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EDITORIAL

Independent Journalism.

Most people of British descent believe in calling a spade a spade. By common consent they are characterized by straightforwardness in speech and action. It therefore follows that they have little patience with the man who tries to "run with the hare and hunt with the hounds," or with the paper which proclaims loyalty to Conservatism in its manifesto and habitually preaches sedition and Grit policy in its editorial columns. When this characterization is made in the columns of any critical journal it is not necessary to particularize further, everyone knows just where the cap fits. The Week does not question the right of any paper to preach Grit doctrine, although sedition is in another category, but what The Week does object to, an objection shared by every true Conservative, is that a paper which with a great flourish of trumpets when coming under the present management announced that it should stand for Conservatism in politics and should support the Conservative party both in the Province and the Dominion should habitually fail to take up the cudgels for that party whenever any important matter is under consideration, and should rarely miss the opportunity of insidiously throwing out suggestions so obviously for the benefit of the Liberal party that it is almost impossible not to recall Esops venerable fable of "the Wolf in Sheep's clothing." If the paper in question would come out flat-footed and say that the management has decided to alter its policy, that the paper is a commercial proposition and proposes to be governed by the policy which pays best, no one would have any right to object. If it admitted that the task of attempting to run a Conservative paper with a Liberal editor had proved a failure and was to be abandoned no one would be surprised, but the ethics of journalism certainly do not sanction this playing fast and loose with political principles, to say nothing of the chronic tendency to misunderstand and misrepresent Imperial interests to the verge of disloyalty. This criticism which has been foreshadowed by previous editorials in The Week simply expresses the predominant opinion in Conservative ranks, an opinion which has been strengthened recently by the persistent advocacy of "independence" in journalism by the paper in question. One can readily understand and respect the desire of any editor to maintain that degree of independence which is necessary to prevent this paper from becoming the servile mouthpiece of party, or its out and out defender for sins of omission and commission; but it is a strange kind of "independence" which takes refuge in the enemy's camp, and does it so naturally and so habitually that the movement can be predicated with certainty. In Thursday's issue of the Colonist is an editorial under the caption "Election Prospects." No one could possibly place this article in a Conservative, or even an independent journal; with the exception of a few lines which may be regarded as a sop to Conservatism it might well have appeared in the columns of the Toronto Globe. It opens with a high eulogy of the "political sagacity" of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and emphatically declares that he has given too many proofs of this to permit of any question on the point." It then proceeds to point out to the Liberal party how inopportune it would be for them to appeal to the country in the near future, and assures them that "in consequence of recent disclosures they would be sure to go down to defeat." Coming from an avowedly Conservative organ, whose business might reasonably be expected to be the securing of the defeat of the Liberals, this handling of the subject is decidedly novel and refreshing. But the article goes on to warn the Liberals that they are not as strong in any one of the Provinces as they were four years ago, and sapiently declares that it fails to see any issue upon which Sir Wilfrid Laurier could hope to appeal successfully to the country at the present time. Obviously if the Government has been guilty of the extravagancies, and even worse misconduct, of which such abundant evidence is furnished in the report of the Civil Service Commission the best interests of Conservatism would be served by an election this year. All over Canada, and in British Columbia in particular, supreme efforts have been made in the direction of organization and registration. The party is eager for the fray; the excellence of its preparatory work is evidenced by the action of the Federal Government in introducing proposed legislation on the lines of that which enabled their agents to falsify the lists in Manitoba; and yet this Conservative paper feels called upon to unmask the batteries of its party, and not only to expose the vulnerable points of the Opposition against which the attacks must be directed but shows them why it would be policy to refuse battle. This is not all; it goes a step further and actually furnishes them with a plan of campaign, a truly remarkable development for an opposition paper. This plan of campaign is ushered in with the assurance that the public will easily forget administrative wrongdoing in the face of great development projects. It proceeds to cite what these projects should be:

"The connection of Montreal with the Grand Trunk Pacific, referred to in the above telegram;

"The acquisition by the government of numerous railways in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia which are feeders to the Intercolonial Railway;

"The tunnel to Prince Edward Island;

"The Georgian Bay canal;

"The Hudson's Bay railway;

"The extension of the Canadian Northern to the Pacific Coast;

"The All-Red line."

It assures Sir Wilfrid Laurier that these would constitute "a development policy of even greater magnitude than that upon which the country was carried at the last general election." In order to clinch its advice to postpone an election which Conservatives are anxious to bring on at the earliest possible moment the article goes on to urge that commercial depression is an argument against it, and points out to Liberal orators that "when the great transportation schemes are all under full weigh, as they will be next year, it will be a much more favourable time to appeal to the country." The last paragraph of this remarkable editorial is at once the most significant and the most mysterious of all; it declares that "until yesterday the Colonist had looked upon it as possible that before the present session closed a Constructive Policy might be announced," but it abandoned that attitude because Sir Wilfrid Laurier, addressing the deputation of business men in Montreal, averred that "the existing parliament did not expire for eighteen months yet and there was therefore plenty of time left for the Government to deal with the question before the next elections." In view of the fact that at the very commencement of the Colonist editorial Sir Wilfrid Laurier is declared to be "a pastmaster of political sagacity" it is not easy to understand how the Colonist arrives at its conclusion upon the above premises. Political sagacity is hardly exemplified by playing into the enemy's hands in such a simple manner, Sir Wilfrid Laurier knows this if the Colonist does not. The whole performance is inexplicable on any creditable grounds, and coming as it does after so many similar but less conspicuous performances of late local Conservatives will be more than ever convinced that "there is a screw loose somewhere."

International Relations.

One trip to Tokio does not make Mr. Lemieux a great statesman, neither does it constitute him an authority on International relationships. By the same process of reasoning one interview with a politician does not enable even the most astute editor to fathom his mind or to deduce a consecutive policy from his utterances. For this reason The Week would be very sorry to accept a certain version of Mr. Lemieux' views on the subject of the true intent of the relations between Great Britain, Japan and the United States. The time has not yet come when even the effete Britisher will admit that England is not still the Mistress of Seas. There is warrant for this conclusion not only in the deep-rooted conviction which we all possess, and in the patriotic ardour which inspires us, but in the more prosaic and practical utterances of Mr. Haldane, the Minister of War, who recently stated that the British Navy is the equal of the combined Navies of the three greatest World powers, but let that pass. It is equally impossible to accept Mr. Lemieux' dictum that Japan holds the key to the Far East. If England is Mistress of the Seas she holds the key, and any claim which Japan could possibly have to a share of the glory is derived from the Anglo-Japanese alliance. On the "silent partner" subject much might be said, but in view of existing treaty relations and the supersensitiveness, both of our allies and our neighbours, probably the less said the better. The view of The Week is that the situation is clearing, mainly because England still holds the key to the Far East, and the other powers, including Japan and the United States, recognize the fact.

