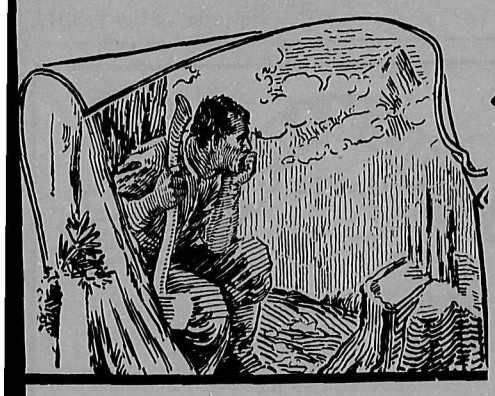

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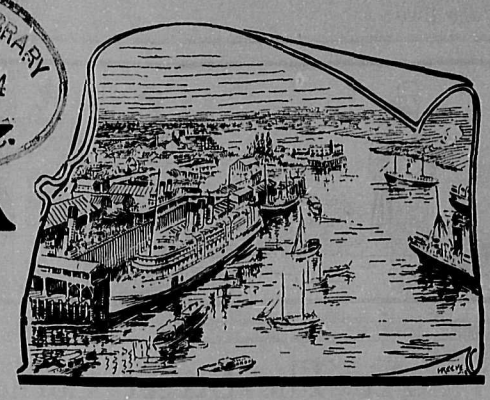

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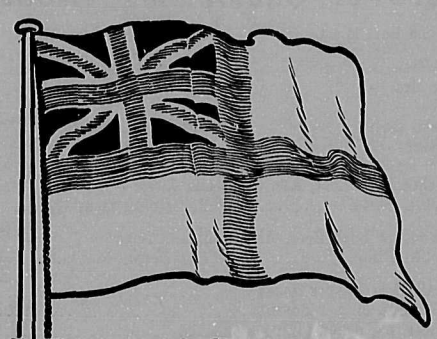

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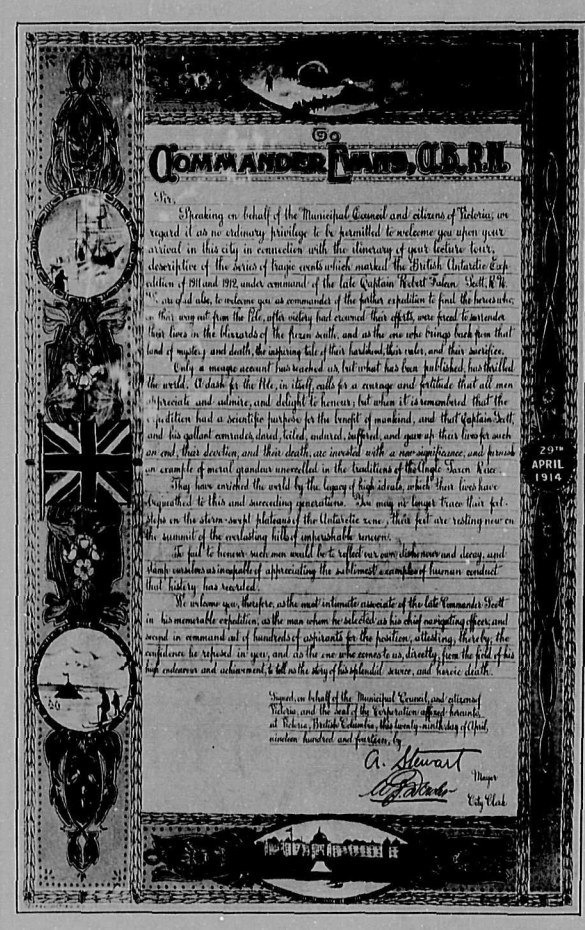
Our Illustrious Visitor

VICTORIA did honour to itself this week by the manner in which it received Commander Evans, the second-in-command of the Scott Antarctic Expedition. It would have been omalous if a city which has always had such strong British affiliaons, which has, ever since its foundation, been intimately associated ith the Navy and which furnished a home not many years ago for e hero of the expedition when he was a sub-lieutenant on the Amphion," had not risen to the requirements of such an important casion. As Commander Evans modestly stated in his lecture, the ception was not intended only for himself but also, and possibly en more, for the heroic leader of the expedition. The day comenced auspiciously with a reception at the Empress Hotel, attended spite of the early hour by nearly five hundred people; at least half these were ladies. His Worship the Mayor presented a beautifully uminated address which is reproduced on this page and which truly flected, in the language of which the City Clerk is such a master, e sentiments of the people of Victoria. Throughout the programme a very full day the same interest and enthusiasm were displayed, minating in an ovation when the Premier introduced Commander ans to a packed audience in the Royal Victoria Theatre, an ovation re enthusiastic and prolonged than has ever greeted a previous itor to Victoria. Commander Evans is a man who inspires prond respect, not only by his brilliant achievements in the Antarctic, by his charming, modest and genial personality. He is a typical lor; one of the type of men of whom Englishmen have always been oud, a type which for centuries has ruled the Seven Seas and inred confidence and respect wherever our ships have sailed. Like a e sailor Commander Evans is oblivious of the importance of his hievements. His lecture was a fresh, breezy, colloquial narrative ich avoided the sensational as far as possible, ignored personal hievement, yet depicted in colours all the more vivid and imprese because subdued, the true character of the Antarctic Expedition. the audience hung breathless on his words everyone felt how ch more was implied than the utterance indicated. It was easy read between the lines and to realize that the brave men, of whom mmander Evans was one of the bravest, had more than nobly susned the finest traditions of the Navy and of their race in winning the Pole. The greatness of the achievement is not yet realized; it among the biggest things of which the world has heard and of which e story of England's fame has told. Its consecration by the glorious ath of its leader, and the tiny band which lay down beside him in eir last sleep, is one which will never fade from the scroll of Engnd's glory. The little cairn, the sight of which upon the screen ought tears to many eyes, typifies truly the spirit of consecration which the work was performed and the spirit of reverence with hich it will forever be regarded.

Seymour Narrows Bridge

THE meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday to discuss the subject of the Seymour Narrows Bridge was the means of bringing out several important facts, the most imrtant being that elucidated by Mr. Dennis Harris, than whom one is in a better position to express an opinion on the technical le of the project. Mr. Harris' view is that instead of asking the overnment to spend upwards of $50,000 in preliminary investigaons, reports and estimates, the people of Vancouver Island should ise the sum of $10,000, or thereabouts, for which all the necessary eliminary work could be done by a staff of local engineers and suryors. This would enable the committee to complete its case and would then be in a position to go before the Government and urge at all are agreed must be done sooner or later. His Worship the ayor fully realized the weakness of the present position and very operly declared that he would be no party to sending a delegation Ottawa which was not widely representative in its character. The oject is not a local one; it is certainly not a Victoria one, for while ictoria hopes to benefit largely whenever all-rail connection with e Mainland is established, and while other parts of Vancouver land cannot fail to benefit, the scheme is really National in its aracter. Speaker after speaker emphasized its importance to the Prairie Provinces as a westerly grain route and urged united action between Alberta and Saskatchewan and British Columbia. This lifts the matter into another sphere from that in which it has hitherto been considered and it is impossible to present a complete case on these broader lines if an important link in the argument is missing. That link can only be supplied as the result of a certain amount of survey work in the neighbourhood of Bute Inlet and Seymour Narrows. The excellent committee of two years ago, on which Alderman Cuthbert, Mr. Beaumont Boggs and Mr. C. H. Lugrin did such splendid work, carried the case as far as it could be carried under existing conditions, and demonstrated that the highest Dominion authorities favoured a railway to the head of Bute Inlet; but there their information stopped. There are no surveys from the head of Bute Inlet to Vancouver Island. Local engineers are well aware that it is between these points that the greatest difficulties exist, and it is between these points that no active survey has been made. While the present is not an opportune time for proposing additional heavy



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Victoria's Tribute

expenditures on a new railway and bridge project which will involve an expenditure of at least $50,000,000, it is an ideal time for securing such preliminary investigation as will enable a representative committee to present a complete case. And that is really the work which should be pressed forward. Whether the Government should be asked to pay for this, or whether the money should be raised by the various cities affected, is another matter. It is probable that if the committee can satisfy the Government that the preliminary work desired can be done for so modest a sum as Mr. Harris mentioned, it may be possible to secure this appropriation during the present session, especially as the committee did secure a definite promise from the Government. The view of The Week is that the proper channel through which to seek this appropriation is the member representing the constituency in which the work is to be done. If the matter is put forward on these lines and the money is not forthcoming this session in consequence of conditions which are well understood, then the committee should set to work and raise the money. Much larger sums have been raised recently for less important objects and by the time the work is done and the full report is ready conditions will undoubtedly be more favourable for its presentation. On the subject of grain routes it is not well to speak rashly; such matters can only be properly discussed with the assistance of expert transportation men; there is no reason to doubt that a direct railway, say from Fort George to Bute Inlet and over the Seymour Narrows Bridge to Vancouver Island would ultimately become a grain route and every interest on Vancouver Island will be prepared to work for that end, but the more national we seek to make the project the more fully we must be prepared to meet the argument that the C.N.R. and the G.T.P. are both designed for this purpose and by the aid of the P. & G. E. will shortly be bidding for grain traffic both from the prairies and the Peace River country. Nothing will be gained by ignoring this fact and the committee will be increasing its chances of ultimate success by recognising this and all the other factors which affect a matter of National policy.

An Eloquent Irishman

THERE is a widespread opinion that all educated Irishmen are eloquent. Be that as it may, no one will deny that Ireland is the birthplace of eloquence and that many of the greatest orators of modern times first saw light in the Emerald Isle. Among the most eloquent of Irishmen by descent, now recognized as a distinguished Canadian, is Mr. Justice Murphy, who delivered one of the finest addresses heard in Victoria for many years at the annual dinner of the Canadian Club on Thursday night. To those who had not heard the learned judge since his elevation to the Bench the address was a treat, revealing to a degree rarely manifested in the uttrances of Canadian public speakers that high scholarship, profound knowledge of language, facile expression, philosophical treatment and logical argument which bespeak the cultured scholar and thinker. Not the least impressive portion of this brilliant address was the practical turn given at its close to the duties and obligations of Canadians in general and British Columbians in particular, and the part which they ought to play in Empire building. Of so exhaustive and comprehensive an address even a brief summary is impossible within the space at the disposal of The Week, but there were two subjects dealt with by Mr. Justice Murphy in a strikingly original and impressive manner, and with a courage highly commendable in one who occupies the dignified and responsible position of one of His Majesty's judges. The speaker dealt in no uncertain or equivocal terms with the defenceless condition of Canada and its duty to make some prompt and substantial contribution to Imperial Defence. He spoke of our present dream of security depending on the good-will of friendly nations who were "potential foes"; he then dealt with the so-called German menace in a manner which must have been surprising to some of his own associates, and demonstrated in the most logical and irrefutable manner that the menace does not arise from over-population of Germany or from the friction engendered by commercial rivalry, but from the clash of Governmental ideals. He dwelt on the irritating influence of a peaceful, liberty-loving nation like England, which has solved the problem of winning the confidence of her subjects in every part of the world, upon the firm foundation of freedom in its truest and best sense, upon a nation governed by militarism approaching the verge of despotism, never free from the "mailed fist" and forced into the arms of Socialism by the discontent engendered. The real danger of war between England and Germany, and the speaker contended that it was very real, arise from this clash of fundamental principles, and he argued that the only solution, sooner or later, must be war. The other point dealt with by Mr. Justice Murphy in a most illuminating manner was the special duty of British Columbia to resist the encroachments of the Orient. He scouted the idea that the "Yellow Peril" rested even in the slightest degree upon an economic basis. Such a plea would always fail to secure sympathy and support from other parts of the Dominion and of the Empire for British Columbia's policy of exclusion. The real basis was racial;

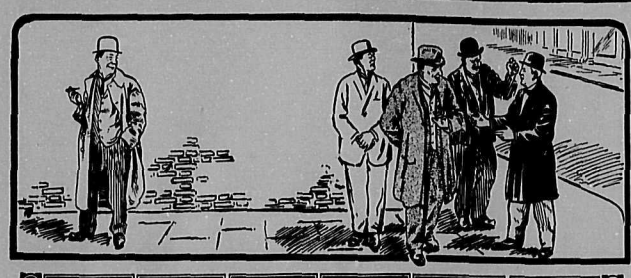
"East is East and West is West
And never the twain shall meet."

Any policy which allowed even an attempt at the assimilation of the white and yellow races was a violation of natural laws which could have but one result, the destruction of the white race. Such a union always resulted in the perpetuation of the vices and the extinction of the virtues of the progenitors, and there could be no surer method of striking the doom of the white man than even to furnish the opportunity of racial union with the Oriental. No stronger indictment against laxity in this regard, and no more convincing defence of the policy of British Columbia on the Oriental question has ever been heard. This is but a glance at an address of marvellous beauty and effectiveness; an address which should be printed and circulated not only in British Columbia, but throughout the Empire; for the colour question is the greatest problem confronting the British Empire today and its right solution the only guarantee of its permanent solidarity.

