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Standing of The Parties.

Composition of the Last Parliament Presages Liberal Victory.

The man in the street no doubt wants to know something of the standing of the parties and the probable result of the general election.

Of the four seats now vacant by reason of the death of the former member, three—St. Hyacinthe, Que., Prescott, Ontario, and Selkirk, Man.—were held by Liberals. The fourth, Sherbrooke, Que., was represented by a Conservative. Those classed as Independents are Hon. J. I. Tarte, St. Mary's, Montreal; Jabel Robinson, West Elgin, Ont.; A. W. Puttee, Winnipeg, and Ralph Smith, Vancouver. Of these Hon. Mr. Tarte may be classed a supporter of the Government, except upon the question of extreme protection, and Messrs. Puttee and Smith were elected as Labor Liberals and have given the Government a general support, which is justified by its advanced labor legislation. Mr. Jabel Robinson, elected as an Independent, has given his support to the Opposition as a rule, and may, if re-elected, be expected upon a vote of want of confidence to vote against the Government.

The first party division of the late Parliament was taken on April 24, 1901, when the parties lined up as follows: Government 132, Opposition 79. West Durham was unrepresented and Hon. Mr. Prefontaine represented two seats, Maisonneuve and Terrebonne. The House was then composed of 213 members, the Yukon, having since been given a representative. At the last general election the Government had 37 supporters elected in Ontatrio, 58 in Quebec, 15 in Nova Scotia, 9 in New Brunswick, 3 in Prince Edward Island, 3 in Manitoba, 3 in British Columbia and 4 in the Territories.

In the new House, as a result of the redistribution of seats following upon the census, Ontario will have 86 seats instead of 92, Nova Scotia 18 instead of 20, New Brunswick 13 instead of 14, and Prince Edward Island 4 instead of 5. The ten seats so obtained go to the West. Manitoba gets 10 instead of 7, the Territories 10 instead of 4, and British Columbia 7 instead of 6.

The composition of the House of Commons when it was dissolved was:

	Liberal.	Cons.	Independ't.	Vacant.
Ontario	37	53	1	1
Quebec	55	7	1	2
Nova Scotia	15	5	..	..
New Brunswick	8	6	..	..
Prince Edward Island	3	2	..	..
Manitoba	2	3	1	1
Northwest Territories	4	..	..	..
British Columbia	4	1	1	..
Yukon	1	..	..	..
	129	77	4	4

Random Reflections

AND still the autumn leaves are doing rather more falling than is Port Arthur.

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MR. JOSEPH MARTIN will go to Ottawa shortly, but without the excess baggage of M.P.

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THERE was a Love match at New Westminster this week. The bride's name was Johnston.

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THE Czar is enjoying a hunting trip this week. The Czar's role most of the year is that of the rabbit.

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THERE are none who know so much about vice in politics as those who are in the squeeze.

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THE sportsmen are having a regular bang-up time in the pheasant-flecked fields.

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IT IS Curley not Carley of Nelson that is matched to fight Burrows of Fernie.

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THE Japanese have taken two more passes. Theatrical managers will give them a wide berth in future.

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JACK CARR, the Alaskan mail carrier, arrived from the Yukon this week, but without any second edition of his famous dove of peace.

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THOSE hatcheries which are to be immediately erected in the North will doubtless hatch a few votes for Mr. William Sloan.

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SINCE Vancouver has decided that it wants a distillery, the milk vendors have prudently jumped the price of milk up a few rounds.

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GREENWOOD people are thorough sports. They blew in one furnace last week and had a hot time generally.

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BOTH Sir Charles and Sir Hibbert have taken the trouble to announce that they are "out of politics." The people of Canada seem to have reached the same conclusion a few laps ahead of the distinguished gentlemen.

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THE carefully timed attacks upon the government of the Yukon by alleged Liberals would appear more bona fide if it were not the Conservative press of the outside to which the malcontents have fled with their campaign ammunition tale of woe.

RUSSIA'S strenuous demands that the sanctity of Mukden must be respected would suggest that Kuropat. has his eyes upon it as a city of refuge.

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AT SKAGWAY a 10-years-old boy was fined $7 and costs for shooting at a playmate with a Winchester. Evidently they have their troubles with the out-of-season sportsmen at Skagway too.

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THE Czar thoughtfully reviewed the Russian Eighth Army Corps before it left for the front. He wasn't quite sure that he would have another opportunity.

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VERNON'S new jail has now been transformed into an insane asylum with accommodation for 50 patients exclusive of the government which wasted the public money in building it.

THE affinity between Mr. Joseph Martin and Hon. Col. Prior seems to rest upon a mutual inability to detect the certain evidences of a political demise.

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WONDER if Hon. Captain Tatlow's trip to England wasn't hastened just a little through natural reluctance to the role of burnt offering on the party altar?

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NOW that the newspaper harvest of fall fair prize lists is almost garnered, the men on the nonp. machines are able to sit up and take a little nourishment.

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ACCORDING to the Colonist, the interested ratepayers approve the determination of the Council to cut their water rates in two. Surely this is passing strange!

Victoria Names Candidates.

Geo. Riley and Hon. E. G Prior The Nominees For The Commons.

Both the Liberal and Conservative parties held their conventions in this city last evening, the attendance at the Conservative gathering in the A. O. U. W. Hall being about normal, while that at the Liberal meeting in the Philharmonic surpassed all local records. The interest in politics betokened by such representative assemblages augurs well for a vigorous and a most interesting and useful campaign. The gentlemen who are nominated may be counted upon to put up a very energetic campaign, and much interest will be taken in the trial of strength between them. It will be recalled that at the last general election the vote between the two parties was very evenly balanced in the city; at the bye-election Mr. Riley had over 400 majority over Mr. F. S. Barnard. Mr. Riley entered the present aempaign with all the prestige of one who is supporting a government that in all human probability will be continued in power for another term. Hon Col. Prior has the prestige of having never been defeated, but unhappily for himself he has some deadly sins in local politics to answer for which must prove a very serious handicap.

There is little prospect that the personal element will enter very largely into the campaign—the public record of the two candidates and the contrasting policies of the two parties forming abundant material for profitable discussion. It should be nevertheless a very spirited contest, for the questions at issue are of vital character. There is not the least doubt but that the Liberal party is fully united, and the Conservatives also will in all probability present an unbroken front. As a general proposition, little stock need be taken in stories of party dissention. In the face of the enemy the ranks close up, although they be a little open in the piping times of political peace.

Mr. Joshua Kingham as president of the Victoria Liberal Association presided at the great convention of the supporters of Sir Wilfred Laurier, his party, his policy, and his representative (whomever might be chosen) in Victoria. The enthusiastic strength of Victoria Liberalism was shown in the presence of upwards of 600 voting party men, by far the largest convention representation that British Columbia's capital has ever yet known. The chieftains of the party were also present in force—Senator Templeman, Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P, Mr. John Oliver, M.P.P., et al.

Little time was lost in getting down to business, the adoption of the platform being moved by Mr. C. H. Lugrin in a neat speech and carried with cheers.

Three rival claimants for the honor of bearing the party standard were then placed in nomination—Mr. Riley, Mr. Charles H. Lugrin and Dr. Lewis Hall. Mr. Riley's nominators were Col. F. B. Gregory and Mr. John Piercy; Mr. Lugrin's Mr. H. L. Salmon and Mr. W. K. Houston.

The business of voting resulted in victory for Mr. Riley who polled 383 of the convention ballots, Mr. Lugrin 147, and Dr. Hall 80.

The nomination was made unanimous, and vigorous speeches brought the convention proceedings to a close.

It was Mr. Wm. Mable who presided at the Conservative muster of the clans, there being about 300 in attendance. Here too the disposition to get to business was manifest.

His Worship Mayor Barnard did not present himself as a candidate, despite the pleadings of his friends, and the convention selection was therefore resolved into a choice between Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior and Ald. J. L. Beckwith, the former proposed by Mr. George Jay and the latter by Mr. Forman.

Honors were easy for the Colonel.

STANDARD BEARERS IN WEST

Nominees of the Rival Parties for Representation of British Columbia Federal Constituencies

The following are the candidates already in nomination for seats in the Canadian House of Commons for British Columbia constituencies, all of which constituencies it is expected will be contested with the possible exception of Comox-Atlin in which Mr. Sloan appears to have so much of a certainty that it would seemingly be suicidal for either Conservative or Socialist to take the field against him. The Socialistic party will probably induce Mr. Hawthornthwaite to retire from provincial politics to contest Nanaimo in its interest—although he would certainly be ill-advised to do so—and there will also in all likelihood be Socialistic nominees in New Westminster, Yale-Cariboo, and Kootenay. It still is understood that Mr. Clive Phillipps-Wolley will be the Conservative choice in Nanaimo. In New Westminster, in consequence of Mr. Aulay Morrison's acceptance of a judgeship, the Liberal nomination has been passed to Mr. J. B. Kennedy. The candidates already in the field are as hereunder:

	Liberal.	Conservative.	Socialist.
Comox-Atlin	W. Sloan		
Nanaimo	Ralph Smith		J. Pritchard (Ind.)
Victoria	Geo. Riley.	Hon. E. G. Prior.	J. C. Watters.
Vancouver	R. G. Macpherson	R. B. Ellis.	J. T. Mortimer.
Kootenay	W. H. Galliher	C. H. Mackintosh.	E. Mills.
Yale-Cariboo	Duncan Ross	M. Burrill.	
New Westminster	J. B. Kennedy.	J. D. Taylor.	

B. C. Game For Home People

Last week a brief comment appeared in this column with respect to the constitutional non-enforcement of that portion of the game law which prescribes the payment by non-residents of a gun license fee of $50, when—owing to the exhaustion of the game in their own countries—they come here to assist in clearing British Columbia of its graceful deer and timid birds. The imposition of such a license is reasonable in the extreme. It is justified by precedent everywhere. It is not to be found fault with by any good sportsmen, be they resident or foreign. Indeed the sportsman from the Eastern provinces, from England, or from the United States would think us sadly failing in common-sense appreciation of the rights and interests of our own people were such a license not provided for in the statutes, although indeed there are numerous states and countries in which the shooting is so much more closely preserved that non-residents may not participate in it at all.

