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The Minister of Militia

THE WEEK prints elsewhere in this issue an appreciation of Major-General the Honourable Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, from the pen of one of the foremost men in the Province. It is timely and illuminating, and renders it unnecessary for The Week to say all that it intended to say of the distinguished visitor. It is, however, due to a man who has been much maligned to point out that the address which he delivered before the Canadian Club was one of the finest to which it has ever listened. It was the deliverance of a patriot and a soldier. There was an entire absence of exaggeration and of that efflorescence which sometimes characterizes the public utterances of the Minister. It was an address conceived and delivered in a calm, judicial and impressive manner. It was the most lucid and comprehensive synopsis of the causes leading up to the War and the fullest and clearest statement of Canada's contribution to the War, which the Week has heard or read. It is to be hoped that the Canadian Club will see its way to publish the address in pamphlet form. The impression produced by the Minister was admirable. Everyone who met him realized that his whole heart was in the work of recruiting, training and transporting Canadian troops to take their place in the British Army, and everyone felt that if in carrying out his great work unprecedented in its responsibility and range, the Minister might make mistakes, they could never be the result of any lack of determination or enthusiasm. Since he left there have been hundreds of testimonies to the favourable impression which he produced, and to these The Week is glad to be able to add its own tribute.

JOHN BULL: "Sorry to inconvenience you, but if we don't get this fire out, your place will go next."

UNCLE SAM: That's all very w ell, but you're interfering with my trade."

Teachers' Salaries

IT IS never a pleasing duty to reduce salaries. Private employers and public bodies alike shrink from the task. It is especially distasteful when it affects a class charged with the performance of responsible and delicate duties, and it is in the last degree objectionable when by any possibility it could react on the welfare of children. This is the position with respect to the reduction of the salaries of the teachers in our public schools. The Week has always advocated a fuller recognition of the importance of the teaching profession and more adequate compensation, but this does not prevent it from realizing that the attitude of the teachers of Victoria in the present emergency is impossible to defend. In resisting a reduction, they have shown less intelligence than might have been expected, in that they have entirely missed the point at issue. They have assumed that in seeking a reduction, the Civic Retrenchment Association was acting in an arbitrary manner, and they have argued that the reduction could only be effected at the cost of efficiency. If this were a proposal to reduce teachers' salaries under ordinary conditions, or with any ulterior motive such as keeping them down, The Week would resist the proposal to the utmost, but what the teachers fail to recognize is that the Trustees are called upon to deal with an emergency—that retrenchment is a matter of absolute necessity, that it is not a case of whether or not they "will," but they "must." The money is not available to pay the recent standard rates, and unless the War comes to a close by the middle of the present year, not only the teachers, but all other civic and government employees will have to submit to a much larger reduction than 10%. The Week regrets that the combined intelligence of a large staff of teachers fail to grasp this cardinal fact. It also regrets that the teachers did not voluntarily concede such a moderate reduction,, and by so doing not only show their appreciation of the urgency of war conditions, but strengthen their hands and the hands of their supporters in any future demands which may be made for more adequate recognition. Perhaps, however, the weakest thing of which the Teachers' Institute was guilty was to make a virtue of the contributions of the teachers to the Patriotic Fund. The public had not regarded it in that light, and if the teachers regard this contribution in any other light than that of a privilege, they would do well to discontinue it, for while the Empire needs all the financial help that its subjects are so willingly offering, it can do without any gift which looms large in the eyes of the giver.

An Eloquent Speech

THE WEEK has always had a great admiration for Mr. Parker Williams, the Member for Newcastle, and as time goes on that admiration increases. With his political views and policy it has no sympathy, but for his courage, perseverance, intelligence, humor and rugged eloquence, it has the highest admiration. Mr. Wiliams shares with Mr. John Place, the Member for Nanaimo, the unique distinction of comprising the whole of the Opposition in the local House. He recognizes that as leader of the Opposition, they are certain constitutional responsibilities which rest upon him, and he does his best to discharge them. Having so little assistance, it is easy to understand how difficult he finds it to cover all the ground, and this, no doubt, accounts for occasional inaccuracy, not to say wildness of state-

