence east 10 chains; thence south 21.4 chains; thence east 24 chains to place of commencement, and containing one hundred and fourteen and six-tenths acres, more or less.

Dated November 28th, 1911.
NETTA B. MOORE,
By William W. Steinmetz, Agent.

dec. 3
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"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the matter of an application for a fresh Certificate of Title to Lots 1769 and 1799 and parts of Lots 1768 and 1800, Victoria City, British Columbia.

NOTICE is hereby given of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of the Certificate of Title issued to William Brooke Naylor on the 17th of July, 1890 and numbered 10180A which has been destroyed.

Dated at Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 1st day of December, A.D. 1911.
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

dec. 9
jan. 6



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing over Crown lands on the Morrice River, Range 5, Coast District, notice of which bearing date of May 5th, 1910, was published in the British Columbia Gazette of May 5th, 1910, is cancelled in so far as it relates to the lands surveyed as Lots 3881, 3882, 3883, 3884, 3885, 3886, 3887, 3888, 3889, 3890, 3891, 3892, 3893, 3894, 3895, 3896, 3897, 3898, 3899, 3900, 3901, 3902, 3903, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, and 3910.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,

Deputy Minister of Lands.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.,

September 12, 1911.

sept. 16
dec. 16



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing by reason of the notice published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 27th December, 1907, covering a parcel of land situated on Redonda Island, formerly held under Timber License No. 44043, which has lapsed, is cancelled, and the said lands will be open to location after midnight on the 14th December, 1911.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,

Deputy Minister of Lands.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.,

September 12, 1911.

sept. 16
dec. 16

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Malahat

TAKE NOTICE that I, Frederick Adolphus Futcher, of Victoria, B.C., occupation Merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the north bank of Arbutus Creek at its mouth, Saanich Arm, on Lot 120, Malahat District; thence east ten chains; thence north to low water mark; thence following low water mark in a westerly and northerly direction to a point due east of the north-east corner of Lot 120, Malahat District; thence west to high water mark; thence in a southerly direction following high water mark to point of commencement.

Dated November 2nd, 1911.
FREDERICK ADOLPHUS FUTCHER,
Per William Meyerstein, Agent.

nov. 11
jan. 6

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Malahat

TAKE notice that we, R. V. Winch & Co., Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Commission Agents, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at high water mark at the north-east corner of Lot 95, Malahat District; thence east to low water mark; thence southerly and following low water mark to a point due east of the south-east corner of Lot 118, Malahat District; thence west to high water mark; thence northerly and following high water mark to the point of commencement, containing ten acres more or less.

Dated October 26th, 1911.
R. V. WINCH & CO., LIMITED,
By William Meyerstein, Agent.

nov. 4
dec. 30



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve established by notice bearing date June 30th, 1908, and published in the British Columbia Gazette on July 2nd, 1908, over certain lands in the Districts of Cariboo and Lillooet in the vicinity of the 52nd parallel of North latitude, is cancelled in so far as the same relates to the lands surveyed as Sections 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Township 46, Lillooet District; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Township 52, Lillooet District; Sections 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 26, 35, and 36, Township 54, Lillooet District; Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, Township 84, Lillooet District; Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Township 86, Lillooet District; Sections 34, 35 and 36, Township 88, Lillooet District; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 16, Township 47, Cariboo District; Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22, Township 49, Cariboo District; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Township 51, Cariboo District, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Township 53, Cariboo District.

R. A. RENWICK,

Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,

11th October, 1911.

oct. 14
jan. 13

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range 3

TAKE notice that Vincent Clayton, of Bella Coala, occupation Storekeeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 10 chains west of the north-west corner of Lot 126, Bella Coala; thence north 10 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north to chains more or less to south boundary of Lot 3; thence east 50 chains more or less to south-east corner of Lot 3; thence north to chains more or less to the south-west corner of Lot 2; thence east 30 chains more or less along south boundary of Lot 2 to point of commencement.

