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The Chinese gambling houses are raided every now and then; every other known gambling resort in the city, except the Savoy, has been closed; the Savoy remains, and there night after night a crowd of people of all sorts and conditions lose their own and other people's money, and ruin their prospects in life.

The people who resort to the Savoy are soldiers, sailors, workingmen, clerks and people in positions of trust and responsibility. Names could be given if it were thought desirable. Instances could be mentioned, where young men, having temporary charge of their employers' money, have made losses and been compelled to borrow money from their associates so as to square matters up before the employers got down to business in the morning. One case, at least, can be told where the young man lost more than he was able to borrow, and the consequence was that he lost his position. Men lose money there, which must belong to somebody else, because their private resources are not equal to the drain upon their purses.

The gambling is carried on under the very thin disguise of a club. A person desiring to play may be required to sign a printed paper by which he agrees to be governed by the rules of the club. He pays nothing for the privilege of membership. In the gambling room a few papers lie about on tables, so as to give it some remote resemblance to a reading room. The principal literature consists of a well known work in fifty-two chapters, twelve of which consist of familiar portraits, which for convenience sake are printed in duplicate on each page. The games are roulette, stud poker, black jack and craps. The people apparently in charge are Macdonald and Stevenson. The door of the gambling room is guarded by a colored man. There is a second room, where it is alleged people resort, who are averse to having the smell of labor coming between the wind and their gentility.

Stories of losses are told that are startling, although as a rule a hundred dollars or so a night would be the maximum figure, and of course the majority of the losses are in individual sums of much smaller amount. The man who told the Mayor, the Police Magistrate and the Chief of Police had lost about a hundred dollars on the occasion of his last visit.

Since he told the officials mentioned of his loss and his desire to prosecute, he has had placed in his hands ample evidence that the games are running. On the very night of the day when the Chief of Police enlarged upon the difficulty of obtaining a conviction, this man sent two others to the Savoy and they reported that the games were in full blast. Since then other men were sent to the house to obtain evidence, and came away with plenty of it, and have been ready to go into court and give their testimony.

The game of black jack has been declared by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to be such a game of chance as makes the room where it is played a gaming house under the law, and therefore renders the person in charge of the room liable to a penalty. This was decided in Petrie's case, in Vancouver, and he was fined $200. The court held that black jack was in no way essentially different from baccarat, and the latter has been held in Great Britain to be an illegal game of chance. The test seems to be that a game is illegal if the dealer or banker, or any one else, is necessarily under a greater disadvantage or possesses a greater advantage than the other players. This definition makes all the games played in the Savoy illegal, and there is not the least sense in any one pretending that proof that they are played nightly cannot be obtained if the police want it.

A pretence is made that convictions are exceedingly difficult in such cases. This is absolute nonsense. It is an excuse, not a reason, for failure to prosecute. But granting that the proof may be difficult, what does that signify?

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A Bloodless Revolution.

Local Conservatives Resent Machine Dictation and Turn Down the Old Brigade.

The anual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of Victoria which took place in the Eagle Hall on Thursday night, was outward decorous and harmonious, but it marked the final battle-field between the opposing factions in the party. Ever since the party was divided some time ago, a division which really dates back to the Prior-Bodwell election, a determined effort has been made by a small minority in the party to secure the control of its councils. Frustrated in the general association the recalcitrants started aa junior association, the leading spirits in which have constantly endavored to butt into the executive committee of the general association. On this occasion an attempt was made to recommend to the association a slate of office holders drawn in a caucus of certain members of the old executive and a committee of the junior association. The rank and file apparently resented this dictation for they turned down every man that had anything to do with it including even Mayor Barnard and Mr. George Jay, men who have previously been at the head of the poll for representative positions in the party. The turning down was quietly but scientifically executed, so much so that the victims hardly knew they were hurt. A curious feature of the new executive committee is that the legal profession has been almost entirely eliminated.

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Those Oil and Coal Lands.

Government Decides to Issue Licenses Under Conditions Bringing the Test of Priority Before the Courts.

As was indicated in "Progress" two weeks ago, the Government has defined its policy with reference to the coal and oil lands of Block 4593 in East Kootenay. Locators will all receive licences to prospect the land they have located at a fee of $100 a year per square mile. The raising of the fee from from $50 to $100 was not unexpected. It will not have the effect of much increasing the revenue derived from fees, as a number of applications will probably be withdrawn. In the uncertainty and confusion which have existed, a good deal of the land has been located more than once, sometimes upon very frivolous pretexts and sometimes in ignorance of its having been staked before. The necessity of paying a higher fee will cause locators to examine more closely into whether their land was vacant at the time they staked it and thus tend to simplify matters.

In the issue of licenses the Government has been careful to protect itself against giving any guarantee of title except to vacant land. Title will only be vested in the original locator, although licenses may be issued to subsequent locators of the same ground. Such licenses will give no action or right to compensation from the Government.

Thus ends in the only way consistent with the rights of all concerned, the most extraordinary complications ever witnessed in the agrarian history of any country. The next chapter will be the development of this second Pennsylvania as it has lately been aptly designated. This will tax the resources both of the locators and of the Provincial Government. A curious difference manifests itself at once between the Provincial and Dominion governments. The latter has already erected a custom house on the Montana boundary at Sage Creek. That is all it has to do. As capital and population flow into the country its tribute is collected automatically and without expenditure. The Provincial Government is in an entirely different position. This year the Provincial Government will derive a revenue of possibly $50,000 directly from license fees and also a considerable revenue from the registration of companies and so forth. But the country is roadless and without any civil government whatever, without government offices, court houses, schools, jails. All such things have to be provided. Doubtless such a rich portion of the province will rapidly become self-supporting, but it will require a large capital expenditure upon limited sources of revenue, by the Provincial Government, whereas the Dominion Government will receive a large revenue from the beginning without any capital expenditure at all.

The licenses to be issued do not carry the surface rights. This will not affect the development of the country, but it will lead to complications in the future if speedy provision is not made for the passing of a good title in such settlements as may spring up. The history of government townsites in this province has been deadly and disastrous, full of exasperation to settlers and without any revenue benefit to the Government. The ownership of a townsite by the Government has a tendency to sap the town spirit of the settlers who look to the Government to do everything to build up the town instead of to themselves.

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—Picnic Pleasures:

One of the early summer picnics that promises to be fruitful in delights is arranged for this afternoon at Shawnigan, the ladies aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church being responsible for the outing. The train will leave Victoria at 1:30, and the afternoon will be given up to boating, fishing, etc., refreshments not being overlooked.

—In Forma Pauperis:

The Government has asked for free water for the purpose of irrigating the grass in front of the Parliament Buildings. It is somewhat novel to find a Provincial Government asking charity from a city, and it is probable that the request was inspired by some exceedingly zealous subordinate, wishing to make a record for economy.

—More Water Wanted:

Residents of Fort street complain that they are almost discouraged in their efforts to keep their gardens looking presentable, because the visits of the watering carts are so few and far between that all bloom is destroyed by the clouds of dust. Fort street, in its upper portion, is one of the show places of the city, and it ought to be better looked after in this respect.

—A Provincial Architect:

Mr. Sam Hooper of Winnipeg, brother of Mr. Thomas Hooper of this city, has been appointed first Provincial Architect for the province of Manitoba. His first important work will be the preparation of plans for the agricultural college to be erected in the western suburbs of Winnipeg. Mr. Hooper is gone South to visit American agricultural institutions, in order to pick up pointers on their construction.

—Dominion Day Picnic:

The annual Roman Catholic Sunday School picnic under the auspices of the Cathedral parish is arranged to take place as usual on the 1st of July, a committee being already at work to assure the success of the outing. This committee includes Messrs. M. Steele, president; J. Toye, secretary; J. Colbert, Sr.; Al. McDonald, H. O'Leary, F. Sehl, J. Anderton, H. G. Proctor, and M. Hart, with Mesdames Harlock, treasurer, and Sweeny, and Misses Coulin, Baines, O'Keefe, and Gray.

—Disappointed:

There is weeping and wailing and not a little gnashing of teeth among the faithful followers of the Government in this city, in consequence of the speedy appointment of a successor to Mr. T. B. Hall in the assessorship; the promotion of Mr. Worsfold, and the simultaneous minor appointments, having afforded no opportunity for the office-seekers to get busy. What's a good Conservative government for anyway, is now a paraphrase of the plaintive cry.

—A Land of Roses:

"It's a very mistaken idea the vast majority of people have of the Klondike country," remarked M. J. Henry, the veteran nurseryman to a "Progress" man the other day. "Fancy it's all snow and ice up there, some of them do. That's nonsense. As a matter of fact we are shipping immense quantities of delicate nursery stock to Dawson every spring—roses are particularly in demand, and they thrive and bloom well. We are also receiving and filling many orders from the Orient for nursery stock. Every Empress takes out some large consignments."

—Keeping Up With the Times:

With the growing popularity of Victoria and suburbs as a tourist and pleasure resort, it is pleasing to note that the liverymen are keeping pace with the times. The latest livery, boarding and sale stables added to the list are those of Steve White, situate on Yates street, a few doors above Blanchard. Mr. White has just installed a number of the latest and best makes of rigs, most of them provided with rubber tires and all luxuriously upholstered. "Steve" is admittedly one of the best judges of horseflesh in the province, and keeps nothing but the best, so that all who patronize him may rely upon securing the full enjoyment of a drive under most favorable conditions.

—Ho for Salt Lake:

Two very well dressed and particularly loquacious apostles of the faith of the Latter Day Saints are perambulating this city and engaging in a house to house campaign for converts of their cause. Their method of procedure is to assail the person who meets them at the door with a rapid fire of religious talk, very much of which is wholly above adverse criticism. Then they leave a couple of modest little pamphlets and promise to call again. The pamphlets bear the address of the principal member of the partnership, who has a post office box in the city, a fact indicating that he is here not merely as a bird of passage. This is a free country and as long as a man keeps within the law there is no reason why he may not preach and teach any faith that suits his particular fancy, but "Progress" recommends its readers to discourage the approach of the advocates of Mormonism. There are things in the teachings of that sect which are altogether admirable, but there is much that is altogether abominable. What is admirable can be found in equal excellence in Christian churches; what is abominable is peculiar to Mormonism. Therefore it is a good religion to have nothing to do with.