ment, but when all is said and done, Mr. Williams makes a very effective leader, scores many good points, and never fails to both interest and amuse the House. He is the only humorist, of which it can boast, and some of his sallies at the expense of the leading members, Ministers for choice, cause a general laugh. His speech on the address on Tuesday was, in some respects, the best he has ever delivered. His Socialistic views did not prevent him from realizing the seriousness of the present Imperial crisis, or from subscribing a most fervent wish for the success of British arms. In this connection, Mr. Williams coined a phrase, which was characteristically picturesque, when he declared that "the armies of the Allies must march to freedom over the carcass of Prussian militarism." While little fault could be found with his speech, which in its closing passages was as eloquent as one of Lloyd-George, his fellow countryman, there is no doubt that from the general standpoint, it is open to criticism on the ground taken by the Premier, viz., that it was too pessimistic. Possibly, however, it assumed this tinge in sympathy with the prospects of the party to which the speaker belongs. As Mr. Williams has accepted nomination on several of the important Committees of the House, it is to be hoped that his duties as leader will leave him time to contribute that assistance and advice, for which his experience and great abilities qualify him.

A Well Deserved Rebuke

IT IS NOT to be wondered at that Victorians generally are ashamed of the action of the delegation of its citizens who had the impertinence to wait on the Minister of Militia during his recent visit to the City, and suggest the adoption of stringent measures in the matter of regulating the conduct of our soldiers, both in camp and in the City. A more miserable exhibition was never made, even by a self-constituted delegation, for the men who waited on Major-General Hughes represented no one but themselves. One would have thought that if they had any complaint to make, they would have known enough to go first to Lieutenant-Colonel Hall, and if necessary to Colonel Ogilvie, the D.O.C. The members of the delegation were apparently ignorant of the fact that this was the right course to pursue. They went to the Minister over the heads of the local officers, and made the most extraordinary requests that could have been framed. They asked that more stringent regulations should be adopted in the camps, that notices should be posted up calling attention to these regulations, and most startling of all, that Major-General Hughes, a Federal Member of Parliament and a Minister, should go to the Provincial Premier and demand legislation to close all public drinking places at six o'clock in the evening. Possibly, comment would be wasted on such a display of combined ignorance and impudence, and the Minister made the most seemly retort when he said that if he dared to do such a thing, the Premier would very properly tell him to mind his own business—advice which he obviously meant to tender to the delegation. Premier McBride once had occasion to remind a delegation, similarly composed, that they were sadly lacking in that Christian charity, of which their cloth was supposed to be the outward and visible sign. Major-General Hughes reminded the delegation in his own way that the first duty of a Christian was not to assume the role of the Pharisee or of the Levite who passed by on the other side, but of the good Samaritan who gave a helping hand to his fellow. It is almost too much to hope that the lesson will be learned. There is a "tainted wether in the flock," and unfortunately this is not the first time that respectable citizens have allowed themselves to be rushed into a movement which has placed them in a false position and which is calculated to prejudice them in the eyes of the community. Apart from the lack of charity manifested in their action, which they seem unable to appreciate, they might reflect how much their conduct discounts the value of any good work to which they put their hand, and incidentally how it gives the enemy "occasion to blaspheme." If the Churches and other religious and philanthropic institutions suffer as a result of the action of this precious delegation, the blame will lie at the door of those who were responsible for convening it. The least that the respectable members of the delegation can do is to apologize to the Minister, to the soldiers and to the local officers, for a gross insult.

The Dominion Trust

WHILE we are all waiting for the Government statement about the failure of the Dominion Trust and what steps are proposed to be taken to bring to the bar of justice the men who are responsible for the worst financial disaster of the Province, it may not be amiss to draw attention to a phase of the subject which has been dealt with extensively in the columns of the daily press, and which is being talked about very freely in financial circles. One of the most pointed references to this was in the latest issue of "Canadian Finance", which hits the nail on the head when it points out that the auditors are largely responsible for the fiasco. With this view, The Week entirely agrees, and as it is so well expressed in the original article, makes no apology to its readers for reprinting the same in extenso.