Doing Honour to Shakespeare

MR. A. B. FLOWER, the Chairman of the Stratford-on-Avon Committee, has visited Victoria this week, partly in the interests of the important organization which he represents and partly to see the country. It is a pity he did not come before, because he has been able through the medium of an address to the Rotary Club and an address to the Daughters of the Empire to show the important character of the work in which he is engaged. That work is to put Shakespearean plays before the public in a proper manner. He is an enemy to the "star" system which sends round a leading man, and possibly a leading woman, with a company of "barnstormers" having no knowledge of Shakespearean art and a limited acquaintance with their mother tongue. The standard of the Stratford-on-Avon players is all-round excellence, and the most subordinate part is rendered with the same fidelity to detail as the leading part. The Stratford-on-Avon players are not only actors; they are students. They are trained in the best existing school of Shakespearean art. They are saturated with the atmosphere in which the plays were conceived and in which they are now produced according to the highest recognized standards. The impending visit of these players to Victoria is all too short, and if a week instead of two days could have been allowed the result would have been much more satisfactory. However, there is in store for all lovers of our greatest poet and dramatist a treat of the highest order and one which it is to be hoped will be appreciated by crowded audiences.

William Blakemore



At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

I WOULD beg this week to call the attention of those in charge of field days held by the various juvenile corps of the city to the fact that Beacon Hill is not really the best place for such displays. I am chary of touching on the subject, because no one is keener on encouraging the spirit which induces boys to become Scouts and to join cadet corps and similar institutions and I would not for the world run the risk of seeming to be opposed to the system. I understand, however, that last Saturday some kind of a field day was arranged with Beacon Hill as the scene of operations and it was pointed out to me that at this season of the year the trees and bushes are full of birds happily engaged in nesting. It is hard to imagine anything which could cause more consternation in the bird community than to have a few companies of juvenile warriors charging through the undergrowth and carrying havoc in their train. It is for this reason only that I venture to suggest that at this particular season the neighbourhood of Beacon Hill be left to the uninterrupted habitation of the birds whose comparative paucity has so often been a matter of regret to the community.

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I was surprised to find last Sunday that the Gorge Park has already begun to assume some of the trappings of the summer. I took a walk out that way with the sort of idea that it would be interesting to see what the place looked like before the season opened and I went possessed of all the instincts of an intrepid explorer. Judge of my amazement when I found the tea-rooms open, a band playing and men and boys bathing, some of the latter delighting a large concourse of spectators by diving off the bridge. Though I was disappointed in the main object of my exploration I was well satisfied to discover a piece of park which I had never seen before. I refer to that portion lying between the water and the Gorge Road which belongs to the city and which has been laid out most tastefully. I presume that this piece of ground was there last year and that it was in much the same state as it is now, but I do not think that I ever reached it and I was enjoyably surprised to find that here there is a broad expanse of grass with seats and every facility for enjoying the same in peace and quietude.

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The Gorge bridge itself is a never-failing source of enjoyment to many when the tide is running fast. Some people can spend hours watching the boats struggling to make the passage and are well content if after two or three hours they can see one upset. Exactly what the pleasure is in seeing people upset I cannot tell, but I know it and appreciate it. There are few things we enjoy more than seeing strangers get into some trouble or other, but I admit that our pleasure is usually keener if we see our friends suffering instead. Of course some day there will be a bad accident at the Gorge brought on by inexperienced people trying to "buck" the tide and it would not surprise me if some reckless high-powered launch plunging through without concerning itself with the smaller fry had something to do with it. But accidents are bound to happen and nothing will ever prevent men and boys making the attempt and so long as they can swim and do not hamper themselves with petticoated women the risk is nothing. In the meantime the hope of a spill crowds the bridge Sunday after Sunday and is quite one of the attractions at the end of the carline.

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But it is one thing to walk to the Gorge by the Craigflower Road and quite another to walk back by way of the Gorge Road and Douglas Street. Really it seems incredible that so close to town there should be two streets which breathe poverty as loudly as do these. The first is still a lumpy, unkempt and uncared-for country road; the latter is well-paved but lacks proper sidewalks. Both are sufficiently important to receive attention and both are calculated to give the city a "black eye" to every stranger who passes over them. I do hope and trust that this year something will be done to take away the reproach which attaches to both these thoroughfares and that in future the Gorge may be reached by a route which will attract rather than repel. For, now I come to think of it, my old friend, Tilicum Road, is in a pretty bad state and needs several steam rollers before it can be made passable for motor-cars. Another roadway which may well be called the shoemaker's friend is that leading from Rupert to the south end of Vancouver Street which is full of large stones and sharp withal which make the short cut expensive. However, we all know what difficulties have been in the way of street improvement and that we shall soon see a change in this direction, but I hope that the streets mentioned above will be among the first to receive that attention which is their due.

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I have frequently commented on time in Victoria and the difficulty of knowing exactly what is the right time in a city where so many choices are afforded. If I remember rightly, however, on the last occasion on which I treated of this subject, I was able to report that all the public clocks were working in harmony which is really what they ought to do. I now wish to call attention to the fact that outside the Sayward Building is suspended a clock which is making no pretence of fulfilling its duty; in short, it has stopped and apparently nobody is making it his business to wind it up. Now a clock which is not going is a matter of no importance at certain hours of the day. If it has stopped, say at 11:30 it is absolutely right twice in every twenty-four hours and it is nearly enough right for ordinary purposes at any time between a quarter past eleven and a quarter to twelve. At the same time it is so obviously wrong, say at four o'clock in the afternoon, that its inaccuracy is of no consequence. But that same clock is a nuisance at eleven o'clock or at noon, because the passerby, glancing up, sees a clock which tells him that it is half-past eleven; he knows that he is in the eleven o'clock neighbourhood, so to speak, and he is liable to be grossly misled. I think therefore that steps might be taken either to put the clock to work or to dismantle it so that it becomes no longer a stumbling-block for those who do not carry a reliable watch or who, so carrying, are too lazy to consult it.

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I do not notice that my repeated remarks anent fruit peel, bottles and such-like on the streets have been productive of any good result. Experience, however, has taught me that it is only by "pegging away" that benefits can be obtained and at the risk of boring my readers I venture once more to call attention to the prevailing habit of scattering orange peel, banana skins and apple habilments on the sidewalks and throwing bottles on the streets. This week I found a dilapidated bottle in fragments on Douglas Street just opposite the Strathcona Hotel, where it was certain to main some motor tyre, and three minutes afterwards I came across the whole skin of an apple neatly aranged on the pavement. The offenders should be caught young and as reform can only be worked by education, I honestly think that this is a matter for our school teachers rather than for the

Lounger.

PERSONALITY

AMONG the younger business men of Victoria who have made their mark one of the best known and most highly respected is Mr. J. Hebden Gillespie, a son of Mr. George Gillespie, who was for many years manager of the Bank of Commerce here. In one respect at any rate the son followed in the footsteps of the father, for he entered the Bank of Commerce upon completing his education at Loretto and remained with that institution until a few years ago, when he settled permanently in Victoria as the head of a financial firm. His excellent business training, added to his personal popularity, ensured success in any calling he might have undertaken, but he is the type of man who achieves success in spite of himself, for he has many of those characteristics which are popularly supposed to be a handicap. For instance, he is old-fashioned enough to detest personal advertising; he has retained a wholesome respect for his elders, and has not belonged to the class of younger men who think they know more than their fathers. Mr. Gillespie says very little; indeed, there are few subjects upon which it is possible to "draw" him. He keeps his opinions to himself and only occasionally, when his indignation is aroused or some splendid feat has been performed which challenges his admiration, is it possible to find out if he takes the trouble to form opinions. All this is rather old-fashioned in these aggressive days and yet Mr. Gillespie loses nothing by retaining and exhibiting some of the finest traits of personal character which, if old-fashioned, are not yet worn out, and which invariably earn the esteem of one's fellow men. Mr. Gillespie is just the type of man who could do effective work for the public if he could shake off a natural disinclination to come to the front. He has everything in his favour except aptitude and that would come if he could once be induced to make the plunge. His popularity is second to that of no man in the city, but that popularity has come not by way of business but of sport. If any good judge were asked who had been for a term of years the best all-round athlete in Victoria, he would probably name "Heb" Gillespie. He held undisputed sway as the best rugby three-quarter; he was always near the top of the batting averages, and for one or two seasons a long way ahead of any other batsman. Even today, when he must be about as near forty as thirty, he could be playing three-quarter if he were willing and is the one man always thought of as a "first reserve." A good sport and a good business man should make a good fellow and that is just what Hebden Gillespie is, but those who have watched his career both with interest and admiration will not be satisfied until he enters the public arena and renders that service for which he is in every respect well qualified.

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MINING

THE mining outlook in British Columbia has never been brighter, says the Hedley Gazette of the 23rd ult. The following information as to ore reserves now developed is astonishing. The Granby Company has practically demonstrated 12,000,000 tons of ore at Hidden Creek with an average of 2.2 per cent copper, and sufficient to run the new smelter for seventeen years. The gross value of this ore is estimated at $78,000,000. The reserve at the company's Phoenix mines is estimated at 6,000,000 tons, carrying 0.8 per cent copper, making an additional copper value of $15,000,000. The gross copper value of the company's reserves thus amounts to the immense sum of 93,000,000, and that without taking into consideration the gold and silver values in the ores.

The B. C. Copper Company has 5,000,000 tons of reserves, carrying 1.8 per cent copper, or a probable copper value of $26,000,000, exclusive of gold and silver values.

The Rossland mines are estimated to have reserves available for five years, equivalent on present production to 1,335,000 tons of shipping grade, which should on past records produce about $13,000,000 in gold, $3,000,000 in silver and $2,000,000 in copper, or a total available value of $18,000,000.

There is a large amount of ore in reserve in the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley, as proved by diamond drilling and while it is not absolutely blocked out so that the reserves can be estimated exactly, there appears to be about five years' supply now assured, or say 350,000 tons, or a gross value of about $4,000,000.

While no figures are available of actual reserves in the silver-lead mines, it is known that there are considerable reserves available in the Standard, Slocan Star, Rambler-Cariboo, Whitewater Sullivan, Molly Gibson, No. I, Highland, Silver King and others.

The reserves in the Britannia are placed at about 1,500,000 tons of an average value of about $8, or a gross value of $12,000,000.

Thus, without taking into consideration the varying reserves of the many smaller mines, and the undefined reserves of the silver-lead mines referred to, there are known reserves amounting to about $153,000,000, or three-fourths of the total production of the lode mines of the Province to date. Where is there any other asset whose value to the Province can already be definitely measured up and proved to anything like the same extent?

R. A. LAMBERT, the well known placer mining man and a member of the Golden Gate Syndicate operating at Granite Creek, recently inspected the dam and found it in good shape for the placer mining he will undertake after the high water. As the snowfall was light last winter, Mr. Lambert anticipates low high water and believes the annual rise in the creeks and rivers will be sooner than usual, early in May instead of June. During the past winter Oleson Bros. and Carlson have driven a tunnel 300 feet long in solid rock, which will enable sluicing to begin as the water subsides to its normal stage. The Syndicate owns a placer lease covering 1½ miles of Granite Creek near the north fork and about three miles from the Granite Creek post-office and mining camp. Mr. Lambert shows a number of five and ten dollar nuggets which he recovered last fall from the creek bed, besides saving fine gold and platinum. In the early days platinum and gold nuggets were plentiful in Granite Creek, some being worth over a hundred dollars. For his fine and plucky fight against natural difficulties for the past several years, Mr. Lambert seems now about to be rewarded deservingly and everyone hopes in unstinted measure. The Golden Gate Syndicate have a property that is undoubtedly rich, the proof of which lies in the big values taken in the great gold stampede of some 25 years ago. There are, no doubt, many such placer propositions in this district which only require experience and capital to develop.—Similkameen Star.

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BY BOHEMIAN

LIFE is full of mystery; it also presents many problems. I know that this sounds very much like a trite story with a sensational opening. It is nothing of the kind.

I doubt if one reader of this column could guess the subject uppermost in my mind when I speak of a mystery *and a problem, and perhaps to many* of my readers it is neither the one nor the other. But it must be so to thousands of men who find life disappointing and who are never able to understand why they are not appreciated.

We all know men of brilliant parts; men who dazzle us; men who appeal to our intellectual judgment; men before whom we willingly take off our hats, and with whom we should never think of disputing, even mentally, the question of precedence. Yet the influence of most such men is ephemeral and the more they dazzle the sooner are they forgotten.

I remember many, many years ago *being taken by my father to hear a* lecturer who at that time was pronounced the greatest platform orator in England. His name was Arthur Mursell; he was, I believe, a Baptist minister, a man of learning with a wonderful gift of speech, a fine voice, a rhetorical manner and an adept in all arts of elocution.

