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THE PASSING SHOW.

A Review of Local and Foreign Events and Topics by the Editor.

There are at any rate some Canadians and some Englishmen in Canada, who do not appreciate their privileges. They recognize that the climate is perfect and that when Kipling invented the immortal phrase, "Our Lady of the Snows," he was guilty of the grossest libel ever perpetrated by a literary man. They also recognize the magnificent resources of the Dominion, in forest, field and mine, which will one day make it the brightest jewel in the British crown. Some of them, at any rate, go even further than this, and devoutly thank a benign Providence once every twenty-four hours that they are permitted to enjoy all all these privileges under the gracious rule of a Liberal government. But on the unimpeachable authority of Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, and ardent patriot, there is one advantage, transcending all the others, which is not as universally appreciated as it should be. The advantage of living on a continent where the Monroe doctrine prevails. Perhaps the word advantage should have been written in the plural, for not only may the fortunate inhabitants of Canada revel in the sentimental and ethical aspects of this sublime doctrine, but, as Sir Frederick forcibly reminds us, they may reap the benefit of its more material aspects. With an eye to the Canadian exchequer, the Minister of Militia asks why Canadians should trouble themselves about "standing armies" or "floating navies"? Why should they, in season and out of season, float the Union Jack, or the Royal Standard? Is not one great power obliged to maintain, under all circumstances and to the crack of doom, the inviolability of the Monroe Doctrine? Why should not Canada as well as the States, shelter beneath the folds of the Stars and Stripes? If Uncle Sam is willing to dip into his coffers to protect the whole continent, and maintain its solidarity, why not let him do it? Perish sentiment, perish ambition, perish independence; all these are popinjay virtues, which cost money to exemplify, and which are too expensive a luxury for a new country. It would appear that although Sir Frederick Borden hails from the Maritime Provinces, he has never studied Canadian history, and he has never heard of the United Empire Loyalists, whose bones are resting in the dust of his native Province. Sir Frederick may be an estimable man, but he has no imagination. He is a fair representative of that policy which has effectually barred the development of military efficiency in Canada, which has persistently refused to exercise discipline, and to exact obedience, which dubbed Lord Dundonald a foreigner, and made it impossible for General Hutton to discharge his duties. He represents the cheapest kind of tawdry, partisan politics, which aims at nothing higher than the dollar, and thinks that everything that costs a low price is cheap, and so he becomes an advocate of cheap protection, and no doubt chuckles when he reads of the contributions of other colonies to the defence of the Empire, whilst his own shuffles out of responsibility, and gets the protection of the armies and navies of the British Empire in all lands and on all waters for nothing; and all because he sees, or thinks he sees, permanent safety for Canada in the Monroe Doctrine. Sir Frederick Borden is not the first man who has seen a mirage, and been lured to his destruction.

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During the recent electoral campaign, the Victoria Times, with a fatuity of which no one would hardly have considered it capable, coined a catch phrase, "The Deadly Parallel." In doing so, it evidently overlooked the fact that such a course would suggest to the minds of every reader the deadliest parallel existing in the Dominion, the parallel of the C.P.R. and the G.T.P. Both start in the extreme East and run parallel to the West, but whilst the former finishes up at the coast, the latter stops short at Edmonton, and the deadly parallel is obvious. Any school boy can figure this out for himself with a pencil and a slate, and it makes a pretty picture.

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The Vancouver World asks, in a sapient editorial: "Is it a Conservative government?" One would think that a journal which undertakes to enlighten the public would have been able to find this out within three years. Sometimes, however, appearances are deceitful. The people of the Province have long ago made up their minds that it is the first Conservative government of British Columbia, that it is a very satisfactory substitute for the coalitions and cabals which for forty years have held sway at the Capital City. It is not to be wondered at that a Liberal organ, which The World claims to be, should be slow to recognize the fact that the day of intrigue is passed, and that the affairs of the Province are being successfully administered by a Conservative government.

One of the finest platform utterances heard in Victoria for a long time was that of Mr. Rufus Pope, who for so many years ably represented the Quebec constituency of Compton in the Federal parliament. At the conclusion of an address which aroused the utmost enthusiasm, he said that although the late English elections had gone against the Conservative party, they had not gone against the one man who knew what the Empire needed—Joseph Chamberlain. He looked forward to the time when Canada would hold 50,000,000 of white people, and she would then be the centre of the Empire. We did not barter bread, butter and bacon; we are not going to peddle our loyalty like that. But we owe the "Mother Country" lives in her time of danger. No breath of disloyalty should ever exist in this fair Dominion, and it was to build up such a nation as this that he would continue to fight and speak as long as there was breath in his body.

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Apropos of the matter of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company vs. the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, which is still before the House, it might not be inappropriate to call attention to the following dictum on the subject of invested interests by an authority to whom even the West Kootenay Hog is bound to submit —Blackstone says: "So great is the regard of the law for private property, that it will not authorize the least violation of it, not even for the general good of the whole community. The public good is in nothing more essentially interested than in the protection of their individual private rights."

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The precious metals are rising in value, and copper, lead and zinc have touched record prices, but wives are getting cheaper every day. At any rate this is so in Windsor, Ont., where Mrs. Richard Colwell has recently been sold by her husband to Frank Dobson, a foreigner, the consideration being a promissory note for $50. It was not even a cash transaction.

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There seems to be some doubt whether the patent medicine bill, now before the House, will become law this session. If it is crowded out or falls in the slaughter of innocents, a great injustice will be done to the public, who are at the mercy of unscrupulous and incompetent American charlatans, who voice their nauseous concoctions upon ignorant people, under the guise of medicines. They should be called what they are—poisons—and the sooner the better.

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The Navy estimates just presented in the Imperial parliament include a contribution from all the English colonies except Canada. It may not bring the blush of shame to a single Canadian cheek, to read this, but the omission is significant, especially when the circumstances are taken into account. The list reads: India, $515,000; Australia, $1,000,000; New Zealand, $200,000; Cape Colony, $250,000; Natal, $175,000; Newfoundland, $15,000; and Canada, $00,000. These figures are commended to the careful consideration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Frederick Borden.

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The Vernon News, like many other papers in Canada, has found out The Toronto Globe. Once it was a power in the land, now it is little better than a tin god on wheels. Our contemporary well expresses the position when it says: "The Toronto Globe presents the remarkable spectacle of a newspaper struggling to maintain its editorial utterances on the high plane of principle and right, but forced to now and then yield to the dictates of party, and to subordinate truth and justice to the demands of political expediency." The editor of The Vernon News might have added that when the Rev. J. A. Macdonald stepped from the pulpit to the editorial chair, he left his principles in his ministerial vestments.

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The Hon. William Templeman is for the first time in his career member for Victoria by the will of the people, and to that extent he is entitled to the congratulations which he will undoubtedly receive from men of all parties. Now that the contest is over, THE WEEK feels sure he will admit that it was a fair fight, and comparatively free from conditions and circumstances which often render electoral campaigns more or less disgraceful. There was an entire absence of personalities, and an unusually wide discussion of issues, especially by the Conservative speakers, covering the whole policy of the Federal government. The result shows that at the present time the strongest candidate whom the Conservative party could have been put in the field, would have been defeated, and Mr. Beckwith was by no means a strong candidate. If the campaign had been differently handled by the Conservative committee, Mr. Templeman's majority would have been less. There was an obvious lack of funds, even for the most urgent necessities of the campaign, and it was not until Monday night that a fairly representative meeting was held. THE WEEK stood for Conservative principles, and would fight for them, however hopeless the prospect. It is therefore entitled to say that before the present political complexion of the representation of the Capital City undergoes a change, the party will have to find stronger candidates, stronger officers, and a policy upon which they can unite to a man. The greatest source of weakness at the present time is the total lack of interest on the part of young men. At every meeting the majority of the heads were gray, which speaks well for the past, but augers ill for the future.

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THE WEEK does not agree with everything that falls from the lips of the member for Delta, but is in hearty accord with him when he says that it is a little short of a disgrace that incoming settlers are unable to obtain from the department pamphlets or other printed information with respect to the laws of this Province. When one thinks of the thousands of dollars wasted in the production of blue books which nobody ever reads, it seems a pity that a small appropriation cannot be secured for the production of necessary information which would materially tend to popularize the country. As THE WEEK has before pointed out, if the department is unable to produce this matter, there are a number of excellent pamphlets on the market, the result of private enterprise, which could with advantage have been utilised through a government agency. As most of these represent the self-denying labors of poor newspaper men, it would have been at once reasonable and encouraging if they had been recognized.

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The Victoria Times has an artist on its staff, who, although representing a Liberal paper, confines his attentions almost entirely to the Conservative members of the House. The reason is obvious. Neither The Times nor any other reputable paper would dare to publish the caricatures if they represented members of their own party. It must be admitted that as damnatory campaign sketches, they are the most effective ever seen in this Province.

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Mr. Stuart Henderson, who is a constant student of THE WEEK, exploited the views expressed in its columns on the subject of banking when criticising the budget speech this week. With the wide publicity given to these views, it is to be hoped they will receive the careful consideration of all business men, especially those who have made a study of finance. Few have any idea to what extent commercial development is strangled by the onerous conffitions imposed by Western branches of Eastern banks. Mr. Henderson pointed out that there must be a screw loose somewhere, when $12,000,000 of Provincial money was invested in the Northwest, and he adopted the opinion of THE WEEK, that this was due to the fact that British Columbia banks were all branches of Eastern banks, and had no interest in local development. He said the local managers had no power whatever, they were merely machines controlled by the head office in Montreal or Toronto. The government should encourage the establishment of a Provincial banking institution with local interests.

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SHORT STORY

THE DECISION OF GARVIN FARLEY.

(By Elliot Walker.)

"I hope the train won't be late."

From the platform of Crestville's small railroad station Sophronia gazed anxiously along the track in the direction of Colbury, tapping an impatient foot on the rough boards and whispering her trepidation to the unpainted post against which she leaned.

Hank Matchett, the gray station agent, winked at a companion, ungracefully sprawled on a solitary trunk.

"Waitin' for her beau," he explained. "Every Saturday afternoon Phrony's stuck up agin that post."

"Just as if I hadn't seen her," grinned the other. "Seen her more 'n forty times."

Every one in Crestville knew for whom Phrony waited. Garvin Farley invariably alighted from the front steps of the car behind the smoker, lifted his hat precisely, shook hands methodically, and walked away with Sopronia, whose beaming countenance told a story but faintly reflected in the grave visage of her lover.

A good many weeks had seen this arrival and departure. No longer was it a novelty. Phrony's "beau" had acquired the non-interest of an established fact. Village stares had dwindled to casual glances, comment to meaning grins.

But to Sophronia Pryor, this weekly visit was ever a fresh, bewildering joy. Perhaps to Mr. Farley, also. His face did not betray it.

When the train pulled in on this particular afternoon, no deviation from the regular course of procedure ensuad. The pair disappeared, as usual—Phrony, eager and tripping, with much to relate; Garvin, sedate, trim and upright, listening solemnly, with nods of approval.

Farley proclaimed himself an accountant, which simply meant that a position in a financial institution occupied his time. In other words, he assisted one Mr. Webber, Mingle & Company's head bookkeeper, in the labor of keeping books of account. His tasks were arduous, his remuneration small, his ability excellent.