The disposition to excuse the man who has money from the observance of good, patriotic law is, however, widespread among toadying papers and personages, and hence one was scarcely surprised to find in the "Colonist" one day this week an item of protest elicited because the authorities had been induced to apply the law and collect the fee prescribed from two visitors from the other side, who had been shooting over British Columbia ground. The item in question was headed "Somewhat Hard," and left no doubt as to the view of the newspaper supposed to represent the government of British Columbia in this capital city, to wit., that it is the duty of the law officers to shut the eyes to infractions of the law, however flagrant, if so be the offenders are "gentlemen of importance"; and that it is shameful in the extreme for common citizens to insist that the law shall be applied.

The entire tenor of the item in question was such as to make the blood of democratic Canadians at least simmer a little, so obvious was the inference that the game of our new country should be preserved (if at all) for the "superior classes," the interests of the everyday workingman being as nothing.

There is altogether too much of this sort of thing in consideration of the subject in question. This paper for one doesn't believe in it. A man of wealth has no more right to enjoy the pleasures of the hunt in this new country than the knight of the tin dinner pail, whose holidays are few and far between—and who as a rule is a closer observer of the game law because he understands and appreciates its spirit, than the kid-gloved hunter. The time has not yet come here, fortunately, for game preserves and beaters, which make of true hill and forest sport a farce and caricature. Neither has the time come for the laws of this province to discriminate between the poor man of our own land and the moneyed visitor from the other side to the disadvantage of the former.

The position taken by Victoria's morning paper that there are grouse enough and to spare for visitors is not borne out in the slightest by the facts, attested by all sportsmen who go into the hills and fields themselves, and by all organizations of sportsmen. It is, like the Colonist's assurance of multitudes of grouse everywhere just after the season opened, a desk-writer's dream. Nor could there be any strengthening of the Colonist's argument admitted in the circumstance that the visiting shooters had paid for their shooting over certain private farm property. This single circumstance indicates that they were in a position to comply with the law in the matter of gun license fee. In their home state no British Columbian would be permitted to enjoy the shooting without paying the price. Now that the game is very much thinned out in the adjacent states, it would be short-sighted policy indeed for British Columbia to open its doors to the "sportsmen" of Washington or Oregon, inviting them to come here and assist in the extermination of our game. The lesson of their experience in these states is all the other way. And if favors are to be shown to any foreigners, it is the opinion of "Progress" that they should be to the men of the hills—the hunters, the prospectors, the timber cruisers of the neighbor states who play their part in the exploration and development of the country, rather than the aristocrat who can afford to pay for his sport.

Not that "Progress" would view with satisfaction any increased latitude to non-residents of any class. A gun license should be prescribed for everyone save and except farmers and settlers on their own land; and the fee for a non-resident's gun license should naturally be much higher than that required of a resident. None of the true sportsmen who may be drawn hither by tourist association effort will cavil at its payment.

Apropos of the "Colonist's" protest against the enforcement of a good statute law, the following letter bearing the signature of Mr. O. C. Bass, appeared in the morning journal. "Progress" reproduces it because it shares the views expressed in the communication:

"Permit me to enter a respectful protest to the tone of your news item on page five of yesterday's 'Colonist,' headed, 'Somewhat Hard,' and to say that if the facts of the matter had been inquired into by the writer, or the principle involved had been given due consideration, the item would not have appeared. It is the general feeling that the persons concerned were treated somewhat too leniently, rather than 'somewhat hard.' Instead of being 'invited over for a day's sport,' they deliberately rented the shooting over the farm in question, and if they were so well acquainted here as to be members of some local clubs, it stands to reason that they knew the law as to non-residents in the matter of hunting in British Columbia. Furthermore, they came over for pheasant shooting, which is strictly prohibited in their own state, and they shot more than 'a few grouse.'

"Now, the common idea of the clause in the Game Act imposing a license on non-residents is to preserve to British Columbians the game of the province, and it is not aimed at the market hunters of the neighboring states any more than it is at any person living elsewhere outside the province. Instead of it being 'the comment of local sportsmen that it is outrageous' that these 'visitors' should have been compelled to comply with the law, the comments which have reached me are to the opposite effect. If a British Columbian showed his nose over the boundaries of the state of Washington to even smell at a grouse under the Stars and Stripes, he would be pounced upon and treated as harshly as a perfectly enforced and strict game law will allow. There is no fault to be found with that; on the contrary, if we would only follow the example of the state of Washington in this respect, it would be much better for us. Dozens of men come over here from the other side (where they must carry a gun license and submit to numerous proper restrictions, which your reporter calls 'outrageous' on this side), and shoot our grouse, pheasants and deer with hired and borrowed guns.

"It is rapidly approaching that stage in British Columbia when the game is close to extermination in places accessible to residents of limited means and leisure, and it is therefore all the more regretable (now that the public are, as shown by such preventive steps as that under consideration, awakening to a sense of the loss which the extinction of the game will be) that enforcement of the provisions of a very reasonable and even liberal game law should be considered 'outrageous.' No doubt it was expensive for these so-called invited guests to be compelled to pay a hunting license to the province, as well as a private hunting rent, but no one to whom I have spoken has confirmed the opinion of your reporter that there was any outrage committed. On the contrary."

The only trouble with Mr. Bass' letter, in the opinion of a majority of sportsmen, would seem to be that he has kept himself too well in check, and has not said something as to the quantity and very mixed character of the bag made up by the martyrs of the Colonist item on that rented Metchosin farm. Perhaps the morning paper will tell its readers something under this heading?

It has been left to that hardy mountingeer, Mr. S. Perry Mills, K. C., to, half-facetiously, accept the brief for the defence in the matter of the persecuted non-residents. His best point is contained in the following paragraph:

"The fact is that many of the so-called sportsmen, on the first few days of the season, slaughter the birds and then sell them. This is one of the causes of the so-called rapid extermination. What think you of one gun killing from 75 to 100 birds in a day. and then the same fellow making a fuss about a visitor who is financially interested in the province killing a few grouse or pheasants without first having paid a $50 license, solely because he was not domiciled here?"

Mr. Mills is right in line with the fact when he points to the market hunter as the personage chiefly responsible for game extermination. That is what "Progress" has been urging ever since this paper had an existence. It is pleased to have another supporter in Mr. Mills, whose devotion to the cause of sport in stream or hill or field is appreciated at its true value by all veteran knights of rod or gun.

Margaret Anglin has returned from Europe and is preparing for her starring tour in "The Eternal Feminine."

Very False Economy

Illustrated in Temporary Character of Repairs to Victoria-Nanaimo Trunk Road

On two or three former occasions, "Progress" has been constrained to direct attention publicly to the condition of the trunk road leading from this city to Nanaimo —more particularly that portion of His Majesty's highway in question lying between the city of Victoria and Shawnigan Lake.

First of all, attention was directed to the unforgiveable apathy of the provincial government in the matter of the Deer Creek bridge, Deer Creek being about one mile this side of Sooke Lake, and the bridge spanning the ravine at that point having been built in 1884 and never since renewed. It was condemned by Mr. Healey, then in charge of the government road work in that section, several years ago, the only immediate action taken upon this report being that notices were supplied by the Public Works Engineer, Mr. Gamble, to adorn trees at the approaches, warning the travelling public that to cross the structure with anything in the nature of the heavy load frequently acquired by settlers paying an infrequent visit to town, or even by hunting or fishing patries out for a few days' sport, was a matter of hazard. The intention was of course to evade public responsibility for anticipated accidents arising through governmental shutting of the eyes to obvious duties and responsibilities.

More recently, at the time forest fires raged all through the district in question, it was pointed out by this paper that undue time had elapsed in the restoration of bridges burned out, as well as in the rebuilding of the bridge at Deer Creek.

And even yet more recently—when three days after the publication last alluded to, evidence was presented of governmental intention to act, due credit and acknowledgment was cordially extended.

That was at the initiation of the much needed repair work, when it was taken for granted that the government contemplated such action as would ensure the safety of travellers and equipages.

Compliments must, however, be qualified in the light of subsequent events, for the restoration of the bridges and the work of the road gang generally appears to be of quite the most unworkmanlike, makeshift, and temporary kind possible. Deer Creek bridge has not yet been taken in hand, but if one is to judge, from things accomplished, of what the new bridge is to be—well, heaven help travellers! Politics seemingly enter largely into the method of the Lands and Works Department. Disregarding the presence in the district of men of experience in all details of road work and thorough familiarity with the local conditions, Otter Point has been drawn upon for the practical head of affairs, and "hurry up and get to Deer Creek" has been the watchword of the district chieftain.

Result: The re-built bridges of the slapped together sort, neither anything of grace or substantiality. At Whiskey Swamp there is "passed" as not needing further repair a dilapidated old structure that has long outlived safety, and the timbers in which one can stick has fingers into, as into a batch of dough. A couple of stringers underneath, and plenty of ornamental handrails—and it is officially "O. K." Broken culverts that were a menace to traffic are "repaired" by the tossing into the yawning holes of a few loose rocks.

And other things are in proportion.

The case would seem to be that the district superintendent of road work had had read to him a homily on the urgent necessity of rigid economy, and had then been told to do several thousand dollars' worth of imperative repairs for as many hundreds.

Of course he cannot do it, but presumably he has done the best he could in the literal execution of instructions.

"Progress" does not blame him, but rather the false idea of the meaning of economy that is illustrated, and the apathy of the representative of the district in the legislature in attending to the rights and interests of his constituency. The damage wrought by forest fires cannot be anticipated in estimates, and it is ridiculous to pin down imperative public works, necessitated by visitations of providence, to estimates based on general wear and tear with the passage of years.

Traffic over the main road connecting Victoria and Nanaimo, and traversing as glorious a section of country as one would care to see, has been growing steadily of late years. It would naturally obtain yet larger volume if the road were properly attended to; and settlement would follow in the path of casual travel.