He had a long repertoire but on this occasion his subject was "David Livingstone." To say he was eloquent is not to begin to do justice to his powers. The audience was carried away and as one sustained peroration followed another with hardly a rest between, I wondered whether natural eloquence could go further and whether any man could be a greater orator.

When the lecture was over my father asked me how I liked it. I said: "I think it was splendid."

Pausing a moment and with the merest suggestion of a quizzical look, with humour in the corner of his eye, he asked, "How much do you remember of it?"

And there in a flash I knew intuitively that the truth lay. I could *not remember a sentence; I could hard*ly recall a thought. It had all been so dazzling and spectacular that when it came to an end no vivid impression had been produced.

I have always thought that Arthur Muresell's lecture was a fairly good illustration of many lives. For while I can sit down and recall the names of many brilliant men whom I have met and heard, if I were asked to *name the men who have impressed me* most and whose influence has been most lasting, it would not be among the bright and shining lights of the community that I should search for a name. A man must have other qualities if he is to be remembered and this leads me to the subject which I had in mind when I started this column, the subject of "the oldest inhabitant."

It was suggested by *the death of* a lady whom everybody revered, but the principle is of far wider application and might be started in this form "What gives personal weight?" and my reply is that it does not depend at all, or that at any rate it depends *in the slightest degree* only on the efforts of the man or on his determination to impress. Why is the oldest inhabitant always a subject of interest and why is his word always considered of importance?

I wonder how many of my readers have lived in an English country village and how many have attended either an annual vestry meeting or an ordinary parish gathering. Have *they noticed that the newcomer* is regarded as an intruder; that though he may be a 'Varsity man with a degree after his name, the mere offering of an opinion will be treated as an impertinence, it is almost certain to be ignored and in any event will have far less weight than the simplest ejaculation of some old parishioner who sits in the corner.

I have often asked myself how long *a man would have to live in an Eng*lish country parish before he would be considered anything better than a cipher, and I venture to say nothing short of a long, quiet, clean honest lifetime will meet the requirements of the case, and therein lies both the strength and the beauty of the English rural estimate of character.

And who shall say that it is wide of the mark? What is there better in this world than the life of a man who was born, who spends all his days and who dies in the same place with*out deviating from the paths of hones*ty and decent conduct which tradition and the conventions have marked out for him?

If men did not recognize this as praiseworthy they would have to erect some other standard, and could they find a better? Would the worship of brilliance be better? Would mankind be the gainer if the simple standards of clean living were lowered and a high appreciation of cleverness substituted.

I think not, and the strange part of it is that Nature, which makes no mistakes, ever preserves this simple ideal, and despite all the plans which men have devised to exalt their own *greatness and to minimize the value* of "fustian," it still remains that by a process which we cannot explain the inevitable result is always reached, an apotheosis of the sheer force and weight of an example which may have no conspicuous feature to recommend it except constancy.

Bohemian.

Round the Bookshops

A London Weekly Letter on Books Written Specially for The Week

By Cicely Fox Smith

I HAVE been reading "The Autobiography of a Navvy," by Patrick MacGill (Herbert Jenkins, publisher), which has been one of the much talked-of books of this spring season. It is a book—like so much modern fiction—with both a social and a literary aspect. Of the two, I may as well say at once that it is the literary rather than the social point of view which appeals to me in this *instance, and with that, therefore, I* propose principally to concern myself. When Mr. MacGill allows the Socialist doctrines imbibed in his early reading to get the better of him, he is both at his least engaging and his least original. But what I want to indicate just now is in what respect this book merits the consideration which has been accorded to it by the bulk of its critics.

Mr. MacGill is above all else a Celt. The Celt in him is answerable both for the strength and the weakness of his work: for the hot partisanship, the quick sympathy, the strong likes and dislikes, above all, for the gift of poetic expression of common things, *which are characteristic of his book.* It is also to blame for a certain lack of logic: as, for instance, where he holds the social system accountable for an unavoidable accident on the railway line. No! it is not to my thinking as a social—or socialist—tract, that his book is (what it certainly is) a book standing out from the mass, and worth the trouble of reading. It is unequal. It is occa*sionally morbid; rather more than* occasionally sordid. But it is genuine stuff: a—to use a somewhat detestable phrase!—human document.

It has passages of high beauty. The opening chapters, describing the childhood of the Irish peasantry in Done*gal, are in their way perfect.* They seem full of the melancholy brooding spirit of that wild and lonely countryside. There are also admirable character-studies. Norah Ryan, who goes out into the world so unarmed against its pitfalls, the young girl innocent as Irish country lasses are, is as pathtic a figure as recent fiction has given us, and her story, which might so easily have been mishandled, is *told with genuine feeling and artistic* restraint. "Moleskin Joe" is another excellent study in quite another "genre." He is worthy to rank with the disreputable comrades of fiction among whom the "Petulengro" of George Borrow is king; a half-pathetic, half-humorous, wholly undeserving band of hoboes with, whom, however, the world of imagination would be more than loth to part.

Talking of political fiction, Messrs. Hodden & Stoughton have just issued a translation of the Baroness von Suttner's well known anti-war novel, "Die Waffen Nieder," under the title of "Disarm! Disarm!" I had not read the book before, and must own to being unimpressed by the cogency of its arguments. The translation, however, gives the impression of being admirably done, and the argu*ments of the "peace-at-any-price"* school will all be found ranged in battle-array.

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The Autobiography of a Navvy, by Patrick MacGill, (Herbert Jenkins).

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Disarm! Disarm! by Bayoress von Suttner, (Haddon & Stoughton).

London Gossip

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Prince Albert's Smart Clothes

It is being noticed how much smarter in his clothes is Prince Albert than his brother, the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness goes in for very sedate simple clothes, usually of a dark colour. The only departure he ever makes from the strictly conventional is to wear a soft collar at a sporting event. On the other hand, Prince Albert goes in for the latest colours, and has a fine taste for overcoats, wearing in particular the very fashionable light checks, with the pocket cut square and the outline showing. The two brothers are about the same height, and the family likeness is unmistakable. The Prince of Wales is the more serious of the two, and takes his exalted responsibilities with becoming gravity. Prince Albert is a lively young man scarcely looking his nineteen years, and has the reputaton of being a bit of a tease. He and Prince Edward agree admirably, owing to the contrast in their disposition, and when occasion permits go about much together.

A Royal Majority

By postponing their departure for Windsor the King and Queen were able in person to tender their congratulations on April 3 to their niece, Princess Maud, the Princess Royal's younger daughter, upon her coming of age. Neither Princess Maud nor her mother make many appearances in society, but it is not improbable that in future they may take a larger part in social functions in the Royal circle and outside. Princess Maud's only sister, Princess Arthur of Connaught, attained her majority not long after the death of their father, the Duke of Fife, and the event, as a consequence was celebrated very quietly.

Finance and Politics

Several of the Paris newspapers omitted the most significant sentence in the Rochette Committee's report. That was *the sentence which said that the whole* discreditable episode was a revelation of the undue influence of finance in French politics. But the French newspapers are the clearest example of the power of finance. Even an amateur in newspaper matters must be struck by the fewness of the advertisements in the French press, and there is probably no one who *does not know that a newspaper is an* exceedingly expensive thing to produce, and that its advertisements provide the necessary revenue. How, then, do the French papers manage? Their news services are good. The answer is that they sell their commercial and financial pages. It is quite openly done. There are on the Bourse a special group of *journalist financiers who are agents and* touts for the big interests, and who purchase the financial sections of the different papers for a lump sum for the year. This part of the newspaper then becomes theirs to do with it what they like. The editorial staff of the paper has no further control over it. On the other hand, the editorial staff is under *an obligation. It is supposed not "to* queer the pitch" of the purchaser of the financial page. Awkward news is suppressed, and leading articles are not as outspoken as they might be. I may give an instance of how the "system" works. In 1908 and 1909 there was a sort of Curragh mutiny in the Greek army and a committee of officers calling *themselves the Military League usurped* the powers of the Government and Parliament. They made a sad mess of things, by the way. It was a critical time for Greece, and at one moment the King was on the point of abdication. The English papers were full of the affair, yet scarcely a line about it appeared in the daily Paris press, even in *the great organs that resemble our* "Times" in giving close attention to foreign affairs. The reason was simple. The French financiers were about to launch a Greek loan upon the money market. Cables from Athens would have queered the pitch.

King of Uganda's Coronation

The six months' tour in this country last year of the young King of Uganda has an interesting sequel in the similar sojourn here of Prince Joseph, his cousin, with several other dignitaries of that country. The trip has been undertaken as the result of the very favourable impression the youthful King gained from his visit last year; so much did he learn which would be useful in the more effectual administration of his people that he persuaded his cousin and some of his principal officers of State to come here before his coronation this autumn. Prince Joseph and his party made a picturesque company as they walked up Downing Street to pay a visit to the Colonial Office. Clad in native dress, flowing robes of scarlet and a large quantity of gold embroidery, and wearing some splendid jewels, the visitors elicited the marked admiration of the small party who saw them arrive.

Elastic Cottages

Plans for elastic cottages for growing families, designed by Professor Adshead, of Liverpool University, were the other day brought under the notice of the *British National* Birthrate Commission, and it is understood that the idea will shortly be translated into bricks and mortar on the Duchy of Cornwall estate in South London. This is the property of the Prince of Wales. One of the plans shows two adjoining cottages, with only one floor, which contain in all two living-rooms and six bedrooms and other *accessories.* The two cottages are shown with a movable fireproof partition, which divides them into two habitations with three bedrooms each, but the partition can easily be adjusted to give four bedrooms to the one and two to the other, or five to the one and one to the other. The working of the scheme involves the careful selection of tenants, *so that the one cottage may be occupied* by a growing and the other by a diminishing family. For example, one of the cottages, with, say, only the living-room and the main bedroom, may be occupied by a newly married couple, while the companion cottage may be occupied by a family of growing-up children likely soon to leave the parental roof. In such *circumstances* the partition and the rents could easily be adjusted to suit the diminution of the one family and the increase of the other. The fact that such an interesting social experiment is to be tried on the Duchy of Cornwall estate is just another indication of the interest that the King takes in all movements for improving the homes of the people.

Sir Hubert von Herkomer

Sir Hubert von Herkomer's death takes from us the most prolific portrait painter of our time. As an instance of his extraordinary industry and capacity it may be mentioned that in the winter of 1885-86 he painted thirty-four portraits, most of them half-length. Up to the last he was contributing each year at least half-a-dozen works to the Royal Academy. There will be much speculation among painters as to who will be his successors—for no one painter could succeed him—as painter-in-ordinary to the successful men of our time. When Sir George Reid, the Scots portrait painter, died it was said that *he had portrait commissions for £20,000* on his books. It is probable that Sir Hubert von Herkomer had an even larger number of works in project. He painted the most prosperous Englishmen of the older generation, among them Lord Devonport, Lord Fisher, Lord Rayleigh, Lord Avebury, Sir Owen Philipps, Sir J. T. Brunner, Sir M. Samuel, Sir A. K. *Rollit and Lord Shuttleworth.* Next winter, when the Academy will probably show a representative collection of his works, we shall see the most energetic side of prosperous England of the late Victorian and Edwardian eras most vividly presented. The curious feature of Sir Hubert's character was his unfriendliness towards Italy and Italians. *Possibly his scorn of Italy was uncon*sciously influenced by the fact that when he brought his pictures to Florence the Italian Custom-house weighed them, frames and all, and charged dues according to weight. His water color of Ruskin came in free because the officials did not consider it hand-painted. It is curious to reflect on this incident and on *the fact that recently an English* draughtsman living in Rome who sent some of his drawings to England, had them stopped as drawings by old masters. In reply to the artist's expostulations the officers said that they could not be deceived in that way. They knew an Old Master's drawing when they saw it.

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THE USURPER: A TRAIN EPISODE

By Alice Smith

THE Ealing train came to a standstill in South Kensington station, and a lady entered one of the third-class compartments. She glanced hastily at the occupants of the seats, then at a solitary straphanger, and again backed into the domain of the conductor.

She was middle-aged and well-dressed, and the man in the third seat *raised his hat courteously as he* advanced towards her and intimated that his seat was at her disposal. Then it happened.

The straphanger slid quietly into the vacant seat, settled himself comfortably and g a z e d deliberately around at his fellow-passengers. He was a workman of the artisan class, and rather soiled, but he looked about him with the contented composure of the man who feels he has done well, yet is not desirous of overdue praise on that account.

He took each neighbour separately in his survey, but not one met his eye in return. The stout man in the corner rustled his paper angrily and *cleared his throat, but never raised* his eyes. The soldierly man with the white spats next to him gazed at the roof with lofty contempt. The little man with the striped suit and abandoned hat chuckled into his Sporting Chronicle, while the fourth, after a hasty glance of reluctant admiration assiduously studied the advertisement opposite.

