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THE PASSING SHOW.

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

Prosperous Banking. The Northern Bank, which opened its doors in Vancouver in November last, is showing splendid results, and is rapidly gaining favor among the business men of the Terminal City. Its head office is in Winnipeg, and its President is Sir Daniel H. McMillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. During the four months it has been in operation its deposits have increased from $79,480 in November to $504,234 in February, and its assets from $605,265 to $1,318,284. The authorized capital is $2,000,000, the subscribed capital $1,000,000, and the paid-up capital $648,818. The special interest of British Columbia in these figures is that they show the progress of a Western bank, officered by Western men, and directed by a Western policy. It is not bound by the swathing bands of tradition to Eastern institutions, whose only object is to further Eastern interests. It will undoubtedly become a power in the Province, and its advent to other Coast cities would be hailed with delight by every progressive business man.

Hit Harvey! Hit Harvey! The Victoria United Football team are not to be blamed for losing against as good a team as Ladysmith proved to be on Saturday last. They are, however, to be commiserated with on having alienated the sympathy of the crowd. Every Victorian would like to see them hold the Island championship; they lost it because they held it too cheaply. In the true interests of the game THE WEEK does not hesitate to say that there is more of the "sport" than the "sportsman" about the team, and an old Wulfrunian who played the game to a Cup final has a right to say this. If the Victoria United would drop "side',' and play the game for its own sake, they have the "timber" to win and hold the championship. They must cut out cliqueism and lady "rooters." This furnishes an opportunity to "point a moral and adorn a tale." The writer stood near three ladies who followed the game with intense interest. They represented three ages—the younger, in black, was beautiful and attractive, and her remarks, while keen, were in good taste. The middle one was a fair specimen of the girl who is both passé and mannish, a bad combination, leading to desperation. She was the rooter, and well did she vie with the most accomcomplished "bleacher" at a baseball match in the strident vulgarity of her ejaculations. The climax was reached when Thompson struck a Ladysmith player. Then this "lady" patron fairly yelled, "Hit Harvey, hit Harvey!" and her manner left no doubt as to the full intent of her purpose. Luckily Thompson was too far away to hear, but there is always "a chiel amang ye taking notes," and this one was not a little gratified to note the look of distress on the face of the beautiful girl at the vagaries of her mature and strenuous companion. That is the plain, unvarnished story; the moral obviously is that the spirit of the lady "rooter" is inimcal to the success in true sport. Football is not a game of bluff.

Dairy Inspection. The Province now has a Dairy Inspector.

Just what his duties are THE WEEK does not know, but presumably they include inspection of milk. His attention is respectfully directed to the fact that there is in Victoria a firm which supplies to the dairymen a most noxious and harmful chemical used by them for the purpose of "preserving" the milk, and preventing it from "souring." By its use milk two, or even three, days old is sold as "fresh," and, further, the fatty portion is precipitated and rendered easy of extraction, to the great impoverishment of the milk. A dairyman named Floyd, of Grand Forks, who used this same chemical, was caught, the case fully prroved, and so heavy a fine inflicted that he went out of business. At the trial much expert chemical evidence was given, and it was shown that the powder was most dangerous to health, and might easily poison a young child. As milk forms so large a part of the diet, especially of children, and as in this degenerate age most of it comes from the dairy, nothing could be more pernicious and criminal than the adulteration referred to. THE WEEK is prepared, if necessary, to give the Inspector the name and address of the Victoria firm purveying the noxious "powder," which, needless to say, is imported from across the line. The practice is one which in the interest of public health, and infant mortality, should be punished with the utmost rigor of the law.

Chairs Cost Fifty Cents. D. Spencer, Ltd., Victoria, seem to be impervious alike to public sentiment, and to personal appeal, at any rate on humanitarian grounds In their vast establishment there are only nine chairs provided for the large staff of shop-girls. At the glove counter are two or three, which have to do duty for customer and server, and woe to the unlucky girl who uses them too frequently. Considering that these poor girls are on duty for ten hours a day, and are paid the miserable pittance of $2.00 to $2.50 a week, it would not occur to the ordinary observer that a fifty-cent chair thrown in would savor of too great generosity. Probably the directors of this wealthly emporium do not consider that flesh and blood at $2.00 a week is valuable enough to merit or require consideration; it certainly looks cheap. If the press and public can make no impression on this soulless corporation, which is grinding the faces of the poor, and, vampire-like, fattening on their life-blood, THE WEEK appeals to the ladies of Victoria to take the matter in hand—they could settle it in a day. The price of one "Gage" hat would provide forty chairs; the work is worthy, and would yield more satisfaction than frenzied temperance agitation.

An Amusing Little Cuss. Mr. Mortimer Lamb, for so long editor of the B. C. Mining Record, was a gentleman who conducted his journal with some regard to decency and the responsibilities of his position. E. Jacobs has made it a vehicle for personal abuse and misrepresentation. His latest effusion betrays the hysteria of a disordered mind venting itself in cachinnatory jibbering. This is a poor substitute for mining news, as both subscribers and shareholders have found out. THE WEEK is not vindictive, and as Jacobs is seeking fresh fields and pastures new in which to exploit his "peculiar" gifts, will leave the Seattle people to find out for themselves whether he does not belong to that genus, which on the other side of the line is known as "an amusing little cuss," and in Canada by a shorter and more odoriferous name.

Sharp Practice. If the trick played on the subscribers to the Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria, had been perpetrated by laymen, it would have been denominated "sharp practice"; as it was the work of the Ministerial Association, it is euphemistically dubbed "sanctified zeal." As the legal aspects of the question are still "sub judice," THE WEEK will refrain from comment on that phase of the question; it is not, however, of so much interest to the community to know who the officers of the Institution are to be in future as to know that when it serves their purpose men who wear black coats and white ties resort to the same methods of attaining their ends as professional politicians and ward-bosses, with whom the packed meeting is a favorite device. In the case under consideration the reverend gentlemen went one better than the politicians—they voted without paying! It is such tactics as these that bring professional parsons into contempt, and fill fair-minded men with disgust.

Humanum Est Errare. "Lapsus memoriae editorium" must now be classed among the abnormal diseases to which knights of the quill are more or less subject. For intrinsic interest and unique manifestation it surpasses "beriberi" of African and Oriental fame. It also possesses some of the singular characteristics of that interesting, but inconvenient affliction, which is said to produce in the mind of the victim strange hallucinations, especially on the subject of relationships. The sufferer not infrequently fails to distinguish between his dearest friend and his bitterest enemy, he has been known to mistake members of his own family for emissaries of a hostile tribe, and the wife of his bosom for a treacherous and designing Delilah. Just how far the recent manifestation of this twentieth century editorial affliction might be carried along similar lines is a matter of conjecture, but there is abundant evidence to show that it might lead to hardly less disastrous results. When the Dean of Victoria Editors deliberately informs his readers, in four different places in the same editorial, that Prince Arthur of Connaught is the grandson of King Edward VII., and the editor of The Vancouver World, after getting his genealogy right once, goes back to announce that it was all a mistake, and that "The son of the Duke of Connaught, who arrived in Victoria today, is a great-grandson of the late Queen, and not a grandson, as incorrectly stated yesternay," ordinary mortals begin to rub their eyes, and to wonder whether they are awake, or whether it is all a dream. Nor is the marvel lessened when the former assures his readers that it is the result of "Psychological phenomena." Is the situation not susceptible of a simpler explanation? Who said, "Mystic Spring"?

Defective Fire Escapes. Vancouver is running great risks in consequence of the defective character of most of the fire-escapes in that city. The straight iron ladders, fastened vertically to the walls, require an acrobat, or at least an athlete, to scale them. No woman or child could possibly make their escape from a burning building by their means. It is high time actual and practical not theoretical, compliance with the city by-laws was insisted on, and a death-trap, scarcely less dangerous than fire itself, replaced by a properly constructed device, which would be a life-saver and not a life-destroyer.

Sunday Observance. Next week the subject of Sunday Observance will be discovered at length in these columns by one of the founders of the L.D.A. Meanwhile it is in order to point out that all the criticism in the local press aimed at the measure now before the Federal Parliament is based either on ignorance or misconception. There is no provision which limits the liberty of any man to spend Sunday just how he pleases, subject to one condition only—that in so doing he must not curtail the liberty of his fellow-man to do likewise. Is this unfair? Is this Puritanical? Or is it rather the best rule of life yet propounded, and the nearest approach to the Golden Rule?

Undiscerning Vancouver. A certain section of the inhabitants of the Terminal City are apparently still very much perturbed concerning the mild remarks in these columns a few weeks ago on Madame Yulisse's abilities as a singer. A newspaper has several missions to perform, and one of the most important of these is to educate the public as to what art is and what it is not. A paper which lavishes praise on an undeserving object is not likely to secure the respect, much less the patronage, of a discerning public. There is one thing, however, which even our worst detractors cannot deny: that if THE WEEK did under-rate the quality of Madame Yulisse's voice, it could not over-rate the quantity.

A Timely Contribution. There is general satisfaction in the Terminal City over the grant of $3,000 from the Provincial Treasury to the Children's Aid Society. On the principle of "bis dat qui cito dat," the government has no doubt been credited by the recording angel with $6,000. Such well-timed aid should cancel a few of the alleged sins of the administration.

Oh, My! Cayenne. Much has been said of the political verses, not without merit, which were published in The Colonist, under the title of "Oh, Mah Kaien." The really splendid parody in The Victoria Times last Saturday, from the pen of an unattached philosopher, has been overlooked, presumably because it is not political; yet it is the cleverest thing in its way that has ever appeared in a Western paper.

Behind the "Times." According to The Victoria Times, the fashionable ladies' hats for the coming season are made of felt, velvet and ostrich plumes. As this information is illustrated by cuts of hats which have been fashionable during last winter, the ladies are asking whether it is behind the Times, as usual, or whether this is another psychological phenomena?

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Short Story

A TERRIBLE SECRET.

(By Leonard Pomeroy.)

George Rampigny, coming away from Foster's rooms, walked along Piccadilly, on the sunny side, with a brave show of confidence.

Is there one amongst you who was ever entrusted with a secret—a great secret, upon the keeping of which the honor, the life, one might also say the very soul of another, depended ? If so, that one will know how George Rampigny felt this sunny sunny morning. Proud, stalwart, victorious—yes, almost victorious, for subconsciously he realised that his personality must have conquered a thousand prejudices before Foster would have told him what he had. Oh, it was fine for this dear fellow, George Rampigny, who planted his varnished boots so squarely upon the warm, dry pavement as he marched towards the Park.

Yes, it was a fine thing to be so popular, so—so straight, that a man like Foster could tell him a thing like that. What if the World knew ! What if one single newspaper reporter knew ! Good Lord ! George Rampigny suspired at the very thought.

He was passing his club now, this dear fellow, George Rampigny. He would not go in. He would not be able to breathe there. The Park, that was the place. Under the trees, whose tender green leaves were shooting, he would sit in the warm sun. He could talk to pretty people there, this big, useless, amiable George Rampigny, and forget Foster and his terrbile secret. Already his feeling of pride was becoming a little burdensome. What the devil could have possessed Foster to such a confidence ?

He found plenty of people he knew under the trees and the dancing, pale green lights. But his accustomed chatter with them seemed dreadfully idle. He ached to tell somebody something that nobody else knew. Not the secret, of course, but anything. He did indeed manage to let little Mrs. Boxer learn a silly piece of gossip about a chorus girl and a man she—Mrs. B. was friendly with. This would have more than satisfied him yesterday ; the look of startled anger that darted into Mrs. Boxer's dull little face would have amply rewarded poor George Rampigny yesterday. My Lord ! What a good fellow he was, this George.

Presently he saw his greatest friend hard by. A horrid man, this man ; but George Rampigny liked him very much. More than anyone. They had been at school together as tiny boys, and had never lost sight of one another. He used even to borrow money from George sometimes.

