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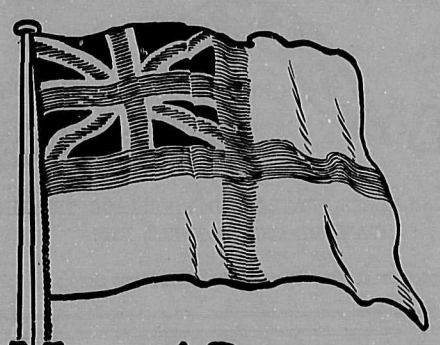

Naval Defence

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The Home Rule Impasse

THE past week has been one of continued strain and dramatic surprises. As it draws to a close the nation, and, indeed, the world, breathes more easily, not because the vexed ques-on of Home Rule is appreciably nearer to a settlement, but because e momentous issues which it had raised affecting the army, the overnment, and the people have been stripped of sensationalism nd resolved into their right proportions. Leading statesmen on oth sides, notably Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Balfour, have made perfectly clear that neither Government nor Opposition have any esire to modify the constitutional status of the army, or to involve in political or factional fights. The memorable words of Sir dward Grey on this subject produced a profound impression. He id: "If the army had taken active sides in politics, the country ould have faced a graver problem than it had faced in three coun-ies." He further said: 'If there is any question raised of govern-ent by Parliament without interference, I myself take a stand as m as that of any Labour member." Mr. Balfour deplored the et that the army had ever been brought into the Home Rule dis-ssion and declared that nobody doubted that it ought not to be der civil control. He continued: 'The army ought never to be t into the position of saying whether any action of the civil power s right or wrong." The world now knows that a gross tactical ror was made by the Government in prosposing to move troops into ster, and in ordering a portion of the fleet to Lamlash. The nder has cost the Government the services of its Minister for ar, Colonel Seeley, and the Service two of its most eminent officers the persons of Field Marshal Sir John French and General Sir hn Ewart. It has forced the Premier to shoulder the burden of other portfolio himself, and to appeal to his constituents, but it s done a great deal more. It has assuredly opened the eyes of e Government to the fact that it is possible to precipitate a crisis nder the stress of which even constitutionalism may quiver and e greatest forces in the Empire be brought within measurable dis-nce of a clash. A far bigger question than the settlement of Home ule is the raising of such an issue as this. It strikes at the very se of the Imperial fabric, and if it were possible for a moment conceive that such an issue as that which was raised by the action Sir Arthur Paget could be forced to a test, the disruption of the mpire itself would be a not impossible result. The enormity of ch an issue precludes the possibility of forcing it, and men of all rties have realized the necessity for moderation. It is here that e temper of the British people shows itself. Their attitude during e crisis has been one of quiet confidence and stern determination at questions which might divide the politicians should not be llowed to reach that stage where they might possibly divide the mpire, and that everything must give way to the necessity for pre-erving the constitution inviolate. This is the lesson of the week, nd one which should fill British subjects throughout the world ith confidence and pride. It shows that the solid good sense of e people at home was never more active or more reliable, that it as able to brush aside minor issues, and to regard great questions rom an Imperial standpoint, and to leave no doubt in the minds f its statesmen, of whatever party, that fundamentals must remain ntouched. The Liberal press naturally lauds the courage of Mr. squith in assuming the Portfolio of War, and throwing his seat pen. They are entitled to all the comfort they can derive from is. It is not even a hollow victory, for by the very wise decision f the Unionists not to contest a seat which could have contributed othing to a settlement of the question involved, they have not only cted with political prudence, but they have manifested a patriotic eeling in refusing to hamper the Premier in the policy which he as marked out for himself. The result of one of the most serious rises for centuries is that it has been made clear once for all that e army cannot be used for political purposes, neither can it be sed to drive the men of Ulster at the point of the bayonet into the anks of the Home Rulers. It has also made it clear that there will e no surrender on the part of the Unionists, and that Mr. Asquith ill be obliged to go to the people either by referendum or by issolution. Mr. Balfour favours the former, and Mr. Herbert Samuel's objection is not very convincing, viz., that if a referendum were taken on the subject of Home Rule, a similar course might be urged on any other great question. This is perfectly true, but the good sense of the people may be trusted to determine how often they would tolerate appeals which did not carry with them the consequences of an election; and Mr. Samuel should remember that the Unionists are not asking for a referendum because they prefer it, but only because the Goernment is not willing to hold a general election. Further, if the Home Rule question is half as big as its advocates try to make out, it is of such importance and of such an exceptional character that the course which might be adopted with respect to it would not establish a precedent for any less important subject. As the week closes, the most important contribution to the debate is the renewed suggestion of Mr. Balfour that if a moderate form of devolution would solve the problem he would not stand in the way, but in no quarter has there been the slightest weakening on the main point involved, viz., that, with respect to Ulster, there shall be no coercion.

English Trade With Canada

EVERYONE who knows Sir Gilbert Parker knows that he is an experienced, wide-awake, observant man. If it were permissible to apply a slang but expressive Western epithet to a person of such importance, one might well dub him a "live wire." Few men possess so many marked characteristics. He is an artist, a litterateur, a shrewd business man and a politician. During his visit to Victoria and Vancouver last year, he was greatly impressed with what he called the enormous strides made since his previous visit in 1890. He seems also to have been "infected" with the optimistic fever, for he credits Vancouver with a present-day population of 200,000. But while he found many things to arouse his enthusiasm, he also found one which occasioned him much concern, viz., that English manufacturers were not taking advantage of the splendid market which new cities in Canada offered the enterprising trader. On his return he wrote a lengthy letter to the Morning Post dealing with this subject, the substance of which is so important that it is reproduced on page three of the current issue of The Week. Sir Gilbert is not troubled so much about the establishment of local industries as at the fact that Canada imports her manufactured goods so largely from the States. He found that the reason for this was that the American system was to have local representatives living in Canada. These men are highly trained salesmen, and they induce their Canadian customers to carry a reasonably full stock at all times. In order to do this, they keep their own warehouses well filled with such lines of goods as are required for consumption in Canada, and they give preference to Canadian orders in their manufactories in the States, so as to hold the Canadian market. The English manufacturers, on the other hand, maintain very few resident agents in Canada; they send their travellers out at irregular times, and unless their representative happens to be in a town at the psychological moment when a large order is available for his particular line of business, they do not get it. There is another English system which does not work well, and that is to make use of a commission agent as a representative instead of a selling agent. The disadvantage is that the former probably sells for half-a-dozen houses, and his interest in any particular firm is thereby diminished. Such a man cannot be so familiar with his wares as a man who confines himself to one branch. The article contains a good suggestion which is no doubt acted on to some extent, but not as fully as it might be, viz., that large firms should have a representative and carry a stock, say, at Montreal and on the Pacific Coast, and distribute from these branches. Only in this way can they bring themselves as close to their customers as do the American firms. The list of goods which Canadians might import from the Old Country to a far greater extent would fill a column; in fact, Canada offers a market for almost anything which is manufactured in England, but that market has never been properly exploited. The Week thinks no one will deny that the two cardinal principles of Canadian trade ought to be to manufacture everything possible within our own borders, and to import what we cannot manufacture from the Old Country. Sir Gilbert Parker was not dealing with the former subject, but his suggestions on the latter are well worthy of attention.

Irate Correspondents

SINCE last issue, The Week has had its average crop of irate correspondents. First there was an old gentleman who unconsciously tried on a cap which was never intended for him, but which fitted so well that he insisted on wearing it. Perhaps some day he will find out his mistake and throw it aside. Another, writes quites as amusing, but perhaps more stimulating, sends a pencilled scrawl, unsigned, imploring The Week "For goodness sake don't let Martin Harvey get away with it. He is having the time of his life, no doubt, but don't let him think we are a bunch of——" The Week is not quite certain what this erudite correspondent who says he is "Only a theatre-goer" means, but presumably he thinks that, to use a Western phrase, Martin Harvey "put one over" the people of Victoria, and bluffed them into believing that he was an actor. If that is the correspondent's idea, one would imagine that his theatrical horizon is bounded by the dime show, and that he strayed into the Royal by mistake. In spite of his protest, it is certain that Martin Harvey did "get away with it," at any rate, there are only two actors within the last ten years who have had such a reception, dear old Edward Terry and Sir Johnstoen Forbes Robertson, and yet with the utmost respect for both, The Week has no hesitation in saying that the performance of Martin Harvey in "The Only Way" was the finest piece of sustained, consistent, intellectual acting ever seen in Victoria. We all have our favourites, and there is one actor whom The Week places before Martin Harvey—and only one. Obviously our correspondent would add the names of Mutt and Jeff.

The Status of the Army

THE developments of the last week or two have raised the most serious question ever precipitated into the political arena, viz., that of the status of the army. The question has been raised somewhat thoughtlessly by those who are anxious to show for party reasons that the army is controlled by the aristocracy, and for that reason can be used by one section of the community and not by another. This view is expressed in an editorial which appeared recently in the Toronto World, which is so blindly partisan as to say: "We may be quite certain had the Conservative party been in power and ordered the army to Ulster for coercion or any other purpose, there would have been no refusal to act. The refusal, in fact, was due to aristocratic sympathies with the political aims of the Opposition. Once more the aristocracy has arrayed itself against the democracy of Great Britain and Ireland." This is not only an erroneous but an insidious statement. There is no ground for saying that the army is controlled by the aristocracy; there is no ground for saying that aristocratic instincts are antagonized more than democratic instincts in the matter of the proposed coercion of Ulster, unless the Toronto World and others who hold similar views are prepared to argue that the liberties which British people enjoy have been fought for and secured by the aristocracy; for the greatest of all the principles which have been established through centuries of conflict is the one which is assailed by the attempted coercion of Ulster.

A Passing Tribute

ON Tuesday night within the walls of St. Joseph's Hospital the last summons came swiftly and unexpectedly for one little known to Victorians generally, but one who had endeared himself to the small circle which had enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Ricardo Greenwood was a type of the courtly, English gentleman of means, who, in the most unostentatious manner possible, contributed of his wealth and wisdom to the upbuilding of our colonial Empire. A member of an Old Country family in Cornwall, possessing a fine ancestral home and rich in the traditions of all that such a position means in England, the late Mr. Greenwood had become first a wanderer and then a sojourner in new lands, where his acute business instincts led him to make considerable investments, and to lend his great personal influence to the upbuilding of local industries. He was associated with some of the most important concerns in British Columbia, was a large holder of real estate in Victoria, Vancouver and Winnipeg, but withal a man so reserved and modest that he was known to very few, and the public remained in ignorance of his not unimportant contribution to the development of the West. He had lived in Victoria for some years, but had taken no part in public affairs, and was known only to a small band of faithful friends, who realized his personal worth, and who will appreciate this passing tribute to one who has been called away in the midst of his life's work, like so many man of his type of whom the world at large never hears.

The Quinlan Opera Company

READERS of The Week will remember that when the Quinlan Opera Company was in Victoria, it published a lengthy criticism praising the orchestra and the chorus and pointing out that the weakness of the aggregation lay in the principals. After leaving Victoria, Mr. Quanlan's experience was anything but satisfactory. His company played to poor houses throughout the Dominion. In Toronto they had a very chilly reception, and in Montreal the attendance was so poor that after a few appearances the engagement was abandoned and the company sailed for home. Before leaving, however, Mr. Quinlan had a great deal to say to the press in deprecation of the treatment he had received. He admitted that, although his company had travelled all round the Empire, the reception had nowhere been what he anticipated, and he wound up by chiding the public for failing to appreciate the wonderful aggregation of singers and players which he had collected. It is singular that a man of Mr. Quinlan's experience and ability should not have discovered for himself the secret of his failure. People everywhere could have told him, and some of the papers which were as outspoken as The Week must have done so. Of course, like most impressarios, he knew best. Perhaps, however, he will listen to Dr. Percival J. Illsley, of Montreal, who is undoubtedly one of the highest musical authorities in the Dominion, and who has been for more than twenty years choirmaster and organist of St. George's Church. In a recent issue of the Montreal Mail is published a lengthy critique by Dr. Illsley, in which he states that the orchestra and chorus of the Quinlan Company were the best ever heard in Canada, and entirely above criticism, but that the principals were by no means as good. He fairly admits that they might be equal to the average Continental opera company maintained by the various municipalities in countries where the opera is municipally managed. But they could not for a moment be compared with the grand opera stars to which the public has become accustomed when opera companies go on tour. He does not single out one for favourable mention, and he has no hesitation in indicating this as the reason for the disastrous failure of the company. The last place that Mr. Quinlan should have gone to was Montreal, but however heavy his financial loss may have been, he has gained some-

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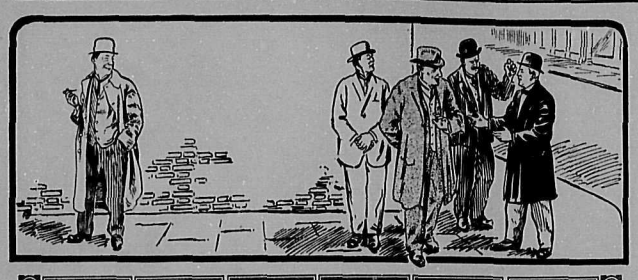

At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

NOW that we may with confidence begin to look forward to a spell of warm weather, to say nothing of the hot weather which will follow, it may not be out of place to call the attention of the B. C. E. R. to a state of affairs which has already begun to prevail, which will prevail more noticeably as the year waxes older, and which has never prevailed before because circumstances were never the same in previous years. I refer to the ventilation of the street cars. Many of the cars are now equipped with doors which prevent the free passage of air, a state of affairs all very well in cold weather when sufficient ventilation is obtained during the ingress and egress of passengers, but most objectionable during the spring and summer. Even at the time of writing, the cars operating immediately after five o'clock are frequently unpleasant as to their atmosphere, which is not to be wondered at, when due consideration is given to the fact that many of the passengers have been earning their daily bread literally by the sweat of their brow. What things will be like in the summer unless some radical alteration is effected, such as substituting the openwork gates which are provided on some cars for the wooden ones which obtain on others, and abolishing the latter entirely, is hard to imagine. If you will project your eye into the future and remember the packed crowds which travel backwards and forwards to the Gorge during the season, you will realise that my apprehensions have some foundation.

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To compensate the company for the above criticism, allow me to offer them the benefit of an idea. I do not profess to be the genius responsible for it, but it seems to me to be one well worth consideration and entitled to the attention of any budding inventor who wishes to tackle one of those little scientific contrivances which seem so small, but which produce such gigantic profits. You know how annoying it is to stand at a corner waiting for a car and wondering whether it would be better to take a chance and walk to the next corner or to stay where you are. You also know that whichever course you pursue, you are invariably wrong. If you start to walk, the car comes along, and you have to run to the next stopping-station, and running is a tribulation just after a meal and often just as trying just before one. If you wait—well, you go on waiting, and that is all there is to it. Now, an inventor should "get busy" and invent a signalling arrangement which would be worked automatically by the car itself. If no signal was working, you would know it was not within two blocks, say; if it was working, you would know it was within the same distance. Not being an inventor by trade, that is as near as I can get with my meaning, but with all the engineers, surveyors, and other practical persons who live and have their being in Victoria, surely one might arise who would give this relief to the car-riding public.

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Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter received by me last week which was crowded out of the last issue. I was delighted to receive it, for it showed me that I am not the only one in the city who feels for the animals, and especially the birds, at Beacon Hall Park. I stated very fully in my column on the 21st ult. what my feelings were with respect to animals in captivity, and I do not intend to say more at present, but I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my correspondent for his sympathy and of calling the attention of my readers to the fact that "there are others" who do not see that any good end is served by wantonly confining animals which are born to live in freedom.

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And this brings me to another topic—one which I usually touch every time that we have a touch of frost, but which is equally pressing whenever the streets are wet and greasy. Once more I refer to horses and the difficulty they have in keeping their footing on paved streets when the latter are wet. With the approach of summer we may expect to see our streets as wet in the early mornings as in the middle of a rainy season, and this is as it should be with up-to-date water carts. At the same time cannot some practical means be devised for safeguarding the horses, especially on inclines, when the surface of the road is as glass to their ironshod feet? Whether this should be done, as suggested by a correspondent, by means of "sanding" the streets, or by some ingenious form of shoe based on the suction principle, I leave to wiser heads than mine, but I do think that the matter is one which deserves thought, both from an economic and a humanitarian viewpoint.

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It is a good thing that life is largely made up of compensations. We find that Nature is the greatest exponent of this theory, and so those who are born with some physical defect almost invariably find consolation in the possession of some virtue or some touch of genius which is lacking in those who attain the ordinary standard in physique and brains. Even such an one as I, who stand idly by to watch the throng and indulge a harmless fancy in foolish observations on their antics, have the satisfaction of occasionally coming into contact with one whose grey matter falls short of mine, and who seems to have tapped the same profound measure of folly without, however, being wise enough to get paid for it. Such an one wrote to me this week, but though I have time and again printed much nonsense on this page, I do not think that I have ever plumbed the same depths of inanity as my correspondent. Why should a man write to inquire my personal views on misogyny, and why should he ask a man who always gets shaved at a barber's whether a man's private shaving-brush should be washed out after each time of using? I ask you this, so that you may see that I am not the only man in the neighbourhood who spends his time writing about the things which do not matter. But whereas I do it for "filthy lucre," he apparently does it for amusement. To which I would add the one word, "Whose?"