The woman who was sitting next to *this underground usurper turned her* back upon him, drew herself up, and, with dilated mostrils and compressed lips, did her best to breathe a different atmosphere. The two girls next to the door nervously sat forward and furtively regarded the late owner of the seat, who, by this time, was aware of the futility of his sacrifice, and was glaring at the passenger with mingled fury and disgust.

As *the train stopped at Gloucester*-road he stepped forward quickly, and the situation held possibilities, but the usurper looked at him pleasantly and even smiled agreeably as the man burst out, "Do you know that I vacated this seat in favour of a lady?"

"I cawn't help that, guv'nor," with a shake of the head. "I paid my money, same as her."

"But are you indifferent to what the other passengers think of your conduct?"

"Course I am," opening his eyes in astonishment. "What abaht my conduct? It's no different to theirs. They've all got a seat apiece like meself; none of 'em's got up to oblige the lady any more than I have, so why should I care abaht their opinion? Tell you what it is, guv-nor"—(confidentially)—"you seem to be a bit soft-hearted like, a bit of a mug, I might say, which is all right. Only if *you're* a mug be satisfied with being a mug, and don't want folks with different notions to back you up in it.

"When you leaves a seat that you don't want I'm agreeable; what I object to is you wanting to give it away after you've left it. It's against my principles to encourage a thing of that sort, guv-nor, so when I pays my money I gets a seat if there's one *handy, an' there isn't one of these* chaps can look up an' say he's acted any different. It's a rummy world this, guv'nor, an' you'll find that a mugg stands a good chance of getting tired long before bedtime."

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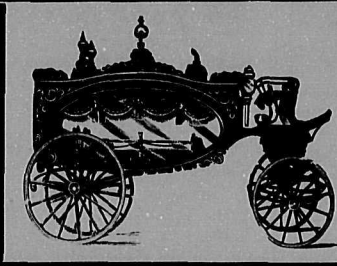

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IDEAS *of a* MODERN WOMAN

IT is quite a noticeable fact that the smart woman of today feels that to be really smart she must make herself as nearly like a demi-mondaine as possible. She years clothes which a few years ago would have branded her as being unquestionably socially unpresentable; she smokes and drinks in free and easy fashion in a way which used to be the perogative of the free lance woman. It may be argued that a woman should be allowed a certain freedom of action and yet preserve her reputation, and I quite agree with this; I only say, "why display bad taste in doing it?"

Men, as a rule, have better taste in dress than women. The slit skirts, freakish headgear, powder and paint, they generally characterize as a "fierce get-up," while a trim, tasteful costume will be a "simply ripping turn-out." It is questionable, after all, whether the majority of women dress for men, or whether they really dress for other women. There is probably no division of opinion among the men on this point, but I can assure them it is quite debateable.

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The question of bird plumage in the millinery business is still agitating the minds of humane people. As usual, it is all woman's fault. She is very cruel and wicked to wear the poor little corpses in her hat, and if she would stop this perfidy, why of course innocent man would have no further reason to continue his slaughtering trade for her adornment. This may be a good example of male logic, but there are always two sides to a question. Man brought beautiful furs and the bright plumage of birds with which to adorn herself, she knowing little of the cruelties he practised to obtain them. When he found there was money to be made in the markets with these things, he organized a constant supply, not to please vain woman, but to fill his own pocket. Let legislation make the killing of the birds illegal and the milliners will quickly devise some new and satisfactory adornment for their hats.

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All women interested in law will follow the accounts of the trial of the unfortunate Madame Caillaux with more than ordinary interest. Mlle. Verone and Mme. Grunberg will assist in the defense of Madame Caillaux. Mlle. Verone has the largest practise of all the woman advocates admitted to the Paris Bar, she having been notably successful when briefed for the defence in criminal cases.

Mlle. Chauvin was the first woman to be admitted to the Bar in Europe after a struggle for recognition, she being sworn in in 1897. Lord Haldane is the chief friend of English women anxious to be admitted to the Bar. At present the Incorporated Law Society refuses to recognize law degrees conferred on women, but the present state of things is not likely to last long in this respect.

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Quite the most amusing correspondence in the daily papers of late have been the letters on the half holiday question. There were very few letters worth reading, because they were long-winded, personal and abusive. The most humourous were those in answer to Captain Dakeyne who went back to Vancouver to buy his real estate. Some of the writers professed scorn of the Captain's probable bank account, their chagrin being plainly visible; while another honestly admits in a plaintive wail his disappointment that the Captain did not call on him, as he was in all the afternoon, and did not go to the ball game. It is quite certain that a half holiday will be much needed when Victoria gets busy again, and it is to be hoped that this question will be amicably settled. In the meantime, retail employees might practise "getting busy" during business hours.

BOUDOIR CHAT

MANY women are extremely worried just at that tiresome time when the hair is just beginning to turn grey. This is just the time when a woman looks faded, a state more unbecoming than any other, as once the hair has quite turned, a soft grey or silvery white is softening and becoming.

Admitting the worry of the transition stage, many ladies should try Madame Russell's rejuvenating lotion, a new and reliable remedy lately discovered of which she has the exclusive selling both in Canada and England. It is enjoying an enormous demand wherever it is already known, and will doubtless be welcomed in Victoria. Many men who find it to their interest to keep young looking are using the lotion which is also a great hair grower. It has a most beneficial effect on the scalp, and is an efficient destroyer of dandruff, a complaint so common yet so easy to remove. Madame Russell, of the Beauty Shop, 1008 Broad Street, will be delighted to give all particulars or to demonstrate the lotion.

"DON'T YOU KNOW"

It was June when I kissed you,
'Neath your lashes veiling blue;
. . . . . and you glanced at me with
eyes as cold as snow!
Ah! the sun was moved to tears,
Drowning joy and swelling fears:
. . . . . and I felt that I had lost you,
don't you know.

In the sad November fall,
When the sorrow-laden call:
And the world seems thronged with
Never-ceasing woe—
Swift the summer came to greet,
For you smiled on me—my sweet!
. . . . . and your kiss made my heart
sunny, don't you know.

Bernard Tweedale.

Frocks and Frills

Finch's are showing a few of what are doubtless the very smartest novelty suits in town. They are travellers samples from the famous house of Reveille and Rossiter of London and Paris, and represent the last word in taste and fashion in the three-piece novelty suit.

A beautiful model of moire poplin in a deep saxe of a rare shade enhancing the beauty of any type of complexion, shows a double flounced skirt beautifully balanced for an average figure. The bodice shows a combination of floral ninon in shades to tone forming the yoke and sleeves. The chic little coatee shows a touch of white on the collar and cuffs, just that touch of the master hand which makes a distinguished gown.

A model of quiet distinction such as a smart Parisienne might choose, is carried out in marine navy gabardine. The bodice is formed of self coloured chiffon with some cream lace in relief. The coat is original, with a panel back and tuxedo lapel which lends a modish touch. There is a dash of bright petunia colour somewhere about this costume, of course; just the right shade in just the right place.

For those who require a black and white effect, a beautiful gown is carried out in black crepe meteor with a tunic overdress of taffeta. The bodice is finished in a fichu effect of white net and lace.

Perhaps the most ravishing suit of all is a rose cerise silk soleil of exquisite design and cut. The skirt has a tunic effect at the back; the bodice shows a combination of a lovely shade of grey floral ninon to tone, making an exquisite blending of colours. The coatee is adorable with a medeci collar and black satin lapels. The black satin appears again on the bodice in a girdle round the back of the waist, another touch of the master hand. Being traveller's samples, these suits are quite fresh, and are also being offered at remarkably low prices. There are only a few of them, but they are sure to find ready purchasers among discriminating women who desire exclusive dress.

Some very pretty little gowns for calling or reception wear are shown in great variety just now at Finch's. A charming little frock seen the other day is carried out in taupe brocaded silk crepe. There was a collar and vest in soft orange chiffon velvet, finished at the waist line with a huge crimson rose. The combination of these colours was delightful. The price was only $45. There was a pretty plumed hat in taupe maline which could be worn to advantage with this smart and serviceable costume. Other attractive frocks, some of them with coat effects, included a purple crepe de chine, little silk poplins and crepes in rose, delph blue, an apricot crepe de chine with a new straight tunic, and many others priced at from $22.50 up to $40.00.

Some useful litle taffeta models in several good colours can be had for $27.50. They are prettily flounced in quaint style, and if worn with a poke bonnet would be perfectly charming.

Among an interesting selection of sports coats marked at low prices for immediate disposition were some splendid coats in corduroy, bear cloth, bonceille and niggerhead, perfectly tailored and in good colours. These have been reduced from $35 $17.50. Now that the boating and tennis season is approaching, these warm serviceable coats will be a very necessary addition to the wardrobe.

There has been quite a rush for the Finch golfing panamas and sailors which are specialised at $5. One can always do with several little outing hats on hand, and these are very good value. Paris notes still tell us that the all-black hats are most desirable, table oilcloth ribbon trimming being the le dernier cri. Finch's exclusive showing of Vogue headgear should not be overlooked by the smart woman, as this most famous millinery is handled exclusively in Victoria at Finch's. For the little tots, this week, there are some astonishing bargains for boys and girls in pretty straw shapes in neat shady little hats for the sunny days.

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This is a season of interesting neckwear, the low cut blouses lending themselves to a variety of adornment. Most women find a medeci collar effect becoming, and this style has its influence on most of the new lawn collars. A new assortment just arrived at Finch's shows some very serviceable styles, easy to launder, such a blessing! as one cannot have new collars all the time. These new lawns show medeci effects, or are made in vest styles which are very smart. Others come in shadow laces, pleated net with whipped edge, some being wired to stand.

In the waist department will be found some good bargains in a lot of Austrian blouses, all hand embroidered. These are regularly priced at from $4.50 up to $18, but are now all marked at one-quarter off. A reason for this reduction is because some of them have high necks. This can easily be remedied by the resourceful woman if she desires, or it is more than possible that during the next month many women will still prefer the high neck, a thing almost impossible to find.

Silk gloves are returning to favour, and really, on warm days, kid gloves are so soon soiled that the silk should be welcomed. The Kayser silk glove should be asked for at Finch's. It is well cut, with strong finger tips guaranteed to wear as long as the rest of the gloves. The short pairs are priced at seventy-five cents, long ones at $1.25. Finch's carry a complete stock of the Perrin glove, a make too well known to need comment.

Among many attractions in useful underwear are the jersey silk knickers in every shade, marked down to $5. These garments are much worn with present gowns, as in spite of the increased fullness at the hips, gowns cling more than ever at the feet, making a petticoat superfluous.

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I can tell readers that the hair is now no longer worn low down on the head. Instead we are returning to the bare forehead vogue of many years back with one little curl at the side or in the centre. Little side curls are also very modish, and even when one's features do not admit of wearing one over each ear it is generally possible to have a dainty little curl beside one ear. Waving is essential and Mr. Hanson of the Empress Hotel Hairdressing Parlours is an adept at marcel waving and hairdressing. Most of the charming coiffures seen in "Keep on Smiling" were the result of his artistic perception.

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Very modish are those models showing a pleated tulle edge. A pretty little hat in saxe blue with a satin crown and this fold of tulle coming over the edge of the brim, has two wreaths of tiny pink moss roses as its only trimmnig. It was priced at only $8.50. There are several confections in the stylish flat shapes. One in deep navy blue has a few roses under the brim, and is cheap at $9.50.

Among black and white effects, one is charmed with a bowler shape, faced with black velvet, while the crown has a ruching of white tulle around it, an upstanding feather mount completing. There was something really french about this little hat. A fascinating toque in tango colour was trimmed solely with a huge tango shaded poppy, quite alluring. A gorgeous array of flowers of every description, feathers, velvets and millinery ribbons are there for your selection, and the untrimmed shapes will tempt you to display your accomplishments in the millinery art.

Having been asked so often where riding hats may be obtained, I have pleasure in informing my readers that the Bonnet Shop has now a nice summer weight bowler at $4. For those who require the tall silk hat, they may be obtained here at $10.

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At this time of the year the first change we make in our toilette is in our hats. We can wear for another week as so our autumn tailor suits, but we must have a new hat. The shop windows are full of straws and flowers, but the Parisienne, who understands the value of a serviceable hat, one that does not lose its shape after a week, and that suits the face and hair, is not tempted by this display. She has her favourite milliner, an artist, who sees at a glance the style and the trimming that she requires, who shows her a dozen models to choose from, but each suited to her face and bearing.

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SOCIETY

MRS. BLAKEMORE gave a delightful reception at "Rock Point," Oak Bay, on Wednesday afternoon in honour of Commander Evans, R.N., C.B. Among the guests in addition to the Commander were Lieutenant Mather, R.N., also of the Antarctic expedition; Mr. and Mrs. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mr. J. J. Shallcross, Dr. and Mrs. Hudson, Miss Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. Borrodaile, and Miss Forman, who assisted Mrs. Blakemore in receiving.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with rose pink tulips and palms, and with the glorious view on a perfect day seen from the balcony, a more perfect spot could not be imagined.