"Sharp criticism has been made of the company's auditors for not sooner bringing matters to light. Copies of correspondence show that they consistently brought the attention of the management to matters upon which they were not satisfied, but (judging from their own published defence) they would seem to have been at fault in not informing shareholders a year ago as to sertain admitted irregularities. Nor do they even seem to have taken steps to ensure their protests not being side-tracked from reaching the directors as a body. A stiff back-bone is as essential to the effective auditor as his accountancy qualifications. Also he must have a lively sense of the fact that he is the servant of the shareholders —not of the directors or general manager. The Dominion Trust fiasco is a costly reminder that directors should actually direct and that auditors must rigidly audit."

Taking a Liberty

IT IS NOT often that as great a man as Lord Rosebery deliberately alters the text of a standard English quotation. It would, however, be interesting to speculate on the causes which led him to tamper with one of the most classic quotations in the language. Speaking in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, last month in aid of recruiting, he finally rallied the Sons of Scotland to the standard in a magnificent peroration, concluding with Shakespeare's immortal lines. It must have been an amiable weakness, if nothing more, which led him so far to yield to the susceptibilities of his fellow countrymen as to substitute "Briton" for "England" in the last line. It would also be interesting to know whether the noble Lord or the overworked reporter of "Public Opinion," in which it appears is responsible for the spelling of "Briton."

"Come the four corners of the world in arms
And we shall shock them; naught shall make us rue
If Briton to herself do rest but true."

William Blakemore.

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT the effectiveness of the British victory in the North can be best guaged by the unveracity of the German reports.

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That again the German Cruiser squadron was only saved from anihilation by its capacity for running away.

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That if England decides to establish a complete blockade of the German Coast line Uncle Sam's trade will be interfered with more than ever.

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That as England is financing both Italy and Roumania there ought to be "something doing" when the psychological moment arrives.

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That the Colonist got Dr. Watson and Mr. Place badly mixed, but all the same Harry was the right man in the right place.

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That his defence of the Attorney-General was all the more effective because spontaneous.

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That while all he said about the A. G. is doubtless true, what the public is more anxious about is to hear what the A. G. has to say about the Dominion Trust.

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That the attitude of the Socialist Members for Newcastle and Nanaimo on the war is strikingly dissimilar.

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That if "Hornet" is correctly informed the ill-fated drink delegation to Major-General Hughes was engineered by the Voter's League.

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That it is a pity the Social Service League does not shake off its association with such Canaille.

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That the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees has shewn his usual sound judgment in dealing with teachers' salaries.

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That it was very kind of the City Council to make a virtue of a necessity and leave the Engineer in control of his Department.

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That it would be just a little unfair to boycott the Y. M. C. A. because its President made a bad break.

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That the reasonable solution of the difficulty would be for him to resign the office.

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That most men have to pay for their mistakes. Why not Presidents?

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That Ruth St. Denis is not the only public personage whose performance fails to convey any "ideas."

Many a woman's mind is merely something she uses to guess with.

At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

THE war of the "Jitneys" continues. It is becoming interesting. At first, they were looked on as intruders—a sort of a street mosquito fleet buzzing around the tram-cars and flitting around the corners, but without any stability or firmness. It begins, however, to look as if not the "Jitney" but the street car may prove to be transient. When I read the figures published in San Francisco on the takings of the "Jitneys" in six American cities, totalling more than $6,000,000 for the year, I sat up and rubbed my eyes. Then I made a tour of the "Jitney" drivers in Victoria, with the result that I learned that there are slightly over 100 cars in the business, and the usual takings average $5,000 a week. The drivers admit that they do not earn more than $3.00 a day, after paying for petrol, lubricant and tires, leaving nothing for depreciation, but they argue that their experience has proved it possible to make the thing pay with cars specially constructed and specially adapted for the business. Meanwhile, the B. C. E. R. looks on and sees its business taken away, its revenue depleted at the rate of $250,000 a year, its cars boycotted because of the unpopularity of its policy, its service shortened until hundreds of people are walking instead of submitting to the inconvenience of the new schedule, and all because of the stupid policy it adopted of raising fares when it should have lowered them, and resenting the public criticism, which it should have welcomed. If the "Jitney" has come to stay, if the motor bus becomes the popular vehicle of the future and if the profits of the B. C. E. R. are wiped out, the Company will only have itself to blame. I venture the prediction that it will neither reinstate itself in public favour nor rehabilitate its fortunes until it consults the convenience and the wishes of the community it is supposed to serve by reducing rates and running the cars to suit the public.

