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GOTHAM OF TO-DAY.

Impressions of New York City After An Absence of Twenty Years. Written Down for The Week by T. L. Grahame

New York, October 24.

In the eighties there was still very present throughout New York the atmosphere of the olden time, and there were men to be met at the Hoffman House, the Stuyvesant and the Gilsey House who had inscribed their names by means of various instruments upon the roster of Gotham's "prominent," some with the pen; some with the tongue; a few with the revolver and the bowie knife. And millionaires were fewer by hundreds. One felt constrained to turn the head then when it was observed that "there's W. K. Vanderbilt driving Maud S"; this in upper Central Park; or "that's Jay Gould," and one wheeled to behold the insignificant controller of enormous properties. Last night in the Waldorf-Astoria there were eight multi-millionaires "in a bunch," and they excited about as much attention as the even more distinguished looking waiters. And the Hoffman's glories are no more; the old Stuyvesant is practically gone, and they are going to "do things" with the once-popular Gilsey to meet the terrific competition set up by the two hundred or more magnificent ten to sixteen story palaces up, and going up, all over the central Manhattan. To dine now in those regal hostels and think back twenty years is like memory of old-time sunsets in presence of one at height of hue and glow. Old men, old buildings, old methods have passed away forever, and the New York of to-day lives as fully, as strenuously, as fiercely in the present as any city in the world.

The Bustling Throng.

It is a city that has deliberately blotted out its past, and as deliberately has taken into its hands the things that belong to the pulsing present. The newly-completed subway has altered conditions marvellously; it is a triumphant example of modern transportation, and a great sight indeed to witness, say, at five in the afternoon on until eight or nine. There are four tracks, the outside one for local trains, that is, those that stop every six or seven blocks; the two inside tracks devoted to the up and the down expresses, which run at about forty or fifty miles an hour, and stop only every twenty blocks or so. Each train is packed: the long aisles jammed with standing passengers; the platforms massed with waiting passengers eager to get a foothold. There are one thousand trains, five hundred of them motors. The Scotsman who was imported specially to build this subway for the New Yorkers, John B. Macdonald, says that the extension of the subway is the greatest of living questions now facing the people of New York. He says, also, that the "elevated" must go. I should thing so. It is an anachronism, a blight, an eyesore, a horror, an unmitigated nuisance. Any people that can endure an elevated railway through its streets, endure the truly infernal noise, the dust and cinders, and the hideous disfigurement of it can hardly be said to have achieved quite the front rank in civilization. Now that New York has buried its telephone, telegraph and other wires, and cleared its thoroughfares of the unsightly poles, there is some chance that the banging, clanging, nerve-shattering elevated may be torn down; after which the surface cars, cable and horse—yes, they actually have "horse cars" in New York to this day, on the Belt line—may be stowed away and the grand army of autos (their name is legion here, and their victims legion also) have undisputed sway.

The Biggest Railway Station.

Talking about really big projects under way here, one might point to the clearing for the new Pennsylvania "railroad depot." It will be, when completed, the largest railway station in the world; by a long odds, too. This is to enable the Pennsylvania lines to enter New York on their own rails, under the North River, thus doing away with the crude system in existence, by means of which passengers and freight are transferred by ferry boat from Jersey City and Hoboken to the Manhattan side. The area of the Pennsylvania depot will be many acres in extent, and the cost of buying up the property, clearing it, and building the tunnel and station is estimated at so many millions that there are some fair-sized and tolerably prosperous nations to-day that would be appalled at the prospect of footing such a bill. At present the steam shovel and the construction train are transforming the appearance of things from day to day. New York seems to have unlimited capital at call. It is amazing to see buildings which were erected only a few years ago, in excellent preservation, being torn down without mercy to make room for soaring palaces of steel, cement and marble. Dozens of such cases one may see along the principal streets. It gives one a good idea of the enormous wealth of New York. Gotham is a city of saloons, restaurants, theatres and music halls. It is a mixture of Paris and Manchester—of pleasure and industry.

No Home Life.

The people seem to have no real home life, as we British folk know it. The apartment house in all phase of development, from the plain 35th street flat, at $50 a month, through all the rising stages of elegance and opulence between Columbia's Circle, Central Park and the North River right up to the Bronx, to $350 and some $500 a month! One should see the new "flat" houses up in Riverside Drive above the New York monument; they are the "limit" in extravagance or luxurious comfort, as one views such things. Fifth Avenue is somewhat losing its former prestige as a residential quarter. When I was here twenty-one years ago A. T. Stewart's white marble palace on the Avenue was one of the show places. It has been torn down to make room for a mammoth dry goods store. And so the ever-growing business world of New York is encroaching upon the sacred precincts of millionairdom with ruthless foot. The rich are retiring (in good order) north, and still north, on Manhattan. Viewed from the North River on the Jersey side New York, with its abrupt differences of elevation in its buildings bears a striking resemblance to a lower jaw from which teeth have been knocked out at irregular intervals. The Times Building, the Flatiron Block, the Metropolis and a dozen more huge architectural monstrosities tower in somewhat ridiculous fashion over the rank and file of buildings. New York's street paving, like its city government, is just about the same as it was twenty years ago—intolerably bad.

Tammany the Cursed.

The air is full of protest and complaint; Tammany Hall retains its old grip upon the vital interests of the city, makes and unmakes officials and councils at its own sweet will. Strange that one of the most progressive communities in the world should submit to a thraldom compared with which the condition of the Russians was tolerable and sane. No wonder that socialism is growing in New York at a rate that causes no little uneasiness amongst the older parties. William Randolph Hearst, practically a Socialist candidate, may be elected mayor of New York before you get this; he is looked upon as just as likely to win as the Tammany candidate, McLellan. Yet, in spite of this throttling incubus of Tammany, New York has shown splendid adaptibility in meeting and solving the many great public questions and problems that rapid increase of population force upon her. She has partly solved the rapid transit question in the subway, but its inadequacy, in spite of its four tracks and one thousand trains, is already apparent. Extension on a vast scale must be undertaken at once, either paralleling the parent system, or going below it. The connection with Brooklyn, Hoboken, and Jersey City is being maintained by these two magnificent bridges, the Brooklyn and the Williamsburg, and the ferries; but these cannot long hope to cope with the marvellous increase in population and business. The only solution is the tunnel, and still more tunnel; and it is coming.

The Centre of All Things.

Everything on the North American continent seems to converge in New York; not a railway or steamship line that does not in some way have communication, ultimately, with New York. The scattered threads of the Atlantic ocean lines come together and thicken into a huge cable as they approach the American coast, and that endless procession of monster steamships goes on up New York Bay

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THE PASSING SHOW.

A Review of Local and Foreign Events and Topics of the Week.

The most interesting event of the week in the wide world is the assumption of the ancient Crown of Norway by Prince Charles of Denmark. The hopes of the republicans were ill-founded, for the vote of the nation showed a tremendous majority in favor of the monarchical form of government. The plebiscite was taken last week and Prince Charles was elected King by 257,710 votes against 68,852 votes cast presumably by republicans, socialists and all other political parties antagonistic to the principles of monarchy. In Copenhagen on Monday the crown was formally offered to Prince Charles and accepted in the Prince's behalf by his grandfather, King Christian. The Prince takes the title of Haakon VII. of Norway—the name of Haakon being rich in historical associations for Norwegians—and his son is to be named Olaf. The new King's consort was Princess Maud of Wales, and it is interesting to note that an English princess is to share the throne of the country whose warriors long ago harried the British realm. King Christian is one of the finest figures in the royal circles of Europe, and his splendid character appears to have been passed on to his descendants. The ties, both personal and political, between the reigning families of Great Britain and Denmark are of the closest description; both are devoted to the ideals of home life, and both stand high in the affection and esteem of their subjects. It is announced that King Edward will visit the new King and Queen at Christiana early in the coming year.

The Czar Too Slow.

Events follow events in Russia and nothing seems certain except that the people are by no means satisfied with the measure of freedom accorded them. The new administration succeeds in suppressing local insurrections that occur from time to time, but it is not clear that the country generally is under control. Recent telegrams from Russia show that the spirit of rebellion has now reached the rural population and here and there the peasants—slaves in all but name—have risen against their autocratic landlords. It is yet possible that fire and sword may play a part in and around the country mansions of the Russian nobles as they did in France at the chateaux of the aristocrats. The origin of the anarchical conditions prevailing is to be found centuries ago when the empire was organized, in the tendencies towards the aggrandizement of the nobility and the church, and the bureaucratic method of government which invariably enriches the aristocratic class at the expense of the country. Intellectual development has been going on all these years in the Russian people and the suppression of free speech and of a free press has gradually intensified the desire for liberty, until now anarchy may appear to the more ignorant class as the only remedy for the ills of autocracy. Unfortunately the Czar, who may or may not desire greater liberty for his subjects—his real character is an unknown quantity, gives way to the demands of the people too slowly. A wise sovereign or statesman would have foreseen the necessity of granting reforms and would have acted in spite of all opposition from the interested officials who surround him, but Nicholas never gives way until he has to—a manner of surrender that entitles him to no gratitude from the people, while it demonstrates to the lawless the pitiful weakness of the government. The concession of responsible government came too late, the concession of home rule in Finland was made too late—and so the drama moves along, with the central figure apparently anxious to do his best for his people but invariably delaying action until it has been forced upon him.