Dated September 26th, 1911.
VINCENT CLAYTON.

oct. 14
dec. 9



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing over Lots 31, 32 and 33, North Division of Salt Spring Island, by reason of the notice published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 27th December, 1907, such land having been held under Timber Licence No. 14891, which has expired, is cancelled and the said land will be open to location by pre-emption only after midnight on Thursday, December 7th, 1911.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,

Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,

September 2nd, 1911.

sept. 9
dec. 9

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Sooke

TAKE notice that Thomas J. Cartwright, of East Sooke, occupation Surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 110, bounded as follows:—Commencing at this post; thence south twenty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence north twenty chains; thence east eighty chains.

Dated October 30th, 1911.
THOMAS J. CARTWRIGHT.

nov. 4
dec. 30

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast, Range III

TAKE notice that Albert Edward Christie of Victoria, B.C., occupation Banker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 140, Dean Channel, thence east twenty chains; thence north 10 chains more or less to the south bank of the Salmon River; thence following the south bank of the Salmon River in a south-westerly direction twenty chains more or less, thence south to point of commencement, and containing ten acres more or less.

Dated October 21st, 1911.
ALBERT EDWARD CHRISTIE,
A. K. Stuart, Agent.

nov. 25
jan. 20

COAST LAND DISTRICT

Range I

TAKE notice that Archibald Dunbar Taylor, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Barrister, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Cardero Channel and about thirty chains north of Henry Point; thence east 45 chains; thence north 30 chains to the south-west corner of Lot 91; thence north 40 chains along the line of Limit 91 and thence west 45 chains more or less to the shore of Cardero Channel; thence south along the shore of Cardero Channel to point of commencement.

Dated November 7th, 1911.
ARCHIBALD DUNBAR TAYLOR,
Geo. Y. Hibberd, Agent.

dec. 2
jan. 27



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Headquarters School.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for School-house Headquarters," will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon of Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1911, for the erection and completion of a large one-room frame school-house at Headquarters in the Comox Electoral District, B.C.

Plans, specifications, contract, and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 22nd day of November, 1911, at the offices of A. M. Hilton, Esq., Secretary of the School Board, Headquarters, via Comox, B.C.; the Government Agent, Cumberland, B.C.; and the Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the sum of \$250, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The 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 envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. E. GRIFFITH,

Public Works Engineer.

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., November 20th, 1911.

nov. 25
dec. 9

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum under the following described submarine areas adjacent to the south-west Coast of Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia:—Commencing at a post placed at the south-east corner of Section No. 4 on Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia; thence 60 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north, to the sea beach at high water mark; thence following the sea beach at high water mark in a westerly direction to the point of commencement.

Dated September 18th, 1911.
Locator, T. D. ROBERTS,
Agent, G. F. Payne.

nov. 25
dec. 23

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum under the following described submarine areas adjacent to the south-west Coast of Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia:—Commencing at a post placed at the south-west corner of Section No. 2, Saturna Island, Cowichan District, British Columbia; thence 62 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north, to the sea beach at high water mark; thence following the sea beach at high water mark in a westerly direction to the point of commencement.

Dated September 18th, 1911.
Locator, E. R. CARTWRIGHT,
Agent, G. F. Payne.

nov. 25
dec. 23

Keys to Happiness

(Continued from Page 4)

up, because he unconsciously wishes to replace the fear thoughts in his mind by the courage thoughts which the tune suggests. If we are depressed, we have only to substitute bright thoughts to drive away depression. If we are worried, the hope thoughts, firmly held in the mind will give us new courage.

The very act of throwing our minds into a condition of brightness will enliven our mental outlook. When you are feeling unaccountably sad, or miserable, smile and laugh, and you will find that happy thoughts will easily flow into your mind. If you feel dull, sing a jolly song. The mere act will make you feel jolly, and will help you to replace the dullness with a feeling of cheerfulness. We are just what we want to be. If I frown, I am helping the dull thoughts, the miserable thoughts, to come into my mind. It is a direct invitation to invade my mental house. When I smile, I hang out a sign "House full of bright, clean thoughts, no room for dullness and despair."

We must not forget that our surroundings react upon our minds. It is easy to be happy in the sunshine and in the midst of beautiful scenery, it is helpful to harmonious, serene thinking, to be surrounded with good company and bright and beautiful things. A bed-room should have quiet wall-paper to induce restfulness. A sitting-room should be bright and cheerful to promote happiness. A red wall-paper is good for a dining-room, because it is bright and stimulating, and green is a restful colour, suitable for a work-room.