"Good day, Amintor!" George Rampigny called to him.

Amintor was talking to a lady with a green silk stole, but shouted back, "Good morning!"

How sunny it was, and how friendly everybody. Foster rode by at the moment on a chestnut horse, but saw neither George Rampigny nor Amintor as he passed,

George Rampigny decided to stroll gently back for letters before lunch. He passed Amintor, who said he was going to "Dieusaitpourquoi's" for lunch.

The big, amiable George strolled eastwards again along Piccadilly. He met not a soul he knew to nod to. That was boring, for above all things he disliked feeling lonely. He fell to thinking of Foster again as a makeshift, and the secret as an incidental. What would Amintor say if he knew ? He wouldn't believe it at first, perhaps. Why had Foster told him, George Rampigny, only ? Why not Amintor ? Certainly Foster did not know Amintor much, and liked him less. But then he hardly knew George sufficiently well to call him friend, while George Rampigny and Amintor were actual friends of the real, old and bosom order. It seemed quite a hard case, thought George, who immediately afterwards apostrophised himself for an ass because he did not know what he was driving at.

At the club the few letters awaiting George Rampigny were not interesting. He took up a review. He was by way of being a literary person—George—when he had time. He had read a good deal while he was at Cambridge, and during the year that followed his coming down. Then all little ambitions and mental decencies had vanished very suddenly in a round of smirking pleasures.

Poor George Rampigny !

There was one thing he remembered clearly out of all his past reading at this moment, as he was tossing the review aside. It was a little snack of reasoning of Montaigne's. He remembered Montaigne arguing that to tell a secret to a friend is no breach of fidelity, because the number of persons trusted is not multiplied, a man and his friend being virtually the same.

It was growing near lunch time. George Rampigny felt dull at the idea of eating at the club, as had been his intention. Why not go to "Dieusaitpourquoi's"? *Nice place that; very chic.* Wasn't Amintor going there too, today ? Why, so he was. Well, George Rampigny would just walk slowly round to "Dieusaitpourquoi's" for a change.

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He found Amintor with a cigarette in the hall.

"Again good-day to you, Amintor. Shall you go into lunch now?"

"Soon; but not alone, George. Godiva Shrewsbury is coming; but I am a little early, I'm afraid."

"I cannot stand that woman, Amintor."

"I know, without understanding, for there you are alone. Your dear friend Foster, by the way, sees everything to admire in her."

"Foster ! Yes, silly fellow to care so much. Look here, though. Talking of Foster, I am reminded of something. Did you ever read Montaigne?"

"No; never heard of the person."

"Ah, well; never mind. I say, I was told this morning the most extraordinary thing I ever heard in my life. Something almost dynasty-smashing."

"Which was——?"

"Lord ! My dear Amintor, I could not tell you. I could never look the man, or any man, in the face again, if I spoke of it to you."

"To me ! Why I should be just the one one who didn't matter. There were never such twin souls as ours, my George Rampigny. But never mind your idle gossip. Who really is your new friend Montaigne?"

The hall was filling, and George Rampigny was burning all over. He drew nearer to Amintor and spoke in a low voice :

"Why, he was a fellow who lived a good time ago, when people thought more clearly than they do in these days. And he said, amongst other things, that it was no breach of confidence to tell a secret entrusted to you to your own particular friend; because, you see, he argued, and I think very rightly, that friends were one and the same person. So if A tells B a secret, and B tells it to C, his friend, it is the same as A telling it to C. It's Euclid, too, almost, isn't it?"

"Absolutely. There's no doubt of it." Both men were whispering now.

"What was it, then?" asked Amintor, after a momant's dead silence. "Hurry along. Godiva Shrewsbury will be here in a second."

George Rampigny had turned somewhat pale, and all through his bulk of body he was trembling a little.

"I oughtn't to, I know, old fellow, but——" He leaned forward and whispered into the other's ear. The whole recital did not occupy thirty seconds. When he had finished Amintor took his wrist, holding it tightly.

"Is that true?" he asked.

"Why, yes; every woord of it, most certainly."

Amintor stood with half-opened mouth and puckered eyes for a moment, before laughing aloud—yes, laughing aloud in that sacred place. Then he broke away from George Rampigny with a "There's Godiva ! Good-bye !"

Rampigny watched this horrid, great woman, with her rare beauty, disappear by Amintor's side. Himself, with a very poor appetite, he went up to a balcony and partook of his lunch at a table by the rail. Below him, Godiva Shrewsbury and Amintor were sitting. They talked incessantly and earnestly. And once the Shrewsbury woman looked up at him with a strange expression of interest. Rampigny was so unhappy that he soon went out, leaving those two with liqueurs and coffee in the room below.

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Nothing would satisfy George Rampigny but that he must dine at "Dieusaitpourquoi's" that night. He was very unhappy, and he no longer thought of it as chic; hut he wanted to go there alone, and dine at the table by the railing where he had sat in the morning. He had tried his best to find Amintor during the afternoon, but had failed. His was a hard, miserable life, this poor George Rampigny's.

Below him, threading the tables of the bright room, he suddenly saw Godiva Shrewsbury and Foster, making for the chairs she had occupied with Amintor in the the morning. George saw, and his blood ran cold. There gleamed a strange look in Godiva's eyes such as he had never before seen in them. George wished that she would drop dead. He even prayed behind his serviette that she might do so.

She remained very much alive, however, and attacked her dinner with vulgar appetite. George drew back from the rail as far as was possible and watched them through the arabesques of alabaster. Course after course, practically untouched, were removed from under his nose by an astonished servant.

It seemed that the dinner would last forever, while those two below talked on, oblivious of boredom, and of the agony of the man above them. The end came quickly, however. Foster was raising a fork to his mouth while Godiva Shrewsbury spoke, when he sprang to his feet as though smitten with sudden pain or inspiration. He was seated again in a moment, but nothing had escaped George Rampigny. He saw the look of horror being only too slowly crushed by convention out of Foster's face, and he took in, too, the indecorous amusement betrayed on Godiva Shrewsbury's. It was time for him to go. As he stood up Foster saw him. Well, that could make no difference one way or another.

He was leaving the cloak room—poor George Rampigny—when a page-boy handed him a card. It was Foster's, and a message was scribbled on it: Would George look him up at his club at about 11:30 that night? George sent back a verbal message in the affirmative.

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By the time the big, silly fellow, who had unsuccessfully attempted to brace himself for an ordeal by artificial means, found Foster, he had determined to do and say nothing on his part which should broach the matter of the secret. His relief was immense when he learned that Foster only wished to speak of some salmon fishing they were contemplating renting together in Ireland for the next autumn. He now wished he had not taken so many brandies and soda, for he found it difficult to talk business in an intelligible fashion.

When it was very close upon one o'clock Foster proposed a stroll. George Rampigny assented, and in light-headed manner expressed the wish that Amintor had been there to accompany them. Foster agreed that it would have been very nice to have had Amintor with them.

They got into Whitehall somehow, strolling gently, arm-in-arm. The very fine hot day of early spring had resulted in the river neighborhood being pervaded by a thin, white mist. Nevertheless they meandered along the embankment eastward. They must have turned up Essex street.

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At the inquest Foster said he had left his friend, not very sober, outside his club in St. James' street.

The mist, it appears, had thickened into a fog that night along the Strand and Fleet street. When the bright sun of another fine day had dispelled it all a policeman had found poor George's body lying in that little cloistered part of the Law Courts where the daily cause lists are hung, just by St. Clement's Gate. The blithe blue pigeons, come down from their roost in the old church tower, were feeding unconcernedly in the roadway near him. He was dead of a dreadful knife-stab right through his back and into his heart. All his money, his watch and his rings were gone. The knife, too, had disappeared. The crime caused a great sensation, but the ruffian, or ruffians, were never discovered.

Amintor and Godiva Shrewsbury met soon after the identification of the body and decided that London was unhealthy in the spring. I don't know where they are, but feel sure they are not very safe, however deep their hiding.

It was not until after poor George's death that they realized what a dangerous possession is a really grave secret. Then, of course, it was too late for them to avoid being nervous and apprehensive ever after.

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(Scene : Dinner party.)

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Kootenay Letter.

Nelson, B. C., March 26.—And yet another thing has befallen the power plant, just at the moment when everything was apparently in favor of that enterprise, and the Twenty Thousand Club, on the strength of cheap power, was stretching forth its briarean arms to manufacturers everywhere, confident in its supply of cheap power. The Allis-Chambers-Bullock Company have telegraphed that they will not be able to fulfill their contract and deliver the hydraulic machinery before July 2nd. By that date the water will be so high that the machinery cannot he installed, and a whole season will be lost. There is a clause in the contract which states that $5,000 will be forfeited if the machinery is not delivered on contract time, but in the meanwhile the city will have to pay out several times that amount to the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, to say nothing of the potential manufactories that Nelson will assuredly lose. The Twenty Thousand Club will be set back a whole year. Keen is the rejoicing in the camp of those who favor the methods and purposes of the West Kootenay Power Company, but in the camp of the citizens there is wrath, and a special meeting of the City Council is being summoned at once to deal with the matter and to see whether it would not be possible to saddle the dilatory machine company with the whole of the loss. It is freely stated that the West Kootenay Power Company has engineered the delay, but this is on no basis of fact that is discernible, and is rather in consonance with the feelings of the public and the estimation in which that delectable company is held by Nelson than with a knowledge of the apparent facts of the case.

The Twenty Thousand Club is getting along very nicely, and has been booming the city greatly. Already ranchers are being attracted and are flocking in. The Pilsbury Land Company of Minneapolis, which was selling mountain top it had purchased through one M. S. Rutherford from the Great Northern Railway for $1.50 per acre, to whomsoever would buy, threatened a libel suit against the local Board of Trade and the Nelson press for stating, in diplomatic language—breezily diplomatic, Westerly, direct language, as a matter of fact—that the deal was a swindle, has climbed down. An agent of the company blew in from Minneapolis today, and stated that the company was sorry, that it would refund the money, and that it would survey the land, and sell that part of it which was of value. That valuable portion is expected to cover 5,000 acres. It is doubtful whether it would stretch to 500 or even a much less sum, as fruit land. But in the meantime the Twenty Thousand Club has had a glorious opportunity of setting the world right as to the merits and demerits of Nelson fruit land, and has not neglected the chance. In the meantime the clearing on either side of the lake of the land which is really suitable for fruits, is going on famously, and the trip up to Procter from Nelson, not so far in the future, will present a curious sight, with the snow-capped mountains behind and the intensified fruit culture at their feet, clinging closely to the water's edge. The output of fruit from this district during the coming season is likely to be enormous, compared to that which it has been in the past.

Lord Ernest Hamilton, a shareholder in the Hall Mines smelter and a director of the LeRoi, No. 2, of Rossland, was in here last week, and is enthusiastic as to the progress that the country in general has made since his last visit, a few years ago. Lord Ernest told of some new strikes that had been made on the LeRoi, No. 2, are running upwards of $100 per ton, and a shoot of this extending over 1,000 feet. Sounds exactly like the old boom days in the Golden City. The shoot of ore is doubtless there, as the director says so, and it will add greatly to the profits of the LeRoi, No. 2, which is a big little mine. Just now the LeRoi, No. 2, is a little big mine, and is not doing much to justify its name. It is a mine which has vast quantities of low-grade ore, and as such the ore must be mined on a low-grade scale, right across the vein. F. W. Rolt, in a letter to the Canadian Mining Review of this month, points out that the ore values have varied tremendously, and that one year they have averaged $13 and $12, and the following year they have dropped to $10. This phenomenon has been observed more than once. It has always been followed by a drop in the shares, and when the richer grade ore is mined in the year afterwards, and a half-million dollars profit cleared, the shares rise. Very nice, indeed, if one could only have known of the strange proceedings in advance. The phenomenon is explained by "gophering," but, of course, may be explicable by some kinder critic on more charitable grounds. However, the new director-in-chief, the reinstated Anthony J. McMillan, is now in St. Paul, and is conferring with the chiefs of the Great Northern as to freight rates from the mine to the smelter, which will mean, of course, the Northport smelter. It is a pity that the smelter was ever placed over the boundary line, but there is little doubt that the LeRoi, if a big mine, should follow the example of the other big mines of the Boundary, with ore half the value of that of the LeRoi, and run its own smelter, especially as the plan of the workings shows a capacity of shipment of 1,200 tons daily, and the smelter is capable of treating 1,800 tons daily. But there is a contract that is signed, and if Mr. McMillan breaks this there will doubtless be trouble, although the Trail smelter is big enough not to make the losing of the LeRoi ore a bankruptcy job.

