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THE PASSING SHOW.

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

An Old Man of the Sea—The G. T. P. Fiasco—A Senile Sybarite—Dunsmuir for Lieutenant-Governor—Rotten Vessels and Tinsel Boats—The Social Evil—Kaien Island Committee—The Week's Predictions.

In spite of the mossbacks who for sentimental reasons wished the Conservative party to support Mr. William Templeman, the sturdy principles of Conservatism have been worthily upheld by the rank and file, and they have chosen their champion in a fight to a finish. Mr. J. L. Beckwith is a good candidate, young, ambitious, honorable, a successful business man and a courageous fighter, he will fully justify the confidence reposed in him by the party, and if all sections rally round the standard he will on March 6th defeat Mr. William Templeman, who has never yet won an election. There was a time when both social and political parasites were tolerated; that day has gone bye. In these times of stress and strain often life is a struggle, and every nerve is strained to reach the goal, whether it be in the social, the commercial, or political world, there is no place for the parasite, the man who hangs on by favuor, the man who never scored off his own bat and who expects to be carried to victory. An "old man of the sea" around one's neck is too great a handicap. This has been the relation of Mr. William Templeman to the province of British Columbia. He has been carried like a dead weight, and the province has received no toll from him or the party he represents. He has taken upon himself for ten years to speak for the province, who was never yet returned by the popular vote. That ten years bears a record of broken promises, unrelieved by one fulfilled. To-day the marine service, which was to be put on a proper footing and reorganized, is just as it was, a disgrace and a scandal. The financial relations of the province to the Federal Government have not been bettered one dollar, although but for the determined and united effort of the Conservative administration it would have been bankrupted. The one scheme which was to have saved everything and launched British Columbia on an era of prosperity, and on the strength of which the solid seven were returned to Ottawa, has proved to be a mirage in the desert of Liberal desolation. Yet in face of this Mr. William Templeman thinks he has claims! The Week does not hesitate to say that no self-respecting Conservative can vote for such a political Pooh-bah, and no self-respecting Conservative with a particle of belief in the principles of his party can justify abstention from the present campaign.

There is a splendid opportunity to shew the country whether the man who was never sent to Ottawa by the votes of the electors is expressing their views when he assures the Federal Government that "All's well" and British Columbia is satisfied. The answer to such an unwarranted assumption is the return of Mr. J. L. Beckwith; the return of his opponent would justify the claim of himself and his government.

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The Vancouver World is a Liberal organ, with every party interest to serve by suppressing, as the Province claims to have done, the sensational report anent the intentions of the G. T. P., which appeared in its issue of the 19th inst. That it had the courage to publish it under the circumstances, and especially at a time when it would act most prejudicially on the campaign of Mr. William Templeman, is sufficient proof that the sources of its information are reliable. Further evidences of that fact are furnished by what has followed. In spite of the particularity of the statements and the damaging effect on the Liberal party and the Federal Government, there has been no substantial denial. A section of the press has put forward a despatch from a Toronto correspondent who, on the strength of Sir Wilfrid Lourier being in that city, framed a half-hearted denial which meant nothing, and might mean anything. In a matter of such vital importance explicit and prompt repudiation from a responsible minister, and from the president or general manager of the G. T. P. could alone remove from the public mind the impression that the contents of the despatch were substantially true, and could not be contradicted. Reading between the lines of Premier McBride's evidence before the Kaien Island committee on Thursday, one finds significent confirmation of the World story. Take these remarks, interjected in his evidence: "Of course if the deal fell through the province got the lands back," and, "As a matter of fact, the G. T. P. had not yet said the terminus would be there," and, "He would to-day be prepared to give those lands to the G. T. P. if necessary to induce them to make their terminus there." These utterances, coming from the Premier, are pregnant with meaning. No doubt Mr. McBride has knowledge of facts which are necessarily kept from the public at present, but these words plainly indicate that after nearly two years of negotiations with accredited representatives of the G. T. P., and after the lapse of nearly one year from the issuance of the Crown grants of land at Lima Harbor, absolutely nothing has been done, and the Premier is obviously in doubt whether the G. T. P. is going to throw up the Kaien Island deal or not. It lacks but four months until that company is bound under its agreement to have extensive works in operation—all the works, in fact, required in connection with a great railway terminus—and not a blow has been struck; nor is there the slightest sign of preparation. Everything points to the absolute reliability of the World despatch, and yet in face of this Mr. William Templeman has the effrontery to ask the people of Victoria to send him to Ottawa again as their representative, and by acclamation! When the people of Victoria are ready to acclaim treachery and deceit they will do it, not before.

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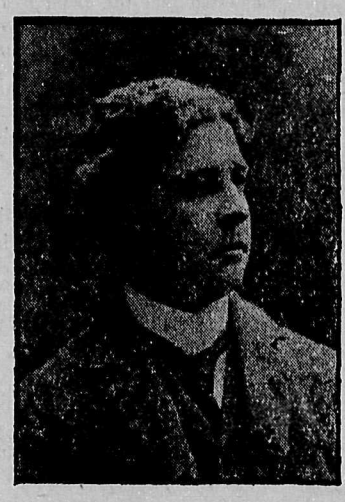
When the editor of a paper chooses to get his pickings from the garbage barrel and to roll in a dung-heap it cannot be wondered at that his subordinates occasionally gather up droppings from the scavenger's cart. The Week had occasion in its last issue to comment on a ghoulish despatch with which the Vancouver World saw fit to embellish its columns. That, however, was a mild offence compared with suggestive rhodomontade which filled a column of editorial space in that journal's issue of the 20th inst. The Week has no personal knowledge of the editor beyond the fact that he is said to have passed the allotted span of human life—three score years and ten. But in the article referred to he stands self-confessed as a salacious, leering satyr who, having reached the age of impotence, can only derive some degree of carnal satisfaction by revelling in lewd conceptions and the distorted visions of a diseased imagination. A man occupying the responsible position of editor, who admits that he throws aside the sworn evidence of a Commission in favor of "the wildest rumors afloat in the lobby and hotel corridors" is not fit to edit a newspaper, and in any case should be placed under restraint for the credit of the peace and the safety of the public.

Since he admits an intimate acquaintance with "Fads and Fancies" and "Town Topics," it might be charitable to assume that the article in question was intended for one of those notorious publications, rather than for a respectable newspaper. It is not a little singular that in both instances it is an aged sybarite who uses the muck-rake. In the earlier days of Pacific Coast life, with the shady side of which he had an intimate acquaintance, he would have paid the penalty for his dastardly attack on a woman. In these later days the only thing that may save him is the reflection that his effusion is the spawn of impotence and dotage; but nothing can save him from the codemnation of that honest public opinion which believes in fairplay—even to women.



HON. RICHARD M'BRIDE

The First Conservative Premier of British Columbia.

Hon. R. McBride was born at New Westminster on December 19, 1870. He was educated at the public and high schools of the Royal Burgh and graduated from Dalhousie University as L. L. B. in 1890; was articled to T. C. Atkinson, barrister and solicitor, New Westmiister, in 1887; entered public life in 1890. He unsuccessfully contested the New Westminster district constituency in the Federal election in 1896. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for Dewdney in 1898, and has represented that constituency ever since. Was minister of mines in the Dunsmuir ministry in 1900; was leader of the opposition in 1902, and in 1903 was called on by the Lieutenant-Governor to form a ministry, and has ever since been Premier of the first Conservative ministry in British Columbia..

Some months ago The Week suggested that the most suitable appointment to the honorable position of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia would be Mr. James Dunsmuir. Since then there has been a growing concensus of opinion that he should be selected, and at the time of writing every indication points in the direction of his ultimately being chosen. He was formerly Premier of the province; he has wealth and influence; Mrs. Dunsmuir and her daughters would grace the social circles and dispense the hospitality which are so necessary an adjunct of the Government House, and there is now every reason to believe that the various conflicting interests are prepared to unite in his support, as his political predilections have always been Liberal. The appointment would be a graceful recognition of the native worth of a man of sterling character, whose life has been identified with the development of one of the greatest industries of the province, and whose name is a household word on the Pacific Coast.

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The Kaien Island enquiry bids fair to stretch out to the crack of doom, and even then, on the present showing, it would yield but vanity and vexation of spirit. Not the slightest evidence has been forthcoming which weakens the position taken up by the government from the first, and the only possible conclusion is that Mr. J. A. Macdonald and his crew are a set of adventurers, to whose interpidity and courage adventurers of all ages must yield the palm. Still they go on with their eager quest, and having failed with ministers and principals and agents in Victoria wish to go further afield. This is quite appropriate in the case of a fishing enquiry, but unless all men are liars the result will but be to add confirmation to confirmation in support of the evidence already adduced. The Week is in a position to state that if the tables were turned and the eminent Grit leader and the eminent Grit lawyer were placed under examination as to the present scheme of the G. T. P. and the transaction of their agents during the last ten days, some entertaining reading would be furished to the people of British Columbia.