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The theatre was crowded with a fashionable audience last Saturday to greet Mrs. Brougham, Mrs. Hope, the Misses Dunsmuir, and their company of vaudeville amateurs. A beautifully staged and dressed production was presented, though it will not be denied that for beauty and talent, Victoria amateurs still hold first place. Miss Muriel Dunsmuir's dance was probably the most talented number on the programme, and she looked charming in a decollete white and silver dancing frock.

In the boxes were noticed Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Hasell, Honourable Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cecil, Miss Combe, Miss Sybil Street, Mr. Glen Holland, Miss Eberts, Mrs. Leiser and party. In the stalls were a number of well-known people including Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shallcross, Mr. and Mrs. W. Langley, Mrs. Watkin Boultbee, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnstone, Miss Pitts, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Longhurst, Miss Violet Wolley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blakemore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borradaile, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Cuppage and many others.

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Commander Evans, C.B., R.N., was accorded a civic reception at the Empress Hotel last Wednesday morning when he was presented with an illuminated address conveying the appreciation of Victorians of the heroic courage and achievements of the late gallant Captain Scott and his party. Commander Evans was entertained at luncheon by Mr. Wm. Blakemore, President of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers, to meet His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor; Sir Richard McBride, Hon. D. M. Eberts, Commander Hose, R.C.W., Colonel Gray, D.O.C., and Clive Phillipps Wolley, Esq., President B.C. Federated Navy League.

After a motor ride over the Malahat Road, Comamnder Evans attended an "at home" given by Mrs. Blakemore at "Rock Point," Oak Bay.

Later in the afternon the inspection of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers at the Naval Yard took place, followed by the memorable lecture at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

With perfect weather, a busy but delightful day was spent, all engagements being carried through without a hitch.

Lord Rochdale was a passenger on S.S. Niagara this week from Australia. Lord Rochdale is managing director of the firm of Kelsall & Kemp, woolen manufacturers of Lancashire.

*

A large number of ladies of the Canadian Club were present at the reception given by Mrs. Paterson at Government House last Wednesday. Sir Richard McBride gave a pleasant address on the good influence of such a body as the Women's Canadian Club.

Mrs. Paterson received in a becoming gown of pale blue and mauve. Among the guests were: Lady McBride, Mrs. Bamfield, President of the Vancouver Canadian Club; Mrs. Jonathan Rogers, ex-President; Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. J. T. Reid, Mrs. J. D. Gordon, Mrs. H. E. Young, Mrs. Galliher, Mrs. McKenzie Cleland, Mrs. J. C. Roper, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. and Miss Mesher, Mrs. A. W. McCurdy, Mrs. A. C. Burdick, Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mrs. R. S. Day, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. Pringle, Mrs. Granville Cuppage, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Duncan Ross, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. F. I. Clarke, Mrs. George Jay, Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Mme. Roy, Miss Hart, Mrs. Foulkes, Miss Lilian Smith, Miss McAllister, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Jackman, and Miss Merrill Cooper.

A LITTLE ITALIAN PRINCESS

Little Princess Mafalda, one of the daughters of the King and Queen of Italy, out for a ride on the shore with her favorite pony.

Some delightful music was contributed by Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Harry Briggs and Mrs. Macdonald Fahey.

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"Tom Jones" will be repeated at a matinee today, and an evening performance at 8:15 p.m.

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Quite one of the most delightful musical events of the season was the Indian Song Recital given by the celebrated dramatic mezzo-soprano, Miss Merrill Cooper, at the Alexandra Hall last Thursday night.

Miss Cooper made a charming figure in the Indian costume and regalia in which she first appeared. The idealized North American Indian songs are very pleasing with their simple melody so delightfully rendered by Miss Cooper. Such songs as Troyer's "Sunrise Call," Stewart's "Lost Arrow," Cadman's "Land of the Sky Blue Water," breathe the spirit of myth and romance of the red man. Miss Cooper is equally at home with Italian music, singing Puccini's "One Fine Day" (Madame Butterfly), Bichoff's "The Question," and Arditi's "Magnetic Waltz." Saint-Saens' "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," and Bach Gounod's "Ave Maria," with rare beauty of tone and perfection of technique.

When Miss Cooper comes to Victoria again, she will be cordially welcomed as an artiste of distinction.

Miss Phyllis Bieber, a young violinist of great promise, was well received. She gave an acceptable rendering of Troyer's "Ghost Dance," responding to a well deserved encore.

Mr. Sheridan-Bickers, a well-known Victorian, gave a clever reading of descriptive Indian legends, completing a unique and unusually delightful concert.

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The Vancouver Horse Show is being attended by many well-known Victorians. Several Victoria entries have proved winners, among them fine animals owned by Messrs. M. G. Eaten, E. H. Henderson, W. H. B. Medd (James Island), the Royal Dairy, and Dixi Ross were successful in the city delivery class.

*

The marriage took place on April 28 at St. Mary Magdalene's, Mayne Island, of *John Elliott, youngest son* of T. Page, Esq., to Muriel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cayzer, of Galiano Island, B.C.

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Captain H. H. Woolison, Captain Byng-Hall and Major A. T. Ogilvie are in command of detachments reinforcing the troops at Nanaimo.

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Colonel E. G. Prior is now en route home from England.

The Victoria Glee Singers gave an *unusually good rendering of several* fine songs at the Victoria Choral Society's concert last Tuesday. The singers were Messrs. Hughes, Pinkington, Davis and Petch. Miss Marian Heming was an accomplished pianist, and Miss Irene Long, L.R.A.M., accompanied for the cantata which was conducted by Mr. Edward Macey. Mrs. Edward Parsons, soloist soprano, was very well received.

*

Mr. R. K. Dempster, a wheat grower and sheep rancher of New South Wales, passed through Victoria this week en route for England.

*

Mr. W. J. Manson, M.P.P. for Dewdney, was in Victoria this week in company with Mr. John Sprott, of New Westminster. Mr. Sprott has been presented with the Imperial Service Medal, awarded "for faithful service" in the Government.

*

L'Alliance Francaise held an interesting meeting last Monday night. Some French masterpieces were shown including episodes in the lives of "La Reine Clotilde," Charlemagne, and Philippe Auguste. A series of slides illustrating the career of Jeanne d'Arc evoked much interest. Among those present were Mrs. Owen Jones, Miss Leiser, Colonel and Madame le Roy, *Mrs. F. B. Pemberton*, Mrs. Home, Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. McClure, Miss Mara, Mons. and Mme. Pinchon.

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Mrs. Craddock is spending a short time with friends in Vancouver during the Horse Show and will return to Victoria in the early part of the week.

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Mrs. Neurotsos went over to Vancouver wtih Captain Neurotsos on Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. West, of Willows Point, Nelson, who are shortly leaving to take up their residence in the Windermere district, Columbia River Valley, were presented with an address by a large number of their friends, who also gave Mr. West a very handsome tantalus and a dozen cut glasses, and to Mrs. West (nee Miss Olive Asken of Victoria), a beautiful mahogany tea tray with glass top and mounted in silver, after which pleasing ceremony the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing.

*

Dr. and Mrs. J. Norman Taylor have returned to Golden after a few weeks' visit in Victoria.

Miss Corbett, of Vancouver, is spending a short time with friends in Victoria.

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Mrs. J. Burns, of Calgary, and sister of Mrs. Pat Burns, is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. B. Lefroy, Vernon, B.C.

*

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tarrant, who have been spending their honeymoon at Victoria, have returned to their home at Coldstream, Vernon, B.C.

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The many friends of Mrs. Devlin, Alma Place, will be glad to know that she has recovered from her recent indisposition.

*

Mr. Hogg, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, with his daughter, Miss Hogg and Miss Sutherland of Calgary, are registered at the Empress.

*

A very merry dance was given on Friday evening of last week in the Alexandra Club ballroom, when the Invitation Dancing Club held the last of their series of dances which have been running throughout the winter months. The floor as usual was in perfect condition and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. During the evening a dainty supper was served downstairs in the cafe of the club. A few of those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Miss Winona Troup, Miss Gladys Peters, Miss Pearl Peterson, Miss Bowron, Miss Daisy Wilson, Madame Roy, Mdlle. Roy, Miss Lillian Bagshaw, Miss Bagshawe, Miss Lucy Little, *Miss Eberts, Miss Sybil Street*, Miss Onie Irving, Miss Pegg, Miss B. Maclure, Miss Webb, the Misses Pitts, the Misses Macdonald, and the Messrs. J. Mason, Douglas Bullen, K. Dennistoun, J. Walker, Hogg, R. Matthews, A. Pitts, Clarence Pitts, Victor Macdowall, F. Loenholm, Tweedle and others.

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Dr. and Mrs. Shaw are among the guests staying at the Empress Hotel from Regina.

*

Mr. Harold English is enjoying a visit in Victoria from Los Angeles. He is staying at the Empress Hotel.

*

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on last Saturday afternoon at St. Barnabas Church, when Miss Jeannie Winter Fenton, eldest daughter of the late John Fenton, Gortagharn, County Antrim, Ireland, became the bride of Mr. William Calvin Jackson, youngest son of the late Henry Jackson of this city. The Rev. E. G. Miller officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Nevin Jones, of Vancouver, B.C., wore a smart dove gray suit with hat to match and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Her bridesmaid was becomingly gowned in navy blue satin and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. A. J. Jackson.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of the bride where a reception was held, the young couple standing beneath a bell formed of flowers where they received the congratulations and good wishes of their friends.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and chain; to the bridesmaid a beautiful coral necklace and to the best man a set of gold links. The young couple who are very well-known in the city, were the recipients of a large number of costly gifts.

They left on the 4:30 boat on a short trip to the Sound Cities, and on their return they will reside at 1038 View Street.

*

The final drive for the 1913-14 season was held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, on Thursday evening of last week. There was an unusually large attendance, twenty-two tables being occupied. Special prizes were awarded during the evening, being presented by Mrs. A. J. Warren to the following: Miss Mabel James, first lady; Mrs. E. Henderson, second; Mrs. Armstrong, ladies' consolation, and Mrs. Hartwig, the ladies' sealed number; Mr. J. Shallcross, gentlemen's first; Mr. D. McKay, second; Mr. C. Dodgson, gentlemen's consolation, and Mr. J. A. Green, gentlemen's sealed number. Mr. George Wood ably filled the position of master of ceremonies.

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Social News

THE marriage took place on Monday, April 27th, of Mr. A. T. Monteith, of Victoria, son of the late Bryden Monteith, Liberton, Scotland, and Miss Eleanor Beatrice, eldest daughter of Mrs. Devereux and the late Captain Devereux, of Victoria.

*

G. Darling, M.S.G., of Vancouver, registered at the Empress Hotel this week.

*

Mr. and Mrs. J. Greer, of Vancouver, were visitors at the Empress Hotel during the past week.

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Mayor R. J. Burde, of Port Alberni, has been in town for a few days.

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The Honourable Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cecil spent the week in Vancouver, having gone over for the horse show.

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The death is very keenly regretted of the late Captain H. S. Lloyd, R.M.S.I., who died last Sunday following an operation. Captain Lloyd was the eldest son of Colonel E. Lloyd, late Punjal Cavalry, and now residing at Culver House, Bedford, England, and a cousin of Mr. A. H. Cree of Oak Bay. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lloyd by a large circle of friends.

*

The Camosun Chapter I. O. D. E. have decided to hold a garden fete on June 22nd, in celebration of Coronation Day. Mrs. Henry Croft, Regent of the chapter, has kindly promised the use of her beautiful house and grounds for the occasion.

*

The new High School was formally opened yesterday afternoon by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. Others present were Hon. Dr. Young, Dr. Alexander Robinson, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Leslie Clay, D.D., and many well-known ladies.

*

Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P., and Mrs. Barnard entertained at a very enjoyable dinner party at the Country Club, Ottawa, on the evening of April 20 in honour of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnard of Victoria. Quantities of spring flowers decorated the table.

Those present included Hon. Martin and Mrs. Burrell, Hon. J. D. and Miss Reid, Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, Miss Haven, Hon. George H. Perley, Sir Henry Egan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood Schreiber, and many others.

*

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Armstrong of London, England, are staying at the Empress Hotel during a visit to this city.

*

Mr. J. E. Griffiths, Deputy Minister of Public Works, has left for Prince Rupert on business.

*

The Victoria Club held a pleasant "at home" last Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were Mrs. William Roper, President of the Club; Miss Cotsworth, Miss Agnew, Mrs. Montague Burge, Miss Myler, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Feree, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Reid (Saanich). Mrs. D. C. Reid and Mrs. Hinton contributed to the pleasure of the afternoon by singing several charming songs.

