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Some years ago, longer than The Week can remember, but at any rate five or six, a concession was granted by the Provincial Government for the establishment of a pulp industry on Vancouver Island. The details of the concession need not be recited here as they are tolerably familiar to every person over the age of 18, in and around the City of Victoria. It is sufficient to say that the concession conferred enormous privileges over a large timber area, which has now been tied up for these years, and withdrawn from public sale. Also that the concession specified that nothing substantial in the shape of milling and manufacturing should be effected within two years. Whatever the intention of the promoters may have been the course which followed was the usual one; indeed it is doubtful whether such concessions are ever regarded seriously by those who obtain them, the main object being to secure something bearing the imprimatur of a Government, which can be profitably peddled. The pulp concession developed into the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company and has been peddled, not only from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but in pretty nearly all the markets of the world. In the anxiety to afford every opportunity to the holders of the concession to "make good," the Government has renewed it from time to time, but as nothing except token-down deals, and discredit to the province has eventuated it was generally understood that no further extension could be granted. Indeed it was not reasonable to look for an extension after the precedents of the past, and especially now that there are numerous buyers in the market who would be glad to purchase the limits of ordinary timber sections. Some of the firms, with whom the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company have negotiated for the sale of the concession looked rather to make a number than a pulp proposition out of it, and had gone the length of ascertaining, or trying to ascertain, to what extent they could be permitted to dispose of the timber as lumber if they incurred the minimum of expenditure in the production of pulp. A week or two ago, however, something startling happened. With the meeting of the local Legislature close at hand it became necessary to do something, so with a great flourish of trumpets the daily press announced, of course on information supplied, that the property had been sold, that capital would at once be forthcoming, that pulp would be manufactured, at an important new industry would be added to those already flourishing in the province, and that in short the provisions of the pulp concession would at last be complied with. This read very well, and no doubt if it could have been substantiated would have been highly gratifying both to the Government and to the public. But there are several notable omissions, especially in the panegyric which the daily papers print on the new venture. There is a notable absence of influential names, there is no definite statement as to the amount of capital which has actually been subscribed, and from information received The Week is disposed to believe that the millions spoken of as available are still safely deposited in the stockings or cash boxes of the inhabitants of Vancouver Island and from whom the promoters hope to extract them by the aid of a number of expert canvassers whom they are seeking to engage for the purpose of selling stock at six per cent. commission. The stock is being peddled in the usual manner of the most insignificant stock proposition, just the same principle as that on which the

book agent transacts his business—so much and so much periodically. The agent is to get his six per cent. commission out of the first ten per cent. deposit secured, and the success of the scheme is guaranteed by the employment of an experienced company promoter "from across the line." To such base uses has the Public Domain been brought by concession-mongers in British Columbia. It will be interesting to learn what the public thinks about it.

Attention is directed to an important letter in the current issue from Mr. Hamilton, of Salt Spring Island, dealing with a subject which was broached in the columns of The Week recently. It is the important subject of fruit growing, and more particularly fruit marketing. Mr. Hamilton has some very definite ideas on the subject, and as he is a successful grower is entitled to attention. His solution of the present difficulty is a practical one and there should be no difficulty in carrying it out. He considers that the Government should institute training schools where special instruction should be given in the different branches of the industry so as to insure a high grade of fruit, in first class condition, properly packed. These are indispensable elements of profitable culture, and Mr. Hamilton makes his point when he shows that B. C. growers only realize about one-third of the price secured by the Hood River growers who have learned these lessons and established a reputation. It may be objected that this is a matter of business which should be attended to by those who derive the profit from the industry. But who does derive the profit? Not merely the grower, or the merchant, but the country at large which would be settled up by an extension of the industry. The great need of British Columbia is population. It is conceded that one of, if not the most, certain method of insuring this is by the development of fruit growing. In the preliminary stages, at any rate, skilled assistance, which is necessary, cannot be obtained because it is not available. Hence the necessity for some scheme, and it can only be a Government scheme, which will provide the class of help required through the medium of special training. The Week heartily endorses the main features of Mr. Hamilton's letter and solicits correspondence from all who are specially interested in the matter.

School Matters.

The Week has received many congratulations on the gratifying result of its criticism of certain defects in the City schools. At the meeting of the Trustees on Wednesday night Superintendent Paul reported, in effect, that the complaints voiced by The Week had been substantiated. This had reference to the custom at one of the schools of giving the children night lessons which had not previously been revised, and in the preparation of which the teacher had rendered no assistance. He condemned this course and stated that he had given instructions for its discontinuance. With reference to the other, and possibly more important, matter of ventilation he reported that Dr. Wasson had investigated and himself complained that some teachers had refused to carry out his instructions to have the windows of the class-rooms open during recess, so that the air might be entirely changed. A teacher who could be guilty of such conduct is not only insubordinate but incompetent, and entirely unfit to be entrusted with the charge of children. After all, health is of more importance

than even education, and should be the first consideration. The Week again respectfully calls the attention of the Superintendent to the fact that his duty demands a severe reprimand for any teacher who refuses to carry out the instructions of the medical officer. The outcome of the whole series of complaints has been to bring home to the minds of the Trustees a fact which has been obvious to others for some time, viz., that Superintendent Paul has been expected to do too much, and the decision on Wednesday night to relieve him of extraneous duties in order that he may attend more closely to the work of superintendence is a wise one, and will be heartily endorsed by the parents.

The Marquis of Bute is a distinguished nobleman who owns many thousands of acres in Scotland and Wales, and is universally regarded as a just and kind landlord. His father stepped down from the high pinnacle upon which Scions of the aristocracy are supposed to stand, and mingled with the common people. He became a man of affairs, thoroughly versed in business and industrial matters. He employed as his confidential adviser one of the shrewdest, most capable, and most enlightened professional men whom Wales has ever produced—Sir William Thomas Lewis, a man of the people, who raised himself by sheer ability and force of character to the highest position. These two men practically made Cardiff, which is today the greatest coal shipping port in the world. The Marquis invested his millions in the development of coal mines, in the building of railways, and above all in the stupendous work of constructing the celebrated Bute docks. He was not a man who was looking for big returns, and a high rate of interest; he was content with the most modest profit. He established record low rates for handling fuel in order to facilitate shipment, and attract business, and his successor continuing on the same lines, turned over these gigantic ventures to the City of Cardiff only a few years ago, without any capital payment, and at a rate of interest which, without reference, The Week believes to be two and one-half per cent. In the prosecution of these great undertakings the Marquis found constant employment for tens of thousands of workmen. He has always paid good wages, for more than twenty-five years there has not been a single strike among his employees, and the greatest labour leader in the Old Country, if not in the world, William Abraham, who has represented Merthyr in the British Parliament for more than thirty years, and is generally known as "Mabon," has repeatedly testified to the fairness of the Bute management. About a fortnight ago a number of the unemployed are reported to have made a raid upon the Marquis' hunting grounds in the neighbourhood of Cardiff, and demanded the right to take possession of them for the purpose of planting and producing food to sustain life. The Week ventures to doubt that the facts have been correctly stated. The Marquis owns land, but certainly no hunting grounds near Cardiff. In the next place it is hardly conceivable that the rioters wished to plant crops in early January, especially while the country was in the grip of a fierce storm. English exchanges are awaited with interest to clear up this point, but assuming that the fact is as stated it is perfectly clear that the

motive could only have been to make a demonstration for the purpose of attracting public attention. The offence is far less serious, because it is not incurable, than that of the Victoria Colonist, which has seen fit to make the incident an occasion for attacking the British Aristocracy for defending the forcible seizure of property, for avowing its sympathy with Socialistic tendencies, and for putting forward a specious argument for class legislation of the most revolutionary character. Mr. Musgrave, one of the most respected of our citizens, wrote a timely and unanswerable letter in reply. The Colonist sidestepped the issue, and published a rhodomontade about the rights of starving women and children, which it is needless to say have nothing to do with the case. The writer whom it is not discourteous to say made no conspicuous success in the law undertakes to correct Blackstone, who has some reputation as an authority, and decries the dictum of that great judge that "the liberties of the people are dependent upon a recognition of the rights of property." It is perhaps too much to hope that the Colonist will have the grace to withdraw from a position which is on every ground unjustifiable. In these latter days it is certainly boxing the compass. It started out with a confession of Conservatism, which passed to Independence and now avows the most rabid and dangerous Socialistic leanings. If the Cardiff Press, or the Western Mail, should see fit to reply to the Colonist editorial, there would be some interesting reading. Meanwhile local readers of the latest vagary of a family journal will associate it chiefly with the fact that 1909 is the year of the Comet.