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The Week in Society

The opening assembly of the season under the auspices of Mesdames Dickenson and Simpson Thursday evening proved as anticipated by those fortunate enough to be present, delightfully successful in every particular. The condition of the floor showed marked improvement and the music was voted perfection in rythmic quality by the merry dancers, the latest two-step, "A Bit o' Blarney," —introduced for the first time in this city—being enthusiastically encored. The excellence of the supper was further subject of approving comment and the general arrangements left little if anything to be desired by the guests of the occasion. Among those present were Mrs. and the Misses Fawcett, Mr. J. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Miss Ethel Green, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall, Mr. and Miss Hardie, Miss Walker, Miss D. Sehl, Mr. Rochfort, Mr. A. Belyea, Mr. Arnold Raymur, Miss Horth, Mr. Sweeny, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Smith, Mr. Percy Smith, Mrs. and Miss Aaronson, Mrs. and Miss McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mr. W. York, Mr. Gibson, the Misses Milne, Mrs. Phillip Smith and the Misses Smith, Mrs. and Miss Hastings, Mr. and Miss Dougal, Mr. and Miss Sullivan, Mrs. W. and the Misses Jackson, Mr. Alex. Moss, Mrs. E. McQuade, Mr. E. McQuade, Mrs. Dixon and the Misses Andrews, Mr. and Miss George, Mr. and Miss Leiser, Miss Adam, Mr. Cudlife, Miss Tagg, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Miss J. McKay, Messrs. and the Misses O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Dickenson, the Misses E. and N. Anderson, Mr. Fred White, Mr. Frank White, Mrs. James Douglas, Miss D. Williams, Mr. J. Cambie, Mr. Mills, Mrs. and the Misses Futcher, Mr. H. Redfern, the Misses M. and G. Atkinson, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Sydney Child, Mr. A. King, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. Rathom, Mr. and Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. and the Misses Roberts, Mr. H. Lawson, Mr. Strachan, Mrs. and the Misses Brownlee, Miss A. Carr, the Misses M. and E. Nicholles, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McConnell, Mr. Daryl Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. and Miss Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason, Mr. L. Sweeny, Miss Bessie Heaney, Miss McDonald, Mr. Harry Nesbitt, Mr. Charles McKilligan, Mr. Finch, Miss C. Fawcett, Miss Zella Carter, the Misses Cameron, Mrs. and Miss Leigh, Mrs. and the Misses Sargison, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Sehl and many others.

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His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia solemnized at 3:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon in Christ church cathedral the marriage of Mr. Harry Randall Burroughes of Birmingham Hall, Norfolk, England, and Emily, fifth daughter of Mrs. Dunsmuir of Craigdarroch and relict of the late Mr. N. P. Snowdon of this city. Mr. John Bryden gave the bride away, and Lieut. West, R. N., of the flagship Grafton supported the principals at the altar, the ceremony being of the simplest character and only the most intimate friends of the contracting parties being present. After the church ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Burroughes received the congratulations of their especial friends at Craigdarroch, afterwards taking the Princess Victoria for the mainland, en route to England and the Continent where the ensuing year will be spent in travel. It is expected that they will return to Victoria next autumn, although their plans for the future are as yet somewhat indefinite.

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A pretty church wedding was that celebrated at the Metropolitan this week by the pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, uniting the fortunes of Mr. Michael P. Morton of Nanaimo and Miss Mona J. Telsson of this city. The bride, who was gowned in white organdie over silk, with veil of tulle and crown of the traditional and emblematic orange blossoms, was supported by Miss Clara Janes, while Mr. R. E. Bennett of Nanaimo attended his friend the groom. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. J. H. Smith, at whose home on Foul Bay road a reception was subsequently held. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and carnations. The bridesmaid was attired in white organdie over lace, and carried roses. The present from the groom was a handsome gold jewelled locket. The church was very prettily decorated by the Epworth League, in which the bride was a very energetic worker. The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome presents, a partial list of which follows: Mr. and Mrs. T. W .Baker, brass clock; Mrs. J. W. Haskins, pair china figures; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Knott, salt and pepper cruet; W. Renner and J. Taylor, silver and china cream and sugar set; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCallum, one dozen silver forks; Mr. Geo. Grimmason, pickle cruet; Mr. J. A. Scott, glass set; Mrs. J. C. Dodd, netted doyley and silk drape; Mr. J. C. Dodd, pair vases; Mr. and Mrs. Cashmore, picture; Mr. O. C. Stevens, Nanaimo, dining table; Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Nanaimo, silver teaspoons; Miss Sophie Garnett, Nanaimo, cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Nanaimo, toilet set; Miss Forsyth, Chatham, Ont., chair tidy; Mr. and Mrs. Debald, drawn work sideboard scarf; Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee, Nanaimo, Battenberg scarf; Miss Kate O'Rafferty, embroidered centrepiece; Miss Laura Jones, water set; Mrs. Wardell, coral ornament; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver, set carvers; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shade, silver card receiver; Mrs. P. W. Smith, quarter oak parlor chair; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charlton, cushion; Mr. and Mrs. M. Cameron, dessert spoons and table napkins; Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Knott, sugar shell; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, table doyleys; Mrs. J. J. Walsh, sugar shell; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Whittington, six tea knives; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scovell, water set; Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, silver butter knife; Master Jackie Smith, rolling pin; Mrs. Jessop, butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Christopher, 5 o'clock china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Foxall, china vase; Miss Annie McLachlan, embroidered table centre run; Miss Annie McDonald, china salad bowl; Miss H. Peterson, brass afternoon tea kettle and stand; Mr. H. A. Beicher, berry set; Miss Clara Jones, china berry set; Mr. and Mrs. Yeo, souvenir spoon; Mr. E. B. Jones, cheese dish; Miss Ada Cox, pickle cruet; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jones, china salad bowl; Mr. Wm. Mallender, silver and oak butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winn, ornamental figures; Royal True Blue Lodge, silver and oak biscuit jar; Mrs. Oliver, pair vases; Mr. Wm. Ritchie, pair beaten copper vases; Miss E. Jones, six china plates; Mrs. G. W. Dean, china vase; Mr. R. F. Smith, book of poems; Mr. R. A. Ritchie, carved table; Mr. and Mrs. Montieth and family, pair framed oil paintings; Mr. and Mrs. Stacy, dinner set.

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Under the artistic touch of Mrs. Lester, A.O.U.W. hall has been transformed into a veritable fairyland, handsome cozy corners adorned with Oriental drapes, bright carpets, palms, pictures, flowers and in truth everything to make the hall attractive and dainty. A most successful opening party was given to the members and friends of the juvenile class on Saturday, October 1, one hundred children, besides many of the older dancing people taking part, and on Monday, October 3, the adult advanced classes were given a dance, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Many compliments were paid Mrs. Lester upon the handsome appearance of the hall. A good floor, excellent music supplied by Mrs. Heater and Mr. Fawcett and a happy crowd of young fellows tended to make the evening one to be remembered and a repetition hoped for.

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Among those who witnessed the production of "San Toy" Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Rhodes, Miss Prior, Hon. Mr. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Raymur and Miss Moore, Mr. A. J. Bechtel and Miss Bechtel, Mr. Frederick S. Hussey, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Spratt, Mr. Scholefield, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Fagan, and many others.

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It is understood that Mr. J. Gordon Smith, of the Colonist staff, who has been representing the London Post at Tokyo while awaiting opportunity to go to the front, is a passenger homeward by the Empress, due next Tuesday. The news will occasion some little surprise among his many friends, who will be none the less pleased to greet him, as when last reported Mr. Smith was among the unleashed correspondents hurrying to Port Arthur or Liao-yang.

The marriage was solemnized at Christ church cathedral on Tuesday evening of Mr. Arthur J. Bird, late of London, Eng., and Miss Isabella Jessie Frith, of this city, Rev. W. Baugh Allan officiating and Mr. R. A. Ritchie and Miss Lillian Sherk supporting bride and groom at the altar. After the church ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, 82 Pandora avenue, many friends attending to extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Bird are at home to their friends at 40 John street, Rock Bay.

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Mr. Charles King of Otter Point returned this week from a flying visit to Vancouver, bringing with him a bride. The lady in question was Miss Jane Camp, who has just arrived from England to join her fiance in the western world. Mr. King met her at the Terminal City, and Rev. R. Newton Powell joined their hands and fortunes at the residence of the bride's brother, 514 Heatley avenue. Mr. and Mrs. King are already established in their new home at Otter Point.

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Invitations have reached Victoria friends for the marriage of Miss Eleanora Isabelle McMillan, daughter of Lieutenant-Governor Sir D. and Lady McMillan of Maniotba, to Col. T. D. B. Evans, C.B., the ceremony being fixed for Wednesday, the 19th instant, at Knox church, Winnipeg. A reception at Government House will follow the church wedding.

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The annual sports at the Barracks yesterday attracted a numerous and fashionable concourse of city visitors who greatly enjoyed the athletic features of the day and were most hospitably entertained by Col. English and his officers.

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Mr. H. G., Mr. G. D. and Mr. J. Halley and Miss J. Brown, who have been spending several months on Salt Spring Island, have returned therefrom and will shortly proceed to England, delighted with their experiences of British Columbia.

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Rt. Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Cridge were honored guests at the wedding last week of Miss Beckie, third daughter of Mrs. William Johnson of New Westminster, and Mr. William Love of Toronto.

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Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick, accompanied by Mrs. Tweedie, Miss Loundonn, Miss Margaret Loudonn, Mr. F. M., Mr. J. L. and Mr. A. H. Tweedie, were visitors in Victoria this week.

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The wedding of Miss Prior and Hon. F. G. Hood, which was to have taken place this afternoon (Saturday, the 8th,) has been postponed until October 20 (Thursday), at 3 o'clock.

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Miss Jessie Wooley of Vancouver is spending the month with Victoria friends, the guest of Mrs. Howell of Elford street.

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Tuesday evening, Cotillon club.
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Thursday, Social Night, 8.30 to 11 p.m.
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The Week in Society

Continued from page 5.

His Grace Archbishop Orth has left for Three Rivers, Quebec, to attend an important church conference. During his absence from the city Very Rev. Father Nicolaye, who has recently returned from the West Coast, is acting as administrator of the diocese.

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Mr. G. G. Meldram and Mr. H. J. Maloney on Wednesday evening last celebrated the third anniversary of the establishment of their business partnership by dining a few friends at the New England.

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Miss Louisa Smith has left for a six months' visit with a sister in Ireland, Mrs. William Waldron of Sunny Hill, Kilcullen. It is expected that Miss Smith will also make a short stay with friends in Boston.

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Mr. D. W. Higgins is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Corsan of Vancouver. He intends devoting himself to the writing of a novel the scenes and characters of which will be drawn from the life in British Columbia.

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The ladies of Colfax Rebekah degree lodge announce a social dance for Tuesday evening next, the proceeds being for a room in the Strathcona ward at the Jubilee hospital.

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Society is looking forward to another notable wedding in December, when the marriage of Mr. Joseph Pemberton and Miss Yoder Baiss is to be solemnized.