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The Ladies' Guild of the Royal Naval Garrison Church, Esquimalt, gave an attractive vaudeville programme last Thursday evening at the new Lampson Street school. Among those taking part were Rev. Baugh-Allen, Miss Bray, Mr. George Phillips, Mrs. L. W. Moore, Miss Doris Welsh, Miss Agnes Wallace, Mrs. Gerald Stracey, Miss Alma Bray, Miss Nora Lugrin, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Gillen, while the men of H.M.S. Rainbow gave a song and chorus. Some good drills were executed by pupils of the Lampson Street school.

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This afternoon the children of the Protestant Orphanage will give a musical "at home" to their many friends.

*

R. A. Renwick, deputy minister of lands for the Province, has gone to Cranbrook to supervise the opening of British Columbia lands which have been thrown open for pre-emption along the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R.

*

A. J. C. Galletly, formerly manager for the Bank of Montreal here, and Mrs. Galletly, who are here for a short time, having just come from England, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt. Mr. Flumerfelt has himself just returned from a visit to England, and is at present spending a few days in Vancouver.

*

Mr. W. B. Monteith is severing his connection with the firm of Messrs. Barnard, Robertson, Heisterman & Tait, and will enter the office of City Solicitor Robertson.

*

The Canadian Club's annual dinner took place at the Empress Hotel last Thursday night. Among those present were His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Richard McBride, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, Captain J. F. Douglas, president of the Seattle Canadian Club, Mr. Justice Murphy, Colonel Roy, D.O.C., and Commander Hose, R.N.

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Mrs. H. W. Herkmer, who has been spending the winter in California, is visiting Colonel and Mrs. Herkmer, at York Place, Oak Bay.

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The Island Arts and Crafts Club will hold a general meeting at the Alexandra Club on Wednesday, May 6th, at 8:30 p.m. Miss Ryle will read a paper on "Art and Commerce."

THE NAVY HONOURS HER DEAD —FAREWELL TO A7

The Final Scenes of a Great Tragedy Unfolded

. . . Many a moon and sun will see.
The lingering wistful children wait
To climb upon their father's knee;
And in each house made desolate,
Pale women who have lost their lord,
Will kiss the relics of the slain—
Wind and wild wave have got their dead,
And will not yield them back again.
—"Ave Imperator."

For seven long weeks has England battled with the mighty inexorable sea for the bodies of her dead sons, who lie peacefully in their steel shroud in the depths of Whitesand Bay. But the battle was futile—as futile as all other battles against the demands of nature, and the price of Admiralty has again been paid. Though the service at the Royal Naval Barracks was full of emotional grandeur, the true spirit of a nation's grief was to be found on the decks of the grey vessels which swept silently south-westward on Thursday morning.

One need not have been a mystic to have imagined that Nature had veiled her head with the silver mist that drifted over the summit of Mount Edgcumbe, and enshrouded the great submarines of the E class which were rolling in impatience off the sea-lashed crags of the Mewstone.

It was not until nine o'clock that three destroyers left their moorings in the Hamoaze for the open sea. Like lean hounds they glided past the Admiralty signalling station and the Impregnable, with their flags at half-mast, followed by H.M.S. Forth and the Portsmouth cruisers and then with a thud and crash the long rollers of the Channel shook them. I can see the submarines now—thirteen of them—wallowing in the trough, their long sable backs and conning towers turning them into sharks with dorsal fins just above the water.

Away we rolled past the Mewstone for the tragic spot in Whitesand Bay, in divisions, white-crested waves often breaking over our bows and recoiling over the long line of submarines that lie on either side off the parent vessels. Companies of Marines gave the decks of the larger ships crimson crests, contrasting strangely with the overcast leaden sky and sullen green sea that edged the Cornish Coast with white spume. Rame Head, with its towering battlements of rocks, rose sheer on our port side, and slowly grew dim as a freshening breeze flung a sheet of rain around it, and then a movement was noticeable on the decks of our vessel. Up on to the quarter deck marched a company of Marines and lined up in two sections with arms reversed. It was the commencement of the tragic ceremony. Perhaps it was imagination that gave me the impression that the sea grew less fierce, and in a mighty and sullen manner attempted to make amends for its helplessness as the ministers walked slowly towards the bows.

The muffled rumble of the engines furnished a dull pedal point to the sorrowful tones of the chaplain. His words were but faintly heard, as the wind rushed with a scream over the mainland's crest, and flung itself with a whirl against the sides of our vessel. "Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live." The ruthless boom and roar of the deep drowned the chaplain's voice again, and above the heroic words of our ritual its inevitable roar persisted, like a mighty unchanging song of Fate and Destiny.

A dark object, quite small and insignificant, was ahead of us, tossed hither and thither on the waves. It was the buoy, the only mark visible to denote the spot towards which England's sympathies had been hovering. A black-cloaked widow, with pale face and trembling hands, turned away and hid her face in her hands. She was one of those pale women who have lost their lord, from a house made desolate. And still the sea thundered and boomed, drowning the voice of the white-robed chaplain who had turned to the ship's side trying to shelter a frail, golden-haired little boy from the fury of the wind. The child could not have been more than six years old, and with closed eyes and white expressionless face he stood against the bulwarks, a wreath clenched in his hands that were blue with the cold. Perhaps he could not understand the cruelty of it all, which is the privilege of a child.

The mark buoy was coming swiftly astern as an order rang out. As one man, the Marines stepped forward, and with a crackle three volleys were fired. The buoy swung against our stern. A seaman stepped forward and was just in time to hold the frail form of the golden-haired boy who was trying to raise the wreath over the rails. The weight of his little offering was too heavy for him. But at last it fell, face uppermost, on to the green waters; his duty of love ended as he buried his face in his arms and sobbed bitterly. A wave threw its spray over our bows, but I think it was not only spray that the grizzled seamen brushed from their immobile faces. And so the tragedy ended, quietly, with none of the purple pomp of a naval funeral procession, not to the sound of muffled drums and united brass, nor was it witnessed by thousands of sympathetic spectators. Yet the solemn, and at times heartrending, scenes that were enacted out upon the restless, cruel sea, were more tragic than the passings of Kings, for grief is never more terrible than when it is felt by poor, simple hearts. Perhaps as we steamed homewards we wondered "what profit now that we have bound the whole world round with nets of steel?" but the words of the great "Ave Imperator" came unbidden, and we heard:—

Peace, Peace! we wrong the noble dead
To vex their solemn slumber so;
Though childless, and with thorn-crowned head,
Up the steep road must England go.
Yet when this fiery web is spun,
Her watchmen shall descry afar;
The mightier Britain like a sun,
Rise from these crimson seas of war.
—Western Independent.

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Correspondence

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"TO GRAFT OR NOT TO GRAFT"

Bamfield, B.C., April 15, 1914.

To the Editor of The Week.

Sir,—Your leader "To Graft or Not to Graft," in issue of April 11th, is heartily commended by every person inspired by right motives. I am moved to write these lines because I am a subscriber to The Star and The Daily Mail of Montreal, and followed all the press manoeuvring in connection with the recent city elections with much interest from start to finish.

At the outset, Major Stephens was damned in the house of his friends by methods so contemptible, so dishonourable and underhand, that it clearly shows that men occupying exalted stations were solely occupied in secretly furthering the cause of an obnoxious corporation by a means of devilish ingenuity hitherto unsurpassed in the annals of civic history.

If all The Daily Mail of Montreal says is only half true, The Star has descended from its high station and has completely lost the moral support and admiration of a host of its readers. In the future, it matters not how lofty may be the language of this newspaper constellation, the plupart of simple minded Athenians will attribute a motive for its high falutin. Montreal does not enjoy a healthy reputation, its slums are notorious, its bandits bold, typhoid epidemics (endemic) recurring with periodical frequency, its civic politics are notorious, and the water supply is more badly vitiated and contaminated than its civic councillors.

The shortcomings of Mr. Mederic Martin have been mentioned but since his election as mayor, he has absolutely declared he will refuse to grant any franchise for forty years to the Tramways Company, moreover he has given an assurance that he will sign no contract that has not been submitted first to the people.

One gratifying thing to record is that on a recount Mr. Duncan McDonald has been elected a controller.

I quite agree with the ethics of your publication, and believe that the press of the Dominion cannot deal too heavily with the subject of "graft" and especially should the powerful rays of the searchlight be directed when it is suspected that graft handled with a velvet touch exists in high places. Far better cut deeply at the outset, and completely eradicate a bad growth.

Citizens, prior to the election, wrote to The Daily Mail saying their names had been faked by The Star to swell the list of those supposed to favour the candidature of Mr. St. George.

Woe unto him by whom scandals come and surely it is high time that The Star tied a stone round its neck and jumped into the North Sea.

Really, it does not seem to make much difference which party is in power. Liberals and Conservatives of the official class appear to be largely out for revenue only. As Horace, the satirist of Rome, exclaimed, we must echo sorrowfully today: "O cives, cives, quaerenda pecunia primum est? Virtus post nummos."

It is this sort of thing that awakens so much that is latent in the breast of a reflective person; when we pause to consider that men and corporations pretending to be the developers and distributors of our national wealth, have become instead the medium of the most intricate and almost infinite corruption.

Larger bodies attract smaller ones and in course of time absorb them altogether, and I suppose our proximity to the United States is responsible for our apparent lightheartedness which makes dishonesty popular, and graduates the maximum of offence.

Dollar pelf is of such a low order and must be dealt with by a firm hand but larceny on a colossal scale appeals to the highest flights of imagination, it is so fine and dandy. Viola done, mais c'est admirable ce chose la; that's the idea.

The first stages of amelioration for our disorder is a third party in Canada sufficiently strong to hinder the uninterrupted course of any purely "party" party; also an independent press hot in pursuit, not waiting for the animal to alight and then saying it was sheltered or shot in self-defence. Stern men who will shoot the thing when it is jumping the fence and do so without excuses.

Until those halcyon days come upon us, we shall continue to adhere to the satirist: "Isne tibi melius suadet qui rem facias, rem si possis recte, si mon, quocunque modo rem," and by so doing we only put off the day of reckoning which must come sooner or later.

The second stanza of Henry Newbolt's ode to Clifton Chapel seems to crave for space here:—

"To set the Cause above renown,
To love the game beyond the prize
To honour, while you strike him down
The foe that comes with fearless eyes:
To count the life of battle good,
And dear the land that gave you birth
And dearer yet the brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the Earth."

And to think that all these corruptions occupied the minds of men during Lent! It coins a new phrase of my own making: "Diabolique, mais ce n'est pas l'enfer," something to be physically thankful for whilst in the flesh. To the Devil (Sotto voce): "A plus tard mon vieux."

DANVERS OSBORN.

P.S.—In using French quotations I have no desire to appear pedantic, but to know a language well one should be able to think in the idiom, and whilst writing this letter my mind has been centred in the Province of Quebec.

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THE SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY

In view of the half-holiday discussion at present obtaining in Victoria this article is reprinted from The London Daily Sketch:—

THERE are probably few of my readers who do not regard the Saturday half-holiday as one of those immutable laws of Nature about which scientists talk so much, and know so little. Yet it is only fifty years since it was established legally, by the passing of the Shops Act, and even now, of course, there are many shops which keep open late on Saturday night. Of course, there are reasons why they keep open.

Many working people only get paid on Saturdays, and the weekly shopping cannot anticipate that stupendous event. So that while we are exalting in the benefits which have accrued to men, women, youths, and flappers by the Saturday early closing, and endeavouring to extend the scope of those benefits, we must realize the true difficulty, and the only way to get round it.

If all shops, factories, and offices are to close on Saturday afternoon all wages must be payable on Thursday, or, at latest, on Friday. Which means that either the week must start on Friday or Saturday, or that employers must take the risk of paying for one day's or for two days' work before it is done. To close the shops precisely when working women have been given the money for their shopping would be as stupid as it would be tyrannical. However you make your arrangements shops will have to be open on one day of the week when working people have got their week's wages, and at an hour when they are free to spend it.

This all points to Friday, and I suggest that on Fridays all shops in working-class quarters should be open at night until eleven o'clock.

It is no use asking women to do their shopping on Saturday morning. The wives of workers are often far too busy in the morning to do gadding about; when they have children shopping on a large scale may be possible only after the children have been put to bed; while the week's purchasing is nearly always an adventure which the husband and wife wish to face together. Watch a working-class couple at the market!—and you will realize of what a big slice of life you would deprive them if you made it impossible for the man and wife to market together.

Then, of course, when you have got round this difficulty, when you have shut up all the shops, offices and factories, you will have still to leave hard at work on Saturday afternoons the people who amuse the people. You cannot help that! Nobody but a maniac would want to make Saturday afternoon as dull as a Puritan Sunday.