Kipling's Letters.

Most of the papers which jumped in to criticize Kipling when his first letter appeared in Collier are already hedging. His second and third have now been received, and fully bear out the suggestion of The Week that the illustrious author is chronicling his impressions in the order in which he received them, and that when the whole have been issued they will bear a very different complexion from that which appeared probably from a perusal of the first. That he will lay himself open to criticism on some points is certain, especially in the lack of proportion which he shows in some of his utterances about British Policy; but this does not justify wholesale denunciation, and a man who has done so much for the Empire is entitled to present his whole case before he is judged.

Pure Food.

There is at the moment a general move in the direction of the better protection of the public with respect to food supply. Sanitary authorities all the world over are awake to the importance of the subject and legislative bodies are imposing more stringent regulations. In Germany, which leads the way in the application of Scientific knowledge to the practical affairs of life, Ptomaine poisoning has been almost abolished by rendering it illegal to sell fresh water fish when dead. A very ingenious system of tank reservoirs has been installed; a tank containing one ton of water will hold two tons of fish; Oxygen is circulated under pressure through the water and the Carbonic Acid Gas generated by breathing is absorbed by lime-coated plates. Similar tanks are erected in the restaurants, hotels and storage warehouses, and the fish are kept alive until the moment they are required for use. This is only one illustration of many tending to show the benefits of the application of scientific knowledge. Vancouver has entered on a pure milk crusade and investigations have revealed a deplorable condition of affairs. Dairy Inspector Logan has declared that filth is responsible for most of the disease which results from the use of impure milk. In Victoria Alderman Gleason has introduced a very salutary law, which it is hoped will pass, providing for the strict inspection of food. Altogether it becomes cleared every day that most of the physical ills that flesh is heir to can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care. This should be made compulsory in the public interest.

Fruit Inspection.

In the Correspondence columns of the current issue will be found a letter from the Minister of Agriculture referring to the series of articles which have recently appeared in The Week on the subject of Fruit Inspection. From this letter it will be gathered that as long ago as 1902 an offer was made to the Dominion Government by the local Board of Horticulture to assume the duties imposed by the Fruit Marks Act. The offer was refused on the ground that the Dominion officials could perform the duties. In consequence of the complaints of The Week Mr. A. McNeil, Chief of the Dominion Fruit Division, wrote suggesting that it might be better for the Board of Horticulture to assume these duties and in consequence the matter has been reopened by the Local Government. This very gratifying result fully justifies the stand taken by The Week.

One True Statement.

It is gratifying to be told on competent authority that Premier McBride in the course of his speech at Esquimalt the other night actually "made one statement which even his bitterest opponents must admit is warranted by the facts." This is something to be thankful for; not every party leader could do that in the course of an hour's speech, and it was evidently so great a surprise to the journalist in question as to occasion special comment. It is not at all unusual, however, to find editors making statements of which their political opponents are perfectly ready to approve.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

By C. H. GIBBONS

(An interview, written specially for The Week.)

"I don't think anything more strongly impressed me, or more appealed to my pride as a Canadian while abroad, than the high opinion expressed in all parts of the Empire that Canada is today the most forward part of the Greater Britain of the future—what should be the strongest and most enduring world-power of history."

The speaker was Mr. C. H. Gibbons, well known in newspaper circles of Western Canada, who has been taking a holiday from journalistic office work while driecting Madame Albani's concertising 'round-the-world tour. Incidentally of course Mr. Gibbons has been studying industrial conditions, politics and people in many countries, and it has been his good fortune during the tour to come in touch with one or two epochal events. Thus while he was in Wellington, New Zealand, that southermost British nation was formally proclaimed a new Dominion—Madame Albani and her company assisting in the important ceremonies; and in India he had the pleasure of meeting the Ameer of Afghanistan and afterwards accompanying that forcible ruler on his return to Kabul via the Khyber Pass, his being the first Canadian passport that has been seen in Afghanistan. Another fascinating side trip was made through Kashmir, Mr. Gibbons accompanying Lieutenant McCall of the 33rd Punjabis as far from the beaten track as Seringhur, the officer being on recruiting duty. Interesting personal meetings with Premier Sir Joseph G. Ward, of New Zealand, the numerous political chieftains of Australia, the Viceroy (Lord Minto) and the Commander-in-Chief of India (General Lord Kitchener), the Ameer of Afghanistan, the Nizam of Hyderabad, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and many other world-notables lent incident to the Canadian's tour, which embraced over 70,000 miles of land and water by travel and not a day of even trifling illness.

The contrasted advantages and disadvantages of government-owned and operated railways in new countries, the practical working out in radical New Zealand of universal suffrage, the threatening unrest in India, the effective working of tourist associations and public parks—these and a number of other important questions he proposes to deal with in a series of press articles as soon as time permits of the arrangement and amplification of his notes. But to return to the quoted reference to Canada's position in the Imperial scheme.

"The Canadian system of government is generally regarded as an excellent model. You hear it everywhere spoken of in this connection, especially in India, where it is the dream of the home-rulers to inaugurate representative government based on the Canadian plan. Even the rabid jealousies exhibited throughout Australia are complimentary rather than vexatious. I was greatly amused while in Sydney to read a double column newspaper advertisement warning prospective emigrants against the danger of freezing to death in icy Canada, and I took it up in conversation with the advertiser—a big realty operator. Said he: 'We've got to do something to divert any portion of the stream of emigration this way; prospective settlers of the Old Country seem to think there is no place for them to go but Canada. Your country has some bonza boosters handling its publicity end.' Bonza, by the way, is expressive Australian slang for the superlative of excellence.

"I do not think," Mr. Gibbons continued, "that I was ever more disappointed than over the great disparity between the vision and the actuality of government railways. National railways, as Mr. Maclean of Toronto holds them up for admiration, are just about the best thing going. The trouble is that Mr. Maclean is chiefly conversant with the nationalized railway of pleasant dreams. The real national railway in countries whose conditions parallel those of Canada is vastly different. When I went over to Australia and New Zealand last year, I was ready to shout and vote for the nationalization of our railways as soon as I could get a chance. Having had experience of nationalized railways that is the very last thing I should do. In theory the nationalization plan is eminently alluring; in practice it is a weapon forged for national suicide. I speak solely of countries in the formative period, with vast areas of wilderness to be opened up and given industrial population—such countries in a word as Canada.

"After five months' superficial study of the working out of nationalization, in railways more particularly, under conditions in Australia and New Zealand practically analagous to those prevailing in the First Dominion, I am convinced that railway nationalization, for a new country, is quite the maddest policy that irresponsible enthusiasm could advocate, and the last which a patriotic people desirous of seeing a virgin country of great potentialities developed by influx of population and industrial enterprise, should consent to have foisted upon them.