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How I am looking forward to the establishment of a moving-picture plant in Victoria, and how I trust that this is not one of those announcements which appear from time to time in the public press, only to be contradicted after a reasonable interval! I am longing to see one of those crazy scenes on Government Street, where the villain escapes, hurling applecarts right and left, upsetting cyclists, overthrowing fruit-stands, while a motley mob, comprising policemen, old women and children, rushes shrieking after him to fall in hopeless confusion at every possible opportunity. I am looking forward to watching dramatic rescues at Beacon Hill and comic interludes at the Gorge. I can imagine nothing that will give more delight than scenes of this sort and it has always been a great sorrow to me that I have never seen a moving-picture being taken yet, for I do not count the strictly staid taking of public events like the Victoria Carnival parade and such like. I remember that one professional company was pictured here some little time ago when the venerable "Charmer" was requisitioned to take a part, but the action all took place at some forsaken hour in the morning when respectable people were in bed and not even the lure of the camera could persuade me to get up before my accustomed hour.

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I wonder why it is that the average man and woman indignantly deny the fact that they love their beds. There is abroad in the land a prejudice to the effect that love of sleep and the capacity to indulge therein for long hours at a time are signs of sloth, laziness and other graceless qualities and for this reason many, if not most people, pretend to scorn the man who loves his bed. The great men of the world are probably to blame for this perverted opinion; it has been the habit during countless generations for tales to be circulated showing how the Napoleons of reality and of finance have burnt the midnight oil and rivalled the lark in uprising, but I refuse to grant that this is incontrovertible proof of their greatness. They may all have been slow workers and owed their greatness to long hours instead of to quick work. To my mind the man who sleeps soundly and at length affords a living proof to his fellows of his own blameless life, of a clean conscience and of a simple taste in recreation which should deserve much credit in a world which today outrivals all the ages of the past in its insensate craving for some new pleasure. Sleep is the oldest of all recreation—and by far the pleasantest.

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I do not know any city where there is more orange peel arranged as a decoration to the sidewalks. I am no statistician, and I detest figures, but I feel certain that if the peel that could be collected on Victoria streets were picked up daily, by the end of a week there would be the makings of enough marmalade to supply the citizens with this simple breakfast food for one calendar month. It is trite to say that the practice of throwing orange peel or banana skins on the pavement is dangerous; everyone knows it. It is obvious to say that it is untidy; this is equally well known. Why do it? Someone may say that it is the children who are responsible, and in this someone would be wrong. Children, like cigarettes, have to shoulder a lot of blame which should by rights be given to their grown-ups. You may have noticed that a big holocaust is never started by a cigar; no, it is always the little cigarette which "gets it in the neck." In the same way, breakages and orange peel are invariably charged up to the children when by rights their elders are just as much to blame. I have in mind the young woman out for an evening's amusement with her best young man. She does not furtively drop the peel behind her; no, she brazenly throws it; I have seen her do it. And then the old gentleman who sprains his ankle blames the children, and with lurid threats against their eyes and their lives most unjustly makes complaint of them to the

Lounger.

PERSONALITIES

THE appointment of Mr. H. F. Bishop to the important position of Postmaster of the City of Victoria is freely admitted on all hands to be above criticism so far as the personality of the new incumbent is concerned. Mr. Bishop has spent practically the whole of his business life in Victoria; he has been actively identified with important public and business interests; has been a member of the City Council and of the Board of School Trustees. He is a man of high personal character and of general popularity. His urbanity and fairness render him specially adapted for a public office in which he will necessarily come in contact with large numbers of people and will have to deal almost daily with grievances and complaints. His association with the C. P. R. has familiarised him with the importance of organization and if there is one thing which the local postoffice requires it is improved organization. Not the least of Mr. Bishop's recommendations for the position is his native modesty and kindheartedness. There are few men in Victoria who have performed more kindly deeds for their fellows or who have done so more cheerfully. To oblige is one of the mottoes of Mr. Bishop's life. It is gratifying that the man who has worked so long and so faithfully in one city, and whose work has always been of a modest character, should have attracted attention and should have received a recognition of which anyone might well be proud. There were many men who have been more prominently before the public and of whom much more has been heard who may have considered their own claims paramount, but in selecting Mr. Bishop for the position those who are responsible can at least claim that his business career and personal qualities have admirably fitted him for the post. He enters it at a time when the postal business of Victoria is expanding literally by leaps and bounds, and if it has shown a marvellous increase during the quarter of a century of Mr. Shakespears' incumbency it is likely to show a much larger increase before Mr. Bishop retires. His many well-wishers will hope that he may enjoy the same robust health which has enabled him to fill all the positions he has hitherto held with credit to himself and with great advantage to his employers.

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THE following article has been contributed anonymously to the columns of The Week. It presumably refers to a member of our staff, but as we are unable to identify the paragon described we publish the article in the hope that some of our readers may possibly aid us in the matter.

"Professionally an idler, outwardly a cynic, mentally equipped above the average, inwardly burdened with a big, human heart, often turning the blind eye to the shortcomings of his neighbours, always holding to the parable of the beam and the mote, the subject of our notice perambulates our town on his duly-appointed task of distilling much mirth and not a little wisdom from the common-place episodes which are by most of us ignored.

"By common consent he has admirably succeeded in this endeavour, and has more than once indicated in his would-be cynical, often frivolous phrases, a sore which needs healing, a sorrow to alleviate, a nuisance to banish.

"With such a burden on his quite broad shoulders, it is little wonder that he often carries an air of aloofness and detachment from his surroundings which occasions him to ignore the nods of acquaintances and friends. However, we are content to waive these small courtesies of daily intercourse, so that we may each Saturday enjoy the titillating mental fun provided by the "G. R. Sims" of Victoria.

"Schooled not only at the 'varsity but in the sterner curriculum of public life, he has an innate perception of what should comprise the above fun. Spiced too strongly, some palates would shrink, with too much sugar we should be nauseated, and yet, year in year out, we weekly look forward to the musings of our Idler, assured of something fresh (true, sometimes an old friend, but with new ribbons), some petty wrong to right, or some pleasant item of prosperity and progress.

"And withal our Idler is, as all Idlers be, a vastly independent fellow. Not he to be dictated to as to what he shall write or not write, he knows he is licensed and unfailingly keeps within the bounds of good taste.

"In his serious moments the Idler has been known to frequent the "movies," and even he may be seen, by those who know him, at the theatre. It is well known, however, that only a strong sense of duty drives him to these resorts of strenuous labour, and is responsible for his appearance later in the evening at a certain popular grill, where he has been known to regale himself on Welsh rarebits and other choice comestibles.

"Possessing a fine tenor voice, his principles alone forbid its exercise in those fine old Gregorian Chants he in earlier times so aptly rendered, but true to his ambition he has forsaken the lighter themes of life and has concentrated all his energies and time on becoming our only Idler, and as such we are well content to have him."

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THE REACTION

(From the New York Tribune)

I tire of this tendency toward
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Of indecent dances and scanty
regalia,
Of art pornographic, libidinous
songs,
Cafes where the ingenues gather
in throngs.

When I turn to the magazines
I am confronted
With stories of how the poor
shop girl is hunted
By fiends who have meshed in
their horrible net
Eleven-year Ella, the Tenement
Pet.

And as they pursue the sexagonal theme
They make me so angry I fairly
could scream.
I long for an author who's virile
yet savory,
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The Swing of the Pendulum

BY BOHEMIAN

THE subject of moral reform is one of perennial interst, or perhaps it would be more correct to say of periodic interest, for all reform movements ebb and flow, a condition well illustrated by the swing of the pendulum. The attack of the forces of good upon the forces of evil (I think that is the approved form of expression) is very much like the attack of which we read in the early days of warfare, where the leader stands in a commanding attitude outside the ramparts, the rank and file hold a battering-ram, at a signal they rush and butt the door with the end of their ram, there is an inevitable recoil and after an appreciable lapse of time another butt of the ram.

Thus has it ever been with organized reform movements, the only variation consisting in the duration of the lapse. At the present time, and indeed for several years past, the ram has been active, there has been a concerted attack all along the line, some inroads have been made, some doors have been smashed, some walls scaled, and in counting up the spoils of war no doubt a number of scalps have been gathered in.

To come from hyperbole to fact, there is a world-wide movement in the direction of curtailing the unhallowed joys of tradition. Take drink first. Some of us can remember the time when no well-to-do man was considered a man unless he drank his bottle of wine every day and went to bed fuddled. It was at once a badge of social status and respectability.

Only this week I was reading some reminiscences of Bishop Sumner and among them a statement that at eighty-five years of age he said that since attaining his majority he drank a bottle of port every day.

I well remember two brothers, men of means and position, both bachelors. One day one of them came into my father's office looking rather downcast. I asked him what was the matter and he said that his brother had died in the night, and added "I always knew that if he kept on drinking it would find him out some time"—he was over eighty.

In an editorial on Wednesday last, commenting on the change of custom with respect to drinking, The Colonist points out that nowadays many bargains are closed without a drink, and the London Times to hand this week referring to a recent banquet at which some of the guests drank the toasts in water, said that King Edward, who was nothing if not a "bon vivant," after coming to the throne always provided water for those of his guests whom he know would prefer it. So that we have the most kingly sanction for this change.

The fact of the matter is that the drinking habits of the civilized world have been enormously modified. Drunkenness is everywhere regarded as a disgrace. Novels are written nowadays by eminent writers which truely reflect public opinion on this matter, novels in which the hero is ruined and all his chances blighted by one act of over-indulgence in drink. Such an incident would have been laughed at thirty or forty years ago and would have held the author up to ridicule. But times have changed and with them customs and manners.

What has effected this change? The credit must go partly to organized effort and partly to the spread of education, of sounder scientific and ethical ideas and to an elevated public opinion. That this is so cannot be doubted when we consult statistics and learn that while drunkenness is greatly diminished the consumption of alcoholic drinks all the world over is increasing. The explanation is that common sense sanctions the use, but not the abuse, of strong drink. Whether it will ever reach the point at which the use will be abolished is a matter of pure speculation and not of immediate interest. The interesting point is that the swing of the pendulum has made over-indulgence disreputable, has established an ethical standard to which nearly all men are willing to subscribe and has ushered in an era of uncertain length which will be marked by sobriety.

It is gratifying to know that this has been effected with very little aid from prohibitive legislation. Men have not been forced, they have been persuaded. Indeed, beyond abolishing the bar and so removing one of the most prolific causes of drunkenness, organized effort has really accomplished very little. On the other hand it has manifestly retarded progress by its frequent intolerance and harshness. But let that pass. One is less inclined to question the means than to rejoice at what has been accomplished.

Nor is the abuse of drink the only vice which is going to the wall as a result of this modern swing of the pendulum. There is at the present moment a universal attack on organized gambling. That men will ever be forced to give up gambling is impossible, but there are certain forms which are especially vicious and all the more so because they have received official sanction. Beyond the evil which they work directly they form centres of influence which bring other, and probably greater, evils in their train.

The latest news is that, not for the first time, a strong movement is under way to abolish the public gaming-houses of Europe, notably at Monte Carlo, Homburg, Baden and other similar resorts. The only recognized gambling kursaal in Switzerland has just been closed by the Government. On this continent the bucket-shop has been abolished and even lotteries, except for church purposes, placed under the ban. The latter die hard and will no doubt survive in some form or another for a long time to come.

Still the fact remains that open, organized gambling is on the black list and for a time at any rate will have to be replaced by somewhat similar devices to those said to have prevailed in prohibition states where every bookshelf was a bonded warehouse.

There are other vices, not so easy to discuss, which have received a shattering blow from the battering-ram. The result has not been destruction but a general scattering and as public opinion maintains a firm attitude it is probable that the scattering process will continue, at any rate for a decade. Whether it will advance the work of elimination is another question and one on which it is hardly permissible to express a doubt, even if one feels it.

The point is that those who have made it their business, or their pleasure, to pose as champions of any of these forms of indulgence may just as well as not make up their minds that they are "up against it," that the swing of the pendulum is all against them at the present time and that the only thing to do is to line up, look as pleasant as possible and admit that every now and then the moral atmosphere needs purifying, society requires a spring cleaning, and after every spring cleaning the world insists that things shall be a little bit cleaner than they ever were before.

Bohemian.

Round the Bookshops

A London Weekly Letter on Books Written Specially for The Week by Cicely Fox Smith

IT seems to be growing more and more an established fact that the spring season sees the publication of the year's new novels, leaving the autumn to the editions de luxe and presentation volumes whose number is yearly greater than ever. Already, since the New Year, there have been laid before the public the new books of several of our leading authors, and among them are two which—apart from their own intrinsic merits—are in a way literary curiosities. One is Mr. Joseph Conrad's "Chance," the other Mr. de Morgan's "When Ghost Meets Ghost." With regard to the former author, he is, I should imagine, the only case on record of a man who writes with power, with brilliancy, with absolute freedom, in a language of which he did not know a single word until he was nineteen years old. As for Mr. de Morgan, he continues to "surprise by himself"; it is by now well enough known that his first novel appeared when he was sixty-eight, and now here comes one which is long even for the present fashion of long novels. Eight hundred pages of close print, a complicated plot, a thronged stage; and all worked out with the infinite attention to detail of a mediaeval illuminator.

"When Ghost Meets Ghost" (Heinemann, 6s.) is, I think, the best of Mr. de Morgan's books, next to "Alice for Short." It is in a vein somewhat similar to that fascinating chronicle in many respects, and it shares with it a sort of collating of past and present which is a peculiar characteristic of both books, and is rather difficult to express in words. The "ghosts" (who are not supernatural at all) are two old twin sisters, parted through the greater part of their lives, reunited, and parted again by death. Their story—or stories—makes up the strongest part of the novel. The other story (which runs, as it were, parallel with theirs, occasionally merging with it) has for heroine a charming, beautiful and impulsive girl, whose love for a blind man—blinded by her father's keeper—is not all plain sailing. She and her lover drop out of the tale rather suddenly: in fact, one only learns through a sort of post-script what becomes of them after all. A mere resume of plot cannot, however, give any idea of the real charm of the book, which lies in its little human details, its shrewd, yet kindly, studies of men and women, its humour and pathos, and its quite adorable children. Mr. de Morgan's people are real people, and he introduces them to you with a kind of literary good faith, as if they and you are his friends, and he wants each to know the other. And these people are worth knowing, especially Dave and Dolly, and Uncle Mo the old prize-fighter, to say nothing of old Mrs. Picture and Granny Marrowbone.

A rattling good public-school story is "The Cockatoo," by Max Rittenberg (Sidgwick & Jackson, London and Toronto). It is far from being the ordinary hackneyed school tale, its hero being a young Australian, a bit "swelled-headed" on top, but a very decent fellow at heart. Of course, he has his trials and tribulations, and comes into collision with many traditions—both good and bad—of English school life. Tod has, however, sufficient grit and good sense to assimilate what is good in his new surroundings, and to reject what is bad, and to win the friendship and esteem of masters and boys alike. The story is well told, and contains some entertaining and, at times, exciting episodes.

From the same publishers comes a really beautiful illustrated edition of the Lilliput and Brobdingnag chapters of "Gulliver's Travels," with pictures by P. A. Staynes in colour and line. The artist has brought to bear on the subject a graceful fancy in combination with technical excellence. The picture of the Brobdingag cat (in colour) is a delight, and would be so to old and young alike. This latter cannot be said of certain of our leading illustrators of so-called books for the young, whose creations are calculated to frighten the said young into a fit or, at least, give it nightmares. There is hardly a page of this "Gulliver" that is without its dainty illustration, over and above the numerous coloured plates and ornamental headings and initial letters.

English Manufacturers and Trade With Canada

SIR GILBERT PARKER ON A QUESTION OF GREAT GRAVITY

SIR GILBERT PARKER M.P., writes to the Morning Post as follows on a question which he believes is one of "grave gravity":

"On a recent visit made to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbit, after an interval of twenty-three years, I was amazed at the enormous strides which both places had made, Vancouver in particular. In 1890 when I visited that place it had about 6,000 or 7,000 people; today it numbers 200,000, and is a very handsome and thriving city with a metropolitan character and importance.

Opportunities Passed By

"I made diligent inquiries as to how far English manufacturers were taking advantage of the splendid market which new cities in Canada, like Vancouver, offer to the enterprising trader. What I heard gave me but little comfort. I did not, however, rest content with general inquiries and indefinite answers. I asked some of my friends to be quite specific in their statements and endeavour to explain to me why great English manufacturing houses were not taking advantage of their golden opportunities. From one particular gentleman, whose career enables him to know accurately all trade conditions, I received a detailed reply in response to a specific request, and I venture to ask you to publish it in the interests of that Imperial trade which we are all so anxious to develop. My correspondent is an Englishman by birth, is young, and highly successful, and is more than sympathetic—as his letter shows—with an Imperial trade connection. The only alterations I have made in the letter have been to omit the names of many firms which he thought ought to be induced to do business in Canada, or else to do business more effectively through a resident representative than they are doing at present."