There is probably no country in the world with so many newspapers in proportion to population as Canada. This is due to the popularity of education, to the prevalence of Scotch hereditary influence, and to the acquired habit of depending almost entirely upon newspapers and magazines for one's literary entertainment. The Week has been deeply interested on more than one occasion at the birth of a journalistic bantling in some little out-of-the-way place where it might be supposed that there were not half a dozen readers. The bantling has grown, as bantlings have a habit of doing, until by the time that the settlement had become a hamlet or the hamlet a town it was a flourishing youngster, heralding the prosperity of its birthplace, and stoutly contesting every inch of ground with would-be competitors. The Week does not know whether the latest addition to the flock cherishes this ambition, but if literary quality and individual enterprise are to be taken as a criterion it assuredly has a future before it. The bantling is entitled "The Gateway International." Gateway is practically a customs station on the Crow's Nest Southern Railway, which runs from Elko to Spokane. It is edited by Miss Joule, formerly of Victoria, and managed by L. McLeod Gould, whose contributions to the pages of The Week will be remembered. The first issue consists of nine typewritten pages and contains a Christmas poem, a Kipling Acrostic, a Christmas story, ruminations, editorial, a social and personal column, and an interesting account of a wedding. Influential dailies have had less auspicious beginnings, and in any event The Week extends its heartiest greetings to the newcomer.

Short Story

THE LITTLE CHAP

By E. NESBIT

(Continued from last week.)

The child instantly and surprisingly scrambled onto the man's knees, folded its hands like the little images of the praying Samuel, and said in a pretty hushed voice and an accent that was not its own:

"Upon the Christmas morn
The King of Heaven was born;
He came on earth to be
A little child like me.

The King of Heaven lay
Upon a bed of hay.
The wise men came to see
A little child like me.

Jesus, give peace and joy
To me, your little boy;
And let me learn to be
A little child like Thee!"

"Thank you, dear," said the man, and added lamely: "Very nice indeed."
"My daddy made it up his own self, purpose for me," said the child, and threw his arms round the man's neck "D'you know my daddy?" it asked. "He's been gone away a long time now."

The man would not look at the little corner of the blotted scroll of life that seemed to uncurl at the words. He would not question, would not speculate. Through and through him, back and forth like water lapping from rock to rock in a narrow channel, ran the warm wave of longing, of desire.

"If he were only mine! If the little chap were my own!"

And the thin arms hung round his neck like a necklace of price.

When the necklace loosened at the touch of sleep the man gathered the child in his arms very closely, and sat quiet, a long time, looking into the fire. And at last he laid the child in his own bed, and went out, to buy things for it.

He bought clothes and toys and pleasant sweet foods, and his fancy busied itself with a life that should be quite different from any that he had known or dreamed of. For hours had gone by now since he had found the child in the cold shadows of the staircase, and the hope he had not dared to look at had grown to a strong certainty that bade him look in its face, unafraid, with glad eyes.

The mother had meant to lose the child. She would not come back. Certainly she would not come back. The child was his own. And what would he not make of his own?

They had closed the gates of the Inn before he went out, and they opened to him as he returned. His arms were full of lumpy parcels, and the stairs seemed longer than usual, but here, at last, was the black door with his name whitely painted on it. He had to set down all the parcels on the stairs while he found his key.

He threw all the parcels on the sofa and turned up a light. The fire had burned clear again. What a pleasant room it was for a child to wake up in! He would set out the food and the toys and the clothes, and then bring the child in and hold it in his arms till it woke to all the little intimate joys and surprises he had prepared for it. Moving very softly so that the wakening should not come too soon he unpacked toys and sweets and warm pretty garments, and laid out everything on table and chairs.

Then he turned up all the electric lights and laid a match-flame to all the candles that never were lighted. The old furniture gave back the light as a mirror gives it. The things he had bought to please the child made spots of crude incongruous color on the background of the dark room, set in the low key of a life from which youth had long gone away.

The room being thus transfigured to the lit shrine of youth and love and the heart of the child, he went to bring back in his arms the child itself.

And the child was not there. His bed lay smooth and neat—on its pillow, neatly folded, the garment that he had seen the child wear as, after the bath, it sat before his fire. The child was gone, its clothes were gone; there were no crumbs, he noticed now on the Persian hearth-rug. All was as though no child had ever been at all in those dark rooms.

Then the heart of the man was wild with anger and fierce resentment, as is the heart of a man robbed of his most precious treasure.

He searched wildly, displacing the ordered furniture, disarranging the folds of curtains and hangings and, this being fruitlessly done, went out to search the stairs in their dark corners, and later, the quiet squares of the Inn.

But he did not find the child. Then, the sense of loss deepening and intensifying within him he found himself at the police-station, asking somewhat wildly for a child that was lost—a little child—no, he did not know its name, nor the color of its eyes and hair; he had found it and meant to keep it for his own; and now it was gone. He did not know its name, but it had bright eyes, and curly hair and a very merry smile. It had worn an old cloth cap and a rag of a coat with mangy fur.

The policemen looked at him and at each other, and smiled furtively.

"Yes, sir. Certainly, sir," one answered to whom a silvery voice had spoken. "We'll keep a lookout, and let you know if we come across the little chap."

And when the man was gone back to that room where the toys and sweets and clothes had emptied themselves of meaning and value, the man in blue smiled more broadly still.

"We're so likely to come across the little chap, ain't we," one said to the other, "seeing there's thousands and thousands of little chaps exactly like him? Bright eyes and curly hair and a merry smile, and dressed in rags and no father! Well, well!"

Perhaps it is because there are so many thousands that the man has never found the little chap again.

But he has found some of the others; and he knows more about buying clothes and sweets than he did on that first night. Only no other child could ever be the same as that one. No other child comes to such a desert, with such a rose. And sometimes he wonders whether, after all—But he will never know. Or perhaps some day it may be that he will know. He thinks of that, very often he thinks of it, and hopes.

Social and Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Baker of Vancouver are staying in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elliot have been registered at the Empress.

Miss Vyvaan Bolton, Esquimalt, is the guest of Mainguy, Westholme.

Mr. T. O. McKay will for the future make Vancouver his headquarters.

Dr. J. S. Todd paid a short visit to Vancouver early in the week.

Mr. J. H. Senkler, Vancouver, was a visitor in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Goepel, Saanich, were guests at the Balmoral this week.

Mr. P. A. Landry returned during the week from Quesnel.

Mr. Byng-Hall, Shawnigan, was a guest for a few days at the Balmoral.

Mr. Templeton returned with a party from Quesnel this week.

Mr. W. Fisher was a passenger to Vancouver by Wednesday evening's boat.

Miss Spalding, Thetis Island, is the guest of the Misses McKay, James Bay.

Mr. G. R. Ricketts of Vancouver spent a couple of days in Victoria during the week.

Mr. H. Abbott, Vancouver, was among the numerous visitors in town this week.

Mr. J. Kendall, Vancouver, was a guest at the Empress during a short stay in the city.