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I must confess to a great deal of sympathy with the two thousand recruits who are mobilized at the Willows. My sympathy runs in the direction of hoping that the Minister of Militia will be able to state definitely when the majority of these men will be allowed to leave for the front. After the First Contingent had gone, the daily press assured us that there was a "hurry-up" order for the Second Contingent, and that it would be got ready to leave in December, to be followed at short intervals by detachments of ten thousand, until a total of one hundred thousand had been reached. We are now approaching February, but with the exception of a few hundred recruits for the "Patricia," Canada's Second Contingent is still in camp. There may be difficulties in the way, of which the civilian knows not. Some of those difficulties may have arisen since the First Contingent left. It may even now be impossible to forecast the future movements of the men, but what I do venture to criticize is the repeated promise and repeated breaking of the promise. It would be far better to let the men know that they are wanted here, or that for strategic reasons they will have to take more training before they are moved. In any event, I hope, after Major-General Hughes has once more turned Eastward, there will be a cessation of paragraphs anticipating the departure of the Contingent "in a few days."

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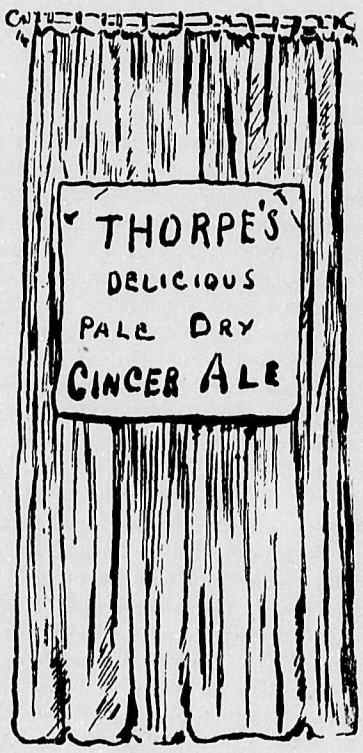
I have often wondered why the Orpheum Vaudeville Company had such a brief term at the Royal Victoria Theatre. I think I have solved the problem. It is because Pantages beat them out on quality. In ten years at the Coast, I have not seen a better vaudeville show than Pantages put up last week. I must at once admit that this week is not quite equal to it, but it would not b reasonable to say that the top-notch should always be maintained. Fred Duprez is undoubtedly the cleverest monologue artist I have heard for many years, and I am not a bit surprised to learn that he goes to London next season. I predict a great future for him there, and the balance of the show was of the same calibre. If the standard can be maintained, Pantages will always be assured of a full house. This week my old friend Harry Girard is holding forth with the same old Totem Pole, and even now it is not worn out. The diving girls are also an attraction, and the amateur mermaids distinctly entertaining. Altogether I can say without fear of contradiction that Pantages has made good, and that is no light praise coming from the

Lounger.

It's a pitch the war is having such a bad effect on the billposting trade. If old England goes to the wall, these are the men to stick up for her.



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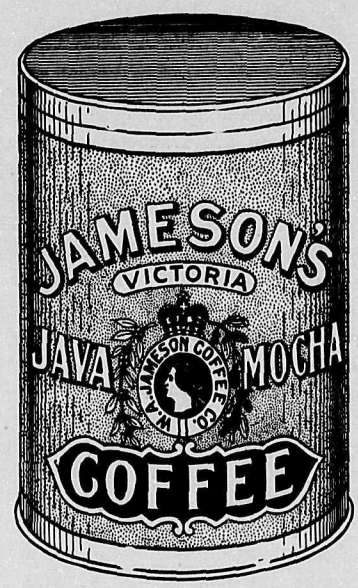

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HAMLET IN A FROCK COAT

Forbes-Robertson at Rehearsal—How He Works—Six Weeks Devoted To Preparing Revivals

HE potency of Shakespeare's plays has been tried and proven by many and strange tests, some accidental, some necessary and some the whim of the producer. Mme. Modjeska and Forbes-Robertson are responsible for the first open-air performance of a Shakespeare play. A rector in a small Welsh village, desiring to raise money for a new organ, persuaded these players to present "As You Like It" in the garden of the rectory, the success of the performance leading to many others of like nature.