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The Vancouver police are making things interesting for the unlicensed retailers of alcoholic beverages. They are proceeding on the same lines as their blue-coatd brethren in Victoria who are carrying out Mayor Morley's reform crusade. The effect is said to be to deprive the tenderloin district of its only source of profit and indirectly to kill the traffic in vice. How this method will work out remains to be seen. In the interests of observance of the law and fairplay to those who pay for a license to sell liquors, the procedure is right and cannot be condemned by any loyal citizen; but it leaves the social evil untouched, and that is a question which will yet have to be faced and dealt with courageously. One undoubted result of unnatural restriction has been an increase in social infidelity. Is that more inimical to the public interest than legalized vice or not? Let those who have studied this question closely answer.

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The Week supported Mr. Manson and he is now member for Alberni. The Week supported Mr. A. J. Morley and he is now mayor of Victoria. The Week is supporting Mr. J. L. Beckwith, and on March 6th he will be elected member for Victoria. The Week's nomination is a winner.

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It is just as well to be honest and admit that the reason the Whatcom is not after all coming on the Victoria run is that she is neither fit nor safe, and her rejection by the inspector is the first sign that official is beginning to apprehend the drift of public opinion. He might well direct his attention to that old hulk, the Charmer, which was supposed to have gone into dock for a new bottom and thorough repairs. As a matter of fact, she is past repairing, being obselete in design. Instead of a new hull she is only being patched, and instead of a false bottom, two water-tight bulkheads are being constructed across the hull. The bulk of the money is being spent on the boilers and in the engine room, features which may contribute to speed, but not to safety. There should be no tinkering with old tubs where human life is concerned.

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The Week hears on good authority that the standard boats which came out from England with the Princess Beatrice have been discarded as too heavy to handle, and thin sheet iron ones of American make substituted. The informant, a nava lengineer, declares that these boats are so thin that he has dented their sides with a blow of his fist and that in rough seas they would "buckle." It would be interesting to know how many boats of this class are to be found on vessels plying to Victoria and Vancouver. No wonder that no attempt is made to launch a lifeboat for life-saving if this is the kind of snell supplied.

The statement has been made by the press apologists for the G. T. P. that that company is "rushing work west of Edmonton as fast as possible. As a matter of fact, there is not one man working for them west of Edmonton on railway construction. There are three survey parties, comprising less than twenty men, under the charge of Mr. Halifax Hall, and that is all.

Gambling is again prevalent in Vancouver. The gamblers have had to get out of Victoria in a hurry and they have landed in the Terminal City and are now plying their trade there. A couple of the more daring have put up at a swell hostelry, and on Tuesday evening the writer witnessed a game of poker in the smoking room of this hotel for five dollars a point. The clubs are also scenes of gambling every night, and it was only about three weeks ago that the report was current in the Terminal City that a certain well known merchant had "dropped" two thousand dollars playing poker in his club. Coming right down to facts, why should gambling be permitted in the swell joints for huge sums when the police nab the poorer man who risks twenty-five cents to a dollar on the green table?

The Kaien Island committee has summoned Mr. Larsen and Mr. T. W. Morse to give evidence. The former will certainly not be able to come, as he is suffering from an incurable disease and is very ill at Helena, Mont. The latter will come if he is still in the employ of the G. T. P.

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

It is a matter for much wonder that although Victoria is a decidedly musical town, as witness the frequent concerts of more than average merit, the number of good musical clubs, and the general ability of most of the people met in society to sing a song or perform some parlour trick, there is such a woeful lack of music in our theatres. In what other town of equal size and importance would it be tolerated that the leading two theatres and the only vaudeville house should be equipped with a piano alone? It was with delight that I read a complaint on these lines in the morning paper on Wednesday last. When there is a good piece being performed, of course the audience does not go to the theatre to hear the music, but it does expect to hear something more soul-filling than one measly pieno. There used to be an orchestra both at the Victoria Theatre and also at Watson's. The latter followed the cue given by the former; if the Victoria could do without music, there was obviously nothing to be gained by the smaller theatre giving anything extra. That appears to have been the spirit. The Savoy did boast a small orchestra, but the Savoy is no more, and perhaps the new management will follow the lead of their rivals. It is to be sincerely hoped that before the tourist season commences the play-houses will have awakened to a due sense of their responsibilities in this line.

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Nothing amuses me so much as to hear some kind-hearted person say to the child of a sensible parent: 'Don't you ever catch cold going about all the time without a hat?" It is an extraordinary thing that so many men and women find it incredible that the hatless brigade are for the most part immune from such afflictions. Nature provided the hair as a covering for the head, and she is quite wise enough to know how much the head needed. It is the trial of my life that convention, before whom we all bow as slaves, has decreed that it is necessary to appear in public with some idiotic and hideous for mof head-gear. Here is one place where the kids score over their elders; nobody laughs at a child going hatless, though many think it not only absurd but actually cruel; but if an adult were to turn up in the streets of any town in British Columbia in the same condition he would be "guyed" by all the boys in the town, and the older people would look after him, shake their heads, touch their foreheads, and say: "Poor fellow, and so young too." In England a few years ago a number of sensible folk organized what was known as the "No-hat Brigade," and though for some months the scheme and its promoters were ridiculed, the idea was taken up, and now in many of the big towns you may see young men and old, maidens and young children, enjoying to the full the fresh air of heaven, which keeps their hair in good condition, and is a far better preventive against baldness than any patent hair-wash. Of course a certain amount of discretion must be used at first; for instance, it would be foolishness for a man whose hair was already getting thin on the top, and who had been accustomed to wear a hat all his life, to go out bare-headed on a really cold and wet day. The habit must be practised in warm weather, and in a very short time the head will accustom itself to the new conditions. Then again many people say that it is so dangerous in hot weather, because of the liability to sun-stroke; there is a great deal in that, in countries where the sun is really powerful. There have been many cases of sun-stroke in British Columbia and in the Old Country, but in most instances this has occurred when the victim was wearing a cap, which to the anti-faddists constitutes a sufficient covering. Nobody gets sun-stroke through the top of the head, which is the only part the cap covers. Sun-stroke is caused by the rays beating down on the nape of the neck, and in some cases on the temples, though this latter is rare. A helmet with a broad back and front piece, or a Panama is the best preventive. A cap is no good, and the wearer might just as well, and far better, be bare-headed as capped. There is one saving grace attached to the wearing of hats, and that is that they do keep the hair tidy in windy weather. But then if we were all sensible we should all have untidy hair from the same course, and no one would throw the first stone from his own glass house. For many years The Lounger never wore anything in his head, except during his brief visits to a town, and he never had a cold once.

I have just been reading about the mysterious stranger who so cruelly blighted the hopes of the real estate dealer and the sawmill man. I wonder why it is that Victoria always seems to be fair game for such characters. It is not a particularly "easy" town for residents; men who have lived here for some years and been good customers complain that if they get a little "hard-up" and wish to run credit for a short time until business improves, they find Victoria a "hard" town. But the stranger is a different matter; let him dress well and have a suave manner and he may order anything he likes, and have it "put down." It is only a question of knowing how to do it. "Entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares," says the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. An excellent maxim, only unfortunately there is no specification as to the colour, and for the most part they appear to have been black ones in Victoria. I cannot help thinking that the same confidence so readily placed in these strangers might well be accorded regular customers, who are also residents. I am not writing this with any personal animus, as I am only just coming out of the chrysalis stage of stranger myself, but I do know many people who have lived in Victoria for long years, and who, owing to the tittle-tattle which is an indisputable quality of the Capital, find it really difficult to run a bill for more than a month, as everyone knows the exact extent of their income.

Eagle's Ball.

On Friday, February 17th, the seventh annual ball of the Eagles was held and was voted a great success. There was a numerous attendance, a good orchestra and a smooth floor. The Assembly Hall was tastefully edorned for the occasion, many of the decorations used in the Native Sons' ball being still left up, including the pretty device of falling snow.

Amongst the many amusing and original costumes displayed were the following, which perhaps caught the eye more than others. Two deaths, one a skeleton, and the other a student of anatomy; one Weary Willie, who hardly looked ready to drop with fatigue; a Robinson Crusoe; a coal miner with lamp. This last was a decided novely, as were the two gnomes, male and female. A lady eagle was also striking. A comic sight was seen when the bear and his leader entered the hall, but undoubtedly the hit of the evening was scored by Mrs. Droob and Mr. Fisher as members of the barn-yard family. The trade advertisement costumes were also very much in evidence, notably Shakespeare's jewelry store, represented by a man inside a huge watch; Porter's by a butcher; the Caporal cigarette, by a Blue Danube Hussar, and last but not least, the Gold Dust Twins.

The general effect of the whole scene was one of the gayest, and tended to make the popular society more popular still.

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Notice to Architects—Competitive Designs.

The Government of British Columbia invite Arichitects to submit competitive designs for a new Court House which it is proposed to erect at Vancouver, B. C., at a cost not exceeding $150,000.

The drawings. addressed to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner and superscribed "Design, Court House, Vancouver," are to be sent in or before the 10th March, 1906, tccompanied by a specification and report.