Mrs. J. Macdonald of Duncans, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Leeming, Dallas Road.

The Bridge Club on Tuesday last met at the residence of Mrs. Love, Burdette avenue.

Mrs. E. V. Vodwell and Miss Savage were passengers by Wednesday's boat to Seattle.

Mr. D. M. Eberts after a pleasant trip to Eastern points returned home during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Nelson of Salt Spring Island who have recently sold their farm, are now residing in town.

Mrs. B. Powell and daughter were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Powell, Vancouver street, during the week.

Mr. C. M. Marpole, Vancouver, paid a short visit to Victoria this week, making the Empress his headquarters.

Mr. F. S. Hussey, who met with a slight accident last week, is making very satisfactory progress in the Jubilee Hospital.

Dr. Dolly, who had been spending the last few months in England, has returned to British Columbia and will practise in Vancouver.

Mrs. G. V. Holt, who has been residing for the last four months in Victoria, left for her home in Vancouver by the Princess Charlotte on Wednesday evening.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen Withers, of New Alberni and Mr. Alfred Carmichael also of Alberni. Mr. Carmichael is very popular in social circles in Victoria.

The Week is requested to correct an announcement made in our social columns last week. The Mr. Rothwell engaged to Miss Dorothy Williams is not Capt. Rothwell, Thetis Island, but Mr. Guy S. Rothwell of Duncans.

The marriage of Mr. Robert Lehner Morse of Seattle and Miss Gertrude Ann Duff, daughter of Mrs. Nicholas Austin Duff of Nebraska City took place on Thursday, January 14th. Mr. Morse is very popular in social circles both in Victoria and Seattle.

The private "Subscription Dance" will be given in the A.O.U.W. hall on Tuesday, January 26th, at 8.30 p.m. Gentlemen's tickets are one-fifty and ladies' fifty cents. The following ladies have kindly consented to act as chaperones: Mesdames G. Hunter, P. S. Lampman, S. W. Powell, P. Butchart, J. W. Troupe, A. S. Robertson, G. H. Barnard, J. Irving, E. Blackwood.

On Monday last at her pretty residence in Rockland avenue, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell made a most delightful hostess at a dance. The supper room and table were beautifully decorated with carnations, asparagus fern and smilax. Miss Thain's orchestra supplied a very attractive musical programme.

Among those present were Misses Norah Coombe, Winona Troupe, Vera Mason, Phyllis Mason, Marguerite Little, Marion Pitts, Gladys Pitts, Pooley, J. Butchart, Nellie Dupont, Marion Dunsuir, J. Langley, J. Lawson, E. Lawson, E. Brown, Paula Irving, S. Pemberton, E. Tilton, F. Gillespie, F. Drake, B. Irving, G. Irving and the Messrs. G. Holland, McDougal, Bullen, Hagerty, Bromley, T. James, D. Gillespie, Pemberton, Hebdon, P. Keefer, J. Lawson, R. Flaherty, Jephson, Dr. Taylor, Williams, Kingscote, T. Mara, H. Davis, J. Meredith, C. Sampson, C. Drake and others.

A Time Limit.

A New England man tells, of an elderly citizen in a New Hampshire town who long bore the reputation of being the meanest man in the country. This old chap was proprietor of a hotel, the rules whereof provided that everything should be kept under lock and key, the result of which was that no hanger-on could get his hands on a newspaper, a bit of hotel stationery, a free wash, or, in fact, anything free at all. To cap the climax the old man one day came in and posted the following notice above the only clock in the place:

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Fruit Question.

Sir,—In The Week for January 16th you had an article under the above heading, which interested me, as I have, as a fruit grower, given this matter much thought. You ask for an explanation of the falling off of the apple crop in the United States since 1896, and you suggest that the fruit growers have found more profitable crops. Personally, I know no more profitable crop than fruit if we could realise Hood River prices for it, and I think the real reason of the falling off in quantity of the crop is due to the demand of the market for fruit of first quality only.

In 1896 anything that grew on an apple tree was a marketable apple, and these "apples" were thrown anyhow into a box and were sold for what they would fetch. Now apples must be free from blemish, of good shape, even size, and properly packed in boxes of regulation size. In return for this higher prices are realized.

In British Columbia we have legislation which has proved of inestimable benefit to the orchard industry, which will in time go far to remove from the Province the different diseases with which the fruit-growers is plagued. We are not yet, however, receiving anything like the price we ought to for the high quality fruit we produce. In 1907 first quality apples at Hood River brought \$3.37½ per box, whilst, despite the fact that B. C. bore off the gold medal in open competition against them at the Northwestern Fruit Growers' Convention in Vancouver, (Dec., 1907), we only obtained from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per box for this high quality product. Even the co-operative agencies, whilst they have made some improvement, have not yet attained the desired result, nor do I think there is any prospect of it.

I believe the only and real solution of our difficulties to be a scheme on the following lines, which I can only outline briefly, to avoid occupying too much of your valuable space. First a school should be established at some convenient point to give careful instruction in apple grading and apple packing. The experts trained in this school should then be sent out as foremen packers to local packing stations, established wherever needed in the apple-growing districts.

At these stations the children of the apple-growers could find employment as apple packers under these foremen. This will educate these embryo fruit growers, and maintain a friendly understanding between the Association and its members.

Large central warehouses, fitted with cold storage should be erected where needed to which the apples packed at the local packing stations could be sent, and held till top market prices were reached. At these central points evaporators should be run, to dry all cull apples, also peaches, prunes, etc., whereby fancy prices could be obtained for these products, and all loss by waste avoided. In the different fruit markets of the world suitable wholesalers with cold storage plants could easily be found, who would handle our produce, and who would also notify us as to prices obtainable, quantities and varieties required, etc., so that we could always sell at top prices, and never glut the markets.

Transportation companies could also be induced to supply satisfactory cold storage accommodation, so that the fruit would remain in cold storage till it reached the consumer in prime condition. If the Government undertook this the scheme could be extended to other branches of farm produce such as butter, eggs, etc.

The Government has done so much for the agricultural industries that I am assured it will do all it can to promote the welfare of any scheme that the British Columbia public endorses, but of course it would hardly undertake such a scheme as this without a request for it from the public. What does the public say?

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NOTICE.

The Week Publishing Company announces the engagement of Mr. G. W. Newton as Circulation and Advertising Manager. Mr. Newton, who was until recently with the Colonist, has had a long experience in this business and will have entire charge of the advertising and circulation business of The Week.

The Sixth Sense

On asking a friend recently what he knew about "The Sixth Sense," he replied that all he knew was that he might have the sixth sense himself, but being shy on the other five, couldn't be sure of it, and in any event was not in a position to prove it.

Now it just happens that I have another friend who is quite sure that he possesses this remarkable faculty. I have heard the phrase at intervals for the last twenty years, but no one has ever satisfied me by accurate definition exactly what it embodies, or perhaps I should say disembodies. I have generally supposed that any added sense, except common sense would stand for the sixth, but my friend, who knows, informs me that I am entirely mistaken, and that the term has a very definite and specific meaning. This information was conveyed by letter, and while the letter is just as vague in the matter of actual definition as the verbal references I have heard, it is quite easy to gather from it what the author's conception is of "The Sixth Sense." I am aware that I am treading on delicate ground, and that in attempting to convey some impression of this interesting subject to my readers I am very much like a tyro dabbling in metaphysics and apt to collide at the first turning with established truths of which I know nothing; however, the risk must be taken.