But perhaps the most unusual and at the same time interesting performance I have ever seen of a Shakespeare play was that of Hamlet in a frock coat, which I witnessed in London last summer. Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, universally regarded as our greatest Hamlet, invited me to watch one of his rehearsals of this play. The opportunity of seeing this great actor actually at work on a drama in which he has become preeminently successful was to great to be missed. I was rather surprised to learn that he was devoting six weeks to the rehearsal of his repertoire, despite the fact that the eight plays to be given in America during his forthcoming farewell tour had been played by him and his English company all through his past season in the English provinces and at Drury Lane Theatre, where he had recently finished a most remarkable engagement. But it is typical of this famous actor and student that he should devote so much time and energy to his productions, even though he and his players had probably played each piece hundreds of times.

The auditorium of the theatre where Forbes-Robertson and his company were rehearsing was in complete darkness. The canvas-covered seats looked mysteriously ghost-like in the darkness which invaded the theatre. The stage was meagerly lighted by a single strip of border lights and a few foot-lights, producing an almost Gordon Craig lighting effect upon the scene. The setting in which the players were rehearsing was that of a modern boudoir, which was being used at the theatre at night for its regular production. Forbes-Robertson himself was not appearing at this theatre, the management having kindly placed the stage at his disposal for rehearsals. Under such conditions I watched one of the most unique performances it has ever been my good fortune to witness.

To see Hamlet in a frock coat was at first a trifle disconcerting, but soon it seemed almost natural. After all, as is the case of all other great plays, the secret of the perpetual success of "Hamlet" is due to the great humanity of the characters, which obtains today as it did hundreds of years ago. Hamlet is essentially a creature of all times, and, as one London critic put it, "we are Hamlets all," for each of us has a little of Hamlet's nature in us. So naturally does this great actor speak his lines, so realistic and at the same time idealistic is his interpretation of the character, that far from seeming incongruous, the frock coat, the top hat and the striped trousers which constitute the correct English morning dress seemed to fit in with the idea and action of the drama. Never before did Hamlet seem quite so much one of us—quite so much a living actual prince of everyday court life. There was in Forbes-Robertson's demeanour, in his carriage, the real dignity of kingly blood, a thing which has been one of the strong points of his portrayal. Never before did I fully realize the great genius of this modest, retiring actor as when, without aid of accessory or scene, he made Hamlet before me. How easy it was through his acting to conjure up the entire setting of the play. How simple it all seemed, stripped of its trappings and the false mysteries in which so many actors cloak the play.

At times the rehearsal was interrupted and these were some of the most interesting moments of the morning. To hear Forbes-Robertson in his gentle, modulated and kindly voice correct the faults of his players, to feel his spirit of genuineness, of nobility, of freedom from affectation and mannerism, to watch his great consideration for the feelings and intelligence of even the most insignificant "super," was to realize and to understand the true greatness of the man. What infinite patience he displayed! There were no stormy scenes, no hair-pulling, teeth-grinding, no manuscript thrown on the floor, followed by a hideous outburst of invectives. In fact, at times the seeming stupidity of some of even the best known players made me wish to give vent to my feelings. But not so with the actor. He is a student and an actor, but above all a gentleman!

And what brilliant side-lights he threw upon the various characters and scenes! How easily it seemed to be for him to explain—because he understood. The clouds of uncertainty were slowly and skilfully dispersed under his keen guidance. No lines or piece of business was considered unimportant. He made sure that the players knew not only what they were saying and doing, but that they understood what and why they were so speaking and acting. As Bernard Shaw had said, he is the one classical actor of his day for he intuitively feels and knows the import of every bit of his Shakespeare.

That Forbes-Robertson should have been the first actor in many decades to restore the final scene of Fortinbras after Hamlet's death is noteworthy, for it is quite typical of the student, of the actor and of the artist. He saw what Shakespeare meant by introducing Fortinbras, and thereby has been able to give the theatre one of the most impressive finales the modern stage has witnessed. Throughout the rehearsal it seemed to me that his version and arrangement and his production of the tragedy has been a labor of love. Not a single line which is necessary to the action and development of the drama, not a single gem of speech has been cut if he could find possible time for it in his swift-moving performance of "Hamlet" which lasts but three hours. Not only has he retained the ne speeches in his own part, but he has done likewise with all the other parts. His is not a puppet that holds the centre of the stage throughout, though as Forbes-Robertson has often said, "Hamlet does seem to do a lot of talking!"