—Harby Bay Trail:

Mr. Nordstrom of Quatsino has been in the city for a few days. He reports a decided improvement in conditions in that part of the Island. He has been urging the Government to improve the trail from Hardy Bay to Coal Harbor, and while he has not received an absolute promise that something will be done, he is hopeful that the summer will not pass without the necessary improvement being made. The trail, which is nine miles long, is in very bad condition, so that it is impossible to get a horse over it, and a man finds it very difficult. If it were put in such shape that a horse could pack over it, the trail would be much used, because people going to and from Quatsino could then, if they wished, used the steamers on the east side of the Island, instead of being compelled to wait for the bi-monthly sailings on the West Coast.

Preparations are now well under way for completion of organization of the new tennis association for the Pacific Northwest, all five clubs having agreed to the draft constitution. A meeting will now be held in this city one week from to-day to complete organization.

Following is the schedule of games to be played in the two-team lacrosse league of Vancouver and Victoria:

July 1—Victoria at Vancouver.
July 16—Vancouver at Victoria.
July 23—Victoria at Vancouver.
August 6—Vancouver at Victoria.
September 3—Victoria at Vancouver.

The game played on the 24th ult. will be counted.

Defying The Trainer.—"Mrs. Henry Green of Seventh avenue treated the victorious Mt. Pleasant Junior Lacrosse team to ice cream at McKinnons on Saturday."—Mt. Pleasant Advocate.

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'Ware Vancouver—"Bears are very plentiful close to Vancouver this spring. Judging from the police reports, wolves are also numerous in that city."—Poplar Nugget.

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News of The Province.

The loggers of the Canadian Pacific coast have practically decided to close down all their camps, and cease operating indefinitely. Over four thousand three hundred men will be thrown out of employment, plants valued at more than three hundred thousand dollars will be left idle, and a monthly turnover of more than five hundred thousand dollars will cease. The trouble is the same old one of which the loggers have been complaining for the past three years. An order-in-council passed by the Government prevents operators from exporting to the United States logs cut from lands held under special license and the prices paid by the mills of British Columbia are not sufficiently high to enable the loggers to meet expenses. "Ground between the government regulations on the one hand and the millmen's combine on the other," the loggers are in a bad plight, and, as a number of them say, "it is better to meet death suddenly than to drag on indefinitely." Hence the proposed early and complete shut-down of all camps.

The little 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen of Fernie died suddenly on Monday from the effects of poison taken accidentally. On Monday morning the little fellow who was just learning to walk nicely came across antiseptic tablets and swallowed one of them. These tablets are a deadly poison, each containing 7½ grains of bichloride of mercury, which quantity being sufficient to kill several men. Symptoms of poisoning soon began to manifest themselves and at 12 o'clock that night the sufferer expired, despite the efforts of the attending physician.

Stipendiary Magistrate Forbes is holding a fire inquest at Fernie to determine the cause of the late fire.

A surprise awaited the inhabitants of Phoenix Tuesday morning, and the "oldest inhabitant" was put to it to beat the record. A high wind prevailed most of the night, and by daylight the earth was covered with nearly five inches of snow, something that no one can remember ever happened before at this season of the year.

The trial of the big damage suits against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., in consequence of the losses of life in the explosion of three years ago, have been brought to an end this week.

The B. C. Electric Railway Co. has absorbed the Vancouver Gas Co. and announces a 20 per cent. reduction in the price of electric light in the Terminal City on the 1st of July.

W. D. Ross, a prominent young barrister and Liberal politician of Vancouver, met his death by drowning this week, walking off the wharf while taking stroll. He was to have been married in the course of a few weeks, to Miss James, daughter of the superintendent of the Anglo-American telegraphs in Prince Edward Island.

Vancouver's city council has passed a $1,000 grant for the Dominion Day celebration.

The Fifth and Sixth regiments will participate in a sham battle at Macaulay Point on Monday.

Vernon, like Phoenix, is having much difficulty in getting people to serve on the aldermanic board. Bad financing has brought the town to serious straights and no one cares to assume the task of working out the problems presenting themselves.

Wm. Moulton, a young Englishman, was drowned at Moyie last week, while practising log riding. He could not swim.

John Genelle of the Yale Columbia Lumber Co., met his death last week by drowning.

Mr. J. W. Coburn, formerly of this city, has been unanimously chosen mayor of Ladysmith.

Frank Butler, a brakeman on the Spokane & Northern train, was killed last Saturday near Ymir.

Yacht Marietta has won the Ladies' cup.

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THE RAPTURES OF CUPID.

Model Love Letter Read in Court During the Trial of a Breach of Promise Case.

(By T. D.)

The many articles published recently, on events that occurred during the early days of Victoria, are quite interesting. The fault, if any, to be found with them, is the gruesome end of the characters described therein. In the story I submit the finish appeared to affect but one individual, the villain in the case, and he deserved all that was meted out of him. In the year 1871 a widow named Myers, lived, with her three children, in a neighboring town. A man named Harris had been a frequent visitor at the house of the widow. She imagined that Harris would marry her; but he, for some unaccountable cause, suddenly discovered that he loved another young woman better, and verified that belief by marrying that other lady. The widow brought action to salve her wounded affections and the following tender epistle was read at the trial:

"My Dear Miss M: Every time I think of you my heart flops up and down like a churn-dasher. Sensations of unutterably joy caper over it like young goats on a stable roof, and thrill through it like Spanish needles through a pair of two linen trousers. As a gosling swimming in a mud-puddle, so swim I in a sea of glory. Visions of ecstatic rapture thicker than the hairs of a blacking brush, and brighter than the eyes of a humming bird's pinions, visit me in my slumbers, and, borne on their invisible wings, your image stands before me, and I reach out to grasp it, like a pointer snapping a blue-bottle fly. When I first beheld your angelic perfections I was bewildered, and my brain whirled around like a bumble-bee under a glass tumbler. My eyes stood open like the cellar doors in a country town, and I lifted up my ears to catch the silvery accents of your voice. My tongue refused to wag, and in silent adoration I drank in the sweet infection of love as a thirsty man swalloweth a tumbler of hot whiskey punch. Since the light of your face fell upon my life I sometimes feel as if I could lift myself up by my boot straps to the top of the church steeple, and pull the bell for singing school. Day and night you are in my thoughts. When Aurora, blushing like a bride, rises from her saffron colored couch; when the jay bird pipes his tuneful lay in the apple tree by the spring house; when the chanticleer's shrill clarion heralds the boming morn; when the awakening pig rises from his bed and grunteth, and goeth for his morning refreshments; when the drowsy beetle wheels to droning at twilitry noontide; and when the lowing herds come home at milking time, I think of thee; and, like a piece of gum elastic, my heart seems stretched across my bosom. Your hair is like the mane of a sorrel horse powdered with gold, and the brass pins skewered through your waterfall fill me with unbounded awe. Your forehead is smoother than the elbow of an old coat. Your eyes are glorious to behold. In their liquid depths I see legions of little cupids bathing, like a cohort of ants in a old army cracker. When their fire hit me upon my manly breast, it penetrated my whole anatomy as a load of bird shot through a rotten apple. Your nose is from a chunk of Parian marble, and your mouth is puckered with sweetness. Nectar lingers on your lips like honey on a bear's paw; and myriads of unfledged kisses are there ready to fly out and light somewhere, like the blue birds out of their parents' nest. Your laugh rings in my ears like the wind harps' strain ,or the bleat of the stray lamb in the bleak hillside. The dimples on your cheeks are like bowers in beds of roses or hollows in cakes of home-made sugar. I am dying to fly to thy presence and pour out the burning eloquence of my love, as thrifty housewives pour out hot coffee. Away from you I am melancholy as a sick cat. Sometimes I can hear the June bugs of despondency buzzing in my ears, and feel the cold lizards of despair crawling down my back. Uncouth fears like a thousand minnows, nibble at my spirits, and my soul is pierced with doubts like an old cheese is bored with skippers. My love for you is stronger than the smell of Coffey's patent butter, or the kick of a cow, and more unselfish than a kitten's first caterwaul As a song bird hankers for the light of day, the cautious mouse for the fresh bacon on the trap, as a mean pup hankers for new milk, so I long for thee. You are fairer than a speckled pullet, sweeter than a Yankee doughnut fried in molasses, lighter than a topknot plumage on the head of a muscovy duck. You are sweetened toddy altogether.

"If these few remarks will enable you to see the inside of my soul, and me to win your affection, I shall be as happy as a woodpecker on a cherry tree, or a stage horse in green pasture. If you cannot reciprocate my thrilling passion I will pine away like a poisoned bedbug, and fall away from a flourishing vine of life, an untimely branch; and in coming years, when the shadows grow from the hills, and the philosophical frog sings his cheerful evening hymns, you, happy in another's love, can come and drop a tear and catch a cold upon the last resting place of

"Yours Affectionately,

"H."

Verdict for plaintiff and $500 damages.

JUVENILES SCORE A HIT.

"Pirates of Penzance" By Miss Marrack's Amateurs An Artistic Success.

The "Pirates of Penzance," Gilbert and Sullivan's ever popular comic opera as interpreted by the amateur juveniles under the direction of Miss Marrack was a pleasant surprise to the large audience that gathered in the A. O. U. W. Hall on Tuesday evening last. The singing was good, the acting was better, and the costuming simply perfect. At the conclusion of the first chorus it became apparent that there was going to be a "good show," as one expressed it. And a good show it was, better by far than many professional companies put on the boards at high class houses. The sweetness of the young voices compensated for the lack of balanced fullness in the choruses, while the stage presence of most of them was exceedingly good.

Comparisons are odious, but certainly the interpretation of the difficult character of "Ruth, the maid of all work," excelled all others both in histrionic art and clear enunciation. Miss Ethel Green is a born actress and should be seen again as the star of a troupe.

Miss O'Meara's clear, full yet light soprano won a well deserved encore in her first solo, "Poor Wandering Boy," and throughout the evening she charmed one and all with her sweet voice and engaging presence.