"The primary argument for government railways is that they are a most substantial asset to the state. The substitution, for a desolate and uninhabited wilderness, of a prosperous and populous country teeming with industries, each paying its fair proportion to the revenues of the state, is an infinitely more valuable asset. And in addition, government supervision of rates, and the principle of active competition make jointly for better service and, on the whole, more economical than where ownership and operation are vested in the State. The question as to whether the government's ownership of the railways is better policy for the people is only open for argument where augmented population is no longer required, and all important industries based upon the peculiar conditions and resources of the land are already firmly established. The railway may then be looked upon simply as a modern highway of the first class. In a new country, however, it must be first considered in the light of its great importance as a colonization doctor. When the railway is the property of the Crown as in Australia and New Zealand, it becomes inevitably a very important part of the political machine, deny as one may the intrusion of party influence. I shudder to think of what Canadian politics would be like with railways in Canada nationalized.

"Railways are built, maintained and operated in the Australasian states between populous centres and through populated country only after long and impractical debate in parliament. The voting strength lies as a rule necessarily with settled communities, already enjoying the advantages of railway communication, and the representatives of such communities are prone to oppose large expenditures away from their local interests, which may involve even temporarily increased taxation upon their credulous constituents.

"But given a victory to new railway projects, the battle is but begun! Railway building under government auspices and hedged about by the necessities of political expediency is infinitely more expensive than railway building by the private enterprise of trained men of large experience. The politician is not as a rule a railway man, and in no field of enterprise is the specialist more required. Again, under nationalization, the government goes to the limit of its powers when it establishes the railway—unless, as in New Zealand, the socialistic ultima thule is made the great objective. In Canada under safeguarded private own-

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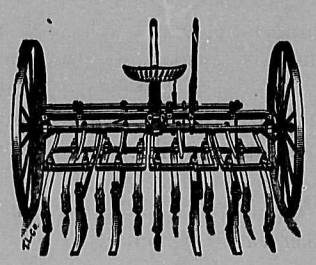

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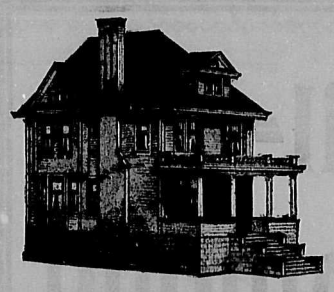

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ership what is the condition? The railway man in the larger sense of the term is ever on the look-out for new fields of action. His lieutenants, the explorers, bring him reports of vast new territories rich in mineral, in timber, in coal, in grazing lands, or in agricultural possibilities. And if public money or public lands(the latter virtually valueless until provided with transportation facilities) are given to assist railway construction thereto, the rapid opening up of these lands to settlement and industrial activity far counter-balances the total of possible government aid.

(To be continued)

Music and The Drama.

Victoria Theatre.

There have been two performances at the Victoria Theatre this week. Of the first, "The Black Crook," little need be said except that it was fierce, the best artists have recently been seen at a local vaudeville house for 25 cents, and were hardly worth $1.50 at the larger theatre. It is about time The Black Crook was taken off the road. It has fairly worn out its welcome.

On Wednesday night Creston Clarke appeared in a play entitled the Power that rules. He was supported by a good all round company, with the single exception of the leading lady, who is decidedly unsuited to such parts and to a great extent neutralized the good work of the star. Creston Clarke is a very pleasing actor; he has a nice manner and a beautiful voice; his elocution is excellent and indeed his whole bearing reminds me of Forbes Robertson twenty years ago. He has a few mannerisms which he should try to get rid of, notably a peculiar droop of the head and a relaxing of the whole figure at odd moments, to use a somewhat slang expression he wants to "buck up," and throw a little more energy and virility into his work. Mr. Clarke is the legitimate successor of the Forbes Robertson of other days, and of the Martin Harvey of today. He is essentially a romantic actor and would shine in James Albery's grand old drama "The Two Roses," or in the part of Sidney Carton in Dickens' "Tale of Two Critics," and possibly as Lanciotto in "Francesca di Rimini." He would make an ideal "Girngoire." I should also like to see him in the "Queen's Messenger" and in "Dream Faces." He is entirely thrown away on a western play, specially of the materialistic kind. It is a pity he has not been taken up by a management which could give him a good play. He has the stuff in him, but it is smothered under the crudities and balanities of such farce as "The Power That Rules."

Few, if any, attractions booked in the Victoria Theatre for the current season here have as great an interest for the regular playgoer as the appearance of Mary Mannering in her successful American play, "Glorious Betsy," by Rida Johnson Young, author of "Brown of Harvard." Miss Mannering's date at the Victoria Theatre is Thursday, April 9th, when she will be seen for the first time in the greatest success of her career, a play that provides her with a story of exciting and absorbing interest just as the author intended. The Shuberts have surrounded their star with a company of unusual excellence and a production that all ingenuity could suggest. Following the story of the play: In writing

Glorious Betsy the author does not go into the darker side of Betsy's life, but deals with those days when her name was the toast of every gathering of note from Baltimore to New Orleans. It takes us back to the old Sweet Springs of Virginia, when that resort was the gathering place for the best in wealth and culture and beauty of which America could boast.

The Toronto Globe, in commenting on a recent performance of "The Burgomaster," has the following to say: "The Burgomaster does not pretend to have any deep laid plans, or, as the programme confesses, to be free from anachronism, but it does provide three hours of pretty scenes, sparkling music and lots of fun combined. The piece was welcomed by a crowded house at the Grand, and its reception only forecasted the success which will doubtless attend it during the week. In the title role it need only be said that Mr. Gus Weinburg was all that his admirers expected him to be, and Miss Ruth White, who was again seen in her original part, 'Willie,' achieved the success of the evening. As Doodle Von Cull, the Burgomaster's secretary, Leo Kendall, exhibited a quaint drollery which was irresistible, while Miss Marion Mack's burlesque of the Lady Theosophist evoked roars of laughter. The charming voice of Miss Marie Grandpre was heard to advantage in the songs which fell to her as Catherine Vanderbeck, while the remaining roles were all adequately filled. 'The Burgomaster' is excellently staged, and the piece went with a swing from start to finish.'

New Grand.

The programme at the New Grand is better this week than for several weeks past. The turn of Walter E. Perkins & Co. is excellent and quite up to the highest level of vaudeville house performances. The one-act comedy entitled "Election Bets" is exceedingly well rendered by Hallen & Fuller. These are the top liners, all the other turns are distinctly good. The moving pictures are also alright, but I am not enamoured of the illustrated song; this turn seems to find a regular place in the bill and as far as Thomas J. Price is concerned the work is distinctly above the average, but I cannot get rid of the feeling that it is more or less perfunctory and from close observation I doubt if the item appeals to any large section of the audience.