How to be Happy

You can store up mental sunshine many ways. Remember, all the pleasant books you read, the amusing things you hear, the interesting sights you see, the beautiful places you have visited, and the happy hours you have spent. Forget all your troubles and disappointments as soon as you have earned their uses to you, so that the experience they give you can be utilized when you need it. Get the habit of cheerfulness, not only by being consistently cheerful and looking cheerful whenever you may be inclined to feel, but also by mixing with cheerful people. Most people respond to each other's state of mind. If you refuse to be gloomy, your companions will become cheerful and you will all forget what it is not to be happy.

You can never get away from the fact that life was meant to be bright. The day is bright, even if the sun is not shining. The night is brightened by the moonlight. In our darkest hours there is always the brightness of hope, and in our moments of despair faith shows us the splendour of eternal compensation for all suffering in this state of bliss that is eternal day. "Look at the bright side," says the proverb. Habits, we know, grow on us whether they be good or bad. We absolutely refuse to allow dark thoughts to enter your mind. They cannot come if you will not admit them, and you have only to fill your mind with beautiful thoughts to keep them out.

Life's Greatest Medicine

Sunshine is the great medicine. The sun is the power that gives warmth to the earth and brings forth the flower. Mental sunshine will drive away sickness and will keep you away. It reacts on the whole body. Physicians know that the greatest power is the power of the mind. Dark thoughts depress the vitality, hope thoughts raise the tone of the entire system and help the body to resist the onslaught of disease. The mind reacts on the mind in its own way, and for this reason personal cleanliness and neatness are physical steps to mental well-being. One often hears the saying that a cold bath in the morning has a good moral effect. It is stimulating to the system, and thus it exhilarates the mind. The prime force of our being, however, rests in our minds. We are the governors of our minds. Nothing is there but we put it there. It is ours to train and to control. Make your mind a bright and joyous place, and you will be vigorous and healthy.

Control your passions and your appetites, and relentlessly crush all those desires which impair your mental strength. If we are gloomy or pessimistic it is our own fault, and we deserve no sympathy. The world is full of brightness and light. It is there for us to see, and to take for our own use when the dark days come. The mental sunshine of undaunted optimism is one of life's best gifts, and it is our duty to cultivate the habit of seeing and using it, remembering that

"He that has light, within his own clear breast
May sit 't' th' centre, and enjoy bright day:
But he that hides a dark soul and foul thoughts
Benighted walks under the mid-day sun:
Himself is his own dungeon."

THE LAST CALL OF THE MOOSE

The Victoria Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, No. 738, initiated another large class Wednesday evening, December 13th, adding 75 new Moose to the old herd, which makes a total of 950 members. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th, when the Lodge will close their Charter in Victoria. Mr. H. L. Replogle, the Organizer for the Northwest, who is on his way to Vancouver, B.C., to organize the Moose Lodge there will stop over to attend the meeting Monday evening in Victoria. There will be a big bunch initiated at this meeting as this is the last chance to get in as a charter member. The Social Committee have made arrangements for a first class entertainment for the evening, amongst the entertainers will be Miss May Thurston, Bro. Will Lochrane, Bro. Dan Black and Bro. Hallewell.

The New English Cardinal

The Archbishop of Westminster, Dr. Bourne, was lately notified that his name was on the list of seventeen to be created a cardinal at the last consistory at Rome on November 27. Dr. Bourne, who was summoned to attend, left London for Rome on or about November 20. On Sunday he received many visitors and congratulatory telegrams on his approaching elevation.

The Archbishop, who is now to become a prince of his Church, is a Londoner, born at Clapham, and is in his fifty-first year. His father, also an Englishman, was a convert to the Roman Catholic faith, and was in the Civil Service. When Dr. Bourne was made one of the bishops in 1896 he was youngest of that body in England, and when translated to Westminster he was still the youngest of all the prelates.

He is the only Archbishop of Westminster who has ever been invited by the King to Buckingham Palace; he received from King Edward an invitation to dinner.

Dr. Bourne will be the fifth cardinal in England since the Reformation, the others having been Wiseman, Newman, Manning, and Vaughan.

Ireland has only one cardinal, Dr. Logue, since the death of Archbishop Croke.