The drawings, specification and report shall have no distinguishng mark or motto, the author's name beng 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, tnd 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 original 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 proposed building 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.

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Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 8, 1905.
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Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25, 1906.
L. SHAW, Locator.
JOHN DOREY, Agent.

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A. E. BAKER, Locator.

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It is not always possible to judge of an actress' personality, or even her natural appearance across the footlights, and Miss O'Neil is no exception to this rule. Tennyson might well have had her in his mind when he penned these memorable lines in his "dream of fair women":

"A daughter of the gods divinely tall
"And most divinely fair."

She is in every sense of the word a very beautiful woman, beautiful not only in form and feature, in general carriage and bearing, but in the soul-light which gleams in her eyes, and illuminates her face. She is the very counterpart of the lovely form with which critics have by common consent allied their conception of Princess Flavia, in the "Prisoner of Zenda," with her classical features, a fine intellectual nose, blue eyes, flaxen hair in abundance, with just a shade on her eyebrows, she satisfies the most exigent demands of the artist and the poet. Nor is her personal beauty less than her charm of manner and kindliness of disposition.

To the question why so little had been seen of her in this country Miss O'Neil explained that she had been on the stage just twelve years and had spent half that time abroad. To quote her own words: "I Just went on in minor parts in New York in 1893. Three years later I was playing Leah in "The Jewess." This is the part which Miss Bateman, of Lyceum fame, made her own for so many years Then in rapid succession followed Camille Fedora, La Tosca and Hedda Gabler, and I had found my metier.

"But you must know I have made two Antipodean tours, playing in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa I was there at the time of the war and played in Capetown. Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth and, strange to say, in Delagoa Bay.

"Let me say that everywhere under the British flag I met with the utmost kindness, and was feted and spoilt by everybody Lord and Lady Tennyson in Australia, and Lord and Lady Cromer in Egypt being among my most loyal patrons and kindest friends. So you must not be surprised that I have been abroad so much and have done so little work on this continent."

Miss O'Neil has only just returned from her last Australian tour, having landed a few days ago. She purposes playing in the West and Middle West, and then going on for a summer rest at her beautiful little home near Boston, for as she naively remarked: 'Although I am such a traveller I have a home, just a sweet little retreat, which I recently purchased, so that I might not feel that I was a homeless wanderer."

After resting there Miss O'Neil starts on what she calls her grand tour, embracing Egypt, India and Siam, and back by way of the Antipodes. She leaves in November next and cannot tell how long the trip will last, for her experience seems to have been that engagements for one month have run into three and four, and in Melbourne and Sydney even more. She declares that returning there is almost like going home, so friendly and appreciative has her reception been.

Asked why she did not turn towards the Mecca of all great artistes, London, Miss O'Neil replied: "Oh, of course that is the goal of my ambition, you may not know that I played there a short season in 1898 in the "Jewess," but the difficulty is that one must either own or lease a theatre in order to get before the public, and that is a big undertaking for a young actress. I hope, however, to be able to campass it after my next foreign tour."

Miss O'Neil then gave an interesting account of her dramatic studies and ideals. Said she: "I have seen every great actor and actress I could, and watched their methods. I have naturally derived the greatest inspiration from Bernhardt, Duse and Rejane. I think it is the duty of everyone who has chosen the stage for a career to become thoroughly conversant with its history and traditions, the great plays and the great players, and this has been both my aim and my hobby. Every representation of a classical character is tinged by the traditions of former glorious portrayals, and their glamour must ever remain, however strong the individuality. To disregard these is to offend the dramatic sense. This is why an actor should be "au fait" with what in the dramatic world stands for the same thing as a precedent in law Then I have derived much assistance from a study of the stage of different countries. I am a great admirer of German methods—so intellectual and analytical, reflecting the intense rationalism of their nation. But perhaps I have been more impressed recently with the Russian plays in New York, which were simply marvellous in the profundity of their human interest, literally throbbing and vibrating with life. The genius of the Russian stage faithfully reflects the surging life of its people and their Titanic struggle for the solution of the most vital and insistent of social problems."

Speaking of her work during her present visit to Victoria, Miss O'Neil said she would have preferred to open with "Magda," but was highly gratified at the reception accorded to "Elizabeth," suffice to say that whatever she offers to Victoria audiences in the future, and everyone who saw her hopes it will be in the near future, she is assured of a hearty welcome, and the homage of all who can appreciate the work of a great actress and a charming woman. But when all is said and done, her magnificent powers are wasted in Western and Antipodean tours, and it is a safe prediction that whenever she appears on the London stage her wanderings will have ended for many years. With the single exception of Margaret Anglin, who is greatly her inferior in stage presence and style, she is the only young actress giving promise of becoming a successor to the trio of great ones already named, who are nearing the end of their career, and she is the only actress of latter days who in some subtle way suggests reminicences of Ristori.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE.

The predictions of those who said that the concert given at the High School on February 16th would be a great success were abundantly fulfilled. The concert, which was held under the direction of Mr. Howard Russell, was to raise a fund for the High School Athletic Club. The talent represented all that was best in Victoria. The concert was opened by a piano solo by Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson, who showed wonderful execution and was loudly encored. Miss Spencer followed with two songs, the second of which, "My Curly-Headed Babby," was particularly well received. Next came Miss Leveirson, who was also encored. Mrs. Moresby's pupil, Miss Buckett, then mounted the steps; she appeared to be slightly nervous in her first song, but on being recalled sang really well. Mrs. Pooley, who was loudly applauded on her appearance on the stage, and was accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, rendered two songs in a splendid manner and was succeeded by Mrs. Moresby. Mrs. Moresby showed signs of fatigue in her first song, but she seemed to throw it off in her second, and when she appeared later on to give a third she gave an exquisite rendering of a pathetic ballad.

The same order was followed in the second part of the entertainment, but no encores were allowed. One of the features of this portion of the concert was Miss Leveirson's singing of Tosti's "Good-bye."

Throughout the performance, except in the case of Mrs. Pooley, Mr. Russell acted as accompanist.

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The Grand.

The present week's programme at the Grand is one of the greatest laugh-producers that Manager Jamieson has yet entertained his patrons with. The principal fun-makers are Ted E. Box, the one and only London music hall star, who is making a bigger hit than when he was here a year ago. A new policeman's song which brings down the house is "I've Got It All Down in My Book." His other sings this week are "Come Out of That at Once" and "My Sister," introducing his famous whistling specialties. Then there is the uproariously funny sketch by Morgan and Chester, entitled "Did I Say Good-night," which defies the greatest efforts of the most morosely inclined to keep a straight face. The trick bicycle act of the Martells ranks with the others as a headliner, nothing more wonderful ever having been seen in Victoria. The Roberts Four have a pretty little sketch entitled "The Doll's Dilemma," in which are introduced good singing and dancing. Miss Alice Wildermere in illustrated song and a new lot of moving pictures conclude a banner programme. There will be two matinees to-day, beginning at 2:30, at which only 10 cents will be charged for children, and the week closes with the usual performances to-night, beginning sharp at 7:30.

Manager Jamieson is determined to keep up the standard of the last number of weeks and has arranged for the coming week one of the most expensive and, he firmly believes, one of the best bills ever given at the Grand. There are no less than three headline acts. The Great Nello, assisted by Mme. Nello, will present the most unique novelty juggling act in vaudeville. Ralph E. Cummings & Co. will be seen in a regular scream in the shape of a comedietta entitled "A Game of Heats." The skit is extremely clever in plot, brilliant in dialogue and, best of all, admirably acted. Mr. Cummings is a legitimate actor of national reputation, and his supporting ladies do full justice to their respective roles. Stoddard and Wilson, comedy musical artists, in "The Rat Catcher," have been making a big hit everywhere. Rosalie Sheldon is a vivacious serio-comic. Miss Alice Wildermere will sing the illustrated song, "Somebody's Waiting for Me," and the moving pictures are entitled "The Bicycle Robber" and "Life-Saving Up-to-Date."

Prof. M. Nagel's work as conductor and his overture, Godard's second concerto, were the subject of much favourable comment throughout the week. During the comig week he will play as an overture "The Air Espagnol." by Chaminade.

There will be no matinee Monday, the first performance starting at 7:30. On Tuesday and for the balance of the week there will be the usual daily matinee and night performances.

Vancouver Social.

A gentleman who has been canvassing the city in the interests of a well known directory informs us that there are 316 real estate offices in Vancouver. There are offices opening every day, and although all of them are not making fortunes, it is a quick road to riches for some. One well known real estate man had a net profit for 1905 of approximately $17,500, after paying all expenses. It is easy to realise the large number of real estate brokers by the number of signs we see on vacant lots. On one lot on Granville street the writer counted the signs of no less than thirty-six different firms.

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Vancouver.

Nance O'Neil at the Opera House—Building Inspector McSpadden—New Electric Railway—The Whatcom Tabooed—Date Lines—Vancouver Police—The Telephone Girls—Sporting News—Real Estate Offices—Stave Lake Power Co.—Taxes on Church Property.