Scope for British Firms

The following is the memorandum referred to in the letter:

"As requested by you, I have endeavoured to compile a list of the different articles which might be manufactured in England for sale in Canada, at good prices even after foreign freight and duty have been paid. Most of the articles I mention are being supplied at the present moment through American houses, which are well represented in Canada, and in most instances are subject to a slightly higher duty than is chargeable on British goods. It is useless, however, for the English manufacturers to expect the Canadian market to be of any use to them unless it is gone into thoroughly, employing highly-trained salesmen and keeping a reasonably full stock at all times. Because you keep in touch, you may possibly be aware of the large amount of merchandise purchased from establishments in the United States through their agents in Canada or from branches of their business on the Canadian side of the line, but many Britishers do not know the facts. It has been my experience that the American manufacturers send their cleverest salesmen to work at their business and keep a large stock, mostly constructing their own warehouses for that purpose and giving preference to Canadian orders in their manufactories in the United States, so as to hold their newly-found market in Canada. Many of the English firms do send their travellers through Canada at different periods of the year in search of orders, and others have local agents representing them here; but the former method of securing business is useless, as it may only be by mere chance that their travelling representative is at any given town at the psychological moment when a large order is available for his particular line of business. Also the expense of a travelling representative is greater than the salary of a resident representative, and naturally the same reliance will not be placed upon a firm which has no nearer agency than England.

"The system of having a local representative on commission, who may have the same arrangements with other firms, supplying different materials, is not so satisfactory as a direct representative, for the reason that the salesman employed by a local agency of this description is not confined in his sales to one particular line of business, but may be endeavouring to sell a half-dozen different articles at the same time, and naturally he is not so conversant with his wares as a man who confines himself to one particular branch. The usual commission paid to local agents of a representation and selling agency is five per cent., which, in a great many instances, amounts to more than the cost of a small office and a well-paid employee, who would, however, spend all his time looking after the affairs of the English firm he would be representing, and concentrating himself on their interests. The outlay in the first instance may not be very small, but after a short time, with the higher prices paid in Western Canada, the return on the money invested would be extremely satisfactory to most enterprising manufacturers.

Demand for Building Materials

"I would suggest that where a firm is large enough to do so, they should have a representative and carry stock in Montreal and Vancouver. Montreal and Vancouver, both being seaport towns, can have their stocks landed at these two points by an all-water route; and in both instances these towns would be the best loca-

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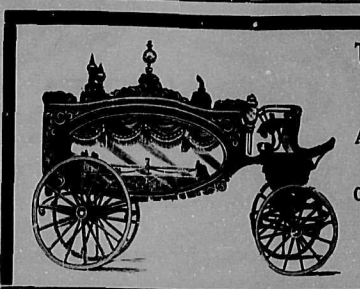

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Port Alberni to Victoria.—Leave Port Alberni on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only at 11:10 a.m.; leave Nanaimo daily 8:35 a.m., 2:50 p.m.; arrive Duncan 10:45 a.m., 4:41 p.m.; arrive Victoria 12:15 p.m., and 6:45 p.m.

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V. & S. RAILWAY.

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When a man says "I love" he means "I want." When a woman says "I want" it doesn't mean "I love.

ON Monday and Tuesday last the Royal Victoria Theatre was occupied by the Orpheum vaudeville company from Seattle. It is seldom that Victorians have a chance of seeing what a modern first-class vaudeville show comprises and it is probable that many who went to the theatre with the idea that they would be reminded of the London Palace were disappointed. The aggregation which appeared here was stated to be the equal of any that has visited the Pacific Coast during past years and if that is the case it would seem that there is a vast difference between the first-class vaudeville show on the road and that in a metropolis.

Some of the turns were excellent, notably the opening item on the slack wire by Kartelli, who was more at home on his swinging perch than most people are on terra firma. Harry Gilfoil gave a first-class representation of an elderly reprobate with an aptitude for imitating the calls of wild beasts, but it is doubtful whether a performance of this kind is either desirable or laughable. There is nothing peculiarly funny about an aged rake drinking sham "booze" on the stage; as an imitator, Harry Gilfoil is good; as an entertainer his success was dubious.

The star piece of the evening, according to the advance notices, was the dance "Rouge et Noir" by Eis & French which in reality was most worthy of note for its stage setting. In reality the sensation of the performance was afforded by the Randals whose "Seventeen Minutes in Arizona" gave them the opportunity of exhibiting wonderful feats of rifle and pistol shooting.

None of the other turns contributed call for any special mention, unless it be to wonder at the vociferous applause which greeted the close of the rag-time singing of Ruth Roye.

One thing is certain about the Orpheum visit; it was popular. The management gauged the public taste well and the majority of the audience left the house more than pleased with what they had seen. In view of the fact that a theatre is ostensibly built to give pleasure to the public it must therefore be admitted that the vaudeville entertainment was a popular success, if not an artistic one.

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NO class of play suits the Royal Stock players better than those which are staged on this continent, preferably in the West or the North. This week the latter clime has been chosen and in "The Call of the North" the company has been seen to better advantage than in any yet staged, with the possible exceptions of "The Spoilers" and "In the Bishop's Carriage."

Four of the company stand out from among the rest, Miss Edythe Elliot, Mr. Don Gray, Mr. Ted Howland and Mr. Sullivan, the latter in the exacting role of the Indian. While all the support is good, these are the players to whom the greater part of the credit belongs for the success of the current week's performance.

A friend once said to George Edwards, "The worst of a showman's business is that he has so much to think about," to which "The Guvnor" replied, "That's where you're wrong, a showman has only one thing to think of and that is to give the public what they want."

It is for this reason that the Royal Stock Company is producing that inimitable comedy "The Private Secretary" at the Victoria Theatre next week in response to the many requests they have received.

Everything that is possible is being done to make the play a great success and reproduce those whole-hearted roars of laughter that have in their time split the sides of the world's playgoers.

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HAWAIIAN singers are always popular and this week at the Crystal Theatre the Manna Loa Hawaiians have but repeated the success which invariably attends the musicians from the Pacific. A couple of good turns have been running during the close of the week and Dore & Wolford in their unique vaudeville act are well worth a visit. With a fine line of pictures to balance the separate turns the Crystal has been maintaining its usual standard of excellence.

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ON Wednesday evening the second concert by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra under the baton of M. Georges d'Arnould was given at the Alexandra Club. It was a pity that more people did not appear to hear the work of the orchestra which has made wonderful improvement, and is well worthy of support.

The selections were varied and interesting and throughout the evening the players evidenced the care and attention which both they themselves and their conductor had bestowed on rehearsals. The introduction of Mr. Russell Macaulay, baritone, as soloist, afforded a pleasant interlude in the midst of an instrumental concert. His rendering of "The Arrow and the Song" was excellent and he also appeared to advantage in "Even the Bravest Heart May Swell." Mrs. A. J. Gibson proved a skilled and sympathetic accompanist.

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THE Princess Theatre Stock Company will change their usual routine the coming week, and will present two plays. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and both matinees, "Ole Olson" will be given; and on the last three nights "The Rosary" will be repeated. A strict observance of Good Friday has always before been the policy of this company, but "The Rosary" teaches such a beautiful lesson, and the spirit of it is so reverent, that Mr. Williams has decided that it is the one play that he would be willing to give on that day. There have been many requests for its repeating, not only from those who had already seen it, but from many who were unable to gain admittance the last two nights it was given here.

The Williams Players gave a splendid production of Lady Windermere's Fan this week, and Miss Marie Blair and Mr. Chas. Stokes made a decided hit in tango dancing.

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THE Majestic Theatre, which has always endeavoured to live up to its motto, "The home of the best Motion Pictures," has secured for April 7th, 8th and 9th, Clay M. Greene's five-reel masterpiece, produced by the Lubin Company, "Through Fire to Fortune," or "The Sunken Village," of which the New York dramatic critics said, "A new thrill has been filmed. With conflagrations, war's horrors, and Roman arena scenes we are familiar. It remained for Lubin to give us a new and peculiarly American thrill in 'Through Fire to Fortune.' It consists of an unusually realistic portrayal of a fire in a coal mine, a miner's torch having come in contact with a newly discovered oil well, and the crowning triumph of a big scene is the destruction of an entire village, when the walls of the mine over which it is built begin to crumble. Here we see whole houses sink into the earth, the panic-stricken villagers, and lastly the fire that follows the cave-in and completes the destruction. These scenes of the conflagration and the people huddled about the camp fires are remarkable examples of night photography and deserving of the highest praise." The Majestic Theatre is to be complimented on its enterprise in presenting the features that they have secured to their patrons at popular prices.

WE are now able to announce that the well-known and beautiful comic opera, "Tom Jones," will be presented at the Royal Victoria Theatre on May 1st and 2nd by the Victoria Amateur Operatic Society, whose late production of "The Gondoliers" was such a pronounced success.

In such an essentially British community as Victoria, "Tom Jones" should appeal to all lovers of music and literature, as there can be but few indeed who have not read Fielding's famous novel of this name, upon which the play is founded, and also because the score is by Edward German, famous for his Henry VIII. dances, whose music is the embodiment of all that English people know and recognise as essentially "English."

Such enterprise deserves the fullest recognition, and Victorians will miss an exceptional treat if they do not fill the house to its capacity at each of the three performances, Friday, Saturday and Saturday matinee, May 1st and 2nd.

The name part will be sung by Mr. F. E. Petch, whose exceptionally fine baritone voice will be heard at its best in the solo and concerted numbers, while the exacting part of Sophia, Squire Western's daughter, will be sung by Miss Eva Hart, whose singing is so well known to Victoria audiences.

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The drama is exhibited in four parts, at three p.m. and eight u.m. daily, each part of the drama is complete in itself, but every one should avail themselves of seeing the entire drama.

It is said that there is nothing like it in the world today, the great Bible story is unfolded in a manner hitherto never approached, indeed, it is said to be the most phenomenal evangelistic effort of modern times.

The drama will first be exhibited Sunday, April 5th, at 3 p.m., also in the evening at 8 p.m. This programme will be followed during the entire week ending April 12th.

The drama has just been brought from the great Moore Theatre, Seattle, where often the doors had to be closed to keep the crowd out after its entire seating capacity of nearly three thousand had been exhausted.

London Gossip

Supplied Specially to The Week by the International News Correspondence Service, Ltd., Goschen Building, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, England.

London, Mar. 19, 1914.

Their Majesties' Arrangements

The King and Queen, I hear, have made arrangements which will carry their plans up to September. Their Majesties, with other members of the Royal Family, will spend a week on the Royal yacht in the Solent during Cowes Week, and the King's yacht Britannia will again participate in the contests. It was for this reason that Captain Philip Hunloke, who "skippers" the yacht in the races, was received by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on March 18, when the prospects of the season were discussed. After Cowes, the King and Queen will go to Scotland. The Prince of Wales will return to London from Norway on April 4, and on the same day will proceed to Windsor, whither the King and Queen will have proceeded the day previous; and the Court will be at the Castle until April 16.

Results of the French Shooting

It would not be surprising if Mme. Caillaux't rash act interfered with the visit of the King and Queen to Paris| France is obviously going to be plunged into a scandal which will put in the shade those of Panama and Dreyfus. The lady, in her loyalty to her husband, has not only ruined his career—as he told her, I think, rather ungallantly—but has given a serious shock to the present Parliamentary system in France. The Royalistes and the Bonapartists are making the most of the occasion, and are urging that the Republican system is rotten. The electoral system is bad, but that is quite another matter, and will probably be remedied all the sooner by the events which will arise out of the murder of M. Calmette. Journalism in France might also take thought and mend. There is an absence of a sense of honour in most of the French newspapers which is astounding. M. Calmette was publishing, in order to hound a man from public life, private letters which could only have been obtained by means repugnant to one's sense of right.

North Atlantic Emigration

There are signs of a large decrease in emigration to North America, and all the shipping companies are now complaining about the smallness of the movement, which last year constituted nearly a record. This is particularly unfortunate for them because of the elaborate preparations they have made for an increased traffic. One result is that fewer cooks and stewards are being carried by the "liners," while in some cases, the office staffs have been reduced. Moreover, several sailings have been cancelled, and it is now possible to obtain berths on almost any steamer, no matter how near her departure date may be. According to the Board of Trade, the number of passengers leaving the United Kingdom in January and February for Canada and the United States was 7,808 less than in the corresponding period of last year, there also being 8,941 fewer emigrants to Australia and New Zealand. A similar tendency, indeed, is observable at Continental ports, specially at Hamburg, Bremen and Rotterdam.

Depends on Young Turks

Time brings extraordinary revenges, and in the Balkans the extraordinary might almost be described as the normal. Yet it takes a strong mind to assimilate the fact that the Young Turks now hold the balance of parties in Bulgaria, and that King Ferdinand's Government actually depends on them for its majority over the anti-dynastic Socialists and Agrarians. Bulgaria's new territories are mainly Turkish, and Moslem in population, and this, of course, accounts for the presence of Turkish members in the Sobranje. Their support of the Government is only one of the numerous signs of the close entente that now exists between Sofia and Constantinople. Even with the Young Turkish members the Government's majority is only 12, and that can hardly be described as a working majority. The Young Turks in the Chamber number 13, so that they have the power to turn the Government out at any time. To that extent they may be looked upon as the real directors of Bulgarian foreign policy.

King Alfonso and History

A curious little story about King Alfonso was told me the other day. When he some little time ago visited Bayonne, France, which lies a couple of hours' ride from San Sebastian on the French side of the frontier, he was taken to see the local museum, which, among other treasures, contains a realistic picture of the death of Henry IV. of France. After looking intently at the picture, King Alfonso suddenly exclaimed: "But Henry is not dying a natural death!" A slight embarrassment was noticed on the faces of his French hosts, one of whom at last gave to the King a little lesson in history. "Of course," he said, "your Majesty remembers that Henry was assassinated." But King Alfonso did not remember. "By whom was he killed, then?" "He was killed by a monk named Ravaillac." Then the King understood. "A King," he exclaimed, "killed by a monk! Now I unerstand why I was never told the story."

The Fashionable Fire

A country house party in England scarcely seems complete nowadays without a fire. Not to have turned one's guests out on to the lawn in the early hours in their night atire is not properly to have entertained them, it would seem, and not to have stayed in a country house which was burned over one's head is to be hopelessly out of things. Why this should be it is hard to say, unless it is that nearly every country house of late years has installed a patent fire brigade or extinguishers of its own. Servants' fire drill is now quite common. At many places it is a regular weekly institution like the cleaning of the plate or the turning out of rooms, and a story is told of the agitation of a nervous guest arriving at a strange house to behold at a turn of the drive the entire staff of servants apparently escaping from upper windows down red ladders provided for the purpose. At a Scotch castle, the four under housemaids gave notice in a bunch when they became aware that the custom of the house required them to commit themselves to the perils of a canvas fire escape attached to the turret window.

OUR FELLOW CITIZENS

By Miss Maria Lawson.—Reprinted from the Woman's Department, Daily Colonist, March 25.

THERE are some people who would have us believe that Victoria is a very wicked place. Among these are people of the very best intentions and others who remind one of the pharisee of old, who thanked God that he was not as other men were.

Are those of us who find our neighbours and friends generous, kind and honest, blind? Are we wrong when we think that most husbands have faithful wives and that nearly all young girls are innocent? Is it a mistake to believe that the lads who take part in or witness the sports on Saturday afternono are, in the main, high-minded, clean-living fellows who are the comfort and the life of their homes?

Is it not true that most fathers are doing their best to support their families, and that for one who is false to his obligations a hundred are straining every nerve to fulfil them? Are not you and I, gentle reader, striving to do our duty, as we see it, to the best of our ability? What right, then, have we to make wholesale accusations of wrong-doing against our neighbours?

A report in yesterday's paper shows that during a season of unemployment no one in Victoria was allowed to suffer from hunger or cold or nakedness. The sick are cared for and the homeless comforted and protected.

That most of us come short of the highest standard is no doubt true. No one will deny that there are evils which call for reformation, but wholesale denunciation has seldom brought about improvement. The men and women who dwell upon wickedness, who exaggerate the evils that exist, are not likely to remove them. In the breasts even of those who are most ready to acknowledge themselves sinners there is a seed of good which will respond to an appeal to higher things. Looking at the many of our friends and acquaintances whom we know are trying to do right, and at the few who have in them much that is good, and at the yet smaller number whom we, in our blindness, perhaps, call bad, which of us will dare to say that Victoria is a wicked city?

June 2nd to 6th has been selected as the date for the annual tournament of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, to be held at the links of the Seattle Golf Club. Announcement to this effect is made by Mr. A. V. Macan, who is secretary of the association. The tournament will be open only to members of the association, and it is expected that the pick of the players of the Northwest will be entered in this competition. It has been proposed to hold a Potlatch tournament in July, when a number of California players were expected to compete, but this will probably be abandoned now.