An intelligent, steady, hard-working, poorly-paid clerk, silent and trustworthy, shrewd and even guarded—such was Phrony's queer admirer, who spent every Sunday at her father's neat farm, advancing slowly in the family's affections, excepting, of course, the pretty daughter's, whose young heart beat joyously at every thought of him.

The summer before Garvin had actually taken a whole week's vacation; had selected Crestville for a place of rest and recuperation; had met Sophronia at a church picnic; had fallen in love with the bright, sunny creature, and she, strangely enough, with him, to the wrath and surprise of more than one of Crestville's eligible youths.

He spoke to Nicholas Pryor before proposing to Phrony. Nicholas liked this; it was the only thing he did like about him, except the three cigars with which Garvin dutifully presented his prospective father-in-law every Saturday night. They were of a fair quality and mellowing to Mr. Pryor's rather crusty disposition.

Mrs. Pryor thought him severe and unsociable, but showed symptoms of being tolerably well satisfied.

The children (there were three younger than Phrony) viewed him with a mixture of fear, respect and covert admiration. Probably "accountants" (a word to subjugate levity) were all that way—thoughtful and stern.

Garvin wore steel-bowed spectacles, a long nose, inexpensive but immaculate garb, and a thin moustache with long ends.

No one could understand what Phrony saw in him.

His stock of endearing epithets was extremely limited—the most affectionate being "dearie." When he called her "dearie," the soul of Phrony thrilled. She made up his deficiency with a score of innocent, loving terms, even going so far in a burst of affection as to call him "a lambie thing."

Today he was uncommonly serious, quite abstracted in fact.

"Let's go down by the river," he suggested. "I can talk better there."

Phrony wondered. She had never known Garvin to advance much conversation, much less to propose a leading part.

They found a cosy nook where the willows shaded with drooping curtains a pleasant seat of firm, smooth bank, dry with its dwarfed sun-sequestered verdure, where river scents were wafted to them with every passing breeze and tiny ripples lapped, almost at their feet.

The girl gazed trustfully in his eyes. He turned them away with a shudder.

"Oh, what!" she cried. "Garvin, dear, what?"

"I've got to tell you," he said hoarsely. "Dearie, I've had a blow."

Phrony looked at him mutely.

"When I asked you to marry me"—his voice was firmer—"I had every reason to expect that Mr. Webber would leave next spring. I was to have his place. It was practically understood. He told me; Mr. Mingle told me. Now, he has signed with the firm for five years."

"Oh, Garvin, it's too bad! We'll have to wait a little longer, won't we?"

"A little longer," bitterly. "My dear child, no one can tell how long. Years, perhaps. I don't blame Webber. He is disappointed, too. His intention was to go into business with another man, but the other has backed out. There I am—stuck! I get but nine hundred, enough for a single man. I save a good share of it Oh, Mr. Mingle was very nice about the matter, only he says he can't pay more for an assistant at present, and won't go over a thousand, anyway We cannot live on that in the city, Phrony. It's impossible."

"I just know we can, Garvin, dear. A thousand dollars! Why, that's a lot. I'll save and be so economical. I'll——"

"No!" almost sharply. "I have figured it all out again and again. No man has a right to start in, taking such chances. I've seen it tried. I know how it works. It's a pitiful, wicked thing, dear. It means debt and disaster—a nervous, hunted man afraid of his shadow; a woeful, disappointed woman, wearing out under the strain. And, if anything happened——" he paused with a groan—"I couldn't bear it."

"They pay Webber two thousand," he went on, savagely. "The job's worth it. He's a bachelor, too. The worst of it is, when his five years are up, he'll sign again. They'll keep him. It's a hopeless outlook."

"What do you want me to say?" asked the girl, dully, her slender fingers working. "You know I'll wait forever, Garvin."

"Bless you!" The man's voice broke. "I've no right to hold you to your promise. I won't. Can I go on, year after year, feeling as I should feel, seeing your young life wither in such a waiting, coming to your father's house, claiming a place I have no chance of ever filling satisfactorily? I could not come; I could not see you, knowing myself a selfish hanger-on, a man who failed to do as he agreed."

"You agreed to marry me, Garvin."

"Yes, when I was so sure of making you happy and comfortable. I had our house all planned, everything figured out—every—little—thing." His tone was growing boyish, high with pain, almost a sob.

Phrony was looking at him strangelv, with bright, tearless eyes.

"Do you wish to give me up?" she said quietly. "Is that it?"

"I—I think it is better that you should be—be free—to—to do better, dear. You are so pretty and so sweet and——" He stopped short under her indignant gaze. " 'm trying to do the right thing," he finished, lamely. "You make me feel as if I wasn't."

"You are not!" She sprang up, her rosy lips compressed. "How about ME?"

"You'll be—happier."

"With some other man?"

Farley winced. "I suppose I mean that," he said honestly.

"And if I never marry?"

"Then I won't make you suffer."

"What are you doing now?"

"It's my duty, Phrony. I have no business to think of you as things are."

His thin face had grown stern again with resolution.

"Oh! Well," airily, with a sudden, hard little laugh, "you are a man and know what you want. I'm only a foolish girl, but I shan't say a word to keep you if you believe this is your duty. You need not think about me. I guess I can stand it."

Farley was silent, save for a quick drawn breath, sharply audible in the stillness. He took off his spectacles and wjped them, staring vacantly at the river.

"I'll tell you what we will do." Phrony again laughed unnaturally. "Come again next Saturday, as usual. I will not meet you. That will arouse suspicion. Don't go to the house, but walk directly to this very spot. Here we will say 'good-bye,' and if you hurry, the five-thirty express can be caught. I'll be prepared to break the news then, and you can go right back without seeing them. We'll have a whole week to be sensible in, and to feel more settled. Isn't that a good plan?"

"Ye—yes, it sounds so."

"Something might turn up, too," said Phrony, lightly. "Nothing will, of course, but—I won't think of it—and you mustn't either. That would be foolish. Or you may change your mind; not that I care much now, and in a week I won't care at all, but just for the fun of it——"

"The fun of it?" Farley's brows contracted.

"Yes. Don't you like uncertainty? You never do change your mind, so I shall not expect it, but I'd love to stand here and say—she assumed a bewitching posture—"just say, 'Have you?' and you would shake your head without a word. That would end it nicely, except——Oh, come, let's go up to supper!"

She ran from him; the man stumbled blindly after the quick little feet.

"Remember!" was the girl's last word, as her distracted lover clambered stiffly on the late Sunday train, the signalled accommodation that stopped for merely few minutes.

No worse parting thrust could have been administered. It rang in his ears. "Remember!" Could he ever forget? That awful day had passed, but the recollection of dancing eyes and girlish ways never would pass.

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"Where's Phrony?" thought old Hank Matchett, as Farley stepped from the car on the following Saturday. "Her feller looks kinder shattered, pale-like. That's queer. Maybe they have fell out."

Phrony was sitting under the willows at that particular moment, waiting.

Soon a well-known step caused her to rise, wearily, and Garvin Farley came slowly through the trees. His mouth was drawn, his whole being tired, but he stepped like one filled with determination.

The girl stood, helplessly, forgetting all save the chill at her heart.

"Have you?" she faltered, trying to smile a careless welcome.

"Yes," said Garvin Farley deeply, and put out his arms, catching the slender, half-fainting form. "I've changed my mind, Phrony. For heaven's sake, child!"

Blue shadows lay beneath her eyes, now tearful with reaction, the bloom was gone from her cheeks, she looked pinched and exhausted.

Sitting, he drew her close, while she sobbed childishly.

"Oh! I'm so tired, Garvin, so tired, so very dull and sleepy. All the nights I've heard the clock strike—all—the—long—long nights. Kiss me, dear. You mean 'yes,' don't you? So often I've seemed to hear you saying 'no.' "

"Listen." The man spoke solemnly. "It would have been 'yes' in any case, dearie. I could not give you up, though starvation faced us, but——

"But—listen," he reiterated. "Careful, my dear! It may shock you. Poor Webber died last night. It was heart failure and a peaceful end."

An hour later Nicholas Pryor, in search of a stray cow, stumbled across a surprise beneath the willow trees—a very cramped looking young man carefully holding a slumbering girl.

"Hush!" whispered Farley. "Don't wake her."

His steady eyes were on the father's face; a light was in them, tender, protecting, almost motherly.

A mist clouded the comprehensive glance of Nicholas.

"Somethin' has ailed her lately," came his low words. "Mother an' I hev' fretted a lot. She ain't slep' nor eat."

His future son-in-law nodded meaningly. "Go along quietly," he murmured. "She is sleeping now."

Nicholas Pryor bent a satisfied glance on the innocent, unconscious head snuggled on Farley's narrow shoulder.

"For heaven's sake, let her!" said he and crept away.

Still in the Future.

Cashier (coughing)—Pardon me, I did not catch your last name.

Ethel (blushing)—I haven't caught it yet myself.—Cleveland Leader.

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A leading Kansan took his little son to Washington recently, and visited the Senate gallery with him. The Rev. Edward Hale was the chaplain of the Senate. "Oh, he prays for the Senate, doesn't he?" asked the lad. "No," replied the father; "he gets up and takes a look at the Senate, and then prays for the country."

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The Editorship of "Punch."

On Wednesday Sir Francis Bernand presided for the last time at the weekly Punch dinner. August saw the completion of the 25th year of his editorship, and, approaching the 70th year of his age, he retires whilst in full enjoyment of the capacities which have made his name familiar through the world, and have appreciably added to the status and popularity of the famous journal whose career he has so long directed. As a contributor, Sir Francis' connection with Punch dates back exactly 43 years from next week. It was on February 21, 1863, that he made his mark by the publication of a story satirizing the melodramic manner of the day. "Mokeanna," it was called, and, illustrated by Sir John Gilbert in burlesque of his own style, presented as nearly as possible a fac-simile of the London Journal. It made a great hit, and speedily led to the young writer's admission within the charmed circle of "The Table." Of wider renown were his "Happy Thought" papers, that ran through many numbers of Punch, still sell in book form, and have been translated into French. While Sir Francis' charm as a writer, and his skill as a dramatist are known throughout the world, it is only the small body of colleagues meeting at the weekly dinner who are able to testify to his special gifts as an editor. His unfailing patience, his unaffected urbanity, his quick recognition of suggestions made for the building up of the cartoon, have throughout more than a quarter of a century contributed to transform what was primarily a business meeting into a cheerful evening.

It is understood that Mr. Owen Seaman, of the staff of Punch, will be Sir Francis Burnand's successor.

Public Testimonial to a Dog.

Shot, a handsome retriever, was the guest of honor and the recipient of a testimonial at a dinner at Hanley on Saturday. While Mr. Harold Godwin, the son of a builder, was walking through a quiet part of his father's works in December, a man flung a heavy piece of jagged iron at him and stunned him. Shot flew at the ruffian's throat and kept him prisoner till aid arrived. The dog is the hero of the place, and Mr. Godwin's workmen subscribed to a silver collar for him with an inscription.

Spanish Dances.

A leading London dancing master says he quite anticipates a boom during the coming season for Spanish fancy dances, not for the ball-room, for there are none of them suitable, but for the drawing-room and amateur theatrical performances All the national dances of Spain are Eastern in character, and depend more upon graceful body and arm movements than on steps. Spanish dancing, like most of the Spanish arts, still retains a great deal of the Moorish influence. The "cachucha" is probably the best known in this country. It may be danced by one, two, four or eight persons, and time is kept to all the movements of the body by the "castanets."