A combination of circumstances makes possible, and indeed, necessary, the presentation next week of the greatest aggregation of high priced feature acts that has ever been seen on one vaudeville bill in any of the Coast cities. The circumstances are, the closing of the Orpheum theatre in Seattle to permit of the erection of the long-delayed new building on that site, the closing of the Star theatre in Seattle for a week for repairs and the closing in a couple of weeks of the big Coliseum theatre in Seattle for alterations necessary before the opening of the big Orpheum acts in that house in the late summer. These changes leave the circuit with a large number of acts on their hands for which time has to be provided and as a consequence the remaining houses will all have next week much larger and more expensive bills than has been customary. Manager Jamieson's programme will be almost double in point of expense and patrons are promised a rare treat. The full programme will include Richard Buhler, assisted by Louise Orendorf in "The Cracksman"; the Doria & Pera Trio, in high class operatic selections; Frank O'Dell and Rose Kinley, in a singing and dancing sketch entitled "Pierrot and Pierrette; Wesson, Walters and Wesson, in "A Trip to Washington, D.C."; Johnnie LeFevre and Frankie St. John, late of "The Mayor of Tokio" Co., in bits of musical comedy; The Robert Dumont Duo in a knockabout acrobatic act entitled "Fun in a Hotel"; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song, "Every one was meant for Some one," and new moving pictures entitled "The Enchanted Glasses," and Hey, There! Look Out," besides a new selection by the orchestra.

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The True Romance.

One of Kipling's finest poems, and the one which I have always considered most deserving of the title, is "To the True Romance." I have been astonished to learn how few people are familiar with it, nine out of ten consider Recessional his masterpiece, the majority if appealed to will quote from "Barrack Room Ballads," and not a few will cite "L'envoi," that delightful excerpt to be found at the end of the Seven Seas, but personally I think the true spirit of poetry is better expressed in "The True Romance."

Some day when I have a little more leisure I intend to devote a column to a discussion of the subject and its treatment, but now it suggests that the title has a wider signification than Kipling recognized. He emphasises the personal element, but as the poet of Empire he might well have given the subject an Imperial application.

We are apt to speak of the "good old times" and where is the boy who has not revelled in the tales of adventure when doughty captains set sail from the shores of the Motherland in tiny barques which nowadays we should hesitate to cruise along the coast. Yet in these selfsame tiny hearts of oak they sailed on wintry seas, to far distant lands, and began to weave the never dying story of Empire.

No British Ironclad cleaves the waves and lands a detachment upon foreign strand but some relic is found of the crew of hardy sailors who anchored there 100, or may be 200, years ago; a cairn, a log hut, or a cave may be the visible token of that long away visit but not even in the trackless icefields of the frozen north is the adventurous explorer of today the real pioneer.

The World is shrinking, unexplored vastnesses are dissolving, trails, roads, and railways are rapidly penetrating where only a short time ago the foot of man had never trod. Winston Churchill's letters on the Interior of Africa read even more like a fairy tale than those never-to-be-forgotten diaries of Burton, Speke, Baker, Johnston, and Livingstone, which told of the interior of "the dark continent" last century. Then the impression was all of distance and danger, of isolation and impenetrableness; shall we ever forget the breathless suspense with which the civilized world waited for news of Livingston while Stanley fought his way through dank dark jungles and among strange tribes.

Churchill only a few months ago rode through these very jungles on the Cape to Cairo Railway, and in its progress the iron horse scattered herds of harte-beste, lions, tigers, elephants, rhinoceros and hippopotamus. Zebras by the thousand browzed along the railway banks, and giraffes tore tender foliage from the trees within a stone's throw of the track, and so on to Nyanza. Is not this the true Romance the triumph of man, organized into a great army of civilization, transforming the world?

In the history of the New World there are no more fascinating chapters than those which tell of the band of men known as the Hudson's Bay adventurers who so long ago navigated their stout little vessels regularly from London across the stormy Atlantic, through the narrow Straits, into Hudson's Bay and so on to Fort Churchill; which they made a seaport three hundred years ago. The wise men have declared that the route which these brave pioneers marked out is impracticable today, but we are actually within hailing distance of a railway and steamship line which will connect the Pacific with the Atlantic by way of the unknown territory of the Dominion and Hudson's Bay.

It is only when one regards the mighty equipment of the navigator of the twentieth century that it is possible to realise the achievement of the pioneer of the sixteenth. Little did the brave men who planted the Hudson's Bay posts throughout the frozen north, and for generation after generation threaded the solitary trail which interlaced the woods of Keewatin, Mackenzie, and Ungava dream that their tiny vessels, which carried only tribute of fur, would be superseded first by the locomotive, and later by the steamship. The boundless north, stretching from Saskatchewan to the pole, and from the Pacific to Hudson's Bay, is yielding to the wanderlust of the land seeker, and Indian and trapper are already receding before the advance of the man with the hoe and the plough.

The insistent cry for bread is dominating every movement, and grain must grow that men may be fed, and wherever grain can be grown it claims the land and will rule it.

In a few short years the flyer will leave the Pacific Coast for Fort Churchill, making the journey easily in three days. By that time a Marretania will be plying between Fort Churchill and Milford Haven, covering the distance in four days. I venture to predict that in ten years the trip will be made from the Pacific coast to Milford or Queenstown in one week. Is not this the true romance, the achievement of man, the triumphing over every obstacle, the domination of land and sea, may be of air, and the direction and control of all the forces of nature?

Bohemian.

De lion lay down wid de lamb,
Ez quiet ez could be,
But w'en de lion riz up.
Dat lamb—oh! whar wuz he?

Although the principal event in the boxing tournament which was held on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Victoria West Athletic Club proved very unsatisfactory, I have to congratulate the management of the club on their efforts to give the local lovers of the manly art a good clean exhibition. The preliminaries were as good as could be expected, but the bout between Dufty and Foley was a poor exhibition. The former was a sad disappointment to his followers, the majority of whom expected him to make a far better showing than he did; in fact he showed no class whatever, and it was his poor showing that brought Foley into such prominence. The latter had the better of the go after the second round, but at that the honours he gained were empty ones as he had a dead one against him.

Social and Personal.

Mr. William Fisher returned last Tuesday from the East, where he enjoyed a two months' holiday.

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Miss Violet Hickey left on Friday for Vancouver where she is to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Holt.

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Mrs. F. W. Bullen and Mr. H. F. Bullen have returned from the south, where they spent a couple of weeks.

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Mrs. Whiting paid a flying visit to Seattle during the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Holt have left for Vancouver where they intend residing.

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Mr. Samuel Barker, after an absence of some eighteen months, has returned to Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. Knocker of Fallside, England, have gone up to Duncans, which is to be their home for the future.

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Mr. H. Burrows and Mr. W. E. Oliver came down from Cowichan Lake at the beginning of the week. They enjoyed some splendid fishing.

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Miss Doris Mason is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Turlonger in Duncans.