My correspondent says that at a distance of seven thousand miles he has received mysterious but, unmistakable impressions of events which he feels sure are transpiring. He has visions of bloodthirsty and unscrupulous enemies who want blood, his blood, and who he knows are at the very moment of his writing engaged in fiendish machinations to blast his reputation and blight his prospects. He goes into detail, gives names, addresses and explains the plot which has been hatched against him. But the marvellous intuition of this "Sixth Sense" does not stop there. It leads him on into the future. He traces the unfolding of the plot, pictures the arrival of fake witnesses, drawn as by a magnet to one central point, with the determination to perjure their souls in order to ruin him. Even this does not determine the limits of my correspondent's marvellous faculty, for he is able to read the thoughts of the people who having carried their project to a successful issue, and who rejoice with "a joy unspeakable, and full of frenzy."

It is not necessary to say more in order to convince my readers that such a faculty is entitled to a name of its own, and to be classed outside the ordinary, and yet its possession is claimed by not a few although it is often labelled differently, and as far as my experience goes, has just the same foundation in fact as the phantasy of my friend.

Paraphrasing the Bard of Avon, I might say—
"Trifles light as air
Are to the dreamer confirmation strong
As proofs of holy writ."

Needless to say, none of the circumstances detailed by my correspondent have materialized, nor is there the slightest reason for supposing that they ever will. The conception could

not have been more perfect if it had been purposely designed for a work of fiction, and in this respect I imagine that it closely resembles the more artistic conceptions of those who not only claim to possess the "Sixth Sense," but allow themselves to be induced to exploit it—for a consideration.

Let me illustrate this particular point. A week ago a very alluring advertisement appeared in the Victoria Times among the classified ads. It told of the remarkable scientific attainments of Dr. Florence White, who would be pleased to hold consultations with all persons desiring to learn something more of the "Sixth Sense," for a consideration. The rendezvous suggested was at a popular hotel in Victoria. Thither—on scientific investigation bound and accompanied by a lady friend of mature years and orthodox convictions—I wended my way some three days later. I was received by the landlady who was singularly uncommunicative with respect to the whereabouts of Dr. White, and equally unable or unwilling to inform me whether an appointment could be made for the afternoon. However, I did learn that while in some respects Dr. White might be ethereal there were others in which she leaned to the material, especially at luncheon time. My ruse worked and correctly judging the hour of her return, I managed to catch the lady herself over the telephone. The conversation I regret to say was anything but satisfactory, indeed on reflection, one must agree with the thousands who have declared that this is a cold and unsympathetic world, for the lady informed me, with tears in her voice, that she could hold no more consultations and could not see anybody, no not even for an interview for she was at that moment engaged in packing her valise for a speedy return to a city across the Sound where people generally are more tolerant of the "Sixth Sense" and the chief of police in particular more susceptible to the charms of its fair advocates.

Picture my disappointment, for the readers of this column are well aware that on a former occasion, not so long ago, I gave a really interesting account of my reception at the hands of an accomplished professor from Seattle, who not only told me all that I ever did but a great deal that I never dreamt of, as well as what I might, could, should or would have done, and I am sure that no one could do that unless they possessed the "Sixth Sense."

I suppose I shall be considered a heretic, and I may also have to submit to the designation "ignoramus" when I venture to connect the possession of this marvellous faculty with the practice of the gentle art of delineating the future. I have always been willing to pay a dollar for reliable information of this kind, but what has puzzled me, and still continues to puzzle, is why the possessor of this little short-of-omnipotent gift should be able to describe accurately what is transpiring at a distance of seven thousand miles, or to summarize my life, past, present and future, and yet be unable to tell correctly the number of oranges contained in a bag, and thereby win the prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Psychical Society. This would demonstrate in a practical manner that those who scoff at the possession of a "Sixth Sense" are only proving that they possess fewer than five.

Bohemian.

Sporting Comment.

The result of the association football match on Saturday between the Victoria Wests and James Bays was, as expected, very close and interesting, but with a game of such importance I think that it would have been advisable if the referee had declared the ground unfit for football. If this action had been taken, several players would not be nursing injuries that could not be secured had the grounds been fit. In places the grounds were

covered with ice, which made it extremely dangerous for the players. It is all very well endeavouring to get the games finished as early as possible, but I cannot see the necessity of taking chances of injuring the players for the remainder of the season. The result of the match was a draw, which is enough to give the Wests the City Championship for which they have striven so hard. The Bays have made a close fight, but the games they dropped at the commencement of the season proved too much of a handicap, and it will be impossible for them to finish better than second. Now that the City League is about finished, the Island series will be taken up, and there is a promise of some very interesting matches. The Victoria United and Esquimalt will represent this end of the Island and both are confident of landing the championship. It is not since the season of 1900-1 that a Victoria team has held the Island championship, although the Garrison held it for several years. There is a very bright outlook for the game this season, and I will be greatly surprised if the senior, and second and third division championships do not all come to Victoria this year. The Victoria United will have thirty-six players to select from, every one of whom are able to hold their own on a combined team, and it goes without saying that the eleven players who are selected, will be able to show the visitors from up the line a few wrinkles, even if the majority of the players from both Nanaimo and Ladysmith have been imported.

A meeting of the Pacific Coast League will be held in Vancouver this evening. At this meeting the question of introducing out and out professionalism into Association football will be discussed. I am not aware if Victoria will be represented, but some effort should be made to have representation for such an important meeting. In Vancouver the feeling is for professionalism, that is among the players, but from an outsider's standpoint, it appears impossible. I am given to understand that every team in the league this season has lost money. If this is the case, when playing amateur, what will be the result when playing professional and paying the players. I cannot speak for Vancouver or any of the other cities, but for Victoria, I think it would be the height of foolishness and I hope something will be done to have this city represented and take a stand against professionalism. UMPIRE.

How The Week Helps the Children.

Sir,—It was with great pleasure that I observed in this morning's Colonist that the unceasing efforts of your valuable paper had at last borne fruit in the removal of a long-standing evil—namely, that of overloading our little ones with home lessons, especially on subjects regarding which the teacher had given them no previous preparation or instruction at all. As one who has had no less than three of her children break down through nervous exhaustion caused by the over-work and strain due to this most iniquitous and lazy habit on the part of the teachers, and also speaking for many of my friends whose children have suffered in the same way, I desire to tender my warmest thanks to The Week for having forced this great evil under the notice of the public and got it at last corrected.

A no less important matter is that of the proper ventilation of the classrooms, where, in open defiance of the medical inspector's orders, the windows have been kept closed. Your paper has again been foremost in denouncing this violation of the rules of health, and I notice with pleasure that this abuse is also to be corrected.

I feel that I cannot speak too strongly of the good work which The Week has done for the children of Victoria in regard to these two matters. They have both been subjects of complaint for years past, but the daily papers were afraid or unwilling to take the necessary steps to secure a reform. As for the parents, they were powerless, as any complaint on a parent's part simply means that the school-teachers will "take it out" of that parent's children. They are too



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A MOTHER.

Col. White—I understand that your congregation is in a fair way to get the church debt paid off soon?

Parson Bagster—Yassah, Cuhnell Yassah; 'bleeged to yo,' sah, for askin.' De Lawd sholy do 'pear to be wid us in our financials, dese days, 'mo' 'specially since we done engaged a one-armed man to take up de c'lection.

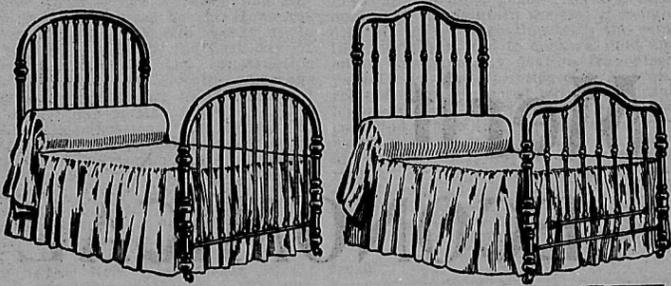
Happy That He Won.