THE LEGEND OF THE RED ROSE.

In earth's enchanted springtime,
When pagan gods held sway—
When dryads danced in the forest
And nymphs in the ocean spray—

Then Flora, Goddess of Flowers,
Passed through the joyous world
Adored by odorous vassals,
Sun-nourished, dew-empearled.

Young Cupid saw her roaming;
In mischief near he came;
Shot at her heart an arrow—
But the arrow missed its aim.

Not in the heart of Flora—
In the heart of a rose it fell;
And the white flower, dyed in blood, became
The red rose loved so well!

—Frances de Wolf Fenwick.

Music and The Drama.

Primrose's Minstrels.

George Primrose and his big minstrel company of black-face artists will hold high carnival at the Victoria Theatre on Monday, April 2nd. Mr. Primrose himself heads the organization, and has taken particular pains to surround himself with a company of comedians, singers, dancers and musicians of the first order.

The second part of the entertainment will be a new departure in minstrelsy. Instead of vaudeville, there will be introduced some very novel ideas, depicting negro life in Dixie, with song, dance and story. It opens with a typical negro sketch wherein the pathetic as well as the humorousous side of darkey life is shown. Then the scene changes to a field of snow-white cotton in bloom and bud, at sunrise, with the plantation quarters and a river which winds lazily towards the distant hills. As the sun comes out, a bell is heard in the distance, at the sound of which the cottages are seen to take on life and the folk-song of the darkey is heard in the distance. During this scene Mr. Primrose will introduce a new soft-shoe dance, in which he will be assisted by his "Bunch of Cotton Blossom Coons," a rare novelty and a revelation. In the next scene, that of the village parsonage on Sunday morning, the picture shows a quaint old church and cabins in the background, the corn stacked in the field and a crop of golden pumpkins on the ground, with the parson's cabin in the foreground. As the scene opens a young darkey is heard singing a pretty little Southern melody, which awakens the parson, who has been asleep on the porch, and, as the song dies away, the crimson slowly fades and the fading twilight passes into night. Just as the moon breaks through a cloud a merry wedding party is heard in the distance, with all the help and field hands from the big plantations. After the ceremony, the entire party joins in song, dance and merry-making to the music of the banjo and the fiddle, until the bell is again heard, at the sound of which all the festivities cease, and, after the preacher's blessing, everyone departs.

The final number of the performance is a magnificent spectacular transformation, entitled, "The Evolution of the Negro," staged and produced by George Primrose. It is in five pictures, opening with the Darkey in the Moon, changing to anAfrican Jungle, Darkey Life "befo' de wah," the Old Kentucky Home, The Emancipation, Darkey Heaven and the Birth of the Rose.

"Babes in Toyland."

Hamlin and Mitchell's musical extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland," is to be the attraction at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday, April 4th. It will be remembered that it ran for upward of six months at the Majestic Theatre in New York City, and was one of the biggest successes at that theatre. It is to be presented here by the original company and with all the original scenery and accessories. "Babes in Toyland" was written by Glen MacDonough, who provided the book and the lyrics, and by Victor Herbert, who composed the music, while it was staged by Julian Mitchell, the latter of whom has been frequently called the "David Belasco of musical comedy." It contains a well-developed plot, in character, a fairy story, which deals with the adventures and misadventures of Alan and Jane, who are persecuted by their wicked old uncle, who seeks to destroy them in order that he may gain the fortune which is rightfully theirs and which has been left in his care. Of course he is outwitted in the end, and everything ends happily, as it usually does in properly told fairy stories. This tale has enabled Stage Manager Julian Mitchell to incorporate numberless effects in groupings, color schemes, etc., and it is well known that he has no equal in producing this style of entertainment. Added to this, Victor Herbert has supplied a most tuneful score, which includes many numbers that have become justly popular. Among these are such well known and oft-played airs as "Toyland," "Don't Cry, Bo Peep," "Put Down Six, and Carry Two," "Floretta," and "My Castle in Spain."

"Cousin Kate."

Alberta Gallatin is coming to the Victoria Theatre on Friday, April 6th, in "Cousin Kate." How splendidly intellectual, resourceful and magnetic an actress she is was proven on the occasion of her last visit here two seasons ago. Miss Gallatin is an interesting personage socially, a beautiful woman of the Virginia type and of decided high-born Southern proclivities. She is a daughter of the late Albert Gallatin Jenkins, who was a Confederate cavalry commander in the Battle of Gettysburg, in which he was wounded, and her grandfather was J. B. Bowlin, who, back in the 50's, was American Ambassador to Paraguay. Moreover, she is a descendant of Albert Gallatin, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the first Secretary of the Navy under Washington. She is a fascinating woman, whose reputation in the theatrical world is well established, a type of womanhood for which the Southern States are famous. Prices, $1.50, $1.00, 75c., 50c., and 25c.

Grand Theatre.

At the Grand Theatre, Victoria, the great attraction this week is undoubtedly Lola Cotton. She is a most marvellous telepathist, or thought-reader. I know this to be a fact, because I tested her myself, with articles which she could never have seen before. "Lola" read the name, with the correct initials, on a spectacle case which I handed to her manager. She told the color of my rings, and correctly answered four questions given by my friend. Rooney and Forrester give a very amusing sketch. Barth and Beach appear in a scene as Dutch Comedians, and very good comedians they make. Demora and Graceta are acrobats, and certainly they do put up a fine show. A little comedy in acrobatic performances always makes the house laugh, and these two accomplished professionals know just when and where to give it. Frank Smith sings a good song, and the Moving Pictures fill an amusing story of the evolution of a Newspaper Boy.

Definitions.

"Jimmy," said the teacher, "what is a cape?"

"A cape is land extending into the water."

"Correct. William, define a gulf."

"A gulf is water extending into the land."

"Good. Christopher," to a small, eager-looking boy, "what is a mountain?"

Christopher shot up from his seat so suddenly as to startle the teacher, and promptly responded, "A mountain is land extending into the air."

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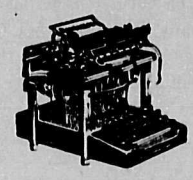
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VANCOUVER

An Active Council.

The Vancouver City Council is certainly very active these days. They have forced saloon-keepers into building hotels, and now the theatre owners will have to enlarge their theatres. Last Monday night they passed a by-law forbidding any persons having the management of theatres or places of public entertainment to allow any of the audience to remain in the aisles or exits longer than would be necessary to reach their seats or the doors of the theatre. Recently, on the night of a popular show, the passages have been so crowded that in case of fire much danger would arise, so that the law is a wise one. In reply to a question as to whether this by-law would apply to churches, Ald. Halse, the father of the new by-law, said that it would not. Although even in pious Vancouver churches are not so liable to overcrowding as theatres and side shows, still we do not think it would be any more pleasant to be burned in a church than in a theatre; but, of course, if Halse says so, it must be all right. Whilst they are legislating to minimize the danger of fires in theatres, the City Council should see that there are sufficient exits. The Opera House is now well provided in this respect, and the Grand is better than it was, but the Chinese Theatre remains a veritable death trap.

Disputing Detectives.

Chief of Police McIntosh, of New Westminster, is a very sad man. A few weeks ago there was a big diamond robbery in the Terminal City. and one of the burglars —Barrington—was reported to have been in New Westminster, and was held by the police there for a few minutes, but allowed to go, after he had successfully pulled the wool over the eyes of the Royal City chief and his men. The Vancouver detectives, in particular, seemed to delight at the discomfiture of their Royal City brethren. But Chief McIntosh comes out with a flat denial. He states that the report that Barrington had been apprehended by him, and then allowed to go, is a pure fabrication, the work of certain parties connected with the Vancouver police force. He states that he did not have Barrington in his net at any time, and that the report that Barrington had given him the "horse-laugh" when brought back from Blaine was all due to the imagination of certain Vancouver reporters and detectives.

No Moustachios.

The order has gone forth that all the waiters at the Hotel Vancouver who have been sporting a nice growth of hair on their upper lips must submit to the razor. And there are deep feelings among the waiters. Seven of them were very proud of their facial adornments, but six meekly submitted to the new order. The seventh is standing pat, and it seems to be a case of who will be the best bluffer—Manager Tapprell or the waiter.

Burnaby Blasters.

The settlers in Burnaby district are doing some deep thinking lately. Last Saturday a well-known settler was clearing on his property close to the Westminster road, and a fragment of a stump whlich he was blasting fell across the wires of the Telephone Company and carried one of tuese wires onto one of tue B.C.E. Ry. Co.'s power wires. The result was quickly felt in the central office in Vancouver, for the heavy current set two switchboards to smouldering. However, prompt measures saved a disastrous fire. Naturally, being none too sweet-tempered at the time of the operators' strike, the B. C. Telephone Company have issued an edict that no blasting shall be done in the vicinity of their telephone wires. The settlers look at this as a very serious matter for them, and if the telephone company makes any attempt to carry out the orders, they will take the matter into court. Their land must be cleared, telephones or no telephones, and while they use every endeavor to protect the wires, an occasional accident will happen. The Burnaby Council will be called upon to take some stand in this matter at its next meeting.

Music and Drama.

The Opera House in Vancouver had two good attractions this week. Murray and Mack, with their crowd of fun-makers, held court on Monday night, and pleased a full house. Wednesday night "The Christian," with John Sainpolis in the title role and Miss Lawrence as Glory Quayle, was well presented. Next week there will be two sterling attractions. The old favorites, the Primrose Minstrels, will hold the boards on Tuesday evening, and on Thursday night "Babes in Toyland" will open for two nights. The critics in the South have been commenting most favorably on these two shows, and they will doubtless draw large houses in Vancouver.

Sporting News

The principal features in the sporting line this week is the football championship. In the Island League some interesting games have been played lately, and the honor of defending the championship against the Vancouver Celtics will rest either with the Ladysmith team or the Garrison eleven. Victoria United lost to the players from the mining town last Saturday by 4 goals to 0, and thereby lost all chances of winning the championship. The miners have been putting up a pretty husky game lately, and they are a team of whom Ladysmith should be proud. The writer saw them in action at the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland last summer, and was most favorably impressed with their style.

In the Mainland League last Saturday the Shamrocks went down to defeat before the Celtics in a listless game, The score was 3 to 2. This made the twelfth consecutive win for the Celtics this season.

The Celtics will play the first game for the British Columbia championship with the Vancouver Island champions in Victoria on Good Friday. Island players who have seen the Mainland teams in action say that they do not compare with the Islanders.

Where will the Vancouver Lacrosse team play its home games this season? The Brockton authorities have decided that the old arrangement of allowing the club to take 70 per cent of the gate at games played at the Point is not satisfactory to the Association, and this year they will ask 40 per cent as their share of the gate. I do not think that this will be acceptable to the Vancouver players, and they are now said to be considering the matter of playing their home games on the Recreation Park grounds. As there will be no professional baseball in Vancouver this year, the directors of the park are fixing up the grounds for lacrosse, and as they are far more central than the Point grounds as well as having superior grandstand accommodation, I think that the lacrosse boys will decide to make arrangements with the management of the park to play the home games there, as we l as to use the grounds for practice. The new Mount Pleasant team will also use these grounds for playing games, but I understand they are figuring on getting the use of the High School oval for practice.