Sport and Character.

Despite the blizzard that raged remorsely over the wide Fenland on Thursday evening and swept through the streets of our ancient town, there was a very good assembly in the lecture room of the Bourne Institute at the meeting of the Institute Debating Society. Great interest was aroused by the fact that the much-debated topic of "Sport—and Its Influence upon the Formation of Character," was to be dealt with by Mr. Bailey, the popular and esteemed chief of police for this division of the county. Mr. Bailey's admirable paper fully justified the high expectations that had been raised. His clear and forcible arguments were followed with the keenest interest, and an animated and well-sustained debate ensued.

Dredging for a Husband.

Dredging for a husband is a development of the time in this country which causes much amusement to the observant, says "Marmaduke" in Truth. "Dredging parties" have become the rage. An expert "dredger" spends the winter in gathering the necessary material in hotels on the Continent and in other directions, and in the spring and summer gives a series of "At Homes" to West-end "customers," charging a commission on each completed transaction. Thus a "customer" captivates a "dredged" bachelor, and becomes engaged to him. If his income is ten thousand a year, the percentage is capitalized, and the amount is paid to the "dredger" on the wedding eve by the parents of the girl. The "dredgers" have hitherto mostly been the divorced wives or widows of knights or baronets, but as the business is so remunerative, many of the best-known women in London are adopting it.

Recognize the Union.

The postmaster-general announces that he will recognize any duly constituted association of postal servants.

Popularity of Football.

At the recent Football Cup Contest matches in England, on one day a no less total than 250,000 people witnessed sixteen matches, an average of more than 15,000 for each. The total gate money reached $50,000. The largest crowds gathered to witness the Tottenham Hotspur vs. Reading, 24,000; the Notts Forest vs. Fulham, 30,000, and the Aston Villa vs. Plymouth Argyle, 30,903. There is every probability that 100,000 persons will witness the final at the Crystal Palace. Nowhere else in the world do such immense crowds gather to witness any kind of sport.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(By a Lady Campaigner.)

The Conservatives in England have been in power, with the exception of an interregnum of three years, for twenty years. During this time many a Tory stronghold has grown somnolent. "We are quite safe; there is no danger," has been the cry generally. The result is an enormous number of seats lost to the Radicals. This, of course, is not the only reason, misrepresentations on the subject of Chinese labor, the Education act, the Licensing act, fiscal policy and also the idea among the great number of the people, an idea which runs through history, "Let us give the other side a turn, it is only fair, we want a change." That it may be a change for the worse does not seem to strike them.

The Radical party deserve all praise for their excellent organisation and their incessant work. In this they set a wonderful example to Unionists. They will no longer merit the adjective "unready." People are asking themselves what the Radicals will do with their enormous majority. Will they reform, as they promised? According to themselves, they are the only party who ever do this. Students of political history may think differently. Or will they, as some fear, undermine the Empire, drive religion from the schools, and tax further the already overtaxed agricultural land? Will their government be known to posterity as that of spoliation and destruction? Time will show. Meanwhile they have an opportunity given to few governments to do great things.

The most startling feature of this general election has been the number of labor members returned. There are more than fifty, and they are at present an unknown force. Up to now there have not been more than ten at the most. It it said the labor party will act independently and have their own leader and their own whips. They will vote as they choose. The government is at present trying to woo them to the Liberal side, and it is quite amusing to read what each member of the Cabinet says about them. The general impression seems to be that their efforts will not be successful, and that whichever side is in power the labor party will maintain their independence. Some anxiety also is felt as to the socialistic schemes of many of this party, but there again time will tell. A certain number of Labor members in Parliament is not a bad thing, for they can speak with authority of things that affect their own class, and some of their plans for the betterment of the poor will no doubt be practical and useful. On the other hand they themselves will benefit, their outlook will be widened, they will learn that England is not the only consideration in Parliament, they will realize the immensity of the Empire, the importance of a foreign policy, and they will also see that it is not so easy to govern a country. And thus they will grow more tolerant, and teach their friends outside the same virtue. Instead of being a danger, it may be a real benefit to the country to have a leavening of labor men in the House.

There has been but little frivolity in England lately, owing to nearly every person being engaged in taking some part in the election. A few Hunt Balls have been held, and a few private ones. Balls at this time of the year are always pleasant, and as most men wear red hunting coats and occasionally blue with colored facings, the effect is very cheerful and a great relief after the monotony of the usually dreary black tail coat.

The latest engagement which is causing a great deal of stir is that of the Marquis of Graham, eldest son of the Duke of Montrose, to Lady Mary Hamilton, only daughter of the late Duke of Hamilton. This will unite two leading Scotch houses and is a most suitable marriage from every point of view. Lady Mary is very nice, a good rider and a rich heiress. Lord Graham is clever and good looking. He has been in the Navy and has served before the mast in the Merchant service, so that he knows seamanship practically as well as theoretically. He is said to know more about the sea and sailors than almost any man in England. He lately stood as a Unionist for Parliament, but was defeated; it is to be hoped he will be successful next time. He suffers from one great affliction, and that is that he is nearly deaf.

—PAULINE.

FATE.

Two shall be born the whole wide world apart,
And speak in different tongues, and have no thought
Each of the other's being, and no heed;
And these o'er unknown seas, to unknown lands,
Shall cross, escaping wreck, defying death;
And all unconsciously shape every act
And bend each wandering step to this one end—
That one day out of darkness they shall meet
And read life's meaning in each other other's eyes.

And two shall walk some narrow way of life,
So nearly side by side that should one turn
Ever so little space to left or right,
They needs must stand acknowledged face to face;
And yet with wistful eyes that never meet,
With groping hands that never clasp, and lips
Calling in vain to ears that never hear,
They seek each other all their weary days,
And die unsatisfied. And that is Fate.

—M. S. S.

The hostess had been trying in vain to coax a young lady to sing.

"What do you think of a girl who can sing and won't?" she asked a bachelor guest.

"I think," he replied, "that she is worth a dozen girls who can't sing but will."

"It would be helpful to you," said the prison visitor, "if you could take some motto and try and live up to it."

"That's right," replied the convict. "I'd like to select, for instance, 'We are here today and gone tomorrow.'"

They had been drifting about in the open boat for seven days, and had almost given up hope, when the look-out cried wildly:

"A sail, a sail!"

The only woman passenger looked up and asked anxiously:

"Oh! Is it a bargain sale?"

Young Wife—I've taken very great pains over these scones, dear, and——

The Benedict—And now, I suppose you want to see if they have the same effect upon me.

Well Packed.

A lady and her little daughter were walking when they came to a portion of the street strewn with straw, so as to deaden the noise of vehicles passing a certain house. "What's that for, ma?" said the child; to which the mother replied: "The lady who lives in that house, my dear, has had a little baby girl sent her." The child thought a moment, looked at the quantity of straw, and said: "Awfully well packed, wasn't she, ma?"

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Vancouver.

Booster Clubs.

Whilst the title is not euphonious, it is Western, and therefore expressive, since everyone knows what it means. Spokane took the lead, and was quickly followed by Nelson, which now reports a population of 5,000, and aims at 20,000 within another five years. Revelstoke was the next on the list. Just what its aims are, THE WEEK does not know; but its prospects are good, and it is rapidly developing too. Now comes Vancouver, which today claims a population of 50,000, or nearly twice that of 1901 census. But Vancouver looks to 100,000 in 1910. Just how much these various clubs may contribute to these hoped-for totals, is a matter of conjecture, but they indicate a move in the right direction, and show that the people are waking up to the possibilities of the Province by the sea. The only thing to guard against is extravagant booming and unwise expenditure. The secret of all success in such matters is good organization, and the most effective weapon of good organization is judicious advertising.

Cheap Water Works.

The Vancouver World publishes particulars of a scheme now being formulated by the city council to provide a Provincial water works system for the city at an expense of not less than $10,000. It goes on to say that the "system" will consist of a tank with an elevation of 50 feet, and 2e h.p. gasoline engine to fill same and the water main. It is rather amusing to contemplate the idea of an "efficient water works system" for a city of 50,000 inhabitants and a contemplated population of 100,000, at the very modest cost of $10,000. A small municipality like Fernie, with a population of less than 4,000, found it necessary to raise not less than $50,000 for this purpose, and it is hard to believe that either the city council or The World is serious. Probably what is meant is that a toy plant for experimental purposes shall be first erected and tested.

The Deadly Axe.

In the last issue of THE WEEK reference was made to the peremtory dismissal of Assistant City Engineer Kilmer, of Vancouver, which, according to the latest information, may not improbably result in a change in the head of the department. Everything depends upon the causes for the dismissal and whether the charges as made against Mr. Kilmer can be substantiated. No one wishes to hamper the chief in the administration of his department, but no one will tolerate injustice or partiality on the part of the city officials. Chief Engineer Clement is now on his trial as much as the late assistant.

Millinery in Church,

It has not taken the Rev. Prescott, of Vancouver, long to modify his views on the subject of church fashion in millinery. Whether this is due to the determination of the ladies of his congregation to follow their own sweet law, or whether he has received enlightenment on the subject is a matter known only to himself. Certain it is that his papal mandate that all hats should be removed in church was only complied with by some half dozen ladies on Sunday last, with the result that he has seen fit to vary his manifesto, and now declares that it was merely an advisory one, and that compliance was optional, and not compulsory. THE WEEK would suggest that the reverend gentleman devote his attention exclusively to the spiritual concerns of his church, and that he organize a ladies' guild to deal with all matters of fashion.

Sunday Closing.

Vancouver's Sunday Closing Bylaw is being rigidly enforced by the police. However, it is not proving entirely satisfactory. For many years it has been enforced in a very lax manner, and citizens have so grown into the old order of things that the change is not appreciated. The small cigar stands were allowed to keep their bilnds down, but the door unlocked, and the smoker could always be sure of a Sunday cigar. Now, if the drug stores do not handle his particular brand, he can go smokeless on the Sabbath. But the greatest and latest kick is because the boot-black stands have been closed up on Sunday. Vancouver citizens have a name of being good dressers, and fine clothes and muddy shoes are not a good combination. Saturday night is a busy time for the merchant or business man, and he has no time to sit up for a shine. Now that the blacking stands are closed on Sundays, he has to expend a considerable amount of his own elbow grease or go to church without his shine. This has caused a lot of complaint, for the average man cannot afford a club, as do some of the aldermen; and they cannot go to a club, get their drinks and have their shoes shined. There is no kick that the bars have been closed on Sundays. That has been accepted as proper, but the citizens think that there is such a thing as carrying the law too far. Tomorrow one large boot-black stand will defy the police, and open up for business, and if necessary the case will be taken to court for a test.

Shows This Week.

The shows in Vancouver this week have been nothing marvellous. "Dorcas" did not come up to expectations, the whole play being saved by the excellent work of the comedian, Mr. J. E. Young, who, by the way, is an old favorite in Vancouver, having played here a couple of years ago with a repertoire opera company. "Way Down East" drew a large house, but Mr. Brady seems to have caught the money-making fever, and although this play is one of the best drawing cards on the American stage today, its manager is sending it West with a second-rate company. There is a vast difference this year between the Savage companies and those of other managers. Mr. Savage is sending out high-class companies, and theatre-goers can always be sure of getting value for their money. Were other managers to do the same it would be much better for all concerned.