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A RECORD MONTH

Evidences of improving financial conditions continue to multiply. One of the latest and most significant is the fact that during the month of March applications for insurance amounting to $2,686,644 were received by the Great-West Life Assurance Company, thus breaking all previous records for a single month's business in Canada by this or any other company.

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THE LADIES REVIEW

SUPPLEMENT TO THE WEEK

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HELEN KELLER

SO *much has been already written that we will do no more than pay a* passing tribute to a mighty intellect which has triumphed over insuperable difficulties, a tribute to her of whom it has been well said: "Helen Keller is the greatest miracle that stands to the credit of human sympathy, patience and love, bringing light where there is darkness, harmonious sound where nature decreed a profound silence, and all the sense of delightful associations where natural facilities for this had been denied." To Mrs. Macey belongs the credit of this surpassing patience and love which has enabled the brilliant intellect and indomitable courage of Helen Keller to achieve what might well have seemed impossible. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell said: "Helen's remarkable achievements are so much due to *the genius of her teacher* as to her own brilliant mind." Dr. James Kerr Love, Aural Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, has called her acquisition of speech "the greatest individual achievement in the whole history of education." The late Mark Twain said: "The two most interesting characters of the nineteenth century are Napoleon and Helen Keller." It may thus be realized that these ladies are probably the most remarkable people in the world today in point of intellect, courage and devotion. It has been suggested to us that there is a prevailing feeling that children unfortunately born deaf mutes are mentally deficient. On the contrary, it is probable that they have minds of usual strength and brains of great brilliance. What Nature withholds in one hand she frequently gives lavishly with the other. We have also been asked by a Victoria lady who has accomplished many years of labour among the deaf to inform our readers that there are some seventeen deaf children from this Province at the school for deaf mutes in Winnipeg, but she is of the opinion that there are more likely to be about one hundred and seventy who should be sought out and given a better chance. Is it possible that we are not giving enough attention to this matter? It takes someone of experience in this work to find out these unfortunate ones and we are of the opinion that here is a matter which the Local Council of Women might further consider. We have already stated in a previous issue that at present British Columbia is backward in caring for the mentally deficient in cases where the lunatic asylum is wholly unsuitable, but where with care and proper surroundings much good might be done, especially with quite young patients.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

THE gentleman who could not find a domesticated wife in Victoria should have been at the tea given by the Domestic Science class of the Oak Bay School when the little ladies entertained their friends to a delicious tea of their own cooking. Mrs. Jenkins, who is one of our foremost and most respected leaders in women's work, has organized this class, as she considers domestic science an essential factor in every woman's education. While an educated woman of position may not care to be the cook for the family, she always appreciates the power of being able to turn the cook out of doors and do it as well herself, or better, should occasion demand. If women want to feel independent it is very necessary to be able to do this, or a woman will never be mistress in her own home. If women want to hold the reins they must know how to manage the kitchen in spite of the fact that man does not live by bread alone.

WOMEN LAWYERS

ENGLISHWOMEN are studying law but so far they have been prevented from practicing their profession in the English courts, as sex rather than qualification is still the bar. A deputation of women has recently interviewed Lord Haldane on the question, and he as well as many other British lawyers are willing to see the sex barrier removed, and doubtless before long this will be a "fait accompli." An appointment of interest to many is that of Miss Clothilde Luise, Doctor of Laws, who has been made attache to the Embassy of Uruguay at Brussels.

ON THE LAND

THE controversy is still waging in an English paper by correspondents who assert that single women cannot homestead in British Columbia. They have been put right by the Agent General for Canada who discovered what seems not to be generally known in British Columbia that a single woman over eighteen years of age and self-supporting can homestead, but an effort is still being made to refute the statment that there is anything wrong about the laws protecting the interests of married women. Once more we repeat, a man can make a will leaving all his property away from his wife and children, and if he dies intestate the widow is only entitled to one-third of the estate which is shabby treatment, to say the least. No wonder the woman with a profession prefers a certain livelihood to a gamble *in matrimony.*

WOMEN AND CRIME

A FUNNY man who must be either one of the unemployed or a dismal mysogynist, has been enjoying himself writing a book with the sensational title *"Women and Crime." Attention is drawn to this unworthy* book by a correspondent in a much read English newspaper, The Referee, who is annoyed because another correspondent, presumably a lady, says Dicken's opinion of women was high. Enthusing over "Women and Crime," he gloats over its charming account of women as poisoners, vitriol throwers, financial frauds, swindlers, blackmailers, and other vicious characters. We have had such a host of books dealing with the perfidy of men that this is perhaps only a to be expected retaliation. But it is not "chivalrous."

HALIBURTON FARM COLLEGE

HALIBURTON FARM COLLEGE for Gentlewomen was started a year ago, and is now making satisfactory progress. Its object is to teach all subjects that are useful to those who have lately come to the *Dominion, and to accustom them to* the different conditions that exist, teaching them the Canadian methods so that they may have a fair chance of starting with a knowledge of how things should be done in this country. A good practical training is given by competent teachers in cooking, baking, washing and household management. The care of poultry, including dressing and plucking, and dairy work are also features. Butter, cream, cheese and Devonshire cream is sent every week for sale in Victoria. The orchard is under the care of an excellent farmer, who has lived eighteen years in Canada, and teaches the culture of vegetables and fruit, the care of horses, cows and pigs. A bee expert will visit the college and lecture on bees and teach the practical lessons during the summer months. The life is a very pleasant one that suits many women better than indoor occupation. The 17 acres of ground are devided into orchard, paddock, garden, chicken runs, etc. Near one of the houses is planted a rose garden, a bulb farm, violets and other flowers, and a small conservatory serves to raise early seeds. The college has been most successful in open competition, and has taken over twenty prizes at the various exhibitions, including Victoria Fair, Saanich, Royal Oak, and one of the students won a first for bread at the Royal Oak Women's Institute meeting. Haliburton is situated in a most ideal spot overlooking Cordova Bay, with a distant view of the United States and Mount Baker, with its *snowy peak standing out* against the blue skies. It is surrounded with forest scenery. There are two houses which will accommodate ten students and the staff. A trail through the woods leads to the sea, where a tent is pitched for bathers, and where, in the summer evenings, many a happy hour can be spent by a camp fire. There is no doubt that there are many enterprises open for women who can work and have capital to *invest in this country. Already one* Haliburton student has taken up land, and two others are provided with good posts.

The principal is the daughter of an English clergyman, the late Rev. F. Bainbridge Smith, but is a Canadian on her mother's side the college being called after her mother, whose maiden name was Haliburton. She was the daughter of Judge Haliburton, of Nova Scotia, the author of "Sam Slick" and the sister of the late Lord Haliburton. Miss Bainbridge Smith is also a first cousin to the late Father Clinton, and to Mrs. Croucher, of Yale, B.C.

Prince William, son of the King of Sweden, and his wife, the former Grand *Duchess Marie Pavlova of Russia, whom he married in 1908. The affairs of* the young couple, who are pictured here with their infant, have been before the public for some time.

THE LADIES BAKERY

PATRONS of the Ladies' Bakery will be interested to know that it has removed into larger premises on *the ground floor* at 841 Fort Street, near the Quadra Apartments.

All sorts of home made cakes, pastry and buns are made by the lady proprietors, and people who insist on good, plain, wholesome cooking should certainly give them a trial.

Naturally one asks about bread, and the ladies are prepared to make bread to order for their patrons who desire it.

JORDAN ART STUDIO

NOT very many people have as yet discovered the Jordan Art Studio in the Campbell Building, but a pleasant surprise awaits them when paying it a visit.

Mrs. Jordan is a very clever artist, who specialises in china painting and various forms of card decorations, such as wedding invitations, birthday cards, mottos, etc. I was very much taken with some charmingly got up cards, a husband to a wife on the anniversary of their wedding, cards for silver weddings, messages of sympathy, in fact, a card with a suitable message for numerous occasions, all beautifully designed and *hand-painted.* A few exquisitely-bound books are also shown, besides a great array of dainty booklets and verses.

Everybody looking for novelties in Easter greetings should certainly pay the Jordan Art Studio a visit, as there are many little things of interest there, and it is a pleasure to meet the clever, bright American lady who conducts it.

BURMESE WOMEN

MARRIAGE is not a religious ceremony among the Burmese. All that is necessary is a declaration before witnesses that the young couple are consecrated to each other for life and that henceforth they will eat out of the same dish. Men and women keep their own name at marriage, and the children get an entirely new name. When deeds are drawn up after the sale of land, they are signed by two names apparently unrelated, though the sellers or purchasers are husband and wife. The husband has no control over his wife's property, and what she brings with her and what she gains by marriage remain hers. What they acquire together after mar*riage is usually held jointly; but,* as at the beginning at any rate, they each have a different occupation, their earnings are kept separate and household expenses are shared.

These daughters of a thousand years of freedom have a vote in the municipality of Rangoon, and they have had it for some thirty years. Unfortunately, no statistics have been kept of the numbers of women who have voted, but the municipal secretary and other citizens say they do vote generally, although there has never been a really exciting election. Hindoos, Mohammedans, Parsees, and Buddhist women have been counted on the voters' roll.

Burmese women have absolute personal freedom, which is not the case in other Asiatic countries, and they have sole control of their property. By law, religion, and custom they are in all respects equal to their husbands. After the death of the husband the property is divided equally between the wife and the sons and daughters. Family life does not degenerate into slavery, as it does in many other eastern countries; as soon as the children are able to think and act for themselves, they are allowed *perfect freedom* and can do as they please.

There is none of that false chivalry in Burma which makes of women goddesses and slaves at the same time; and Burmese literature is untainted by those sordid, degraded types of humanity that poison so many of our western writings. The religion of the country does not look upon woman as the source of all evil. Thus it is that the women always occupy their rightful position in the family and com*munity, and form their own judgment* as to their conduct, without being compelled to regulate it on the models of the past. It is not surprising therefore, that under these beneficent influences of freedom and equality the Burmese women are described by many ethnographers as the most womanly women in the yorld. Mr. Fielding says of them:

"The Burmese woman is neither a Helen nor an Aspasia, far less an Amazon; but to those who know her she is a most attractive and adorable creature."

She.—And your father gave five hundred pounds for that picture. Just to show how much you care for art, I suppose?

The Son and Heir.—No. Just to show how much we don't care for five hundred pounds.

THE STAGE

AN interesting case with regard to Canadian copyright has come up in Vancouver. It appears that Miss Maude Leone has been appearing in a dramatization of "Within the Law," which was dramatized for her from the novel of the same name. Now it also appears that the novel was novelized from the play, so that quite innocently Miss Leone's production was the dramatization of the novel which had been novelized from the dramatic version. I feel faint already! It seems that that method of securing plays has incurred the displeasure of the American managers who hold the original copyright. As far as can be ascertained Canada has refused to enter into a copyright arrangement with the States, and in the absence of such a treaty Canadian managers have been buying copies of American plays for a small sum, and presenting them without the necessity of paying royalties to the authors or owners of the copyright.

It is difficult to say exactly what could be done under such circumstances. Miss Leone was acting under the belief that she was in everyway entitled to produce the play, but *at the same time* we can understand that the American owners were anxious to protect their property.

It is curious, if not somewhat humourous, that Canada has a distinct advantage over her American cousins. Inasmuch as we (and I am speaking of Canada generally) have no plays worth taking, while America is full of them, so that it can easily be seen, Canada has really no need of a copyright law.

We are not through with revivals in New York yet. I thought last week I had exhausted them, but apparently such is not the case. Miss Margery Maude, the talented daughter of Cycil Maude, is to appear in a coming production of Lady Windemere's "Fan" which, by the way, is being revived by Miss Margaret Anglin. It is also reported that E. H. Southern is to revive "Lord Dundreary." I shouldn't be surprised to hear of "Ingomar" next or I might suggest "Still Waters Run Deep."

Those in Victoria who know Eva Moore will be sorry to hear that she brought her Canadian tour to an end at Brantford. While the play met with some success, it did not meet with the business expected, or sufficient encouragement to continue further west.

Fred Terry, who has somewhat dropped out of the public eye the last year, has, according to reports, secured the dramatic rights for the production of "The Argyle Case," which has served Robert Hilliard as a starring vehicle for the past two seasons.

"A Pair of Silk Stockings," Cyril Harcourt's latest play, has been well *received in London.* If I remember right, this makes the third play this gentleman has had produced this season. He has had the most astonishing luck, and what is more, he deserves it all.

THE NUN

If you became a nun, dear,
A friar I will be;
In any cell you run, dear,
Pray look behind for me.
The roses all turn pale, too;
The doves all take the veil, too;
The blind will see the show;
What! you become a nun, my dear,
I'll not believe it, no!

If you become a nun, dear,
The bishop Love will be:
The Cupids every one, dear,
Will chant, "We trust in thee!"
The incense will go sighing,
The candles fall a-dying,
The water turn to wine:
What! you go take the vows, my dear?
You may—but they'll be mine.

—Leigh Hunt.

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Society

MANY well-known society people were present yesterday at the Daffodil Show held by the King's Daughters at Alexandra Hall. The room was a dream of beauty with the lovely spring blooms of daffodils, tulips, lilies, and all the spring flowers now in bloom. The floral designs for table decoration were much admired.

In the evening a delightful programme of music was rendered by Mrs. D. C. Reid, Mrs. Harry Briggs, Mrs. Roy Troup, Miss Ross, Miss Ross, Miss Margaret Tilly, and Messrs. Ross, Dunford and Morden.

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The many friends of Mrs. Janion are expressing much sympathy to her on account of the death of her son Cecil Cheshyre Janion.

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Miss Ramsdale has retired from the Junior Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church, where she has done much useful work for many years.

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The Victoria Madrigal Society gave a pleasing concert last Tuesday evening. Mr. Joseph Muir is honourary conductor, and is much to be congratulated on the results of his training by the work of the chorus, who gave an excellent rendering of a well-selected programme.

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Another delightful concert of the week was given by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra. The soloist was Mr. R. Macaulay, who was well received.

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The Motor Country Club holds its opening this afternoon at the Club House, Sidney.

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Mr. J. P. Shaw, M.P.P., of Kamloops, a member of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, has returned from the interior.

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The Cowichan Bay A. D. C. will produce "The Cheerful Knave" at Shawnigan on Easter Monday, at Cowichan on the 15th and at Duncan on the 17th. The cast includes: Captain H. C. N De Salis, Messrs. Monty and Eric Gore-Langton, Wm. Culper, G. Cheeke, Mrs. Sheridan-Bickers, Mrs. Kennington, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. De Salis, Miss Miles.

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Mr. Frank English, of Shawnigan Lake, has been awarded the medal for bravery by the Royal Humane Society. Mr. English enjoys the distinction of being the first recipient of this coveted award a resident of Vancouver Island.

The award was made at a public meeting at Shawnigan last Saturday, when the medal was presented by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Columbia. The Rev. George Atkins, Vicar of Shawnigan, was in the chair, and was supported by Colonel Eardley Wilmot, Alderman Crossan, and Mr. Booth (Nanaimo). Mr. Sheridan-Bickers, Mr. H. J. Ravenhill, Captain Gordon Duncan, and Mr. John Greenwood and his little girl, whom Mr. English rescued from drowning last October. Mr. and Mrs. English afterwards entertained at dinner.

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Mr. Hayne, who was registered at the Empress during the week, has left for his home in Alberni.

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Mrs. Percy Roberts, from Kuper Island, is spending a few days in town.

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Mrs. E. B. Bagshawe has as house guests her sister, Mrs. Blandy, and her daughter from Birtle, Man.

The nine British Columbians who were taking up work in the Forestry Department at the Washington University have completed their course, for the season, and four Victorians are again with us—Mr. Sanger, Mr. T. N. Scott (son of Hon. N. E. Scott, Minister of Agriculture), Mr. S. Talbot Wheatley and R. Litchfield.

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The Hon. Coutts Majorbanks is down from Vernon and registered at the Empress for a short time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McGaffey have left Oak Bay and have taken up their residence at Alma Place, 329 Michigan Street.

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Mrs. Arthur Murphy (Janey Canuck) has recovered from her recent illness in Vancouver, and has returned to her home in Edmonton.

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Mr. Lucius Hamilton, who has been absent the past year in England, has returned to Victoria, and purposes making his headquarters at his ranch at Shawnigan Lake.

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A domestic science tea was given by Miss Winifred MacSwain and the girls of the second division of the Oak Bay School. The girls served a delicious tea, which had been prepared by themselves. Present were Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Jay, and Rev. G. H. Andrews, of Oak Bay, Mrs. Blakemore, Mrs. George Jay and others.

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Little Miss Jessie Paul presented Mrs. Jenkins with a basket of wild lilies on behalf of the girls in grateful acknowledgment of her as organiser of the first domestic science centre in Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilby have taken up their residence in Hampton Court.

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Miss Gaudin, who is recuperating from her recent illness, is visiting her aunt at Duncan.

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Mr. Sheridan Bickers and his little daughter were down from Shawnigan during the week.

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Mrs. Newton is recovering from her recent illness in the Victoria Private Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mallock (nee Georgeson) have taken up their residence on St. Patrick Street, Oak Bay.