Nance O'Neil gave three performances at the Vancouver and two at at the Victoria theatres this week. In Victoria she produced Elizabeth and Magda, and in Vancouver she gave the same plays for evening performances and Monna Vanna as as the Thursday matinee. Miss ONeill is a wonderful tragedienne, but of all her three plays there is not one bright spot with the solitary exception of some slight comedy in the first acts of Magda. Her plays deal with the under or seamy side of life, but with an able company supporting her they make a deep impression.

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Building Inspector McSpadden, of Vancouver, has sat down hard on the vaudeville trust. They applied for permission to remodel the People's Theatre, and although the proposed changes were not approved, went on with their plans. Now Mr. McSpadden has announced that he will not approve the plans, and it is probable that an entirely new theatre of brick construction will have to be erected in place of the old shell that was known as the Peoples.

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A new electric railway to cost five million dollars is to be constructed at once between Vancouver and Seattle. The company plan to run electric trains between the two cities in four hours, whereas the fastest railway trains now take six hours for this run. If the Seattle-Everett line can be absorbed the new line should be constructed between New Westminster and Everett very rapidly, for the only difficult engineering to be encountered is between Burlington Junction and Bellingham. It is planned to secure running rights over the B. C. E. R. from the Fraser to Vacouver. The new line is being financed by Mr. James A. Moore and Seattle associates.

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The C. P. R. Co. has been asked to continue the steamer Princess Beatrice on the Seattle-Victoria route for another month, although she has already been on the run one month more than the original agreement called for. The Alaska Steamship Company state that they have not a boat ready for the run yet, as the steamer Whatcom is on the Sound route. There is a reason for this is that the steamer Whatcom will not pass the Canadian regulations and cannot get a passenger permit for the route, and that is why she is not available. We are subject to correction, but it is a well known fact that the Whatcom is an old-time boat and her day is about over. It is possible that the new steamer Crescent will be placed on the run in April by the Alaska Steamship Company.

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Why does not a certain Vancouver evening daily put date lines on its "special cable" matter? Is it because it is special to some other paper and the Vancouver paper gets a copy of the matrix from about four days late and punches out the date? Those "cables" look suspiciously like specials appearing in a certain United States Middle West Sunday paper!

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If the methods of the Vancouver police are all on a par with one which was witnessed by the writer on Monday last, it is small wonder that the city has to pay so many damage suits and that the people are clamoring for a change in police methods. The writer was standing near the corner of Westminster avenue and Cordova street on Monday afternoon last, when his attention was attracted by two men struggling on the sidewalk a short distance away. One man seemed slightly under the influence of liquor and his legs were unsteady. He was in the grip of a powerful looking man with greyish hair, wearing a brown cravanette coat and hat, who proved later to be a police officer of high rank. The drunk slipped through his arms to the sidewalk, when the officer deliberately drew back his arm and struck him a fierce blow behind the ear with his fist. This partially stunned his prisoner, who was not proving unruly, but doubtless aggravating. The drunk was past the stage where he could take orders to march, and had the officer the usual degree of common sense he would have realised that. It was only recently that one man got heavy damages from the city for the way he was handled at the city jail, and it looks as if this will not be the last case if present methods are allowed to continue.

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The Vancouver telephone girls are preparing for another strike. The telephone octupus has been spreading the seeds of discontent between the girls and the union, and things bid fair to favour the company when suddenly the girls realised that they were being hoodwinked, and they promptly held a meeting. Now thirty girls are members of the union and five of the remaining eight will stand by them. At the time of writing, negotiations between the girls and the company are in progress, and the former state that as far as they are concerned they have made known their demands and the company must accept or refuse them, and there will be no half-way measures. They also want it in writing, for they have no confidence in the honeyed words of the magnates. One of the girls expressed it to the writer as follows: "——'s word is not worth five cents." Should the girls go out on strike there will be a nice time in store for the business men who rely on the telephone.

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In our next issue the sporting page, which had to be discontinued for lack of space, will be started again and an endeavor made to give a weekly review of all the leading sports. Persons having items of interest areasked to forward them to the sporting editor, The Week, Vancouver, B. C.

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Electricity is now being recognised as the power of the age, and all streams available for water power to generate electricity are being snatched up by speculators. The Stave Lake Power Company has tied up the rights to Stave Lake power, and now the Burrard Power Company is seeking to secure the right for the Lillooet River and to divert the water by means of large flumes to the Fraser River near Port Haney, where they propose erecting a large power house. Should the new company propose taking the greater portion of the water from the river for their purposes, the settlers can be counted on to voice a protest. And then the anglers will have their howl, for the Lillooet is the best trout stream in the vicinity of Vancouver.

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Westminster Liberals are awakening to the fact that the "machine" politics are not to the best interests of their city. Senator Templeman, or rather ex-senator and now Minister of Inland Revenue, was the representative of New Westminster district in the Upper House. Now, Mr. Templeman used to visit his constituency just whenever convenience suited him or his services were needed at election time. The genial senator used to bob up at some political confab and then catch the last car to Vancouver. Somehow the Royal City climate did not seem to agree with him. And then the mainland Liberals kick about the island having two senators. The report that Mr. Riley is after the vacancy has roused the Grits and they have passed a memorial to the Government urging the appointment of a local man to the vacancy. There was great kicking over the Victoria man getting the portfolio in preference to Mr. Macpherson of Vancouver, and if the new senator be an island man there will be one great big yell in the Liberal camp. Just who the Royal City Liberals want for the vacancy is not stated outside the sacred circle, but in the opinion of The Week they are pulling strings in the interests of Mr. Robert Jardine. At the time of the last general election there was a split in the Liberal party in New Westminster, and the selection of Mr. J. B. Kennedy as somewhat in the nature of a compromise between the Bron and Jardine interests. Mr. Kennedy is supposed to be attached to the Brown faction, and therefore it was arranged for the Liberal patronage to go to Mr. Jardine. Since that time the latter gentleman has spent the greater portion of his time in Ottawa, and at one time it was current that he was to be made Lieutenant-Governor. At the present stage it seems to be that New Westminster must have the governorship or the senatorship for their man, and which job Mr. Jardine will get is a matter of conjecture yet, but the postoffice staff at New Westminster is said to be overworked sorting mail for Ottawa, and the wires are said to be hot to the melting point. The construction of the new snagboat in Victoria was one sore point in the Royal City, and now the appointments are an open sore and Vancouver seems to be standing by the sister city.

Miss Humphreys was the hostess of a delightful card party at her home on Wednesday evening last.

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The home of Miss Daisy Lett of Haro street was the scene of a pretty dance last Tuesday evening. About eighty guests were present, and all spent a most enjoyable evening.

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Mrs. Henderson entertained at bridge on Tuesday evening, four tables being filled.

Miss Maude Young of Comox street left on Tuesday for Los Angeles, where she will be married to Mr. Charles Mattison, a former Vanocuverite, now in business in the Southern city.

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At the home of the bride's parents, Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday morning, Rev. A. E. Hetherington united in marriage Miss Florence Harford and Mr. Moses K. Norman. The bride was attended by Miss Cora Devlin, while Mr. Cleveland Long was groomsman. The honeymoon is being spent in the Sound cities.

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The Baptist Union has come out flatfooted in favour of the taxation of all church property. The other churches have joined in an appeal to the City Council asking for exemption from taxation of all their property. The Baptists declare themselves in favour of the present separation of church and state, and in this they will receive great support from the business men. If an example of the result of non-taxation of church-owned property is wanted, go to St. James street and other streets in Montreal where religious orders own whole blocks and pay not one cent of taxes, yet their neighbors are taxed extra to pay for police protection, streets, etc., in front of these blocks. Churches and edifices used for religious purposes should be exempt, but all other property should be taxed on a par with property owned by private individuals.

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Society was out in force at the Pender Hall on Friday evening, the occasion being the annual ball of the Western Club. The ball was a great success, there being over a hundred couples present. The music was excellent, and the supper one of the most elaborate ever served in the city. The ball committee is to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, and future balls of this popular club will be eagerly looked forward to.

RECIPROCITY.

In our two previous articles we dealt at some length on banking in its relation to the progress of Victoria, and the banker's conscience. In the first article we conclusively proved the evil effect of eastern capitalists' control of the currency of a western business community; in the second we pointed out the lamentable state of the present day bank manager from a psychological standpoint. In this article we will deal with banking in Victoria from a trading point of view.

All the great thinkers and writers who have dealt with the somewhat dry subject of trade are agreed on one point; it is that a trading concern, to be of any real benefit to the community in which it is situated, must be reciprocal in its dealings; in other words, a concern or community which all the time is engaged in taking crops out of the business soil and putting back nothing in return, is a menace to the rest of the community in its immediate vicinity.

A bank is just as much a trading concern as any store in Victoria, be it large or small, and whilst we do not for a moment allege the banks are taking all out and putting nothing back, we emphatically maintain, in their present condition of eastern control, they are day by day denuding the business soil of its fertility without giving adequate reciprocity, which is the main fertilizer of all business communities; as a matter of fact, scientific writers have proved up to the hilt that it is the essential feature of the existence of business; without it trade will sooner or later come to and end.