Mr. McGowan's Stand.

The stand taken by Mr. MacGowan in the house this week with regard to the C. &. W. land grant and the freight rates question has come in for much comment in Vancouver. Mr. MacGowan was doubtless acting in what he believed to be the best interests of Vancouver. The Liberals are making great political capital out of the matter, and shouting that the other Vancouver members have been false to the best interests of the Terminal City. But there is another side to this question. The Provincial House has no control over freight rates, and that question is now being argued at Ottawa. Even had Mr. McGowan's amendment passed the House and been incorporated in the bill, would it have been of any effect should Vancouver lose its present fight at Ottawa? Not much, if any. Why, the railway company would promptly take the matter up at Ottawa and have the section disallowed. Vancouver must make its fight with the Railway Commission, as it is now doing, and not through the Provincial legislature. Mr. MacGowan took a stand for the city he represents, but the amendment was not in order. The action of certain Liberals partisans in endeavoring to introduce this question into the Vancouver Board of Trade in a political sense is to be condemned.

Telephone Strike.

The British Columbia Telephone company is having a nice little picnic of its own in the Terminal City, The strikers have announced that there will now be no half-way measures, and that it will now be a fight to the last ditch. The company brought a number of girls from Seattle and Victoria to take the places of the strikers, but at least five of these have quit work and returned to their homes, and it is said that girls are quitting fast as new ones are brought in. The linemen will stand by the operators, and the office staff withta few outsiders are doing all the line work that is receiving attention. The antics of these new men are so diverting when they are sliding along an overhead cable or climbing a pole that a good-sized crowd of strikers and boys is always sure to gather with all kinds of superfluous advice whenever they make an attempt to work. From present indications the strikers seem to have a little bit the better of the controversy, and it will be but a question of time before the company must strike its colors.

Two convictions for selling liquor to minors have occurred in New Westminster. There is much of this going on, and all the best bar owners are assisting in the punishment of the guilty parties.

Mr. Hugh H. Wilmot, but better known as "Slivers," who was for a short time employed by THE WEEK in Vancouver, has left for El Paso, Texas, from which point he will operate an express route into Mexico. His many friends wish him success in his new field, but there is much mourning amongst the girls, with whom "Slivers" was a great favorite. He is well known in Nelson, Victoria and New Westminster, in all of which cities he has worked.

An excellent illustrated write-up of "Coming City of Canada" appears in the current issue of The Pacific Monthly, from the pen of Secretary Flumerfelt, of the Tourist Association.

Sporting News

Victoria will likely enter a team in the B.C.I.L.A. They have decided against a senior league team, but Rev. Mr. Bolton is in communication with the secretary of the B. C. Intermediate Lacrosse Association, asking for particulars as to the rules, etc., and it is expected that an application for membership will soon be made. Talking to Mainland intermediate players, it looks as if Victoria will have to fight to get in. Intermediate lacrosse does not draw very large crowds when played in the afternoons in Vancouver or Westminster. It is the mid-week evening matches which attract the crowds, and it is a question as to whether or not the attendance at Saturday games would pay the expense of bringing a team from Victoria. The writer believes that both Vancouver and New Westminster will oppose the move. Nanaimo was in the league for a couple of years, but it was a losing proposition to the Mainland teams. The latter can play inter-city games, and draw large crowds, and as the expenses are small, they can have a neat balance after every game.

—CANUCK.

The annual dinner of the Vancouver Football Club was held in the Mining Cafe on Saturday night. There were about thirty enthusiasts present, and they did full justice to the excellent spread arranged by Mine Host Alex. A. Hamilton. Two of the gentlemen present offered donations of $250 each, should a team from British Columbia visit Australia next year. Captain Marpole, of the all-British Columbia team which recently went to California, was presented with a handsome gold watch, and Mr. J. E. Miller was the recipient of a photo of the "Outlanders," the local team which won the Miller Cup.

But one game was played in the Mainland Association Football League last Saturday, and this was between the Celtics and Westham Island, the former winning by 4 goals to 1.

What are the Interior Soccer teams doing these days? THE WEEK would be glad to hear from some of them.

The Americans are taking to Soccer ball in great style these days, and the Puget Sound League is being well supported. Seattle has a good lead over the other teams, and they are now said to be anxious to meet some of the British Columbia teams.

Two important meetings are to be held in Vancouver on Monday evening. These are the annual meetings of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Vancouver Rowing Club. Both these sports will flourish his summer, and a good attendance is looked for.

We have a suggestion to offer to the Mainland lacrosse teams. Now that it is definitely known that Victoria will not be in the B.C.A.L.A. this year, why not call meetings of the Vancouver and New Westminster Clubs and get definite opinions on the plans for this coming season? The annual meeting of the league will be held in New Westminster next month, but before that time the clubs ought to have some definite plans arranged. The annual meetings of the two clubs will soon be held, but a preliminary meeting would not be out of place.

Vancouver is having an overdose of amateur boxing contests. Some of them are very good, but it is quite evident that the amateur standing of some of the competitors is not too closely examined. Amateur contests must be limited to four rounds, but some of the contests in the Terminal City have been billed to go six rounds. Kid Merrifield of Tacoma defeated Will Speck at the E.B.B. & A. Club meet last Friday night in the fourth round. This was Speck's first defeat. The writer may be in error, but it is his opinion that this Merrifield is the same youngster who took part in a large number of semi-professional bouts in Seattle, Everett and Tacoma only a few months ago.

Several persons have written to THE WEEK, asking why it is that the British Columbia daily press devote so much space to athletic events in the Eastern United States and hardly any to the Eastern Canadian matches. Here is the reason: The Associated Press, which gathers all, or practically all, the telegraphic news for the British Columbia papers is an American company, and gives but very little attention o Canadian events. They cover the American sporting events, but neglect the Canadian. Then, again, the sporting writers on the daily press are extremely fond of the scissors and pastepot. The American exchanges come to hand first, and the sport man, being short of copy, picks up a Seattle or 'Frisco paper, clips something about Eastern United States racing dates or why so and so is a great baseball wonder, and then, having filled up his space, he is satisfied. Consequently they hardly ever look up the sporting pages of the Eastern Canadian papers. The sport writers have also a bad habit of clipping from exchanges without giving the exchange the credit for the cribbed article. It was only a few weeks ago that we commented upon the fact that a Vancouver daily had an "advance notice" of a wrestling match which had taken place fully two months previously. Were some of the British Columbia sporting writers on some of the leading United States dailies, it would be only a question of a few days before they would get the blue envelope, for the lack of system to handle their matter.

Magnate Lucas, of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League, is telling the American papers that a matter of the franchise for Vancouver in the league has not yet been definitely settled. He states that Aberdeen is after the franchise, and that if Vancouver does not come forward pretty soon and announce its intentions, the Sound city will get the franchise. As far as Vancouver is concerned, there seems to be no objection to Aberdeen taking the franchise, for professional baseball is not a paying proposition in the Terminal City, and no one seems to want to adopt this "get-poor-quick" system.

VANCOUVER SOCIETY.

The principal social event of the past week was the "at home" given by Dr. and Mrs. Munro, in Pendeer street Hall on Tuesday evening. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and all the guests spent a perfectly delightful time.

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A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. H. T. Lockwood, Burnaby street, on Tuesday evening of last week, wheu Miss Laura Town and Mr. Edward E. Rand were united by the bonds of matrimony. The Rev. R. J. Wilson performed the ceremony.

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Mrs. J. M. LeFevre and Miss Esme Baker left on Thursday for a few months' visit to Eastern Canada.

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Mrs. R. Boyle, accompanied by Mrs. Hartley, left on Thursday for Vernon, where they intend to spend the following two weeks.

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Miss Macdonell arrived from the East on Wednesday, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Pike.

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Miss Pearle Malkin left on Thursday for Winnipeg.

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A very successful ball was given in Pender Hall on Wednesday evening by the local Waiters' Union. About 300 people attended and enjoyed all the favorite dances.

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The West End Lacrosse Club gave their final "at home" in the Pender Hall on Monday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent. The hall looked handsome, decorated with flags. The guests, who were about 300, adjourned to the supper room at midnight, where refreshments were served. Dancing was kept up till 3 a.m.

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Mayor and Mrs. Buscombe and Miss Marjorie left for the East Thursday.

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Mrs. G. W. Hutchings, of 884 Eighth avenue, gave a card party on Tuesday evening. About 70 people were presen and spent a delightful time.

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Miss Queenie Bourke, daughter of Deputy Warden D. G. Bourke, of the British Columbia Penitentiary, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clifford, of Richards street.

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The Odd Fellows' Hall, Mount Pleasant was the scene of a very successful dance given by the members of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, on Tuesday evening. Dancing commenced at an early hour in the evening and concluded at an early hour the following morning. aAt midnight the guests partook of a dainty supper, which was perfectly served in the basement of the hall.

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A very interesting concert and supper was held in the basement of Chalmers Presbyterian Church on Thursday night, by the Fairview Social Club. Many friends and parents of the club members were present to witness the songs and recitations fendered. by the members.

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Mrs. J. A. Fulton gave a small progressive whist party Friday evening. A very pleasant time was spent. Mr. Bonneau took first prize, and Miss Hilda Harvey the consolation. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Bonneau, Mrs. Smith, Miss Gunn, Miss V. Bonneau, Miss N. Bonneau, Mr. Mills, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Dore, Mr. J. Smith, Master William Fleming, Master James Fleming, Master Percy Harvey.

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Miss Haynes, of Victoria, is visiting Mrs. W. J. Jeffree, Thurlow street.

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The Member for Delta.

Among the most notable utterances of the week in the local legislature was the admirable peroration with which Mr. John Oliver concluded his speech on the budget. He said: "I have every faith in the future of this Province, in its resources, its climate and its possibilities, which transcend the concluding anticipations even of the Minister of Finance. Agriculture, horticulture, dairying, stock raising, mining and lumbering could be carried on within its borders to a degree of development and prosperity unapproachable in any other Province of the Dominion. To insure these results, wise and progressive government was necessary. There was immediate need for more extensive surveys, handling information and hearty encouragement to the settlers if the country was to be filled up. The incomer asked for clear title and permanent conditions; this led to confidence and success. We wanted equiable laws, fair administration, the keeping of faith with the people, and the insistence that the people should keep faith with us. These conditions, if attained as they should be would build up British Columbia to the lofty position which her resources entitle her to occupy."

Price of Lumber Advanced.

The Lumbermen's Association of British Columbia has just advanced the price of rough lumber to $2.00 per thousand. This is said to be in the nature of a reprisal for the refusal of the federal government to impose a $2.00 duty on imported lumber. Be that as it may, the necessity will be regarded by all those who remember that it will be used as an argument for continuing to refuse the protection so long demanded and so repeatedly promised.

No Scandal.

An exchange asks most pertinently, if it will not be in order for the taxpayers to ask why all this investigation into private characters in the Kaien island inquiry, that has been going on at the Coast. It is a dead sure thing that the leader of the opposition, J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland, has not accomplished anything worth while by all this fuss except to stir up matters in which the government has no particular concern. In short, as far as mixing the government in a graft, as was expected, is concerned, it has been a dismal failure. —Phoenix Pioneer.

Kelowna, the Fruitful.