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Mrs. S. S. Taylor, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ross, Rockland Ave., left on Tuesday for her home in Vancouver.

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The Connaught Hall, View Street, was the scene of a very enjoyable dance, when the Connaught Dancing Club, who have been giving a series of dances throughout the winter months, held their closing dance on Tuesday evening last. Miss Thain's orchestra played for the evening, and a delicious supper was served at 11 o'clock.

The supper table was tastefully arranged with daffodils and asparagus ferns. Among the guests were noticed Mrs. J. Stevenson, in smart black and white gown; Miss Robinson, in cerise chiffon; Miss Fletcher in excessively smart gown of emerald green chiffon, trimmed with fur; Miss Rose O'Meara, in soft white satin with bouquet of violets in corsage; Miss Winona Troup, in dainty gown of pale blue satin; Miss Dumbleton, in smart mauve satin gown; Miss E. Dumbleton, in pale blue satin with overdress of figured ninon; Miss Carey, in graceful gown of white and green chiffon; Miss Beatrice Heyland, in soft white satin relieved by touches of mauve; Miss Elworthy, in a quaint dress of shell pink satin; Mrs. Newton Burdick, in smart red gown with red sequin trimmings; Mrs. Lindsay, wearing claret coloured satin with white lace bodice; Miss Mamie Fraser, in peach-coloured crepe de chine, gracefully draped; Miss May Newcombe, in becoming dress of turquoise blue satin, with coral ninon swathings; Miss Redding, in white brocaded satin with girdle of purple; Miss Ramlouse, very smart in purple and gold brocaded velvet with shadow lace top; Miss Monteith, in tomato brocaded satin over yellow ninon with fur trimmings; Miss Vera Mason, in dancing frock of white satin with smart black pleated tunic; Mrs. Roger Monteith, in graceful gown of blue brocaded crepe, with bodice of shadow lace; Miss Taylor, in pink satin with lace trimmings; Miss Lottie Bowron, in smart gown of black ninon over white satin; Miss Ella Simpson, in becoming pale blue satin; and the Messrs. Wright, Barton, Darcy Martin, John Dewar, C. Newcombe, Hogg, George Sanger, Meredith, J. Mason, R. G. Monteith, Lindsay, Fulton, Earlbach, Elworthy, Mock, Charles Brown, Aubrey Kent, Allan White, Victor Fawcett, Frank Galliher, Findlay and others.

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An interesting wedding recently took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mr. Charles Hocking Thomas, a native son of Victoria, and an employee of the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., and Miss Helen Pitre Kelman, daughter of Mr. James Kelman, late of Dundee, Scotland, and now a resident of this city. Mr. Jesse Longfield presided at the organ. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, and was attended by her two sisters and a niece, the latter acting as flower girl. Mr. R. D. Travis acted as best man.

On the return from their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will take up their residence here.

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Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General, was a visitor in Vancouver during the week.

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Mrs. Michael Hallward held her closing dance of the season on last Saturday evening in the Alexandra Club ballroom. These dances, which have been running during the past winter, have been most successful, and great credit is due Mrs. Hallward for the able way in which she has managed them.

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Mr. E. Jacobs is out of town visiting friends at Burnaby and New Westminster.

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Mr. Charles Newcombe is visiting his father, Dr. Newcombe, 138 Dallas Road.

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An entertainment of unusual interest has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, June 2nd, when the Island Arts and Crafts Club will present a "Living Tableaux" at the Royal Victoria Theatre, to be given in aid of the School of Handicraft and Design recently established in Victoria. "The Picture Ball," which is also causing great interest, will be held a few days later in the Alexandra Club ballroom.

A strong committee has been formed comprising of the following: Convener, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. J. J. Shallcross, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mrs. G. S. Hasell, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, Mrs. Cuppage, Mrs. F. G. Walker, Mrs. Heming, Mrs. Mary Rita Hamilton, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. S. Maclure, Miss J. Crease, Miss Mills, Miss T. Wylde, Miss Watney, Miss Kempe, Mr. T. Bamford, Mr. Davis and Mr. Baxter are appointed a framing committee. Dr. Hasell and Mr. J. J. Shallcross will form an advisory and select committee on all the proposed productions.

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Arrangements have been made by the Gorge Club to give another of their successful dances on Friday, April 3rd, at the Connaught Hall, View Street. Miss Thain's five-piece orchestra will supply the music.

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The members of Victoria Hive No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold a dance on the evening of April 14 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, and a May dance on May 1 in the Connaught Hall.

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Miss Mabel Eberts has returned from a visit to Duncan, B.C., where she has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Guy Rothwell.

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Captain and Mrs. Freeman and Miss Lucy Little, who have been making an extended visit in San Francisco, are expected in Victoria during the week.

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Mrs. Roy Troup and Miss Winona Troup spent a few days in Seattle during the week.

Mr. John Walker is the week-end guest of friends in Chemainus, B.C.

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Mr. L. W. Shatford is a guest in town from Vancouver, and is registered at the Empress Hotel for a few days.

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On Thursday, March 19th, at 8.30 p.m., a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schroeder, 133 Cambridge Street, Victoria, B.C., when Mr. Clifford Varcoe, of Grand Forks, B.C., formerly of Cornwall, England, was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Schroeder, of Victoria, B.C., formerly of Chesley, Ont. The Rev. W. J. Ridd, of Mount Tolmie, officiated.

The bride entered the drawing-room on the arm of her brother, A. Schroeder, to the strains of the "Wedding March," rendered by Thelma Schroeder, niece of the bride.

After the ceremony, about forty intimate friends partook of a buffet luncheon served in the dining-room, which was profusely decorated with daffodils and maidenhair fern.

Miss Lillian Blakeway sang "Because" in her rich contralto voice, which was much appreciated. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Pearce, Mrs. Thos. Blakeway, the Misses Blakeway, Mr. T. J. Elliott, formerly of Chesley, Ont.; Miss Maude Bell, of Toronto, Ont. Many presents and hearty good wishes testified to the popularity of the bride. The happy couple left for a trip to Portland, and the Sound cities. On their return they will make their home in Grand Forks, where the groom is employed by the Government as district engineer.

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Captain Noel Money, D.S.O., of Much Marcle, Herefordshire, Eng., is building a large house at Qualicum Beach, and expects to reside there permanently.

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A charming wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, March 25th, at the St. Mark's Church, when the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Johnson, of Douglas Street, was united in marriage to Mr. Kenneth C. R. Hay, of this city, the Rev. J. W. Fliton officiating. The bride looked very pretty in a white dress of embroidered voile, with bridal veil and orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses and carnations. She was given away by her brother and attended by Mrs. M. W. Bick, who wore a white embroidered dress with hat to match. The groom was supported by Mr. M. W. Bick. After partaking of a very dainty wedding supper, a reception was held for the young couple at their new home on Millgrove Road, city.

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The Misses Dupont and Miss Nellie Dupont are leaving Victoria shortly on an extended visit to England.

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What Smart Women Wear

By FRIVOLETTE

TALKING of the latest ideas in this spring's conceits, a London writer says:—

Prominent among the season's fancies that have safely passed the tentative stage are capes. So the bugbear to so many English women of going out, as the Americans say, in their figures will not have to be met this summer. For never within remembrance have we been provided with such a plethora of choice; and, by way of emphasizing this catholicity, two representative examples have been sketched.

It would be impossible to imagine more diametrically opposed suggestions, the one all frills and fussiness, and the other of a stately severity, almost verging on simplicity. The taffeta confection is an amusing blend of the styles worn somewhere about 1860 and the shoulder silhouette of the typical Belgian peasant's cloak. Given the right wearer, this would make a charming completion to the taffeta gown with the fragile little corsage that looks like settling down into a classic, the fronts held together by two tight bows of black velvet.

Frequently with such a model mammoth frayed out ruches are substituted for the frills. A case in point, particularly attractive, had the fronts drawn slightly to the figure by a black ribbon velvet ceinture, and yet another of mousseline moire recalled the dolman of old, with a slightly trussed arm appearance.''

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Everyone is buying Easter finery and our local fashion centres have been ablaze with spring glory in gay colours and new styles. For Easter Monday of course many outing events have been arranged and among the most popular will undoubtedly be the race meet at the Willows Track arranged by the Hunt and Polo Clubs. Finch's are showing a big range of sports coats suitable for these occasions, some of them cut in the new Mandarine style, and some showing a new bias cut at the bottom of the coat which, of course, must have a cut-a-way effect.

I noticed some very nice ones in bear cloth in good colours and beautifully cut. Contrasting colours are invariably seen, and the sleeve cut in one with the back is a feature of the strictly up-to-date coat. The white coats in blanket cloth are always good style and are generally becoming, while a racey model in hunter's green will appeal to many of the hunting set.

For those who want a tailored suit Finch's are showing a varied selection of natty styles in bedford cords, two tone greys and a very complete line of the ever popular navy blue. A very good value at only twenty-five dollars was a pretty little costume in grey french serge, a one button cut-a-way coat being its leading feature.

As usual, Finch's are to the fore in the latest neckwear, and are showing the new Dolly Varden frilling and the collars which show the pretty floral design of the Dolly Varden styles. All sorts of collars and ruchings of lace are shown together with every dainty accessory necessary to the fashionable toilette. Finch millinery is a strong attraction, and the fashionable transparent hat is shown in great variety, the pretty lace crowns being universally becoming. The milans, tagels and hemps are also shown in a bewildering array of tempting styles and prices. Every smart woman should pay a visit to Finsh's before completing her Easter outlay for her wardrobe. So many useful hints are obtained by a stroll round a smart store, and of course one always wants some dainty trifle for an Easter gift.

The Bonnet Shop has one of the most complete stock of millinery one could wish for anywhere. They have just enlarged their premises, opening a french room, charmingly arranged both for beauty and convenience.

Some smart and useful untrimmed shapes are shown, some of them fairly large, with the upturned brim where the trimming will be arranged. These shapes are so good that the economical woman can easily put on the little trimming that is needed and find herself possessed of a really smart hat at little cost.

Some of the new bonnet effects are seen, and very pretty they are. Some of them of course are the result of the Dolly Varden vogue which has its effect on our spring styles. Some beautiful trimmings are also shown, especially in lovely and sumptuous plumes or the dainty little french bowers. The broad rich millinery ribbon in floral designs carried out in silks and velvets may also be obtained and may be used for trimming the fashionable flat shapes.

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An Odd Gown

A new Parisian gown of very odd design, modeled by Paquin.

Dynes & Eddington are displaying some very attractive street dresses which are elaborate enough for dressy wear and yet possess a quiet distinction rendering them equally suitable for street wear or for shopping. A chic model in a deep tango shade, shows a double decker effect while there are actually three flounces arranged in clever effect influenced by the demand for the circular line. A lovely taupe model has a peg-top skirt with a brocaded coatee trimmed on the collar with cuffs in a roman silk braid. This is an exclusive and distinctive design which will appeal to every woman of good taste.

Some natty little suits are made in a smart looking material resembling covert cloth. The coats are very short and much cut-a-way. The demand for the sports coats is still great and new arrivals showing the latest features are still being unpacked.

The millinery department has some models distinctly different from the ordinary, and a very beautiful hat is built on ''shepherdess'' lines, very artistic and becoming. Hats are going to be quite picturesque this summer and these shepherdess and Dolly Varden modes are very welcome.

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Madame Watts has just received a most interesting shipment of loveliest materials for new spring suits. These are most delightful moire crepe de chines, moire taffetas, soft woolens and ripolines in all the best light shades. Silk suits will be much worn this summer and no fashionable wardrobe will be complete without one. Madame Watts is especially clever at designing and making the draped french suits and her numerous patrons will be delighted with the new materials.

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Madame Elise is prepared to supply her patrons with neat outing hats in the new shapes at from as low as two dollars and a half. Of course there are many much more expensive but Madame Elise realizes that it should be possible to obtain a really cheap hat for an extra in one's array of head gear at any rate.

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Those who have not yet been to Manon's should see the gorgeous model gowns which she will dispose of at greatly reduced prices. The models of Paquin, Martial et Armand and Ospavat are shown. A very beautiful gown is in daffodil charmeuse with a diaphaneous drape of smoke coloured chiffon making a delightful blending of colour. A most wonderful tunic drape and drop is made of beads in the same daffodil yellow with that elusive touch of green in it which is so beautiful as well as unusual.

A remarkably striking model is in peacock blue charmeuse, wonderfully embroidered in heavy gold tissue in peacock designs. There was a touch of filmsy black somewhere about the decolletage(and the tout-en-semble, of couse, is magnificent.

A very smart afternoon or casino frock of Martial et armand is carried out in black with lovely white lace tunic effect of rare design. Touches of delicate flesh pink are introduced by a satin rose nestling amid the lace of a most seductive gown .

A Paquin afternon frock of simple elegance is of spotted foulard, a material which is fashionable this spring. There was also a very attractive three piece costume in tele de negre moire, lined with green chiffon and finished with a wide green satin belt. The models are on sale for two weeks only, beginning next Monday.

WENDY'S

AT last there is a cafe in Victoria where one can get a real English chop (one of the thick ones) or steak luncheon!

Wendy's Cafe, which is now under new management, is providing very excellent breakfasts, luncheons and teas at moderate prices and already many people have signified their appreciation of the inauguration of better lunches than are usually to be had at the ordinary cafe. Regular patrons are ordering their chop or steak by telephone a few minutes before leaving their offices, thereby ensuring a hot freshy cooked lunch, a somewhat rare occurrence at most restaurants.

The musical teas are also proving a great attraction, as when there is music people can chatter comfortably without feeling they may be overheard or listened to. The pleasant room has been tastefully arranged with screens which give that privacy always appreciated at the tea table.

Altogether, Wendy's is to be congratulated on an enterprising attempt to fill what is really a long felt want in Victoria, a cheerful, pleasant place where one can get good meals without suffering the noise and clash of a popular restaurant.

Dainty Easter gifts, bouquets of Sweet Peas, boxes of chocolates and nother novelties, can be obtained from the small flower and candy store in the Hibben-Bone Building.

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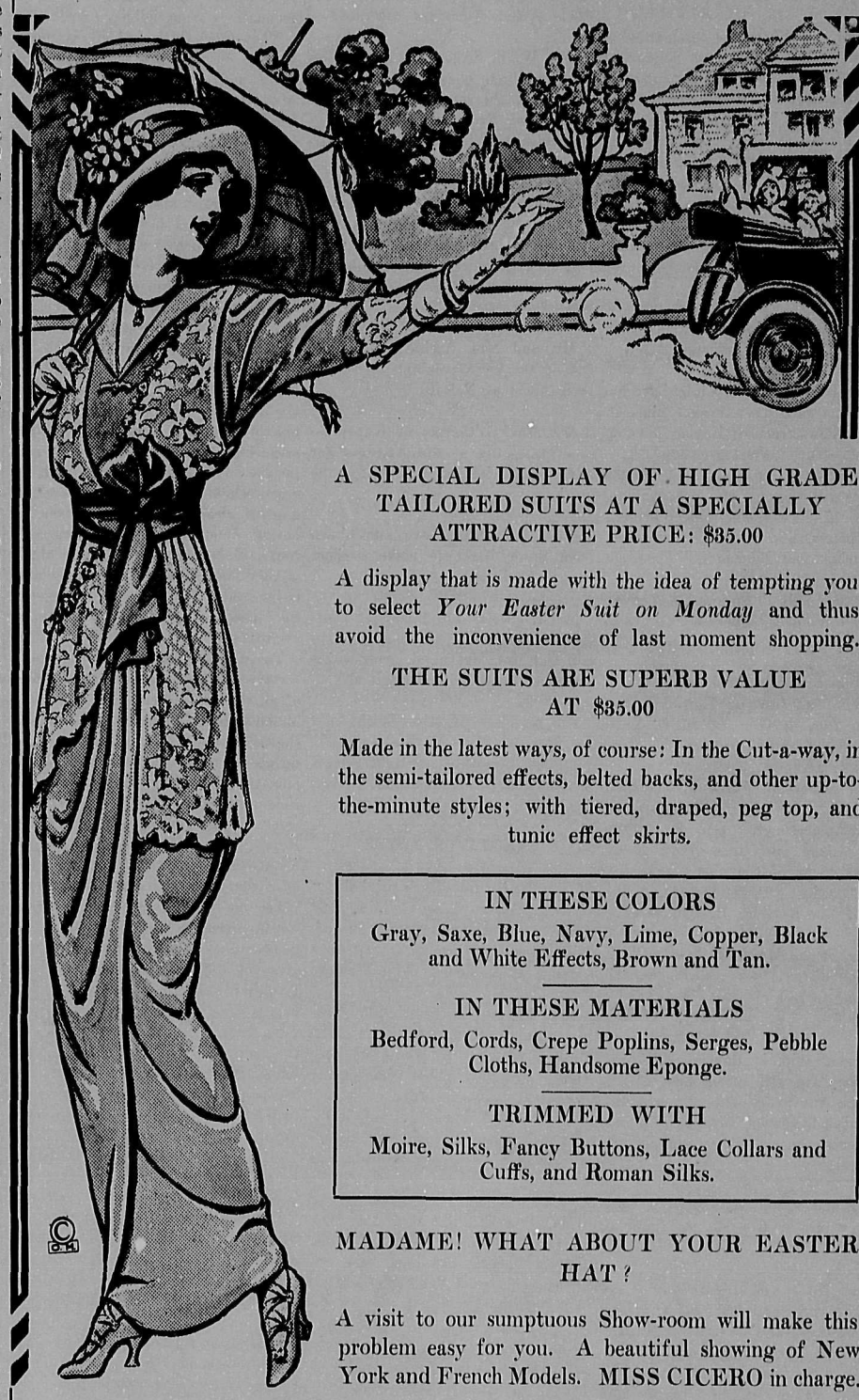

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Mrs. J. J. Shallcross entertained at luncheon last Friday in honour of Mrs. Almond, who, with her husband, Captain Almond, is leaving for Halifax about the 15th inst. Covers were laid for ten, and the table was most artistically arranged for the occasion.