Of "General Stanley's Daughters," Miss Nellie Lombard showed a slight nervousness at first, but this was quickly overcome and she entered into the spirit of her part and sustained it with much cleverness. In contrast with her was the perfect self-possession of little Glen Switzer, whose little voice was distinct and clear, every word being distinctly enunciated. The tiny little thing Mattie Wight also did her small part splendidly.

Albert Rausch, a rather small general, who rather incongruously posed as the father of Mebel and the rest of the troupe of girlies, sustained his part wonderfully well. Though his nervousness got the better of him once in his first song his military demeanor and rich voice soon established him in the favor of the audience. His last solo was very good though his voice showed fatigue and was decidedly forced towards the close.

Miss Ethel Scott, who undertook the difficult part of Frederic, the Pirate Apprentice, carried it out as well as girls generally do when they assume male characters. Her singing was splendid but certainly not boyish. As the beautiful boy she was perfect, but as a boyish boy she was certainly not a success.

The part of the Pirate Chief was sustained by Bert Aaronson to perfection. His voice has just that touch of ruggedness requisite for the part he played. His solos were well rendered and well received. His lieutenant, Samuel, alias Joe Rausch, supported his chief ably though his voice seems to be about to change.

Of the others Mr. Jack Lombard made a decided hit as the sergeant of police in spite of the fact that he could not keep his nose on, but perhaps this was the fault of the make-up man. He and his band caused endless amusement especially in the song "A Policeman's Life" which in response to a demand from the audience was repeated. All the pirates and daughters supplied the filling in as cleverly as could be.

Miss Marrack certainly deserves all the praise she is getting for the able manner in which she has trained these young people, and it is to be hoped that the encouragement she has received will induce her to undertake some other of the popular operas in the autumn.

OIL AND COAL LANDS.

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This may not be in harmony with some prevalent socialistic ideas but it is the fact and it is to be hoped the Government will not repeat earlier mistakes by going into the real estate business in East Kootenay.

GAMBLING DOESN'T GO.

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No one cares particularly whether John Doe or Richard Roe is called upon to contribute a fine or go to jail. What the public want, what the interests of morality demand, what the well-being of scores of young men renders imperative is that the games shall be stopped. Prosecute and suceed, if possible, but in any event, prosecute. Drive the gambling fraternity either out of town or into some respectable calling. Will the police pretend that they cannot on almost a moment's notice name the men in charge of the gaming rooms at the Savoy and those who, either as dealers or "cappers" live off the unfortunate men who lose their money in that resort? If they do so pretend, then they should resign to a man, and the Police Commissioners should go out upon the street and select the first dozen men they meet and enroll them in the police force. The man who declares that such a resort as the Savoy cannot be closed to gambling admits his utter incapacity for official position. There is absolutely no excuse for allowing any public gaming house, even under the guise of a club, to exist in Victoria twenty-four hours.

There are people who say that gambling cannot be suppressed and give this as a reason for not trying to suppress it. This is the shallowest kind of a contention. Murder cannot be suppressed, and it is a far more revolting thing than gambling. Social evils of various kinds cannot be wholly abolished, but they can be kept in check. When they become flagrant they can be either punished or driven into hiding. Of all the evils of a social nature none is worse in its effects than gambling. So universal is the sentiment on this point that all over the continent of America radical steps are being taken to hold it in check. New York is practically a closed town, so far as gambling is concerned. Chicago is closed so far as pool rooms go, and sufficient influence has been brought upon the Western Union Telegraph Company to lead them to discontinue their service to pool rooms everywhere. In Chicago bookmaking on the races has come under the ban and is stopped. Toronto has set an example to Canadian cities in this line. Everywhere, in fact, there is a strong and growing sentiment against gambling, because it is recognized to be the most insidious of all vices. The public gaming house, or the place which is virtually public, though claiming to be private, is illegal and being both illegal and highly injurious to the public welfare, it ought not to be permitted to flourish anywhere. So far as the people, who are running such places, are concerned, they know they are violating the law and will not dare continue to do so, if they once have reason to believe that the authorities are in earnest about closing them up.

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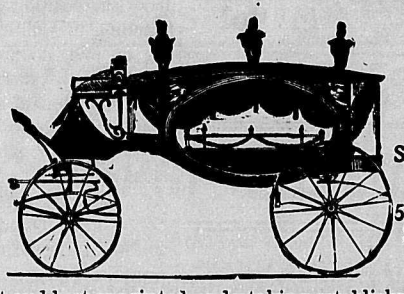

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PROTECTION FOR CANADIANS.

Isn't there just a little too much made of the matter of protection from "American competition," both by the papers and the people of the Canadian dominion? At thep resent time a select committee authorized by Parliament is investigating a complaint by surveyors of the Dominion that Americans of their profession have been preferred in engagements for preliminary work on the Grand Trunk Pacific; and Division Engineer Kyle has been forced to resign because in a letter to one Hugh Allen of Pocatello, Idaho, he used this sentence: "The policy of the company is to use Canadians or Englishmen wherever we can do so consistently, but I think that later on we will have to import some American brains in order to carry the thing out succesfully." Now Division Engineer Kyle no doubt meant what he wrote. The inference therefore is either that the Canadian supply of energetic, capable men of specialized talent is inadequate to the demand in connection with a proposition of the magnitude of the G. T. P.; or else that the American professional man—engineer, surveyor, etc.— is so much superior upon his merits to the Canadian that the latter must ask governmental protection from competition with him. If that were the case it should do the Canadian good to be brought in contact with his more alert American brother and learn something of his superior method. And if it isn't the case, why plead for protection from any competition? Canadian talent in any line of useful endeavour is welcomed to a fair field in the majority of the states—and usually comes to the top in the fight. That puts everyone upon his mettle. Companies responsible for so gigantic undertakings as burning a transcontinental railway are usually fair judges of relative capabilities, and (given a free hand) will choose the most competent workers. It is sound policy in any national undertaking to reserve insofar as possible the work involved for the home workman. There is a shade of difference, however, between unskilled labor and professional competition, and it doesn't make one any prouder of a Canadian professional body to find it so persistent in pressing for protection from competition with others of their profession, foreigners. "Progress" is of opinion that Canadians in any of the professions can hold their own against their brothers of the States, and that brushing against them will be of benefit to the Canadians in giving just that added alertness and vim that sometimes are needed on this side of the line to make up the progressive national equipment.

VERY LIKE A SCANDAL.

The frequent postponement of the prosecution against T. B. Hall, while his friends are busily engaged in taking up a collection to indemnify the Government for the money which he appropriated to his own use, are creating unfavorable comment. No doubt has been raised as to the guilt of the accused, and it will not be claimed that the postponements are with a view of enabling either the Crown or the prisoner to make out a case. There can only be one object, namely to enable the money taken to be replaced. The public are not very much concerned about this. A matter of between four and five thousand dollars will neither make nor break the Treasury; but there is great danger that the administration of justice may be brought into contempt if the idea goes abroad that there is one law for the unfortunate man, who steals a pair of boots, and another for the high-toned person who abuses a position of public trust and pockets public money. If it is the intention of the Crown to press the prosecution there is no excuse for delay. If it is intended to condone the offence, the debt may be as well forgiven, and the accused be discharged with a caution. The suggestion has been made that if the money was refunded, the accused might be discharged on suspended sentence. **Why?**

THE DUNDONALD INCIDENT.

The dismissal of Lord Dundonald from the position of major-general commanding the militia and the events leading up to it do not make pleasant reading. Briefly stated the facts are that Lord Dundonald presented a list of names for places in the militia to Hon. Sydney Fisher, who acting for the Minister of Militia, struck out one of them. At a banquet subsequently given in his honor Lord Dundonald referred to the action of the Minister in anything but complimentary terms, suggesting that it was influenced by political considerations. Hawing refused to withdraw or offer any explanation for his remarks and having declared that he would not resign, Lord Dundonald was dismissed by the Government.

It is unnecesary for the purposes of this article to inquire into the wisdom of the Minister's act. It was within his jurisdiction to do as he did, and if he acted wrongly the proper place to call him to account was in Parliament. If Lord Dundonald thought that the erasure of the name was a matter of vital importance to the militia service or to his prestige as commanding officer he had the right to remonstrate, but his remonstrance ought to have been addressed to the Governor-General in council, in which event it is safe to assume that he would not have referred to the Minister as "Mr. Sydney Fisher," and sneered at his occupation as a farmer. Neither would he have felt warranted in putting forth the insult to the whole Canadian people implied in his remark that he did not expect to be treated with courtesy, as he had lived a year at Ottawa. We make these observations because there is a disposition in some quarters to submit to any amount of "side" so long as it emanates from a lord, and to regard a piece of studied insolence as quite forgivable if addressed by a peer of the realm to a plain Canadian gentleman. Lord Dundonald, of whose valor in the field there can be no question, has been at some trouble to show that there are some instincts of a gentleman to which he is a stranger.

The prompt dismissal of Lord Dundonald was due to the Canadian people, first because it is necessary to demonstrate that the responsible ministry and not the officers appointed by it are the rulers of the Dominion and must be treated with exactly the same deference as the government of the United Kingdom. It is hard to get this into the heads of some people from England, but it may not be so difficult hereafter. The fault does not lie wholly with the people from England by any meaens, but arises in large measure from the conduct of mean-spirited Canadians, who toady to everything English and sneer at their own countrymen. No man need feel called upon to apologize for being a Canadian, but there are some clammy-souled individuals who incessantly do, not in words, perhaps, but in conduct, which is infinitely worse. If a distinguished Englishman visits Canada, what looks like a labored effort is made to keep him from coming in contact with the Canadian people. The people whom he is asked to meet are for the most part English people temporarily in Canada. So common is this practice that a distinguished gentleman, when asked on his return from this country how he liked the Canadian people, replied that he had not met any. How is it possible to cultivate that mutual understanding of each other, without which imperial solidarity is an idle dream, unless all Canadians always and everywhere stand erect in their manhood, and in their conduct paraphrase the noble Basque phrase by asserting that " to be born a Canadian is a patent of nobility." There is no title which king or emperor can bestow more honorable than that which citizenship in this great Dominion confers, and a Canadian, though he may be a farmer and a farmer's son, like "Mr. Sydney Fisher," is the peer of any man, though he may have a hundred quarterings on his shield.