Island Development.

It will be interesting to note to what extent the progressive spirit now animating Vancouver will affect Victoria. Some of this go-ahead thought wave ought to penetrate the self-complacent skulls of Victoria's "leading citizens." Great encouragement to the assimilation of the idea that Victoria's destiny does not consist in staying where it is and issuing pretty pamphlets about itself is given by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, whose officials announce a definite scheme for the settlement of the E. & N. lands. It is the fashion to curse the C. P. R., but just what British Columbia would do without that energetic capitalist organization is not quite clear. It is to be hoped that in the campaign to be inaugurated in England with a view to securing desirable settlers of the Island lands the real facts and conditions will be presented. The temptation to improve upon facts is strong in these undertakings, but the result of doing so is fatal to the future of the country. Vancouver Island is attractive in many ways, and it is not necessary to exaggerate its advantages. Victoria wants a progressive and businesslike City Council and Board of Trade and wants them them badly. These public bodies can do much good, practical work in the cause of progress, but as at present constituted they are worse than useless.

The Shcool Board and the Public.

It is now proposed that an enquiry be held into the circumstances of the trouble between the Victoria School Board and the principal of the South Park School, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. There is quite a "tempest in a teapot" over the affair, and all sorts of aggrieved parents are kicking in print over the lady's dismissal. It has nothing to do with the parents, really. They should consider themselves fortunate to be able to educate their children at other people's expense and to accept in a spirit of proper humiliation whatever instructors for their children may look good to the properly constituted authorities. The trustees are elected by the people and if the people choose to elect unwise trustees the fault is the people's. We all suffer for our mistakes. There must be some sort of discipline in the educational service, and Miss Cameron's attitude to the Board on this and previous occasions has not been exactly the right attitude for an employee to observe towards her employers. The probability is that Miss Cameron, who is really an authority on matters of

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elementary education, is more likely to be right on ordinary questions that arise in connection with the management of the government schools than is the School Board, but that is no reason why she should expect to have her views accepted by the Board. What would happen, for instance, if an employee of the Post Office made public criticism of the conduct of the office by the postmaster, or of the department by the postmaster-general? The wise course for Miss Cameron to have taken would have been to have sent in her resignation; had she done this, public opinion would have been sufficiently strong to have forced the Board to decline to accept it. As it is, there is little doubt that Miss Cameron will be re-instated—The Week hopes so, anyway—but it is here submitted that the clamor raised against the Board is improper and subversive of discipline. The Week has no great opinion of the united intelligence of the school trustees; there are one or two good men on the Board, but taken all together, they are a somewhat puritanical and narrow minded set of people, in witness whereof the most unjust dismissal recently of one of the best teachers in the city.

Cheap Orators.

The Manchester Courier says: "Doubtless at the general election we shall have in this country a number of gentlemen from the colonies who will be employed on Liberal platforms and will claim to represent Colonial opinion. There are little Englanders, so there are little Australians and even little Canadians and specimens of these last will, no doubt, figure on Liberal platforms and British electors will do well to scrutinize their credentials and ask what body of opinion in the colonies they really represent." Saturday Night, of Toronto, comments on this as follows: "The Courier need not have been so bashful about suggesting that there are 'little Canadians,' for out here we all know that the woods are full of them, and politicians at that. The Liberal managers in England have only to write to the chief stoker of the Liberal machine here and he will be able to provide them with a shipload of talkers willing to say anything they are told. The pay would be of small consequence so long as travelling expenses and board are provided, together with a promise that they shall be able to boast on returning home that they dined at least once with a duke and slept under the same roof with a lord. Certainly their credentials will need careful scrutiny, and on leaving, the pockets and baggage of some of them might receive some critical attention."

Hypocrisy and Corruption.

The Vancouver Daily Province, referring to civic affairs in "Toronto the Good," says: "The municipal life of Toronto has always been immoral; her Mayors have always been weak, her Councils have always been corrupt. Indeed there is a remarkable similarity between Philadelphia and Toronto in more ways than one. Both lay strong claims to a high standard of morality among their citizens. Both are built on seemingly rigid puritanical lines and make an ostentatious display of religion in the building of many big churches. It has long been suspected, however, that with all their wealth in places of worship, the people are not as devoted to high ideals as many communities which are by no means so well off and which by reason of their poverty in this respect have suffered in reputation." Saturday Night is pleased with this. Says the Toronto weekly: "It is good for us to have a brick thrown at our Pharisaism occasionally, for unfortunately there is considerable truth in what the Province says. There is a great deal of moral cowardice in Toronto, resulting largely from the fact that so many fussy people keep busy insisting that the town shall appear good intead of trying in some sensible way to make it good."

Concerning Sectarianism.

The Liberal newspapers have been telling their readers that in opposing the establishment of government-supported Roman Catholic schools in Alberta and Saskatchewan the Tories have been "appealing to sectarian prejudices" and "protestant bigotry." Since the victory of the Liberals in Alberta the same papers have been moralizing on the result and saying that such appeals are not successful. As usual, these writers have succeeded in avoiding the real issue. The question put to the electors—although not one in ten of them appears to have realized the fact—was whether "sectarianism" and "bigotry" should be encouraged and perpetuated in the new provinces by the establishment of sectarian schools under the direction of the priesthood. The electors who either were misled or were not interested in the issue, voted for the sectarian schools. The spectacle presented by the Victoria Times, for instance, and by its proprietor, Senator Templeman, when endeavoring to explain away or excuse Sir Wilfrid Laurier's surrender to the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, is almost too painful to contemplate. As to the true state of the case the following despatch from Winnipeg published in the Albertan, of Calgary, the leading Liberal paper in Alberta, is at least suggestive:—

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 16—Archbishop Langevin has addressed a circular letter to the clergy in Saskatchewan. In it he makes various charges against Mr. Haultain. He charges that Mr. Haultain discontinued the printing of records of the Northwest Territory Assembly in French; that he refused to accept the nomination of the church for the appointment of school inspector; that he did not give Roman Catholics fair representation on the advisory board; that he is not in favor of separate schools, and that he has spoken disrespectfully of Papal Delegate Sbaretti. H eadds that for being guilty of these heinous offences against the Catholic church he is not entitled to French-Catholic support. Priests are enjoined to do some quiet missionary work to help Premier Scott and his followers.

The Doctrine of Damnation.

Dr. Parkhurst, of the Madison Avenue (New York) Presbyterian Church, last Sunday announced htat he believed in "damnation." The doctor is almost alone in his beautiful faith. Not one sane man in fifty—in the West, anyhow—really credits the old hell-fire doctrine. There is plenty of hell, even right here in British Columbia, but belief in the everlasting fires and horned stokers has gone the way of other picturesque fantasies of diseased and ignorant minds. Many religious people believe in the possibility of "damnation" in the sense of annihilation, but the idea of eternal torture is madness—it would have no object and no result, and neither natural nor moral laws work uselessly. But it is a fine bogie with which to scare the ignorant and the foolish.

Here are some extracts from the learned doctor's "sermon".—

"The apparent cruelties attributed to God," he said, " are not a circumstance to the cruelty in nature.

"Natural laws pay no more attention to a man than a dog. Saints as well as sinners were burned in the Windsor Hotel fire and in the Slocum disaster. If God burns up a body He will burn up a soul that gets in the way of his moral laws.

"The God of Love in 1785 destroyed 50,000 persons in the Lisbon earthquake. He does not amend physical laws to save saints.

"If a man will not accept God's moral law, then I say that God will damn him, and I further say that God should damn him."

Whew!!!

Crisis in England.

The political situation in England is critical. Premier Balfour's recent speech, suggesting that unless the split in the Unionist party on the fiscal question be mended he might resign the leadership, has hastened the desirability of an appeal to the country, and the Unionist party organs have been advising that this course be taken immediately. It is quite possible that before this is in print the crisis will have ended in that way. Sir Willam Campbell-Bannerman, leader of the opposition, has announced his adoption of the principle of home rule for Ireland, which will have an important effect on the coming contest.

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to the endless rows of docks and piers on the East and North rivers and the Jersey side. Look at any railroad map of North America and note how the steel capillaries, veins and arteries grow in complexity as they near the metropolis of the new world, and how they melt into one dense mass as they enter the city, bringing travellers from every point of the compass. Great is the New York of our day, but no prophetic instinct is needed to prove to the observer tha an infinitely Greater New York will cover every inch of available ground on ancient Manhattan and stretch far out into the mainland districts, when, probably, ten millions of busy workers will have to be housed, fed, and transported to and from their daily toil. At New York's present rate of increase, it is calculated that it will surpass London in population within twenty years.