Samuel Van Dorn, a negro, 18 years old, of Rockaway road, Jamaica, L.I., died lately of peritonitis. The last thing he said was: "Dad, I bet 'Jim' Smith a month ago that I could eat a drinking glass. He bet a dollar that I couldn't. I won, so what do I care if I do die?"

A Boston couple love each other, but can't live together. She says he's "a splendid man," and he says "she's mo' 'specially since we done engaged a good woman and a fine housekeeper, but I can't live with her." Anybody got a remedy for cold feet?

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By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—There have been all sorts and conditions of literary heroines during the last ten years, most of them either tiresome or disgusting. Few of the women who have enlivened or depressed the "best sellers" have been worth an hour's consideration or a week's remembrance. But in a new novel which gives a restful picture of Yorkshire village life there lives and breathes a young creature of such delightful mien that she will not be lightly forgotten. Pamela Searle is a kind of princess in plain linen gowns, the descendant of gentle folk, who acts as post-girl in the small community and carries the mail bag in such distracting fashion that every man in the neighbourhood suddenly thinks of some letters he must write. Pamela is no impossibly beautiful Christmas-card or dentifrice advertisement young woman such as Mr. Robert Chambers gives us for heroine, putting such inane rubbish into the radiant being's mouth that his novels become a burden. Pam is of another order, possessing brains and sensibility as well as a subtle beauty which holds us, even on the printed page. It is curious that, while nearly every popular novelist gives his heroine a loveliness such as he would have shattered ancient Troy all to pieces, the reader of his productions finds it almost impossible to form any vivid fancies about the lady. Not so with Pamela Searle, the princess of the post-bag. Her attraction is of the mischievous, tender kind which haunts

you in a bewildering fashion until you are fain to speak to the girl with the wistful, laughing lips and ask her if by any chance she has a letter for you. The least of Pamela's golden freckles is worth the artificial complexions of an army of obvious and irritating Chambers heroines. Perhaps the most lovable feature in Pam's character is a royal kindness which longs to bestow a four-leafed shamrock on every unhappy creature. She is not one of those limply amiable persons of a feather-bed mentality—not a bit of it. Pamela is graciousness itself with a merriment which makes the post-girl's progress a kind of holiday procession. What the village will do without her, one cares not to imagine.

The book in which this refreshing young heroine dispenses smiles and correspondence is "The Cliff End" by E. C. Booth, whose second novel one will read with hope that here is, indeed, a novelist to whom art means more than the matinee girl's patronage. The Yorkshire dialect may be somewhat of a drawback to the colonial reader's enjoyment, but one soon becomes accustomed to the north country speech and then the view is worth all the climbing through dialect burrs.

A Canadian woman who has lived in Europe for the last four years was lately commenting on the prevalence of tea rooms in London and the recent adoption of the fashion in Canadian cities.

"So many Canadian women appear to be anxious to do something for themselves in that way," she said, "but they seem to forget that the matter must be taken up as a serious business. It is all very well to talk about dainty cups, dear little rooms, and wafery bread and butter, but the expense of all this daintiness is very heavy and no woman should enter up-

on such an undertaking without understanding thoroughly what the first outlay means. In the first place, linen and silver must be of the best or one does not get the right class of people as customers. I have a friend who has opened a tea room of the desirable sort and the expense of laundry alone is something to astonish the uninitiated. The average restaurant is a most uninviting spot, but the high-class tea room is not to be taken in hand by an amateur."

"They have been sadly needed in Canada," said a friend from Western Ontario. "How many Canadian cities do you suppose, have any parlors or tea rooms where women who are down town shopping can have a really good cup of tea or chocolate with rolls or toast? I know of several cities where a cosy place of that kind would be a success."

"That may be," said her travelled friend, "but you must not forget that it needs a large daily custom to make such a venture pay. A dozen women dropping in for tea will hardly mean \$5 in an afternoon."

BABETTE.

Madam Gadski.

In view of the fact that Madame Gadski is to be heard here next Wednesday, it will be interesting to read of her vocal and artistic growth in her own words.

"I was not permitted to sing a single song for three years," she has written, "a real hardship for a musical child of eleven—just exercises and exercises to place the voice. When I was ten, I made my first appearance at a little concert given by my teacher, and sang a series of children's songs by Taubert. They are really charming; I still sing them frequently.

"When practising a heavy Wagner role, I have often turned to the songs of Taubert or Mozart, to rest my

voice, and reassure myself that the 'bel canto' has not been disturbed. Ah! that is the supreme test—to sing a Wagner role one evening, and a Mozart role the next, and feel to a certainty that in the latter you are still mistress of your own voice. Then, indeed, you may be confident your method is right.

"When I made my operatic debut in Berlin, I had never taken a lesson in dramatic action. But Director Engel said: 'You have the musical training, we'll have to leave the rest to chance. Now be quite natural, don't try to do anything with your hands and arms, let them take care of themselves.' It was good advice.

For three years I sang at the Berlin opera house, in the beautiful operas of the German romantic school—Mozart, Weber, Beethoven, Loetsing and Nicolai. It was magnificent training, as it gave my voice poise and certainty without straining.

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Chas. H. Yale's "Everlasting Devil's Auction."

Charles H. Yale takes pleasure in sending out his "Everlasting Devil's Auction" company, and this year the introduction of a number of European specialties is particularly pleasing to the ladies and children.

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their engagement with this noted firm, were secured by Manager Yale for his "Devil's Auction" company.

The scenery, mechanical, transformation and trick changes have always one of the "Devil's Auction's" strongest features, a fact fully appreciated by its management and not lost sight of in this the 28th edition.

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Georgia, grand old Georgia, was filled this past fortnight with the true Christmas spirit. How did she get it, one may ask; but a really dry person is as full of devices as a poor man is full of schemes.

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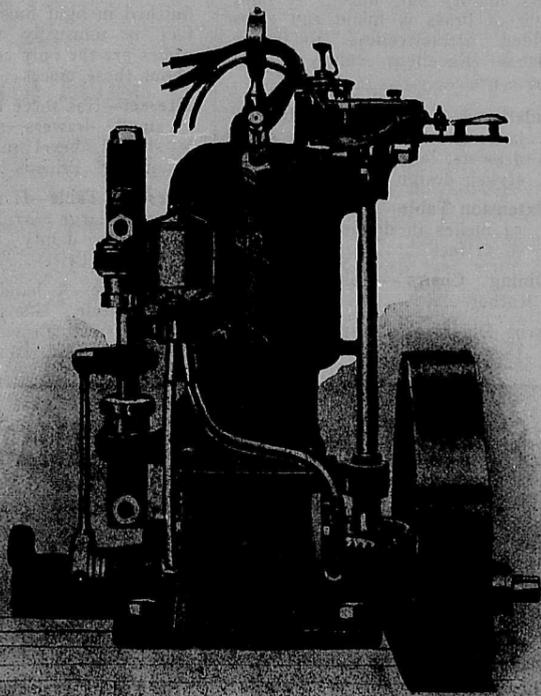
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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

I wish to tender my congratulations to Mr. John A. Turner on his election to the responsible position of Chairman of the Streets Committee. This is quite an honor for a newcomer, who has only been in the city two years, and I am particularly gratified by the appointment because I was the first to draw attention to his merits in the columns of the Lounger.

For once I entirely agree with the Colonist, whose sub-editor says that Mr. Turner now has the chance of his life. I venture to predict that the man from Nelson will "make good," and that within a year from now there will be a marked improvement in the streets of the city or else the new chairman will know why, and he is the sort of a man to let the rate-payers know too.

This leads me to remark that the press is a unit in directing the attention of the new council to the fact that there is unanimous agreement as to the unsatisfactory administration of civic affairs, especially in connection with public works. I gave several instances last week, which, although not important in themselves, are valuable as indicating like the proverbial straw, "which way the wind blows." The same laxity was evidenced in a more conspicuous manner on Wednesday last, when the City Engineer had to admit in court that there was no official map of the city, an admission which, on the face of it, should cost him his position.