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Mr. Gerhard Heintzman, the well-known manufacturer of Toronto, has been a visitor to Victoria for the past few days, and is most optimistic over the future of Victoria.

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Mr. A. L. Taylor was in town for a few days from Qualicum Beach.

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The Hunt and Polo Clubs have arranged a race meet to take place at the Willows track on Easter Monday. Some very interesting events have been arranged, for which handsome prizes will be awarded. Mrs. William Roper has kindly consented to present the prizes, and many visitors from Cowichan and Duncan are expected.

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A very jolly little dance was given by the Willows Badminton Club last Tuesday.

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A quiet wedding took place at St. Mary's, Oak Bay, on Thursday last, April 2nd, between Eileen L. England, daughter of Major F. H. England, Headingley, Yorkshire, late of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Mrs. England; and Edward Prest Ward, of "Ingleborough," Oak Bay Ave., son of the late Reve. John Meire Ward, vicar of Clapham, Yorkshire. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. G. H. Andrews.

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Mr. H. E. Maddock left on Wednesday on a visit to California, and expects to be away about a fortnight.

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The Earl of Dunmore is now on an extended trip to Canada and the States. He will spend most of his time in the west. The earl is a distinguished soldier, having won the Victoria Cross in the Afghanistan campaign.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Storey, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

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The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were godparents to the infant son of Capt. and Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley, whose christening took place recently at the Chapel Royal, St. James' Palace. Major Malcolm Murray and Lady Cawdor represented the Duke and Duchess, and the other sponsors were Mr. H. V. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, and Lord Curzon. The baby received the names of Robert Arthur Henry Rivers, and was christened by Canon Edgar Sheppard, sub-dean of the Chapel Royal.

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Mrs. Allan Wilmot, of Cranbrook, is a visitor in town, staying with her sister, Mrs. Christie.

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Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, has returned from the Mainland.

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The Arts and Crafts Club held a general meeting last Wednesday night. An interesting paper was read by Mr. J. Rutherford Blaikie, followed by a discussion opened by Mr. Shallcross.

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A pleasant afternoon was spent at the University School on Wednesday on the occasion of the breaking up for the Easter holidays. Prizes for the past term were awarded, and many parents and friends of the boys were present.

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Mrs. Henry Langton is entertaining the players in "Quicksands" and their friends tomorrow afternoon.

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Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is expected back from Ottawa on the conclusion of the conference of Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, called by the Hon. Martin Burrell.

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Mr. J. McB. Smith, former Deputy Minister of Finance, who has been ill and confined to his residence for a long period, is receiving the hearty congratulations of his friends on his recovery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archie Weir leave shortly for Vancouver and then on to their home at Nelson.

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Mr. Max Calthorpe, of Kuper Island, who was at the Empress for a few days, left on Friday for the north.

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The Misses Scott have come down from Sproat Lake to make a short stay in Victoria.

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Mr. H. Scott, of Calgary, is visiting his sisters and his cousins, Captain and Mrs. McDonald, prior to his departure on a visit to England.

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The marriage of Miss Edith, only daughter of Mrs. S. Wales, 1051 Southgate Street, to Mr. Robert Jesse is announced to take place on Sunday, April 12th, at St. John's Church.

VANCOUVER NOTES

THE fancy dress carnival held at the Horse Show Building last week was a unique success. The affair was most enjoyable from both a social and spectacular point of view.

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A wedding of interest taking place in Montreal recently was that of Miss Molly Fitzgibbon to Mr. Allen Boswell. Miss Fitzgibbon has many friends in Vancouver.

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Captain Isaac, who has been spending the polo season at Coronada, has returned.

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Mr. Powell, with Mr. and Mrs. Marpole, have been spending a few days in Victoria and have been enjoying some good golf on the Oak Bay Links.

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Captain Dugmore has returned from a few months' trip to England.

BOUDOIR CHAT

I HAVE been seeing various things this week which ought to interest my readers, and while most of my remarks as usual are directed to ladies, I have a word this week to the men, especially those whose craniums are more exposed to the weather than nature intended. Mr. Hansen, of the Empress Hotel Hairdressing Parlours, showed me his system of making wigs and toupees, both for men and women. He makes them perfectly, cool and light, and what is even more important, absolutely indetectable, so perfectly do they blend with one's own hair.

If men only knew it, there is nothing more unattractive or more detrimental to their appearance than a head on which the hair shows the scalp through. That scaggy thinness is worse than total baldness. As a matter of fact if people took proper care of the scalp, visiting a good hairdresser at least once a month this hair would not get thin. Mr. Hansen is skilled in every kind of hair work, and his prices are most reasonable.

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It was remarked to me this week how impossible it is to tell a friend that she needs electolysis treatment, or in other words, she has superfluous hairs. As may be supposed, this work should only be done by an expert, and I think we are fortunate in Victoria to have Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barker, who have had more than fourteen years practical experience, the highest testimonials and numerous recommendations from delighted customers.

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Mrs. Barker also prepares many valuable recipes in skin lotions and cosmetics which are a boon to her patrons. There have been so many revelations of the injurious drugs contained in unknown toilette preparations that people are wisely obtaining them from people they know.

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After a visit to the Beauty Shop the other day, I took home with me one of Madame Russell's delightful creams, made by herself of purest materials. It is a fragrant, melting cream which leaves no stickness. It is a great cleanser if applied after an outing, and wiped off with a soft towel. It contains a pure oil which is very nourishing to the tissues and is invaluable for preventing those little lines which creep upon us unawares.

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Asking Heaven to explain
How a drama so inane
Could proceed from such a brain!

When, at half-past eight, the curtain
Rises on the scene, each night,
In the stalls, you may be certain,
Not a single soul's in sight!
Seats are empty, left and right!
People seem to wait, for fun,
Till the play is well begun,
Then they enter, one by one!

Thus all through, at ev'ry minute,
Someone, with a deaf'ning sound,
Bangs his stall down, settles in it,
Waves a hand to friends all round,
While actors' words are drown'd;
Circle's kind attention strays,
Pit can scarcely catch a phrase
Of this most inept of plays!

Gentles, do not think me surly!
Mortals must have time to dine;
But, if half-past eight's too early,
There's a splendid play at nine:
You could miss the whole of mine!
Of your pity, then, I pray,
When you next attend my play,
Come in time or—stay away! H.G.

A REPLY

An inquirer, writing to the Colonist, asks if Mrs. Murphy (Janey Canuck) had written a book. The answer was that no works were credited to Mrs. Murphy in "Who's Who," but we are glad to state that she wrote a very bright book, "Janey Canuck in the West," which was a very great success, and a new book also dealing with "the west," will shortly be issued by her publishers.

Madame Carlyon, Belmont House, has just received a supply of Rusmak, a wonderful remedy for removing superfluous hair. It is painless and leaves no scar.

RUSSIAN WOMEN

HITHERTO it has been impossible for a woman in any circumstances to gain legal separation from her husband, who could call in police aid to compel her to return to him if other means failed. Moreover, the husband had the power to deny his wife a separate passport, without which residence within the empire is impossible.

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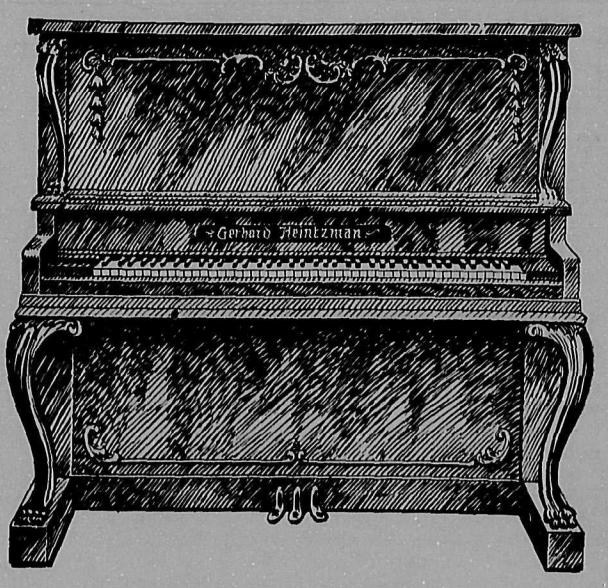

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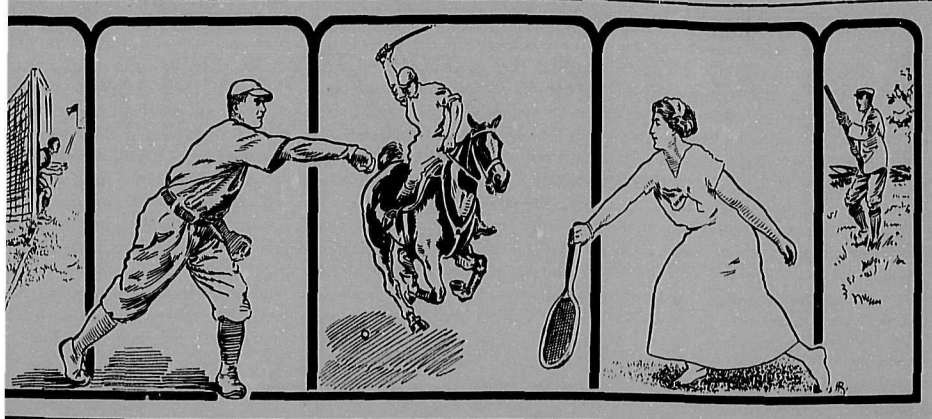

Sports of All Sorts

CRICKETERS of Victoria are looking forward to the best season the popular game has known in this city. No less than 56 matches have been listed in the first division series, in which more elevens have been entered than in any previous season. The schedule provides for the playing of these games on Saturdays, the holidays having been left open for special matches with outside teams, and in the latter part of August the schedule has been suspended to allow for the Pacific Coast Tournament, which will be played here, and the cricket season will then be at its zenith. The local clubs have all been fully organized and practises will begin shortly.

Colonel Hobday made a strong plea for greater interest on the part of Victoria schoolboys in cricket at the recent meeting of the Vancouver Island Cricket League. He spoke in favour of practice pitches being set aside in the parks and elsewhere for the schoolboys. It is hoped that, as a result of the efforts being put forward in this direction, that school elevens will be organized. He will also endeavour to put an eleven consisting of old public school boys in the field, and with this end in view is anxious to secure fixtures with the Public School, University School and a combined Victoria eleven.

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A feature of the cricket season will be a visit from an Albertan team. An Australian visit is not likely, the action of the officials in the land of the Southern Cross has done away with the possibility of this, but there will be a number of outside teams playing on local pitches this year. An all-Alberta or Calgary team is planning a cricket invasion of the British Columbia Coast cities; Seattle proposes to send a team. That it will be a good cricket year is evident. Several new clubs have been formed and the older aggregations have begun their preparations.

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Nanaimo cricketers met for organization purposes last week and their entry has been forwarded to the Island League. Several new players have been added and the cricketers of the Coal City are looking forward to the best year in their history. Another new team entered in the league is the Civil Service Club. The organization meeting was held last week when officers were elected and arrangements made for the improvement of the grounds at Bacon Hill. Teams have been entered in both divisions of the Island League. The officers elected were: Honorary presidents, His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Paterson and Sir Richard McBride; honorary vice-presidents, the Hons. H. E. Young, W. J. Bowser, W. R. Ross, Thomas Taylor, Price Ellison, D. M. Roberts, and J. H. Griffith, and Messrs. A. H. Pooley, M.P.P.; G. H. Dawson, O. S. Scholefield, Fleet Robertson and Alderman Dilworth; president, Mr. W. W. Foster, M.P.P.; vice-president, Mr. W. G. M. Rolston; executive committee, Messrs. Coppinger, Smith, Loveland, Meakin and Thwaites; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Lowe.

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VICTORIA will be again well represented on the international tennis team selected to represent Canada. Elimination matches will be played in various parts of the Dominion, those at Vancouver being handled by Messrs. Robert Powell and Cave-Brown-Cave. That Messrs. Schwengers and Powell will again be in the Canadian team is generally expected. They should, especially in view of their achievements of last season. It is generally anticipated by tennis experts that the struggle this year will be between Australia and England, and, as Canada has been drawn against Australia in the first series, the players representing the Dominion will have their hardest battle in the opening. Germany has a bye. In the lower half, Great Britain and Belgium meet, while France has a bye. Some consider that a new team to represent England will be built up around the great R. C. Parke, Dixon and Barret not having shown to the best advantage last season, and the names of Arthur and F. G. Lowe, Kenneth Powell and A. E. Beamish are put forward as probable players.

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WITH the opening of the baseball season in Victoria, scarcely more than two weeks distant, the ownership of the Victoria nine has not yet been determined upon. An option has been given to Victorians, and an effort is now being made to finance an organization to buy the franchise and team from Messrs. McConnell and Wattelet. Meanwhile, both Aberdeen and Bellingham are in the market, the former city showing the most enthusiasm. If a deal is not made with Victorians, the team will be transferred to the Washington city. Meanwhile, Manager Delmas is steadily working to get his team in shape, and expects to have a speedy aggregation on the firing line this year. There are many new faces, the bulk of the personnel of the 1914 Bees being newcomers. The indications are that the team will be a fast one, and with a good pitching staff, should be well up in the running.

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JOINT holders of the Barnard Cup, the James Bays and Wanderers, were feted by the Rugby players of the city last week at a smoker held at the Connaught Hall by the Rugby Union. The McKechnie, Cooper-Keith and Barnard Cups held places of prominence. A good musical programme was given, and an enjoyable evening spent, the disputes of the past season and its unhappy ending which left the two teams as joint possessors of a cup both would gladly have played for, being forgotten. Several speeches were made, the various speakers dealing with the advances the game has made in Victoria. Mr. Blakemore spoke most interestingly on "The Game," his remarks being punctuated with applause. Other speakers were Messrs. E. E. Billinghurst, Chalk, Milligan, Edwards, Dr. Hudson and George Jay.

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ENTRIES closed today for the Spring Dog Show of the Victoria Kennel Club. The show will be held on April 13th and 14th. Officials say the entries will surpass those of previous years. They have been augmented by the entry of a string of 32 dogs of various breeds from Edmonton. The City Council of that city will pay the transportation fees of the dogs.

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FOLLOWING is the programme of the races to be held next Monday at the Willows track at 2.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Victoria Polo Club.

Obstacle race, including jumping, bending and turning a stake.

Gretna Green race, for ladies and gentlemen.

Polo pony race, one-quarter mile, open to members of recognized polo clubs.

Egg and spoon race, open to ladies only.

Ginger beer, biscuit and cigarette race.

Ladies' flat race.

Fancy costume race. Costumes for men and horses supplied.

Hurdle race, open, one and one-half miles.

Hurdle race, for members of recognized hunt clubs, catch weights, 160 lbs. Horses must have been hunted at least four times during the season 1913-1914.

Dr. S. J. Tolmie, judge; Mr. A. W. Morten, starter.

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Officers for the Victoria Polo Club have been elected as follows: President, W. J. Roper; vice-president, Mr. Justice Martin, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Mr. Justice Irving, Mr. Justice McPhillips; club captain, Dr. Richards; secretary-treasurer, F. R. Wilgrass; committee, A. Mackenzie, A. B. Irving, A. R. Meakin, W. E. Jones, A. H. Gunn and Captain R. P. Clark.

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CAMBRIDGE won a decisive victory over the Oxford eight on the Thames this year, breaking the long run of victories by the dark blue crew. The race, according to despatches, was one of the best that has taken place, and the light blues led at the finish by four and a half lengths. It is interesting to note that a British Columbia boy formed a member of the victorious crew, Mr. Phil Livingstone, son of Clermont Livingstone, who will be remembered as manager of the Tyee Copper Company, having pulled No. 2 oar in the Cambridge boat. Mr. Livingstone, who was educated at a private school here, went to Cambridge two years ago, and last year was a member of the crew of Jesus College. Another Canadian, Jeff Taylor, of Toronto, was up to a few weeks before the race, included in the dark blue crew, but owing to the fact that he was unable to accustom himself to the British stroke, was displaced.