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Mr. E. B. McKay returned during the week from Prince Rupert.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Poff, Vancouver, were registered at the Empress for the greater part of the week.

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Mr. W. Fisher left on Friday evening for Atlin.

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Lieut. Kingscote is visiting his brother at Saanich. He was formerly a midshipman on this station.

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It is rumoured that some of the bachelors intend giving a small dance at the Cosy Corner Tea Roms.

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The Alexandra Club was the scene of a smart tea on Monday last, the club being very prettily decorated for the occasion.

Among the guests were Mrs. Herbert Kent, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. T. Grant, Mrs. Victor Eliot, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Miss Arbuthnot, Mrs. R. Janion, Mrs. C. Willson, Misses Page, Mrs. J. Harvey, Miss Sehl, Miss Anna McQuade, Mrs. At. Griffiths, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. Alexis Martin, Mrs. Van Decar, Mrs. H. Gillespie, Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Hind, Mrs. A. Gillespie, Miss Gaudin, Mrs. Saawyard, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. McDurand, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Guy Warner, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. McCreary, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Considine, Mrs. A. Davis, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Rant, Miss Foster, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. F. Higgins and others.

Birth

On April 2nd, at Mexico City, the wife of H. F. Langton, of Victoria, B.C., of a daughter.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, on Graham Island, B.C.:

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1, thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

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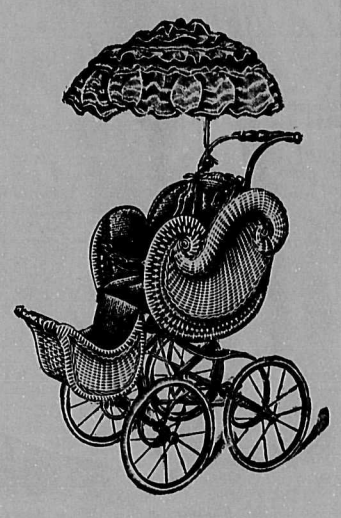

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At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

This week Victoria has had its anual Dog Show although very few eople are aware of the fact. Last ar The Week severely criticized the anagement for their lack of enterise and this year there is as much om as ever for complaint. By comon consent no finer collection of gs has been seen in the West; the ality of the English Setters was mply superb and several other asses were scarcely inferior and yet e show has only been visited by a ere handful of people. This is enely due to lack of advertising and til the management learns to folw in the footsteps of the Agricul-al Societies and Horse Shows they ll never popularize the dog show. is a great pity on every ground at the public should not be attract-

British Columbia is a sporting ovince and Vancouver Island is its radise. No part of Canada yields ter shooting. This accounts for the pularity of the sporting dogs in rticular but Victorians know and e a good dog of any breed, and a e up-to-date management, with the ed attraction of a band at night, uld ensure a crowded attendance a satisfactory financial result.

he little tiff between the City hers and the Parks Board did no m and since the matter in dispute micably settled no one will regret it occurred. Personally I conr that the Parks Board had all best of the dispute. Mr. Arbuthput the case in a nutshell when he said that he was willing to give his time, but not to waste it. It certainly was a farce to appoint a body of gentlemen to supervise that department and then deprive them of all discretionary powers. The old order of things is passing away and some things at any rate are becoming new. As a believer in the future of Victoria I hail with delight every solar plexus blow dealt by the vigorous and energetic newcomer at the ancient order of things—it spells advancement.

I have been not a little amused at the opposition of certain members of the City Council to the appointment of a public prosecutor; the whole thing is like a storm in a tea cup and savours of querulousness. Just why Alderman Cameron and Alderman Gleason should be the two to contest the appointment is rather a puzzle since both are such strenuous advocates of moral reform. The Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police, to say nothing of Mr. Justice Martin, had all expressed themselves in favour of the appointment. The grounds should be sufficient for any reasonable man, especially in view of the recent outbreak of lawlessness in the city, which was only checked just in time to save its reputation.

The appointee is a highly qualified man, an Englishman, a gentleman, and a barrister. He has practised not only in his own country but in other parts of Canada and will sit at the next Provincial examination in order to qualify here. The average man would suppose that every member of the City Council would be glad to get such a public servant at the very small remuneration involved; but beyond that to refuse to confirm the appointment would be to treat the License Commissioners and the Chief of Police as cavalierly as the Council tried to treat the Parks Board. Victoria wants protection and order; the ratepayers are prepared to pay a sufficient number of Policemen, and a Public Prosecutor if the proper authorities consider that he is necessary.

It is proverbially a mistake to whistle before you are out of the wood. The daily press in general and the Colonist in particular has been making a great to do about the bonding of certain land areas in the neighborhood of Hardy Bay to the G.T.P. In this the Colonist at any rate was not wise, it was essentially a case where little should have been said until the matter was closed. The Week now hears from a reliable authority that the option will not be exercised, and thus another good deal for the Island has been thrown down through incompetent negotiators. This is a pity, but it is true.

A citizen of Victoria for whom I have a great respect has asked me to take up the matter of the corruption of the boys of this city by certain forms of public entertainment, to wit, vaudeville performances. It is an important subject and one well worthy of consideration. The matter was put to me on these grounds; that while men of mature age might see no harm in these performances they undoubtedly possessed an element of danger for susceptible boys of fifteen or sixteen. I believe this to be perfectly true to a very limited extent; it may apply to an occasional turn contributed to the programme by a comic vocalist or monologue artist. I have on several occasions commented upon this and have been the means of securing its elimination from the programme.

In this connection I want to say that I am satisfied both M· Jamieson and Mr. Ormond, the managers of the local vaudeville houses, exercise a strict supervision over their performers and never tolerate anything approaching indecency. In this respect the houses in Victoria are far ahead of those across the line. This leaves the question of whether the growing tendency on the part of boys and girls to spend as much time as possible at these entertainments is not to be deplored. Personally I think it is and that not so much because of anything objectionable which occurs there as that it is a waste of time and leads to the forming of bad habits.

I am convinced that in the majority of instances home training of the right sort is an antidote to pernicious influence outside.

I intend to pursue this subject further and to point out a source of evil in this city which is a thousand times more pernicious and more deadly in its influence than anything which the boys pick up at vaudeville houses, and like everything else connected with morals and character it harks back to home influence.

Lounger.

Easter Dawn.

Awake, O earth! the rose of dawn
Flames softly over Olivet,
The night of pain and death has gone,
The air is full of fragrance drawn
From blossoms of the thorn, dew-wet.
Awake, O earth! awake and greet
The day and all it brings to thee—
Love's crowning triumph, full, complete;
Awake and sing with rapture sweet
Thy song of Immortality!
Awake, O earth! the rose of dawn
Flames softly over Olivet.
—Jean Blewett, in The Canadian Magazine.

Another Paper.