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NANAIMO MERCHANTS HARD EXPERIENCE

In Weathering the Strike—A Training School or Nurses—Bad Boys and Girls.

Nanaimo, October 22.

Nanaimo enjoyed her first pay day since the settlement of the five months' strike last week. Consequently there is a happier feeling prevalent in the town; business has picked up to an appreciable degree, travelling men have swooped down on the community from all directions, and every one feels more like obeying the precepts of the Biblical command "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The end of the strike and the "big pay day" came none too soon for Nanaimo business interests, if popular rumor is to be believed. Five months is a long time to do business on the strength of promises to pay, as most of the merchants did during the continuance of the labor trouble. It speaks well for the ability of the merchants to withstand the pressure of hard times, that only one failure is recorded during the dull period, and that one perhaps not directly attributable to the strike situation. It is said, though, that some of the houses were having a hard time weathering it this week owing to the important demands of Eastern wholesale houses for outstanding debts. If the Eastern firms will only use a little discretion and allow the town a chance to recuperate things will soon have assumed their normal basis. The moral perhaps is, that it is wiser to do business with B. C. wholesalers whenever possible.

One result of the strike has been to turn available capital and general interest to other industries. For years Nanaimo has had thrown at her the opportunity to develop and turn into a decidedly profitable investment the herring business. The possibilities of this industry have never been fully realized until this year. The visit of expert Cowie and the sittings of the fisheries commission in different parts of the province, have added impetus to the conception and while several local companies have entered the field it is safe to say that more elaborate preparations will be made to nurse this profitable business next year. There is ample room, with every assurance of success, for many more to enter next year on a much larger scale.

Nanaimo is to have a training school in connection with her hospital. At a special meeting of the Hospital Board on Wednesday night of this week the matter was thoroughly investigated and while the Board were fully satisfied that the hospital had reached as high a standard of perfection as possible in a place of this size, it was decided to open the school in order to give the present nurses and the large number of prospective applicants of Ladysmith and Nanaimo the benefits of a good training and the privileges of graduating with the orthodox nurse's certificate. A matron will be secured from either the Vancouver or Victoria hospitals and the school started shortly after the new year.

It would seem that Mr. Aitken, editor of the Herald, has aspirations in the Willie Hearst line. He left this week for Rossland for a couple of weeks to look after the interests of the Daily Star, which he purchased some little time ago.

Mayor Planta and other prominent citizens have discovered that we have some very bad boys and girls in our midst, and have given public utterances on the general depravity of such in the traditional W. C. T. U. style. The effort on the part of some to fix the blame on the teachers to a certain extent was, in the general opinion, too far fetched. It smacked too much of relieving the responsibility for the bad training the youngsters showed from the shoulders of the parents. In the meantime the boys and girls of Nanaimo and Ladysmith, where the same honors are claimed, are alive and well and enjoying themselves similarly to their kin in other parts of the province.

SOCIAL NEWS

A wedding of interest to many British Columbians took place at North Sydney, N.S., on November 8th, at St. John's church, when the Rev. A. P. Shatford, assisted by Rev. C. W. Vernon, united in marriage Miss Suzie Peppett eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. Peppett, and Mr. Randolph Bolling, of Richmond, Va., chemist of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Sydney. The church, which was most beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, autumn berries and white chrysanthemums intermingled with which was white ribbon, was well filled with guests. The choir, under the effective leadership of Mr. W. A. Emerson, rendered most beautiful special music. Mr. Angel presiding at the organ. The bride, who, in the absence of her father, was given away by her brother, Mr. Claude Peppett, was most magnificently gowned in ivory duchess satin with full train draped with melchin caught up with ribbon and orange blossoms. She wore the usual tulle veil wreathed with orange blossoms and carried a shower buoquet of bride roses, and was attended by her sister, Miss Etta Peppett, who was charmingly gowned in blue musseline over taffeta with black panne velvet picture hat and carrying a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The tiny flower girls, Miss Ruth Shatford, daughter of the rector, and Marjorie Earle, daughter of Mr. Stanley Earle, looked most picturesque in pink silk frocks with early Victorian pink chiffon bonnets, carrying baskets of pink and white carnations. The groom's present to the bride was a pearl brooch and pendant, to the bridesmaids a pearl crescent, and to the flower girls pearl safety brooches. The groom was attended by Mr. T. D. A. Purvis, while the ushers were Messrs. W. McCallum, C. D Bertram, Welsford McKay and Dr. Stuart Carruthers. Mrs. Peppet, mother of the bride, wore a becoming gown of grey eoliene over heliotrope taffeta with a heliotrope velvet hat to match. After the ceremony a large reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, which was most artistically decorated for the occasion. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bolling left by special train for Sydney, from there they left for a trip through the Southern States, including the home of the groom's parents. The bride's going-away gown was a very handsome red broadcloth with hat to match. She also wore a very handsome set of furs. After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Bolling will reside at Sydney. Miss Etta Peppett is well known in Victoria, where she made many friends during her visits here with her father.

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Mrs. Stuart Robertson entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon. The house was prettily decorated with plants and white chrysanthemums, the tea table being done entirely with large purple violets. Those present were Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. G. L. Courtenay, Miss A. Dupont, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Tatlow, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Charles Todd, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Ambury.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Langley are staying at "Maplehurst" for the winter months.

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Mrs. Frank Scott, of Salt Spring Island, is visiting Mrs. C. E. Pooley of "Fernhill," Esquimalt.

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Premier McBride and the Hon. R. F. Green returned on Tuesday from a trip through the Mainland.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Griffiths returned on Monday from a month's visit to Vancouver friends.

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Mrs. W. Scott, of Salt Spring, is visiting Mrs. Croft, "Mount Adelaide."

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Mrs. Richard Marpole returned to Vancouver on Wednesday after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

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Mr. E. P. Colley and Mr. Max B. Ewart left on Wednesday for England, expecting to be absent three or four months.

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Dr. and Mrs. Fagan, Mr. Harry and Mrs. F. Bullen are spending a few days at Harrison Hot Springs.

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Victorians generally and the cricketers in particular will regret the departure of Mr. E. Carr Hilton, who has been on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for so many years past. He has been promoted to the management of the new branch just opened in South Vancouver.

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Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Sophie Almon Tupper, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Tupper, K.C.M.G., and Lady Tupper, to Mr. Cecil Mack Merritt, son of Colonel and Mrs. Merritt, of London, England, which will take place in Christ Church at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 1. A reception will take place immediately after at Parkside, the residence of Sir Charles Hibbert and Lady Tupper.

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At Kelowna, on the 14th inst. Miss Maud Murdock was married to Mr. John Murray Black, of Makeroff, Manitoba. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson.

Professor Hamilton, the magetic healer, will not give a demonstration next week as previously announced. He is called away on urgent business. On his return in January next he will fit up a suite of offices in Victoria in which to practice his profession. On last Wednesday evening he entertained a number of people with a demonstration of his powers in the Labor Hall.

Fred Carne, the popular Yates street grocer, is contemplating a descent upon Government street and has already fixed upon a suitable stand.

All Yukon and British Columbia mail, barring one bag, was destroyed by fire on the Pacific express on Tuesday near Sudbury.

A particularly bad young man, by name Maurice Congdon, 28 years of age and having enjoyed a good education, came in for a lecture from Judge Henderson in Vancouver on Wednesday. Congdon is doing time for living off the avails of prostitution—which has been his "trade" for ten years past—and was up on a charge of having stolen some diamonds belonging to a woman now named "Beatrice Banker" and who, before her fall, was known by a name borne by a well-known Victoria family. Congdon was not convicted, evidence being insufficient. Why do not the police keep Congdon and the rest of his sort out of Vancouver? It is easily done, and these men are a menace to the community—far more dangerous than the unfortunates upon whom they live.

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THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE HON. MR. EMMERSON.

Pressure of other matter prevented our referring last week to the visit—the remarkable visit—to the Coast of the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways in the Laurier Government. But, even though comment come late, it must not be omitted, in view of the extraordinary nature of one at least of the weighty utterances of which the honorable gentleman proceeded hurriedly to relieve his over charged soul as soon as he reached the Pacific seaboard.

We refer to his statement in reference to the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Ordinary people—not interested in Ottawa's peculiar brand of commercial politics—were under the impression that this much-vexed question had been settled by the Hon. Mr. Emmerson's own public proclamation of the 25th of May last, to the effect that Kai-En Island had been formally approved by the Department and selected as the Pacific Coast terminus.

Moreover, only last month, to wit on the 12th of October, at the half-yearly general meeting of the Grand Trunk Pacific Rialway, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, the chairman, definitely announced that Kai-En Island had been selected as the western terminus of the line, that 10,000 acres had been acquired there by the company, and gave further confirmatory particulars.