The Archbishop of Westminster has further received communication of the Apostolic Letters whereby new ecclesiastical provinces are created at Birmingham and Liverpool, and the present Bishops of Birmingham and Liverpool are raised to the Archiepiscopal dignity.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act granting to The Victoria Harbour Railway Company an extension of time within which to commence and continuously and effectually proceed with the construction of its railway, and also an extension of time within which to spend fifteen per cent. of its authorized capital upon the construction of its railway.
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Society

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Cole from Brooklyn, N.Y., are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. J. B. Radcliffe from Merritt, Nicola Valley, was a guest at the Empress Hotel during the week.

Mrs. J. R. Stewart and family have returned from a two months' visit to the Interior, where they visited Edmonton, Prince Albert and Winnipeg.

The marriage of Miss Barbara Mainguy, daughter of Mrs. Mainguy, Chemainus, and Mr. Barber-Starkey, was celebrated recently at Chemainus, a number of friends being present at the ceremony.

Mrs. Daryl H. Kent of Vancouver received on Friday last for the first time since her marriage, at her apartments at 560 Granville Street, a large number of people attending. She received in a becoming old rose gown, trimmed with silk fringe and embroidery. She was assisted in receiving by her aunt, Mrs. Angus, who wore a handsome green silk crepe gown. The drawing-room was prettily arranged with pink carnations and other flowers while the dining-room was tastefully adorned with yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs. T. H. Tracy and Mrs. J. J. Southcott presided over the tea table assisted by the Misses M. Ward, Florence Farish and Muriel Angus.

The marriage was solemnized on Saturday, December 2nd, in Christ Church Cathedral of Mr. Frederic Robinson, son of the late Mr. Charles Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, of South-end-on-Sea, England, and Miss Louise Dain Bell, second daughter of Dr. Alexander Bell, of Lakefield, Ont. The bride, who was given away by

her brother-in-law, Mr. B. G. Gale, wore a charming gown of white crepe de chene with pearl trimmings, and the orthodox veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bridal bouquet of white roses. The Misses McFawn and Blomfield acted as bridesmaids. Miss McFawn was daintily gowned in white crepe de chene with a white lace hat trimmed with pink roses, while Miss Blomfield wore pink satin with white lace hat trimmed with pink roses. They carried bouquets of pink carnations. Mr. Gerald Grove acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. K. C. Anderson, 611 Superior Street. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson afterwards left for Vancouver, the bride travelling in a smart navy blue coat and skirt with a black beaver hat trimmed with red berries.

Among the guests at a luncheon party given last week in honour of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, by Mrs. Henry Croft, were: Mrs. T. W. Paterson, Mrs. Richard McBride, Mrs. (Chief Justice) Hunter, Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. A. P. Luxton, Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, Mrs. C. H. Lugin, Mrs. W. L. Clay, Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Doull, Mrs. Michener, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. D. M. Eberts, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. M. J. King, Mrs. R. Beaven, Mrs. H. Harrington, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. E. C. Hannington, Mrs. W. C. Scott, Mrs. E. Dewdney, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. R. F. Green, Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, Mrs. C. Cookson, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. Clive Justice, Mrs. J. S. H. Matson, Miss Crease, Miss A. Mackay, Miss Parbury and

Miss Mara. The table decorations were very beautiful, dainty pots of pink roses being arranged in baskets with soft grey foliage.

Mrs. Creed and Mrs. Tuckey were hostesses recently of a smart "at home," given in honour of the post nuptial reception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed. The following is a list of the guests present: Major and Mrs. and Miss Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Abraham Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Winterburn, Mrs. Kennedy and the Misses Kennedy, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Hall, Miss Gatonby, Miss Nash, Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wheatley, Miss Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. Bromley-Jubb, and Miss Bromley-Jubb, Mrs. Marchant, Mrs. Norton, Miss Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Rev. J. Sweet, Miss Sweet, Mr. Alfred Harding, Mrs. Hamlet, Mrs. O'Meara, Miss Bruce, Mrs. Elliot and Miss Elliot, Miss Scott, the Misses Sharp, Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Brodwick, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Walburn, Mr. Willis, Mrs. Stewart Williams, Mrs. Kitto, Miss M. Kitto and others. The bride wore her wedding gown of cream cloth, trimmed with crystal embroidery and real lace. The drawing-room was decorated with masses of pink carnations and ferns, while the dining-room was tastefully adorned with yellow chrysanthemums and artificial lights.