Mrs. H. E. MacDonell, who has been visiting Mrs. Captain Troup in Victoria, spent a few days in Kelowna on her return journey, as the guest of Mrs. P. Du-Moulin. She left for Nelson on Saturday last.

To Attract Tourists.

According to The Mail-Herald, Revelstoke is joining the ranks of those attractive Provincial cities which are catering for tourist traffic, and with so many natural attractions in the immediate vicinity, there is no reason why its efforts should not meet with success. As the head of the Arrow Lake system, it is a natural stopping-off place, and the mountain scenery is unsurpassed in any town in the interior. Enterprise on the part if the citizens and judicious advertising will undoubtedly reap a rich harvest.

A Vernon Romance.

An elopement was nipped in the bud yesterday by the intervention of pater familas. The young lady in the case had comfortably seated herself in the last coach and the train was just pulling out, when her irate father appeared on the scene and gently but firmly insisted on escorting her back to the paternal roof. It had been arranged that the young lady was to go to Kamloops, and there to be married to the youth of her choice. On the return to the family mansion an explanation to the effect that the young man had recently come into a large fortune, helped to smooth smooth matters over, and the father has consented to the marriage at a not too distant date.

The Glanders Pest.

Trouble still continues in the Okanogan district in consequence of the prevalence of glanders. Mr. Price Ellison's bill for the extermination of wild horses will become law, but cannot be made effective in time to deal with the present outbreak. Meanwhile, the farmers of the district are entitled o the public sympathy on account of their heavy losses. It is true that the government pays half the value of these horses destroyed, but as many of these animals are pedigree stock, even half the loss is a serious matter. An interesting feature of the case has developed in the strong objection of the farmers to the mallien test, which, it seems, is the only only one appl ed by the Dominion veterinary surgeon to determine the nature of the disease. THE WEEK undertook to criticize their action in protesting against the destroying all affected stock and still thinks it an ill-advised course. Compliance with the law must be insisted upon, even if it is not free from defects, but in the light of recent scientific investigation it should ot be difficult to determine very speedily whether the mallein test is reliable. Representative delegations have approached the government on the subject, and it is hoped that the matter will be finally and satisfactorily settled without delay.

The English Sparrow.

The editor of The Cranbrook Herald has been taking a bird's eye view of the situation, and has discovered that what he is pleased to call the "feathered pest" has arrived in Cranbrook. This is the epithet which he applies to that perky and pugnacious little creature known as the English sparrow. It is rather strange that one who knows as much as he "Old Man" should express surprise at this, and should not be able to tell where the sparrow came from. THE WEEK can furnish the information. He came from Fernie, where he might have been seen busy at work several years ago. As to his becoming the same kind of a nuisance in Cranbrook as the rabbit is in Australia, the "Old Man" need have no fear. Climatic conditions are an effectual barrier, but, if, in his spare moments, when he gives the ed torial grey matter a chance for a rest, he will peep through the window, Mr. Sparrow will furnish him with many an object lesson of industry, activity and courage, which may possibly tend to emphasize his present opinions on the subject of feathered pests.

Experimental Farms.

The Cowichan Leader very pertinently asks: "What about that experimental farm for this island?" Perhaps among the many good things which i l the intention of the new Cabinet Minister o do for this island it would not be too much to ask that one experimental farm should be established. There is no part of the Dominion offering greater facilities and certainly no part with equal claims. forever, it would not be, as some of the Dominion experimental farms are, a white elephant, but could be made to pay from the start. The Cowichan Leader and other papers which agree with this policy should take care that the Milter is not allowed to forget it.

Gartrell Appies.

All who know James Gartrell, of Summerlnd will wish to congratulate him upon the splendid success which has attended his exhibition of apples at the Royal Horticultural :ociety at London. Mr. Gartrell has the finest apple orchard in the Okanagan, and received the capital gold medal for the best collection of apples shown. The medal is as large as a silver dollar, and is an exquisite specimen of the numismatic art. The species of apples sent were the Northern Spy, the King and the Newton Pippin.

Provincial Stock Raising.

Secretary F. M. Logan, who is organizing the first annual Provincial auction sale for the British Columbia Stock Breeders' Association, has received upwards of one hundred entries of registered horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. The sale will take place at New Westminster on March 21st and 22nd. This is the most important sale of pure bred stock ever held at the Coast, and should do much to encourage the aims of the association.

"Boundary Creek Times."

However much THE WEEK may differ from the politics and general trend of opinion of The Boundary Creek Times, it cannot withhold a well-deserved meed of praise for the great improvement which has taken place in that paper since it passed from the control of Mr. Duncan Ross to the present editor. Not only is the appearance and typography vastly improved but the editorials evince a more reasongle spirit, and in its new guise there is little doubt that it will prove a useful advocate of the important interests of the Boundary country.

Hedley's Rich Mine.

The Similkameen Star is authority for the statement that Mr. M. K. Rogers, the former manager and indeed the founder, of the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley is organizing a company to purchase it from the trustees of the Marcus Daly estate, who are the owners. The price mentioned is $5,000,000, but however anxious Mr. Rogers and his friends may be to acquire this property, it is hardly like. that twice that sum would tempt the owners. It is the highest grade mine in British Columbia and in spite of attempts on the part of a notoriously bearish mining journal to depreciate its value, the grade of the ore is too well known by the owners and their advisers to leave any doubt that the property is held at a much higher figure than that mentioned.

Keremeos, the Golden.

Vice-President Louis Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, is the authority for the statement that steel will be laid as far as Keremeos by August next. Meanwhile, the laying out of fruit farms on an extensive scale is progressing rapidly, and it is probable that development in this lovely valley will outpass that of any other section of Canada. In a few years Keremeos will be the Annapolis Valley of British Columbia.

Hints for Nice Young Men.

To raise a luxuriant moustache—lift it gently by the edges.

To keep trousers from bagging—leave them at the tailor's.

To take spots from polka-dot ties—blot them out with ink.

To pick out a good wife—consult her husband.

To entertain girl friends—knock their girl friends.

To entertain men friends—bottles, that's all.

REINCARNATION.

The flower you gather, blossomed long ago
  Warmed by past sunshine, jeweled with the rain
  Of bygone years; the river's lisping strain
Which now you hear, was once the sylvan flow
Of a lost stream; the very winds which blow
  Have come and gone, will come and go again;
  And where the primal verdure decked the plain
Year after year the later grasses grow.

And thus with every line that lovers trace,
  However dear or passionate the word
  The selfsame thought, in dead bosom stirred,
Has brought the roses to some woman's face;
  And all the worship which my rhyming brings
  Is but an echo of forgotten things.

—E. McG.

"Jack's going to get married. So I sent him a present—a copy of Paradise Lost.

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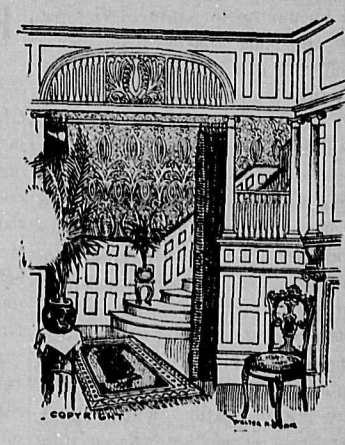

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By THE LOUNGER

Thank goodnes s that the dread plague has again passed away, and we are free to walk, lounge, or even stand still, without being pestered to deathr by the victims of this disease, which is classified by medical men as "canvassitis." It betrays itself in the patient by the impatience of his movements. It leads him to act as though he were a debt-collector working on commission. I should imagine that the ancient Mariner must have reallybeen stricken with this complaint. And the worst of it is that we all know that the climax has to be reached in a season of drought. On the awful day it is a case of "Water, water everywhere, and only that to drink." And when it is all over—cui beno? Taxes are just the same. Whoever wins, something goes wrong; and then there is just the same fuss over again, and the same virulent abuse. I believe that elections were invented so that the different editors might have a chance to "get level" with all who have offended them. (I wonder whether mine will pass thta?) Then, again, they always go for the busy men to stand as candidates; men who are full up to their ears either in business matters or social engagements. That is obviously wrong. Politicians ought to be chosen from the leisured ranks. When things are done in the right way, the lawgivers will be taken from the loafers, and it is only natural tos uppose that The Lounger will be put up to represent Victoria. Amongst the blind, the one-eyed man is king, and in a lazy community loungers certainly take a higher place than loafers. Till that time arrives I do not intend to enter political life in any sort of way.

Are car conductors civil? I have seen since I have been in Victoria two complaints in the public press charging them with incivility, but I absolutely cannot bring myself to place any credit in them. Taken as a general rule, conductors, either on trains or cars, rank with policemen in their unfailing efforts to oblige. And yet there are few occupations which afford. a greater strain on good temper than thisg Crotchetty old ladies, supercilious yound ones, peppery old gentlemen, and affectey young men, furnish material to drive an-ordinary person, such as the complain, ants, out of their mind. Some peoplef when they are trayelling, make a point o never having their tickets ready when wanted; others never seem to know just exactly where they want to go. Some men enter a car, not, drunk exactly,but quarrelsome; others insist on talking when the official has to do his work. I have a great admiration for car conductors; they have long hours, which entail constant standing; they have to put up with the foibles of passengers, who often threaten to report them to headquarters for apparently no reason whatever, and a report from a passenger is nearlycertain to lead to a dismissal in these days of not much work to do, and plenty of men to do it; and then, when they have faithfully done their duty, someone appears in the Press and abuses the conductors as a class for incivility. I am confident that though there may be occasionally cases of gross incivility, all those, in this city at least, who use the cars to any extent, will agree with me that the car conductors here are as civil and obliging a set of men as could be found anywhere.

It is a matter for much self-congratulation to me that I am not called uponto lounge in Vancouver at the present time The reports which reach me as regards the dangers of the streets there are appalling in their tenor. Men, women and children who do not move fast enough to satisfy of the oncoming drayman are run down quite regardless of consequences. It is a positive peril to board a street car, and only the boldest dare to cross the streets. The police all over the world are vigilant enough where automobiles are concerned, as witness the numerous arrests made in the case of well-known motorists, tosay nothing of the thousands of obscure drivers who are daily sacrificed on the altar of stern officialdom. But it is one thing to protect the public from machines which are driven by the leisured few, who, if they can afford to have such an expensive hobby, can very well afford large finesr for driving fast when there is no traffic in sight and no pedestrian within one hundred miles. But who would think it right to arrest the poor grocer's boy? What would be said if an expressman, poor fellow, who has a wife and family to support, were fined? What matter if several people are imperilled every day of the week owing to the reckless driving of these Jehus! Is the Vancouver policeman so far going to forget himself as to "run in" one of his own class? Not he. He will walk along in his dignified manner, with his head in the air, and allow the suffering pedestrian to pay the penalty of his folly in getting in the way. Let a motor car approach, though, and Master Bobby is alert on the instant. Vae victis, then. It would appear to be high time that steps were taken to do away with this scandal. Rather than that human life be imperilled, it would be better to export these inefficient "defenders of life and property" and send them to London to get a few lessons as to how traffic should be regulated. When all is said and done, there is not such a stupendous amount of it in Vancouver, or in any of the Western towns.