Both Mr. Emmerson's proclamation and Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson's statement, however, are, according always to the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, to be regarded as of no validity or importance. What the Hon. Mr. Emmerson is pleased to say in Ottawa on the 25th of May, and what the same honorable gentleman is pleased to say in Vancouver and Victoria in November of the same year, have no relation to each other. Not at all. He scorns the idea—this true Liberal—of being bound by any previous utterance.

Moreover, in order to rub it in, and to drive his statement home beyond all chance of doubt, the Hon. Mr. Emmerson says in so many words that "notwithstanding anything Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson may have said, the location of the Pacific terminus is not yet decided upon." Nice for Sir Charles, that!

We take it, therefore, that in plain language—and it is sometimes well to put these things bluntly—the Hon. Mr. Emmerson says that he, the said Hon. Mr. Emmerson, was a liar on the 25th of May last, and that Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson was a liar on the 12th of October last!

That is the only possible construciton to be placed on the Hon. Mr. Emmerson's extraordinary utterances to the public while visiting our pine-clad shores.

And the question which instantly arises in the thinking mind is—"If he told a lie on the 25th of May, and he says he did, is he telling the truth now?"

What The Week wishes to know from the Hon. Mr. Emmerson is, first, what does he mean by his inconsistent public statements on this matter?

And second, did he come all the way out to the Coast on purpose to tell the people of British Columbia that the terminus which he had declared was the terminus was not the terminus at all?

And third, what was his object, and his patriotic Government's object, in making two opposite statements to the public, thereby unsettling the said public's mind, and giving rise to the uneasy suspicion that either the Ottawa Government has no mind at all, or is contemplating a steal of unexampled magnitude?

Briefly, what is the game? The Hon. Mr. Emmerson is the hired servant of the people of British Columbia, and they have a right to demand what he means by playing fast and loose with them.

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that Mr. Emmerson's visit out here had to do principally with the big plot which is being hatched at Ottawa in connection with the treatment British Columbia is to receive in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

The first visible sign of this plot was when Senator Templeman backed down at Ottawa from his attitude with respect to enforcing a clause in the Bill providing for the commencement of railway construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific simultaneously with its commencement in other provinces. This has never been explained—by the Senator or anyone else—except by the statement that a letter—never produced—was received from Mr. Hays, giving the required assurance of simultaneous construction.

The next visible sign of the plot was the lobbying visit of Mr. Morse last spring, and the deliberate attempt to trap the Conservative Government of British Columbia into paying over provincial lands and provincial moneys in order to secure that immediate and simultaneous construction which the Dominion Liberal government—according to their own and Senator Templeman's solemn statement to the people—had already purchased for it. This wholesale robbery of a community was backed and endorsed by Senator Templeman's paper, the Victoria Times.

Then came the attempt to buy up the Alberni voters and so defeat a government which could not be trapped or bribed.

And now comes Mr. Emmerson.

What will be the next move in the game?

THAT RAILWAY POLICY.

Once again the Liberal party newspapers are agitating themselves concerning a "railway policy" for the Provinical Government. They have no cause for worry, because when any good proposition for the actual construction of a required line is submitted to the government it will, no doubt, receive consideration. The reading of the editorials in some of these ppaers might lead an ignorant person to suppose that Mr. McBride and his colleagues are not desirous of railroad construction in the province—a supposition which obviously is absurd. The World, of Vancouver, is early in the field with a clamor for a railway policy. It might be argued that as there is more actual railway construction now in progress than ever before in the province, a "railway policy" is not only formulated but is being carried out, but we prefer to consider the matter from the point of view of the World—that railroads are good things of which we cannot have too many. There is one point, however, on which we differ. The Liberal party, in British Columbia and in the rest of the Canadian provinces, is devoted to building railways at any cost. We think that it is possible to pay too high a price.

In Saturday's issue of the World reference is made to the assistance given to the Midway & Vernon and the Kitimaat railway companies. "It is not the purpose of this article to find fault with the Government for having granted these subsidies," says the World. "They were voted by the House years before the present government came into existence; they were allowed to remain on the statute book unrepealed, although it has been repeatedly asserted that the government did not favor such legislation and would neither grant subsidies in money nor land. It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that there is about to be a change of policy, and that at the forthcoming session an announcement will be made of an intention to assist all legitimate railway schemes that may demonstrate to the satisfaction of the ministry that, if granted assistance, they will be in a position to carry out the obligation that they voluntarily assume. We refer, of course, to lines that it is proposed to build through unsettled portions of the country, and where it may become necessary to stimulate settlement by the judicious extension of government aid."

Surely the supposition that "it is reasonable to assume that there is about to be a change of policy" from the continuance of arrangements made by former administrations hardly is justifiable. The government may have felt bound to give effect to obligations entered into by its predecessors in office, without thereby committing itself to "a change of policy."

It is quite possible that the government will have a definite "railway policy" to announce at the next session of the Legislature, but we cannot understand this extraordinary anxiety of the Liberals to give away lands and money to railway promoters. As the World itself remarks: "It is true that the V. V. & E. is being built from the coast to Kootenay without a concession of any kind," but the World offers for this an explanation that is founded on false premises: "It must be remembered that that line runs through a country which has been opened up and its importance and richness demonstrated by the construction of lines of railway that were generously subsidized with land and, in some instances, with money. Had there been no government concessions there would have been no railways, at least not until the country had been opened up." It is not correct to say that the country tributary to the V. V. & E. has been opened up by other railways. The World continues: "Mr. Hill is building the V V. & E. without a subsidy because he has ascertained that the country is rich in minerals and in land suitable for the growth of fruit and other valuable products, and he desires to share in the transportation that promises a steady and profitable business for the new road. What is now wanted is an intelligent and workable policy that will ensure the opening up of other parts of the vast country that now lie dormant because of want of means of communication." The aid given to the Midway & Vernon and Kitimaat lines has, says the World, "given rise to a hope that the coming session will find the ministry prepared with a scheme for the assistance of new lines through new and unsettled districts."

There, we think, the World speaks for itself and not for the general public. Neither the average railway promoter nor the provincial government is rich enough to build railways through "new and unsettled districts," except where those districts intervene between important settlements.

The next session of the Legislature is not likely to commence for a couple of months, but already the railroad promoters are commencing to gather in Victoria to see what share they can gobble up of the lands and money of the people. All sorts of schemes are being written up in the Coast dailies and it is quite clear that once again an important duty of the government will be to protect the public property from the claws of the grafter. The Week has no objection to the concession of some assistance to legitimate enterprise—when such assistance is indispensible—but it is a bad sign when the newspapers commence thus early to advocate the pouring of British Columbia's wealth into the pockets of promoters of railroads.

VARIOUS VIEWS.

Money Plentiful.

Twenty out of twenty-seven papers in Alberta, are supporting the Liberal campaign.—Wetaskiwin Times.

A Victoria Excitement.

Victoria is stirred to its depths over the issue whether Miss Agnes Deans Cameron or the board of trustees shall be supreme. In presence of this conflict the recent gubernatorial issue of Riley or No Riley pales into insignificance; and while Riley being a mere man was disposed of with comparative ease there are indications that Miss Cameron will be in the ring long after the too ambitious flight of the first Liberal M. P. has been forgotten. The cruel controversy arose over the discovery that the pupils of Miss Cameron's school had used rulers for their "free-hand" drawing exercises, and the attitude assumed by the lady principal towards the inspector aand trustees when she was questioned on the subject. Now it is suggested that the ex-teacher become a candidate for election to the school board, and already the Cameron men are being marshalled for a march to the polls. Evidently there are stirring times ahead for Victoria, where the school board elections are yet nearly two mnths distant.—New Westminster Columbian.

Getting Straight.

It is rumored that the house will be met with the assurance that the public accounts will show a considerable balance on the right side of the ledger and that the surplus will not be a small one; but, as one of the ministers remarked to a confidential friend (who immediately went outside and told the first man whom he met) there will be a tidy surplus. If the accounts have not been juggled and public needs have not been starved to attain this end, the country will be congratulated upon having emerged from a chronic condition of impecuniosity into a gratifying state of prosperity, present and prospective. We were never enamored of the happy-go-lucky policy that distinquished the financial career of preceding administrations. The loans were altogether too frequent, and the objects upon which the money was lavished were not always creditable and seldom of advantage to the country. The returns from timber dues will be largely increased and the mining tax ought to make a better showing than ever, for notwithstanding the fact that fewer claims are held than in former years the number of claims that come within the scope of the assessor's duties is larger than ever before. We believe we are correct when we state that nearly every source of revenue will show an expansion. The Chinese tax is a thing of the past. The $500 head tax has cut off all revenue under that head. The province's quota derived from the tax of $50 amounted in one year to nearly $200,000. The Chinese certainly do not now come in at the front door; they avoid the tax by registering as merchants free of taxation.—Vancouver World.