Eastern lacrosse is still proving exciting. The Torontos and Tecumsehs have applied for admission to the N.A.L.U. This will mean a show-down as to the professional question by the N.A.L.U. teams, for they now profess to be amateurs. The two Toronto teams make no bones about being professionals, and in fact, the Tecumsehs are even now dickering for some of the professional players now with other Eastern teams, one of whom is Hagan, the St. Kitts home player. There are now five teams in the N.A.L.U., and the Montreal critics do not seem to favor a seven-team league. Apparently the Toronto teams want the N.A.L.U. to drop Cornwall and Nationals, and take in the new applicants, and then come out as a professional league. Ottawa favors the idea, but the Shamrocks and Montreals stick up for the two weaker teams now in the league, and there is but small chance that both teams will be allowed to enter the N.A.L.U., although the application of the Torontos may be accepted. This would give the N.A.L.U. six teams, which could be easily handled. It would also solve the question of how Toronto can support three professional teams, for with two leagues competing for public favor, some fine exhibitions of the game would be seen. However, the professional game is not to be encouraged, and if our Western teams stick to the amateur ranks, their supporters will be all the better pleased.

Incidentally, while I am writing of this, I might also make mention of the practice of some of the British Columbia teams of giving their players "retainers" to keep them in town for the season. In one Western city last season a certain player received in excess of $200 to keep him from going to Portland. This causes ill-feeling among the other players, and the result is most unsatisfactory. If the player must go somewhere else, let him go. The game will be altogether better without him or his class. I have seen lists of moneys paid to various British Columbia players in the last few seasons, and have reason to believe that these lists were correct, and it is about time that the clubs stamped out the least resemblance of professionalism.

It is expected that the B.C.A.L.A. will meet about April 14th to organize for the season. Seattle will not apply this year, but will form a Washington State League, with Tacoma and Bellingham. The status of the Victoria club is unknown.

Ladysmith defeated Sidney at basketball last Saturday night by 15 points to 7, after an exciting game.

The action of the Kenora Hockey team in postponing their challenge for the Stanley Cup until next year is meeting with vast approval throughout the East. The ice is not altogether satisfactory at this time of the year, and as the Kenora men have proven better on the hard, smooth ice, they have decided to wait until next December before going after the Montreal Wanderers.

—CANUCK.

Vancouver Social

Dr. A. Milloy and his family have arrived from Nelson. The doctor has already arranged for a suite of dental offices and will continue the practice of his profession here.

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A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Fox, at 417 Campbell avenue, on Wednesday, when the host and hostess celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their wedding. This being the silk and linen wedding, the presents they received were both numerous and costly. The invited guests were: Mr. Thomas L. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Labanna Fox, Mrs. J. Fox, Mrs. S. J. Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sparling, Mr. O. I. Fox, Miss K. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ramage, Mr. S. C. Fox, Miss Lizzie Larkin, Miss G. P. Fox, Miss B. McCuaig, Mr. R. R. Fox, Mr. C. Donevan, and Miss K. Armitage. The early part of the evening was spent in congratulations and parlor games, after which the party sat down to a dainty supper prepared by Miss Fox. Too much cannot be said about the pleasing manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Fox entertained their guests, and it was with regret that the party dispersed as the wee sma' hours crept on. After singing Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King the little party broke up, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fox many more years of happiness.

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Mrs. Warn, 1774 Pendrell street, will hold her post-nuptial reception on Friday, March 30th.

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Mr. Thomas Foster, manager of the Fit-Reform Wardrobe, returned on Saturday from a business trip to Eastern cities.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bell have left town for Agassiz, where they intend to spend the summer months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson expect to be at home to their friends about the beginning of May, at their residence, 1913 Nelson street.

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Twenty-three young men from Charters' Towers, a mining town in North Queensland, arrived here by the Miowera, with the object of settling here.

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Private advices from New Orleans state that Mr. Isaac Oppenheimer, brother of the late David Oppenheimer, former Mayor of Vancouver, and one of Vancouver's most public-spirited early citizens, is lying dangerously ill there.

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Miss Bertha Cassidy, fnormerly a resident of Vancouver, but now living in Victoria, has been staying with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Burns, of this city. She left for the Capital on Saturday.

Mr. F. G. Evans, buyer for the wholesale grocery department of the Hudson's Bay Stores, who has been away on a six weeks' purchasing trip to the States and the principal cities of Canada, on business connected with his department, has returned home.

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D. Wadds, photographer, formerly of Vancouver, says that the carrying out of the transfer of his Nelson business to Mr. Gillies, his successor, will take some time yet before it is completed. When the deal is concluded finally, Mr. Wadds will go in for ranching up the lake, and will not come to the Coast as reported.

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The many friends of Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Hall assembled at the Coqualeetza Indian Institute last Wednesday, to bid farewell to the reverend principal and his wife, who have had charge of the institution so long. It is with much regret, says the Sardis correspondent of The Chilliwack Progress, that our friends depart, but Mr. Hall's health is so precarious that it has become imperatively necessary that he should retire. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have decided to reside in Vancouver.

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Mr. C. A. Lett has returned home from a business trip up the line.

Mr. G. A. Chapman went over to Nanaimo on Monday.

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Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C., and the Hon. F. Carter-Cotton were among the passengers to Victoria on Monday.

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The home of Mr. Frank Waring was the scene of a merry gathering on Monday evening, when that gentleman entertained a few of his friends preparatory to his departure for Calgary, where he is journeying in the interests of R. G. Dun & Co. The time was spent very pleasantly in games and dancing, etc. Among those present were: Misses Stimson, Gibbings, Zwick, Pearl Zwick, Arthur, Mabel Arthur, Skinner, Messrs. G. Taylor, F. Arthur, E. Bowes H. Pearce, D. McCutcheon, R. Reilly, H. Hood, and C. Bryceson.

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Mr. J. T. Wilkinson has left on a trip to Northern points.

Mr. Frank Baynes, of the Hotel Dominion, was a passenger on the Princess Victoria to the Capital Monday afternoon.

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Mr. L. Robie Reid was a passenger to Victoria Monday afternoon.

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Mrs. (Dr.) Young left the city on Monday on a visit to friends in the prairie capital.

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Mr. J. D. Bell, formerly of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Dawson, who has been transferred to the local branch, has arrived in the city. Several years ago Mr. Bell resided in this city, and was a well known member of the Vancouver Rowing Club.

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Mr. P. A. Gibson, of Kamloops, is staying ing in Vancouver on a vacation.

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Mr. Gilmour, of this city, was in Kamloops last week.

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Mr. A. J. Kappele, late of Cowan, McEvoy & Kapele, returned on Sunday from the East.

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Mrs. J. A. McCrossan left un Monday on a visit to friends in Tacoma.

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Mr. Herman M. Alpen, of the B. C. Printing and Engraving Company, is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the advent of a daughter, who arrived on Sunday last.

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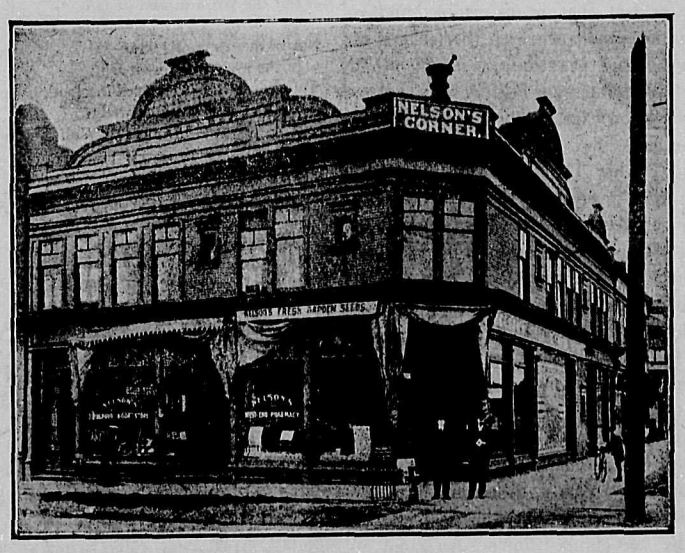

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Purloined Newspapers.

Any one acquainted with the way of English tourists in foreign hotels will know that they often show a lamentable indifference to the rights of property in the English daily papers placed before them, although the law as to larceny of chattels contains no exception as to newspapers, or even umbrellas.—Solicitors' Journal.

South African Anger.

We want to make this country a great country—a home for many thousands of our kin in the United Kingdom; but we are not likely to help on that great work if we sit idly by and play the coward's part when such shameful charges are levelled against us on political platforms in England during great crisis in our industrial progress.—Transvaal Leader, Johannesburg.

£70 for Burns Love Song.

For a total of about £800, over 320 autograph letters and historical documents were disposed of at Sotheby's on Monday. Three important documents were sold for £70 each. One of these was an official naval document, signed by Lord Nelson, concerning the disposition of the English ships in the Battle of Trafalgar. Another was a holograph letter of Robert Burns, addressed to Miss Miller, Dumfries, containing a song, the last stanza of which read:

"Time cannot aid me, my griefs are immortal,
Not hope dare a comfort bestow?
Come then enamored and fond of my anguish,
Enjoyment I'll seek in my woe."

"Electric Switchback."

London's latest amusement is, undoubtedly, a penny ride on the new L.C.C. electric tramway, which runs along underneath Kingsway from Aldwych to Southampton-row, the opening of which is described elsewhere. The new line has attracted considerable attention, as it is the first instance in the metropolis of what is known as the "Shallow" system of tramway. It is quite an exhilarating sensation when the electric tram suddenly makes a dip into the bowels of the earth underneath Holborn, and then slowly ascends a slope of about a hundred yards into Southampton-row on the other side. Since the opening, a large number of the passengers have consisted of youthful Londoners who, for the small sum of one penny, have been enjoying the delights of this electric switchback. How long the L.C.C. will rely on this patronage remains to be seen.

Trials of a Canvasser.

The difficulty of inducing voters to realize the importance of the suffrage is proverbial, as canvassers know to their cost. During the recent struggle an elector in a city was waited on and his support solicited. "How many votes have I got?" he asked the canvasser. "One," replied that worried individual. "You know the rule—'One man one vote.'" He repeated this two or three times, but the voter wholly failed to grasp the situation. Later on he met a shopmate, and confessed his confusion of mind. "I can't make out," he explained, "what he means by 'one man one vote.'" "Simple enough," answered the friend. "One blooming man, one blooming vote." "Oh!" answered the elector, his face lighting up with a gleam of intelligence, "why the deuce didn't he say so?"

Good-Bye to "Peter Pan."

Quite a number of successful runs have come to an end during the last few days, among others that of "Peter Pan." A rare scene of enthusiasm took place on Saturday night when Peter and Wendy waved farewell from the cottage door over the tree-tops. The youthful members of the audience were so enthusiastic and so determined to prolong the farewell that if it had not been for the fact that the theatre had to be cleared by Sunday morning, I should not have been surprised to hear that Peter and his friends were still taking leave of each other at the present moment. I have seen "Peter Pan" on several occasions, and can certainly recommend any of my young readers to go and see it if they ever have the chance. For two years running it has had a successful run in London, and in all probability we shall find "Peter Pan" installed in one of the London theatres next Christmas once again.

"One hundred and fifty members of the new House of Commons are total abstainers," said Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., speaking before the National Commercial Temperance League on Saturday.

What to Read in Lent.