I neglected last week to comply with the request of a number of my readers, who attended the Jubilee Hospital ball in the Empress Hotel.

Their complaint is that after charging \$3 a ticket for ladies and gentlemen alike, no wine was provided without payment, and when water was asked for it could not be procured. Some of my readers do not hesitate to declare that it was a "hold-up," and I certainly think that if the facts are as stated, it comes pretty near deserving that designation. In the first place, there could be no possible pretext for charging \$3 a ticket unless drinkables were included, and in this connection coffee could hardly be considered as filling as the bill. As the same thing occurred at the opening ball of the Empress Hotel a year ago, I may be excused for bringing the matter forward. No one imagines that wine "ab libitum" could be provided at the price, but \$3 leaves a respectable margin for a limited quantity of light wine, and the arrangements were particularly hard upon young fellows with slender incomes, who found that they had to pay when they had not expected. It ought not to be too much to ask that this matter should receive a little attention on similar occasions in the future.

Whilst speaking of the Empress Hotel, I want to direct the attention of the management to a serious defect in the service, it is one which I am sure they will be anxious to remedy since the service generally is so excellent, and everyone is loud in praising the hotel and everything connected with it. I refer to the telephone service, which is simply execrable. Having occasion to telephone there more or less every day, and sometimes as many as a dozen times a day, I can state with truth that the average wait for a reply is not less than a minute. But this is not the worst of it. Having secured a reply requesting that a particular guest shall be called and giving your own number, the attendant rings off and as a rule, that is the end of it. Whether the guest is in the hotel or not, you will never learn unless you repeat the inquiry at intervals. More

than once recently I have been told that the person called was not in the hotel, when it subsequently turned out that he was sitting in his room waiting for my call. Altogether I beg to assure the management, with respect, that to busy men the present arrangement is so unsatisfactory and annoying that rather than submit to the vexatious delay some either refrain from ringing at all or take a walk down, consuming time which they can ill afford. If the courteous manager thinks this statement is at all exaggerated, let him walk into any uptown office and ring up his own hotel. He will soon find out that I have rather understated than overstated the grievance.

I beg to notify the new chairman of the Streets Committee that Cook Street is still in the worst condition of any residential street in the city, and this in spite of the fact that the tramway operations, which were supposed to furnish an excuse for the neglect, have been practically completed more than two months. As I do not live on Cook Street, I cannot be charged with grinding any axe in continuing to make this complaint.

I beg to notify Mr. A. T. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. E. Ry. that although the new car line via Cook Street and May Street has been completed as far as Ross Bay Cemetery more than a month, it has not yet been opened to public traffic. I know all about the new frog and switch proposed to be put in at the Fort Street junction, and I also know about the new storage plant, and it is with a full knowledge of both facts that I wish to urge upon the management the claims of the five hundred people who live between Moss Street and Foul Bay Road, who have already waited all too long for the car service.

While on the subject of notification I would respectfully hand one to Mr. R. B. McMicking, the popular manager of the Telephone Company. This is also in the interest of the residents

Carlyle wasn't so far wrong when he said: "Health is a thing to be attended to continually; there is no achievement in life that is equal to perfect health." Ex-Superintendent Mr. J. C. Cameron, of Medicine Hat, who for a number of years was superintendent of the western division of the C.P.R., spent hundreds of dollars in search of health. He went to Kellogg's Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., but the doctors seemed unable to solve his case. Finally a friend advised him to try Kola Tonic Wine, made from Kola, celery and pepsin. These are his own words: "After using it I gained in weight 42 pounds. I most heartily recommend Kola Wine to any person who, like myself, spent much money in vain search for health. It is, without doubt, a positive cure for sour stomach, fermentation, or aggravated case of indigestion and a great appetite restorer." As a cure for rheumatism, insomnia and all nerve diseases Kola Tonic Wine is unrivalled. It contains no drugs or alcohol. Call for a glass of Kola Tonic Wine at any hotel or restaurant. For home use your dealer can supply you. If he has not got it in stock, ask him to procure a bottle for you from Pither & Leiser, wholesale distributors, corner Fort and Wharf Sts.

in the same district, who have no telephone communication, and who in case of fire, sickness or an emergency of any kind are, under the most favorable conditions, not within a thirty minute call of the centre of the city. Having made inquiries, I am quite aware that in this particular case there is the usual abundant crop of excuses. I know that the telephone poles are still growing in the woods, and the wire coiled at the Montreal Rolling Mills, but if contracts were placed for these any time during the year 1909, it would be possible to instal the service before the next census is taken and therefore with fear and trembling, I venture to bring the matter under the notice of the gentleman possessing sufficient authority to deal with it effectively and promptly.

Lounger

Seven of Them.

Minister—I made seven hearts happy today.

Parishioner—How was that?

Minister—Married three couples.

Parishioner—That only makes seven.

Minister—Well, you don't think did it for nothing?



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sewerage Works at Prince Rupert.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed Tender for Sewerage Works, Prince Rupert, will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to and including Monday, the first day of February, 1909, for the construction and completion of certain sewerage works at Prince Rupert, to be completed by the first day of May, 1909.

Plans, specifications and Forms of Contract and Tender may be seen by intending tenderers on and after the 18th day of January, 1909, at the office of the undersigned, Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C.; at the offices of the Government Agent, and of Mr. James H. Bacon, Harbour Engineer, Prince Rupert, B. C.; at the office of the Government Agent, New Westminster, B. C.; and at the office of Mr. R. J. Skinner, Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B. C.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in the sum of five hundred dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract and satisfactory bond when called upon to do so. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

An accepted bank cheque or guarantee bond in the sum of three thousand dollars as security for the faithful performance and completion of the work shall be required.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, accompanied by the above-mentioned cheque, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The Minister of Public Works is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 12th January, 1909.
Jan 6

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of an application for a duplicate certificate of title to the west-half of lot 27, of section 68, (map 290), Victoria City.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate certificate of title to above land issued to James O'Keefe, on the 24th day of December, 1906, and numbered 13545C.

S. R. WOOTON,
Registrar-General,
Land Office, Victoria, B. C.,
the 14th day of January, 1909. Jan 16

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

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

The head office of the Company is situated at the City of Seattle, King County, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is One Hundred Thousand Dollars divided into One Hundred Thousand shares of One Dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situated at Victoria, and David McEwen Eberts, Barrister and Solicitor, whose address is Victoria aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years from the 7th day of November, 1908.

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

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

(3) The objects for which this Company has been established and registered are:

1. To sue and be sued in any court having competent jurisdiction in any territory, state or country, domestic or foreign, where the said corporation may transact business.
2. To make and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure.
3. To purchase, hold, mortgage, sell and convey real and personal property of all kinds and description.
4. To appoint such officers, agents and servants as the business of the corporation shall require; to define their power, to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensations; to require of them such security as may be thought proper for the fulfillment of their duties, and to remove the same, except that no trustee shall be removed from office unless by vote of two-thirds of the stockholders, in the manner provided by the statute laws of the State of Washington.

5. To make by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Washington, or any state, territory or country where the said corporation may be transacting business.