OUR INLAND WATERS.

The inposition of a fine upon the Princess May has caused a good deal of talk, and one of the questions which has arisen is as to the right of United States vessels in our inland waters. It is said that a high provincial authority has expressed in a semi-public manner the opinion that the Gulf of Georgia is the open sea and not territorial water. It will be remembered that in discussing the proceedings in the Clallam case, this paper said that such a conclusion was the logical consequence of the position alleged to have been taken by the Attorney-General in regard to the Strait of San Juan de Fuca, so that we are not surprised to learn that the opinion above referred to has been given. At that time we urged that the question should be given attention, because the question of sovereignty in the waters between this city and Vancouver is something that ought not to remain in doubt. Our contention is that every foot of the way between this city and the terminus of the Canadian Pacific is through territorial water, and that no nation in the world has any rights there, except such as can be exercised in a manner subordinate to British sovereignty. In view of the rapid increase of business along the Northwest Coast, and of the traffic that will exist in future between the Sound cities and Alaska, this subject of jurisdiction is of the utmost importance. We propound this question for the opinion of those, who hold the restricted view of the rights of Canada in those waters: Suppose a vessel flying the flag of Morocco is on her way to Vancouver, and while in the Gulf of Georgia her captain commits some act, not piratical, which would be regarded as wilful murder in a British court; would the captain be tried under Canadian laws and before a Canadian court, or would he be answerable only to the laws of Morocco? If the Gulf of Georgia is a part of the high sea he would not be answerable for his crime here, because for an act done on the high sea the captain of a ship is answerable only to the laws of the country whose flag his ship carries. No other country can claim jurisdiction.

In the Interest of Accuracy. For the information of the newspapers of this province, it can be stated with positiveness that John Houston, M.P.P., of Nelson, is not held for libelling John Elliott, a Nelson lawyer. John Houston, M.P.P., of Nelson, is held for stating a fact.

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

A Very Remarkable Condition of Things Set Forth by the Minister of Finance.

Politics run so high in Canada that no one accepts at their face the telegraphic summaries sent to the party papers, and the Budget Speech of the Finance Minister is longer than most people care to read, even if the daily papers had printed it, which they did not. The speech is nevertheless well worth reading, and as it is impossible for "Progress" to reproduce it, the next best thing to do is to give a summary of its principal points.

The estimated revenue for the present year, that is for the year ending June 30th, is $71,029,802, and the estimated expenditure on account of the Consolidated Fund is $54,000,000, which will leave a surplus of over $16,000,000, which is by far the largest in the history of Canada. A little explanation may be useful at this point. The expenditures of Canada are divided under two heads, those on account of the Consolidated Fund, which include as a rule those of a temporary nature, and the others on Capital Account, which include those that are for permanent improvements. The Capital Account expenditures this year will be about $11,500,000, so that the actual surplus to be employed in the reduction of the public debt will be $7,500,000. This will make the debt smoething like $1,000,000 less than it was when the Liberals took office, and this notwithstanding the very large outlays that have been made in permanent public works during the last seven years. It makes no difference what a man's politics may be, he cannot help being gratified by such a showing as this, because it demonstrates that the country is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. The per capita indebtedness of the Dominion has necesarily decreased very considerably, because the population has grown while the debt has not. In 1896 the per capita debt was $50. It is now $46.96.

Mr. Fielding was able to cite statistics to show that the effect of the surtax on imports from Germany, imposed in retaliation for the excessive duties imposed by Germany upon imports from Canada, had had the effect of reducing our imports from Germany by 38 per cent. Until this surtax was imposed very large quantities of sugar were imported into Canada from Germany, but since its imposition not a pound has been brought into the country from Germany and the trade has gone to the British West Indies, a condition of things that will be eminently satisfactory to every one except the German producers.

The attitude taken by Mr. Fielding towards the Chamberlain propaganda is of interest, for in this respect he speaks for the Government of the Dominion. He looks very favorably upon it, because he claims that Mr. Chamberlain's plan is only an extension of the idea involved in the British preference extended by Canada, by New Zealand and South Africa. He claims that the safest attitude for Canada to take in the present stage of the discussion is to adhere to the preferential system, until public opinion in the United Kingdom and throughout the Empire has crystallized into a definite policy. He closed his observations on this point by saying: "Therefore we say to the English people that the people of Canada are practically a unit in the support of the principle of preferential trade."

Mr. Fielding foreshadowed the future fiscal policy of the Government. It is to establish a maximum and a minimum tariff, and below the minimum the British preference. The German surtax is an example of the maximum tariff, and it is the intention of the Government, when the matter of tariff revision is taken up to make a general provision so as to enable any hostile tariff arrangements that may be specifically directed against the Dominion by other countries to be met. The minimum tariff would be of general application to all foreign countries, which do notp lace Canadian trade upon some exceptional disadvantage.

The tariff changes made consist of the establishment of a minimum duty of 30 per cent. on woollen goods, a reduction of the duty on coal oil from 5 cents a gallon to 2½ cents, a bounty of 1½ cents per gallon on crude oil manufactured in Canada and a removal of the duty on crude oil, a reduction from 30 to 10 per cent. on silk fabrics and a considerable increase to the free list of goods not made in Canada.

A special provision is to be made to prevent the "dumping" of goods upon the Canadian market. If an article is sold in Canada at a lower price than in the country where it is produced a special duty will be imposed. It is hoped that this will have a more beneficial effect than would be accomplished by increasing the tariff. He promised that the Government will make careful inquiry into the whole question of the tariff in order to see in what respects the business interests of the country call for changes.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

General business in Victoria seems to be quiet at present, although there is a great deal of building and other work in progress. Some anxiety is felt as to the date when work will be begun on the C. P. R. hotel, and there is not the least doubt that when the big corporation gets down to business there will be a general revival in all lines. During the last month or two considerable farm property has changed hands and inquiries for such are becoming more numerous from week to week. The movement in city real estate is not particularly marked. Very little is said on the steets about the Grand Trunk Pacific, but there is in every mind a very anxious desire to know how soon that company will get down to work. Some people give the fact of the probable early beginning of work as a reason for not embarking in any new enterprises, preferring to hold their money until the terminus of the new line has been decided upon. Mining conditions on the Island are steadily, if slowly, improving, and the amount of business resulting from what is being done in the metalliferous mines and prospets is larger than might at first sight be supposed. On Thursday night, for example, eight men left for Quatsino Sound by way of the East Coast, and their object was to examine mining proporties. It is possible that work on a large scale may shortly be inaugurated there, as one of the persons referred to is the representative of the largest financial combination engaged in mining in America.

ASCENDED MOUNT STEPHEN.

Word has been received by the C. P. R. that the first important ascent of the season has been made in the Rockies. Mr. J. D. Patterson, of Woodstock, Ont., ascended Mount Stephen on June 1st Mt. Stephen is at Field, and is over 10,000 feet high from the sea level, while it actually rises over 6,500 feet above the valley. The feat is an extraordinary one, not only because Mount Stephen presents difficulties at all times to the Alpinist, but because so early in the year the sun has not yet had time to clear away the ice and snow of winter, and there are many places where great caution is necesary to avoid treacherous snow cornices. Mr. Patterson was accompanied by C. Kaufman and H. Kaufman, two of the best of the Swiss guides which the C. P. R. has stationed through the Rockies for the accommodation of tourists. The party were not content with this feat, but one June 5 made a first ascent of Mount Ball, a peak of considerable difficulty. The mountain has never been ascended before.

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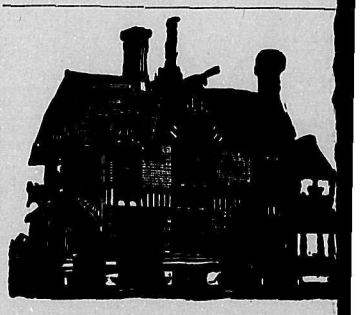

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One of the largest and prettiest teas the season was that given by Mrs. b at her home on Douglas street last iday afternoon. The rooms were done different colors, the small drawing om being a charming study in yellowoom, carnations, and poppies carrying t the general scheme. The large awing room was elaborated in pink d red roses, "Papa Goutier" roses d sweet peas predominating the ealth of flowers. The supper room as shaded and lighted effectively, blush ses bestrewing the table and a wealth white blooms forming the artistic ntre-piece. Serving at the table, exisitely gowned in white, were Mrs. rb's daughters, Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. iggarstaff Wilson, assisted by Mrs. lackwood, Mrs. Goulding Wilson, Miss ary Lawson, and Miss Keast. Among e very many ladies present were Mrs. cPhillips, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. James L. aymur, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Stuart Robtson, Mrs. A. W. Currie, Mrs. and iss Haynes, Mrs. and Viss Vincent, rs. Garesche, Mrs. Woodgate, Miss cB. Smith, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Gore, rs. and the Misses Hunt, Mrs. Mone, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Rithet, rs. Brett, Mrs. Brett, Jr., Mrs. D. R. er, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Miss odd, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. and iss Goewen, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. A. E. mith, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Millar, rs. Tye, Mrs. (Dr.) Fagan, Mrs. and iss Nicholles, Mrs. Redfern, Miss arvey, Miss Finlaison, the Misses rahame, Mrs. and Miss Kitto, Mrs. d the Misses Earle, Mrs. Eli Harrin, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mrs. J. S. elmcken, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. ixi H. Ross, Mrs. Herbert Kent, Mrs. d Miss Keast, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. and iss Jay, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Grant California), Mrs. D. and Miss Campell, Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. Going, Mrs. Wilam Wilson and Miss Wilson, Mrs. ay Wilson, Mrs. Robert Beaven, Mrs. bbott and party, Mrs. S. Y. Wootton, rs. Church, Mrs. E. Mainwaringohnson, , Miss Mainwaring-Johnson rs. Clay, Mrs. and Miss Brown.