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DESPITE previous announcements to that effect, Victoria is not, after all, to have a professional lacrosse team this season. Difficulties over division of the gate receipts could not be overcome, and those interested in the formation of a local team, in view of the attitude taken by the mainland clubs, did not proceed with the organization of a local twelve. As during the past two seasons the British Columbia Lacrosse League will be a limited affair. The Vancouver and New Westminster teams are the only ones entered, and a schedule comprising sixteen games, home and home, have been arranged. The schedule provides for the playing of two of the games at Victoria, on June 13th and August 8th.

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The Dominion Football Association has handed down some rules of interest to local association players. It has been decided that no Old Country professional can play an as amateur in Canada unless he was in Canada prior to last October, or, if he arrives subsequently, can show reinstatement as an amateur by the association with which he was last registered. It has been decided also that a corner kick is a free kick and all other than the player taking the kick must stand ten yards from the ball.

Umpire

HOLIDAY CAMP FOR ENGLISH BOYS IN CANADA

MR. A. L. Cochrane, one of the teaching staff of Upper Canada College, the oldest school for boys in Ontario, is in England at the present time with a scheme for vacation time, that has set the hearts of English schoolboys bounding with thoughts of Robin Hood and his merry band in Sherwood Forst. A number of years ago Mr. Cochrane organised a summer camp for Canadian students on an island in Lake Timagami, which is a beautiful little lake held like a gem in the middle of the Northern Ontario woods. Timagami is an Indian word, meaning "deep waters." He now proposes to have English schoolboys and 'Varsity men enjoy the delights of the Canadian woods.

In an interview given recently Mr. Cochrane said that he was surprised and delighted with the way the idea had caught on in the English schools. The project came to the attention of the League of Empire and they heartily endorsed it, as well as did the principals and headmasters of many of the larger schools. Mr. Cochrane expects to take out a considerable party this year, and next year to have more than 100 students under his care when he sails for the Canadian woods.

What Mr. Cochrane proposes to do in the English branch is to bring schoolboys into camp comradeship with boys from Upper Canada College and University men from the home country with those overseas. The associations formed during such a vacation, the boys living as they will be close to nature, camping together on the backwoods and on the trail, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and exploring in the heart of one of the best camping grounds in the world should result, Mr. Cochrane claims, in mutual understanding and the formation of life-long friendships. The original camp of Canadian boys are anxious to have the English lads visit them, and are waiting anxiously to hear how their instructor is faring.

As at present arranged, the University party may leave England on the 1st of July, and the public schoolboy party immediately at the end of the term. That would give both parties at least three weeks in the woods. It is proposed that the English party disembark at Quebec, and on their way to camp visit Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion, returning via Toronto, Niagara Falls and the St. Lawrence River with its thousand islands. The expense for each boy to and from Liverpool will be fifty guineas. This will pay for the ocean passage, railway and local steamboat fares, and all necessary incidental expenses en route and in camp. The boys will go out on boating, exploring and fishing expeditions. They will have Indian guides to teach them trailing, and they will also be taught swimming and diving and engage in competitions in both land and water sports. For the most part they will live under canvas.

Mr. Cochrane has already visited St. Paul's (Mill Hill), King Edward's Grammer School (Birmingham), and University College School (Hampstead). He will go on to Eton, Harrow, Winchester, and the Manchester Grammer School.

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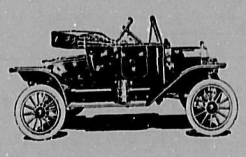

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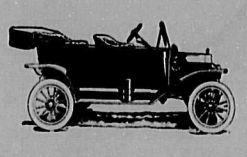

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Together With a Discussion on the Torrens System

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LET me first refer briefly to the history of our own Act which found its beginning in the Land Registry Act passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Vancouver Island in 1860, and assented to in 1861.

The framers of this Act had before them a report published in 1857 of the Real Property Commissioners appointed by the Imperial Parliament to inquire into the best mode of registering titles in England. In this report our draftsmen found a review of the different systems of registration then in use in various parts of England, and a commentary on several of the proposed reforms—one proposal being very similar to that eventually adopted by South Australia and afterwards known as the Torrens System.

The commissioner's final recommendation, however, was in favour of a system which, although it contained some of the essential features now found in the Torrens System, nevertheless was, on the whole, very different, and the framers of our Act although they also had before them from South Australia the draft of the bill which was to enact the Torrens System there, considered that, in view of the conditions then existing in the colony of Vancouver Island and its real property law being much the same as in England, it would be best to follow the plan recommended by the commissioners, and our Act of 1861 is the result.

It was this Act of 1860 that gave birth to the "absolute" and "indefeasible" fees and also provided that to make a registration of a conveyance or incumbrance, one would have to do so by application in forms "A" and "D." Here we see the ancestors of those well-known forms still in daily use. It did not make it compulsory to have deeds on deposit, but provided that descriptions be entered in a book known as the parcels book. An owner was to receive a certificate of title for an absolute fee, but it did not state what was the force or value of such a document.

It was evidently intended that all titles should, in time, become indefeasible, and with this in view, it was provided that five years' registered ownership of an absolute should give the holder an indefeasible fee, giving the holder the highest estate in land as against all the world, except a tenant in possession under a lease for one year. It also, in a manner, made registration compulsory in that, as no one could be affected by any notice not appearing on the register, registration thus became necessary to insure safety of title.

The next enactment is the Land Registry Amendment Act of 1865, passed by the Council of Vancouver Island, to which we owe our present forms of acknowledgment. It also provided for issuing indefeasible certificates of title. It was shortly after this that the union of the two colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, then the mainland, was effected, and by the Land Registry Ordinance of the United Colonies in 1870, the Vancouver Island system was continued with a few changes, but not affecting the principle, over the whole of the new colony superseding the mainland system, which was similar to that then in use in the United States, of registration by the literal transcript of deeds, "line for line, error for error and blot for blot," making an unregistered instrument void as against subsequent purchaser or encumbrancer. It accepted and registered every instrument, whether in legal form or not, and it necessitated in every transaction a retrospective search to the root of the title.

This ordinance was not, however, made law without some opposition, a petition signed by the banks and some large property owners was presented against its passage, and one writer to the press was so convinced of the strength of public feeling against the system embodied in the bill that he was sure that as soon as the colony had responsible government it would be written off the Statute books.

Since 1870 this Act has been many times amended, and on occasions re-enacted, land transactions which gradually became more and more numerous with the growth of the Province bringing to light defects calling for correction. Gradually there has been inserted provisions for filing maps, registering of judgments, registering of property in heirs, introduction of caveats and so on. In 1898 provision was made for an assurance fund for compensation in case of losses sustained under the system. This was not at first restricted to the indefeasible, but was afterwards altered to make it subject only to that system. By subsequent amendments, other provisions have been inserted till you have the Act as it stands today.

It is interesting to note that in 1899 the legislature of B. C. passed what is called the "Torrens Act," which but needed an order in Council to make it effectual. Had this Act become law this Province would now be enjoying a full measure of the Torrens System. The Act provided that all Crown grants and certificates of indefeasible title should be accepted as final, and went as far as to make it compulsory to register all future dealings under the Act once a district had been formed having jurisdiction over the lands in question. The reason apparently why this Act did not become law is that the Government which brought it in shortly afterwards went out of power.

In the last issue of the Gazette I notice the Attorney-General has ordered the discontinuance of further registrations in the register of absolute fees in the Prince Rupert Land Registry District.

To find the chief reason why the law of real property and the procedure governing its transactions became to be so different and much more complicated than that governing personal property, we must go back many years. The Norman Conquest brought into England the feudal land system whereby all lands became the property of the Crown, and could not thereafter be the object of absolute ownership as in goods; lands were held of the Crown by the Lords, in return for which they gave military service. They, in turn, again granted out some lesser estate to their followers, who, in return, rendered services domestic or military, and so estates were passed on getting, less and less, varying with the owner's position on the social scale till in time very many different degrees of ownership became to be recognised and the system of transferring became no less elaborate and conventional than the estates themselves.

Transfers in earliest times when the communities were small were made by going through certain ceremonies and giving publicity to the dealings, the parties with witnesses met on the lands and by some symbolical act—as handing over a piece of earth and speaking certain words showing an intention to convey—the deal was consumated. From this method evolved that of the establishment of a sort of public record kept by some local authority containing a rude reference to the various transactions. The next stage was the registration of deeds, a system similar to our absolute fees and now used in most of those countries which have not adopted the Torrens System. By this system of registration of deeds, entry on the register is not essential to the complete passing of rights of property, but such entry acts as an additional safeguard. The purchaser of a piece of property cannot rely on the last registration, he must make a retrospective search of registrations for a certain number of years, and also a careful examination of all the deeds. If any deed or deeds are defective, he must have them corrected: if the parties are not to be had, he may have endless trouble in perfecting the title.

What is meant by the Torrens System and that system of land registry now in use exclusively in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and side by side with the old system of registration in Manitoba, was first put into practical application by South Australia in 1858, the system having been invented by Sir Robert Torrens, not a member of the legal profession, but a customs officer, who, though he must have known of the English commission which I have referred to, disclaims any indebtedness to them, and states that he received his inspiration from the Shipping Acts, seeing no reason why the transfer of land should not by means of the principle of conveyance by entry in a public office be made as simple as the transferring of a vessel or bank stock.

In this idea is contained the fundamental principle of the Torrens System: namely, that it is an absolutely essential matter that, in order to effect a transfer of rights from one person to another in such a way that the new owner becomes possessed of the same rights as his vendor, good against the whole world, an entry must be made upon a register whereupon the registry office issues a certificate of title which, once granted, must for all purposes be the conclusive document of title to the land, guaranteed and behind which there can be no investigation. Thus the title to a piece of property becomes as easily dealt with and as safely for a purchaser as in a transaction of stocks and shares, when everyone knows that it is never necessary to trace up the successive owners of the stocks and shares you wish to buy. A holder of a stock certificate transfers it in a simple form to the purchaser, who goes to the office of the company where, on delivering his transfer, he is given a new certificate in his own name; it was not necessary for him to examine carefully a long chain of title and see if all former transfers were executed properly and by the same parties, and so in the Torrens System a person's registration as owner at once precludes the necessity of the prospective purchaser searching into the rights of previous owners.

(To be Concluded Next Week)

ON the 31st ult, the Alliance Securities Co., Ltd., with offices at 307 Pemberton Building, mailed cheques to their shareholders in payment of an interim dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. for the months of February and March, which, with 3 per cent. paid for the month of January, makes a total payment of 10 per cent. for the first quarter of 1914 this being at the rate of 40 per cent per annum. This appears to be a remarkable showing for a young company, but the certified balance-sheet shows that not only has this sum been earned, but a very substantial balance carried forward.

Correspondence

The Week accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by its correspondents. Communications will be inserted whether signed by the real name of the writer or a nom de plume, but the writer's name and address must be given to the Editor as an evidence of bona fides. In no case will it be divulged without consent.

BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY

Victoria, March 23, 1914.

The Editor, The Week.

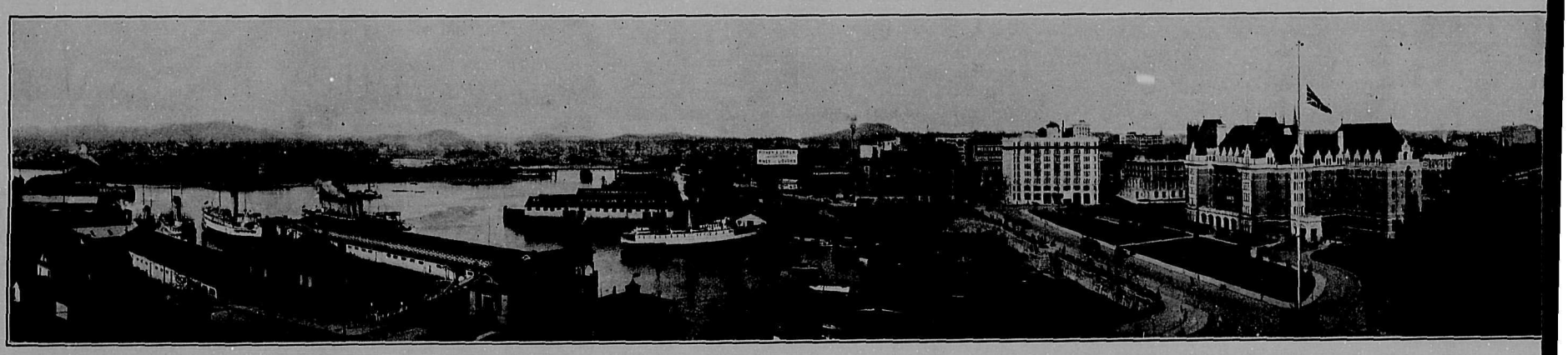
Dear Sir:—I noticed "Lounger's" article in the current week's issue, referring to the birds in Beacon Hill Park being in captivity. I sincerely endorse his ideas, and wish he would press his complaint to the utmost, and to the proper authorities. I was walking through the park on Sunday last and was attracted by the apparently cheerful song of the smaller birds. It brought to my mind a beautiful quotation, which may be applied to this case. I take the liberty of quoting you same: "Like the rose,that, when trampled upon, emits the sweeter perfume, so doth the heart, most disappointed and torn." Sincerely hoping something will be done for the luckless creatures, I remain, yours sincerely,

AN OBSERVER.

A nevangelist wa sexhirting his hearers to flee from the wrath to come. "I warn you," he thundered, "that there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth!"

At this moment an old woman in the gallery stood up. "Sir," she shouted, "I have no teeth."

"Madam," returned the evangelist severely, "they will be provided."



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MINING NEWS

A WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN THE MINING WORLD, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NEW DISCOVERIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Edited by W. Blakemore, M.I.M.E., Greenwell Medallist

IN the Nelson Daily News of the 24th inst. is the following interesting account of the platinum movement in the vicinity of Nelson:

Convinced by the result of two years of experiments, during which scores of assays have been obtained and other work carried on at an expense of between $4,000 and $5,000, that the time has arrived when the existence of platinum in commercial quantities near Nelson can be demonstrated, the local syndicate which has been paying for the investigations has decided that the time has arrived to build a small plant, which is now under way, with a capacity of about one ton per day, through which it is expected it will be possible to show anyone who may be interested in the future of the possibilities of the development of the platinum industry in this district.

A London metallurgist who has been working on the platinum problem in Nelson for some months, is supervising the erection of the plant, and M. R. McQuarrie, a member of the syndicate, yesterday. He revealed that about two years ago it became known that A. Gordon Lench had announced that he had discovered platinum in the dykes of the Granite-Poorman Mine, near Nelson. An investigation was later held by the Provincial mineralogist, who reported that well-known assayers, with one exception, had been unable to find the metal in the rock examined. In one case a trace was found. The local syndicate, which is composed of leading Nelson business and professional men, has been carrying on investigations with the idea of proving either that platinum does or does not exist, was at that time in possession of assays from chemists in this district and well-known assayers in the United States, which induced it to continue its work, in spite of the result of the Government tests, and secured further assays which gave values of from $9.40 to $120 per ton in platinum, silver and gold values.

Assays were secured from F. A. Anson, superintendent of the metallurgical department of the White Metal Company, New York; from J. Hand of Philadelphia, a platinum expert who was in charge of a plant for the treatment of platinum at Groton, N.Y., and from Dr. Island of Island Smelting & Reduction Co., Toronto, who claims to have been responsible for the discovery that results who bought matte from the Sudbury mines were securing a quantity of platinum which the mine owners are now getting paid for. Mr. Island is also stated to have had experience as a platinum expert for the wholesale New York jewellery trade. Dr. Island gave a return of $50 to the ton from rock when he examined. A few months ago the syndicate forwarded to Mr. Hand 40 lbs. of rock for a larger test and from this sample of platinum, silver and gold recovered totalled in value $120, it is said.

Mr. McQuarrie yesterday exhibited the buttons, made into a ring which he is wearing.

A London metallurgist who has been experimenting at Nelson is stated also to have secured buttons and handed them over to the syndicate which had them tested. The London chemist is employing the method used in Russia to secure the platinum values.

"We will have a small plant in operation shortly to demonstrate to the public that platinum exists in commercial quantities. We have spent a large sum of money on investigating the problem, having sent samples of rock to assayers in many parts of the world, and have never attempted to do anything. Our investigations have been carried on quietly and with the object of demonstrating that the platinum industry in the future is likely to prove of tremendous importance to the district," said Mr. McQuarrie. The head office of the syndicate is at McQuarrie & Robertson's office on Baker Street in this city.

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AT last, says the Kootenaian of the 26th inst., the Poplar Creek section is again coming to the front, after several years of comparative obscurity from lack of capital. According to reports, a syndicate with headquarters in Victoria and with British capital behind it, has invested here heavily at Poplar. It is now understood that four promising properties of the camp have been turned over for a sum said to be in the neighbourhood of $190,000, when all payments shall have been completed. The Topsey and Nugget, owned by Tony Hanson, four claims owned by A. G. Johnson, two claims owned by Charles Hansen and the famous Tenderfoot property owned by Ben Lawson and Eric Strand, are included in the deal. Several other options have been taken, and it is expected that these will also be taken up before the spring is far advanced.