6. To prospect for, enter upon, locate, stake, possess, re-locate, record, develop and improve, work and acquire by letters patent or otherwise, from the Government of the United States and of the Province of British Columbia, or the Province of the North-western Territory or the Dominion of Canada, mining claims and property and ledges containing veins, lodes and quartz-bearing gold, silver, copper or other precious metals, and to acquire mining claims both quartz and placer, by all lawful means and to develop and operate them for profit; to lease mining claims for the purpose of operating them, and to operate mining claims upon shares; to locate, improve, acquire, hold and use mill-sites and mill properties, to divert, appropriate and acquire water and water rights, and to build flumes, aqueducts and the like for the diversion and use thereof, and to construct, maintain and operate railways and tramways to be used in connection with mining properties, and to acquire timber claims and timber lands and to cut and manufacture such timber and use the same for the promotion of the mining interests of the said corporation; and to buy, mortgage, sell and generally deal in mining claims and properties, both placer and quartz, and to operate

and mine mining claims and placer grounds, and for that purpose and to that end to acquire mining licenses and free miners' licenses, and employ and exercise all the rights and privileges conferred by such licenses upon individuals, and to employ individuals to prospect for, locate, stake, and acquire mining properties for the said corporation as far and to such extent as the same may be permitted by the statute laws of any state or foreign country in which the said corporation may be doing business, and to do a general mining business, and to maintain general merchandise stores in connection with the mining operations; and to acquire, hold and enjoy and generally deal in franchises, patent rights and privileges in any way related to or connected with the mining business; and to do all things necessary and proper in the premises to fully carry out the objects above set forth, all of which said objects are to be carried out by said corporation in the State of Washington and elsewhere in the United States, and in British Columbia, and in the Northwest Territory and elsewhere in the Dominion of Canada.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve placed upon certain lands in the vicinity of Lower Kootenay River, District of Kootenay, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th of August, 1884, is cancelled, for the purpose of disposing of such lands by public auction, and to permit of giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report of Mr. W. F. Teetzel, a commissioner appointed to adjudicate upon the claims of certain squatters upon the said lands, but for no other purpose.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 6th October, 1908.
Jan 9.



NOTICE.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the first day of February, 1909.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Jan 9



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve covering the fractional sections 31, 32 and 33, Denman Island, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of October 21st, 1876, is cancelled.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17th, 1908.
Dec. 17

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Jesse Bamford, of Santa Rosa, California, baker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted sixty chains east of the south-west corner of section 18, township 18, range 5, on the right bank of the Nechaco River; thence west 60 chains more or less to the south-west corner of section 18; thence north 60 chains more or less to right bank of Nechaco River; thence following said river down stream to point of commencement and being about 180 acres of said section 18.

JESSE BAMFORD,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that George Bateman, of Moyle, B. C., rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of section 11, township 16, range 5; thence south 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement and being the north-half of said section 11.

GEORGE BATEMAN,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that James S. Black, of Chatham, Ontario, accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of section 14, township 16, range 5, thence west 40 chains, thence north 60 chains, more or less to right bank of Nechaco river, thence following said river east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less to place of beginning being about 200 acres of said section 14.

JAMES S. BLACK,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Harry W. Bunn, of Hooply, N. D., agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted about 60 chains east of the north-east corner of section 7, township 18, range 5, on the right bank of the Nechaco river; thence east 80 chains more or less to the north-west corner of section 7, thence south 80 chains, thence east 60 chains more or less to right bank of Nechaco river, thence following said river north 80 chains to point of commencement and being about 400 acres of said section 7.

HARRY W. BUNN,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

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647 Johnson St.

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Edgar L. Blake, of Fernie, B. C., engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of the north-east quarter of section 5, township 18, range 5, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, and being the north-east quarter of said section 5.

EDGAR E. BLAKE,
November 13th, 1908.

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Mary Blake, of Fernie, B. C., married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of section 12, of township 16, range 5; thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement and being the north-west quarter of said section 12.

MARY BLAKE,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Anna Olson, of Minneapolis, spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of section 12, township 16, range 5; thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement, being the east half of said section 12.

ANNA OLSON,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

NECHACO LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Frances T. Batt, of Portsmouth, England, married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of section 13, township 16, range 5; thence west 80 chains, thence north 60 chains more or less to right bank of Nechaco river; thence following said river east 80 chains, thence south 60 chains more or less to point of commencement and being about 480 acres of said section 13.

FRANCES T. BATT,
November 13th, 1908. feb 27

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULINE DOUGALL, Deceased.

All persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of Pauline Dougall, late of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, are hereby required to file their names and addresses, with full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified, on or before the 15th day of February, 1909.

And notice is hereby given that after the said date the Administrator will proceed to distribute said Estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim he has not had notice at the time of the distribution thereof.

Dated this 30th day of December, A.D. 1908.
BODWELL & LAWSON,
Of No. 918 Government Street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitors for the Administrator.
Jan. 30.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Part (145 acres) of Section 3, Otter District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above lands issued to Joseph Plaement on the 16th day of July, 1890, and numbered 10238a.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 1st day of December, 1908.

S. Y. WOOTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, take notice that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the lands hereinafter more particularly described: Commencing at a post marked J. G. C. northwest corner placed near the beach where the southern boundary line of Section 2, Nelson District, reaches the seashore, thence south forty chains more or less to the south boundary line of the old Baynes Sound Company's lease, thence following said southern boundary line east twenty-five chains more or less to the seashore, thence following the seashore northwesterly to initial point.

J. G. CAREW-GIBSON,
Per A. G. Walker, Agent,
Baynes Sound, Dec. 11th, 1908.
Jan 23

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, take notice that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the fore-shore and submerged lands hereinafter more particularly described:

Commencing at a post marked B. M. G's northeast corner placed on the seashore near where the central divisional line of Section 20, Denman Island, intersects the seashore, proceeding thence westerly forty chains more or less, thence south eighty chains more or less, thence east eighty chains more or less, thence north sixty chains more or less to the seashore of Denman Island, thence following the coast line northwesterly to initial point.

B. M. GODSAL,
Per A. G. Walker, Agent,
Denman Island, Dec., 1908.
January 23



PRIVATE BILLS.

Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

Rule 59.

All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railway, Tramway, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph or Telephone Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any Joint Stock Company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community, or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act,—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application and, where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published as follows:—

In the British Columbia Gazette, and in one newspaper published in the District affected therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition, and copies of such notice shall be sent by the Clerk of the House, to be filed amongst the records of the Committee on Standing Orders.

57. No Petition for any Private Bill shall be received by the House after the first ten days of each Session, nor may any Private Bill be presented to the House after the first three weeks of each Session, nor may any Report of any Standing or Select Committee upon a Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of each Session, and no Motion for the suspension or modification of this Rule shall be entertained by the House until the same has been reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders, or after reference made thereof at a previous sitting of the House to the Standing Committee charged with consideration of Private Bills, who shall report thereon to the House.

And if this Rule shall be suspended or modified as aforesaid the promoters of any Private Bill which is presented after the time hereinbefore limited, or for which the Petition has been received after the time hereinbefore limited, shall in either case pay double the fees required as herein mentioned, unless the House shall order to the contrary. Any person seeking to obtain any Private Bill shall deposit with the Clerk of the House, eight days before the opening of the Session, a printed copy of such Bill, a copy of the Petition to be presented to the House, together with the notices published. At the time of depositing the Bill, the applicant shall also pay to the Clerk of the House a sum of three hundred dollars. If a copy of the Bill, Petition and notices shall not have been so deposited in the hands of the Clerk of the House at least eight days before the opening of the Session, and if the Petition has not been presented within the first ten days of the Session, the amount to be paid to the Clerk shall be six hundred dollars. If the Bill shall not pass second reading one-half of the fees paid shall be returned.

60. Before any Petition, praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge, is received by the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by rule 59, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

61. All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such Bills.—Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the Bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this Rule shall be recast by the promoters and re-printed at their expense before any Committee passes upon the clauses.

65. All Private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in Small Pica type, twenty-six ems by fifty ems, on good paper, in imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10 1/4 inches by 7 1/4 inches. There shall be a marginal number every fifth line of each page; the numbering of the lines is not to run on through the Bill, but the lines of each page are to be numbered separately. Two hundred copies of each Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the House immediately before the first reading. If amendments are made to any Bill during its progress before the Committee on Private Bills, or through the House, such Bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

By new Rule 66a, passed on the 2nd April, 1901, (see Journals, 1901, page 58), a model form of Railway Bill is adopted.