The most suitable literature to be read during Lent forms the subject of a portion of the "Vicar's Letter" from the Rev. G. F. Holden in the February issue of the All Saints', Margaret street, W., Church and Parish Paper.

"My experience tells me that people will read fiction in Lent and out of it," says Mr. Holden, and consequently he gives his readers the following list of lighter literature from which to select:

A Tale of Two Cities.....Charles Dickens
Esmond .....Thackeray
John Inglesant.....Shorthouse
It Is Never Too Late to Mend
.....Charles Reade
Silas Marner.....George Eliot
Woodstock.....Sir Walter Scott

The Boy's Prayer.

A well-known cleric said the other night that as a boy, when told to pray into his hat before taking his seat in church—a piece of ceremonial now obsolete—he always used the following formula: "Lincoln, Bennett & Co., hat makers to her Majesty the Queen, extra quality. Sackville street, Piccadilly, London. Honi soit qui mal y pense. Dieu et mon droit. Amen."

Actresses Will Happen.

So many actresses are becoming peeresses, that the aristocracy of this country should soon be known as the actressocracy.—Truth.

Music Slighted.

Music is not part of the national life, but a fashionable entertainment. People go to concerts not to seek what good the music can afford, but to hear famous singers or admire famous beauties.—Musical Standard.

Licensing Act in Birmingham.

The inland revenue commissioners have made their awards under the new Licensing Act in respect of the compensation to be allowed for 23 licenses about to be withdrawn in Birmingham. The total valuation originally submitted to the justices was £50,989. They held that too high a scale scale had been applied and refused their assent, referring the question to the inland revenue authorities. The commissioners fix the total at £33,648. The amounts apportioned to the individual houses range from £590 to £2,150. It remains for the compensation committee to determine the proportion payable to the various parties interested.

Neurasthenia.

Lecturing before the Psycho-Therapeutic Society at the Bedford Head Hotel on Monday, Dr. J. Stenson Hooker said that neurasthenia and neuritis were the curses of modern life, especially among the brain workers. They were readily curable by diet, not by drugs.

Music was waiting to be used for the cure of many diseases. Color would yet cure lunacy. The present-day passion for green in clothing and house decorations everywhere was a tribute to its soothing effect on distraught nerves.

The King's Health.

A Vienna correspondent telegraphs that Dr. Ott has communicated a signed statement to The Neue Freie Presse denying absolutely the truth of the rumors recently circulated concerning the King's health.

Nothing succeeds like the successful harvest of a young man who has sown his wild oats.

EASTER GOSSIP.

Dey's done had chicken at her house,
It's easy tellin' dat
By de contentment in her face
An' de feathers in her hat.

OLLA PODRIDA

The Wasp.

Don't fool with a wasp because you think he looks weak and tired. You will find out that he's all right in the end.

Next!

"Order, order!" cried the chairman of the workingmen's meeting.

"Beer for me," replied the grimy person in the back seat.

Comic Tragedy.

The stranger paused before the hall and smiled. The great shrieks and screams of laughter that came from within were contagious.

The billboard announced an amateur performance. He approached the box office and said:

"They seem to be enjoying themselves in there. I heard their shouts and guffaws three streets away."

"Yes," said the attendant. "Yes, that's right."

"What are they playing?" asked the stranger.

"HAMLET."

Literatim et Verbatim.

The managing editor wheeled his chair round and pushed a button in the wall.

The person wanted entered.

"Here," said the editor, "are a number of directions from outsiders as to the best way to run a newspaper. See that they are all carried out."

And the office boy, gathering them all into a large waste basket, did so.

First Aid.

A. T. Quiller-Couch told a good Cornish story the other day in presenting certificates to the members of an ambulance class in his own town of Troy.

"Years ago," he said, "an old Cornish fisherman at a similar class was asked how he would treat the apparently drowned.

"'Well,' he replied, 'the first thing we always did was to empty the man's pockets.'"

The Chief End.

Thackeray was once induced by his family, after severe persuasion, to sit for his portrait, and Lawrence, the painter, undertook the task.

Soon after the picture was completed, Thackeray chanced to be dining at his club when a pompous officer of the Guards stopped beside the table and said:

"Haw, Thackeray, old boy, I hear Lawrence has been painting yer portrait."

"So he has," was the reply.

"Full-length?"

"No; full-lengths portrait are for soldiers, that we may see their spurs. But the other end of the man is the principal thing with authors," said Thackeray.

Marvellous Deduction.

"Do you know," said the cheerful idiot, "that it is the easiest thing in the world to tell whether a man is going out on a journey or returning, by the way he carries his portmanteau."

"I never thought of that," said the simple young man. "What is the ffidergence?"

Only One of Many.

An old man stepped up to a gentleman who was waiting for a tramcar, and touching him lightly on the shoulder, said: "Excuse me, but did you just drop a half-sovereign?" at the same time holding out in his hand a coin of the value mentionen.

The gentleman questioned looked for a moment at the coin, and then made a hasty search in his pocket, and said: "Why so I did, and I hadn't missed it," holding out an eager hand.

The old man slowly drew out a notebook and said: "I thought so." He then took the name and address of the loser, and put the coin in his pocket and walked away.

"Well," said the other, "do you want it all for a reward?"

"Oh, I did not find one," said the old man, "but it struck me in a large city like this there must be a deal of money lost, and upon inquiry I find you are the thirty-first one who has lost a half-sovereign this morning."

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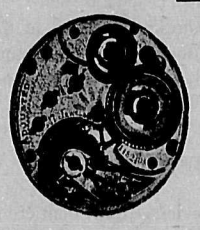

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NOTES ON PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Entomology.

An unpretentious gentleman recently registered at the Driard Hotel, and none of the numerous tribe of press men, voraciously hunting for news, succeeded in discovering that he was anything more than "a rancher from the Calgary distirct." True, he was that, and a great deal more, for he was one of the leading entomologists of the Dominion, and rejoices in the unusual cognomen of Mr. Wolley Dod.. He had been chasing specimens in the Duncan district. After this it looks as if Victoria might entertain angels unawares.

Rambler's Strike.

The Sandon Mining Standard publishes the good news that the shareholders of the Rambler-Cariboo Mine are within measurable distance of reaping the well-deserved reward of their enterprise and energy. The new tunnel which they have been driving under the capable control of Mgr. Zwickey for more than two years is rapidly approaching completion and within the last week or so a two-foot vein has been struck, which also shows upon the surface 1,500 feet above. The main vein is not now far ahead, and when it is reached, as there is little doubt it will be in the light of a recent find, the Rambler-Cariboo will have been demonstrated to be one of the most valuable properties in the Slocan.

Ingratitude.

The Boundary newspapers do not seem to be altogether satisfied with the result of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company's application to Parliament. They need not, however, lose any sleep on the subject of power for their district. Those who opposed the application did so with a full knowledge of the fact that it was more or less in the nature of a bluff, and Mr. Fraser's mild request to be permitted to withdraw the bill when he was defeated in committee, was an absolute bluff. The West Kootenay Company know full well that they have to come to terms with the Cascade Company, and no interest of the Boundary would have been served if they had been permitted, as desired, to crush the smaller company out of existence. THE WEEK does not notice that any orders for machinery have been cancelled, and there is no holding back in respect of development.

Children's Behavior.

Some time ago Mr. Harold Nelson, who considers himself an actor, but who is in reality a burlesquer, undertook to lecture the people of Grand Forks on the misbehavior of their children. It is doubtful whether in any case this would have been received in good part from an actor, but as he laid the blame on the school-teachers, instead of on the parents, it was strongly resented. The trouble still continues, and Mr. Martin Burrell is dealing with the matter in the columns of the Grand Forks Gazette. He is undoubtedly right in saying that sufficient control is not exercised over Young Canada, and the fault rests with the parents, who seem disposed in these days to shuffle nearly all their responsibility on to the shoulders of the underpaid and overworked pedagogue.

Cranbrook, Ahoy!

The Railway capital of the Crow is the latest addition to the list of Booster Clubs. The "Old Man" is giving the project a booster, and it is likely to catch on. As the present population of Cranbrook is 3,000, it cannot be charged with lack of ambition in the selection of the total for the club, which is one hundred, presumably one hundred thousand.

Columbian College.

The advent of McGill University into the Province has not been without its advantage, since it has stimulated the Columbian College of New Westminster to add to its curriculum a science department in connection with the Toronto University. The intention is to take students through two years of the Bachelor of Science course of that university, making a specialty of mining instruction.

Arrow Lakes.

The public will hear with regret of the decision of the C.P.R. not to continue their steamship service of the Arrow Lakes, south of Nakusp, until further notice. Whilst everyone travelling to the Coast appreciates the accelerated service by rail from Nelson to Nakusp, there are many who, during the summer months, would prefer the lake route, and the scenery on Lower Arrow Lake is unsurpassed by any in the Province.

Kelowa,the Sunny.

The meteoroligical observations compiled by Mr. T. E. R. Wollaston, of Kelowna, show that the climate is much milder in winter than outsiders generally suppose. During February the lowest temperatur ewas 17.9, the average minimum 28, and the average maximum 42.

PROVINCIAL.....

Another Dividend.

According to The Sandon Standard, J. M. Harris is to be congratulated on the payment of another dividend of $20,000 at the Reco Mine. The total amount paid to date in dividends is $347,5000. The capital stock is $1,000,000.

Newspaper for Penticton.

A correspondent from Penticton says that Louis Gould, of Vernon, will establish a newspaper at that place, to appear in May.

Nail It Down.

The Golden Star says :

"John Houston, M.P.P., is believed to have secured a large sum of money from the promoters of the Columbia & Western Railway to drop his motion asking for an investigation into the land grant given that company."

The statement is as false as it is malicious, and comes with ill-grace from one who has worked for John Houston. The writer would not dare to repeat it within a block of the member for Nelson.

Clear the Way.

The stumping machine is doing all or more than was claimed for it. They have stumped and piled the two fields at Mr. Marsh's, and are now working on the second field for Mr. D. Evans. Watch it clear up land. It is the best yet. Modern ideas must prevail.

To Visit the Okanagan.

It is practically decided that the excursion of the Western Press Association will visit the Okanagan in June next. O. H. Pollard, of Winnipeg and Peachland, President of the Printers' Board of Trade, is expected in Vernon on Monday next, when definite arrangements will be made. It is understood that steps will be taken by the Board of Trade to entertain the visitors right royally.

Kootenay Valley's Wealth.

The Kootenay Valley is an agricultural district, with large areas of arable lands of great fertility, and capable of producing much more than is required by its present population. The mining industry has so completely occupied the attention of its inhabitants that but little attention has been paid to farming. Southeast Kootenay, though rich in minerals, coal, oil and timber, has sufficient agricultural lands to produce enough to feed its own inhabitants and supply the various mining and lumbering camps of the district.—Cranbrook Prospector.

The Island.

The railroads will soon open up their flood-gates for the immigration of the blizzard-stricken residents of the far East into the best country on the face of the earth, the Pacific Northwest. Thousands are contemplating coming out this way, and they will be happy that they so acted. if they could be here now, what a wonderful change of climate they would find. Here it is all sunshine and green pastures, and fields and flowers all in bloom. No snow to shovel away in order to get from the house to the barn or from home to the business place. All live stock feeding in pastures, instead of in stone bards. Every man enabled to work if he is so disposed. Oh, why will you stand back there, Mr. Eastern Farmer ?—Cowichan Leader.

"What is the name of your cat?" one lad asked of another.

"We used to call him William until he had fits, but now we call him FitzWilliam."

No Ads. on Front Page.

The following is taken from The Columbian, whose example THE WEEK commends to other dailies which disfigure their front pages with ads.:

"To oblige readers of The Columbian, the following gentlemen, who have occupied advertising space on this page for a number of years, have very kindly consented to the removal of their advertisements to other parts of the paper : Geo. Adams, J. A. Lee, T. J. Trapp & Co., W. C. Chamberlin."