Mrs. James Raymur was hostess on Wednesday, December 6th, of a most enjoyable bridge and tea party. The artistic drawing-room was tastefully adorned with chrysanthemums and greenery. Among the guests were:

Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Cecil Roberts, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Jack Rithet, Mrs. Duncan Ross, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Charles Todd, Mrs. William Todd, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Bechtel, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Love, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Heyland, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. King, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. A. Martin, Mrs. Piggot, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McB. Smith, Mrs. Burdick, Miss Blackwood, Miss Pooley, Miss Smith, Miss Heyland, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. Finlayson, Mrs. R. W. Gibson, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Alistair Robertson, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Galuher, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Michener, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Campbell McCallum, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Roy Troup, Miss Troup, Mrs. Wilson and others.

The Private Saturday Evening Dancing Class entertained their friends at a most enjoyable fancy dress ball on Monday evening last in the A. O. U. W. Hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with pink bunting and ivy. Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the music which was frequently encored. The supper room was gayly adorned with flags, the electric lights being covered with red tissue paper shades. The supper table was daintily draped with scarlet tissue paper on which silver tinsel vases of red carnations and asparagus fern and ivy were arranged. Among the most noticeable costumes were: Miss Bass as a gipsy girl, Miss Mary Boggs as America in stars and stripes, Miss Mason as Carmen, Miss Tommy Scott in green with wreaths (Ireland), Miss Hamilton as Queen of Hearts, Mr. Sholto Gillespie as a trapper, Mr. Huntington as Indian Trooper, Mr. Eric McCallum, Japanese; Master A. McCallum, Egyptian Army; Mr. Robert Fort, Cadet Corps; Master Wilkinson, Court Costume; Mr. Talbot, Torreador; Miss Slater, Spanish dancer; Master H. Holmes, Chinaman; Miss Gillespie, Turkish lady; Miss Dumbleton, The Colonist; Miss Burrell, White Swan Soap; Miss Denise Harris, Roses; Miss B. Monteith, Chinese lady; Mr. R. Matthews, Dutch costume; Miss Carey, Japanese; Miss Newcombe, French maid; Miss Page, Milk maid; Master Carey, Cowboy;

Miss Duncalf, Night; Miss Peggy McBride, Japanese girl; Miss M. Neilson, Quaker; Miss Peters, Dutch girl; Miss Wadmore, Poudre; Miss Fort, Twilight; Mr. Deispecker, Sailor; Miss Grace Simpson, Rose Girl; Master S. Simpson, Cadet Corps; Master McDonald, Clown; Master Geiger, Clown; Miss Dumbleton, Turkish dress; Mrs. Stuart Robertson; Miss Eva Ross, Red Cross Nurse; Miss Munn, Pierette; Mr. Charlesworth, Chinaman; Miss Peterson and Mr. Retherich, Lady and Gentleman of the 17th Century; Mr. Nicholson, French Cook; Miss Reid, Grecian dress; Master Noel Peters, Chinese costume, and many others too numerous to mention. Among others present were: Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Bouker, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Wm. Monteith, Miss Monteith, Mrs. F. Peters, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Miss Pooley, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Beaumont Boggs, Mrs. Lauder, Miss Lauder, Mrs. Verrinder, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes, Mrs. Richard Elliot, Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Platt, Miss Combe, Miss Troup, Miss Rome, Miss Barnard, Miss Verrinder, Miss McBride, Miss O'Brian, Miss M. Robertson, Miss Ethel Rhodes, Miss E. Monteith, Miss Tolmie, Miss Isabel Elliot, Miss Platt, Miss Betterson, Miss Macdonald, the Misses Mess, Miss Simonds, Miss Durand, Miss Bagshawe, Miss Floyd (Japanese Girl), Miss McKinley, the Misses McEachern, the Misses Robinson, Miss Adams, Miss Innes, Miss Mesher, and the Messrs. Picken, Copas, Victor Lawson, Evan Spencer, Cyril Spencer, D. McCallum, E. McCallum, A. McCallum, Oumet, the Messrs. Forrest, Hamilton, W. B. Monteith, Jack Cambie, Hugh Peters Simonds, Hawthornthwaite, Hannington, Tom Brown, C. Brown, Wm. Barton, Walter Barton, Bromley Keggell, Scott, Rowcroft, Williams Lowenberg, Smith, Morrell, Virtue J. Mason, Holt, Fitzgerald, Morton Wilkenson, Diespecker, Woods, Darcy Martin, Thomas, Herbert Boggs, Thomas Norris, Ross, Baxter, Wheatley, Milligan and others.