Let us get down to practical examples. A bank trades in money, and incidentally, whilst engaged in so doing, requires like every other trader, certain staples or raw materials together with a number of accessories; it is from the profit of these staples and accessories, and in the exchange and barter connected therewith that the rest of the community benefit.

A bank's raw material is money; as shown in our first article the bankers in Victoria are taking every cent of this raw material they can acquire. For what purpose? Simply to distribute and benefit other communities outside of Victoria, and so long as the control of these banks is vested in men living at great distances from Victoria this danger will be ever present.

Let us turn to the accessories which are more visible and will appeal more rapidly to the every day business man who probably has not the time nor desire to carefully think out the larger and more important element of the staple dealt in.

One of the main accessories used by bankers for the purpose of carrying on their business is stationary and printing. Ask any of the leading printers in Montreal, New York or London, and you will find some of the best customers are the bankers; ask any printer in Victoria and you will find that the bank's trade with them is infinitesimal. Look at a Bank of British North America check and you will see the imprint of a London printer, Waterlow & Co. We think we are also correct in stating their notes carry the same imprint; turn to notes of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and you will find the same tale legibly written on their notes. The other banks, in the majority of cases, have had the forethought to leave out the imprint, but you will find that not a single cent of this beneficial work is distributed in Victoria, and yet we have printers who are daily good customers of the banks.

Turn to the other items of stationery, such as letter paper, account books, etc., and you will find that almost every item is purchased either in Eastern Canada or in England. Very occasionally an order for printing is given out here by the bankers, but it is just for that sort of printed matter which is small in quantity and large in irritating details of work which never pays the printer and which an eastern printer would not care to handle; in other words, our printers get the "bones that are flung from the children's tables." We have no hesitation in stating that quite a number of printers' employees would be kept regularly at work amongst us if this unfair method of dealing did not exist.

The excuse made by a bank manager, if confronted with this utterly unfair treatment, is always the same—

"We have nothing to do with the ordering of these goods, they are all supplied us from the head office."

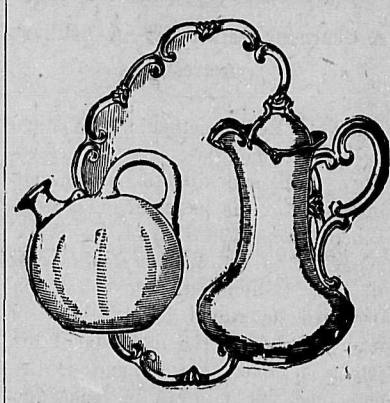
Here you have evidence of the evil of this eastern control so far as we are concerned in Victoria, and also of the India Rubber Doll manager who, though with us, is not of us.

Go across to Seattle, inquire of the printers there, as we have done, and you will find the bankers are most excellent customers, giving them every atom of work possible; helping along the life blood of the business community, and not stagnating it as in Victoria.

Another staple used by bankers in their trade is clerical labor. What labor benefit does Victoria get from these eastern bankers? No benefit whatever; instead of a benefit it is a curse. There is not a single bank pays wages consistent with western payments. Their pay-roll is scheduled entirely on eastern rates. The result of this is we have hundreds of lads and youths in Victoria who are entering into the business world. In other cities a bank is one of the avenues which finds beneficial employment for a portion of this stream of young manhood; in Victoria only those can afford to enter a bank whose fathers or mothers are lucky enough to be able to suppiment the salary with money from their own pocket, with the result that a bank is generally the occupation for a youth who hopes some day or other to inherit a portion of the father's money; and, greater evil still, this avenue of employment is cut down to a minimum. If these banks were governed by western men residing amongst us this evil would cease to exist. At present, the directors of these banks are so far away, they laugh us to scorn and deliberately employ underpaid clerical labor from Europe.

We hate to drag in the almost sacred name of charity, but it is necessary. In London ,Montreal and New York the banks are in the fore front in all charitable contributions. Their name generally appears at the head of the list, and for sums which are of real value to the community; go through the charity lists in Victoria and you will see that, although banks do contribute in some measure, it is a wretched amount in comparison with what they should give.

After years of weary struggle, British Columbia has managed to secure a representative in the cabinet; when will the business men of British Columbia wake up to the fact that if they desire any real progress the very first essential is to get their banking and currency in their own hands and not to have it under the control of men who do not care a snap of the fingers for western requirements.



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Of Betty and her fan.
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That naughty little Bet,
Despite her prudish mincing gait,
Was simply a coquette.
She oft would hold her fan so high
He scarce could see her face;
Yet e'er a bright and dancing eye
Observed him through the lace!
At length when Ned declared his love
Miss Betty's smile was kind;
Alack! he could not see above
He dared not peep behind!
In fine the fan concealed her joy,
And Ned was none too bold,
Miss Bet in sooth was only coy
But Ned believed her cold!
He fled to hide unmanly tears
While Betty pined in vain
When he in quick succeeding years
Became another's swain.
The moral of my tale is wise,
Pray mark it maid and man
To men: "Be bold to seize the prize."
To maids: "Beware a fan."

G. P. L.

Music and The Drama.

Lahra Frankenfield.

In those cities where Miss Frankenfield has been appearing in her strong emotional roles she has become well known, and she has rapidly risen to be, acknowledged as one of the foremost actresses in the West. Her name alone is sufficient to draw packed houses. It is not to be wondered at that local managers are anxious to book her. All know her to be a finished and painstaking artist and that she always has a well balanced and efficient company and a fie play, but all do not know of her literary genius. When the great novel "Quo Vadis" as at its zenith, Miss Frankenfield conceived the idea of dramatizing it. "It would be great," said the dramatic managers, "but it can't be done." "It can," said Miss Frankenfield, and she at once proved it. Eventually the dramatization was sold and has been played from ocean to ocean, and has been one of the greatest productions ever brought out. Miss Frankenfield has dramatized the play she is appearing in this season, "Her Double Life." It is from the pen of Wilkie Collins, and has already been pronounced the season's success. Miss Frankenfield appears as Mercy Merrick. The company will appear here Tuesday, March 2, at the Victoria Theatre.

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At the Watson Theatre the Pringle Company have made their debut in Victoria this week. From the houses which have greeted them it would appear that they are satisfying Victoria and that Victoria is satisfying them. This is eminently satisfactory. During the past week the havethey have been presenting a comedy drama entitled "Across the Sea" in five acts, with Harry Pringle as Baron Laboise, Johnnie Pringle as Oliver Oliphant, Miss Lansing Rowan as Cicely Blain and Miss Florence Pringle as Psyche Gay. For the last thre edays "Princess Fedora" has held the boards, a Russian drama, in which Miss Lansing Rowan takes the part of the princess and Harry Fahrney that of Louis Ipenoff, This is a particularly powerful piece and no lover of melodrama should miss it. Next week there will be two powerful plays, commencing with "A Diamond Robbery."

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The inimitable Ted E. Box is here again at the Grand, that is another way of saying that this theatre is nightly packed. Ted can always be countd on to fill the house. This time he is giving "Come Out of That," "I've got it all down in my book," and "My Sister." In addition he gives an extremely clever whistling exhibition. Trick cycling is the specialty of the Martells, and a very clever turn their's is. For a good laugh it is hard to beat the sketch presetned by Morgan and Chester. The Roberts Four appear in "A Doll's Dilemma," a farce modelled on the famous La Poupee. There is some dainty dancing done by the children. Miss Alice Wildermere sings "Fly Away Birdie to Heaven," accompanied by pictures, and the curtain falls on "The Barnstormers," a comic episode represented by the moving pictures. Next week the list will be headed by The Nellos, who claims to be the most wonderful juggler on this coast.

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Frank Pixley and Gustav Luders wrote the opera "Woodland," their latest and best opera, which Henry W. Savage will present here for the first time at the Victoria Theatre Monday, February 26th, while they were sojourning in Southern California during the winter of 1902. It was produced at the Tremont Theatre in Goston in April, 1904, and has since enjoyed long and prosperous engagements in all the principal cities of the East and Middle West. As a success its record furnishes an unbroken series of triumphs wherever presented.

An engagement that will be notable in a variety of respects is that of Mr. Charles B. Hanford at the Victoria this (Saturday) evening, the famous exponent of Shakespearean roles been seen in a double bill, the splendid little one-act Napoleonic play of "The Old Guard" and Shakespeare's rollicking comedy descriptive of "The Taming of the Shrew."

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On Tuesday next there will be an "at-home" given by Dixi H. Ross & Co. at their store on Government street. This is a new departure in Victoria business circles, and one which should prove profitable to its enterprising promoters.