Mayor Buscombe of Vancouver was in Victoria this week interviewing members of the Provincial Government in regard to a further grant towards the general hospital being erected on Fairview heights. The sum of $20,000 already has been granted by the Government.

There have been lively times up at Midway of late as a result of the conflict between the C. P. R. and the V. V. & E. construction people. The police force there might be strengthened with advantage.

A recent advertisement in the Colonist contained an odd error. Instead of the name of the firm being printed "Mellor Bros." it appeared as "Mellor roBs"—a simple transposition of letters which, however, caused exceeding wrath on the part of the firm. Really, it increased the value of the advertisement, because people looked at it.

Hearst stands a good chance of winning the mayoralty of New York on a recount, and his candidature has advertised him so excellently that it is quite probable he will get the Democratic nomination for President for the next elections.

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A Short Story by G. E. Florax.

"I say, Teddy, which of all these fellows did you like best?" asked the doctor's wife.

She was looking at a big framed photograph of a football team. The photograph hung in the doctor's smoking-den. The doctor had had a hard day, had his slippers on, and was seated, pipe in mouth, beside the fire.

"The little chap in front, sitting cross-legged. The one with the ball," replied the doctor, puffing steadily. "A long way the best."

She read the name printed underneath. "R. F. Douglas," she said. "Who is R. F. Douglas? I have never heard you speak of him. Are you friends still? Where is he, and what does he do?"

"He doesn't do anything," said the doctor slowly, because he's dead. But he was a grand little felow, Meg."

"He looks rather nice," said Meg critically. "What did he die of?"

"A grape stone. It does not sound romantic, perhaps, but it's quite true. You needn't smile. Come over here and sit quietly, and I'll tell you about it. You know that I was once one of the house surgeons at the infirmary. That was about 1880, in those days of hard work, hard play, much enthusiasm and no Meg.

"Well, one night I got a message that Dick Douglas was ill, and wanted to see me. Now, I liked Dick better than anyone else in the world. I have already mentioned that at that period there was no Meg. Dick and I had been close friends for half-a-dozen years. Never had there been a hot word, scarcely ever a sharp word between us. Both at school and at college we had played together at football and other things. Dick was one of the coolest and pluckiest half-backs I ever saw. I used to play three-quarters, behind him, and many a hundred good passes I got from him. We did some fair work between us, I tell you. Well, he was a medical in his first year when what I am saying happened.

"'It's typhlitis, I think, Ted," he said, brokenly. 'Remember those beatly grapes on Sunday night? I know I swallowed some of the stones. The pain woke me this morning, but didn't begin properly till the afternoon. My boy, it's awful.'

"I gave him morphia to soothe the pain ,and tore away for Mr. Peal, our senior surgeon, of whome you must have heard. He's one of the great surgeons of the day. 'The Chief,' as we called him, found that Dick had guessed rightly. A grape stone had lodged where it had no business to; and a serious operation was necessary to get it out.

"'Better come into the hospital, Douglas,' said the Chief. 'We'll keep you in the student's ward till you are well again.'

"'Al right, sir,' said Dick.

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"Just before the operation I went into Dick's room. He opened his eyes and said, 'Holloa, old man.' Then he made as if he threw me the ball, and cried 'Go on, Ted!' I pretended to be the spectators, and shouted, under my breath, 'Oh, well passed, Douglas!'

"Then Peal came in with an assistant or two, and a nurse carrying the instruments. I was to give the chloroform.

"Ever take chloroform, Meg?"

"No."

"Well ,it's such a good imitation of dying that you don't know the difference. It requires some pluck to keep from struggling when you feel yourself going under. Standing at Dick's head just before I put the cap over his mouth, I bent down and whispered, 'Now, Dick, show them how to take it.' He looked up with set lips and smiling eyes, and winked.

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"We got the stone out right enough; but he fevered somehow, and died."

Meg sat silent.

"You see," went on the doctor, as if speaking to himself, "it used to be for me a case of Dick and no Meg. Now it is a case of Meg and no Dick. What would you have? A man is not a god."

Meg said nothing.

"There were a lot of good fellows in that fifteen. You've met Petrie, haven't you? And you know Tommy Smith and Willie Gibson. But I'm sorry you didn't know Dick, for Dick was the best of the bunch."

"Nice old Dick!" said Meg softly, and she went and kissed the glass above his photograph.

The doctor loved his wife for this child-like act; but what he said was, "You are a queer little woman, Meg. By the way, what about that cribbage match? Did I not hear you hint that you are thirsting for revenge?"

Might Have Been Worse.

"Help-o-o-h!"

The appealing cry which died away in a sobbing wail was in the hoarse voice of a strong man in agony, and half a dozen white-faced chambermaids rushed to the closed door.

"Be merciful! You are killing me by inches! O-oh!"

Again that agonized wail, and a message was sent to the office that something awful was going on in No. 40. The group grew from six to twenty. "Who was in the room?" they asked, with bated breath. A chambermaid recollected seeing a beetle-browed man and a heavily veiled woman enter the room.

"O-o-oh!"

Again that awful cry, and a guest demanded that the locked door should be opened at once.

"Ha, ha, ha!" came the mocking voice of a woman in reply; but the man was ominously silent.

By now the manager had arrived and he demanded admittance in the name of the law. The delay seemed endless, but at last the door was opened, and the veiled woman stood in the entrance.

"What fiend's work is going on in there?" demanded the manager.

And again the woman laughed that maniacal "Ha, ha, ha!" and hid her face in her hands.

At last she controlled herself.

"I was removing a porous plaster from my husband's back," she said calmly.

And the crowd melted silently away into the night.

A Tall One.

A nervous old lady was riding down a dangerous looking trail with a California stage driver, when she noticed a hatchet lying in the bottom of the stage, and inquired why he carried it. "I use that hatchet to knock injured passengers in the head," replied the driver. The old lady gasped with astonishment. "We have a good many accidents on this here line," he continued; "the stage's allus tippin' over and rollin' down precipices, and every time a passenger gets hurt he sues the company for damages. These here damage suits uses up all the profits of stagin', and we've had to stop 'em, so every driver carries a hatchet. When a passenger gits hurt we simply knock 'im on the head and throw the body over a precipice, and then there ain't no lawsuit. See?"

W. Manning, employed by Mr. Webster of Chilliwack, was arrested in New Westminster on Saturday last, charged with having absconded with $100 belonging to his employer. Both Manning and Webster are Tasmanians.

A Pence (Saskatchewan) farmer named J. Saunders, is alleged to have cleaned up 15,521 bushels of wheat off 350 acres of prairie. This averages 43 bushels per acre. Better than copper mining, even.

The virtuous M. P. for Sherbrooke, Mr. A. B. Hunt, has admitted bribery "through his agents, without his personal knowledge." Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise. Where did the money come from?

The following impossible and altogether rotten story is going the rounds of the press: A pretty young woman slipped and fell on the steps of her father's house, spraining her knee. She disliked doctors, but finally the knee grew so bad she was persuaded to call in medical aid. She would not have this doctor and that one, but said she would consent to have called in a certain spruce-looking young man carrying a homoeopathic medicine case who passed the house every day. The family kept a sharp lookout, and when he came along called him in. The young lady modestly raised her skirts and showed him the disabled member. The young man looked at it and said, "That certainly is quite serious." "Well," said the young lady, "what shall I do?" "If I were you," he said, "I would send for a physician,." "But cannot you attend to it?" asked the girl. "Not very well," answered the young man, "I am a piano-tuner."

The death by suicide of a young school mistress occurred recently at Salmon Arm. The girl had been seduced and deserted. Her condition becoming apparent, the school trustees dismissed her. She denied the accusation, and her sister impersonated her and secured a true bill from a Vernon doctor. This certificate was shown by the school mistress to the trustees, who reinstated her and apologized for their error. But she could not long cover up the true situation and ended her trouble by killing herself. The case is pitiful and her companion in wrong doing must be a nasty brand of scoundrel.

The Victoria Creamery tries to get too much for its product. The price of their butter is 35 cents, while the Delta creamery article and others retail at 30 cents. There is no difference in quality. In order to keep up the price of the Victoria brand the creamery has to ship surplus butter to Vancouver, where it retails at 30 cents. At present there is a big stock of the stuff on hand and some of it is being offered inside a differently branded paper in Victoria at 30c. Why not do business on a proper basis? The Victoria creamery should reduce their price to 30 cents in Victoria. Then there would be no necessity for humbugging the public or importing Delta butter to Victoria and shipping Victoria butter to Vancouver.

During a gale in the English Channel on Sunday last the London and Southwestern Railway Company's steamer Hilda, plying between Southampton and St. Marlo was wrecked off the French coast and one hundred and twenty-three lives were lost.

The Inland Sentinel, of Kamloops, which follows the method of the Victoria Times in inventing charges against the Provincial Government, blames the minister of education for the dismissal of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. With a certain class of Grit political writer truth is a jewel even more rare than consistency.

Captain Magnessen's store at Marble Bay, Texada Island, was destroyed by fire with all its contents on Saturday last. The loss is reported to amount to $8,000.