Slocan Mining.

The manager of the Arlington mine is considering the advisability of sinking a shaft on the property. Great expectations are locally based upon this method of working the mine, the Arlington being a universal favorite among the old-timers of the camp, and there is a feeling of general confidence that this plan of working will make the Arlington an ore shipper.

TRUE LOVE.

I think true love is never blind,
But rather brings an added light ;
An inner vision quick to find
The beauties hid from common sight.

No soul can ever clearly see
Another's highest, noblest part,
Save through the sweet philosophy
And loving wisdom of the heart.

Your unanointed eyes shall fall
On him who fills my soul with light :
You do not see my friend at all,
You see what hides him from your sight.

I see the feet that fain would climb,
You but the steps that turn astray ;
I see the soul unharmed, sublime,
You but the garment and the clay.

You see a mortal, weak, misled,
Dwarfed ever by the earthly clod ;
I see how manhood, perfected,
May reach the stature of a god.

Blinded I stood, as now you stand,
Till on mine eyes, with touches sweet,
Love, the deliverer, laid his hand,
And lo ! I worship at his feet.

Notes on Canadian News

Minister of Mines.

For six years the Canadian Mining Institute, which is the most representative organization in the Dominion, has been urging upon the Federal Government the necessity for establishing a department of Mines. The first attempt failed because it was not judiciously engineered, and succeeded in arousing the antagonism of the geological department, the head of which felt he was aggrieved by the proposal. As a concession, however, to these insistent demands, Dr. Haanel was appointed to form the necleus of the department. He has done good work, although not exactly along the lines desired by the Mining Institute. In order to give the proper status and influence to the mining department, it was necessary that it should be placed in charge of a Minister. Hitherto the Minister of the Interior has claimed jurisdiction, which is an absurdity, having regard to the enormous claims of his own department. The portfolio of Inland Revenue is a light one, and in placing the Hon. Mr. Templeman in position of Minister of Mines, the Premier has made a wise concession to the mining industry,and has performed a singularly graceful act in recognizing the representative of the banner mining Province of the Dominion.

Freight Rates.

Canada hears a great deal from day to day about the neglect of the C.P.R. and the excessive freight rates charged by that corporation. Testimony from the opposition is invaluable in suchh a matter, and it may not therefore be amiss to point out that such testimony absolutely destroys the case of those who have advocated this view and established the fact long known to careful students of Canadian transportation that the C.P.R. is more generous in its treatment of wheat purchasers than any of the American lines, not even excluding the famous Hill lines. Mr. W. W. Thompson, writing in The Boston Evening Transcript, says : "A comparison of freight rates on the Hill roads with those in Canada, just across the line, shows striking differences in favor of the Dominion's farms—figures that seem to show that by reason of these rates a quarter section in Canada is worth $800 more than one in the United States similarly situated —Canadian rates may go lower yet."

Whale Milk.

A couple of months ago the Canadian press, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, were publishing a story said to have emanated from Dr. Rismuller on the subject, of whale milk. The readers of THE WEEK may remember that according to this story, the Doctor had tamed some hundred whales, and kept them in a land-locked harbor on the coast of Labrador, where they were milked twice a day by machinery, and from which point it was his idea to drive them along the coast to the State of Maine, and establish a whale dairy farm there. Just why so much publicity was given to the story must forever remain a mystery, except as a testimony to the extreme gullibility of newspaper readers. The sequel has just been furnished by Dr. Rismuller, who says that the whole story originated in a joke, in the following manner : Some friends, knowing that he had made the whale species and their habits a life study, jokingly said they believed the public would accept anything about his knowledge of whales, and accordinglg sprung this story. To their astonishment the story was taken seriously, even by men and women of education and wide world knowledge. He declared that it was of course without the slightest foundation of truth.

Marry on $50 a Month.

Our friend Mr. Strong advises the young man to get married on $50 per month, with hopes of making his dear little wifey happy on that pittance. Well, here is how I work it out for a married couple on $50 per month :

Rent of small cottage (four rooms) no conveniences	15.00
Board for both young man and his wife	25.00
Coal, per month	5.75
Wood, per month, two loads	4.00
Washing, per month	3.00
Clothes, per month, $7 for wife and $5 for young man	12.00
Reading matter for young man and wife to improve their minds, per month	1.00
Total	$65.75

I am only allowing $5 for board for the wife, and of course $25 per month would not include fruit, jams or luxuries of any kind, but just plain board.—The Albertan.

Another Pipe Dream.

J. C. Drewry left Rossland recently for Montreal and Toronto. He reports that he was in New York during the time that F. Aug. Heinze was speculating in Amalgamated Copper, and that instead of losing a few millions, as reported, he won a vast sum. He further stated that P. A. O'Farrell played the market with Mr. Heinze, and when he sold he was $200,000 to the good, receiving a check for that amount. Mr. O'Farrell as soon afterwards as possible wrote out checks for all that he owed, and then he gave $100,000 to his wife in the shape of an investment that he could not touch himself. What he has left he intends to speculate with, but what he gave his wife is so arranged that he cannot touch it.

Prince Arthur and Y. M. C. A.

It has been suggested that Prince Arthur of Connaught should lay the corner stone of the new Y.M.C.A. building on his visit to Calgary. The Mayor has been instructed that the Prince will arrive in the city at noon on April 5th, and that he will remain there until 6 o'clock on the following morning.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Chemical Company, Limited Liability, will be held on the fourth day of May, 1906, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the Company, at their Works, Outer Wharf, Victoria, B.C., for the purpose of considering, and, if deemed advisable, of passing the following resolution, viz.: RESOLVED, That the capital of the Company be, and the same is hereby increased, from $100,000.00 to $250,000, by the issue of 3,000 new shares of $50.00 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects, as the directors may determine.

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Music by VICTOR HERBERT
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Produced under stage direction of JULIAN MITCHELL
Same cast that played New York.
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Victoria Theatre

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Frank Smith
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VICTORIA

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

The Lounger has been very lucky this week in having witnessed in the City of Victoria at least four accidents. There was one little fracas between an express man and a car rail-greaser, one horse accident and two bicycle accidents. It is a marvel to me that there are not more of the latter. I think that the way in which the ordinary boy and man in Victoria rides a wheel deserves at least one bad spill a week. It is not fair on the pedestrian that people should come round street corners in the manner which seems usual in this city. It is always a great source of delight to me to see them get the side-slip, which they well deserve. Of course I would be the first person on earth to be sorry if they were really hurt, but a little shake-up now and again does no harm.

Of course I was down at the Outer Wharf on Tuesday last to see the arrival of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught. What struck me most was the scarcity of the audience, if such a word may be used. There were just about fifteen carloads, and only about 200 people at the Government Buildings. Well, the natural inference is that Royalty does not appeal to Victorians any more than really good musicians. Another thing which the same occurrence brought before my notice was the style of dress assumed by the local dignitaries. It was a treat to see the Minister of Finance arrayed in the garb of extreme respectability. The Mayor looked well in his frock coat and silk hat. What I want to know is this: Why on earth do not these official gentlemen wear thier pretty clothes oftener? Victoria is without exception the worst-dressed town that I have ever visited. The ladies who dress well may be counted on the fingers of one hand, and as for the men—why, just try the experiment of walking down Government street in Piccadilly costume, and the looks of the people who meet you will make you resolve never to do so again. Why should these things be? Victoria has the reputation of being the most English town in Canada; why does it not dress up to its reputation? One thing more: Men who thought it worth while to go down to see the arrival of Prince Arthur, should surely have had the decency to doff their hats at the playing of the National Anthem, and at the passing of the Prince.

Why should The Vancouver World usurp a large space on its front page on the subject of Messrs. McBride and Green considering the arrangement of a golf-links in Vancouver? Why should the same paper go out of its way to tell its readers, in brackets, that the word Golf is pronounced "Gouf"? It isn't pronounced thus in Scotland, which is popularly supposed to be the home of the game. Possibly it was a mis-print, and the translation was meant to read, "Goff."

By the way, there was a bad error in The Colonist on Sunday; in the editorial, too. There was a very able article on the subject of Sunday Observance, but the writer certainly gave the reader to understand that the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week. This was the case before the first Easter; after that date the Christian Church observed the first day of the week as the Sabbath.

It is satisfactory to hear that the recent annual meeting of Milk men in Vancouver resulted in the relieving of the feelings of the speakers. Milk adulteration has been brought down to a fine art in the Old Country; why should people over here make a fuss if their milk possesses more water than the cow could have drunk in a life-time? This is straining at a gnat.

There is a "kick" coming in Vancouver of the right kind. It is against the people who insist on standing on the platforms of the street cars when they are not smoking. As I have said in these columns before, there are always enough grumblers to be found to complain of the conductors, but it is seldom that one finds any notice in the papers complaining of the behaviour of the passengers. It is merely the courtesy of the conductor or the driver, as the case be, which allows any passenger to ride on the platform. This courtesy is much appreciated, as a general rule, by the smoker who lands on the car with a smoke in his mouth; but it is no reason for the non-smoker upholding his rights to stand in the way, when he might just as well be sitting inside. It is the old trouble of the lady who insists on taking her seat in the smoking compartment and resenting the mere man lighting up.

Talking about smoking compartments, makes me wonder why the little tin god on wheels—of course I am referring to the C.P.R.—does not provide better accommodation for the benefit of the smoking gentlemen who patronise its line. A man who travels on a Pullman car ought not to have to sit in a stuffy little compartment, which savours strongly of the lavatory, in order to enjoy his cigar. The ordinary smoking car of the Pullman contains one seat which will seat three, and two chairs. Supposing there are six men who want to smoke, where is the sixth going to sit? Of course there is the first-class smoking car at his disposal, but when all is said and done, the ordinary man does not travel in waders.

From Nelson comes the news that a Million-Club is to be formed. Tht means that people will write to their friends, and so bring up the population of British Columbia to a million. This should be good news to the Post Office Department.

I was much amused by the leading article in Wednesday's Colonist, which informed its readers that Prince Arthur of Connaught was the grandson of the present King. Of course everyone except The Colonist knows that he isn't; he is the King's nephew. His father, the present Inspector of Forces in Great Britain, is the brother of the reigning monarch, and even the writer of the editorials in The Colonist, who can make Sunday into the seventh day, can not make the son of a brother into a grandson. This was pointed out to me by at least three people before I read the paper in question. Why this "thusness?" I would recommend the learned author to keep a volume of that inestimable work, entitled Whittaker's Almanac, on his desk, or otherwise to ask the office boy; he will then be in a better position to write about those who live in high places. The King has grandsons, but they are hardly old enough to wander around the world with the insignia of the Garter; no doubt when one of them does arrive in this city, we shall be told that he is a nephew. That will make it all square. Oh, wake up, Colonist.

Optical.

"What are you studying now?" asked Mrs. Quickrich.

"We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son.

"I hope you will be very attentive, and practise constantly. I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't make it stay in his eye."

Taken In.

A plain-looking woman to persistent pedlar—How dare you say you won't go away? Let me tell you that my husband is a constable. If he were here he would take you.

Pedlar—I believe you. If he took you, he'd take anybody.

LICENCE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT' 1897."

Canada,
Province of British Columbia.
No. 338.

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

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

The amount of the capital of the Company is £50,000, divided into 50,000 shares at £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at 11, Bastion Street, Victoria, and John James Shallcross, merchant, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six.