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Major and Mrs. Greesback have returned from a three-weeks' visit with Major and Mrs. E. A. Snyder of Whitehorse.

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Mrs. H. M. Delmas, wife of one of the foremost attorneys of California, is visiting Victoria.

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Mr. Russell M. Burns of the Railway Mail Service of Canada, spent a flying holiday here this week.

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Former Premier Chas. A. Semlin has returned to Cache Creek.

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Mr. F. H. Godfrey and his bride, from Vancouver, are spending here their first days of wedded bliss.

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Dr. Clayton returns to Nelson this morning.

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Lieut.-Col. Charles A. Smart of the Thirteenth Scottish Light Dragoons, Montreal, spent the week in Victoria.

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Mayor Barnard and Mr. H. B. Thomson officially represented Victoria at the New Westminster exhibition.

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Miss Hester Greenshields of Montreal is spending a month with friends on Oswego street.

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Mrs. Green of Golden is paying a long-promised visit to Victoria.

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Mr. Clifford Yorke of Winnipeg is visiting friends here.

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Miss Ford of Vancouver is visiting Victoria friends.

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Mr. R. Peterson and his bride, from Duncans, spent their honeymoon here this week.

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Miss E. Pettipiece of Revelstoke is visiting Victoria friends, and purposes going on from here to California, where she will spend a considerable part of the winter.

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Captain and Mrs. J. H. McMillan, who have been visiting friends here, have returned to their home in Portland, Oregon.

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Miss Gertrude Williams of Cranbrook, B.C., visited friends in Victoria last week and this. She is now resuming her studies at the Vancouver Normal School.

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Bishop and Mrs. Cridge spent several days this week as guests of Mrs. Nesbitt, Alberni street, Vancouver.

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Miss Moore of Vancouver is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Raymur.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Judson, prominent Philadelphians, have been enjoying a week's visit here.

Mrs. White of Thurlow street, Vancouver, has returned to the Terminal City after a visit of seven weeks divided among friends here and in Nanaimo.

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Mr. H. E. A. Robertson and Mr. J. Rosenberger have returned from Dawson, seemingly in excellent condition—as might be expected in view of the admirable cold storage facilities of their new northern home.

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Victoria is not to lose Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs until about the end of the year, when they expect to leave for Nelson to make that city their home.

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The Arbutus Club, formerly the Tuesday Evening Cotillion Club, will reorganize Thursday, October 13, in A.O.U.W. hall, under the management of Mrs. Lester.

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Miss Brook Hunt has left for Toronto to visit friends, after a peep at this city and Vancouver.

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Miss Wolfe, who has been enjoying an extended visit with friends in Oakland, California, has returned home.

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Mrs. H. W. Kent of Vancouver is visiting friends here this week.

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Judge and Mrs. C. D. Macaulay are down from Dawson and will probably spend the winter on "the Outside."

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Former Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney spent the week on the Mainland.

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Mrs. Frank L. MacFarland has returned to Vancouver, after a short visit with friends here.

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Mr. R. B. Powell arrived in Suva, Fiji, last Sunday after a pleasant passage of eighteen days from this city.

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Mrs. Wilson, wife of Hon. Chas. Wilson, and Mrs. Ernest McLean have returned to the Mainland.

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Miss M. Lowe has been enjoying a visit with her friend, Miss M. Fletcher of New Westminster.

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Sister Frances of St. Luke's Home, Vancouver, is spending the week with Capital friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould of Revelstoke are spending their honeymoon here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burrill have returned to their home in Grand Forks.

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Hon. Fred J. Fulton is in Kamloops acting as Crown prosecutor at the Court of Assize.

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Drs. Verrinder, Garesche and Hall have returned from a semi-professional visit to the Mainland.

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Dr. J. G. Rutherford has returned to Ottawa.

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Mrs. M. A. Barlow has returned from visiting Mainland friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Avery of San Jose, Cal., spent the week with Victoria friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Henderson and the Misses Henderson have left for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tingley of Ashcroft are visiting Victoria friends.

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Mr. George Horatio Ashwell of Chilliwack and Mrs. Ashwell (nee Mary Marsden) are spending their honeymoon here.

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Mrs. Charles is visiting a daughter at New Westminster.

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Mr. Edgar H. Sands of Vancouver spent a portion of the week here.

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Hon. James H. Ross, senator for the Yukon, returned this week from a flying visit North.

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Mr. Stuart Henderson, M.P.P., of Ashcroft, was in the city all this week, combining business with pleasure.

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Count Mazza, Italian Consul-General for Canada with headquarters in Montreal, was a visitor in the city this week.

Captain and Mrs. J. W. Troup are enjoying a visit to Montreal and other Eastern cities.

Captain and Lady Marjorie Sinclair (nee Gordon) are yachting on the Baltic before taking up their home at Bairdmony House, Forfarshire.

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Mr. Henshaw and Mr. Averill of Vancouver were guests of Victoria friends this week.

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Mrs. Trounce of Dawson, after a short but pleasant visit with Mrs. W. K. Houston, has left for California, where she will spend the winter.

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Mrs. Taylor is home again, after spending a pleasant week with Mrs. Donald von Cramer of the Terminal City.

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Mrs. Hall of Pendrell street, Vancouver, has returned home from a pleasant visit with friends here and in Seattle.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff and Mrs. Duff are in Vancouver this week.

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Mr. Ernest V. Bodwell, K.C., is visiting Nelson.

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Lord and Lady Lichfield visited Nelson this week.

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—Mr. Blygh's Wise "Move":

It is apparent to all who have any direct knowledge of the dry goods trade that Mr. Andrew Blygh made a wise move in shifting his headquarters from the temporary location at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets to his present central premises on Government, almost opposite the historic Redfern clock and in the fairway to the post office. The new location is not only central, but the establishment enjoys that great desideratum where a merchant is sure of the attractiveness and quality of his stock—(and which is avoided by the merchant otherwise stocked)—excellent light everywhere. It is also very conveniently arranged so that customers have every facility to inspect and examine. Mr. Blygh is making his specialty, if one may so refer to it, dress goods fabrics of the latest and best; with a secondary leader in handsome yet inexpensive furs. In these lines there is no house in the city more deserving of the popularity which Blygh's enjoys.

—Kings of Finance:

The long talked-of policy of the provincial government promised to restore the financial solidity of B. C. and cause a golden stream to pour into the coffers guarded by Hon. Captain Tatlow, has at last been disclosed. The bridge over the lordly Fraser at New Westminster has been made a tollbridge and here is the official tariff: adults, each way, 5 cents; children, 2 cents; single rig with driver, 15 cents; double rig, 20 cents; cord wood and shingle-bolt wagons, 25 cents; milk vans, round trip, 10 cents; cattle, horses, etc., per head, 5 cents; saddle horses and rider, 10 cents.

—Seamen's Institute:

The manager of the Seamen's Institute gratefully acknowledges the receipt of reading matter during the month of September from the following:

Miss Florrie McNeile, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. I. Braverman, Mrs. J. F. Sallaway (George street), Mrs. J. A. Van Tassle, The Navy League (Victoria-Esquimalt Branch), B. C., Mr. C. F. Moore, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. H. Burnett, Mr. J. C. Mackay, Mr. J. Yeo, Mr. W. B. Christopher, A Friend, The Times and Colonist daily papers, and the local weekly paper Progress.

The Hofmann piano recitals in Portland have proven record breakers in the way of financial patronage.

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Matters Military

Colonel P. H. N. Lake, C. B., Lord Dundonald's successor, will leave England about the middle of next month for Ottawa, to take up the duties of "Chief of the General Staff" of the Canadian military forces. Colonel Lake, who has for nine months been acting as chief staff officer of the Second Army Corps at Salisbury Plain, with the local rank of brigadier-general, is no stranger to the Dominion, as he discharged the duties of quartermaster-general of militia, 1893-98, and rendered very valuable work in connection with the plans for the defence of the country and the armament of the forts. On him now devolves the duty of carrying out the changes about to be affected in the Canadian Militia, and a better selection could not have been made.

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In orders that are about to be issued by Col. Hall it will be stated that a batalion parade will be ordered for next week. This practically ensures a reunion of the regiment after their spell of inactivity which always occurs after the summer camp. The recruits class will also be formed up on Tuesday night for instruction, and every subsequent Tuesday until further notice. Those who are feeling patriotically inclined should now take this opportunity of showing their love for their country, and at the same time they will have the gratification of knowing that when they sign on they are entering the ranks of one of the most efficient militia regiments in Canada. Intending recruits should make a point of attending the first drills, as much is to be gained by commencing at the beginning. A meeting will be called almost immediately of the secretaries of Companies by Col. Hall, when several important matters will be taken in hand, amongst which will be the subject of a military school of arms; this is a matter that every member of the regiment should be particularly interested in. The drill hall is well equipped for carrying on such a school, and this fact alone should prove a good recruiting agent. Instructors from the Navy and the Barracks will in all probability be secured, and it is hoped that with the co-operation of every member of the regiment the gymnasium will be in full swing in the course of a week or so.

The annual regimental school of instruction will also be formed during the coming week and those intending to take the course should see that their names are handed in at once. This is an opportunity that every Non-Com. should avail himself of, as a thorough and practical knowledge of his various duties can be obtained at this school, and which would be hard to acquire at any other time.

The stately Maxine Elliott will be at the Victoria Theatre just about the end of the year, playing "Her Own Way."

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The next minstrel show will be here in about two months. The Haverlys are billed for December. The Wests will arrive in January.

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Paul Gilmore, who presented "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" here last season, will return in March with a new play.

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Mr. Robert M. Edwards will be a member of Mr. Charles B. Hanford's company in the capacity of business manager.

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Miss Margaret McKinney, who assumes the heaviest work devolving upon any of the ladies of "San Toy" although it is far from heavy truth to tell, has many friends both here and in Vancouver. She is a Seattleite and made her first appearance on the stage in British Columbia as a member of an amateur company in which Mr. E. R. Ricketts also held cards.

Jim Post is playing to 50 cents and $1.00 through the Kootenays and getting the money in bunches.

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Satisfactory progress is being made in the rehearsal of the oratorio "Samson." This week's run over the music for the chorus was especially encouraging.

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Jim Post and his merry farceurs are having marked success in the Kootenays, where James is advertised as the foremost Irish comedian in the world. The advance man would have doubtless made it a little stronger, but the star's modesty handicaped him.