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

I wonder how many warmly-housed and comfortably-fed citizens of Victoria know of the destitution that exists among some people in the city? I do not refer to the class of people among whom, owing to lack of employment or to other causes for which they have often themselves to blame, temporary poverty is not unexpected, but to some of those who, having at one time occupied comparatively good positions in the social and commercial spheres, have fallen from their former high estate and now eke out a precarious existence with the aid of small change "borrowed" from acquaintances, the food provided on saloon lunch counters, and an occasional—a very occasional—odd job? Some of these unfortunates do not exactly present an appearance of destitution. The well-fed business man and his handsomely gowned wife and daughter pass these hungry ones on the street and rub shoulders with them in a crowd, without suspecting their condition. They are not always so very shabbily dressed as to be particularly noticeable in that way, but closer inspection would discover a lean and hungry expression in eyes and mouth and the peculiar pallor that comes from lack of nourishment. I know of several of these men who once occupied excellent positions and who still retain sufficient remnants of old-time pride to prefer starvation to cadging "free lunches" in the saloons—unless they have the price of a drink. Of course, in nine cases out of ten they have come to this condition through their own folly—through drunkenness or other vices—but there should be some method by which they can at least be kept from hunger. Besides, I do not think that all of them are "hopeless cases," and a chance to pull out of the slough of despond probably would be welcomed by most of them, and might result in permanent "reform." But Victoria people are very hard on those who fail—indeed, the tendency with many Victorians is to help them down, and when they are down to jump on them!

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So the School Board are going to hold a Royal Commission to find out about the truth of the facts concerning Miss Cameron's dismissal from South Park school! Well, after all, it shows that there is something to be said for writing to the papers; public indignation is beginning to show itself. I have not much faith in Royal Commissions; as a rule they result in a change in soldiers' uniforms or something equally ridiculous, but perhaps here the Royal Commissioners will realize that they are up against the necessity of seeing that right is right. Nothing is more amusing than to read the sworn affidavit of one Clarence Muirhead in the evening paper to the effect that he ruled his own drawing and then to hear that the Lord High Examiner asserted that this boy's drawing was the only one which was not obviously ruled! I do not know the gentleman by sight, but I should certainly like to meet him as we might have some pleasant conversation together on the subject of examinations.

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We are told again that the end of the world is coming. Such was the news I saw not so long ago. I remember the last 'End of the World.' I was at school at the time and I recollect perfectly well that I had a big "imposition" to show up on a Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The end of the world was advertised to come along about half-past two o'clock that same afternoon, and I took chances. The next thing I knew was that I was requested to see the master in his study. Your faithful little lounger went in as desired. Well, I don't exactly know what is in store for me in the next world, but anyhow it couldn't be much hotter than what I got in that study.

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Why is it that although sweepstakes are supposed to be most immoral and liable to lead a young man to perdition, yet raffles are so popular in church bazaars? We are told through the medium of our daily press that all sorts of estimable people have won this or that in the Roman Catholic bazaar. I don't want to kick against the church people, but I would be very glad if someone would kindly tell me why churches are allowed to organize mild gambles, when theoretically the the layman is not.

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How many people saw the notice in the paper that Billinton, the English hangman is dead? What a loss to the community! The curious part about the announcement was the death he died of. Most appropriately it was "Dropsy." I hope you all see the joke.

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I have nothing more to say at present with regard to the Electric Light Company; that is coming along again in due course but the gentleman whom I have been trying to catch for information has not been available lately.

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Has anyone ever taken the trouble to observe the extraordinary amount of filth which may be seen lying at the back of the houses which face onto Johnson street? No wonder that I am informed by a friend of mine who is in the accident and sickness insurance line that his company has been over-run lately with applications for relief. It is a wonder to me that the whole of Victoria has not been prostrated with disease. I would most respectfully like to call the attention of the Sanitary Inspector to this crying or rather stinking evil which must bring in its train all sorts of illness.

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That brings me to the subject of germs. Can anyone tell me whether there is an hypnotic germ? I have met all kinds of mesmerists from Capper downwards but I have never, before last Thursday, had the pleasure of observing the disease catching a well-known citizen in a public place. The gentleman in question transfixed an unfortunate newspaper boy with his eagle optic and told him that he was unable to move from his present position until the influence was withdrawn; curious to say it was true, and the lad stood like a rock. This sort of thing would be a good line of goods for gentlemen of the "stand and deliver" profession. Possessing these powers your up-to-date robber might walk into a jeweler's store and after commanding the jeweler to stand until his pleasure, proceed to rifle the shop.

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This week a shark made its appearance at the outer wharf. Considerable doubt has been found to exist as to the cause for its visit. Some citizens think that it has arrived so as to be in time to give evidence at the fisheries commission, while others give vent to the belief that it is a direct result of the recent trouble in Russia, and has come from Finland.

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What a curious thing it is that any story about a bishop always finds favor. I heard one the other day which will, I hope, amuse others as much as it did me. The late Bishop Blomfield of London, being a widower with a large family, married a widow who also possessed a goodly supply of "encumbrances." The result of the union was another large family, but, sad to relate, the three different sets of children did not agree. One morning Mrs. Bishop rushed into her husband's study and cried out "Oh, Bishop, come quickly; your children have united with my children and are murdering our children!"

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Why does the management of the Victoria theatre take so much trouble to inform its patrons concerning the pronunciation of proper names? It is quite correct that Majoribanks is pronounced Marshbanks, etc., but where on earth the management got the idea that "St. Leger" is called "Sillinger" I can not imagine. Would it not be as well if the authorities on the pronounciation of English words were to take the trouble to obtain their information from English sources. St. Leger is is pronounced exactly as it is spelt, the "St." standing for Saint.

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A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

As the season advances and fashion declares herself more fully, one is more and more pleased with her present versions of the mode. The new coats are quite becoming and smart; the millinery enchantingly "chic," and the gowns (day and evening) calculated to support one's best points and suppress the worst—all of which is very comforting. It is really women's own fault if they do not look nice this winter, everything is so tempting and dainty. Of course, some good souls—or, at least, they ought to be good—will insist on being unsuitably clad and making themselves hideous. There is one type, the made-up and elderly, which appears at fifty-five and onwards in debutantes' dresses, or a lace hat on a palpably new toupee. For example, a gauze frock falling off shrunken shoulders, a pearl dog-collar (poor pearls!) clasping a shrivelled neck, and so on. Another is the uncompromising type that wears ugly mannish boots, and short skirts, and drags its hair back from the temples into a round knob defying any hat, of whatever inspired millinery, to set comfortably on such a head—"skull" seems the more appropriate description. But, types and tactless persons apart, everybody really looks rather nice in their fresh clothes and autumn complexions. An ideal winter tailor-made that has lately come within the range of my vision, is of deep raspberry faced cloth, the skirt of which is pleated, and unaggressively yet cunningly stitched. The coat was a charming little stole collar of ermine, the skins crossing with a couple of wee heads at the back. Vest and belt are of raspberry velvet, triple sets of plain gold buckles offering a welcome alternative to the somewhat overdone button. The sleeves are tight from the elbow downwards and finished with a circular turnback cuff embroidered in oval rings, repeating the idea of the buckle in gold. By the way, speaking of ugly boots, I do often wonder how some women can wear hideously clumsy boots in town, and the Paterson Shoe Company's windows full of neat, serviceable and dainty footwear, staring them in the face! In the ballroom also one invariably sees worn, with an expensive and smart frock, a pair of common black slippers. Nothing lends more "cachet" or finish to a "chic" evening toilet than a pretty pair of shoes and most decidedly the Paterson Shoe Company is up to the fashion of the moment in this line. Here I have seen the daintiest satin slippers in most of the "evening" shades, to say nothing of numerous smart patent leathers and French kid with the real Louis heels. The footgear question always leads to the subject of gloves with us women who are Fashion's votaries (most of us, I should say) and and bound to her hand and foot. And apropos, it may be useful for you to know that Finch & Finch carry the best stock of ladies' gloves in the city. I was in their store the other day and I find they have all the best makes "on hand." Now you are aware that it is quite unnecessary for me to speak of the superiority of the well known Dent's walking gloves, that have been known positively to wear for years. And I know you are a good judge of the many widely known French makes in that soft and much beloved dressed kid, so I will leave the glove subject undiscussed while I gently hint that a pair of good gloves is always a most acceptable Christmas present. This present problem is certainly a most difficult one to solve and it is high time we began thinking about purchasing gifts. I can quite imagine your difficulty in selecting a suitable present for your old uncle in the country. If I may offer a hint let me suggest a case or half a case of Walker's Scotch whiskey. You have often told me that the dear old gentleman is fond of his old fashioned "night cap," and I am sure that his kind old heart would warm towards you, and your health often be drunk if you were the cause of his nightly "drop of grog" being made with the good old reliable "Walker". Another gift that is always very much appreciated by men, old and young, is a case of brushes, ebony back brushes preferred. Men have a fancy for ebony, at least such is my experience of the sterner sex; having numerous male relations whom I am obliged to present yearly with gifts. Here I may add that Challoner & Mitchell are exhibiting a window full of the most choice sets of brushes in this popular ware that I have yet seen. In fact for Christmas gifts of any kind, inexpensive and otherwise, this splendid store has a marvellous stock from which to select. I must not forget to mention also their delightful collection of artistic brass and copper ware, which at present is the fad of the moment with the art collector. I was particularly fascinated with the quaint beauty of a copper tea-kettle and stand with odd designs in repoussee. And as for the dear little brass candlesticks and artistic mites of ink-pots and other dainty fittings for a writing desk—really I can't begin to describe them all.