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June is at last beginning to redeem s reputation as the month of marriges.. The past ten days have witnessed many unostentatious weddings, and two cases Vancouver has been robbed population for Victoria's benefit—r. William L. B. Young, son of Mr. enry Young, claiming as his bride iss Margaret Watson of the Terminal ty, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. hn Watson; and Mr. Frederick Rutledge winning as his wife another fair Vancouverite, Miss Alberta Robertson. The weddings were celebrated respecively by Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton and Rev. J. M. McLeod. At Christ Church Cathedral here last Friday evening, Mr. Frank Tentley of Guichon was united in marriage to Miss Minnie, second daughter of Mr. James Wilson of this city. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a handsome brown travelling dress. She was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Wilson, who was charmingly gowned in fawn French voile, over blue. The bride carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, and the bridesmaid a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Tentley after the ceremony left for Vancouver and Sound cities, where the honeymoon will be spent, on the conclusion of which they will return to Guichon, where they will reside temporarily until the summer holidays, after which they will make their home in Vitcoria.

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A pretty little private wedding was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Saviour, Victoria West, on Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Barber officiating. The bride was Miss Agnes Hansen, daughter of Mrs. N. Hansen, of 10 Bay street, the groom being Mr. Edmund Eyres. The bride wore a light grey travelling dress and to match with it a picture hat trimmed with chiffon and white roses, the bouquet being also of white roses. The little bridesmaids—Miss Norma Blackstead and Miss Christie—were gowned in white silk and carried baskets of white and mauve sweet peas. After leaving the church, which was tastily decorated for the occasion, the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents where breakfast was partaken of, the immediate relatives and friends of the families concerned being the only ones present. The breakfast table was prettily decorated with maidenhair fern, white carnations and white ribbon. The healths of the bride and groom were proposed by Rev. Mr. Barber and responded to by the bridegroom in humorous manner. After breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Eyres left for Cowichan lake where they will spend their honeymoon. The large number of beautiful and valuable presents received by the bride indicate the esteem in which the young people are held by their numerous friends.

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A very charming At Home was given last Saturday by Mrs. E. B. Marvin in honor of her daughter, Mrs. (Judge) Stratton of Portland. Assisting the hostess in receiving her guests at the entrance were Mrs. Broderick, Mrs. Reynolds, and Miss Ethel Marvin; while Miss Russell and Mrs. E. Dickenson rendered similar assistance in receiving in the first drawing room. Miss Potts officiated at the punchbowl; while in charge of the table—tastefully adorned in pink with carnations as the honored flower—were Mrs. McCandless and Mrs. Frank Adams, ably assisted by Miss Jessie Potts and Miss Mabel Haynes.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Henry le Guay Geary, K.C.B., Lady Geary and the Misses Geary have arrived for an extended visit to British Columbia. Sir Henry has just completed his term as governor and commander-in-chief of the Bermudas. He has served in the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, and Abyssinia, in 1868. His seat is Little Combe, Old Charlton, Kent.

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The wedding of Miss Ethel Worlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. H. Worlock of this city, to Captain Fall, formerly of Cowichan and now of the South African Constabulary, was celebrated at Capetown on Monday last, immedidately upon the arrival of Miss Worlock at that place to join the husband of her choice.

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The Woodmen of the World with their friends to the number in all of upwards of 250 ladies and gentlemen, enjoyed a trolly party and social last Monday evening. The trolly party is a social institution whose delights Victoria is just beginning to thoroughly appreciate.

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Arrangements are being made by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hooper to suitably celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, which occurs on the 25th of the present month. Mr. Hooper's brother, the King's Printer of Manitoba, whose wife is a sister of Mrs. Hooper's, will be here to participate in the silver celebration.

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The marriage of Mr. Frank Stephenson and Miss Gray is fixed for the 22nd instant, a honeymoon being afterwards taken in California. Upon their return from the South, the young couple will take up their residence on Cadboro Bay Road, where the groom-to-be is just completing a pretty home.

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The announcement has just been made semi-authoritatively, that Earl Grey will succeed Lord Minto as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and naturally there is much speculation as to the personality of the new viceroy. Albert Henry George Grey, fourth earl (title created 1306) was born in 1851, and succeeded to the title in 1894. He graduated first class in senior law and history, from Tripos, Cambridge, in 1874. He served in the Commons as member for Northumberland S., 1880-85, and Tyneside, 1885-86. He was a director of the British South Africa Co. and administrator, 1896-97. At present he is lord-lieutenant of Northumberland. The title fell to a nephew of the late earl, failing a direct heir. The late Earl Grey died in 1894, and was a warm personal friend of her late majesty Queen Victoria, and held the office of Secreteary of the Colonies, which is now filled by Sir Alfred Lyttleton. He was secretary for war also. The present earl's grandfather was prime minister of England from 1830 to 1834. The present Earl Grey is a most brilliant speaker. In 1887 Earl Grey married Alice, daughter of Robt. S. Halford, Esq., of Westonbrit, Gloucestershire. There are four children living—Lady Victoria Sibyl Mary, now Lady V. Grenfell, born in 1878 and who married in 1901 Arthur Morton Grenfell; Viscount Harwick, heir to the earldom, born in 1879; Lady Sibyl and Lady Evelyn Alice.

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Mrs. Livingstone Thompson left by the Empress of Japan on Monday en route for Simla, India, where her relatives have their home, being accompanied on her long trip by Mr. A. B. van Der Gucht. The latter expects to return to Victoria in eight or ten months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo V. Harper of Everett spent the week-end in Victoria, on honeymoon happiness intent. Mrs. Harper was formerly Miss Harriet F. Black. Her marriage to Mr. Harper was solemnized in Seattle last week by Rev. W. G. Jones.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leigh of San Francisco came up last Sunday on the Steamer Queen on a short visit. They returned last night, taking their niece, Mrs. G. Simpson and Miss Ella Simpson with them.

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Miss I. F. Defries of Portland, Ore., is visiting at "Firleigh," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sylvester, 57 Alfred street.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Shaw of Vancouver, a young lady possessed of many Victoria friends, and Mr. Beasley.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie Hill and Mr. Hugh Little of Lake District.

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Mr. D. M. Eberts has returned from an extended visit to Chatham, Ont., his boyhood home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. C. Grant are about to leave for a three months' visit to England, where Mr. Grant formerly resided.

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Mr. D. W. Higgins is to leave on Tuesday next for a visit to Eastern points.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Adelaide King, niece of Mr. S. Y. Wootton, and Mr. Curzon Osborne.

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Miss Robertson of this city is a guest of Mrs. Willemar, Sandwick.

—Musicians Go To The Country:

Mr. William Hicks, of the Hicks & Lovick Co., will make a business trip to Cumberland and the Comox District. While there he expects to take in the annual straberry festival. Mr. J. G. Brown will also be present to take part in that event.

—To Open On the 16th:

The latest communication received by the Fifth Regiment Band show that they are expected to open their Worlds Fair engagement with Mackays European circus on the 16th July, which means that they must be leaving for Missouri very shortly now. W. S. Vanover, the famous monster bass player to be with the band, has been urged by the English makers of the remarkable instrument he uses in concert—a monster double B—to allow it to be placed on exhibition with their instrumental exhibit at St. Louis until the Fifth Regiment Band arrives, which will be done.

S. O. E.—Alexandra Lodge held the regular quarterly meeting last Wednesday evening at K. of P. hall. There was one new member initiated and Grand Organizer S. M. Nainer from Toronto addressed the lodge.

A company known as the Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company, Ltd., is in process of incorporation in Victoria and its prospectus will shortly be issued. Prominent business men are connected with the enterprise, including ex-Mayor Hayward, Mr. E. Crow Baker, Mr. A. B. Fraser, Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. W. F. Teetzel of Nelson. The promoters of the company control options on some of the best oil lands in Block 4593 now thrown open, and it is being formed for the purpose of developing these lands.

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The Victoria Gardens.

How This Favored City Utilizes the Sunshine to a Profit.

A "Progress" man visited a number of the leading florists and gardeners of Victoria for the purpose of learning to what extent the large amount of sunshine with which we are blessed was being utilized commercially. He found the generaly opinion to be that this is the only point on the West Coast where flowers can be successfully produced through the winter and early spring months. One of the large firms, "The Hopkins Carnation Company," has just changed hands, therefore nothing is said of them. Several small firms have been missed through lack of time, and one proprietor was too busy when called upon to talk.

"Commercial growers is the English name for this business," said Mr. A. J. Woodward, of Charles street. "We grow here every kind of flower used for decorative purposes as well as large quantities of lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers, all under glass. I have between two and three acres of glass altogether. Most of my business is wholesale though I have a shop in town that does a large retail trade. Victorians do not use 10 per cent. of the flowers and vegetables I produce. I send them all over the country as far as Dawson and the North West Territories. My principal business is with Puget Sound cities and Vancouver. You see, we have the sunshine here in the winter. For this reason, there is no other place on the Coast that would be as suitable for our business as this. I believe that Kamloops would give as good results, but we should be farther from our market there and it would cost more for fuel on account of the cold winters.

"I do not consider this soil any better than a sandy loan would be. It needs a large amount of manure and plenty of water. This is the largest establishment of the kind in the province and I think there are none larger anywhere on the Coast. In these greenhouses are over three miles of steam-pipe used in heating."

Passing through the houses the reporter saw some devoted to tomatoes and others again to flowers and ferns. Long cucumbers were hanging from the great trailing vines and ripe tomatoes made one forget it was only May.

"These tomatoes," said Mr. Woodward, "were planted after the lettuce was taken off. We often get several crops in the course of a year.

"One of our difficulties," said he, "is the labor question. I get a good man and train him to do the work as I want it. Then he gets uneasy and leaves me and I have to begin again. It takes a long time to learn our methods, so you can see what a difficulty this is."

R. H. JOHNSTON, whose father came to Victoria in 1861, is a native son The business was started in 1868 as Mitchell & Johnston. They are seedsmen and nurserymen though as a by-product they handle flowers. One of their nurseries is at St. Charles street, and the other, a new one, in the vicinity of Oak Bay. Having been so long in business the firm has connections with a number of European seed growers, from whom they buy direct, none of their business being done on commission, as is so often the case. Most of the business is done in Victoria and the country districts throughout the province. Owing to the United States tariff they cannot compete for the American trade in nursery stock or seeds.