Defections Are Numerous

Conditions at Lampson Street School Call for Inquiry by Trustee Board

The co-operation of "Progress" has been requested by certain of the residents of that suburban section just outside Victoria West and extending to the borderland of Esquimalt village, who are dissatisfied with the conduct of the public school on Lampson street to which their children are sent as pupils. Complaints are made that the principal, Mr. Gordon, is not suited to the position which he occupies, and that under him neither are the children advanced as rapidly as possible, nor treated with the consideration which twentieth century conceptions of school methods demands.

The names have been given to this paper of seven heads of families whose children naturally attend the Lampson street school, and who either are now attending there or have been until recently, when removed in consequence of the prevailing lack of harmony.

Each of these seven has endeavored to secure the admission of his or her children to the city schools, regardless of the handicap of distance; and a number of them have been successful in doing so through the technical qualification obtained by the possession of business licenses.

And still others are removing children from Lampson street in order to send them to private schools.

The trustees, they urge, are blind to the disadvantageous conditions, and decline to investigate the state of affairs existing and demand reforms.

This is the only point with which "Progress" at present concerns itself. The simple circumstance of any general dissatisfaction such as is so freely expressed, and of numerous withdrawals of pupils, is a matter demanding the serious attention of the trustees if they are conscientious in recognition of their duties and zealous in performance. The business of the school is in their hands, and that business is suffering at present through their indifference to complaints that are legitimate subject for investigation by them. It is, however, the furthest thing from the intention of this paper to endorse the complaints that are made with respect to Mr. Gordon. Indeed the writer, having had opportunity of observing Mr. Gordon's work (superficially it is true) both in Vancouver and in this city, is inclined to believe him a thoroughly efficient, enthusiastic and painstaking teacher, possibly lacking in discretion in minor matters of discipline but possessed of so many excellent qualifications as a pedagogue as to weigh heavily in the scale against aught that might be urged against him.

But "Progress" urges that there is a demand for board action in the circumstance of the numerous withdrawals and threats of withdrawals of pupils, and must hold that the trustees are derelict in their duty when they fail to take cognizance of the disaffection and make some effort to check it.

APPEALING TO THE COUNTRY.

The Parliament of Canada is dissolved. Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes his appeal to the country. On October 27 the candidates will be nominated for election to a new Parliament. On November 3 the electors will record their judgment on the conduct of the Government during the term of office which has just closed The Government will stand or fall upon its record. That record is before the people of Canada, inscribed in the wise laws and in the efficient administration which have characterized the ninth Parliament of Canada. Upon that record Sir Wilfrid Laurier may well stand before the people confident and unashamed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes no claim to perfection either in the legislation his Government has enacted or in the public services rendered under his administration. There may have been defects in judgment and mistakes in administration, as there are in all other human activities. But this can be claimed, that never before in Federal affairs and never in any other country, was there a term of eight years of such continuous and rapid industrial development, accompanied by such freedom from grave administrative scandal and such steady integrity in public life, as have marked the two Parliaments of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stands for what is best in the life and worthiest in the prospects of the larger Canada. By his statesmanship he has brought into harmony the contending interests, the widely separated sections, and the rival races of this Dominion. When he assumed control of the Government in 1896 there was strife between class and class, jealousy between race and race, and distrust between creed and creed. Today there is mutual respect and a growing confidence, and all classes and races and creeds are alike devoted to the higher ideals of Canadian nationhood. To have done so much as that is to have earned a first place in the service of one's country. And that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done.

On the record of his eight years of leadership Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes his appeal to all the people of all the Provinces. The campaign will be brief and need not be bitter. The root of bitterness has been removed, and the discussion of the great questions of policy and administration need involve no personal recrimination or party slander. Fortunately the leaders of both parties are gentlemen of high ideals and unstained personal honor. It is due to them and to the country that men of like character be chosen as candidataes and elected to Parliament. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership will be endorsed, and his Government sustained by a sufficient majority, will be the almost certain issue of the campaign. For the sake of the past eight years, and in view of the interests at stake in the years to come, the electors, on November 3, will vote for Laurier and the larger Canada.—Toronto Globe.

—The Mikado:

That well known haven of rest on Fort street, The Mikado Tea Room, has recently passed out of the hands of Mr. Douglas Hallam, and hereafter the comfort of patrons of this "cozy corner" will be attended to by Mrs. W. W. Wyndham who, with Mr. Wyndham, has recently arrived here from Sacramento, Cal. It is Mrs. Wyndham's intention to carry on the business on the same lines as Mr. Hallam, viz., serving tea and coffee with light delicacies. The new management purpose extending the present limited accommodation for the public towards the end of the present month, by making use of the room at the rear of the premises now occupied by Mr. Hallam's tea business. This will be a welcome improvement, as the space hitherto allotted to the tea and lunch department has been quite inadequate for the amount of patronage that this tea room has received.

—Back from Oil Fields:

Mr. D. B. Bogle has returned to the city after a trip through the oil regions of the Flathead valley in Southeast Kootenay. He brought out with him a number of samples of the crude petroleum found there. Mr. Bogle is most optimistic as to the future of the country, which he declares to be one of the richest sections of British Columbia and one upon which development is converging both from Alberta and Montana. Two companies are drilling for oil with successful results in Alberta, and seven companies are at work in Montana. A portion of the territory controlled by the Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company of Victoria, in which Mr. Bogle is interested, lies in close proximity to the Alberta wells, and in a formation equally as promising as any in the country. He reports that the problem of getting boring machinery into the country is an easy one, and has no doubt that the rapid development of this territory will add a very rich asset to the resources of the province.

—Ready for Business:

The Pacific Wireless Telegraph Co. which has its Victoria headquarters in the Driard Hotel, will this week be ready to accept and handle general commercial business for all points reached by its unique "connections," these including quite a number of shipping stations and numerous passenger steamers not reachable in any other way. The local manager has been appointed in the person of Mr. William Dee, for some time manager of the Western Union here, and a telegrapher of long experience and established popularity.

Personality Or Patriotism

Mr. Joseph Martin Takes the Proper Course and Withdraws His Nanaimo Candidature

Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C., has wisely reconsidered his announced determination to contest Nanaimo City in the forthcoming federal contest, as an "independent Liberal" opponent of Mr. Ralph Smith, and has taken himself to Ottawa in connection with his professional practice, in which it may be admitted that he is a greater success than as a politician.

There could have been no justification for Mr. Martin's appearance in the Nanaimo district as advertised. There could, under the circumstances as stated, have been no justification for any elector of Nanaimo to vote for him. As between the principles represented by the Liberal, the Conservative and even the Socialist party, there must continue to be legitimate differences of opinion; and individual voters do right in registering their convictions therein by marking their ballots respectively for the candidates representative of these contrasting principles.

Mr. Martin's case was widely different. Having at the time of the last general provincial elections voluntarily announced his unqualified and final withdrawal from politics, he proposed to re-emerge—at his own solicitation——for the sole purpose of satisfying a personal spite against Mr. Ralph Smith. Indeed he stated distinctly and specifically that he would appear in the field as a Liberal—although by his act taking the course best calculated to advance the interests of the party in antagonism to Liberalism, its leaders and its policy for the upbuilding of Canada—for the one purpose of defeating Mr. Smith.

What grudge is borne by Mr. Martin for Mr. Smith is certainly a purely private matter, in no way concerning the electors of Nanaimo district or affecting their best interests—to be promoted or handicapped according to their wisdom or their folly in the selection of a champion at Ottawa.

Just at the present time, with such a matter of national business importance as the new transcontinental railway project at a critical juncture, it would be worse than madness to put the amusement or entertainment of the public (which would be the sole explanation of the possible election of Mr. Martin) before the practical interests and material advancement of country; and no doubt the obvious demerit of his position has upon second thought induced Mr. Martin's change of plans.

It is but stating a well recognized fact to say that Mr. Martin is not in touch or harmony with the leaders of the Liberal party in Canada. It is but stating a further undeniable fact to say that Mr. Martin's best service to the party in this province was rendered when he withdrew from the arena, and thereby made possible a unification and solidification of Liberalism in the West not to be thought of during the continuance of Mr. Martin in a prominent role.

Fully conceding Mr. Martin's sharpness of political repartee, his undoubted ability in stating a point tersely and effectively, and his intuitive grasp of the science of political intrigue, any efforts that may be put forward to induce his re-appearance in active politics must upon analysis be found to spring from personal admiration rather than a patriotic desire to advance the country's interests. He is a brilliant and a spectacular figure in the restricted political horizon of this western province, but the interests of the country are far above and beyond the consideration of the entertainment to be derived from his eccentric and somewhat melodramatic climaxes—his meteoric splendor. For him at the present juncture to ask the votes of any British Columbia constituency would be for him to show himself utterly devoid of that spirit of patriotism that should be the foundation of candidature—the placing of Canada's advancement before the gratification of personal feeling or ambition—and not vice versa.

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THE DESTINY OF CANADA.

Andrew Carnegie's prophecy that one day Canada will annex the United States and bring that country within the British Empire may, for the present at any rate, be dismissed from serious consideration, even although it is put forth by a man, who has more money than he knows what to do with. Nevertheless the student of history will set no limit to what may be accomplished by a race of free men nurtured in a fertile land beneath northern skies. There may be much or little in the theory of the survival of the fittest as applied to the development of species; there can be no doubt as to its truth when applied to mankind. The fittest has always survived, and we may believe with confidence that it always will.

That Canada is a country in which a stalwart race of free men will be produced is one of the facts of nature to which no one any longer shuts his eyes. It lies in the latitude which has produced the conquering races in all ages. The story of India, of Rome, of Western Europe, the conquest of the new world proves the innate superiority of the tribes which came out of what the historians in the cities alone the Mediterranean Sea called the North, by which they meant that undefined region lying in the latitude of Canada. Botanists tell us that long hours of sunlight in summer produce the most vigorous types of vegetation which also in some mysterious way seem strengthened by the frosts of winter. So it seems to be with the human race. Another feature of vegetation is that where the struggle for existence is keenest there nature asserts itself with the greatest vigor. Hence while tropical plants have abundant foliage and gorgeous bloom they produce little seed and what they do produce grows only where conditions are favorable. Northern plants, on the other hand, produce seed in abundance and will grow amid very adverse surroundings. In some inexplicable way all animate nature is saturated, so to speak, with resistence to what tends to extinguish it. This is as true of men as of plants, as the virile and resistless races of the North have demonstrated over and over again.