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Henri Strauss is dead. The great composer, who has left behind him a mass of musical compositions, succumbed to pneumonia, and now lies regretted by his many admirers. He was born at Carlsruhe, Baden, Germany, in 1831, and in his youth he had the finest training possible under the best European masters. In 1878 he came to Boston, where he was accompanist and pianist to the Ole Bull Company at its commencement. Later on he became the first violinist of society. Several years ago he came to Victoria, where he was engaged as musical instructor by the Dunsmuir family. While here he made many friends, and there are a host of musicians in this city who have benefited largely by his tuition. Strauss had versatile and extraordinary skill in improvisation, and was in addition a Marvellous longuist, speaking German, French, Italian and English with equal facility. According to his own wish, his remains were cremated in the Odd Fellows' cemetery last Saturday in San Francisco.

AS SEEN BY A SALT, NOT A SAILOR.

"Referring to the wreck I should like a fair chance to speak, but I should not require any whitewash. I cannot express my contempt for the Salvor and the like; she anchored here each day before 5 p.m., and one morning at 8 to 8.30, with two hours run each way to and from wreck. How much time was left for her to give assistance? Then again Inspector Collister says that he never passed granulated cork life belts; we have one such here with the name on. Where is the lie? Two pieces have been cut off; one, I know has gone to Seattle by Passenger Bunker; I helped pack it in my room here; in fact I cut it off for him. I am not on oath; can speak truth without; some cannot even when so bound. Then again reports went from here, and the writers did not know their own work when it appeared in the papers. Let some one on the inquiry be sent here privately. Everything that could be done by these here was done. I would have gone myself but my time and duties here were as important, as the lines were in constant use, and I could in some measure help out for others, but there was no one here to take hold of my part. There has also been a grand recognition of the services rendered from here; Mr. Phare, of the Pacific Coast Shipping Company, sending one case of whiskey (1 dozen bottles). So far I know of nothing more. I am free to admit, those who went, did not go for what they could make; they went to assist or to help others, and as to payment did not think of it; but if the services are worth recognition, I think they are cheap at a case of whiskey.

"It must be remembered that the news went from here to Victoria by C. P. R. wire, consequently only what was suitable could be sifted out if required. Then Mr. Troup was here with a grand flourish of trumpets and an explosion of the gas bag; and we've done everything possible to be done. Query: Why did the Salvor not patrol the sea, using her searchlight to look out, instead of being at anchor here. This would have been the Humanity Act. If she was kept ready in Victoria for emergency calls, how was it that she was out of fresh water in two or three days, or even earlier? This must have been that she was in such a hurry, or she expected to get it off the wreck. Well, how will it end? Time only will tell, and it may only end like a bottle of fizz. Then another wreck. Boys, give the bottle a shake. We're all right ashore. Another shake and pass the resolution to have a life-saving station at a future date."

Orator, excitedly.—The British lion, whether it is roaming the deserts of India or climbing the forests of Canada, will not draw in its horns or retire into its shell.

"Alas!" sobbed King Arthur, "Sir Galahad is dead."

"Nay," remarked the court jester; "say rather that he is simply 'enjoying a good knight's rest.'"

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 containig 640 acres, more or less.

S. J. FLETCHER.

Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

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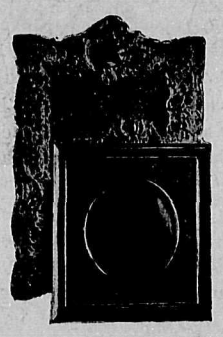

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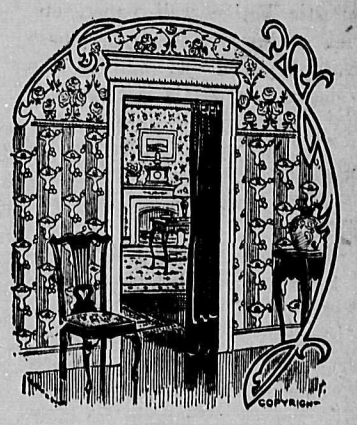

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A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge:—The penitential season of Lent is upon us, and it behoves me to put aside for a while all follies, frills and furbelows, which occupy so much of the feminine mind, and like the thoughtful, pious soul, "to solitude retire." Personally it overwhelms me with that "wish-I-were-a-better-woman" sort of feeling which is a manifestly absurd indulgence for a person whose natural tendencies are all in the direction of virtue and charitable dealing. To some people, of course, it represents a period when they have just got a new ball frock or two and cannot wear them. To the thrifty housewife it is always the time when she thinks of raising her house out of the dust and ashes of winter and dressing her walls and ceilings in all the season's bravery of artistic burlap wall paper, etc. In view of this, the inevitable house renovating period (as well as the soul cleaning time), it is important to pay a visit to the Melrose Company.'s show rooms, where one is at liberty to inspect the most artistic collections of wall garnitures imaginable.

At the sales, which seem to be more than ever crowded lately, really "stupendous bargains," to use the sprightly clerk's efflorescent oratory, have been going, and one only wonders with gasps at each freshly viewed "bargain" how women can possibly hope to wear all they have bought, even if the year had twice its number of days and seasons. To the woman who has an aptitude for choosing her clothes to suit her, and that innate knowledge of "what is what," which is assuredly one phase of the genius which is born and not made, these seasonable clearances bring their own blessing. Wise expenditure on these occasions most certainly partakes of the nature of those crusts which are said to return to one—presumably in piscatorial form—after many days. The woman who buys foolishly, and probably abuses the institution of sales in general for ever afterwards, is probably given to unthinking expenditure at all times, and so is hardly eligible to be classed among the well dressed. But the subject of judicious or injudicious shopping is running away with me, and after all we must each buy our own experience. "A'll men think all men mortal but themselves," and on the same contention every woman thinks all the rest of her sex, except herself, incapable of buying the right thing or going to the right place for it, and I have never yet discovered a feminine folly that I could not secretly sympathise with even if I were guiltless of it. Apropos of sales, one of the most interesting in progress is Weiler Bros.'s stock-taking sale. Here, I may remark, one can never err in the purchase of furniture, carpets, etc., at reasonable prices, especially when they bear the "Hall mark" of this reliable establishment. One is sure of getting the right thing, and it is undoubtedly the right place to go.

Another important point is the advisability of buying the right thing at the right moment. For instance, in regard to footwear, who, in the spring time, wants to burden herself with numerous pairs of heavy winter boots, simply because there is a cheap sale of the old winter stock. It is far more economical in the end to purchase seasonable footwear. I speak as one who has had experience. By the way, the Paterson Shoe Company has just opened up their new spring stock, and I am safe in saying that their display of ladies' boots and shoes is decidedly smart and attractive.

I have often heard it said that everyone is mad to a certain extent. Of course I cannot vouch for the veracity of such a statement, but I do honestly believe that most of us are half blind and we do not know it. Ie would be my advice to all, women especially, to have their eyes examined and tested. I am sure the ultimate result would mean fewer headaches in many cases. Challoner & Mitchell have the leading optician, and I have heard he has given great satisfaction to those who have consulted him. "En passant" I also wish to mention the usefulness of the lorgnette. For those who object to wearing the regulation eyeglasses, the lorgnette is decidedly smart and useful. Challoner & Mitchell have a beautiful collection now on view, and I hope shortly to possess myself of one.

The following is, I believe, the true version of "The cat came back." A bachelor, because of a certain cat on the fence, could not sleep one night. At the disturber he hurled what he thought an empty beer bottle; but, alas! it was full, and the cat was dry, and the bachelor changed his residence, for each night never a wink of sleep got he, for the beer was "Lemps."

BABETTE.

Victoria Social.

Mrs. J. D. Pemberton entertained a host of her friends at tea on Friday of last week. The event was in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Langley, who has but recently returned from her honeymoon in the South. The charming hostess was daintily gowned in pale pink crepe de chine, while Mrs. Langley wore a becoming frock of pale blue. Mrs. Baiss, who assisted her daughters in receiving their guests, wore black velvet with sequins. Among the many friends who were bidden to welcome back the bride were Mrs. McLagan (Vancouver), Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. P. Garnett, Mrs. H. Pooley, Mrs. H. Roberston, Mr. and Mrs. Pigott, Col. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Arundell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Langton, Mss E. Brown, Miss Dupont, Miss N. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Beanlands, Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Hickey and others.

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Mrs. Fagan entertained at the ever popular bridge on Thursday afternoon and evening, the guests being Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Amberry, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Bullen and Mrs. Burton.

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Mrs. Goulding Wilson was hostess at a most delightful "five hundred" party on Friday evening last, the affair being gven in honour of Mrs. Charles Wilson (Vancouver,. The prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, the consolation prizes falling to the lot of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. . JWilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brett, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. Todd, Hon. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. eKnt, and Mr. and Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson.

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Mrs. Elliot King entertained a few friends at "bridge" on Monday evening last, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Courtney, Miss Dupont, Miss A. Dupont, Mrs. Knox Williams, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Tuck and Mr. Durand.

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Mrs. Troup, "Rough Point," was hostess at a most enjoyable evening on Saturday last, given in honour of her guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. McDonald (Nelson). Five hundred was the chef amusement, the lucky winners of the first prizes being Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, and the consolation prizes being awarded to Captain and Mrs. Parry. Later in the evening a guessing contest was given, Mrs. Raymur carrying off the prize. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Capt. and Mrs. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Captain and Mrs. J. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. oGre, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mr. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, Miss Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDonald.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rand and son, from Vancouver, spent the week in Victoria, staying at the "Rocabella."