Mr. Johnston is enthusiastic over the prospects of the future business of Victoria, especially in flowers. He says we have the two things needful: a splendid soil and plenty of sunshine. They have neither of these on Puget Sound or at Vancouver. "Sunshine," says Mr. Johnston, "is the one thing that we can't manufacture and that we must have in the growing of flowers, especially winter flowers.

G. E. WILKERSON, whose gardens and greenhouses are on Yates street, is a gardener as well as a florist. He finds that he can combine the business with advantage. Though he has been in business but six years he finds he has plenty to do, in fact his business has doubled almost every year since starting. He sends a good many chrysanthemums to Seattle in the autumn, but his specialty is dahlias, the tubers of which he sends all over the continent. He finds the Tourist Association a great aid to him in this business and in return for that aid he keeps the rooms on Fort street well supplied with these flowers. He says that, so far, this is the best season he has had.

THE JUBILEE GREENHOUSES, so-called because they were opened in the last jubilee year, are operated by W. and L. Russell. These gentlemen do a general retail florist business, raising cut flowers and plants for the local market. Besides this they handle a good many bulbs. Last year they imported nearly three tons of the choicest kinds. Seeds, too, in a small way, they sell in connection with their other business. They do not specialize, but cater to the general demand, neither do they do gardening for outsiders. Being centrally located they are able to command a large retail trade without the expense of keeping a shop in the business part. Their twelve thousand feet of glass is all used to great advantage, producing a continuous supply of flowers all the year round.

MR. J. T. HIGGINS, of Fort street, is one of the old timers, having been in the business for twenty-two years. The firms of Jay and Johnston were the only ones here when Mr. Higgins started. His business is chiefly confined to Victoria and district though a good many orders are supplied all up the Island and to Vancouver.

One of the largest flower and vegetable raisers in and around Victoria is MR. H. J. DUNN, of Glenford Avenue, off the Carey Road. Nearly three years ago Mr. Dunn took over the business from the Hopkins Brothers and since that time he has steadily increased the amount of glass and with it the output of the business. Doing only a local wholesale trade and specializing along a few lines he is able to raise these at a minimum cost, thus making the business pay when others would lose money.

"My business," said Mr. Dunn, "is confined almost exclusively to lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, carnations, and violets and chrysanthemums. The lettuce business is very much overdone, the price this year being only half that obtainable a year or two ago. In fact the same may be said of the whole business. There is too much glass for the market. Of course we export, but even Seattle and Vancouver are overdone. I send most of my surplus to the latter city, though some of it goes to the Sound. The whole of my produce is handled by F. R. Stewart & Co. It would not pay to market my own goods. The agents know the market and they can do much better than I could do myself.

"Yes, I raise some fruit. Come and see my strawberries." Splendid fruit they were, and plenty of them.

"I think it is hardly fair to the fruit raiser for Mr. Cunningham, the fruit inspector to report big crops in order that the buyers may hold back until the market is glutted. They then get the berries at almost their own price. We should be much better without an inspector than that he should bear the market.

"I use very little barn-yard manure here, but instead I sow peas and plough them them in after about two months' growth. Peas are not as good as clover for the purpose, but they grow much quicker and are almost as good.

"There is in all here about an acre or rather more than that of glass. Being on the hillside I consider that I am able to get flowers nearly two weeks earlier than other florists. This, you can see, is a distinct advantage. A week means a good deal at the beginning of the season."

"You raise a good many violets?"

"Yes," said he," "but they are not a dependable crop. No one can tell for a certainty when there will be any. They often come out all at once and then the next week there are none. There is money in them, but they are risky."

E. A. WALLACE, manager of Flewen's Gardens, when interviewed by a "Progress" reporter said: "We make a specialty of hardy herbaceous plants, bulbs and roses. We are endeavoring to get here Old Country hardy perennials. We do some business in cut flowers and seeds. That round bed of tulips in the Park last spring was supplied by us. We have already taken considerably over one hundred dollars' worth of bulbs for next fall. We find that when people buy from us once they generally continue as regular customers."

Mr. Wallace supplies the flowers that are so much admired in the Windsor Grocery, where some of their retail business is conducted.

JAY & CO. is the oldest seed firm in Victoria, having started business here in '62. They have three acres of land on Cook street where they raise flowers and nursery stock. Their specialty is in seeds—flower, vegetable and agricultural. The retail store on Broad street is run in connection with the gardens as a convenience to customers.

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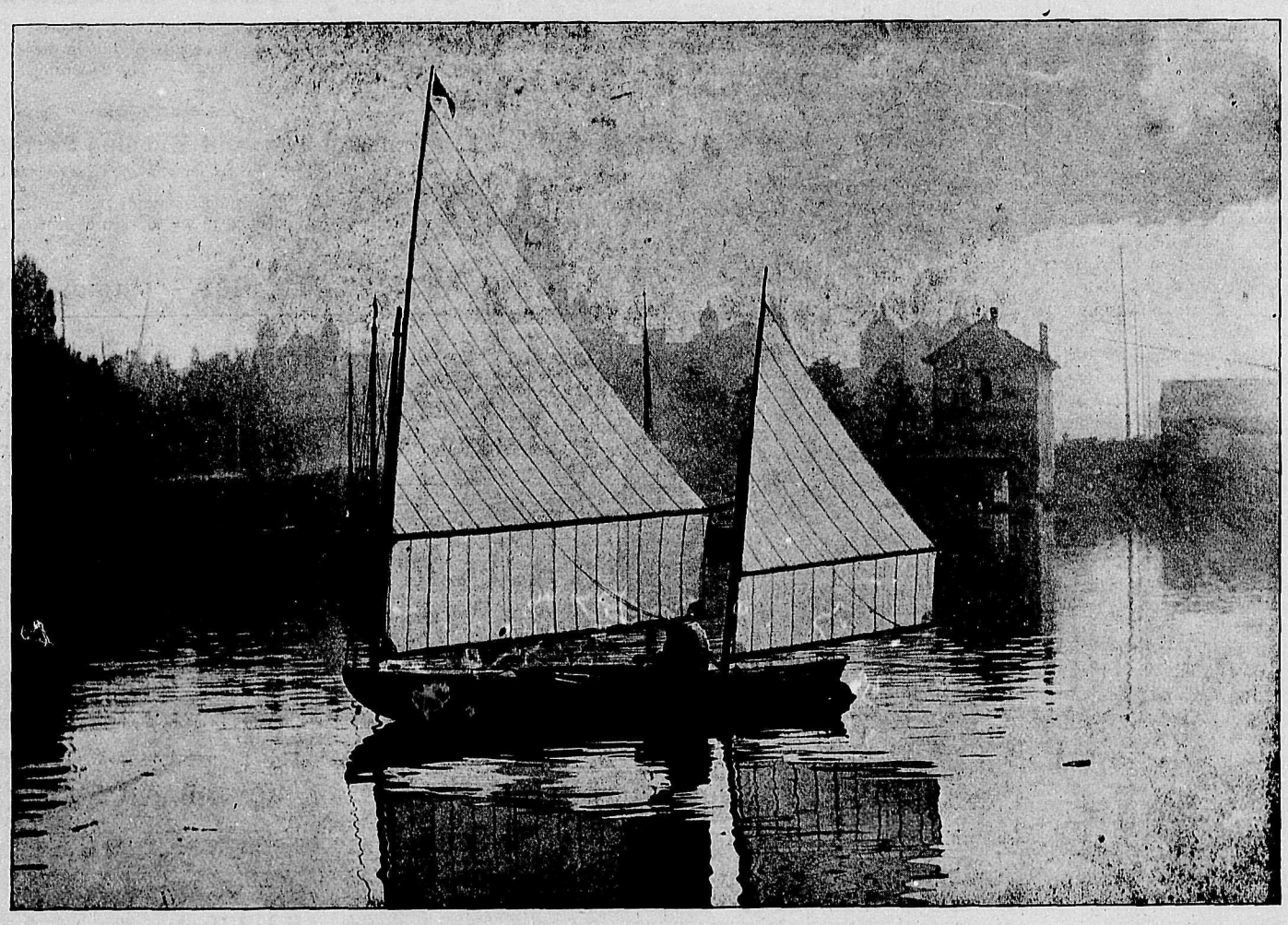

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Gossip of Stageland.

Since the Edison closed its doors for the summer season, Manager Jamieson of the Grand appears to monopolize the theatrical patronage of the city, standing room only, and sometimes not even that, having been the order of the occasion all through the week. It begins to look indeed as though an enlargement of the house would be necessary in the very near future. Perhaps it is Mr. Jamieson, perhaps the newness of the house has much to do with it, but chiefly the quality and quantity of the show are responsible for the big business. And the star bookings instead of being gradually trimmed down, would seem to be growing. For next week the bill is even better than the present. The roster is headed by Frank McNish, a famous minstrel end-man—THE McNish of McNish, Johnson and Slavins, and originator of the silence and fun act which he will introduce. He is brought direct to the Grand from New York city. The Hirschorns are Swiss warblers and musicians of note, introducing the famous yodels of the mountains; while Mr. Hirschorn also appears in instrumental selections, his brow zither solos being especially mentioned. Fanny Donovan, a comedienne with a powerful and pleasing voice, gives a bright and clean entertainment, introducing topical songs and local hits. The Linden Sisters are duettists blending singing and whistling in a delightfully original manner; Bernard Williams, Irish comedian, presents bright, clean comedy with new songs and jokes; Mr. Frederic Roberts, baritone, sings the beautifully illustrated "Somebody Waiting 'Neath Southern Skies"; and the bioscope pictures are new and well selected.

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The newspapers of the Northwest have during the past fortnight chronicled the formation of a new vaudeville circuit to be known as the United Vaudeville Association, virtually serving all the smaller theatres west of the Mississippi with their professional talent. The published information in the matter is based originally on this Denver despatch of the 9th: "A theatrical syndicate was formed in Denver to-day, under the name of the United Vaudeville Association. The deal was effected by D. J. Grauman, of San Francisco, and A. J. Morganstein, of Los Angeles, who control the 10 and 20-cent vaudeville houses of the Pacific Coast, and George Ira Adams, of Denver, who controls the Crystal circuit, between Salt Lake City and Milwaukee. The new combination proposes to take in all of the 10 and 20-cent vaudeville houses from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast. There are already 30 houses in the trust, and it is expected that 18 more will be added to the chain." It is probable that the new association will direct the bookings of the local vaudeville houses, but will not in any other way enter into their operations.