Granted these things, we may turn to enjoy our Jubilee with a joyful heart. Even the journalist—that slave of the world's thirst for news!—who must always be ready to chronicle those absurd events which persist in happening in the week-end, even he can generally get a snap of free air on Saturdays. The Saturday half-holiday has become an institution, and it is an institution we cherish. The week's work is behind us; tomorrow is Sunday, and we can lie abed to recover. Cricket and football matches call us, fields are waiting to be trampover. Bright-eyed damsels are waiting for their sweet-hearts, spick-and-span youngsters are waiting for the girls. One whole half-day torn from the Moloch of labour! We should be thankful for that. It keeps us healthy, no doubt! But, better still, it makes us merry. So there is small wonder that a number of eminent gentlemen are meeting on the 8th of May to celebrate the event with a dinner and that the secretary of the Early Closing Association is appealing for funds to carry on the good work.

Finally, it may be mentioned that there is a growing opinion that in many cases employers would lose little by making Saturday a whole holiday. I should like to have the opinions of my readers on this point.

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CHAIRMAN Gilley of the navigation committee of the New Westminster Board of Trade, states that river channel from that city to sea is the best there has been in rty years. There is 27 feet of er at ordinary tide and 32 feet high tide, which is sufficient to ble the largest vessels plying on Coast to proceed up the Fraser far as New Westminster. Dredges e been working on the channel for ths, and it is still to be widened. ies have been constructed at the th of the river, and the current so trolled that it is cleaning out the nnel for itself.

hat much development is expected the Burrard peninsula by men minent in business is indicated by remarks of Mr. F. W. Peters, eral superintendent of the Cana- n Pacific Railway. The railway a line from Port Coquitlam to Westminster, and the electrifica- of this, as well as that of some nch lines, is being considered. In nection with the electrification of line a standard suburban service be maintained. Such a service be of benefit to New Westminster the territory round about. It is bable that if this idea materializes the necessary power will be ob- ed from the Western Canada er Company, which is enlarging plant at Stave River.

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ONTINUED decrease in time losses through trade disputes was rted to the Department of Labour ing March, as compared with the vious months of the year. The ber of disputes was also consider- smaller than that of the corres- ding month of last year. Seven utes resulting in time losses of 18 working days were in exist- during March as against fifteen utes and 68,285 working days lost ng the same month last year. The three months of the present year e been very favourable from the dpoint of industrial disputes. t new disputes occurred in this od, resulting in time losses of 5 days. During the corresponding od of last year twenty-one strikes e reported, the time losses resulting from these up to the end of March being 29,246 days. Five hundred and thirty-seven employees have struck work or otherwise been involved in trade disputes during the first three months of 1914. This compares favourably wtih the corresponding period of 1913, when 4,511 workers were affected by strikes and lockouts.

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THAT the Panama Canal would bring the Alberta farmer seven cents a bushel nearer Liverpool in summer and fifteen cents in winter was the message of Dr. F. B. Vrooman of Vancouver, B.C., given to the Royal Colonial Institute.

The present prohibitively expensive and inadequate all-rail transcontinental haul would soon be a thing of the past, he said. By the aid of the Panama Canal and adequate dock facilities at Vancouver, Alberta farmers would gain $20,000,000 on one crop alone, and it was easy to foresee that the canal would in ten years give the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan at least $150,000,000 in saved freight rates.

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PRINCE Edward Island farmers have been in the past much opposed to the use of automobiles on the streets and highways, and they have so much control of the legislature that some years ago an act was passed entirely prohibiting the use of motor cars in the Province. Last year it was amended to permit the running of motor cars on three days of the week in Charlottetown, Summerside, and certain limited rural routes. There is much agitation just now on the part of the farmers to restrict these privileges, and on the other side to extend the number of motor car routes and to permit the cars to run every day.

Effort is being made to form a company to operate a line of motor busses in Charlottetown, and the City Council has granted a concession of exclusive rights for this purpose for a term of ten years with exemption from taxation, dependent upon the action of the legislature.

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LITTERS of young silver foxes are reported from the numerous fox ranches on Prince Edward Island from week to week, and from these reports it is estimated that the fox crop of this spring will be worth at current prices from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000, which would yield to the Provincial Government a revenue of $50,000 to $60,000 from this source.

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ACCORDING to the annual report of the registrar of shipping, which has just been issued, 344 new vessels, which were valued at $1,807,380, and had a total tonnage of 40,164 were registered in Canada last year. The amount of capital now invested in Canadian shipping is $26,908,950, and the number of vessels 8,545. The number of men and boys employed in the marine service is 43,968. Steamers number 3,847, with a tonnage of 711,512.

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THE directors of the Standard Silver-Lead Mining Company, the Finch-Campbell-Clark corporation, exclusively a Spokane concern, operating the Standard lead-silver property, near Silverton, B.C., at a meeting on April 22nd decided to declare an extra dividend of $50,000 in May, doubling the regular monthly disbursement of 2½ cents the share.

March earnings of the company were $80,300 and there was $320,000 in the treasury on April 1. The April disbursement of $50,000 reduced the reserve to $270,000, but it is believed the April earnings will be as great, if not greater, than for March, which will make the treasury fund approximately $350,000 on May 1st. The company has paid to stockholders $200,000 to date this year, making the grand total $1,275,000.

Reports received on the day of the meeting from the mine stated that development was being continued on the No. 7 and No. 8 levels, and a new ore shoot had been encountered recently in the No. 5 level, which had been prospected to the No. 4 level. It appears to parallel the vein from which shipments have been coming for a number of months.

Work on the No. 8 level is being confined principally to widening the tunnel previously driven through the Emily Edith claim and preparing the bore for service as a main working tunnel when the ore bodies are opened in it.

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The plans and particulars required by Section 87 of the Water Act, 1914, and the said petition required by Section 79 have been filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights at Victoria.

Objection to the application or petition may be filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Dated at Victoria this 6th day of April, 1914.

LESLIE JULIER, Agent for Ganges Water & Power Co., Ltd.

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E. H. FLETCHER.
Post Office Inspector.
Postoffice Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B.C., April 10, 1914.
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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve, the notice of which appeared in the B. C. Gazette on the 27th of December, 1907, is canceled in so far as it relates to the following parcels of land: The W. ½ of the S. E. ¼, the S. W. ¼ and the S. W. ½ of the N. W. ¼ west of the river in Section 4; the S. E. ¼, the S. E. ¼ of the S. W. ¼ and the N. E. ¼ in Section 5; the S. ½ of the S. E. ¼ in Section 8; the S. E. ¼, the S. W. ¼ and the E. ½ of the N. E. ¼ in Section 16; and the E. ½ of the S. E. ¼ and N. ½ in Section 21, all in Township3, Sayward District, and the N. E. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ in Section 32; the N. E. ¼ of the S. W. ¼, and the N. W. ¼ and N. ½ of the N. E. ¼ in Section 33; the N. ½ of the N. W. ¼ and the N. ½ of the N. E. ¼ in Section 34; and the S. ½ and N. W. ¼ of the N. W. ¼ in Section 35, all in Township 6, Sayward District.

The said lands will be open for entry by pre-emption on Monday, the 18th day of May, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon; all applications to be made at the office of the Government Agent, Vancouver. No Pre-emption Record shall include more than 40 acres of land except in cases where it is desirable to include small fractional portions of legal Subdivisions; information in which connection may be obtained from plans on view at the above-mentioned Agency.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Lands Department, Victoria, B. C., February 11, 1914.
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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that a reserve covering certain lands situated in the vicinity of Kennedy Lake, Clayoquot District, notice of which appeared in the B.C. Gazette on the 23rd of May, 1912, is cancelled, and the following parcels of land will be open for entry by pre-emption on Monday, the 15th day of June, 1914, at the hour of 9 a.m. in the forenoon: Lots 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, S.E. quarter 1395, S.W. quarter 1395, N.W. quarter 1395, N.E. quarter 1395, S.E. quarter 1396, S.W. quarter 1396, N.W. quarter 1396, N.E. quarter 1396, 1397, S.E. quarter 1401, S.W. quarter 1401, N.W. quarter 1401, N.E. quarter 1401, S.E. quarter 1405, S.W. quarter 1405, N.W. quarter 1405, N.E. quarter 1405, S.E. quarter 1406, S.W. quarter 1406, N.W. quarter 1406, N.E. quarter 1406, S.E. quarter 1407, S.W. quarter 1407, N.W. quarter 1407, N.E. quarter 1407, S. half 1408, N. half 1408, S. half 1409, N. half 1409, S.E. quarter 1410 S.W. quarter 1410, N.W. quarter 1410, N.E. quarter 1410, S.E. quarter 1411, S.W. quarter 1411, N.W. quarter 1411, N.E. quarter 1411, S.E. quarter 1412, S.W. quarter 1412, N.W. quarter 1412, N.E. quarter 1412, S.E. quarter 1413, S.W. quarter 1413, S.W. quarter 1413, N.W. quarter 1413, N.E. quarter 1413, S.E. quarter 1414, S.W. quarter 1414, N.W. quarter 1414, N.E. quarter 1414; S. quarter 1415, S.W. quarter 1415, N.W. quarter, 1415, N.E. quarter 1415, S.E. quarter 1416, W. half 1416, N.E. quarter 1416, 1417, S.E. quarter 1420, S.W. quarter 1420, N.W. quarter 1420, N.E. quarter 1420, S.E. quarter 1421, S.W. quarter 1421, N.W. quarter 1421, N.E. quarter 1421; S. half 1422, N. half 1422, S.E. quarter 1423, S.W. quarter 1423, N.W. quarter 1423, N.E. quarter 1423, S. half 1424, N. half 1424, S.E. quarter 1425, S.W. quarter 1425, N.W. quarter 1425, N.E. quarter 1425, S.E. quarter 1426, S.W. quarter 1526, N.W. quarter 1526, N.E. quarter 1526, S.E. quarter 1427, S.W. quarter 1427, N.W. quarter 1427, N.E. quarter 1427, S.E. quarter 1496, S.W. quarter 1496, N.W. quarter 1496, N.E. quarter 1496, S. half 1497, N. half 1497, E. half 1498, W. half 1498, E. half 1499, W. half 1499, S. half 1500, N. half 1500, S. half 1501, N. half 1501, S. half 1502, N. half 1502 S.E. quarter 1503, S.W. quarter 1503, N.W. half 1503, N.E. quarter 1503, S.E. quarter 1504, N.W. quarter 1504, N.E. quarter 1504, S. half 1505 and N half 1505.

No Pre-emption Record shall be granted for more than forty (40) acres except with respect to lots containing less than sixty (60) acres of land; particulars of which may be obtained at the office of the Government Agent, at Alberni, where all applications for entry must be made.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Lands Department, Victoria, B.C.,
8th April, 1914.
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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

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For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior

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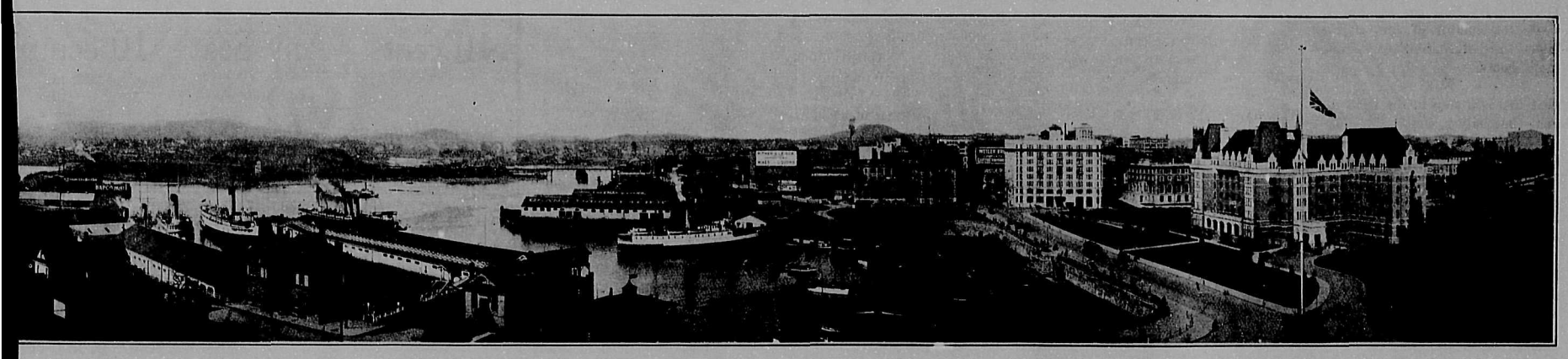

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"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT Commander Evans' visit to Victoria was a notable success from every point of view; even the Clerk of the Weather did all in his power to welcome the gallant officer.

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That nowhere else on the continent has he met with a larger or more enthusiastic audience.

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That it is a certain omen of success when the ladies' organizations turn in and give their support.

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That the advent of the Benson players to the Royal Victoria Theatre next Monday and Tuesday in Shakespearean repertoire will be one of the most important engagements of an already noteworthy season.

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That the company has received a hearty welcome in all the cities in which it has played.

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That F. R. Benson has achieved a reputation second to none for his work in Shakespearean productions and deserves good houses during his visit to the Capital.