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Mrs. Charles Wilson entertained a number of her friends at bridge on Friday afternoon at the "Rocabella."

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Mrs. Troup entertained at the tea hour on Tuesday afternoon last in honour of her guest, Mrs. H. McDonald (Nelson).

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Miss Creighton is the guest of Mrs. H. B. Mackenzie, Labouchere street.

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Miss Ida Cambie (Vancouver) is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tatlow.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holt entertaned at supper on Sunday evening before leaving for their new home at Fernie. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Langley, the Misses Hickey, Mrs. Norton and Mr. Stahlsmidt.

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Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Lugrin, Gorge road, entertained at the tea hour on Wednesday afternoon last in honour of Mrs. McInnes. The tea table was very pretty with pink candelabra, pink carnations and tulips, with maidenhar fern. During the afternoon vocal selections were rendered by Miss W. Lugrin and Miss N. Lugrn, which were greatly apprecated by the guests. Those present were: Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Garesche, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. Seabrook, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. (Col.) Hall, Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. Goulding Wilson, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Fell, Mrs. Arundell, Mrs. Macdonald (Rossland), Mrs. Elliott S. Rowe, Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. G. L. Milne.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward are expected back from California during the coming week.

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Mrs. J. Harvey and son are spending a few days wth Mrs. Croft, "Mount Adelaide."

Invitation Dance.

The Invitation Dancing Club held their last dance before Lent, on Wednesday evening last at the Assembly Hall, a large number being present. The rooms presented a very bright appearance with decorations of ivy, evergreen and colored lights, whle the supper room was delightfully spring-like with daffodils and fern, the tables being done in candelabra shaded with yellow crocus, daffodils and yellow tulle. The music was suuplied by Miss Thain's orchestra and proved most satsfactory. Among the many pretty costumes worn by the ladies, those particularly noticed were Mrs. James Dunsmuir in a beautiful gown of jet and emerald green spangles; Miss Dunsmuir looked sweet in pink Liberty satin, with bertha of lovely lace; Mrs. Parry wore a pink crepe de chine gown, with trimmings of pink panne; Mrs. Griffiths looked well in primrose yellow satin; Mrs. Butchart wore a handsome black dress; Mrs. A. D. Crease wore a lovely lace robe; Mrs. Tatlow looked well in black tucked chiffon over white taffeta; Miss Butchart looked sweet in white point de'esprit; Miss Bryden wore a white satin gown; Mrs. Beauchamp Tye wore dainty frock of flowered organdie; Miss Pooley looked well in black lace; Mrs. J. D. Pemberton wore a black gown with wreath of pink roses: Miss Newling's frock was white and vello organdie: Miss Tatlow looked well in pink: Mrs. D. M. Rogers was handsome in a green crepe de chine: Mrs. A. P. Luxton wore a lovely dress of blue Liberty satin, chiffon and cream lace: Mrs. Langley wore white satin: Miss Pitts looked well in black, with pink roses: Miss Halhed wore a pretty green dress: Miss Edwardes was striking in scarlet net: Mrs. Lampman wore cream: Mrs. Hood was smart in black; Mrs. Fagan's dress was pink mousseline de oie; Mrs. C. M. Roberts looked smart in black net over pink; Miss Flumerfelt wore a handsome black dress; Mrs. C. W. Rhodes looked well in white satin; Miss Sehl wore a quaint dress of mauve silk and violets; Miss Newcombe wore a black frock with white lace bertha; Miss Walker wore white point de sprit; Miss Hickey looked dainty in white net over taffeta; Miss Violet Hickey wore a pretty mauve dress; Miss Loomis wore white; Miss Cobbett looked well in yellow satin. The guests were: The Misses Bell, Mr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Bryden, Miss Bullen, Mr. Bullen, Mrs. Butchart, the Misses Butchart, Mr. Babcock, Miss Browne, the Messrs. Browne, Miss Arbuckle, Mr. and Miss Cobbett, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crease, Miss Cambie, Miss G. Cambie, Mr. Cambie, Mrs. Church, Mrs. and Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Devereaux, Miss Drake, Miss Dupont, Miss P. Drake, Miss Eberts, Miss Edwardes, Dr. and Mrs. Fagan, Miss Flumerfelt, Mr. Gaudin, the Messrs. Gillespie, Miss Green, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. and the Misses Hickey, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Hood, Mr. and Miss Halhed, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mr. Heisterman, Mrs. E. M. and Miss W. Johnson, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langley, Mrs. Walter Langley, Miss Langley, Mr. Jas. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lutxon, Miss Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Miss Nolune, Miss Mara, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Monteith, Mr. Musgrave, Mr. Moresby, the Misses McKay, Mr. Muckett, Mr. and Miss Mutter, Capt. Martin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Monteith, Miss Newcombe, Mrs. and Miss Newling, Mrs. Norton, the Misses Sehl, Capt. Popham, Mr. Pollen, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Miss Perry, the Misses Pitts, the Misses Pooley, Mr. and Miss Phipps, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, Mr. an dMrs. Harold Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. and Miss Reade, Mr. Scholefield, Miss Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Miss Todd, Mr. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Mr. H. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Tatlow, Mr. Wright, Mr. Williams, Miss Walker, and others.

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Glancing over a recent issue of an esteemed contemporary, the other day, our attention was attracted to an advertisement of extraordinary dimensions. It occupied three solid columns, and a natural, if deplorable, instinct of envy roused our curiosity sufficiently to finding out who it was who patronized printers' ink so lavishly. A glance at the heavily leaded heading enlightened us. It was the British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company.

The name aroused certain memories, and we laid the paper down and thought a while. Then we hunted up some issues of our contemporary of a date not greatly removed from that of the issue we had been perusing. Oh, yes, here they were. A number of advertisements and reading notices in heavy type, all setting forth the immense progress, the startling dividends, paid by the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company.

Eight years in business and one million five hundred thousand dollars loaned out—that was the burden of the cry, coupled with most encouraging figures as to the immense increase which had particularly marked the last year or two of the company's business.

It was this latter extensively stated fact which again set our memory to working. The B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company? Why, of course! That was the company which threatened to shut up shop and quit the country if the assessment act went through two years ago. But the assessment act had gone through, after all, and yet here was the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company still doing business at the old stand—and increased business at that. How did such a thing happen?

Our gigantic intellect continued to grapple with and resurrect the gloomy past. We recalled the stormy days of the passage of the assessment act; the deputations of protesting citizens which came from all parts of the country; the much more numerous deputations which were said to be coming, but never came; the horrible outcry of the Liberal press and the Liberal opposition that the province would be ruined and every industry driven out; the uproar against the government's revolutionary proposition that British Columbia should actually begin to pay her debts, stop borrowing and cut her coat according to her cloth.

We remembered all these things. We remembered also the names of some of those most prominent in the opposition to the assessment act; and foremost among them, strange to say, was the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company.

Very strong indeed was the attitude adopted by that company towards the assessment act. Very clearly did its officers prove to press, public and government that, if the bill went through, it would be impossible for the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company to do business any longer in this province. They would, said the company, have to wind up their affairs in British Columbia the moment the act passed.

The Liberal press made great capital out of this stand of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company. So eminent a financial concern, they argued, must be a good judge of the effects of the proposed legislation; and, if they said it was bad, why, bad indeed it must be.

So the press roared, and the opposition howled, and the officers of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company haunted the lobby of the House and used all efforts to "influence" the members, and—the assessment act passed!

This was two years ago. Did the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company move out of the province? They did not.

Have the operations of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company been curtailed and their profits diminished, as they saidwould happen, by the operation of the assessment act?

Why, no. The president says himself that the operations and profits of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company have been enormously increased during the past two years. Moreover, they have declared handsome dividends. In short, the company is sharing to the full the general increase of prosperity throughout the province.

Comparing, then, the attitude and statements of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company with its attitude and statements of two years ago, one is forced to certain conclusions.

One is that the officers of the company did not know what they were talking about two years ago—or had some other reason for making a noise.

The other is that, by the experienced testimony of what Liberal papers themselves two years ago admitted to be one of the largest financial institutions operating in British Columbia, the assessment act, so far from hurting the country, has materially increased its credit, added to the capital in circulation, and placed its principal opponent in a position to pay large dividends and show to the public an immense increase of profits!

It is a very nice endorsement indeed of the government's financial policy, and a bitter pill for the opposition to swallow.

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The head office of the Company is situate at the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £10 each.

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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 benefit of all leases, agreements, contracts and engagements in anywise affectong 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 on 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 may 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 by clearing, draining, fencing, planting, building, improving, farming, grazing and mining, and byprom oting 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 laid 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, heereditaments, 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 ethe 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 authorized to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this 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 our without guarantee, or otherwise deal withthesame: 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 arrangemeents, rights, privileges and concessions:

(i.) To invest any moneys arising from the sale of any lands, hereditaments, rights or property of the Company or otheerwise in or upon any stocks, funds or securities by law authorized 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, registratioff 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 oft he property of the Company in specie among the members:

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

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, south-west 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 two and one-half miles above the Little Canyon: Beginning at a post marked "W. F. Teetzel, initial post, north-west 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. TEETZEL.