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As foreshadowed in "Progress" last Saturday, the Edison has closed for the summer season, which will be devoted to alteration and re-decoration of this cosy and popular family resort. It may fairly be said that for clean, artistic entertainment at a popular price, no small theatre in the Northwest has catered more acceptably to the discriminating public. The work of reconstruction will begin about the 1st August, and will be completed in time for a re-opening on September 12th. The stage is to be moved back forty feet, giving that additional length to the auditorium; and commodious galleries will be built in, the seating capacity in all being increased to upwards of 700. The stage equipment will at the same time be supplemented; the house prettily re-decorated, and the facilities for serving the public considerably augmented. And no doubt Manager Errickson in due season will reap his reward.

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The roof garden project is receiving consideration by two astute theatrical managers here.

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Manager Johnson of the Lyceum has decided not to break into the ranks of the picture houses.

The prime favorites at the Grand this week have been the musical wonders Paul Boulon and Lee Worley, who played on cornets, banjos, and violins. The juggling Thorns did their spinning very cleverly and the Auers, the clever rag-pickers did some very artistic work with what appeared to be but poor material. The Layne and D'Avra sketch was above the average and incidentally taught a good lesson. The illustrations for Frederic Roberts' song were always beautiful, though not quite as illustrative of the subject as one could wish. These with the moving pictures have made up as pleasant an entertainment for vaudeville lovers as the most fastidious could wish.

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

Commendable Cookery.—"For once the News shows an appreciative Enterprise in roasting the Herald's correspondent."—Cumberland Enterprise.

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The Mission Link.—"A play is being prepared by local talent, the proceeds of which is for the benefit of the Church of England."—Cumberland Enterprise.

A Crippled Thoroughfare. — "Constable Thompson this morning saw a dog on the street which had lost part of one of its legs."—Nanaimo Free Press.

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Perils Of The Tub.—"Now that the bathing season has set in in earnest, it is to be hoped there will be no fatalities."—Ladysmith cor. New Westminster Columbian.

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Dwelling for Sail.—Mr. Kirk's house is well under weigh.Kootenay Mail.

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A Sufferer's Protest.—There are some people who not only lose their own time with their troubles, but take up the time of others telling them.—Fort Steele Prospector.

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Curious Cur Cure.—"Chas Gillan's dog Terry has been on the sick list for the past week. The Government vet. was called in to see him on Saturday last, so Terry has a fair chance to recover."—Rossland Evening World.

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Pretty Painting.—"Fred Pretty has got a contract from the C. P. R. to paint a number of their houses at Banff. It will be a summer's job."—Rossland Evening World.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

YOU SHOULD spell it Donedonald now.

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WONDER if Predicaris and predicament come from the same root?

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THE General Commanding evidently needed a lesson in the necessity of discipline.

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ROCKEFELLER seems to have overlooked those mines at Port Arthur in making up his big combination.

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IT LOOKS very much as though the bandit was a bigger institution than the government over in Morocco.

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THE baseball umpire is a sort of walking delegate, whose business it is to declare strikes.

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THE Russians do not seem to be losing so much as they might in that shell game at Port Arthur.

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PERDICARIS having once been a street railway man himself, he should know enough to ask those bandits for a transfer.

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THE "Province" has on exhibition a monster duck egg, symbolical of popular interest in lacrosse as demonstrated by a two-team league.

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THERE may be something in the proposal to send the local lacrosse team to St. Louis. The twelve can at least make an exhibition of themselves.

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IF SKYRDLOFF keeps skylarking around with the Vladivostock squadron, the Japs may sometimes learn to go slower.

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MR. W. R. ROSS, M.P.P., has endorsed Hon. Mr. F. L. Carter-Cotton as a man of brains and some influence, and Mr. Carter-Cotton has thereby acchieved the pinnacle of fame.

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MR. MAYAI WOJTUSCHUOKE was a passenger by the Princess Victoria the other evening, and yet the steamer made the trip from Vancouver without mishap.

COLONIST has an interesting special article on "The Biggest Dam Ever Constructed." The story has nothing to do with the remarks made by the man who bet on Victoria in the Empire Day lacrosse match.

SNRVEYS FOR SEALERS. . .

Schooner Teresa Makes an Uncommonly Short Voyage, and the Reason Why.

The arguments which have been advanced in the past few issues of "Progress" with respect to the necessity of surveys for sealers appear to commend themselves most favorably at least to the men who go to sea on these ships. A deputation of these visited the office of "Progress" yesterday, to report their personal experience. They had signed for the trip on the schooner Teresa, which got away Thursday—and got home again yesterday. To explain the brevity of the trip the spokesman of this little deputation may be quoted—with the nautical trimmings omitted:

The schooner had gone out supposedly fit for a long voyage. There was no wind worthy of the name. It was hoped to pick up the usual evening breeze, and in the meantime the schooner was loafing along inshore. When, in calm weatner, sails were hoisted, the mainmast snapped and down came the sails and wreckage by the side. If the schooner had been in rough weather or any wind to mention, these sailormen declare that it would have been a case of capsize and drowning like rats in a trap. The crippled schooner was towed back for further repair by her own boats, and now the men are swearing that they will not go out in her. There are half a dozen others of the fleet that they propose to steer clear of. And it all works back to the original question propounded by "Progress," and which is just as deserving of an answer now:

Wherein are the lives of the sealers less valuable than the lives of those on the harbor tug? And why should official survey be omitted in the case of the vessel carrying a far greater number of lives, and which face incomparably harder weather?

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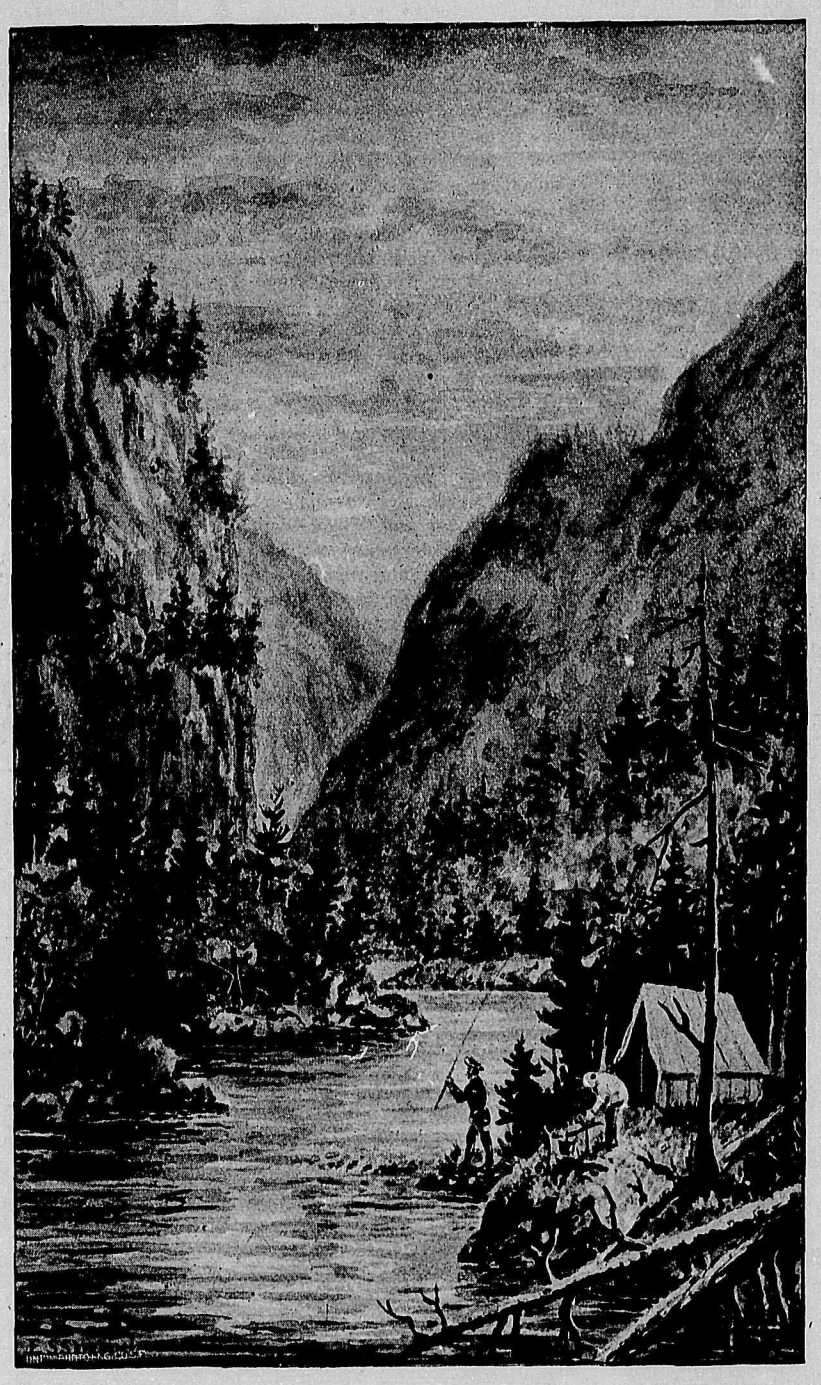

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Baseball League Brings Victoria Into the Big Circle.—First Match To-Day.

The extremity of lacrosse is evidently the opportunity of baseball. While interest in the Canadian game promises to go down to a very low mark this season, in consequence of New Westminster's withdrawal from the provincial association, baseball will boom immensely as the result of the formation of a first grade league in which Victoria has a place. The new league is semi-professional, and was brought into being at a meeting in Everett last week at which this city was represented by Mr. H. A. Goward. The Puget Sound Baseball League is the official title of the new organization, and its first game is set for to-day, in this city, between Seattle and Victoria, the home nine being drawn in the following batting order: McManus, c.; Blackburn, p.; Potts, 1 b.; Schwengers, 2 b.; Erle, s.s.; Rithet, 3 b.; McConnell, l.f.; Burnes, c.f.; and Goward, r.f.