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KOH-I-NOOR

At the great Durbar at Delhi Queen Mary appeared in the same robes and crown that she wore at the Coronation, but to the gems in the crown has been added the famous Koh-i-Noor, out of compliment to the Indian Empire.

In India the superstition obtains that if the diamond is worn by a man dire disaster will befall him, while if the wearer be a woman, fortune will shine upon her for the rest of her days. So strong is the belief in this legend that when it was announced that the late King Edward intended to have the gem set in his crown many leading Indians petitioned His Majesty to give up the idea. The result was that the Koh-i-Noor, instead of appearing in the King's crown, was mounted in Queen Alexandra's diadem. It has now been transferred to the crown of Queen Mary, and before the close of the year this historic gem will be seen once more in the land from whence it came. And how did it come? This is the story:

In the palace of the Maharajah Duleep Sing at Lahore, on the afternoon of October 12th, 1848, was held a historical and impressive meeting of native princes and British officials. The Maharajah's domain had been conquered by the British, and the purpose of the meeting was the formal surrender of the native king.

The ceremony was business-like in the extreme. One of Queen Victoria's officers, Dr. Logan, stood before the throne where sat the Maharajah, surrounded by men of high degree. That Maharajah was eight years old. In three languages—English first, then Hindustani, then Persian—Dr. Logan read the Queen's proclamation. After naming the conditions of surrender, the document stipulated that the boy king was to become a British subject, and that

he was to accept a pension of twenty-five thousand pounds a year, and that the historical diamond, the Koh-i-Noor, was to be given to the British Crown.

The boy king signed the document, not quite understanding what all the fuss was about. Then a dignified Brahmin stepped forward, unknotted a silken ribbon which was wound about the young king's wrist, took therefrom a brilliant about the size of a bantam's egg and of unsurpassable beauty, and handed it to Dr. Logan. It was the diamond of a "thousand tragedies"—the Koh-i-Noor. The meeting was at an end.

The "Mountain of Light" or Koh-i-Noor, the largest diamond in the world after the Culliman stone, has now been in the possession of the British Crown for more than half a century. For three hundred and fifty years previous to its acquisition by Queen Victoria it is supposed to have been handed down from one to another in turn by some twenty different princes of India.

Omitting all tradition, the authenticated melodramatic incidents surrounding this enormously valuable stone begins with its transfer to the British conquerors by the child King of Lahore, as already described. In 1850 Dr. Logan took the diamond to London, and turned it over to Sir John Lawrence, a member of the Board of Administration for Lahore and the Punjab. Sir John, a very busy man, put the gem in a pocket of his waistcoat. On his return home that night he changed his day-clothes for his more gorgeous court attire, and proceeded to Buckingham Palace, whither he had been summoned by the Queen. No sooner was he presented to Queen Victoria than Her Majesty asked to see the extraordinary diamond that had that day arrived from India.

Imagine Sir John's consternation! He had left the most valuable gem in Europe at home in the pocket of a

garment that he had carelessly thrown aside! He excused himself, and left the palace, to return later with the Koh-i-Noor, which our Queen now gazed upon for the first time. She at once ordered the stone to be re-cut. Costar, of Amsterdam, the most expert diamond-cutter of his day, was installed in Windsor Castle and put to work under watchful eyes. With great ceremony the Prince Consort set in motion the wheel used in the cutting process. At the end of thirty-five days the Koh-i-Noor, now reduced to one hundred and eighty-six carats, and set in a brooch, was worn by Queen Victoria at a court ball.