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

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

(1.) To adopt and carry into effect, with or without modification, two agreements which have already been prepared, and are respectively numbered 1 and 2, and are both expressed to be made between Robert Alfred Workman of the one part, and the Company of the other part, copies whereof have, for the purpose of identification, been respectively endorsed with the signature of Charles Maynard Owen, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court;

(2.) To carry on, in the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere, the trades or businesses of foresters, lumberers and timber merchants, producers, manufacturers of and dealers in wood pulp, and makers of and dealers in paper of all kinds, and articles made from paper or pulp, and materials used in the manufacture or treatment of paper, including cardboard and millboard, and, in connection with these objects, to acquire timber lands, rights and concessions and water power rights and privileges, and also to acquire, absolutely, or for any term, estate or interest, lands and hereditaments, and to acquire or construct mills, dams, warehouses, piers, wharves, stores, dwellings and all other kinds of erections or buildings, and to lay out and develop town sites, and to sell, lease, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, any such rights or properties:

(3.) To carry on, in the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere in other parts of the world, the business of a Power Company, within the meaning of Part 4 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, to the same extent as if the Company had been duly incorporated under the provisions of Part 4 of the said "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to acquire any necessary licences therefor, to pay all such fees and charges, and execute and do all such documents and things as may be required to obtain the benefits and advantages conferred on a power company by the aforesaid Acts:

(4.) To acquire water and water power by records of unrecorded water power, or by the purchase of water records or water privileges for, and the application of such water and water power to all or any purposes, and in any manner or method:

(5.) To render water and water power available for use, application and distribution, by erecting dams, increasing the head of water in any existing body of water or extending the area thereof, diverting the waters of any stream, pond or lake into any other channel or channels, laying or erecting any line of flume, pipe or wire, constructing any raceway, reservoir, aqueduct, weir, wheel, building or other erection or work which may be required in connection with improvement or use of water and water power, or by altering, renewing, extending, improving, repairing or maintaining any such works or any part thereof:

(6.) To use water or water power for hydraulic mining purposes, and for milling, manufacturing, industrial and mechanical purposes:

(7.) To use water and water power for providing any form of power, or for producing or generating electricity for purposes of light, heat or power:

(8.) To construct, operate and maintain electric works, power houses, generating plant and any other appliances or conveniences useful, necessary or proper for generating electricity or electric power, or any other form of developed power, and for transmitting the same to be used by the Company or by any other persons or companies contracting with the Company therefor as a motive power for the operating of motors, machinery or electric works, or to be supplied to consumers for heating, or as a motive for propelling tramways, or for driving, hauling, lifting, pumping, lighting, crushing, smelting, drilling, milling, or for any other operations to which it may be adopted, or to be used or supplied for or in connection with any other purposes for which power may be applied or acquired:

(9.) To place, sink, lay, fit, maintain and repair electric lines, accumulators, storage batteries, cables, mains, wires, pipes, switches, connections, branches, electric motors, dynamoes, engines, machines, or other apparatus or devices, cuts, drains, water-courses, pipes, poles, buildings, and other erections and works; and to erect and place any electric line, cable, main, wire or other electric apparatus above or below ground:

(10.) To construct, equip, operate and maintain electric, cable or other tramways, or start railways for the conveyance of passengers and freight:

(11.) To construct, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone systems and lines:

(12.) To carry on the business of electricians, mechanical engineers, manufacturers and workers and dealers in electricity, motive power and light, and any business in which the application of electricity or any like power, or any power that can be used as a substitute therefor, is or may be useful, convenient or ornamental, or any other business of like nature, and to produce and accumulate electricity and electric motive power, or other similar agency, and to supply the same for the production, transmission or use of any lighting, heating, motive or other power as may be thought advisable, and to light streets, public places, public or private buildings, foundries, mines, ships, light-houses, railways, tramways, and other places or things, by means of electricity, or to enable the same so to be lighted, and generally to carry on the business of suppliers of light, heat and power, and carriers of passengers and goods:

(13.) To supply compressed air, electricity or electric power, or any other form of developed power, to consumers for any purpose to or for which developed power may be applied or required:

(14.) To acquire, hold, enjoy and exercise, subject to the provisisons of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," all the rights, powers, privileges and priorities by Part 4 or otherwise by said Act conferred upon Power Companies, so far as the Company may deem the same necessary for its purposes or any of them:

(15.) To enter into any arrangements with the Government (Dominion or Provincial) or any authority, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges or concessions and to acquire from any concessionaire any subsidies, charters, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise, comply with, and, if deemed advisable, dispose of any such arrangements, charters, rights, privileges, and concessions:

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

(17.) To acquire, construct, maintain, and use railways, tramways, docks, harbours, powers, wharves, canals, reservoirs, embankments and irrigations, reclamation, improvements, sewage, drainage, sanitary, water, gas, electric light, telephonic, telegraphic, and electrical power supplies, works, warehouses, markets, and all other works which may be conducive to the interests of the Company:

(18.) To acquire by purchase or otherwise, any patents, patent rights, licences, secret processes, properties or businesses in any way connected with the objects of the Company, and to apply for and obtain patents and patent rights either in the United Kingdom or abroad, and to sell or grant licences in respect of any such patents, patent rights and secret processes, and to manufacture and sell, or otherwise dispose of, any of the articles that can be manufactured under any of the patents, patent rights, licences or secret processes which may from time to time belong to the Company. Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights, privileges or property which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business:

(19.) To sell, exchange, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with lands, rights, or other property or effects of the Company, or any part thereof, of any kind or nature whatsoever, or the undertaking of the Company, or any part thereof, either to individual persons or companies, with power to accept shares or debentures in other companies, and (in the case of shares) either wholly or partly paid up, as consideration for the above, and to hold, sell, or otherwise dispose of such debentures and shares as may be deemed most expedient, and to guarantee the repayment thereof or the payment of interest thereon; to promote, or assist in promoting, any company or companies, joint stock companies or societes anonymes, for the purpose of taking over, acquiring or working any property and liabilities of the Company, or for any other purposes which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company, and either in the United Kingdom or abroad; to take, or otherwise acquire and hold, sell or otherwise dispose of shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly to benefit this Company:

(20.) To give to any class or section of the persons having dealings with the Company any rights over or in relation to any fund or funds, or any part thereof, or the right to participate in the profits of the Company, or in the profits of any particular branch or part of its business, or any other special privileges, adyantages or benefits:

(21.) To purchase, or otherwise acquire and undertake, the whole or any part of the business, property, liabilities and undertaking of any person, corporation or company carrying on or entitled to carry on any business which this Company is authorised to carry on, or which can be carried on so as to directly or indirectly benefit this Company, or possessen of property suitable or the purposes of this Company:

(22.) To borrow, raise or secure money (with or without powers of sale or other special conditions) by a charge on or deposit of any part of the Company's property of any kind soever; to draw, make, accept, endorse, issue, execute and discount promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants and other negotiable instruments; and to borrow and raise money on or by bonds or debentures (charged upon all or any part of the Company's property, both present and future, including its uncalled capital), or acceptances, endorsements or promissory notes of the Company, and other negotiable instruments:

(23.) To lend, invest the moneys of the Company not immediately required; and to make advances upon such securities, stocks and shares and other property of all kinds, and in such manner as may from time to time be determined, but in no case by a purchase of the shares of the Company:

(24.) To lend money to any company or persons having dealings with this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to guarantee the performance of any contracts by any such person or company:

(25.) To establish or aid in the establishment, and in the support of any associations for the benebenefit of persons employed by the Company; to obtain any Act of Parliament for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose calculated directly or indirectly to affect the Company's interest:

(26.) To register the Company abroad, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to give the Company, so far ar it may be, the same rights and privileges abroad as are possessed by foreign companies or partnerships of a like character:

(27.) To form, constitute or register abroad any company or societe anonyme, in which the liability of the members shall be limited to the amount of their stocks or shares, and to transfer to or vest in, or to cause to be transferred to or vested in, such companies or company, in trust for or on behalf of the Company, the Company's rights and privileges, and other prroperty and effects, or any part thereof, and to take all steps requisite to render such transfer or vesting valid and effectual:

(28.) To amalgamate with any person or persons, or any company established for objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Company, or otherwise, and for such consideration, either in shares of debentures of another company, or cash, as the Company may think fit; to take or otherwise acquire and hold share sin in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly benefit this Company:

(29.) To distribute the proceeds of the sale of the property of the Company, or any part thereof, among the members, whether the same be paid for wholly or partly in shares, debentures or other securities, or in cash, provided that no distribution, amounting to a reduction of capital, be made without the sanction of the Court, if necessary; to distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie:

(30.) To remunerate any person or company for services rendered, or to be rendered, in placing or assisting to place, or guasanteeing the placing, of any of the shares of the Company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the Company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the Company, or the conduct of its business:

(31.) To do all or any of the above things, either as principal or agent, and either in the United Kingdom or abroad:

(32.) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them. mh22

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the Canadian Industrial Co., Ltd., intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described foreshore lands:

Commencing at a post at the northwest corner of Lot 450, New Westminster District, thence southeasterly along high water mark to the southwest corner post of said lot, and extending westwards to deep water, at right angles to a line drawn between said posts.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
March 28th, 1906.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALEX. McKENZIE.
Dated December 10th, 1905.

LANDS AND WORKS.

COURT HOUSE, VANCOUVER.

Notice to Architects—Competive Designs.

Extension of time.

The time for receiving Competitive Designs for a dew Court House at Vancouver has been extended to the 20th of March next, ensuing, inclusive.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 28th Feb., 1906.

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

W. F TEEZEL,
December 8th, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on Observatory Inlet: Commencing at a post planted at the Northeast corner of Lot 308, Group 1, marked "W. R. F.'s S. W. Cor."; thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west to shore line, and along shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

W. R. FLEWIN.
Staked 3rd March, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate near Maple Bay, on Portland Canal: Commencing at a post marked "N. H. M.'s, N. W. Cor."; thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to the north line of Lot 490, thence west 20 chains, more or less, to shore line of the small bay, north of Maple Point, thence northerly along shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

NORTON H. MORRISON.
Staked March 7th, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

DEWDNEY-HARRISON MAIN ROAD.

Dredging.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed, "Tender for Dredging Road Ditch," will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner up to and including the 31st instant, for dredging a road ditch on the line of the Dewdney-Harrison Main Road, through Sections 25, 26 and 27, Township 9 East of the Coast Meridian, situated in the Maple Ridge Dyking District.

Specifications and forms of tendering and contract may be seen at the offices of the Government Agent, New Westminster; of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, and of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, on and after the 22nd instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by cash or an accepted bank cheque or a certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Chief Commissioner for the sum o- $100, which shall be forfeited if the party tenderf ing declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so.

The cash, cheque or certificate of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a bond, himself and two sureties, satisfactory to the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of $1,000 each for the due fulfilment of the work.

Upon the acceptance of this bond the cash, cheque or certificate of deposit above referred to will be returned to the contractor.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 19th March, 1906. mh22

A Lady's Letter

By BABETTE.

Dear Madge,—

That Victoria at the present time spells "Paradise," there is not a doubt. The air is so delightfully fresh and exhilarating, and the sea is of the deepest, sparkling, sapphire blue; the orchards are filled with budding trees, and a lovely original green covers the shrubs. Then the birds! Their tuneful gossip begins with the early wakening morn, and lingers on with musical intermittence till twilight. The woods are glorious just now, for everywhere the new soft mosses emit a most delicious earth-fragrance. Ah, me! but the life of the woods and fallows steal in witchery over one's senses, with a music that no ball-room dance attains, be the partners never so beguiling ! !

But to the subject of fashions. It is, by the way, a much more interesting one than "SPRING," which should be left to poets and dreamers. Fashions in lingerie were never lovelier than at the present moment. The Empire tendencies are strong, of course, but for those who prefer other styles there is an equally wide field of selection open. The mingling of several different kinds of lace results in a good deal of elaboration, and though not necessarily entailing great cost, it frequently does. Fine Cluny insertions are seen a good deal in comgany with Valenciennes lace and fine hand tuckings. Elaborate motifs and wheels are used on models otherwise adorned with the finest hand embroidery.