Mr. Goward reports that the proceedings in connection with the formation of the league were marked by an enthusiasm which augurs well for the success of the venture. Entries were received from five clubs, more than sufficient to make the contest for the pennant interesting. They are Bellingham, Everett, Sedro Wolley, Seattle (Manuel Lopez) and Victoria. After the introduction of the delegates, the first question considered was whether the conditions in each of the cities represented would warrant the organization of a league. It was pointed out that the travelling expenses in the amalgamation proposed would be comparatively small. A league match, it was generally agreed, would be a much better attraction than an ordinary exhibition game. All circumstances taken into consideration, it was the unanimous opinion that the formation of the suggested league would be in the interests of baseball throughout the Northwest. Business in connection with the organization was then taken up. One of the most important matters discussed was the guarantee a team should receive when playing away from home. It took some time to satisfactorily settle this matter. Finally, however, the full expense of eleven men, with the option of 50 per cent. of the gate receipts, was agreed upon. This decision found favor with all present. It makes it necessary for the home club to make up any deficiency should the gate go below about $50, but, as was remarked, when a game cannot draw to that extent it is that to give up playing baseball. A constitution was then adopted calling for the election of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, as well as the formation of a board of managers to consist of the officers named and the duly accredited manager of each of the competing teams. It was also provided that the annual election of officers should be held on the first Tuesday of June each year; that the board of directors of the league; the control and direction of the league; that the initiation fee should be $10 for each club, and the annual dues after the first year $10, and that on or before June 14th each club should remit to the treasurer a cash guarantee of $25 to be held by the league as a guarantee that such club will faithfully keep and perform all its engagements as required by the constitution, the by-laws and the schedule of games, each guarantee to be forfeited by the club failing in its engagements to the club disappointed thereby. This was followed by the drafting of a number of rules and regulations, the most important of which follows: "No games shall be played by any of the clubs composing this league which conflict with the regular scheduled games. Revolving will not be permitted. Clubs guilty of negotiating with players already signed with other clubs of this league shall be subject to explusion. Players may be loaned from one club to another by consent of the managers of such clubs. If any player is released the club releasing him shall report such fact to the president and also whether there is anything against his character to prevent his re-engagement." Officers were then elected as follows: President, Mr. Dresen, of Everett; vice-president, S. L. Cole, of Bellingham; secretary, S. Newman; treasurer, Dresen. A complete schedule for the season was not drafted, it being found impossible to make satisfactory dates at such short notice. The following games were, however, decided upon:

June 18th—Seattle (Manuel Lopez) vs. Victoria, at Victoria.

June 25th—Everett vs. Victoria, at Victoria.

June 26th—Everett vs. Victoria, at Everett.

July 1st—Bellingham vs. Victoria, at Victoria.

July 2nd—Bellingham vs. Victoria, at Victoria.

July 3rd—Bellingham vs. Victoria, at Bellingham.

July 4th—Sedro Wolley vs. Victoria, at Mount Vernon.

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An agitation has been initiated here which deserves the support of all good sportsmen and true Victorians. It has for its object the sending of the J. B. A. A. four to Henley, where Winnipeg's representatives have now been despatched. The Henley trip would encourage the Bays immensely; it would be a great big advertisement for the city, and there is every reason to believe that the men from the West would stand an excellent chance of establishing themselves as world's champions. Winnipeg has latterly been doing some tall talking about the record performances of its crew, their mark of 8 minutes and 10 seconds being classed an American record. So it would be but for the fact that the J. B. A. A. "Big Four" at Nelson in 1902 entirely eclipsed it. Rowing on Kootenay, lake the Bay's four, consisting of W. W. Wilson (stroke), C. B. Kennedy (3), H. Briggs (2), and L. A. Gill (bow), won the junior mile and a half race in 7 minutes and 59 seconds. The senior race, over the same course was captured the next day in 7 minutes and 57 seconds. These times are in the N. P. A. A. O. records, and cannot be disputed. The present Winnipeg crew for Henley is well known to the J. B. A. A. boys. Selby Henderson (No. 2), was formerly a member of the local club. The four is a very fast one, but the men are a little lighter than the "Big Four." The weights are as follows:

J. B. A. A.—W. W. Wilson (stroke), 178 pounds; C. B. Kennedy (No. 3), 185; F. Dillabough (No. 2) 170; W. H. Jesse (bow), 168.

Winnipeg. — Hunter (stroke), 172 pounds; Kent (No 3), 180; S. Henderson (No. 2), 168; Riley (bow), 167.

J. B. A. A. crews are now getting into shape for the N. P. A. A. O. regatta next month at Portland. Coach O'Sullivan is keeping a careful eye on the progress of the boys, and is confident that they will establish for themselves a record equally as good as that of last summer. It is the intention of the James Bay Athletic Association to be represented in every event of the regatta. All crews, with the exception of the junior sculls, have been selected. They are as follows:

Senior Four—W. W. Wilson, stroke; C. B. Kennedy, 3; F. Dillabough, 2; W. H. Jesse, bow.

Junior Four—P. Andrews, stroke; J. Finlaison, 3; T. Brown, 2; J. Donaldson, bow.

Senior Pairs—D. O'Sullivan, stroke; D. Desbrisay, bow.

Junior Pairs—C. Kennedy, stroke; W. H. Jesse, bow.

Senior Sculls—D. Desbrisay.

Those acquainted with the oarsmen mentioned will agree that it would have been hard to make a better selection. All have been training faithfully and are confident of their ability to acquit themselves in such a way as to reflect credit upon the institution to which they belong.

It has not been definitely decided yet who will enter the junior sculls for the Bays. The name of W. W. Wilson has been suggested. Mr. Wilson, however, does not think that he should undertake this besides stroking the senior four. There are a number willing to enter the lists on behalf of the club, and those interested may rest assured that a worthy representative will be found to scull the junior single shell.

Preparations are also being made for the regatta by Vancouver, Nelson and Portland. According to the Province, the Terminal City four is stronger this summer than ever before. They have a stroke that is to carry them to victory with ease. The same paper also criticizes the local oarsmen's style. It says they "lie too far back on their oars and the recovery is killing," and owing to this Vancouver is going to have a "walk over." One of the most prominent of the local "Big Four" referring to this paragraph predicted that the pace of the J. B. A. A. crew would probably be found "killing" to the Vancouver aggregation. Nelson has a first-class four, and they are out for championship honors. It is this aggregation from the interior that Victoria must watch, as all oarsmen agree that they will be more formidable than any of the Coast crews.

"Postmaster Wadds received from Victoria last week for A. R. McQuarrie, an English setter with a perigree a yard long." The above clipping from the Rossland Evening World refers to an English setter bitch, Lady Maude by Duke and ex-champion Lady Howard, shipped to Rossland last week by Mr. Thos. Plimley. She was sold at a good figure for breeding purposes and is in whelp to T. P. McConnell's latest importation. Her color is lemon and white, a good field dog and of a fine appearance. Mr. Plimley has been breeding English setters in Victoria for years and has now several good bitches expecting litters in about a month. A large number of his dogs have won prizes in the local and outside shows , one year carrying everything before them.

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Very few apparently are aware of it, but it is a fact none the less that Swan lake is this season giving up some magnificent trout as the rewards of careful fishing. Heretofore there has been an impression that this lake was too deep for the approval of the trout. Bait fishing, however, brings from it some splendid specimens. One of these —a fish than which no firmer or better conditioned could be asked—was got by Mr. Frank Baines a few days ago. It weighed 2 lbs. 9 oz., and it was but one of a trio of big fellows.

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Manager Harrison of the Driard is proving himself one of the staunchest and most cordial friends of the American game on this side of the line. He has recently made the proposal to present a magnificent provincial championship trophy—to cost upwards of $100—if an organization of the ball teams can be brought about, and Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo arrange a series of league games. The proposal strikes the local fans very favorably—as it certainly should—and efforts will be made to bring about the proposed leagte.

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With no qualification of the belief that New Westminster has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner in withdrawing from the lacrosse association, "Progress" cannot but fully admit their right to a determining match for the 1903 championship, after Vancouver's default of the decider on that drawn game qualified Westminster as a championship competitor.

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They apparently play strenuous ball up in the Kootenays. In a recent match between Ymir and Salmo, R. C. Sheedy, a Ymir player, was "treacherously struck on the head by a Salmo player and knocked into unconsciousness, from which he recovered three hours later in the hospital where he is now confined. For some time it was feared that his spine was affected, but fortunately this proves not to be the case, and he will recover."

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The provincial lacrosse association has adopted a rule to determine championship honors by the percentage system, every win counting 100, every draw 50, and every loss nil. Had the constitution been amended in this regard before last season, there would be no squabble over the pennant ownership—it would have simply gone to Vancouver.

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New Westminster having remained obdurate, a series of lacrosse matches for the season between Vancouver and Victoria has been drawn up. The bobtailed race for the pennant will not be particularly interesting, but it is the best that can be done.

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The Grand Forks summer meeting is set for August 25th, 26th, and 27th. The principal event of course will be the Grand Forks Derby, seven-eighths of a mile, for the Seagram cup and $500 added.

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The B. C. Ball Club appears to have closed its eventful life with but "one consecutive appearance." Emmerson has gone to Salem, Ore., at a salary of $100 per and board. The others are reincarnated amateurs.

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Black bass will not be introduced into the waters of the Kootenay, in consequence of Professor Prince's conclusion that they would prey on the trout. The black bass is a very good fish—but he is not wanted if the trout must go with his coming.

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Port Townsend was scarely in it with Victoria last Saturday as shown by the score: 11 to 3.

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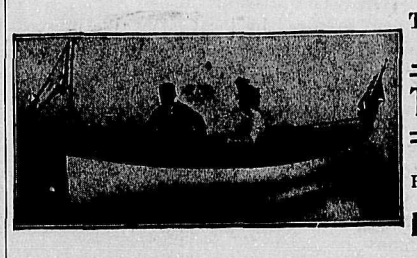

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