After the rehearsal was finished, I spoke to the great actor of the impressions the rehearsal had given me. He seemed well pleased, but when I suggested how trying the stupidity of inferior actors must be, he quickly corrected me. He said he believed that the actors of today fully equal those of any other period, in fact better. The average, he contends, is far in advance of that of the days when he was a beginner—some forty years ago. This, he claims, is the reason why so few actors stand out. It is so much more difficult for a man to tower above his fellow-actors in this day when the ensemble is of so much higher standard.

I suggested to him a thought which had occurred to me—that of producing Shakespeare in modern garment and scene. He smiled, "I believe some onedid try that many years ago, but with small success. You see," he added, "iti s not necessary to adapt Shakespeare to modern conditions. He does not need to be brought up to date, because he is and always will be up andw ith the moderns pirit, whatever that spirit may be. Shakespeare touched the fundamental truths of humann life and being. When an author does that he is for all time. I think the principal thing we can do when staging Shakespeare is to be certain that the scenery does not obtrude. This is fatal. It is far better to err on the other side. I have tried tor each a happy medium in my productions."

I caught his smile, which in the Passerby, seemed to light up the whole stage mith its message of cheerfulness, its belief in the real innate goodness of life and fellow-creatures. And it is such a spirit which has made him one of the greatest lights the modern stage has known.

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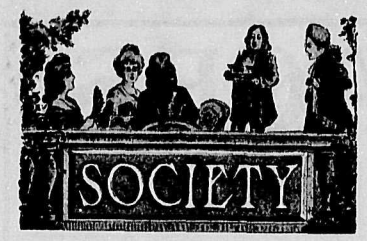

A WEDDING of interest to many Victorians took place on Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, the Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., officiating. The bride was Miss Mary Cicilie Kempe, third daughter of Sir John Arrow Kempe, K.C.B., late Auditor-General for the British Government, and of Lady Kempe, of Lyme Regis, England. The bridegroom, Mr. H. G. E. Pocock is well known in musical circles, having been organist at St. Mary's for some time. The bride, becomingly dressed in mole velour cloth, with black velvet hat, and carrying a bouquet of carnations and lilies, was given away by Mr. Tomes, in the presence of a large number of friends, Mr. Douglas Macey kindly presiding at the organ. Among the large congregation at the happy ceremony were, Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Tunnard, Mrs. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Toms, Mrs. Waterfall (Vancouver), Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. W. E. Scott, Mrs. and Miss Helmcken, Miss J. Crease, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. and Miss Thomson, and Mrs. Owen Jones. After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Pocock will return to take up their residence in Victoria.

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An engagement is announced between Lieutenant A. Ford-Touny, Royal Engineer (late 88th Victoria Fusiliers and Overseas Contingent) of Strathattom, South Croydon, Surrey, and Dorothy Beatrice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townend, Bank House Slough, Buckinghamshire.

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The first of a series of dances to be given by the Connaught Seamen's Institute Club took place last Tuesday evening. There were about seventy-five couples present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Among those present were, Mrs. H. B. Thomson, Mrs. Dennis Cox, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. W. Roper, Mrs. Troup, Miss Troup, the Misses Mesher, Mrs. P. de Noe Walker, Miss Bowron, Miss McTavish, Miss Pemberton, Miss B. Bodwell, Rev. Andrews, Mrs. Granville Cuppage and party, and many officers of the Canadian mounted Rifles, 30th Battalion and 5th Regiment. Through the efforts of those responsible for the idea, a welcome sum is forthcoming to augment the funds of the Royal Connaught Seamen's Institute, and it is expected that these dances, the next of which is to take place on Wednesday, February 3rd, will be very popular.

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The wedding took place at Esquimalt on Monday, the 18th inst., of Miss Helen Ross, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, of Tain, Rosshire, Scotland, to Lieutenant J. Fitzgerald O'Hara, of the Northeumberland Hussars, son of the late Colonel and Mrs. O'Hara, Galway, Ireland.