Mentioning fads, reminds me to tell you that the lace nightcap is the fad in gay Paris. French ladies have discovered the lace night cap to be becoming, and it is used for the breakfast in bed, doctor's visits, and other occasions where effect on the feelings of the beholder is desirable. Besides, lace is being used now a great deal in bedroom draperies, etc., the bed covers, pillow shams, curtains being made up in the most beautiful hand-made Conemomarac lace. Weiler Bros. are strictly up-to-date in this line, as well as the merchants of gay Paris, and have at present all these bedroom accessories in that beautiful Conemomara handmade lace. Another tempting display is their stock of linen tea-cloths, doylies, centre pieces, sideboard covers, etc., in the delightful pillow-lace that is made in Belfast. Some of this lace on the centre-pieces is actually six or seven inches wide and in quite the most exquisite designs you can imagine. How I longed to possess one of those tea-cloths. Can't you picture me "teaing" numerous old cats, who would gaze with envious eyes on such "a thing of beauty," which in this case is certainly "a joy forever," because this good linen lace as you know never wears out.

Decorative art, as applied to our domestic surroundings, has made immense progress during the past few years, and the application of electricity in enlivening the daily round, the common task, has increased our comfort and convenience incredibly. To dress up this wonderful illuminant suitably presented many difficulties at first, and the primary versions of "electroliers" and fitments were crude and hideous, as I remember them. It has been given to Messrs. Hinton & Co. to "shed a light" in several senses on the possibilities of electricity, and their show rooms are set out with the most beautiful, artistic and useful fittings it can be given the heart of woman to covet. Time and space will not permit me to describe these fixtures at length, but next week I must tell you of some that have particularly appealed to my sense of the artistic.

At this time of year, when we can see the leaves fall unmoved, it becomes a more personal and private matter to find one's hats imitating that annual occurrence with alarming fidelity. One naturally flies to tonics and ingredients generally in the hope of arresting this alarming downfall. Now it has come to my knowledge that the best remedy is to invest in a new stiff hair brush and brush vigorously night and morning. The bristles of hair brushes become limp after a certain amount of usage and do more harm to the hair than good, while the new brushes are stiff and the friction caused by the brisk rubbing produces a certain amount of electricity which promotes the growth of hair. Terry & Marett have a splendid line of hair brushes, both plain and those that are in cases, suitable for Xmas gifts. BABETTE.

P.S.—I forgot to mention Turner, Beeton's cigarettes.—B.

Never mind, smoke 'em instead.—Editor.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE.

The musical event of the year in Victoria will be the forthcoming festival in which Watkin Mills, Harold Wilde, Miss Edith Kirkwood and Miss Gertrude Lonsdale will appear as soloists in a big production of "The Elijah" at the Metropolitan church. The local chorus will be large and effective, and I suppose that the organ will be adequately reinforced in the accompaniments by brass and other instruments. The organ in this church is not big enough to bear the whole burden effectively. The performance is to be given on December 7 and will be under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor, the Mayor and other citizens. It is stated that the subscription tickets are being taken up well and it certainly is to be hoped that the festival will receive warm support. On the following evening, December 8, a concert will be given at the Victoria theatre by Mr. Mills and his party, including Edward Parlovitz, an artistic pianiste. The programme of this concert has been published and contains many good things. Mr. Mills' quartette is the best that has yet visited Victoria.

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The feature of next week's bill at the ever popular Grand theatre, Victoria, will be the Royal Italian band of fourteen soloists under the leadership of Sig. Gregory. It is a talented musical organization which has the reputation of being the best concert band of that number of instruments in America to-day. Its leader, Gregory, is said to equal the great Creatore. This is the highest priced attraction ever booked by Manager Jamieson. Besides the band Manager Jamieson has engaged Atlantis, an accomplished spherical dancer, who introduces a host of entrancing electrical effects in her act, and Pattie and McKee, singing and talking comedians. Miss Hughes will sing "In the Valley of Yesterday," illustrated with beautiful slides and a new line of moving pictures will conclude what promises to be a notable entertainment. The programme of music to be played by Gregory's band on Monday follows:

Monday Afternoon.

March, "Gregory's Banda Rossa" ....Gregory
Overture, "Lustphel" .....Bela
Popular melody, "Down on the Farm" ..... Tilzer
"Prince of Pilsen" .....Luders

Monday Night.

March, "Stars and Stripes"..... .... Sousa
Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" .....Suppe
"Offenbachiana" ..... Boettger
"Il Trovatore" ..... Verdi
(Trombone solo by Prof. F. Gregori.)

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Harry Mestager gave an excellent production of Ibsen's "Ghosts" at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday. The audience was not large, for Ibsen's work has few admirers in British Columbia, and his plays are "over the heads" of the average playgoer who only cares to be amused. Personally, I think "Ghosts" is well worth seeing—once. I should never care to see it again.

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One of the features of the programme presented to patrons of the Grand theatre this week is a little play, "The Dancing Master," which is very creditably performed by Forest Seabury, Marie Yuill and others. Madge and Lily Woodson are two English girls, who do very clever work. Westin, the impersonator, and Wall and Irving, comedy acrobats, are also on the bill, and Miss Maud Hughes is singing one of her popular "illustrated" songs.

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Lucky Toronto is enjoying a fine cycle of grand opera proved by the Savage English Grand Opera Company. Among the operas presented are Tannhauser, Aida, Lohengrin, Rigoletto, Valkyrie and Faust.

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A well known merchants of Toronto is canvassing for subscriptions towards a sum of $250,000 with which to permanently endow a first class orchestra, which is, musically, Toronto's greatest need. A large amount already has been promised.

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The theatre-goers of Victoria are just beginning to realize that they have in their midst one of the cleverest all-around stock organizations in the West in the Watson Stock Co. an organization of players who have been together for a number of seasons and who are giving some remarkably fine performances at the Watson theatre, the permanent home of this company. Victorians should be glad to have this little band of players who have settled down in Victoria to play through the winter season, because the Watson Stock Company, under the able management of Albert J. Watson, is known and recognized as an excellent dramatic organization in every important city in the great West, and Mr. Watson is in receipt of communications daily from well known managers offering him the best of terms and time if he will only send on the Watson Stock Company. However, Manager Watson is going to remain right here. He has outlined durng the coming week's plays that will make local theatre-goers "sit up" and realize that there is something doing in a dramatic way in the Fort street play house. During the past week "New England Folks," a dainty little rural comedy, and the present bill—the last performance of which will be given to-night—Ouida's "Under Two Flags," the Watson Stock Company has made a big hit and it goes without saying that every seat will be sold for the last performance to-night. Starting Monday night a special revival of the world's greatest emotional drama, "East Lynne" will be given and will run the first half of the week. The Watsons give an excellent performance of this fine old drama—one that should be seen by everybody. The last half of the week, starting Thursday night, another startling novelty will be presented in a monster production of "Trilby"—one of the most famous of modern plays, by the late George Du Maurier.

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Andrew Mack appeared in Theodore Burt Sayre's delightful comedy dealing with the life of the Irish poet, Tom Moore, at the Victoria theatre on Friday—too late for notice this week, and will play in the Vancouver opera house this evening. "Tom Moore" is one of the most charming plays on the stage to-day, but The Week has not witnessed a performance by Mr. Mack's company so cannot speak of its capability. Some of Moore's ballads are sung during the show.

"FRACTION" AND "GOLCONDA" FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Skeena Mining Division. Where Located—At Kitsalas Canyon, Near Skeena River.

TAKE notice that I, Patrick Hickey, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 93906, for myself, and as Agent for H. Flewin, Free Miner's Certificate No. B65493, and D. A. Robertson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B65484, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 26th day of October, A.D. 1905.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

COAST DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. G. Gazette, and dated 9th August, 1901, covering a belt of land extending back a distance of ten miles on each side of the Skeena river between Kilsilas Canyon and Hazelton, is cancelled.