On Thursday, March 15th, Paul Gilmore, supported by a well-balanced company, will present the new romantic comedy, "Captain Debonnaire." The play deals with the adventures surrounding the cousin of the king of France in his efforts to obtain the hand of his love in America. Paul Gilmore made a great name for himself in his work in "The Mummy and the Huming Bird," "The Tyranny of Tears" and "The Three Musketeers"; but he has already eclipsed his former rebutation by his interpretation of "Captain Debonnaire." For this play he carries the largest company and biggest scenic equipment he has ever had.

Kootenay Letter.

Nelson, B. C., March 5.—A party of Great Northern Railway officials were in Nelson during the past week, and from one of them was learned that the rate imposed by that railway on ores from the Slocan has not as yet been adjusted, a-though it has been claimed that the rate acted as a discrimination against Canadian industries. As ores in particular were specially referred tl the making of this charge, and as since its being the government of the United States has seen fit to place a heavy duty on the import of zinc, under the new circumstances the charge of discrimination will hardly lie, although it does act as a serious handicap to the shippers on the Kaslo and Slocan Railway. The Kaslo and Slocan is altogether a provincial railway, and recourse cannot therefore be had to the railway commission. The only interference at present that is possible must come from the local legislature.

The moral wave which strikes a good many towns periodically has reached Nelson, and the lid is on tight on Sundays, though not so for the rest of the week. Card games of any and all sorts are forbidden in hotels and saloons from Saturday night to Monday morning. The only reason heard is that the players have a freer scope on Sunday, which is a day of rest or recreation, presumably. Other days they have to get to work, and consequently have no time to play. If the men don't play cards on Sunday, they will have leisure to go to church with their wives—if a bridge party is not on.

The city council has serious thoughts of reconsidering its lease of the tramway and of opening negotiations with the tramway company. It seems that the tramway is being run at a loss, the company meeting a part of that loss. The idea at the back of Mayor Houston's head was that when the city has its own power plant that it would be able to supply power practically free to the tramway, and so make a deficit a surplus. And the argument isp ut this way: The West Kootenay Power and Light Company is supplying power to the tramway for $200 monthly. The total for the year is therefore $2,400. Now the loss is about $2,000. So that if the city were indeed able to supply electricity for nothing, then a deficit would be made into a surplus. But the W. K. P. keeps two men in the substation at Nelson. Their salary eats up most of the $200. When the city takes up the supplying of power, it is maintained that these two men will have to be kept on. Ergo, the electric power wanted will still cost $200. Hence it would be cheaper for the city not to run the tramway. It is true that these two men at present also look after the power given to the Hall Mines smelter, but it is urged that the Hall Mines smelter will still get its power from the W. K. P. (it will be extremely popular in Nelson if it takes this course). It is also true that the Hall Mines may also take its power from the city. Also that other manufacturers, encouraged by cheap power and a growing district, may also take up manufacturing here. Further, that the city is now paying for light service to the W. K. P. about $12,000 yearly. But it is impossible that the tramway can be run without two special men, who will not be able to do anything else, because the city cannot or will not find them anything to do, despite the fact that these men, now in the employ of the private company, have other work to do. The great reason for all this is that the tramway requires a direct current, and that lighting requires an alternating current, and that the men must be on hand to look after the transforming. A layman might think that the difficulty might be overcome by stringing an extra wire along the pole line.

THE TRAMP PHILOSOPHER.

This particular tramp sat on a beer keg in front of a Bowery saloon. He was waiting with patience for some one to come along whom he could "strike." By long practice he had acquired such skill in reading faces that he could tell at a glance who would give him money. His eyes were sharp and shrewd, and his face, though dissipated-looking, showed a fine intelligence. In it, however, was that debased, half-defiant look that always shows itself in the face of the human being ostracised by society. But he was a man and thought he had as much right to eat and live as anyone else. Innumerable people passed, but to the tramp's experienced eye none of them seemed to have the touch of wide charity. All seemed to be intent upon their own affairs. None seemed to care who lived, breathed or ate but themselves. The tramp sighed as he thought of their selfishness, and settled himself more comfortably upon his beer keg.

Presently, however, a well-fed, portly-looking man, who had a benevolent face, came along. At a glance the tramp sized him up for a practical philanthropist Arising with dignity from his beer keg, he approached him, and with a suave bow and a smile, said:

"Pardon me, my friend, might I speak to you?"

"Certainly," said the practical philanthropist. The day was hot, and he seemed to be almost glad of the excuse to stop. Besides, magnetism issued from the tramp.

"Well," said he of the magnetic presence, "I would like to ask——"

"Stop!" said the philanthropist, with a smile; "here is a dime."

"Ah!" said the tramp, in a relieved way, as he accepted it; "you are indeed worth knowing!"

"Now," said the philanthropist, who had become interested, "may I ask you a question?"

"You may," answered the tramp graciously.

The philanthropist bowed.

"Tell me why you don't go to work," he asked.

A change came over the face of the tramp. Scorn and insulted dignity were the expressions that were uppermost. Placing the dime securely in his pocket, he answered:

"My friend, I see that you think but little with your brains. Know that there is much hard, dirty and ugly work to be done in the world. None of us want to do it. If we are very brainy, we write books, paint pictures or become statesmen. If we inherit money or titles, we become well-dressed loafers. If we are utterly unscrupulous, we make money. If we are people who haven't either force of character or courage, we either do the ugly, dirty work, or we become tramps. Catch any or us, however, doing the dirty work of the world willingly. We get out of it either one way or another. And I must tell you, my friend, that you are simply doing well what I am doing badly."

"What am I doing?" asked the philanthropist, in a dazed way. The volume of ideas that the tramp had poured in upon him had reduced his mind to a state of temporary paralysis.

"Shirking the hard, dirty work of the world," answered the tramp, with a triumphant smile, as he turned into the saloon.

The philanthropist walked slowly on.

Aye, Aye !

Chauffeur (after the race)—Say, Bill, is this your eve? I found it in my tool-box.

THE LAND OF HEART'S DESIRE.

Oh, the pitiless walls rise hard and fast
'Round the Land of Heart's Desire!
And the weariful days drag slowly past
Outside the sun's hot fire.

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To bribe the Gatekeeper grim,
However the flowers in there may bloom,
Or the trees rise straight and slim.

But we, who toil in the dust out here,
With want and care as mates,
Have yet one hope which redeems the day—
We know that the loved Land waits.

We know! A d the knowledge is passing fair;
For, hark, when the soft moon gleams,
We shall scale those pitiless iron walls
By the marvellous ladder of dreams.

—C. D.

Calf and Corn.

A wise guy informs us that the ankle was placed between the foot and the knee to keep the calf away from the corn.

The Scent Line.

A French tailor who advertised "English spoken," was sometimes at a loss for the right word. On one occasion, wishing to tell a customer that her girdle was too high, he hesitated for a moment, then, with a look of inspiration, he said: "Madame, your curvature is too upstairs."

Goblins !

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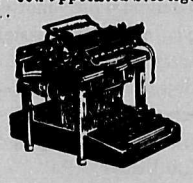
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Music and The Drama.

"All the Comforts of Home."

Under the auspices of the Jubilee Hospital the Local Amateurs will give two productions of William Gillette's well-known and always popular comedy, "All the Comforts of Home," on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, March 12th and 13th. The performances will be given in the Victoria Theatre, and it is hoped that they will be well patronised. The play in question was presented by Booth and Boston in the old Boston Museum, and subsequently had a long run in New York City. The leading parts will be played by the Hon. F. G. Hood and Mr. C.W.Rhodes, the rest of the cast being filled by the Hon. Mrs. Hood, the Misses Dorothy Sehl, Emma Sehl, A. McKay, G. Perry, G. Greene, A. Bell, and Messrs. George Phillips, A. Garnett, Basil Prior, W. Piggott and Arthur Gore. The production will be staged under the personal supervision of Mr. Irving Beers, the well-known professional actor, who is at present visiting the cities on the coast for his health. Mr. Beers has played in the leading part with Miss Roselle Knott; took a prominent part in Ibsen's "Ghosts," when that play was first sent on tour, where he played in company with Mr. Donald Robertson, who is at present the head of the New National Theatre in Chicago. The Local Amateurs have studied their parts with unusual care, and under Mr. Beers' capable management a great success is anticipated.

On the evening of the day of issue Madame Johanna Gadski is billed to appear at the Victoria Theatre in a concert given under the conduct of the lately formed Victoria Musical Society. A sketch of Madame Gadski's musical career was given in our last issue.

The Pringle Stock Company have just concluded today their third week at the Watson Theatre. An innovation has been made by which three different programmes are presented every week. During the past week they have been playing both comedy and melodrama. On Monday and Tuesday the laughable piece entitled "Uncle Josh," which depicts the amusing adventures of an old farmer up from the country, in Boston. In this play every member of the company gave some kind of a specialty, either in dancing or singing, a departure which was much appreciated. On Wednesday and Thursday a double bill was played, consisting of the drama, "The Littlest Girl," followed by the farce, "Wanted : A Wife." Friday and Saturday will see the famous drama of Western life, "Forgiven." In all of these plays Miss Lansing Rowan appears to great advantage.

The Grand has drawn packed houses again; and it is not to be wondered at. The show is unusually good and screamingly funny. Delphine and Delmera are without exception and in all due deference the two most comical idiots who ever appeared on the stage. And it is all done by costume and novelty. Delphine, dressed up as an enormous French soldier clown, stuffed with musical instruments, which squeak when pressed in the right place, fitted up with electric lamps, which brighten up his nose, mouth, ears, knees and other portions of his body, according as to where he suddenly thinks he feels dark, defies anyone with the smallest sense of humor to keep grave. But it is in his last appearance, when he appears as a hobby-horse, mounted on a donkey (perhaps this should be called a hobby-donkey), that he reaches the climax. Go and see him while you have the chance; however old and serious you are he will make you laugh.

"Jean Gerardy, the prominent Belgian 'cellist, gained an unequivocal success before a large audience at the Illinois Theatre yesterday afternoon," says The Chicago Examiner of a recent date. "It is hardly necessary to enter into details regarding Gerardy's consummate art; he has appeared here from season to season, and Chicago has observed with watchful eye and critical ear his stride from the impetuous, sentimental youth to the mature, perfectly rounded man, whose soul is no less in his instrument, but who has apparently been through the refiner's fire and become tempered. His tone is enormous; with him all things technical are possible, and all tonal gradations; and while he is a poet, dreamer and colorist, his emotional quality is not excessive, nor his pyrotechnical feats flaunted before his audiences. He is the serious, the legitimate, and the superlative."

A Tuneful Lay.

An Alberta teacher was giving a lesson in addition. "Now," said the teacher, "if I lay four eggs on the desk for Sammy, and lay three more eggs on the desk, how many would there be?" The bad boy at the foot shouted: "Take her up, Sam, I don't believe she can do it."

He who has resolved to conquer or die is seldom conquered.

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The drawings, specification and report shall have no distinguishing mark or motto, the author's name being enclosed in a blank sealed envelope securely attached to the drawings submitted.

The drawings shall include only a floor plan of each floor, section and two elevations, and shall be drawn to an eight scale. The sectional parts of the walls shall be blanked in, and the elevations shall be in line only in ink. No etching or colouring of any kind shall be permitted.