Meantime, the young Indian prince, Duleep Singh, had been brought to England, and was being educated at Eton as a ward of the Crown. On his twenty-first birthday, during an audience with the Queen, he craved permission of Her Majesty to look upon the diamond that had come to him from his ancestors. The "Mountain of Night" was produced, and, after fondling it awhile, the Prince said:

"Your Majesty, I was but a lad when I signed away this stone as bidden. Now that I am a man, I should like to place the diamond of my ancestors in my Sovereign's hand of my own free will." And he handed the Queen the Koh-i-Noor with a gesture that was afterwards described as "half angry."

From that day the prince became discontented. He brooded over the fancied wrongs of his people, and in time even broke into open rebellion against all things British. Then he left the country. Thereupon his pension was stopped, and he was reduced to living upon the proceeds of his jewels. In 1889 he returned to England, and wrote a most discourteous letter to the Queen imperatively demanding the return of the "stolen" Koh-i-Noor. No answer was vouchsafed, but the prince received a quiet

intimation verbally that it would be an excellent thing for his welfare if he would "keep the peace."

Meantime Duleep had been allowed to marry an Indian princess, and by her he had several children. Their eldest son in time evinced a desire to marry into the British nobility, declaring that he loved the beautiful Lady Anne Coventry. To this proposed marriage Duleep objected, saying: "Thou, my son, shalt never marry an English lady until the British Crown surrenders either to thee or to me the Koh-i-Noor of our ancestors."

At this juncture the Prince of Wales (the late King Edward) took a hand in the game, artfully and with much kindness inducing the father to put aside his objections. At last Prince Duleep Singh actually gave his consent. Before the marriage, however, Duleep, raving deliriously about "robbers" who "snatched" the Koh-i-Noor from a "child's hand," fell into the sleep from which there is no waking.

Then came the last act, to date, in the "thousand tragedies" of the "Mountain of Light." At noon, on the fourth of January, 1898, the son of the Maharajah Duleep Singh, known as Prince Victor Albert Duleep Singh was married to Lady Anne Coventry, youngest daughter of the ninth Earl of Coventry, this being the first case on record of the union of a British noblewoman with a Hindoo of rank. Immediately after the wedding, upon meeting Queen Victoria, the young prince said: "Your Majesty, might it be permitted to me to look just once upon the wondrous diamond my father gave you?"

Immediately there was a painful and anxious stir among Her Majesty's officers, by whom the young prince was taken in hand, when his thoughts were diverted from the troublous gem of his ancestors; for the Queen herself had once said:

"After our experience with the Maharajah Duleep Singh, it would be unkind in future to allow any prince of India to gaze upon the fateful Koh-i-Noor." She kept her word, for she recollected the old saying, "Who holds the Koh-i-Noor holds India."

A DUAL PERSONALITY

As a summer recreation the actress decided to start a poultry farm, which she did with a barnyard hen and thirteen eggs from the village store.

Not having even the most elementary knowledge of poultry, she enquired of a neighbour how long eggs generally took to hatch. She received the reply:

"Three weeks for chickens and four for ducks."

The neighbour met her some time afterwards, and on being asked how the poultry farming was going on, she replied, with a lowering countenance:

"Oh, I've finished with it. At the end of three weeks there were no chickens, so I took the hen off, as I didn't want ducks."

A PRETTY WIT

President Hadley recalls that the day when he succeeded the learned and witty Timothy Dwight as president of Yale University the exercises attendant upon the transfer of authority were marred by a heavy fall of rain.

"It came down suddenly," said Dr. Hadley, "just as a column of people which President Dwight and I headed were crossing the campus. Someone handed us an umbrella which I was about to open when my companion took it from me."

"Let me carry it, Professor," he whispered. "Your reign will begin tomorrow."

THE DAY WAS FIXED

A lady in a Southern town was approached by her coloured maid.

"Well, Jenny?" she asked, seeing that something was in the air.

"Please, Mis' Mary, might I have the afternoon off three weeks from Wednesday?" Then, noticing an undecided look in her mistress' face, she added hastily—"I want to go to my fiance's fun'ral."

"Goodness me," answered the lady—"Your fiance's funeral! Why, you don't know that he's even going to die, let alone the date of his funeral. That is something we can't any of us be sure about—when we are going to die."

"Yes'm," said the girl doubtfully. Then, with a triumphant note in her voice—"I'm sure about him, Mis', 'cos he's going to be hung!"

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