By 65b all Bills to incorporate or amend Bills incorporating railway companies are to be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill.

The provisions contained in any Bill which are not in accord with the Model Bill shall be inserted between brackets. Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any such Bill shall be clearly specified in the notice of application for the same.

Dated 5th November, 1901.
THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

To James Jackson Erskine, Registered and Assessed Owner of Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, of Part of Lot 31, Cloverdale Estate, Map 336;

To William McGrath, Registered and Assessed Owner of Lot 370, Mount Tolmie Park, Map 402 D;

To Arthur B. Bule, Registered and Assessed Owner of Lot 521, Mount Tolmie Park, Map 402C;

To C. Alwyn, Assessed Owner of Lot 530, Mount Tolmie Park, Map 402C;

To Sarah Olive, Assessed Owner of Part 20 acres of Section 69, Esquimaux District;

And to Edna R. Hammill, Registered and Assessed Owner of Lot 8, Block 1, Lots 7 and 14, Block 7, Lots 2 and 5, Block 8, Town of Sidney, Map 381;

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Samuel Jennings and John R. Jennings as the owners in fee simple of above lands under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of Victoria District and you are required to contest the claim of the said Tax Purchasers within 30 days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 11th day of December, 1908.
S. Y. WOOTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.
Dec. 26

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

To L. A. Blanc, Assessed Owner of 33 1/3 acres of Section 40, Esquimaux District.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Watson Clarke as the owner in fee simple of above land under and through Tax Sale Deeds to John R. Jennings and Samuel Jennings and to Watson Clarke, and you are required to contest the claim of the said Watson Clarke within 30 days from the first publication thereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 11th day of December, 1908.
S. Y. WOOTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.
Dec. 26

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

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

SAMUEL GEORGE MARLING,
Alfred Deacon, Agent.
Jan. 2

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL CARMODY, Deceased.

All persons having claims or demands against the Estate of Daniel Carmody, late of the City of Seattle, in the State of Washington, deceased, are hereby required to file their names and addresses, with full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified, on or before the 15th day of February, 1909.

And notice is hereby given that after the said date the Executor will proceed to distribute said Estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and he shall not be liable for the proceeds of the said estate, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claims he has not had notice at the time of the distribution thereof.

Dated this 30th day of December, A.D. 1908.
BODWELL & LAWSON,
Of No. 918 Government Street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitors for the Administrator.
Jan. 30.



CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing on Lot 7,946, Group 1, Kootenay, by virtue of the notice dated December 24th, 1907, and appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of December 27th, 1907, is cancelled for the purpose of effecting a sale of said lot to Edgar S. Home.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., December 17th, 1908.
Dec. 17

"Pity the Misfit Englishman"—Colonist.

What? Has it come to this, that all who hold an English name Must cringe to patronizing cads who sneer at us? For shame!

Misfit? Thank God, we are misfit here, where the Dollar rules, Where honesty is looked upon as merely pap for fools,

The roar of London calls afar—we hear it in our dreams, And many a night her lights shine out and we can catch the gleams,

So let that hybrid Yankee fume, for all his boast and brag, There's nothing like true English blood and the honour of our Flag.

W. H. S.

SOUND BUSINESS SENSE.

A little chap in Philadelphia, whose father is a prominent merchant and, as such, never loses an opportunity to descant upon the virtues of advertising, one day asked his mother:

"May Lucy and I play at keeping store in the front room?"

"Yes," assented the mother; "but you must be very, very quiet."

"All right," said the youngster; "we'll pretend we don't advertise."

December Lippincott's.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 30, Subdivision of Sections 3 and 4, Fairfield Estate (Map 826) Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above land issued to John Sherburn on the 4th day of August, 1908, and numbered 18349 C.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., the 19th day of January, 1909.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General of Titles.

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia, No. 466.

This is to certify that "The Western Life and Accident Company," an Extra-Provincial Mutual Insurance Company, is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situated at Denver, in the County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situated at Vancouver, and Wm. H. Biegel, Insurance Agent, whose address is Vancouver, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this sixteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and nine. (L. S.) S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:—For the purpose of insuring its members against death, accident or sickness on the mutual plan, and to acquire by purchase, grant, devise, gift or otherwise, such real and personal property as shall be necessary for the transaction of its business, and to sell and dispose of the same or any part thereof when not required for the use of the corporation, and to invest its funds, accumulated in the course of its business or any part thereof in bonds and mortgages as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado.

Feb. 20



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bridge, Columbia River at Revelstoke. Sealed Tenders, properly indorsed, will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to and including Monday, February 8th next, for the erection and completion of a bridge across the Columbia River at Revelstoke, B.C.

Drawings, specifications, and conditions of tendering and contract may be seen at the Department of Public Works, Victoria, B.C., at the office of the Provincial Government Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B.C., and at the Government Office, Revelstoke, B.C., on and after the 25th inst.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit made payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

The cheque of the successful tenderer will be returned upon his furnishing a

bond satisfactory to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for the due fulfilment of the contract.

No tender will be considered unless made out on the form supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE, Public Works Engineer. Department of Public Works, Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1909. Feb. 6



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Ironwork, Columbia River Bridge, at Revelstoke, B.C.

Sealed Tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Wrought and Cast Iron, per pound," will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 8th day of February next, for the manufacture and delivery, f.o.b. cars at Revelstoke, all the ironwork for the above bridge as called for in the Bills of Iron and Drawings exhibited.

Specifications, drawings, bills of iron, forms of contract and tender, may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B.C.; the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B.C.; and at the office of the Government Agent, Revelstoke, B.C., on and after January 25th next.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned, in the sum of nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails 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 of tender supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

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F. C. GAMBLE, Public Works Engineer. Department of Public Works, Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1909. Feb. 6

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MUSIC AND THE STAGE

"The Alaskan."

On Monday night "The Alaskan" was presented at the Victoria theatre for the second time, and scored a huge success. It achieved the unique distinction of selling out the house for the first time this season, and it was a complete sell out, for every seat was occupied even to the upper boxes, and Manager Ricketts was over from Vancouver wearing a smile that would not come off. The crowd which flocked to see "The Alaskan," conclusively proved what I have always maintained, that the only explanation of thin houses in Victoria is a poor play. There is no city on the circuit with keener or more accurate dramatic judgment, and even high prices will not keep the people away if the show is first class. And "The Alaskan" is first class, and with one or two notable exceptions, so is the company which presents it. Edward Martindell as "Totem-Pole Pete," is in a class by himself. There are few finer bass singers on the stage, and still fewer who can take lower D flat as he did with a full round tone. The comedian is but a shadow of Teddy Webb, but perhaps he suffered by comparison with one of the finest low comedians on the stage. The most conspicuous failure was on the part of the "leading lady," who should never have been toured. All that can be said in her favor is that she is "dainty and chic," but of singing voice she has absolutely none. She cracked on her high notes and was inaudible on her low ones. Her acting was as weak as her singing. Even with these drawbacks the play was received with continuous applause, due largely to the fact that the company all round was a good one, and the subordinate players well trained. In addition the scenery, costumes and mountings were of the highest order; the only wonder being that it was possible to do anything like justice to them in such a confined space. Manager Ricketts can rely upon it that whenever he sends as good a show as "The Alaskan" to Victoria, it will play to full houses.

MOMUS.

The London Bioscope.

Clifford Denham continues to attract large crowds with his exhibitions of the London Bioscope. The films are all new, carefully selected and changed every week, so that there is no fear of having to witness the same in successive weeks. He has evidently settled down to an era of popular success well deserved by the excellence of the show, and the moderate price charged.

It is a constant puzzle to some women how their husbands hold the respect of the community.