The accommodation shall consist of: (1.) Boiler room; (2.) Police Department; (3.) Six cells; (4.) Timber Agent's Office; (5.) Assessor and Collector's Office; (6.) Agricultural Department; (7.) Assize Court; (8.) Full Court; (9.) County Court; (10.) Chambers Court; (11.) Small Debts Court; (12.) Six Judges' rooms; (13.) Barristers' room; (14.) Law Society Library; (15.) Sheriff's office; (16.) Registrar Supreme Court office; (17.) Registrar County Court office; (18.) Tax Cost office; (19.) Stenographer's room; (20.) Grand Jury room; (21.) Petty Jury room; (22.) Witnesses' rooms; (23.) Caretaker's quarters; (24.) Land Registry office; (25.) Vaults for Court Records; (26.) Water Closets, &c.

It is suggested that the Land Registry office shall be a separate fire-proof building and therefore the design shall show it as an annex on one side of the main building. The corresponding annex on the other side shall accommodate all offices not directly connected with the courts.

The design shall be so arranged that additions harmonizing with the additional building can be made as the public service may require it.

The drawings shall be adjudicated upon by Messrs. Darling and Pierson, of Toronto Institute of Architects.

The design first placed by the judicators shall receive a premium of $350, and the design receiving second place $250.

The government does not bind itself to erect the building from any of the designs submitted.

The site of the proposedfuilding is Block 51, situated immediately west of the C.P.R. Hotel, between Georgia Street and Robson Street on the south and Howe Street and Hornby Street on the west.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 10th February, 1906. fe15

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 331.

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

The head of the Company is situate at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

The amount of the capital of the Company is seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into thirty thousand shares of twenty-five dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and W. A. Lawson, insurance agent, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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

For the purpose of making insurance upon lives, for making insurance against accidents of any nature and description, for making insurance against liability for negligence and torts of any nature or description, and any other insurance except fire, marine or inland, and except the kinds of guarantee or insurance mentioned in section 113 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, as being forbidden to corporations incorporated for insuring lives; to carry on and conduct the business of inspecting boilers, engines and mechanical appliances, and machinery of all kinds, at such rates of compensation, if any, as may be agreed upon between the said Company and the persons for whom such inspection shall be made; to insure the fidelity of persons holding places of trust and responsibility to or under any State, county, city, corporation, company, person or persons whatsoever; to become security for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty, contract of agreement, and to supersede any judgment, or to go upon any appeal or other bond; and it is further authorised to become sole surety in all cases where by law two or more sureties are required for the faithful performance of any trusts or office, and it shall and may be lawful for any Court, registrar, clerk or other officer to approve said Company as sole surety in all such cases; but in such cases the officers and affairs of said Company may be subject to an examination by such Court, registrar, clerk or other officers; and it shall be lawful for such Company to stipulate and provide for indemnity from the parties aforesaid, for whom it shall so become responsible, and to inforce any bond, contract, agreement, pledge or other security made or given for that purpose; to ensure any person or persons, firm or corporation, against any and all loss, damage or liability arising from or occasioned by theft, larceny, robbery or burglary. fe8

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about two and one-half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "W. F. Teetzel, initial post, northwest corner"; thence 80 chains east along Indian Reserve line, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to the point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

W.F TEEZEL,
December 8th, 1905.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 329.

THIS is to certify that "The Alberni Land Company, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at No. 3, Fenchurch Avenue, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the company is £7,200, divided into 240 preference shares of £10 each, and 480 ordinary shares of £10 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at 45 Fort Street, Victoria, and Frederick Bernard Pemberton, real estate agent and surveyor, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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

(a.) To purchase or otherwise acquire certain lands and hereditaments situate in the Alberni District, in the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada, and forming the lots or portions of the lots numbered, respectively, 1, 2, 2a, 5, 6 and 66, in the official plan or survey of the said district, and all other lands and hereditaments (if any) in the said district to or in which the several persons, parties of the first six parts to the agreement next hereinafter mentioned may be entitled or interested, subject to but with the benefiit of all the leases, agreements, contracts and engagements in anywise affecting the said lands and hereditaments, or any part or parts thereof, and all moneys, assets and property whatsoever now belonging to the said agreement, in connection with the said lands and hereditaments, and with a view thereto to adopt the agreement referred to in clause 3 of the Company's Articles of Association, and to carry the same into effect, with or without modification:

(b.) To purchase, take or lease or in exchange, or otherwise acquire with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting (but not otherwise), and other lands and hereditaments which it Ray be necessary or advantageous for the Company to acquire, in order to deal to the best advantage with all or any part of the lands and hereditaments the subject matter of the said agreement:

(c.) To manage and develop the resources of and turn to account the lands, hereditaments, rights and property for the time being of the Company, in such manner as the Company may think fit, and in particular in clearing, draining, fencing, planting, building, improving, farming, grazing and mining, and by promoting immigration and establishing towns, villages and settlements, with a view to the ultimate sale of such lands, hereditaments, rights and property:

(d.) To appropriate and lay out, or to give for the purposes of being so laid out, any land for parks, streets, roads, paths, squares, gardens or other open spaces, or for railways, tramways, wharves or for any other public purposes which may be deemed beneficial to the Company, or to make any grants of land in connection with the construction of any railway, tramway or other company, or the erection of buildings for the purpose of carrying on thereon any industry or otherwise:

(e.) To sell, improve, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the lands, hereditaments, rights and property for the time being of the Company, in such manner as the Company may think fit, or with the sanction of an extraordinary meeting as aforesaid, to exchange the same, or any part thereof, for any other lands, hereditaments, rights or property:

(f.) To carry on any business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the property of the Company, or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights:

(g.) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise with any person, firm or company carrying on or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in, any business or transaction which this Company is authorised to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit th s Company; and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person, firm or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same:

(h.) To enter into any arrangement with any Government or authorities, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Company's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry into effect, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges, and concessions:

(i.) To invest any moneys arising from the sale of any lands, hereditaments, rights or property of the Company, or otherwise in or upon any stocks, funds or securities by law authorised for the investment of trust moneys, or in shares, stock, bonds, debentures, debenture stock or obligations of any company, whether British, colonial or foreign, or of any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, and to sell, dispose of and deal with such investments, or any of them, or otherwise to deal with such moneys or proceeds of sale as may seem most expedient:

(j.) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities:

(k.) To pay out of the funds and property of the Company all expenses which with due regard to the provisions of section 8 of the Companies' Act, 1900, the Company may lawfully pay of or incident to the formation, establishment, registration and advertising of or raising money for the Company may lawfully pay of or incident to the formation, establishment, registration and advertising of or raising money for the Company and the issue of its capital, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for, or taking, placing or underwriting shares, debentures or debenture stock:

(l.) To advance or lend money to such person or persons, company or companies, and on such terms as may seem expedient, and in particular to customers of and persons having dealings with the Company:

(m.) To promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property or liabilities of this Company, or of advancing, directly or indirectly, the objects or interests thereof, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this Company:

(n.) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments:

(o.) To procure the Company to be registered or recognized in British Columbia or elsewhere in the Dominion of Canada or abroad:

(p.) To do all or any of the above things by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others:

(q.) To distribute any of the property of the Company in specie among the members:

(r.) To do all such other things as are incidental ro conducive to the above objects.

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642 Sixth Ave. E., VANCOUVER, B.C.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.
No. 334.

THIS is to certify that Phenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Brooklyn, in the State of New York.

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

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Vancouver, and H. Bell-Irving, Financial Agent, whose address is Vancouver, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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

For the purpose of making insurance upon dwelling-houses, stores and all kinds of buildings; also upon household furniture, merchandise, ships and other vessels and their cargoes in port, and other property, against loss or damage by fire or by lightning, or by wind storms and tornadoes, and the risks of inland navigation and transportation, and upon vessels, freights, goods, wares, merchandise, specie, bullion, jewels, profits, commissions, bank notes, bills of exchange and other evidences of debt, bottomry and respondentia interests, and to make all and every insurance appertaining to or connected with marine risks of transportation and navigation.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post marked southeast corner, situated 20 chains west of the west line of the Kitwangah Indian Reserve, at a point where said line crosses the Skeena River, running 20 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 40 chains east, to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

Dated December 8th, 1905.

R. S. SARGENT, Locator.
JOHN FOUNTAIN, Agent.

APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Range V., Coast Dist., B.C., viz.: Commencing at the N.W. corner of L. 273, Range V., Coast Dist., and thence Ast. north 20 chains, thence Ast. west 40 chains, thence Ast. east 20 chains, thence Ast. north 40 chains, and thence Ast. east to point of commencement.

Oct. 15, 1905.

STANLEY P. DUNLEVY.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the C. C. of L. and W. for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated on the right bank of the Skeena River, about half a mile below the Little Canyon and bounding Geo. Little's Pre-emption Claim, on the west side, viz.: Commencing at a post marked F. R. L.'s S. E. Cor., and thence running north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, and thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres.

Signed, FRED. R. LITTLE.
Locator.
GEO. LITTLE,
January 12th, 1906. Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the northwest corner of W. L. Polson's land, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less for agricultural purposes.

M. DURHAM.
Per Chas. Durham, Agent.
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land for agricultural purposes: Beginning at the S.W. corner of George Little's Pre-emption Claim on the right bank of the Skeen River, Coast District, B.C., about 40 chains below the Little Canyon, the line runs thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 60 chains, more or less, to the river, thence northerly along the bank of the river about 80 chains to the point of beginning, containing 400 acres, more or less.

WM. L. POLSON,
Per Roger S. Greene, Agent.
Skeena River, Dec. 8, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands: The northwest quarter of section 14, Township 6, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 160 acres, more or less.

H. F. BISHOP.
A. FERGUSON.
Dated February 1st, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the south half of section 9, the southwest quarter section 10, and the northwest quarter of section 3, all in Township 7, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. R. JACKSON.
Dated 8th February, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the southeast corner of M. Durham's land, thence running east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres, more of less, for agricultural purposes.

T. S. BAXTER,
Little Canyon, Skeena River, B. C., Dec. 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Section 17, Township 7, Coast Range 5, Bulkley Valley, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated February 1st, 1906.
fe1 R. J. McDONELL.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about one and a half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "D. W. Moore, initial post, southwest corner"; thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

D. W. MOORE.
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the south side of the Skeena River, about a half-mile above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "A. Mackay, initial post, northwest corner"; thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

A. MACKAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post marked northeast corner, situated on the left bank of the Skeena river, 200 chains below the confluence of the Bulkley and Skeena rivers, running 20 chains east, thence 20 chains south, thence west to the bank of the Skeena river, 35 chains, thence following the meanderings of the river, up stream, to point of commencement, containing 120 acres more or less.

Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 8, 1905.

JOHN C. K. SEALY, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about three miles southeast from Little Canyon of the Skeena river and adjoining Copper river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Shaw, southwest corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of beginning, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.

L. SHAW, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southeast of the Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of A. E. Gaker, southwest corner, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

A. E. BAKER, Locator.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the permission to purchase the north half of section 9 and the south half of section 16, all in township 7, Coast range 5, Bulkeley Valley, containing 640 acres more or less.

J. A. PELHAM.
G. G. DALMADGE.
John D'Orsay, Agent.
Dated January 25th, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two and a half miles south of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post markid "initial post" of Frank Leeson, northeast corner, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of beginning, containing 320 acres more or less.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.