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, north-west 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 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 Honorable 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, Locato

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 on 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 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.

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Kootenay Letter.

Kootenay Opinion on the Liberal Opposition—Trial by Jury—Compensation for Injuries to Workmen—Mining Prosperity—The Nelson Assizes.

Nelson, Feb. 19.—Some case-hardened Liberals may call down the wrath of heaven on the alleged misdoing of Premier McBride and his ministers, but such acts, carried on through secret orders in council, are not a circumstance on government by injunction, and the deprivation of the jury, of which several glaring cases have come under public notice in Nelson by one or other judge in recent years. An important announcement was made in the meeting of the City Council this evening by the city engineer, who has charge of the erection of the city power plant on Kootenay River, a few miles below the city. He stated that the city had completed all work which had to be performed below high water mark on the power plant, and the injunction which was so easily granted last summer can no longer interfere with the completion of the plant. In a way the stars in their courses have fought for Nelson, which is only another method of stating the vulgar belief that "heaven helps those who help themselves." There has been but little frost and less snow; consequently the masonry work necessary has been completed without this to be looked for interference. The gain made this way has been more than the loss entailed by a vexatious injunction. It is a remarkable comment that an injunction could be obtained by those who for years strove to prevent the city building its power plant with one day's delay and that it has taken ten months since that time to get the judiciary to pronounce an opinion on it.

There have been two so-called jury trials since the beginning of the sittings of the Supreme Court here last week. The one case was a case of maintenance, in which a man who lost a lawsuit brought an action against the man who helped the other man to win it by supplying him with funds, maintaining him, for the amount of the costs in which he was mulcted for his loss. Now the jury, instead of being asked to bring in a general verdict, were asked to answer fourteen questions. They answered these questions by stating that the man who brought the lawsuit, one Newswander, was only a man of straw and therefore had no standing in the case whatsoever. They thought that they had brought in a verdict for the defendant, Giegerich, of Kaslo. Unfortunately, they were of the opinion that Giegerich had to a certain extent helped the winner of the previous lawsuit. No question was asked as to whether they thought that the action would have been brought in the first instance whether help had been given or not. From all appearance it would seem that the judgment will go against the defendant, which, if true, will be distinctly contrary to the wishes of that jury. Now some of those jurymen say that the next judge who tries to enforce the grawing practice of asking questions, instead of a straight verdict will meet with a humble but fir mnegative. The other jur case was that of Hill vs. Granby Mines. Here one Vernon Hill, a brakeman, was riding on the rear of a train being backed into a low tunnel. From th eevidence it was clear to the audience an dalso to some of the jury that it was a part of the duty of the man to look out for teams on a wagon road crossing the mouth of the tunnel and also to watch the actions of a fellow-brakeman at the other end of the train. He could not do this sitting down. He stood up and the train backed into the tunnel. It usually stops if the brakeman gets off, but did not in this instance. Consequently the man was killed. There was no particular reason in this instance for the tunnel being so low. There were not the usual ropes hanging from a frame at some distance in front to warn the man of the approaching tunnel mouth. The judge, Mr. Justice Duff, came to the conclusion that a case had not been made out, that there were no facts to go to the jury with, and non-suited the claim. This was lucky for the defendant company, as that jury held men who would certainly have given damages.

This province has an unenviable record for losses of life to employees, and far too often the employers get off scot free. The jury may not be sound lawyers, but as citizens they know that the only way to make employers careful of the lives of their employees is to grant heavy damages for ever case of death or injury. It is then cheaper to prevent accidents than to pay for them. It is a businesslike way of looking at the matter, but as corporations have no souls, the purse is the only place to hit them. However, corporation lawyers are fond of contributory negligence. It is easv to show this, and then it is a man's own fault if he loses life or limb.

FERNIE'S NEED.

If any city in the province deserves well of the government it is Fernie. It is progressive, courageous and loyal, and has twice risen from its ashes after fires which nearly wiped it out. Fernie wants a court house, and Mr. Bleasdell, the mayor, and Dr. Bonnell, one of the pioneers who has been with the city from the grass roots up, are here to enforce the claims. The services of Mr. Ross alone would entitle Fernie to the most favorable consideration; its other claims should ensure the granting of this reasonable request.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co., auctioneers and commission agents, held a sale of live stock and farm implements at Mr. Kynaston's farm, near the Royal Oak, on Friday last, at which satisfactory prices were obtained. The auctioneer was Mr. StewartWilliams. Mr. L. Eaton arranged the sale, which went without a hitch, and a great deal of the success of the sale is due to Mr. and Mrs. Kynaston's admirable arrangements made for the prospective buyers and visitors.

The third article on banking and currency in Victoria will be found on page 4 of this issue. It deals with one of the most interesting features of this all-important question as applied to the commercial life in Victoria.

VANCOUVER.

The English Grand Opera Company has come and gone. Now the critics come forward with their criticisms. These are many and varied, but the most of them are irresponsible ootbursts of surplus hot air. The opera company demonstrated one thing most conclusively—that Vancouver can support a grand opera season. It is hoped that Manager Ricketts will arrange that in future Vancouver will be treated to as excellent a season of English grand opera as we had last week. The season was too short, and instead of four performances about six should have been arranged. Had this been done it might have been possible for a slightly lower rate of admission and moreover many people would not have been disappointed. With the exception of Faust all the performances of the Savage company were excellent. La Boheme which was arranged as an extra matinee, was one of the best of the repertoire. Faust was rather poorly staged, and perhaps the fact that it was the eleventh performance in a week had some effect on the singers.

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 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. UBRDICK.

Hazelton, December 8th, 1905.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty 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 north-west 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 sixty 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 Pree-emption claim on the right bank of the Skeena 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 sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase th efollowing described lands: The north-west 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 sixty 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 south-west quarter section 10, and the north-west 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 sixty 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 Skeen River: Commencing at a post marked "Alex. McKenzie, Initial Post, North-East Corner"; thencee 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.

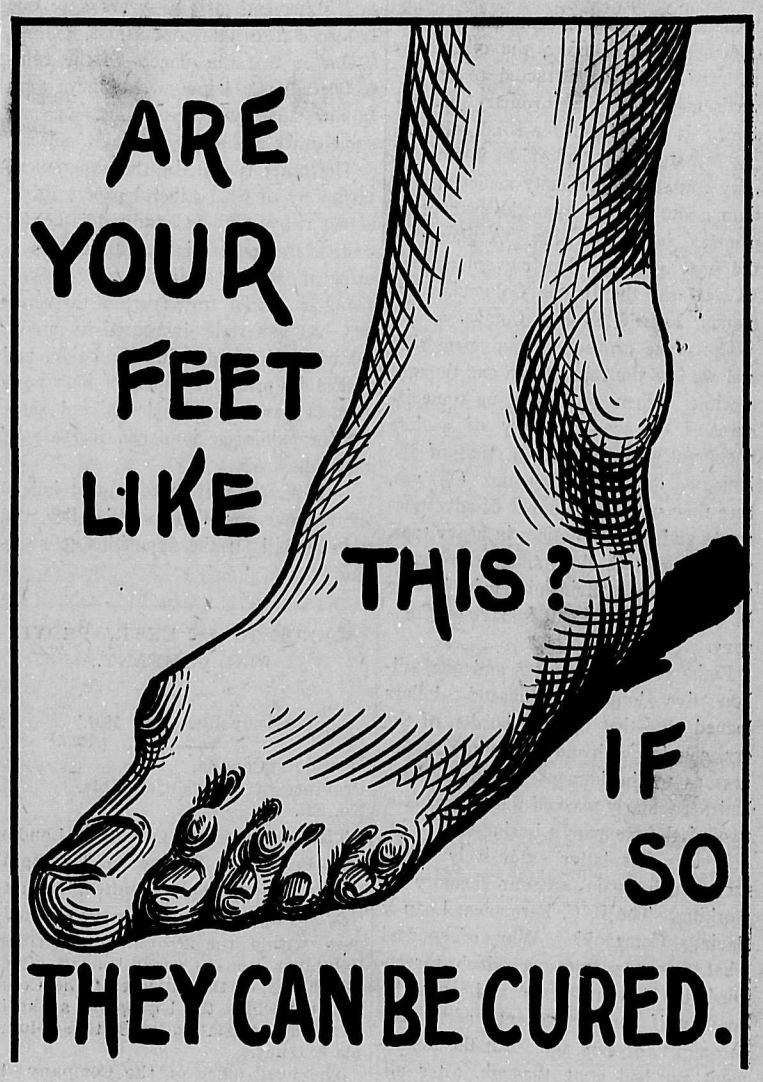
NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land on the Skeena River, Coast District, B. C., commencing at a post on the south-east corner of M. Durham's land; thence running east 40 chains;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

T. S. BAXTER,
Per Chas. Durham, Agent.
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.



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