But Canada will produce not only men, but free men. To no people of the world is tyranny of any kind so insupportable as to Canadians. The people of the Dominion would not be content for one moment with the limited measure of freedom enjoyed by the people of the United States. They insist upon being wholly and absolutely masters of their country, not only on election day once in four years, but on every day in the three hundred and sixty-five.

The food of a people contributes to the formation of its character. Black bread and despotism more or less disguised, have ever gone hand in hand. No country in the world can produce a higher class or greater abundance of food products than Canada.

Access to the sea is a source of permanent national growth and greatness. Canada fronts upon two oceans, and is undisputed owner of one of the greatest inland seas.

The ancestry of the Canadian people is of the finest strain which the world has seen in historic times. Saxon, Dane and Normans, is a combination that has produced an irresistible race, and Canadians are none the worse for a new infusion of Norman stock, which came with Champlain, Jacques Cartier and the other pioneers of New France.

Such a people living in such a country may look forward with confidence to a future unsurpassed in its greatness and power by that of any other. And one of the finest features of the case is that permeating through all the sentiments of this vigorous young nationality there is an abiding love for the institutions which are based upon the Common Laws of England, abiding faith in the sufficiency of the British Constitution to meet every possible phase of political life and an abiding determination to preserve intact the great world-wide heritage of the British people.

OUR FINANCIAL RELATIONS.

Commenting upon some observations in this paper to the effect that Conservatives had taken no stand in favor of giving better terms to British Columbia, the Colonist says that "The Conservatives have not been in power since the question became an issue." As a matter of fact it is not now an issue. To create an issue between two political parties, a proposition must be advanced on one side and be denied by the other. The Conservative party has never made better terms for British Columbia a part of its case, and the Liberal party has never declined to favorably consider a reasonable demand from the province. All that has happened is that the provincial government has asked for more favorable consideration for the province than it has received in the past, and the Dominion government has not yet taken up the question, the reason being that when once it is opened, claims from all the provinces will have to be adjusted. The Conservative party, that is the federal party, has simply said nothing either for or against the request preferred by the provincial government.

Our financial relations with the Dominion are no new story, but it may be of some interest if readers are reminded of how they became a subject of discussion. Mr. R. P. Rithet was the first person in recent years to make a point out of the exceptionally large per capita contribution of this province to the federal revenue and contrast it with the federal expenditure in this province. He did this either in 1897 or 1898 in a speech in the legislature, which has been the basis of the whole case since urged upon the consideration of the Ottawa authorities. Mr. Rithet had in mind the development of the province by railways, and he sought to show, first that the province was entitled to larger expenditures out of the Dominion treasury, and second that such expenditures would be profitable investments for the Dominion. He made out an excellent case. When Mr. Dunsmuir became premier he went to Ottawa, taking with him Mr. Rithet's figures brought down to date. Mr. Dunsmuir suggested that the fairest way of dealing with the province would be for the Dominion to hand over a large sum to be expended by the provincial government in local development. To this Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not see his way to agree. There the matter rested until the Conservatives came into power in the local legislature, when a formal request for better terms was made, and as has been said above, no action has yet been taken upon it.

It is surely preposterous to attempt to make a party issue out of the aforegoing. The Colonist says that better terms will play a large part in the campaign. In reply we ask: Where?

WORK FOR YOUNG MEN.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times in Victoria is the great interest now being taken by young men in politics. The change in this particular during the past few years has been very marked. It has not come about too soon. Thoughtful observers were not a little concerned over the apathy of the younger members of the community in public matters. It is not so in Eastern Canada; it is not so in the United States; it is everything else but so in the United Kingdom. There young men are encouraged to push themselves to the front and the consequence is that there is always a reserve force in training for places in public life as they become vacant in the ordinary course of events. Everything now points to the establishment of this exceedingly healthy condition of things in Victoria and we may make up our minds that the young men, when they do move, will do so in a manner that will profoundly affect the whole community. It is therefore wisdom on the part of the older citizens to encourage the youth of the city to exert themselves in all publis matters. What Victoria needs more than anything else is the enthusiasm of youth tempered with the prudence of maturity. Of the latter the city has an abundant supply. It could spare some of it without being embarrassed by the loss.

The possibilities of the city and the country tributary to it are so great that they afford scope for the most untiring energy and the most aggressive ambition. The reference is solely to business possibilities. No one can forecast the greatness of the development likely to be witnessed here. It will be something the like of which there have been few parallels. With a great country behind us and a vast continent on the other side of the ocean, soon to be opened to modern progress, with boundless resources at our own doors, the young men of Victoria might search the world over in vain for a better opportunity to exhibit their sagacity and courage.

Among the visitors to Victoria during the past week was the Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick. During his short stay he visited the Parliament Buildings and was very much impressed with what he saw there. The buildings naturally appealed to his good taste, but when he came to make inquiries as to what it costs to run the governmental establishment and saw the number of people around the several departments, he expressed his utter amazement. He admitted that the conditions existing in this province are very different to those met with in the East, but at the same time, it seemed to him that it ought to be possible to devise a system of reform which would reduce the cost without impairing the efficiency of the public service. As a practical politician Mr. Tweedie fully appreciates the difficulties to be encountered in dealing with a question of this nature, but he thinks the people would stand by the man who had the courage to attempt it.

Now that we all have accorded our meed of deserved praise to the Exhibition management, it may be permissible to suggest that next year some changes shall be made in the art department. First as to arrangement. If pictures are to be exhibited they should be shown in as good a light as is available, and so placed that is is possible for people to examine them. Second, the pictures should be grouped in classes and some means should be provided by which visitors can tell in what class they are exhibited. The third suggestion comes from a gentleman who has some claims for consideration in connection with art. It is that there shall hereafter be no prizes awarded for copies. A person may be able to make a good copy of someone else's work, who is absolutely unable to execute anything original worth a second glance.

Toronto has taken in hand the thorough re-organization of its fire department, albeit the need was not yet so apparent as right here in Victoria.

right nets are nightly laid for salmon

"Progress" has been asked by what and salmon trout within Victoria harbor and close to the light house, contrary to the rules and regulations in such cases made and provided. This is a question for the provincial government or for Mr. C. B. Sword.

The yacht club meets next week to wind up the season's business.

Nelson lacrosse team drew its second game with New Westminster.

"The Banker's Daughter" may be revived by Klaw and Erlanger with a cast including Mrs. Sarah Cowell Lemoyne, Mr. N. C. Goodwin, and Mr. W. H. Crane.

Louise Moore, a favorite with Victoria lovers of comic opera, is now doing a fat part in "The Sambo Girl."

Tim Murphy's Pacific Coast tour has been cancelled.

One of the good plays billed for November is "Candida."

Too Large a Slice.—Mrs. N. McLellan, while slicing bread last Sunday evening had the misfortune to nearly sever one of her fingers.—Grand Forks Sun.

Juneau Jollity.—Juneau society was enlivened by a shooting and cutting recital last Thursday night, and as a result "Queenie" Hecker got a bullet through her arm and "Dot" Harris was stabbed in the shoulder with a knife.—Whitehorse Star.

The complaint is very often voiced that the ten and twenty-cent vaudeville shows are killing the business of the more pretentious houses, but few of which to-day are making interest upon the money invested in them, while the "picture theatres" are coining fortunes. Does one require to look very far for the explanation? Who among the three-quarter house witnessing the production of "San Toy" could not get better and fuller value for his $2 in ten or twenty visits to the Grand or Crystal?

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n Toy .. .. .. Miss Mina Rudolph

Eliminating these members from e cast of "San Toy," as present- to Victoria lovers of musical medy on Wednesday evening, one ould have an exceedingly mediocre traction appealing neither to the usical ear, the artistic eye, the in- lligence nor yet the sense of humor, beit the production came here ex- ravagantly heralded and the price f seats mounted still a little higher, o the $2 mark. It seems to be the ashion of the big syndicate's metro- olitan successes to retain one, two, r perhaps a trio of a capable origi- al cast, once a play or operatic arce has won approval in the larger ities, and send it on the road to eap a harvest, filled up with cheap ut scarcely underpaid associates in he cast and chorus. To be sure the ntire success of the piece may pos- ibly have been due to ensemble effi- iency—the business policy of the all- onquering syndicate is none the less lain and practical, and the single ight stands of which Victoria is one, ave no alternative but to grin and ear it.

Perhaps the "grin" is not com- ulsory, but the "bear it" is.

It was just so with "San Toy." he Morton-Jones' musical comedy orne to fame and fortune upon the ave created by the picturesque, uneful and in every way workman- ke "Mikado," requires an all round apable company to save it from col- pse. Such a company is not pro- ided by Mr. John C. Fisher under s road arrangement with the Aug- stin Daly Estate. There are a uartette of satisfactory people, as the prefatory admission — and he rest are hopeless. The reason it ets the money is because the smaller ties have still the appetite for mic opera fare, and take what they n get with more or less genuine ankfulness. The Sir Bingo Pres- n of Mr. Nagle Barry is gratuit- sly insulting to the British diplo- atic service in its hopeless imbe- ility; the Captain Bobbie of Mr. ohn Peachey is an impossibly wood- n lover; the Emperor of Mr. W. L. omaine, a phonographic and some- hat lecherous freak; the Poppy of Miss Josephine Newman a maiden rained to dance whose operatic work egins and ends there. To be sure, he setting, lighting, mounting and ostuming of the so-called modern pera are passably bright and satis- ying; and the excellent orchestra- ion is required like charity to cover a multitude of sins. But when men and women pay their $2 a seat for comedy entertainment with a musical etting, they have a right to expect and even to receive equivalent in gen- eral quality. Instead of this, the John C. Fisher "San Toy" company provides the highly stimulating in- formation that the incidental dances and general stage movement were in- vented and produced by Mr. Willie Warde; the ladies' costumes are by Miss Fisher of London and Colin Eaves (New York); the gentlemen's regalia was imported from China; the mechanical effects were by one Thomas Mangan; the properties pro- vided by Robert J. Cutler, and the company shod by A. J. Cammeyer!

The lord be praised!

Of the musical comedy, it is the clumsiest hackwork, abounding in hopeless inappreciations of Chinese customs, costumes and ceremonials; of the national characteristics of white men and yellow women; of the values of plot, consistencies, and art effect. A skeleton of rank absurdity; a very threadbare and limited wardrobe of musical shreds and tatters ground out upon traditional lines—and there behold bewitching and bewildering "San Toy."