Mr. H. M. Walker, who for some years conducted the Enderby Edenograph, has put out a new venture in the shape of a weekly paper devoted to the interests of Enderby and the surrounding district. The printer's work is excellent, the get-up attractive, and the writing bright and optimistic. Mr. Walker is a man of unusual gifts, with strong literary tendencies and considerable artistic taste. He is capable of producing that kind of literature which is more profitable to the reader than the writer, and in a mercenary age this is high praise. Everyone who has been interested in Mr. Walker's previous work will wish him success in his latest venture.

Home Life of Genius.

The Actor (before breakfast)—Where are the papers, my dear?

His wife (an actress, absent-mindedly)—C-curse you! They are far beyond your reach, thank heaven! And I'll die a thousand deaths before you can wr-r-r-ing the secret from—oh—er—Jack, I mean the boy forgot to leave them this morning.—Puck.

At the Picture Framer's.

Artist—I want to get a frame for a rather important picture I've just finished.

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Artist—No, I'm sending it to the exhibition.

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Post-Graduate Work.

"When you graduate from that cooking school," asked Tess, "do you get a diploma?"

"Sometimes," replied Jess, "you get a certificate for a post-graduate course."

"A certificate?"

"Yes, a marriage certificate."—Philadelphia Press.

Sporting Comment.

The organization of the Victoria Lacrosse Club and its admission into the B.C.A.L.A. has formed the principal sporting topic of the week, and I am pleased to state that the outlook for a first class senior organization is very bright. It is now several years since the Capital City of the Province has been represented in the senior series and I think the time is ripe for the re-appearance of the local club. As far as I can ascertain there are at present players enough in this city of sufficient calibre to form a good team and there are others in town who have not taken part in the national game in this city for the simple reason that there was no senior team. Now that this difficulty has been overcome I can see no reason why Victoria should not held the same position in lacrosse that she did several years ago. All that is required is a united effort on the part of the players and the rest is assured. If the players will only get down to work and practice and not give so much time to walking up and down Government street, it would be much better for the game in Victoria. For several years past this has been too much in evidence and I hope that this year will see a change. It is absolutely impossible to play lacrosse without practice and when the people of this city know that the players are not giving that attention to their work that they should they will not give the club their support and I do not blame them. If the players get out and show the public that they intend to play the game for all they are worth and are out to win they will receive all the support that is necessary and the people of Victoria will not be long in showing their appreciation. It is all very well saying the people will not support a losing team, but this is hardly right. Give the people a run for their money and the team will be supported.

I have observed the lacrosse conditions very carefully and I am convinced that given grounds as are now promised that this city will not be far behind the leaders in the race for the championship but it rests entirely with the players and unless they get out and drill steadily they might as well hang up their sticks.

The formation of the Royal Victoria Athletic Association having as its object the securing of a plot of ground to be devoted entirely to recreation is a decided step in the right direction, but I can hardly agree with the promoters on the terms on which the grounds are controlled or their size. The plot that has been secured is sufficiently large for lacrosse, baseball or football but when it comes to field athletics there is not sufficient space. To make the grounds pay it is absolutely necessary that they must be occupied every Saturday and at present there is very little prospect of this being done. There are several points which must be attended to in securing a location for an athletic park. The first is the location, in this case the grounds are within ten minutes walk from Government St. The next is the size and in this case I do not think that the space is large enough. At the best it is only 630 by 320 feet or about two-thirds the size of Oak Bay oval and this circled by a track which takes three laps to the mile. To make a track at the new park would require at least five to the mile. The next and most important is the terms on which the property is secured, and although I am aware of the terms I cannot at present disclose them, but I do not consider them satisfactory, but as the promoters state they are the best that could be secured and it was these conditions or nothing. Under these conditions it is possible to make them meet expenses, but I understand that subscriptions are being secured not as a business investment but simply in the interest of sport; in this case they might prove satisfactory. In any case an early start must be made if the grounds are to be put in shape for the first lacrosse match to be played in this city.

Ruth White and some of the Kangaroo Girls in The Burgomaster.

I am pleased to see that the formation of the Victoria Baseball Club is progressing favorably and I sincerely hope that the local exponents will band together and give the Victoria fans a good exhibition of the game which they admire. There has been an attempt on the part of some of the "kickers" to knock the game in favor of lacrosse, but with this I do not agree. There is a saying "that every knock is a boost" and in this case I think it is right. There is plenty of room in Victoria for a first class baseball and lacrosse team and there is no reason whatever why they should be pulling against each other, and I think that left to themselves there will be little if any opposition from headquarters of either club. Those at the head of the baseball club are experienced men, the same might be said of the lacrosse club, and both realize that little can be gained by running in opposition to each other and from my personal observation I do not think there will be any serious clash. There is also some opposition to the importation of baseball players to form the local team, but with this I can support the management. It is practically impossible to get a team in this city at the present time that could stand against the teams that will be brought here and it is necessary to strengthen. It is n tonecessary that a full team should be secured but certain uosi-tions must be filled by experienced men and to do this outsiders must be had. I am informed that several outsiders are anxious to make this city their home provided they can secure employment to which they have been accustomed. I hope that the business men will come to the assistance of the management in this regard. In this matter the manager of a baseball team has a big advantage over a lacrosse manager as he seldom lands a "dead one." The record of every player of any consequence is registered in the baseball annual and the business men can rest assured that any player who is secured will not only be a good one but will be really playing for the love of the game and not for what is in it. I hope that the newly formed baseball club will receive the support that they are entitled to and that the club has a successful season.

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The admission of the Victoria Lacrosse Club into the B.C.L.A. was unanimous on the part of the delegates from the outside clubs and the welcome that was expressed by Delegates Welch and Gray was most cordial. I am sure the lacrosse players of the city appreciate the welcome and every effort will be made to make the application of the local club one that this ctiy should not be ashamed of. The annual meeting of the B. C. L. A. was held in this city and one of the most important movements was the decided stand for amateurism. This is an important time in the history of lacrosse and I am pleased to see that the association has fallen into the lines which I have so often advocated. There are several people who think that the clubs will not maintain this agreement but let one club do any underhand work and it will get the biggest surprise it ever got. The delegates were unanimous on this point and in addition to expressing their views each and every one has signed a declaration to the effect that their support will be withdrawn from their clubs in case any effort is made to hand out the cash, and as those who represented the clubs at the meeting at the heads of their respective clubs it will certainly go hard with any organization which breaks the rule.

In some instances I certainly agree with the Nanaimo Herald when it says the All-Island team is not as strong as the one which was selected to play the first game, but I cannot agree with its suggestions as changes. That the team should be selected from Nanaimo and Ladysmith simply because they are a tthe head of the league is something entirely unheard of. Although Nanaimo is at present even with Ladysmith for the championship it is very little credit to the Nanaimo club as the mainstay of the team has been imported from the Mainland and had the local teams followed their lead the Coal City team might not now enjoy the dis-

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inction of being at the head of the eague.