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The Capital Athletic Club will hold a "Valentine Dance" on Monday, February 15th, at the Alexandra Hall.

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The date of the annual meeting of the Imperial Order Daughters is arranged for February 14th, at the Temple Building.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Bell entertained at a smart little supper at their residence, Hampshire Road, during the week.

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Mrs. Lewin, St. Charles Gardens, was at home at the tea hour on Thursday.

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With the opening of Parliament a number of social functions are on the tapis for the session.

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A large number of Vancouver society people came over for the opening of Parliament, many of whom are registered at the Empress Hotel.

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Mrs. Dunsford entertained a number of her friends at the Victoria Club during the week at a bridge and tea. Those guests present were Mr. McCallum, Mr. Bukeley, Mr. W. Gore, Mrs. Joseph Hunter, Mr. Winslow, Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Love, Mr. Christie, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rismuller.

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Mrs. Goepel, Monterey Avenue, entertained at bridge and tea on Tuesday afternoon.

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Mrs. Albert Griffith was hostess at bridge and tea last Tuesday.

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Mrs. William Pigott left on Sunday for San Francisco, where she will spend a few months as the guest of friends.

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Mrs. Butler has returned from San Francisco, where she has spent several months, and is now a guest at the Alexandra Club.

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Mrs. David Doig received on Tuesday afternoon at her residence, "The Bank House", Richardson Street.

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Mrs. McCallum, Lampson St., entertained at bridge during the week.

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Captain Woolard, of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, is in Victoria recruiting another section of the C. A. M. C. for the third Overseas Contingent.

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The dance given by the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, at the Empress Hotel, last night, was a brilliant event. The affair was under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, Sir Richard and Lady McBride, Rear Admiral Story and officers of H. M. Navy, Lieutenant-Colonel Ogilvie and officers of the garrison.

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The Hon. Joseph Martin, K. C., registered at the Empress Hotel this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ketchen, of Oak Bay, have left for a short visit to Winnipeg.

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Miss Edna MacNaughton is visiting Mrs. Willett, of Beach Avenue, Vancouver.

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Miss Amy Laird, of Vancouver, has been the guest of Mrs. J. P. McLeod, James Bay, for a few days.

Mrs. John Hope came over from Vancouver on Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir.

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Mrs. C. R. Scharss (nee Grace Cotsworth), received at her home, 930 Metchosin Street, Oak Bay, for the first time since her marriage on Thursday and Friday of this week.

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Dr. A. P. Proctor, secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society and registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, spent a few days in Victoria during the week.

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After the opening of Parliament last Thursday afternoon, Lady McBride entertained as usual at her home, Gorge Road, many of the Members' wives and friends being present.

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Mrs. Bowser entertained a large number of friends at tea in the reception room of the Empress Hotel, after the opening of the House, last Thursday afternoon.

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The Victoria Volunteer Reserve will give a dance at the Connaught Hall on Tuesday, January 26th. The affair is under the patronage of Colonel the Honourable E. G. Prior, Hon. Colonel Captain W. H. Langley, O. C., and officers of the Battalion. Dancing will begin at nine, and the event should prove very popular.

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THE STAGE

ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE

A NORMAL attraction holding the boards next Thursday, January 28th, is the appearance of Miss Ruth St. Dennis, the well known Oriental dancer, and company. Her Hindu, Arabic and Japanee dances are the latest phase of symbolic dancing. While watching a troupe of Indians on Coney Island Beach she came to the conclusion that in only one land is the dance an elevated and ennobling art—in India.

She adopted the characteristic movements of these Hindus and created the modern dance. The most important of her modern dances she has named "The St. Dennis Mazurka," "The Scherzo Waltz" and "Dance Impromptu." Her initial appearance was at the Hudson Theatre, New York, from where she passed to the Continent and England, appearing before King Edward VII. This season the war has prevented her European engagements, so she has been booked for a road season in America.

FORBES-ROBERTSON AS HAMLET

Forbes-Robertson Makes His Farewell Appearance at the Royal Victoria Theatre the Three Days Commencing Monday, February 1st, in Repretoire

PANTAGES

There are three big headliners on the bill at Pantages next week. A splendid "single" act is presented by Balaban, who has just completed an engagement at Hammerstein's, and is now on a tour of Canada and the States. He is a wonderful singer and player, and is always greatly applauded.