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That the appearance of South American Republics in the role of peacemakers possesses all the markings of an opera bouffe.

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That it is a matter of surprise that Signor Castro of Venezuela fame has not yet applied for the position of Chairman of the Board of Arbitrators.

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That what with gun-running in Ulster and militant strikers in Colorado, the constitutionalist of today finds it hard to define the meaning of the term "civil war."

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That the B.C.E.R. has seen fit to increase the number of cars on the Willows line during the evening "rush" hours.

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That this is a step in the right direction—but only a step.

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That the uncovered garbage carts which daily patrol our streets are a distinct menace to the public health and it is a wonder that our viligant medical officer permits it.

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That now that the dry, warm and offtimes windy weather has set in, it is time that some material improvement was effected in this respect.

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That "Toronto Saturday Night" has no sense of humour when it comes to criticizing an American vandal on his travels in Europe.

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That the Toronto weekly is not the only one in the Dominion which affects a hypercritical treatment of a would-be humourous article.

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That Irvin S. Cobb on European customs is just about as serious as "Lounger" on waterfront attractions.

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That The Colonist is deeply concerned about the health and well-being of juvenile roller-skaters, but cares nothing for the peace and quiet of the residents on secluded streets.

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That few of the objections voiced against the roller-skating practice are prompted by altruistic motives.

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That for the most part the objections are based on the love for peace and quiet indulged in by the elderly, and not on the fear of death for the "tiny tots."

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That it will probably be the latter which will eventually ensure the former.

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That one wonders how much printer's ink would have been spilled if, instead of "tweaking his nose," the Nova Scotia legislator had given his brother member a black eye.

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That so much publicity is calculated to make the practice popular in which case we may yet see the duello restored to favour.

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That another exhibition of Provincial moving-pictures was held at the Dominion Theatre on Saturday last.

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That those who were privileged to see the pictures were as much impressed as those who had seen the previous series.

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That the cinematographic display of the resources and attractions of the Province reflect the greatest credit on the Deputy-Minister for Agriculture to whose initiative they are due.

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That it would be interesting to know whether the chimney sweeps will have to report "bad debts" to the Fire Chief, as well as the charges they make.

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That there are possibilities in view of the Fire Department going into business as a credit consulting bureau.

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That there is quite a "rumpus" in Vancouver about the small contribution made by a recent amateur performance to the "Associated Charities," in whose interest it was "boosted."

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That the press has taken the matter up and is seeking for further information.

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That few people know how expensive it is to stage a high-class amateur performance.

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That if the management would publish all the details of the expenses criticism would be allayed.

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That there will be no fault to find with the profit derived by the Ladies' Musical Society from the "Keep on Smiling" performance in Victoria.

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That the annual dinner of the Canadian Club was rendered memorable by one of the finest addresses, from the lips of Mr. Justice Murphy, heard in Victoria for many years.

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That once more a graduate of Laval has demonstrated that the old Montreal University is the true seat of Canadian culture.

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That our old friend, Duncan Ross, appeared in a new role, and eschewing politics delivered an admirable and effective address on "Canada."

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That whatever else may be said about it, the Rotary Club is a "live" institution.

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That President Higgins has found his "metier" in public life as its chief officer.

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That the motto of the club is "Service," and its object to render real service to the community.

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That in Mr. A. B. Flower, Chairman of the Shakespearean Celebration Committee, the club secured a guest of distinction and a speaker of marked ability.

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That the beautiful address to Commander Evans which is reproduced on our front page, was designed and executed by the Penman Advertising Company's artists.

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That Commander Evans' modesty prevented him from telling his audience many things which they would have liked to know.

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That an ong them is the almost incredible fact that on the high plateau when his legs failed and he could not even stand, he dragged himself, lying face downwards on the ground, more than one hundred miles by the aid of ski poles.

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That it took three weeks to accomplish this herculean task.

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That it is doubtful if a more striking instance of that dogged pluck which will never say die has been chronicled.

ON Monday next, April 4th, the Victoria Theatre will again open its doors, playing popular priced stock. The first bill to be presented will be Eugene Walter's gripping play, "The Easiest Way." This play in itself should be a success for the new players. Like most of Eugene Walter's plays, the story and incidents take but few people to tell it, but each one of these characters is very powerfully drawn. A number of stock players well known to Victoria will be in the cast, including Mr. Arthur Belasco, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. S. James, Miss Ethel Tucker, and Miss Hilda Grahame. Miss Tucker, who will personally direct all the performances, is an actress of wide experience. All plays in future will be scenically perfect, and the prices of admission so low that all will be able to attend.

HAPPINESS

Misery is the exception; happiness is the rule. No rational man ever heard a bird sing without feeling that the bird was happy, and that if God made that bird He made it to be happy and He takes pleasure in its happiness, though no human heart should ever share in its joy.

Gossip From the Stalls

"KEEP ON SMILING," the revue presented last Saturday at the Royal Victoria Theatre by the Misses Dunsmuir and a company of Vancouver amateurs, proved to be a great success. The entertainment was marked throughout by the beautiful costumes worn by the ladies and by the tasteful and effective setting of the stage scenery, the latter being most notable in the tenth feature of the evening, "A Telephone Sketch," sung by Miss Freda Kendall who was ably assisted by Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, Mrs. Innes, Miss Bruce and Messrs. Hudson and Tennant.

"Mysteries of Haddon Hall," introducing Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Innes, Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Leslie, gave the opportunity for a very dainty display of old-time dancing which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Another dancing act whihc excited much admiration was that in which Miss Muriel Dunsmuir and Mr. Scott figured. A fine note of originality was struck in "Pullman Porters," sung by Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, during the course of which the chorus of ladies were introduced by porters wheeling them in on the stage carefully packed away in travelling trunks. Other numbers which met with a good reception were "Town and Country," "I do Kind of Feel I'm in Love" and "Here's to Love."

Possibly the biggest success of the evening was scored in the eighth number when Mrs. Brougham, who together with Mr. E. R. Ricketts was responsible for the direction of the revue, appeared to sing a solo. She was accompanied by her husband and the really splendid work of the latter combined with Mrs. Brougham's fine singing created quite a sensation in the house. She was recalled twice and responded with two encores.

While Saturday's performance was voted a success from the point of view of beautiful girls, dainty dresses and elaborate staging, it must be admitted that Victoria amateurs have nothing to fear in competition with their Vancouver rivals in the matter of dramatic ability. Everything was very pretty and afforded genuine enjoyment to the audience, but, with the exception of the soloist referred to above, not one of the performers achieved any striking individual success.

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SOME of the regular habitues of the moving picture houses in town seem to be labouring under the delustion that because the National Amusement Company have taken over the Empress Theatre and installed there the vaudeville turns which used to figure at the Crystal, the latter is no longer doing business. No more erroneous idea could obtain. The Crystal Theatre on Broad Street is as much "alive" as ever and the management of that house is now in a position to devote all its energies to securing the very best films for reproduction.

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VAUDEVILLE is like the brook in the poem. Other attractions may come and go, but vaudeville goes on forever and is always sustained by public appreciation. The reopening of the Empress Theatre as a four-act vaudeville house with moving-pictures thrown in has met with instantaneous success. The National Amusement Company have exerted themselves to provide the best entertainment possible for the money and the public has evidenced its approval in no mean manner. During an hour in the afternoon and throughout the evening there are four turns of high-class vaudeville and good first-run motion pictures are an added attraction.

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ON Wednesday evening, May 6th, the Royal Victoria Theatre comes forward with one of the most important offerings of the season when Margaret Illington will present Bayard Veiller's absorbingly interesting human interst drama, "Within th Law." This is a big, sincere play, human and humourous, and its world-wide popularity is due to Mr. Veillier's unswerving fidelity to their every day counterparts in real life in creating the characters that people his irresistible narrative of contemporaneous metropolitan conditions.

Miss Illington is credited by critics with the most inspiring acting of her brilliant career in her portrayal of the leading role, that of a young woman who, after serving three years in prison for a crime of which she is innocent, attempts to re-establish herself among reputable people but is "hounded" by the police, persecuted away from honest employment, and forced unwillingly into a life of crime.

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TO the practiced playgoer no more fascinating pursuit can be imagined than his attempts to discover "future greats" among the young actors on the stage. In the company of Stratford-upon-Avon Players, coming to the Royal Victoria Theatre, two days, starting May 4th, with a Tuesday matinee, he will have a fair field for this sport; for though there are a dozen members of this company that have established their position on the English stage by their work in the classics, there are also some younger men who seem destined to become leaders in their profession. Among those who have been singled out by the critics for particular praise are Charles Harris, Harry Caine, Dorothy Green, Ethel McDowall, Marion Forceman and several others, notably Murray Carrington, who fills several leading roles.

The following repertoire will be given: Monday evening, "The Merry Wives of Windsor"; Tuesday matinee "The Merchant of Venice"; Tuesday night, "Hamlet."

OIL IN THE FLATHEAD

MR. H. W. R. Moore and Mr. E. C. B. Bagshawe, representing the B.C. Oil Company, Ltd., entertained a number of prominent citizens to lunch at the Union Club on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Among those present were Mr. J. J. Shallcross, President of the Board of Trade, Capt. Troup, Mr. W. Blakemore; Mr. A. E. Christie, manager Union Bank; Mr. J. N. Lay, manager Imperial Bank; Mr. J. Herrick McGregor, Mr. J. H. Kirkpatrick (Vancouver), Messrs. R. L. Drury, J. E. Andrews, Alister Robertson, E. Jacobs, A. Lockwood, A. Anderson, R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., H. B. Thompson, M.P.P., Hon. E. Dewdney, and Mr. Perks (Vancouver).

Letters of regret were read from Sir Richard McBride, Hon. W. R. Ross, Hon. Thomas Taylor, Hon. W. J. Bowser; J. Rogers, President Vancouver Board of Trade; J. S. C. Fraser, manager Bank of Montreal; Mr. Justice Irving, Mr. Fleet Robertson, Mr. R. Marpole, and Mr. A. C. Fraser, manager of the Merchant's Bank.

After luncheon Mr. Moore explained that the object of the gathering was to discuss recent developments in the oil fields of the Flathead District especially the large flow of oil recently cut in a well on one of the claims of the B. C. Oil Company. He referred to the long delay which had taken place in achieving important results because of protracted litigation between the various claimants. The B.C. Oil Company was the only one which had done practical work. They had spent upwards of $50,000 in prospecting, boring and purchasing plant. The money had been expended economically; the directors had taken no fees, and were quite content to subordinate everything to the ultimate discovery of oil in commercial quantities. They had recently placed a practical geologist, Mr. Lockwood, in the field, and the operations had been carried on under his direction with the most gratifying results. Additional oil seepages had been found and in one well a considerable flow had been cut at 200 feet, large quantities of gas and oil being liberated. He thought if these facts were generally known it would be agreed that the prospects had geen greatly improved and that the work was being conducted on a scientific basis.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Vancouver, who represents other large interests in the Flathead Valley, spoke of the excellent prospects and paid a special compliment to the B.C. Oil Company and its managing director for the energy and assistance they had shown. He suggested the probability of action between the various owners of oil claims in the near future and said that he anticipated the most favourable results from the borings of the B. C. Oil Company.

Mr. Blakemore, who visited the property last fall, spoke at length on the geological features of the valley and the remarkable seepages of oil. He was satisfied from close observation that sooner or later the Flathead would prove to be a commercial oil bearing district. There was altogether too abundant evidence of oil and gas to be attributable to any limited reservoir or any general saturation, such as had been suggested by adverse critics. The detailed examination of Mr. Lockwood, extending over several months fully confirmed the opinion the speaker formed last year that the question of an existing oil field had been practically solved.

Mr. Bagshawe, the president of the company, spoke at length on the financial position and the work which had been carried out, and announced that large adjoining owners had just engaged the most eminent oil expert on the continent, Mr. Ralph Arnold, of Los Angeles, who was coming in next month and would make a careful examination and report. He believed that the eminent expert would confirm the favourable report already made by all the engineers who had been through the valley.

After several other speakers had contributed to the discussion there was a general expression of opinion that the successful prosecution of such an enterprise as that of the B.C. Oil Company was of the utmost importance to the Province and might not improbably lay the foundations for one of its largest industries, and that the Government should have the road from Corbin put into such condition that the companies operating there should be able to bring machinery and supplies through Canadian territory instead of being compelled to do all their freighting from Belton, Montana, as they have to do now, on account of the impassable state of the road to Corbin. It was also thought that the Government should take a more active interest in sending in independent oil experts.

A CORRECTION

In the last issue of The Week our Sporting Editor made a misstatement in saying that Mr. Curgenven, the respected and well-known cricketer, had left for England to play as a professional. Mr. Curgenven has gone to the Old Country to play for his country in the same capacity as that in which he played before coming to Canada, and not as a professional.

Mrs. George McKenzie, Gladst Avenue, has as her guest her sis Mrs. Arthur, from San Francisco.

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