Regarding the criticism I heartily gree with the critic when he says Hewitt should be on the team. From is play in the league matches he is ntitled to the place, but I learn on good authority that in the big match t Vancouver he was not to be de-ended on, in fact every person who witnessed the match as well as every sporting writer in Vancouver admits that had it not been for Lorimer the game would have gone to the Main-land. Why on the face of this the Up-Islanders should desire a change is beyond me. Regarding Graham I do not agree with his selection for full back as it is not his position. He plays a good game there, but he plays a much better game at inside left forward and it is there that he should be playing today. Regarding the half-back line there is only one player selected who is entitled to his place and that is Johnson, who the Nanaimo man refers to as a "has been." It is true that he has forgotten more about football than either Farmer or Sawyers ever knew, who are suggested as alternates, but he can still play the game as it should be played. In my opinion, and I have watched every player very closely neither McKinley or Harley have any right on the team. I stated this regarding the first team and I am all the more convinced after the recent exhibitions. There are four players who are entitled to position before either of these and they are Thackeray, Kerchen, Clegg and Wynne.

The twenty-round go which is advertised to take place between Wat Adams of this city and Geo. Paris of Vancouver promises to be one of the best contests ever witnessed in this city. Both men have done some good work and are out to win. Winning this engagement means a lot to Paris, while Adams who shows considerable class is just about starting on his upward career and is looking for bigger things. The contest will take place in the Victoria Theatre and should attract a good crowd.

UMPIRE.

To Match His Descendants.

"I see they have discovered where George Washington told a lie once."

"What did he do that for?"

"I don't know—perhaps to qualify as Father of His Country."

"Ut's a poor soldier yez are," bantered Larry.

"Phoy should yez say thot?" replied Denny, in injured tones. "During th' great battle wasn't Oi where th' shells wor thickest?"

"Yez wor thot! Oi hurr-rud th' corporal say yez got so scared yez wint into a barn an' stuck yez head into an egg crate, bedad!"—Chicago News.

Innards and Vitals.

As old Farmer Mulilns urged his horses up the steep ascent of a Vermont hill he observed that one of the new boarders cast a pitying glance in the direction of the off horse as it laboured to do its share.

"Now, I s'pose," said old Mullins, "that some o' you city folks think it kinder tough to make these critters take sech a hill; but it ain't so mean as you think. It's a big sight meaner to run 'em down hill, an' I'll tell ye why. Now, when a hoss runs up hill, his vitals presses on his innards, but when you run him down hill, his innards presses on his vitals. An' that's a dern sight wuss, now, ain't it?"—Judge.

It Was "So Sudden."

"Miss Eleanor," said he, as they sat on the beach in the moonlight, "will you marry me?"

"This is so sudden!" she cried.

"My love?" he asked.

"No,' she replied; "your nerve."—Judge.

You Can Never Tell.

Ransom—Never judge a man by the umbrella he carries.

Beckly—No; it may not be his.

How the Lists are Prepared in Manitoba.

The principle upon which the voters' lists are prepared in Manitoba is personal registration, the lists being revised and brought up to date each year, in the months of May and June. This is done under the immediate direction of the county court judges of the province, who, under the Act, constitute what is known as the board of registration, the chairman at the present time being Hon. D. M. Walker, formerly attorney-general of Manitoba and now a county court judge in Winnipeg. Each year a proclamation is issued setting the dates for sitting of registration clerks and of the court of revision in each provincial constituency. At the sitting of the registration clerks men appointed specially for the purpose receive the names of all who are desirous of having their names added to the list for that particular constituency and also any applications that may be made to strike off the names of those on the previous list who may have died or removed from the constituency. These clerks have no power to either add to or strike from the list a single name. They must simply take all the applications offered. The county court judges who sit as revising officers, one in each constituency, are the only men who have any power to add to or strike from the lists.

In order to provide against any possibility of stuffing the lists it is provided that all applications to be placed on the list must be made personally. The only exception to this rule is in the case of persons who are unable to attend either through illness or temporary absence. In either of these cases a member of the family of the sick or absent man or an intimate acquaintance may make the necessary declaration in his behalf. It is further provided in order to prevent abuses that at the close of every sitting of the registration clerks, the clerk and also the representative of each political party must sign his name in the line next below the name of the last applicant.

At the close of the sitting copies of the list of applications are made and are posted up in various public places and the books forwarded to the chairman of the board of registration.

The judges in the meantime apportion the province among themselves and one of them sits in each local constituency as revising officer. They take the list of applications that have been made to be placed on the list and pass all the names against which no protest has been lodged, something that any one may do following the close of the sittings of the registration clerks. They also hear evidence in support of any objections that may have been made to any of the applications to be added to the list and also in support of any applications to strike from the list the names of those who have either removed from the constituency or died. They also receive the applications of any, who, for any reason whatever, may have neglected to appear before the registration clerks.

The list is then closed for the year and is sent to the clerk of the provincial executive council, for safe-keeping and remains in his possession until such time as required for election purposes. In case of a provincial election he sends the list to provincial king's printer and in the case of a Dominion contest to the king's printer at Ottawa.

The Provincial Government has made arrangements with one of the big cinemetograph companies of London to send a representative to this Province during the coming summer to obtain views of timber, scenery, agricultural lands, etc., with the intention of supplying copies of these slides to lecturers in other countries. A Victoria photographer has been retained to take pictures of events of interest as they transpire for the same purpose.

Senior — Hello! Where's your chum? You started out together.

Berry Junior—He ish (hic) three lamp-posths behind.—Lippincott's.

A Canadian patent was recently issued to Mr. Frank G. Benson, of Vancouver, on an improved penci point protector. A removable pencil point protector which is in common use consists of a cylindrical portion split to have a resilient hold of the body of the pencil and a conical end shielding the sharpened point. This protector requires to be removed from the sharpened end and placed on the opposite end of the penci when the pencil is to be used. To avoid this necessity, Mr. Benson removes the tip of the cone to disclose an aperture through which the sharpened lead point may be projected by merely sliding the protector along the body of the pencil, by which means the necessity is avoided for removing the protector. The patent was received through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver.

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Dated February 22nd, 1908.

G. E. GIBSON.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of bay inside of Jesse Island, one quarter of a mile north of Jesse Island, running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

H. G. ANDERSON.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NOTICE

The bridge at Craigflower over Victoria Arm is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 9th March, 1908.

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THE GOVERNMENT of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA hereby offers a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men who, on the 25th day of February, 1908, at the Gorge Hotel, near the City of Victoria, B.C., armed with revolvers, entered and, while committing a robbery in the said Hotel, shot and wounded one Richard Dancey.

DESCRIPTION.

No. 1—Man about 5 feet 11 inches in height, slim build, dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap.