FRANK LEESON, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles southwest of Little Canyon of the Skeena river, described as commencing at a post marked "initial post" of L. Ross, northeast corner, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to point of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

L. ROSS, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchare the following described lands, situated in Skeena District: Commencing at a post planted on the north boundary of the new Kitzequla Indian Reserve, on the right bank of the Skeena River, and marked "A.B., S.E. corner"; thence 80 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence following the right bank of the Skeena river to point of commencement, and containing 320 acres more or less.

A. BURDICK.
Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in the Skeena District: Commencing at a post planted on the east boundary of the old Kitzequla Indian Reserve, on the left bank of the Skeena river, and marked "S.J.F., N.W. corner"; thence south 80 chains, along the Indian Reserve line, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

S. J. FLETCHER.
Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated about two miles north of Lake Lakelse, and about five miles south of Little Canyon, Skeena River: Commencing at a post marked "Walter Williscroft's, N.E. Cor."; thence running south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

WALTER WILLISCROFT,
Geo. Little, Agent.
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the Skeena River, two miles below Skeena Canyon and adjoining S. B. Johnson's property and beginning at a post planted and marked J. T. Phelan's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. T. PHELAN, Locator.
LOUIS ANDERSON, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Skeena River, about three-quarters mile below Copper River, and adjoining Wm. Bosded's pre-emption, and beginning at a post planted and marked J. W. Graham's initial post, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to place of commencement containing 160 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

J. W. GRAHAM, Locator.
A. E. JOHNSON, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated oan Skeena River, one mile below Skeena Canyon, and beginning at a post planted near Singlehurst wagon road and marked S. B. Johnson's initial post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated 8th December, 1905.

S. B. JOHNSON, Locator.
LOUIS ANDERSON, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the east side of Copper and south side of Skeena River: Commencing at a post marked Alex. McKenzie, initial post, northeast corner"; thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains, more or less, west, to Copper River, thence 40 chains north along Copper River to the Skeena River, thence 40 chains east along Skeena River to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

ALEX. McKENZIE.
Dated December 10th, 1905.

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—

The matinee hat has for many years enjoyed the proud distinction of being the favorite grievance of the superior sex. It looks, however, as if its supremacy might be seriously threatened by the vast tuft of osprey which fashion has decreed shall crown the head and hair of the well-dressed woman at night. Worn upright, or slightly inclined to the left hand side, the effect is certainly decorative, but the exaggerated angle at which some women insist on wearing it suggests nothing so much as a determination to tickle the nose of one's partner at dinner, or entirely obstrust the view of one's neighbors at the play. At the last performance in the Victoria Theatre I played "peek-a-boo" with the stage the whole evening from behind a towering osprey coquettishly tilted to one side on a highly coiffed head. Imagine the dodging I did to get a view of the actors and actresses. I wonder why it is that some people are so conservative in their style of hair-dressing, and why they do not affect the simple and more becoming American fashion of wearing the hair? A couple of good jewelled combs, nestling in the soft coils of a woman's hair, to my mind, is perfect taste for evening wear. Nothing is more becoming, and this has been proved by the beauties of ancient Greece, who bound up their tresses with "bands of gleaming gold or glittering jewels." The American woman of fashion has undoubtedly discovered this fact, and one can always discern her simply coiffed head, with its coils of well-brushed hair, neatly kept in place by lovely jewelled combs.

Apropos of combs, Challoner & Mitchell have a really fascinating collection, that has just arrived, in the most artistic and exquisite designs. One that particularly took my fancy was of gold, studded with amethysists, positively the most fashionable stone of the moment. The amethysist shade and shades of mauve, violet and purple seem to possess the passing fancy in dress goods, but women other than those of clearest color and complexion, should beware the temptations these beguiling but unbecoming tones convey. Girls with, what I have heard unkindly called, sallow-colored skin—and they are very many—should eschew the simple violet, and dress in tones of brown or fawn or dark blue, rather than commit themselves to the clear, pitiless contrast given by tones shading from lavender to purple. The same remark applies to one's surroundings as well as to dress. Walls, furniture, draperies, should, as far as possible, harmonise with their owner's appearance, instead of fighting with it, and indeed so lovely and artistic in the best sense are colorings and designs of wall-papers, curtains stuffs, furniture, brocades and so forth nowadays, that it would be a tasteless woman truly who could achieve an ugly house or commonplace environment.

The Melrose Company has the most choice assortment of everything in the wall-covering line, while Weiler Brothers possess a splendid stock of the finest furniture on the market. When it is added that prices are absolutely low, a further inducement is given to the house-proud matron or the benevolent buyer of wedding or birthday presents. It is, also, useful to know that the entire furnishing for a house can be here undertaken by trained experts, who willingly give their experience and advice in connection with the small matter, as well as the large.

—"BABETTE."

Mrs' Berkley was hostess at a very delightful bridge evening on Monday.

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Mr. Kingsmill's friends will be pleased to hear that he was well enough to leave the hospital on Saturday last.

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Mrs. P. C. Scharkmidt, of White Horse, is spending a few days with Mrs. (Dr.) Fraser, Humboldt street.

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Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Few and Miss Few left on Saturday for Southern California, where they remain for a few months.

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Mrs. James R. Gaudin left on Sunday last for Los Angeles.

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Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, of Rossland, are staying at the Driard.

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The friends of Mr. J. H. Poff will be glad to hear he is recovering, though still in the Jubilee Hospital.

Music and Stage

Mme. Gadski has been long enough in this country to become widely known as a vocal artist of the first rank, and has given so much enjoyment by her singing in the various places where she has exercised her talent and has so ingratiated herself with discriminating music lovers, that the concert tour she is to undertake under the direction of Loudon G. Charlton not only will result in large profits for her and her manager, but also in much pleasure for those who hear her. For its introduction to this fine singer and charming woman, the American public is indebted to Walter Damrosch, who brought her to this country seven or eight years ago, when she made her debut at the Metropolitan the following season. She so favorably impressed the habitues of the Metropolitan by the freshness and beauty of her tones and her youthful comeliness, and so constantly improved in vocal style while associated with such consummate artists as Jean and Edouard de Reszke, Pol Plancon and Emma Eames during her first season there, that her re-engagement followed as a matter of course. Since then her professional career has been identified with the Metropolitan Opera Company, and as she continually grew in artistic stature, she has developed into a very versatile and valuable artist. She sings the more important roles in German, French and Italian equally well, her musical and dramatic temperament, colorful voice and flexible art ennabling her to please the most captious in such widely varying roles as Brunnhilde and Sieglinde in "Die Walkure," Eva in "Die Meistersinger," Elizabeth in "Tannhauser," Elsa in "Lohengrin," Senta in "The Flying Dutchman," Valentia in "Les Huguenots," the Countess in "The Marriage of Figaro," Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Aida in Verdi's opera of that name. She is not without experience in English opera, as it was she who created the role of Hester Prynne in Walter Damrosch's operatic version of Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter."

Nothing more indecent and vulgar than Pauline Hall in the first act of "Dorcas" has ever been seen in a respectable theatre. Only youth, beauty and comeliness could justify the assumption of the part; coarseness and obesity rendered it repulsive and disgusting. Manager Ricketts, who has put some splendid shows on the Victoria stage recently, was no doubt as grossly deceived as the public by this Bowery aggregation, which had the gall to present a comic opera without orchestra, chorus or mounting, and tried to palm off a blatant demi-rep under the title of "prima donna."

OLLA PODRIDA

Three Germans were sitting at luncheon recently, and were overheard discussing the second marriage of a mutual friend, when one of them remarked:

"I'll tell you vhat. A man vhat marries de second time, don't deserve to have lost his first vife."

A Paris paper in its quaint style has revived the old Yankee yarn of big fish The angler was telling of the huge fish he had caught, when someone said:

"Were they as big as whales?"

"Why, hang it all," said the Yank, "we baited with whales!"

"Where did you go broke?"

"In the Poultry."

"And where are you now?"

"In the soup."

When she got off the train he jumped down too. An awful shower came on. She had no umbrella, but he offered the shelter of his faithful gamp. So he accompanied her to the corner of her terrace.

"When shall I have the pleasure of seeing you again, dear madam?"

"Next time it rains."

The little girl had come home from the pantomime tired, and announced her intention of going to no more pantomimes until she went to heaven.

"Why, darling?" asked the anxious mamma.

"Because the best pantomimes are in heaven. Dan Leno is there now."

"My dear, your husband is leading a double life. Why did you ever marry him?"

"If I had not done so, I should have led a single life, so I chose the lesser evil."

VICTORIA SOCIAL.

The King's Daughters gave a very successful musical on Tuesday last at "Mount Adelaide," the residence of Mrs. Henry Croft, which was very kindly lent to them for this occasion. The spacious rooms were crowded with guests. A musical program, under Mrs. W. E. Green's management, was very much enjoyed, those taking part being: Mrs. D. E. Campbell, Mrs. Green, Miss Levierson, Miss G. Green, Miss Violet Powell and Mrs. J. S. Harvey. A guessing contest also helped to amuse the guests.

The house was very tastefully decorated; in the large walls were great clusters of daffodils, palms and ferns, while the brilliant room from which tea was served was a perfect dream of beauty. The walls were draped in pale green, on which were long sword ferns and ivy intermingled with the emblems of the King's Daughters—a silver cross. The tea table itself was done with yellow daffodils, tulips and violets round a center of mauve primroses, which, with the yellow-shaded candles, was most effective and was the work of Mrs. Croft.

Amongst those present were: Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Flumerfelt, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Marvin, Mrs. McMicking, the Misses Sehl, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. King, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. and Miss Brae, Mrs. Jen Rinson, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Edwards, Mrs. and Miss K. Gaudin, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. S. Robertson, Mrs. Percy Brown, Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. E. Bayne Reed, Miss Gladys Perry, Mrs. McCallum, Misses Blackwood, Miss K. Devereux, Miss Cambie, Mrs. and Miss Tatlow, Mrs. and Misses Butchart, Mrs. Daves, Mrs. Hampfield, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Cobbett, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. and Miss Mutter, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. McGregor, Miss Dupont, Mrs. Verricecles, Mrs. Wollaston, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Miss Arbuckle, Mrs. Olandt, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. Hugo Beaven, Mrs. Dresser, Mrs. Alex. Martin, Mrs. D. R. Mrs. Keast, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Langworthy, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Hanington, Miss F. Devereux, Mrs. and Misses Bell, Misses Pitts, Miss Powell, Mr. Tinson, Dr. Tomlinson, Miss Lugrin.

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Mrs. Baxter returned recently from a three months' visit to relatives in Eastern Canada.

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Mrs. George Taylor is visiting Mrs. Irwin of Vancouver.

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Miss Wardrope is visiting friends at Salt Spring Island.

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Miss Georgie Lucas returned to her duties at the Jubilee Hospital after a week's sick leave.

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Miss Brady is able to be out again after a severe attack of appendicitis.

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A very pleasing event took place at the Jubilee Hospital on Tuesday. Miss Lottie Powell's sister nurses entertained in honor of her graduation, the amusement of the evening being "five hundred."

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Mrs. R. Napier, of Cumberland, spent a few days in town this week.

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Miss J. Willemard, of Comox, is a guest of Miss Nicholls, Simcoe street.

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Miss Steel, of Montreal, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of Cook street.

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There have been no social events of any importance this week, and will not, of course, until after Easter. A few small teas and card parties are about the extent of the week's festivities.

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Miss Arbuckle entertained a few friends at "500" on Saturday evening last.

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