Not that the company and the bill call for unqualified condemnation. Such were barely possible where a few men and women of brains and entertaining talent, with scattered strains of melody are left to save the day. Mr. Powers does his heroic best with monologue wit and a con- siderable facility in mimicry and im- personation. Mr. Fortesque also tries valiantly as an at least dignified Mandarin, his song of the "Six Lit- tle Wives" bringing out every atom of value in the work received from librettist and composer. Miss Ru- dolph and Miss McKinney are far from open to reproach for hopeless recognition of the poverty of their material. And even Mr. Peachey steps outside of "San Toy" to show with "Tommy Atkins" what he could do if given something to fit him in artistic equipment. The humor of the piece is concentrated, however, in the extraneous vaudevillism of Mr. Powers' Li; in the artistic singing by Miss Rudolph of the dainty ballad "Somebody"; in Miss Newman's pas-seul; and in Miss McKinney's "The Lady's Maid." The prettiest song in the "San Toy" score—"Love Has Come From Lotus Land"—was ruthlessly knifed out for Victoria; as was a major portion of the effec- tive stage action for both principals and chorus, presumably on the ground that a walk through is good enough for any one night stand.

Victoria must be humbly thankful for what she can get, even at $2 per. She must simply bear it—although to grin is not compulsory.

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The cleverness of dumb animals or birds appeals unconsciously to the vast majority of human kind. Wit- ness the crowded houses at the Grand when Farmer Jones' barnyard fa- vorites were doing their little stunt, or when the cockatoo circus held the boards as the grand finale; or even more recently, when Prof. Bilyck's performing seals were the centre of attraction. This week it is a dog. Ted McKenna introduces him in his comedy turn, the team consisting of the dog and Mr. McKenna rather than vice versa. The dog is a water spaniel, aged seven years, a canine university honors graduate if judged by his performances. Had he been born in Boston he would have at least read Browning at three and Henrik Ibsen at half-past four or five. If a Deutscher dog he would have run the marvellous Hans, the equine won- der, a close heat for the attention of spectacled savants. He does every- thing human but talk or borrow money. Given a haphazard collection on the floor he will pick out the va- rious articles one by one as they are named for him. He too will demon- strate an aptitude for fractions, dis- criminate in colors, and show his ap- preciation of the difference twixt discord and harmony. As yet he has not expressed himself as to the skill of the house pianist, which is per- haps evidence that it is just as well that speech has been denied him. Now that all scientific Europe knows how old Ann is, and has passed on to debate the question "Can a horse think?" it might be well for up-to- date Victorians to try the same prop- osition on a dog.

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In addition to the wonderful edu- cated dog at the Grand this week, Manager Jamieson is offering an ex- cellent and diversified programme. Mabel Leslie, a soubrette of more than average magnetism and attrac- tiveness, is singing coon songs in a way that is all her own and which "fetches 'em right along." Eddie Collins is to the fore with a number of clever impersonations and imita- tions. Belliveau and Roberts pre- sent a singing and talking act that has some bright, original spots. Clar- ence Marks, Arthur and John Pearce have a farce, "Fun With the Teach- er," introducing good singing, danc- ing and bag punching, with a suitable framework of talk. Mr. Roberts' il- lustrated song is "The Rabbi's Daughter" (which he has sung be- fore and is repeating by request) and the motion pictures are of the usual merit.

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"Progress" has received copies of all the Omaha, Neb., dailies contain- ing enthustically appreciative notices of the concerts there of the Fifth Regiment band of this city, which is now en route home from its World's Fair engagement and concert tour. The band seemingly has "made good" wherever it has appeared, and it should be the object of all who ap- preciate good band music in Victoria and who realize how much the pres- ence of a really first-class band en- hances the attractiveness of any city, to hold the musicians together after the band closes its tour here. It is understood that three concerts will be given at the Victoria theatre about the end of the present month, in or- der that Victorians may learn what quality of an organization it is that has been advertising Victoria throughout the neighbor republic.

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Commencing next Monday evening the Savoy Theatre will present an- other all-star bill of attractions. It will mark the initial appearance of M. J. Hooley, author, actor and co- median. Mr. Hooley will be remem- bered as one of the leading attrac- tions of Sam T. Shaw's company who appeared at the Victoria theatre about five years ago. He has been engaged by the Savoy at a large sal- ary to produce burlesques, dramas, etc., during the winter months. The Clark Sisters, singing and dancing comediennes, will also make their re- appearance after a long absence in the East. Miss Mae Jackson, coon shouter known from east to west as the little lady with the big voice, will also make her appearance. Benthem and Freeman will present another bright comedy consisting of singing, dancing and funny sayings. Mr. Benthem is considered to be one of the best trombone soloists in the busi- ness. Smith and Ellis, Victoria's fav- orites, will present another of their high class sketches. La Belle Rosa, Oriental dancer, christened the Queen of the Orient, is the originator of Turkish dances, a whirl of Dervish splendor dazzling. The Meville Sis- ters are still retained, having proven themselves a pair of clever singers and dancers. Adele Fairmont con- tinues in coon songs; while other hold-overs are Nellie Cammetta, bal- ladist, and Leslie Sterling, buck and wing dancer.

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A distinctly noteworthy appearance at the local opera house was that last evening of Mr. Kyrle Bellew—last seen here in association with Cora Brown Potter in their version of "Le Maitre des Forges"—in a peculiar- ly fascinating study of the heredity of criminology, "Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman." The play is excellent- ly written, with all due attention to finish in the several characterizations absorbing interest that is cumulative, a well constructed and never contra- dictory plot, and much good dialogue connecting strong situations. In more than one respect it is suggestive of "Sherlock Holmes" in quality and method, and while it has melodra- matic value of rare quality, it is nevertheless too strong a study of criminology as a disease to be so rated and dismissed. Mr. Bellew is ideally cast in the title role, and there are other good people in the company, notably Mr. E. M. Holland, the original detective and foil for the star. Both space and time forbid fuller reference to the play in this issue. It may, however, be further dealt with, as the newspapers phrase it, "in our next."

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A feature of sterling artistic qual- ity is that which has headed this week's excellent bill at Le Petit Crystal—Miss Petrovilla D'Arville, violin soloist, reputedly the most ade- quately remunerated vaudevillest on the Coast circuit. Her repertoire is both classic and popular, and her technique and sympathetic quality call for enthusiastic commendation from the critical as well as the pub- lic, which loves melody. There are six other good numbers on the Crys- tal's card for the week, and all of them meritorious.

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Joseph Jefferson, after seventy years' active identification with dra- matic art on this continent, during which time he has become one of the most popular and best beloved mem- bers of the dramatic profession, has decided absolutely never to resume his theatrical career. He is convales- cent from his late serious illness, but will not again tread the boards. His last appearance was at Paterson, N. J., in June ,when happily he im- personated "Rip Van Winkle," the character which must inevitably first be thought of at mention of his name.

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It is another royal bill again at the Grand next week. Falardo, the in- strumental man, is headliner, and there are also Eva B. Perkins, a sing- ing cartoonist; the Three Moores, in original blackface comedy act; Joe Allmon, blackface monologuist and singing comedian; the Aldeans, com- edy gymnasts; Mr. Roberts in illus- trated songs; and the animated pic- tures.

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Next week is the last in which Vic- torians may enjoy (as so many of them have) the clever performances of "The Pierrots" at the Dallas Hotel. This week's favorite items appear to have been "Molly the Marchioness," "My Sunbeam Lou," "Keep Off the Grass," "Not Sort of a Girl," four solos; "An Old Bachelor," something in the line of musical monologue; and the duets, "Chick, Chick" and "No One in the World."

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Entirely new numbers will be the order of "The Pierrots'" farewell performance in Victoria. These clever artists go to Vancouver in ten days' time, and those who have not yet seen this bright and breezy little en- tertainment should not miss this last chance. "The Pierrots" will give one of their performances at Sidney during the coming week. Only three nights more, and those who have not as yet been out to the Dallas are recommended to take no chances of missing a very enjoyable evening.

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Bandmaster Finn's method of con- ducting comes in for considerable at- tention at the hands of the musical critics of the American press. It is variously termed "simplicity itself," "most unassuming although thor- oughly effective," "modesty in the extreme," "Britishly undemonstra- tive," "trance-like," and a few oth- ers. At the same time all the writers admit that he has his forces under splendid control and makes the very most of them.

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October holds still some promising attractions for patrons of the Vic- toria theatre. They include, in their natural order, "A Friend of the Family," on Wednesday next, "Coon Hollow," "The Wizard of Oz," "Glitterin~ Gloria," the Fifth Regi- ment Band, and "The County Chair- man."

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Winnipeg has the band of the Grenadier Guards on the 25th, 26th and 28th instant. Although an- nounced by local dailies to play here, it is extremely improbable that the Guards band will do so, nor yet the band of the 42nd Highlanders—the famed "Black Watch."

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Mr. B. F. Driscoll has been win- ning much attention as cornet soloist with the touring Fifth Regiment band. The fantasia polka "Colum- bia," and Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Lost Chord" appear to be his favorite selections.