Notice is also given that that portion of the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. C. Gazette and dated 27th December, 1899, covering a belt of land extending between the mouth of Kitimat River and Kitsilas Canyon, is rescinded in so far as it covers land lying between Kitsilas Canyon and a point in the Kitimat Valley, distant ten miles in a northerly direction from the mouth of Kitimat River, and that Crown lands thereon will be open to sale, pre-emption and other disposition under the provisions of the Land Act, on and after the eighth (8th) day of December next: Provided that the right of way of any railroad shall not be included in any lands so acquired.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 31st August, 1905.

RE JOSEPH MELLON, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the estate of Joseph Mellon are required to forward them to Elizabeth J. Mellon, the executrix of the said estate on or before Friday the 1st day of December, 1905, after which date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

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BIG PRICES MEAN MINING ACTIVITY.

Conditions in Rossland Improving—LeRoi Has Very Profitable Ore—Other Kootenay Notes.

Nelson, November 21.

For many years past the price of the metals for the production of which the Kootenay is chiefly famous has never been as high as at the present moment. Copper is over 16 cents; silver is 64 cents and lead is selling in London at £15 10s. per ton. In consequence there is a good deal of activity all over the mining districts of this upper country and more especially in the copper camps, which are better developed than those of the lead districts. Rossland, in particular, is looking better than it has for some time past. It has an output of some 7,00 0tons a week which means that there are employed over 700 men in the shipping mines without taking into consideration those which are as yet in the development stage. This means a payroll of well over $70,000 monthly. Indeed one of its leading citizens lately characterized the Golden City as the best community of working men in Canada. Business men also are declaring that the old camp is looking up once again. With copper at 16 cents a pound and smelting down to $3 a ton at the Trail smelter, Manager Aldridge need care little whether the shareholders of the Le Roi ratify the action of their directors or not, whether or not his contract with the directorate of that company, for the whole of the output of the Le Roi for several years to come, will hold good. For under such circumstances there are plenty of mines which will yield a handsome profit, mines that have been neglected for years and whose plants have rusted and whose buildings are level with the ground because of neglect and the heavy winter snows. An instance in point is the Jumbo, and more lately, the Cascade Bonanza, the Crown Point, the Homestake, R. E. Lee and others are waking from their long sleep. For mining, where ore bodies are large—and the lower the grade the larger the body is the Rossland rule—can be done, despite the hard rock, for less than $3 per ton, which makes possible a $7 ore. Now it is barely two years ago since the Le Roi was howling because it was declared that the bulk of its ore ran only $8. There is a large, very large, profit in $8 ore under the present circumstances. Prices have not been as high since the year of the big strike when the pigheadedness of those chiefly concerned closed down the properties. And even then the smelting was done at twice the present rates.

The lead industry is not so well situated. Until the price of lead has reached £16, or nearly, the producer of lead is indifferent whether the price is high or low, as long as it does not fall below £13. The bounty is adjusted on a sliding scale so that its maximum is paid at the lower price and is wiped out at the higher. The coast papers (but not The Week) have fallen into an error as to this, placing the figures where the bounty will expire at £15 10s., This not correct. The lead bounty will be operative whenever lead falls below the maximum price named in the bounty grant, and does not expire until 1908. Also the price at which it ceases to be operative is more nearly £16 than £15 10s., as the bounty is calculated on the short ton whereas the London quotation, referred to, is on the long ton. However, should lead rise markedly above what it has done of recent years there is likely to be a big lead demand from the United States smelters which a portion of the lead men think will result in their getting better prices for the smelting of their ores.

Locally in Nelson there is little doing. The hockey teams have organized and so have the men of the stane and besom. Politics have taken a lull municipally while the action with the West Kootenay Power and Light company is fought out before the Full Court, this week. After that is done with, mayoral aspirants will come out of the tall timber in which they are at present hiding themselves. The Conservatives have dissolved their rival organizations but the meeting called for by the section that John Houston has not yet convened. John Houston ha snot yet convened. If it does not, there is likely to be trouble under the surface, however fair seeming that may appear to be.

Since the anouncement of results of the Alberta elections, the returning officers in the outlying districts have been busily engaged in counting out the two or three Conservatives reported elected. One candidate unfortunate enough to differ from S'wilfrid was allowed a tie vote but promptly downed by the casting vote of the government agent. Like his cheek to put his head up, anyway. It was bound to be tapped with a club. Another Tory got left by six votes in High River, and now there is only one oppositionist left and he is, according to the Albertan, a Russian Mennonite concerning whose nationalization there is some doubt. His name is Hiebert. The Week hopes the Grit officials will manage to down Hiebert also, and make it unanimous. Those officials really have earned their pay.

Maud Haywood is demonstrating the excellencies of the "Nemo" breakfast food at Dixi Ross & Co.'s store, Victoria. Maud's last name is **not** suggestive of the properties of the local product which is guaranteed pure and wholesome.

Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, the new postmaster-general, has been elected over his big farmer antagonist in North York by a majority of 501. In the Wentworth by-election Mr. Smith, Conservative, won out by 27 of a majority, while Pordu, Liberal, and Chisholm, Liberal, were elected in West Lambton and Antigonish respectively.

The inquest into the dealth of Thomas Jackson, of Vancouver, who died of poisoning after drinking beer, has been adjourned pending conclusion of the medical investigation. Mrs. Jackson is recovering but is still ill.

The man O'Toole, referred to in last week's issue by mistake as "O'Neil" was prosecuted for assault this week and fined $80.

The elections in Saskatchewan are to be held on December 3.

The Ashcroft Journal has come into unexpected prominence through a threatened action for libel against it by the Mutual Life Company of New York. Thomas W. Lawson offers to supply costs of defense.

Says the Victoria Times: "Miss Gilda Leary, of this city, has received the following self-explanatory letter: 'Buckingham Palace. The private secretary is commanded to thank Miss Gilda Leary for her kind message of congratulation upon the occasion of His Majesty's birthday. November 7th, 1905.'" With all due deference to the local Horgan of Gritism, The Week does not find the letter "self-explanatory." Who is Miss Gilda Leary, anyway? And why should she congratulate the King?

That fish commission ought to get wise if it keeps going long enough. The fishermen object to traps, and the trap owners object to the fishermen. New Westminster evidence points to the harmlessness of fishing in the Fraser river, Victoria witnesses consider the river fishing injurious. It seems that people form their opinions to suit their business. Everyone engaged in doing up the unhappy sockeye has a kick coming for the commission, but the sockeye suffers in silence.

The Week begs to assure the timorous that there is no immediate danger of an insurrrection in Victoria with the object of lynching the members of the School Board and establishing Miss Agnes Deans Cameron as President of a Republican Education Department, with Dr. J. S. Helmcken as grand-usher-in-waiting. This announcement is considered desirable in view of the great excitement prevailing in the daily papers.

It is clear that the Ottawa machine is not so sure of Saskatchewan as it would like to be. Otherwise, why was there so much unnecessary and improper delay in holding the elections in that province?

Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, correcting an erroneous report of some remarks made by him in a local paper, puts the case for and against the "remittance man" concisely: "I think the typical "remittance man" is a curse to any country," he says, "but the man who receives a remittance may be, and often is a very desirable and first rate fellow. It all depends upon whether he relies upon his remittance or his manhood."

Several of British Columbia's country papers made the mistake last week of supposing that the elections were held simultaneously in Alberta and Saskatchewan. They should have been, but the Ottawa machine would have been unable, with that arrangement, to have brought to bear upon the free and independents of each province the full force of its operations.

The World tells a good one on Mayor Buscombe. During the small hours of Saturday morning last several "bobbies" entered the Hotel Vancouver where the "hospital ball" was in progress, and proceeding to the bar drew out note books to the horror of those dancers who were then reviving their flagging energies. A horrified waiter fled to the ball room to interview his worship, who according to the World, entered the bar room and waved his hand to the "orficers" and said "begone!" They went and peace was restored.

Construction of waterworks has been commenced at Chilliwack under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Atkinson, of Vancouver. Seeing that water is the only thing available for quenching thirst in Chilliwack, it is well to arrange for a good supply.

The Armstrong council will submit to the ratepayers of that municipality a by-law on December 20 granting an electric light and power franchise to a local company. It would be much wiser and more in keeping with modern ideas of the municipality were to submit a by-law to raise money to do the business itself.

D. W. Ross, Canadian agent in Melbourne, Victoria, urges shippers of British Columbia lumber to the Antipodes to keep up the standard of quality and to make sure that the sawing is regular.

There has been the finest skating ever known on Wilmer lake during the past week, says the Wilmer Outcrop, and on Sunday afternoon nearly half the city folks were on skates and every other day large numbers enjoyed this healthful exercise.

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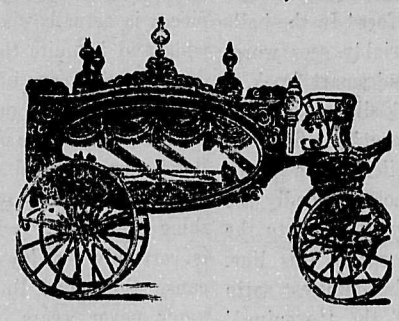

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