No. 2—Man about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; slim build; dressed in dark-colored clothing; wore dark cap. Both men were armed with dark-colored revolvers and wore long white cotton masks.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of either one of the said men.

By order, **F. S. HUSSEY,**
Superintendent of Provincial Police.
Victoria, B.C., 26th February, 1908.

OMINECA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast.

TAKE NOTICE that Marie Philippi, of Omaha, occupation, Lady, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of section 21, township 1, range 4, Poudrier Survey; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, being said section 21.

Dated January 15th, 1908.

MARIE PHILIPPI.

Feb. 15 A. Olson, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

D. R. YOUNG.

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of the B. M. Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

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NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal, on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one mile and a quarter north of Skidegate Inlet and mouth of the Honna River, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

B. M. RICHARDSON.

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

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Commencing at a post planted at the **northwest corner of B. M.** Richardson Claim, being about one mile and a quarter northwest of Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands Group; thence south eighty chains; **thence east eighty chains**; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; back to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres.

Located this ——— day of March, A.D. 1908.

R. W. RAYSAY,

Mch 21 William Woods, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, about 100 feet west of the wharf; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south along the shore back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

March 14 C. G. JOHNSTONE.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the west shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the entrance of said bay, running west 80 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence east along the shore of bay inside of Jesse Island; thence northerly along the shore of Blinkinsop Bay to the place of commencement.

Dated February 22nd, 1908.

O. C. BASS.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Blinkinsop Bay, three-quarters of a mile from the outlet of the creek at the head of bay, running north along the shore 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains; thence west 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

Dated February 24th, 1908.

L. P. LOCKE.

March 14 C. G. Johnstone, Agent.

NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast, Range 1.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the purchase of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the head of Blinkinsop Bay, 50 feet north of the creek running to the bay; running west 60 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 60 chains; thence south 60 chains back to the place of commencement.

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Victoria, 28th March, 1908.

Editor Week.

Sir,—The articles which have appeared in your issues of the 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th February, regarding the inspection of local fruit, engaged the attention of the Board of Horticulture at its recent sitting, when it was shown that as far back as January, 1902, an offer was made to the Dominion Government by the Board of Horticulture, to assume the duties imposed by the provisions of the Fruit Marks Act, and that offer was rejected by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, who said: "I am satisfied that the Fruit Marks Act can be satisfactorily enforced by the officers specially appointed for that purpose in my Department, and think it is best to leave it in that way."

In consequence of the letter of Mr. A. McNeill, chief of the Dominion Dominion Fruit Division, which appeared in one of your issues of recent date, the matter has been reopened with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, with a view to its adjustment on a satisfactory basis.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBT. G. TATLOW,

Minister of Agriculture.

Victoria, B.C. March 31, 1908.

Editor The Week,

Sir,—I beg to enclose three separate clippings taken from the Colonist of Saturday's date.

May I ask if it is generally held that Canada is a civilized country? One might reasonably gather from the enclosed clippings that we are still grovelling in the moral and intellectual darkness of the middle ages. It goes without saying that politically and religiously we are, of course, leaders of the world's thought. Where are purer politics or a more inspired spirit of tolerance and a greater breadth of view in matters of conduct to be found in the civilized world than in this happy country of ours?

Perhaps sir, you can tell us what the inner and deeper meaning of modern civilization is. Does it allow freedom of thought and liberty of conscience, and does it recognize any of those principles, which by a pretty euphemism, we agree to call "the rights of the subject"?

ANDREW FAIRSERVICE.

Refused Landing—Will be Drowned.

When the steamer Lonsdale left the outer wharf yesterday the Canadian-Mexican liner carried away two small-sized donkeys, which were passengers from Mexico. The two burros were tethered on the deck, patiently munching hay, and meanwhile the ship's officers were deciding upon their execution. They are to be drowned at sea.

The donkeys were brought for two Victorians, who wished to present the little animals to children, but the cruel customs laws, which are not swayed by sentiment, were in the way.

It seems that in order to bring live stock from Mexican ports it is necessary to secure a permit from the commissioner of customs at Ottawa. The prospective owners eagerly offered any duty the customs officials might levy. The animals were not valuable—they cost less than $5 a pair in Mexico. The officials were adamant. The law was that no live stock could be imported from Mexico without a permit from the commissioner of customs at Ottawa, and that permit was not forthcoming. They were ordered returned.

Rather than carry the donkeys back to Mexico it was decided to drop them overboard.

On Witchcraft Charge.

Windsor, Ont., March 27.—Mrs. Carrie Becker, charged with exercising witchcraft and sorcery, has been committed for trial before the high court. Mrs. Becker was released on bail.

Happy Prince Edward Island! It stands a chance of getting a tunnel to the Mainland, and it has abolished the use of motors within its borders.

Westward Ho!

The April number of Westward Ho! contains many splendid articles and bright stories rendolent of the West. Captain Clive Phillips-Wolley continues his serial, "Shakmut," a powerful story of Sitka, Alaska, in the days of the Russian occupancy. Bonnycastle Dale, a well known Canadian Naturalist, has an illustrated story on "The Wild Rice Harvest of the Mississaugas." There is a new department on Indian Legendry by Maude Eighmey McVicker, of Victoria, who writes of "The Legend of the Bear Totem." The travel story this month is of "Mexico," from the pen of C. M. Shepherd. "Ye Mariners of England," by Patrick; "The Other Side," by Irene M. McColl; "In the Days of My Servitude," by George A. Collard; "The Redemption of Tsakwetta," by Harold Sands; besides three articles on "Motor-Boating in British Columbia Waters," are a part of a list of the April contents. The Editor, William Blakemore, in his department, "Men I Have Met," contributes a pen sketch of Dr. Morley Punshon.

Pantages Theatre.

There is an excellent programme at Pantages this week, the most entertaining turn being that of Arthur Huston, the comedy juggler, Murphy & Willard are good and those two items alone are worth the price of admission.

He—My income is small, and perhaps it is cruel of me to take you from your father's roof.

She—I don't live on the roof.—The Circle Magazine.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted in the southwest corner and marked Initial Post No. 1; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated March 7th, 1908.

Graham Island, B.C.

Apl. 4 R. D. HOYT.

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Rupert.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Frank Kelly, of Victoria, B.C., timber cruiser, intend to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands:

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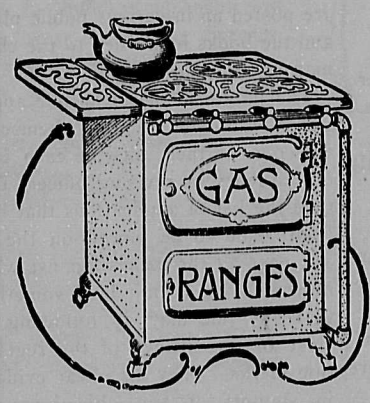

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