Amongst the most quaint of the new shapes ia hats, which bids fair to become extremely popular, is an edition of our old friend, the sailor, trimmed with quantities of ribbon loops and bows in the same color. They are worn tilted over the brow, with a very sttep bandeau trimmed with quantities of ribbon to match. It is noticeable that the new spring shapes are making quicker headway this year than was the case last, owing to the fact, possibly, that the most extreme modes of the moment are not half as trying as the coquettish little "chapeaux" which were the novelties a Jear ago. Certain models in straw are strongly reminiscent of a Mercury helmet, the suggestion being emphasized by the trimming, which usoally takes the form of wings, on either side. A really charming example is in solt moss-green straw, trimmed with two metallic blue wings.

For wearing with corselet skirts, "the powers that be" are evolving blouses trimmed most elaborately about the shoulders, but perfectly plain below, the portion whish is destined to "blush unseen amid the desert air" beneath the corselet aforesaid, being fitted with the nice precision of an actual bodice. The present craze for picture gowns has naturally led to a considerable modification in the style of hair-dressing. A very smart twentieth century transformaiton is hardly in keeping with a Josephine frock, and signs are not wanting that in some quarters there is a tendency to revive the "Madonna" style, with centre parting.

The velvet bracelet is another detail countenanced by the followers of by-gone modes. It is noticeable that the very smart woman, as a rule, eschews such details as these, which the woman with a tendency to be picturesque seizes upon with avidity. These velvet armlets are without any manner of doubt exceedingly becoming to a pretty arm.

Speaking of feminine fads, etc., it has occurred to me to mention a fad that has lately laid seige to the masculine heart. This constitutes the writing of parodies on the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam in connection with a certain "hot" island deal. The following is a verse that I happened to hear the other day—(apologies to all concerned):

"A book of verses, underneath the sky,
"A jar of wine, for me 'Mumm's Extra Dry,
"And thou beside me, on that lonely isle—
"Oh, lonely isle, 'twere Paradise, say I."

(Agreed.—Ed. WEEK.)

No one going into a new house, or on the point of renovating their own, should miss seeing the special spring showing of the Melrose Co.'s new artistic wall coverings. I find this store one of the most fascinating at the present moment, for truly their stencil work affords one most delightful studies in coloring, while each design is an epitome of high, artistic achievement. A visit to this leviathian establishment should on no account be missed by the woman who is at once fastidious, artistic, luxury-loving and economical.

Amid the belongings of those who first sought the shores of this continent, when the Mayflower took her troublous way to America from Defthaven, there were copper kettles, no doubt, carefully packed with within iron pots, which were quite the most necessary articles of household gear which the voyageurs brought with them. The heart of the collector is now possessed with a longing for these old kettles, or their duplicates. In fact, copper ware has become so popular of late that one has but to walk into Challoner & Mitchell's, and there behold dainty tea services, with tea kettles of copper, in most artistic repousse work and enamel, besides smoker sets, fittings for writing tables, etc., etc., that fairly make one bronze with envy.

In the line of pottery, there is no ware that appeals to me more than good old Wedgewood. Here, if you like, is something that is old, for its origin dates back to 1750 or thereabouts. For those who are ignorant (and there are many) of the beauties of this grand old ware, it may be useful to know that Weiler Bros. are displaying the largect and most select stock of Wedgewood ever exhibited in this part of the world. Every woman with soulful yearnings after "art" loves to be in possession of at least one bit of Wedgewood, and no gift could please her more—but enough has been said to point the moral of that pithy tale which says: "When in doubt, buy Wedgewood."

A friend of mine who lives in the most "bijou" of homes, with the smartest of window-boxes and the daintiest of window-curtains, is known to entertain an especial fondness for her hall-door, which changes its color regularly every half-year. Arrived at that portal some days ago, I was doubly overcome by its alabaster whiteness, as well as its brilliant polish, which reflected all visitors as in a mirror, and beguiled the time while the Chinaman was answering one's summons by faithfully reflecting the visitor's minutest detail. When I met my hostess my mouth opened automatically with the inevitable question, but before I could get it out she forestalled me. "I know what you are going to ask," she said. "You're the fifth today, and they have all clamored for the name. Well, it's 'Jap-a-lac,' and there's nothing like it, and Mellor Bros., Ltd., are the sole agents in town."

—"BABETTE."

Special Edition.

NOW that the various cities of British Columbia are taking active steps to bring the attractions of the Province before the people of Eastern Canada and the United States, the publishers of THE WEEK have decided to do all in their power to assist in this excellent work. Having this object in view, a special edition of THE WEEK, to consist of at least 20,000 copies, will be issued in about four weeks' time. This edition will be printed on fine coated paper, and will be profusely illustrated. The reading matter will be prepared by some of the best known public men and writers of the Province, and will set forth its advantages as a place for residence, for investment, and for pleasure. All the composition will be done on the Lanston Monotype Machine, and the whole work will be a fine example of the printer's art. Applications for advertising space should be made at once to THE WEEK office, Empire Block, Vancouver, or Government street, Victoria.

"The Christian."

The Victoria Theatre, Victoria, has been very quiet this week, having only given one performance, but that was a good one. A full house assembled to witness the production of "The Christian," by Hall Caine, as represented by the company at present touring, headed by John Sainpolis and Lilian Lawrence. The former as John Storm, and the latter as Glory Quayle, were excellent, and the other parts were well sustained. A word of praise should be added to the actor who took the part of Mr. Drake.

Next week there are three deli.htful entertainments provided at the same theatre, namely, Primrose Minstrels on Monday evening, "Babes in Toyland" on Wednesday, and "Cousin Kate" on Friday.

VICTORIA SOCIAL

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught left on Thursday for Duncans, after a two days' visit at Government House. The Prince arriving the day before he was expected, a very informal dinner and dance was given on Tuesday evening of young people, the State dinner taking place on Wednesday. Sir Henri was assisted in the entertainment of his Royal Highness by Mrs. Nanton and Mr. Muskett.

The lovely rooms were most beautifully decorated, the flowers being principally white lilies, daffodils and the beautiful wild lilies of British Columbia, which were very much admired by his Royal Highness. The dinner tables were arranged nearly the full length of the spacious dining room, with cross tables at top and bottom, and were most artistically decorated with wild lilies, daffodils and ferns, with which were intertwined ferns and yellow-shaded candles.

Signor Claudia's orchestra was in attendance, and furnished a splendid programme as follows :

March .....Festival .....Mendelssohn
Selection .... Woodland ..Gustav Lander
Waltz .....Amorosa ....C. Chrisman
Intermezzo .. Spoon Time..A. von Tilzer
Selection .....Faust .....Gounod
Serenade .....Moonlight ....Neil Moret
Selection ...Prince of Pilsen ...G. Luders
Waltz .....Loveland ....A. Holzmann
Intermezzo .. Cavelleria Rusticana
.....P. Mascagni....
Gavotte .....Dainty Dames ..Ch. Blake
Selection ..... Gondoliers .....Sullivan
Waltzes .....Rose Dreams ....L. Albert
March .....Hands Across the Sea..Sousa
Serenade .. Sunbeams and Shadows
.....R. Kleiser
March ..... Jolly Corks....Lee Grabbe
God Save the King.

The Governor was assisted by Mrs. Nanton, who was handsomely gowned in black and white.

Those present were : The Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, Captain and Mrs. R. G. Tatlow, Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mr. Marpole and Mrs. Marpole in a very handsome gown of white silk Hon. Mr. McBride and Mrs. McBride in a striking gown of black, Hon. Mr. Pooley and Miss Pooley in white lace, Senator Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald in black with white lace, Miss Macdonald, Colonel English, Major Bland, Mrs. Templeman, His Lordship Bishop Orth, Mrs. Pemberton, in a lovely black gown relieved with exquisite white lace, Commander Hunt, Mrs. Soames, His Worship Mayor Morley, Mrs. Langworthy in white, Mr.J. C. Pope. Mrs. Croft in a lovely dress of ivory satin, Mr. W. R. Baker, Miss Bryden looked very well in a dainty frock of white, Captain Trotter, Miss Crease, Captain and Miss Drake, Colonel Davidson, Colonel and Mrs. Hall, Chief Justice Hunter and Mrs. Hunter, in white, ColonelPrior and Mrs. Prior in black, Hon. A. E. Smith, Miss Keefer in white, Lord Redsdale, Mrs. Roper, in a very handsome lace Empire gown, General Kelly-Kenny, Mrs. Parry in blue, Mr. Muskett, Capt. Wyndham.

After dinner, at the special request of the Prince, the party adjourned to the ball-room, and dancing was indulged in for several hours.

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Mrs. Calthorpe arrived from England on Thursday, and is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Craydaroc.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Griffiths have left their house in Coutts street, and will spend some months at Burdette House.

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Mrs. George Shaw and family have moved from their home in James Bay and taken a cottage at Oak Bay for thesummer.

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Judge Lampman visited Vancouver this week.

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On Tuesday Mrs. Hamfield entertained at the tea hour in honor of her guest, Mrs. Snyder, of White Horse.

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Mr. Holt left on Monday for Fernie, to take charge of the branch of the Bank of Commerce there. Mrs. Holt and family will follow in May.

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Mrs. Bullen returned this week from a trip to the northern part of the Province. She was accompanied by her son and Mr. Harry Bullen.

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Mr. A. G. Thynne, of Vancouver, spent a few days in Victoria this week.

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Mrs. Scharsmidt and son left on Wednesday for White Horse, to join Dr. Scharsmidt, who left last week.

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Mrs. Snyder (wife of Major Snyder, of the Northwest Mounted Police) left on Wednesday for her home in White Horse.

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Mzs. W. L. Challoner has returned from a trip to her home in Ontario after an absence of four months.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Greer, of Vancouver, were guests at the Oak Bay Hotel this week.

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Mrs. George Roe, of Comox, is visiting friends here for a few weeks.

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Miss B. Wake left last week for England on a visit to relatives and friends.

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Mrs. Willemar, of Cumberland, is visiting Miss Carr. She came down to bring her youngest son to the hospital.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Regarding Insurance.

Editor WEEK :

Sir,—Can you tell me what is the position of the person who may apply to an insurance company for life insurance ? I am told that there is a secret bureau in which the names of all persons refused by any company are listed, and that some American companies employ agents to search out the character of those who apply to them for insurance, and that any information—false or otherwise—gleaned is also filed in this bureau, which is open to all the companies.

It seems to me that if this is so, the man who applies for life assurance may be put in a very foolish position by having an unfair and biassed report given against him and being stultified in the insurance world, without means of righting himself.

I think it is in the public interest that a matter of this kind should be enquired into. Can you give your readers any information on this aspect of the insurance qnestion ?

—ENQUIRER.

(The above letter came to hand just as THE WEEK was going to press. Probably some of the local companies will like to reply ; if not, the matter will be dealt with in our next issue.—Ed. WEEK.)

Bank of British North America.

We have carefully perused the extensive advertisement of this bank in The Victoria Colonist and Victoria Times. A witty judge on the English bench once said that an affidavit was an atom of fact carefully wrapped up in a mountain of fiction. Without applying this sarcastic witticism to the Bank of B. N. A.'s report, we have endeavored to throw aside all the extraneous wrappings, in the shape of a long screed dealing with the progress of Canada as a whole, and have managed to get at the central fact, which is that, in spite of the material increase in Canada's prosperity, from their own report the bank has made $14,600 less profits than in 1904, the figurs being for 1905, $452,600 ; for 1904, $467,200. The reason given by the chairman for this poor showing was that several large accounts which were borrowers had disappeared. It is only necessary for the directors to continue the disappearance of accounts that are borrowers for a few years longer, and the profits of this bank will disappear also.

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