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In the true interest of sportsmen and of the country, of which its four-footed and feathered game is a valuable asset, "Progress" urges the further amendment of the Game Law in the direction of a total prohobition of the sale of all game birds and animals, save and except ducks; also a terminate period of not more than two weeks from the close of the shooting season, for the lawful having in possession of game in cold storage. The result will be found amazingly beneficial from all standpoints.
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During the past few weeks "Progress" has carried at the top of its sport page a battlecry for all who wish to see the game law of the province further improved, not alone in the interest of hunters and sportsmen but of the country generally—the wild game being a valuable provincial asset the importance of which is but imperfectly recognized as yet in the days of its plentitude. The recommendation of this paper in this regard has been generally approved and endorsed by all good sportsmen, and it is a further matter of satisfaction to find that the Fish and Game Club—an organization which has done and is doing excellent work—at a special and largely attended meeting held under the presidency of Mr. Richard Hall, M.P.P., in the Driard Hotel this week, has put itself on record as fully and unanimously agreeing to the wisdom of the "Progress" proposals. The matter came before the meeting in the form of a report from the executive committee, recommending that (for a trial period of three years, although "Progress" believes there should be nothing temporary in respect to the change) the sale of all game birds excepting ducks and geese should be absolutely prohibited. The ducks and geese, as previously pointed out in these columns, are migratory, not native birds such as the hapless blue grouse, now in a fair way to become as scarce on Vancouver Island as the historic great auk. Another recommendation approved by the Fish and Game Club is that no restriction should be placed upon the right of search possessed by a constable who has reason to suspect infringement of any provision of the law. At present the right of search without warrant is only to be exercised when the supposed offender is upon any public highway. The club further endorsed the desirability of having every member invested with constabulary powers in order that assistance may be rendered at all times to the regular officers in the enforcement of the laws with respect to game. As to this there are and must be differences of opinion, but the general view will no doubt be favorable. The duties of the regular police in this country are so multifarious and their number so restricted that they cannot be expected to effectually cover the entire area of the province and vigorously enforce the game law. Besides, as has been cogently pointed out by the Times, the general public would naturally object to the expenditure of large sums of money out of the public purse for the advancement of the interests of sportsmen, which must be to a certain extent restricted. It is both right and proper that the individuals directly and practically interested should take the straight and open course and themselves act in punishing violations of the law when such come under their personal observation. The very fact that there are some hundreds of sportsmen on the alert to apprehend offenders against the law will have the widest and surest deterrent effect, preventing illegal hunting throughout the province. The club will take early opportunity to lay before the government its views with respect to these desirable amendments to the existent law.

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The field trials of 1904 just held over the pheasants at Steveston, proved the most successful in the history of the club. Describing the first place winners in the three stakes, it may be noted that all are English setters, small dogs of the very best breeds, and all closely related. Count Whitstone Chief is probably as high-class as any dog that ever ran on the Pacific Coast. His work is of the snappy, positive sort, and he makes few mistakes. He is entered to run in the Pacific Northwest trials next week at La Conner, Wash. He is likely to get into the money, but will have at least one strong competitor in Uncle Jim, his little brother. Mr. C. H. Barker of Vancouver owns another of this famous little Whitestone, Cesant by name, who will also be heard from when thoroughly trained. Tony's Destiny, the winner of the Membership Stake, is a small blue Belton, a straight bred Llewellyn being by the famous field trial winner and most noted sire of field trial winners, Tony Boy, who is owned by the Avent Durea Kennels of Trenton, Tennessee, who have been for a number of years the most successful competitors in America at field trials. Sport's Destiny, the dam of Tony's Destiny, has also been a remarkably successful dog at field trials, having won in seven district stakes under different judges over both prairie chicken and quail. Tony's Destiny comes by her quality honestly, and had she put up the race in the open all-age that she did in the membership, would undoubtedly have gone higher. She was unfortunate in the drawing, getting the middle of the day in each of her heats in the all-age stake. In her heat in the membership stake she showed great speed and range with good merry tail action. Her birds were found at great distances from her handler, and held staunchly, she remaining perfectly steady to shot and wing. She is owned by the secretary of the club, Mr. Norman F. Lyne. The Deacon, winner of the open Derby, is a white, black and tan straight Llewellyn dog by Sousa, he a field trial winner, and a little brother of Tony's Destiny. Policy Girl, the dam of The Deacon, is also a field trial winner. The Deacon gave a good exhibition of range and speed, and was particularly good on birds, and showed perfect training, doing credit to his handler, H. Hansen. He is owned by Mr. Cook Inman of Seattle. Below are summarized the awards of the meeting:

Open Derby Stakes.

The Deacon, 1, English setter; owner, Cook Inman of Seattle.

Maggie, 2, pointer; owner, D. G. Macdonell, Vancouver.

Jock, 3, pointer; owner, H. H. Abbott, Victoria.

Pat, 4, English setter; owner, C. G. Johnson Vancouver.

Open All-Age Stakes.

Count Whitstone Chief, 1, English setter; owner, N. A. Wedeen, Seattle.

King Sol, 2, pointer; owner, R. M. Palmer, Seattle.

Point, 3, pointer; owner, D. G. Macdonell, Vancouver.

Tony's Destiny, 4, English setter; owner, N. F. Lyne, Vancouver.

Assiniboine Rodfield, 4, English setter; owner, H. S. Rolston, Vancouver.

Membership Stakes.

Tony's Destiny, 1, English setter; owner, N. F. Lyne, Vancouver.

Assiniboine Rodfield, 2, English setter; owner, H. S. Rolston, Vancouver.

Maggie, 3, pointer; owner, D. G. Macdonell, Vancouver.

Lady Roberts, 4, English setter; owner, J. L. G. Abbott, Vancouver.

There were numerous entries from Victoria, including bench and former field trials winners, but they did not get a look in.

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Final arrangements have been made for the 20-round boxing contest between Jockey Bennett and Percy Cave, to take place on Thursday next, at the Philharmonic hall, Fort street. Prof. R. Foster is acting as manager, and will provide ample seating accommodation and have the ring in first-class condition before the principals take their places preparatory to the first round. According to the agreement, the men will weigh in at 120 pounds. Bennett has a first-class record, some of his notable victories being over Caesar Attell in 10 rounds, J. McFadden in 6 rounds, and Eddie Hanlon in 4 rounds, while he has fought a draw in a 10-round contest with J. Riley. He also has a number of other successes. His opponent, judging by his record, is also a clever boxer. The match therefore should prove interesting.

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It is not generally known that the Cambridge stakes, run on October 26 at Newmarket, England, provides more interest for a sweepstakes than any other event of the year, on account of the large number of starters participating. This naturally gives more largess to those holding starters and the smaller prizes are thus more evenly divided. There are 107 prizes in the grand sweep for the Cambridgeshire. Tickets may be procured at H. L. Salmon's, corner Government and Yates streets, up to October 24. It being the last sweep for the present year it should prove to be a bumper. The rules of distribution of prizes are the same as in former sweeps, and the mode of drawing similar to the last.

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The Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club is not to be blamed for being somewhat hazy as to the relative spheres of jurisdiction in fishery matters of the Dominion and the Province. It is a matter that equally confuses both interested governments. The club has, however, taken the right course in going direct to the Dominion with a recommendation that the trout fishing season be defined as extending from March 25 to November 15. These are the dates selected by the province, and the Dominion agreeing, there need arise no conflict of authority. The wish of both governments is no doubt simply to legislate and ordain what is best **in the interest of the fish and the fishermen.**

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Both Winnipeg's Shamrocks and Nelson's touring lacrossists made overtures this week for exhibition matches here. Their proposals were left in the hands of President Hooper with full power to act. If the travelling teams will accept a fair percentage of receipts they will be accommodated, but the Victorias scarcely feel prepared to offer guarantees in view of the unsuccessful character of the just closed lacrosse season. The chances are therefore about 8 to 1 against matches being played here.

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The Vancouver Hockey Club has elected officers for the current season as follows: Hon. president, C. M. Beecher; president, R. Marpole; vice-presidents, Messrs. Campbell Sweeney, A. St. G. Hamersley, J. H. Senkler, J. C. Keith, W. C. McC. Hutcheson; captain, P. G. Shallcross; vice-captain, F. J. Bayfield; secretary-treasurer, C. W. Ponsford; B. P. A. Club representative, J. P. Nicolls; committee, Messrs. T. D. Stevens, F. L. Beecher, E.B. Deane, G. W. Melhuish, S. Barwick.

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The British football team returning from its tour of Australia, which passed through Victoria last week upon arrival by the Aorangi, is now embarked for home over the tossing Atlantic. The players are: R. W. Edwards, Ireland; C. D. Paterson, Ireland; A. S. Harding, T. S. Beavan. W. L. Llewellyn; E. Morgan, P. Bush, R. T. Gabe, F. Jowett and T. H. Vile, Wales; H. D. Trail, P. F. McEvedy, A. B. O'Brien, R. Rogers, F. C. Hulme, J. Shavland, S. McK. Saunders, B. S. Massey, J. Fisher and C. F. Stanger-Leathes, England.

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The first game in the Victoria District Association Football League will be played at Oak Bay this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Sergt. Derbyshire having been selected as referee and Messrs. R. Lorimer and E. Beaney as linesmen. The teams are: Victoria United—Finlayson Gowen, Goward, Thomson, Hughes, W. Lorimer, Menzies, Lawson, S. Lorimer, Berkeley and Tye. Victoria West—Jones, Sewell, Mitchell (captain), Rowler, Alliott, Morris, Jones, O'Donnell, Province, Fairall and Hibbs.

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Pheasant shooting has opened auspiciously, good bags being the rule rather than the exception. Metchosin, Saanich and the Duncans districts are the favorite hunting grounds, although quite a number are content to work over the limited shooting area of Oak Bay, Gordon Head, Mount Tolmie and Cedar Hill.

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Robert Leighton added to his fame as a manager of horse races and all that to them appertains by his conduct of the meeting at the Victoria Driving Park. The three days' sport is voted the best Victoria has known for many years, the running races in particular being excellently contested and the field large and of good quality.

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Vancouver completely outclassed the Winnipeg Shamrocks Thursday, and some $8,000 of hard wheat money came to the Coast in consequence.

The managing committee of the J.B.A.A will meet for the consideration of important business on Monday evening, the proposal to improve the handball courts being one special item. It is also probable that the organization of senior, intermediate and junior basketball teams will also be accomplished, and effect be given to the proposal for the formation of physical culture classes.

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New Westmister proved vastly superior in steadiness to Nelson in the exhibition lacrosse match at the lacrosse match at the Royal City this week. The visitors went to pieces in the first quarter, and the red-shirted heroes won by eight to three.

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Frank Gotch, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, has demonstrated that he can shoot as well as do good work on the mat. He was one of the top scorers in the trap shooting tournament at the New Westminster fair this week.

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Senior Rugby players meet at the Victoria Hotel on Mon[illegible] for the purpose of reorganizin[illegible] son. Eight o'clock is the hour, and the prospects for the season are reputed unusually bright.

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In the big wrestling match at New Westminster this week between Frank Gotch and Dan McLeod, for the catch-as-catch-can championship of the world, and a seductive purse of money, Gotch proved a comparatively easy winner. Youth must have its way.

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The unfinished events on the school children's sports programme will be contested on Saturday week at the driving park at 3 o'clock. In view of the keen rivalry and scores between the schools, the competitions should be close and exciting.

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The handsome Players' Challenge Cup, offered for competition in the exhibition tug-of-war tournament through Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., was won handily by the Royal Engineers.

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The baseball season locally has been discovered by both the home dailies to have been a financial failure.

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