George Pappas recently came down from the Gray Horse to Kaslo and brought some of the finest samples that have ever been taken out of that property. The ore is gray copper and galena, and Mr. Pappas stated that the assays run $210 in copper and $8; but having no road as yet built up to the property, he is unable to ship the ore out.

McDonald brothers, who have been working on their claims near Goldhill all winter, left for Lardo Friday, having driven a tunnel 150 feet long this winter.

Nothing yet has been heard if the Bushner people are going to open up their gold dredge at Goldhill this spring or not, but from the results that were obtained last fall it seems likely that things will again be set moving, but it is expected that they will build a larger dredge.

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GOOD marble has been opened up over a "floor" area of 90 by 50 ft. at the Canadian Marble Works property at Marblehead, in the Lardeau, and it is probable that the property will ship during this year, stated G. B. Wilson, manager of the property in a recent interview to the Nelson Daily News.

Preparations for the operation of the sawing and finishing plant at the quarries are being made. Fifteen men are employed. Orders are already in line for the product of the quarry, said Mr. Wilson.

During the past winter Mr. Wilson has been in charge of a $6,000,000 marble quarry proposition in Colorado, which employs between 800 and 900 men and which has just secured an order for $1,100,000 worth of marble for the Lincoln memorial at Washington, D.C.

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NEWS was recently brought to Grand Forks of an important strike made on Joe Gelinas' claims in Franklin camp, three miles from the Union group. The whole face of a tunnel being driven appears to be in rich silver-carrying ore, which has been pronounced by well-known prospectors as lessite or cerargyite, exposing native silver. Samples have been sent out to be essayed and the returns are now being awaited with much interest. The claims are close to the property which the B.C. Copper Company were developing under bond recently.

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THREE mines in the Slocan district shipped zinc ore to the United States during January and February, and it is expected that during the coming summer the output of zinc ore and concentrates from this district will be the largest in history. The Rambler-Cariboo, Van Roi and Standard are all expected to ship more heavily than in 1913, and the Hewitt Mine at Silverton, where the mineral separations process has been installed, is expected to be a heavy producer. In January the Rambler-Cariboo shipped 73 tons, in February 40 tons; the Van Roi shipped 286 tons in January and 198 tons in February; the Standard shipped 449 tons in January and 464 tons in February. The total for January was 808 tons and for February 702 tons, making a total for the two months of 1,510 tons.

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REPRESENTING a Victoria syndicate, Mr. Wilson, a mining engineer who has had many years of experience at the Rio Tinto Mines in Spain, has commenced operations at the Topsy Mine in the Lardeau district.

This property, which is reported to be a very promising one, was, it is said, acquired many years ago by the Whitaker Wright interests during the time that that well-known English capitalist was operating in the Rossland camp.

IN order to make arrangements for resuming operations at the Pingree Mine, west of Nelson, R. W. M. Hunter, a Victoria mining engineer, reached Nelson last week and left for the mine next morning to make an inspection and expects work to commence in about one week.

That the property is in a most encouraging condition, the face of the tunnel, which is in over 200 feet, being heavily mineralised, is Mr. Hunter's opinion. He represents a Victoria syndicate.

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WITH the quarterly dividend of the Consolidated Mining & Smelter Company of Canada, which is payable on April 1, the total distributed by mines and smelters of Kootenay and Boundary during the first three months of this year will pass the half-million dollar mark, the total reached being $551,000.

Of this sum the Granby Company has paid $225,000; the Standard Silver-Lead Mine, $150,000; the Consolidated Company, $116,000; and the Hedley Gold Mines, $60,000.

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FOR the week ending March 21 the Granby smelter treated 22,920 tons of the company's ore and 301 tons from other mines, a total of 23,221 tons, and shipped 458,000 lbs. of blister copper.

ENGLISH MANUFACTURERS AND TRADE WITH CANADA

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., on a Question of Great Gravity

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tions for supplying goods in the surrounding cities, and as far east as Winnipeg.

"As the building industry throughout Canada has been very active for the last seven years, a large amount of material is required which could just as well be supplied from England as from any other point. There is also a large demand for general supplies for machine shops, mills, and the printing industry. A very large quantity of terra-cotta is used every year throughout Canada for facing buildings, nearly all of which comes from America; but it could be supplied just as well by well-known firms in England, provided they have representatives on this continent to look into questions of price and any changes which so often take place during the construction of a building. These are both questions which must be handled locally. It is useless endeavouring to use the English mails for deciding details as they arise. Reinforcing steel, rails, flat bar steel and other steel mill products are in great demand throughout Canada, and there are famous English firms which could do a great business here if effectively represented—with adaptibility to local needs. Joinery contractors also could secure good business, not only on 'stock' joinery for use in prairie housebuilding and smaller jobbing housebuilding, but also for the general woodwork and panelling for use in the larger buildings and in municipal work. A firm at Cheltenham have recently sent a representative to this country who has secured orders in nearly all the cities on the continent. Locks, general hardware, window fittings, finger plates, letter-boxes, and articles of a similar description coming under the head of lock manufactures, should be represented by great firms in Birmingham, London and elsewhere.

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"Paints and white lead, and floor and wall tiles, and ceramic ware as supplied by great English companies would find a ready sale on this continent, provided a satisfactory stock was kept in Canada. Surveying instruments, navigating instruments and general architects and engineers' drawing office supplies and fittings should be placed upon the Canadian market; and the principal firms should be represented in pumps for irrigation, building, and power-house purposes; and several of the largest firms supplying general mechanical tools, lathes, pulley shafting, should do direct business here through their own representatives, as at the present moment practically all of the tools are purchased from the United States. There are a great many very large tool manufacturers in and around Birmingham, manufacturing tools of all descriptions for engineering, building and allied trades, which have a market here worthy of every effort to cultivate; also fire hose and general fire-fighting equipment, both for municipalities and as a permanent installation in the large buildings, should be represented by well-known London firms.

"In fact, Canada offers a market for almost anything that is manufactured in England, and, although many of the English manufacturers have sent their representatives to look over the ground, very little has been done towards this end. It may be they consider the market is not worth troubling about, but it is to be noted that the Americans are devoting much attention to what some of them describe as being their best asset."

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

Combined specifications and form of tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa. Tenders must include the towing of the plant to and from the work.

The dredges and other plant which are intended to be employed on this work shall have been duly registered in Canada at the time of the filing of this tender with the Department, or shall have been built in Canada after the filing of the tender.

Contractors must be ready to begin work within thirty days after the date they have been notified of the acceptance of their tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for five per cent (5 p.c.) of the contract price, but no cheque to be for less than fifteen hundred dollars, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, March 24th, 1914.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—58251.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Malahat School

Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Malahat School," will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1914, for the erection and completion of a large one-room school at Malahat, in the Esquimalt Electoral District.

Plans, specifications, contract, and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 30th day of March, 1914, at the office of Geo. S. Gibson, Esq., Secretary to the School Board, Koenigs Station, Shawnigan Lake, B. C., or the Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C.

Intending tenderers can obtain one copy of plans and specifications by applying to the undersigned with a deposit of ten dollars ($10), which will be refunded on their return in good order.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equal to 10 per cent of tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. E. GRIFFITH,
Deputy Minister, and
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
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GEORGE AGER.
A. G. Sivell Agent.

January 29th, 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.

Applications for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub Agent of the District in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

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.

The least will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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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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MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE

Copper King, Eureka, Margaret, Copper King Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Sooke District.

Where located: East Sooke.

TAKE NOTICE that W. H. R. Collister and J. R. Collister, Free Miner's Certificates Nos. 78319B and 77830B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 14th day of March, A. D., 1914.

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Take notice that George Ager, of Victoria, occupation, manufacturer, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum covering the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the S.W. corner of S. T. L. 5035 P thence N. 80 chains, thence E. 80 chains, thence S. 80 chains, thence W. 80 chains to point of commencement.

GEORGE AGER.
A. G. Sivell, Agent.

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thing, if only to furnish Dr. Illsley with the opportunity of telling him authoritatively what it must have cost him many thousands of dollars to learn.

Missing the Mark

THE Victoria Times is very insistent in citicizing the land policy of the Government, and is never tired of charging it with having "alienated" six million acres to "speculators." With a protest against the use of the word "alienate," suppose the correctness of the statement be conceded for the sake of argument, to what conclusion does it lead? Those who support the policy of the Government believe that it leads to the attraction of a large amount of capital for investment in the Province, and to the interesting of a large number of companies and influential private individuals in the colonization of the Province, for unless they colonize the lands they cannot benefit from their investment. This would seem to be a business-like policy, and one which, if confined within reasonable limits, could be defended on every ground. Indeed, it has never been successfully attacked even by the Times, which has made no attempt to combat this line of argument. But the Liberal organ entirely misses the point of its own criticism when from the above facts it deduces the conclusion that the enormous importation of foodstuffs into British Columbia is the result of this so-called "alienation of land to speculators." Let the Times answer two questions; first, is it in a position to show, even colourably, that any considerable portion of the six million acres of land referred to would have been under cultivation and supplying our markets with food if it had not been sold by the Government to so-called "speculators"? Secondly, if the possession of land by pre-emptors and settlers is all that is necessary to ensure production, how is it that such an infinitesimal percentage of the land held by this class of colonizer is, so far as the public market is concerned, non-productive? Anyone who has studied the question knows, as Sir William Whyte, the esteemed vice-president of the C.P.R., pointed out a year or two ago, that the experience of the E. & N. Railway Company along its line of route is a sample of what may be found all over the Province. Not five per cent. of the land held by settlers and pre-emptors is cultivated, although some of it has been in their hands for more than thirty years. How is it today with the Saanich Peninsula? There is no lack of transportation of every kind; there is a ready market close to its doors at remunerative prrices, yet the production is less than a third of what it was thirty years ago. The Times is barking up the wrong tree. It will never stop the importation of butter, onions and other farm produce from Australia by attacking that branch of the Government policy which has had to do with land staking. The only remedy lies in the direction of encouraging land cultivation, for experience shows that the pre-emptor is just as much of a speculator as the colonization company which secures thousands of acres of land.

The Islands' Service

THE COLONIST has taken a very fair stand with certain correspondents who for several weeks past have been endeavouring to secure the insertion of letters in its columns dealing with the proposed establishment of a transportation service between Victoria and the Islands. If the letters which The Colonist has refused to insert are anything like those which have reached The Week, its course is to be doubly commended, for in ten years' experience nothing more vulgar or insulting has reached this office, but for obvious reasons they have found their way to the waste-paper basket. One may, however, be permitted to point out that we are supposed to live in a free country, and if any man sees fit to charter a boat and engage in legitimate trade, no one has a right either to hinder him or "to advise very drastic methods on the part of residents of the Islands towards any person or persons who attempt to establish a service independent of the Canadian Pacific." The people on the Islands are, of course, entitled to their opinions. They may not desire competition in transportation; they may favour monopoly, and, although it is rather late in the day, they have the privilege of airing their views in the columns of the press, but not through the medium of irresponsible scribblers whose only stock in trade is personal abuse.

William Blackmore.

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT the Social Service Commission and the retailers have had a friendly pow-wow to settle the Sunday closing question.

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That now the lion and the lamb have lain down together, peace should prevail.

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That in spite of the suggestion of "Hornet" to make a clean breast of it, members of the Social Service Commission did not inform the retailers that they had been party to a policy of discrimination.

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That, as a matter of fact, they did agree with the Attorney-General that the Empress Hotel and the C.P.R. stand should be exempt from prosecution.

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That, as a matter of fact, the Rev. Dr. Rochester, secretary of the L. D. A., did write the Attorney-General approving of the arrangement.

That it requires much more skill to burglarize a store than to escape from the city police cells.

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That our police are very good at catching a gaol-bird, but they cannot keep him in the cage.

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That now Van Dusen has shown the other prisoners how easy it is to get away, there will be no excuse for them to remain in durance vile.

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That the police cannot be expected to make the patrol waggon pay unless they "soak the drunks" for a dollar whenever possible.

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That all the same it is straining a point to make the poor unfortunate pay a dollar for driving one block when he is well able to walk.

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That "Hornet" is told the police will understand what is meant when they are urged to keep their eye on "No 3 Box."

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That there is one undesirable in town who is making life unendurable for a respectable, hard-working woman.

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That "Hornet" wonders whether the police could present her with a "walking ticket" if he furnished particulars of her whereabouts.

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That the Victoria bachelor who advertised in the Eastbourne paper for a domesticated wife should attend the cookery demonstrations at the Girls' Central School.

That if he did so he would find there are some domesticated girls in Victoria who can cook and sew.

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That the demonstration on Monday last was highly creditable to all concerned, and proved that the School Trustees are not neglecting the practical side of education.

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That the Rugby "smoker" on Saturday night was a jovial affair, and the excellent musical programme deserved a larger attendance.

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That Dr. Hudson's original verses on football notabilities were rapturously encored.

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That Alderman McNeill's admirably concise and lucid statement before the Council on Monday night showed that his Worship made no mistake when he appointed him chairman of the Finance Committee.

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That the City Council has improved on "Lounger's" original definition and "public convenience" now becomes "public comfort."

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That both the "comfort" and the "convenience" would be greatly increased if these public institutions were looked after better.

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That Colonel's Hobday's attempt to have cricket clubs established at all the city schools is a move in the right direction.

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That it is the only way to make cricket a national game and to give Canada the benefit of the greatest of all games.

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That it is not often that a woman claims to be older than she is, but there is a girl in the city who looks fourteen and says she is eighteen.

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That this girl drives a motor car somewhat after the manner of Jehu, who, according to Scripture, "drove furiously."

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That The Week is inundated with applications from Victoria girls who are anxious to meet the ex-Eastbourne bachelor.

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That if he will furnish The Week with his address he will be assisted to an interview with at least a score who are domesticated, fond of work and not "flirty."

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That once more the rumour is afloat that David Spencer, Ltd., are about to build on the "burnt area."

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That this is "the second time of asking," and if any person knows any just cause or impediment why they should not do so, he is to declare it—but everybody must not speak at once.

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That there are several people who do not agree with the Toronto Star's list of the six greatest men in the world.

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That it is even betting that no two men would select the same six names.

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That the staff of The Week, in responding to the courteous invitation of The Times, has struggled with the problem.

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That "Lounger" selects the following in the order named: Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Cook, Dr. Friedmann, Lord Northcliffe, Count Zeppelin and Jack London.

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That "Hornet" favours Lord Kitchener, the Kaiser, President Wilson, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir Edward Grey and Sun Yat Sen.

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That the Society Editor submits: Sir Ernest Shackleton, Sir Johnstone Forbes Robertson, General Baden-Powell, Sir Edward Grey, Sir Oliver Lodge and Lord Charles Beresford.

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That other members of the staff have asked that the case be enlarged for a week.

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That the sentiments expressed by Edgar Fawcett in his tribute to Assistant-Postmaster Cairns will be re-echoed by every Victorian.

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That the name of D. A. Chesney did not figure among the firms tendering for rivetted steel pipe.

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That there are still some Victorians who think that his original tender was a "bluff."

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That the Unionists showed excellent discretion in allowing Mr. Asquth to be returned for Fife by acclamation.

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That it will require superhuman ingenuity on the part of the Government to make any political capital out of the situation.

That the Victiria Times is not by any means too modest in its suggestion that Sir George Alexander, Sir Herbert Tree, Sir Charles Wyndham, Sir John Hare, Arthur Bourchier, and Cyril Maude should visit Canada.

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That the two latter are possibilities, but not one of the others could be induced to cross the Atlantic.

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That the Times is altogether wrong when it says that Sir Johnstone Forbes Robertson will play in Victoria shortly. He has returned home and will not be in Canada again until next year.

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That the Toronto World has "another guess coming" when it suggests Mr. E. R. Wood for the post of High Commissioner.

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That while Mr. Wood is a brilliant financier he is also a modest man, and would be the first to deprecate the nomination.

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That it will be a terrible disappointment to the suffragettes to learn that that brilliant novelist, Bertha M. Clay, was a mere man, and not a Hen—pshaw! but simply Thomas W. Henshaw.

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That we have heard many a time of "unconscious humourists," but an "unconscious murderer" is a new genus.

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That Madame Caillaux may have some difficulty in converting a jury of her countrymen to the new theory.

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That the Colonist editorial based on The Week's review of Miss Cicely Fox Smith's "City of Hope" is an excellent advertisement.

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That as the editor admits he has not read the book, The Week is sending it round with the compliments of the reviewer.

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AT a meeting of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club held Tuesday last, the following report of the gala performance, held Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, was submitted and accepted.

The box office receipts for the club from the three performances were $1,004.

Expenses were as follows:

Operatic tabloids (costumes, orchestrations, music, scenery, etc.)	$ 41.70
Mrs. Troup's dance (costume and music)	44.75
Mrs. Hallward's services	20.00
Cabaret (music, orchestrations, costumes, etc.)	29.65
General expenses (printing, duty, rent of halls, stage hands, and orchestra for dress rehearsal, make up, etc.)	183.00
	$319.10
Balance in profit	$684.90

The committee desires hereby to extend thanks to all those who so kindly assisted in making the performances so great a success.

LILLIAN SMITH,
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