Another big feature is Johannes Josefasson's great "Gilma" troupe in their amazing wrestling and other athletic marvels. This distinguished Icelander brings for the first time the methods in vogue among the people of Iceland and proves them to be more wonderful than jiu jitsu or any other system of athletics and fighting. He was one of the heros of the last Olympic games.

Howard Russel's playlet "Crooks" deals with the operations of a quartette of crooks in New York in a most realistic manner. The interest is worked up splendidly to a sensational climax. It contains a number of big situations, a pretty story of love and devotion, and a light comedy vein.

The Exposition Jubilee Quartette, four colored men of fine voice, is an entertaining attraction. Their singing of the old plantation melodies is beautiful and they give a touch of real ragtime.

Evans and Lister have a most pleasing foot juggling act, while the Three Guys make a favorable impression with their talking and singing act.

THE COLUMBIA

An attraction at the Columbia next week is Ray Lawrence, a clever female impersonator, who made a name for himself in New York. His turn is novel and entertaining, always pleasing. McMillana nd Chester present "The Blacksmith Boy," and Lawrence and Nolan ares ure to be a big hit in their great singing and dancing act, "The Pea-Nut Man," with four good vaudeville turns, and four reels of the best motion pictures, the Columbia gives one of the most satisfying entertainments in town.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Real Estate Exchange, Limited, as required by Sec. 72, Chapter 39, of the Companies Act, 1911, will be held on Thursday, January 28th, 1915, at the Board Room, Belmont House, 4th floor, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The business of the meeting will be the consideration of Accounts and Balance Sheet, the report of the Directors and Auditor, the election of Direction.

CHARLES J. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

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"SOTTO VOCE'

By the Hornet

THAT the motto of the Wolff Press Bureau is "Necessity is the Mother of Inventions."

✳

That in the opinion of one greatly disgusted officer a kiss is not always worth its face value.

✳

That women may have a lot to stand—but not in the street car if there are any tired working men about.

✳

That naval phraseology has been greatly stimulated by the war. One man was recently heard to remark that his wife was not only a "clipper"—but a "revenue cutter" as well.

✳

That according to a high Provincial authority it is easier to make a fool of a man than to make a man of a fool.

✳

That now is a good chance for Carnegie to present one of his superfluous libraries to Louvain.

✳

That Germany has discovered that " a place in the sun is a warm spot."

✳

That among the numerous tearooms of the City, the Dorothy is one of the most popular.

✳

That Messrs. Jones and Rant propose to cultivate the vacant lots in the City with the aid of the unemployed.

✳

That it ought to be easy for the Development League to secure the necessary agreements for the lots.

✳

That this would be a division of labour, in which the League would get the light end.

✳

That Lord Kitchener has prohibited the sending of horses into German territory because they carry tails.

THE PRINCESS

Record audiences have been attending the Princess Theatre this week to see A. E. W. Mason's comedy, "Green Stockings." Of course Miss Felton commands the largest share of attention from the audience, and so charmingly does she play the leading role that there were an unprecedented number of curtain calls for the Allen Players this week.

Miss Jean Graem and Miss Tryna Saindon look so pretty that they are a big attraction, to the male part of the audience especially, though the wardrobe of the company has furnished some very pretty gowns for this play.

Next week the play chosen is Ouida's romance of the desert, "Under Two Flags." Miss Felton appears as "Cigarette," the facinating vivandiere, pet of a French regiment in Algiers, and wildly in love with an outcast Englishman.

Everyone familiar with the plot will remember the many thrilling incidents which transpire. In a previous presentation of this play Miss Felton suffered an accident which near resulted disastrously. In the scene where she rushes in with the pardon that is to save her lover from the brink of Death, one of the rifles whose fire she braves was accidently lowered and shot a charge of gun powder into her face. Not until the day after did the public learn of the serious mishap which kept her in darkness for many anxious weeks. Upon another occasion the horse which she borrows from the Arab Cheiftain to run her race for life became panic stricken as it dashed up the run way to the flies and those on the stage stood helpless while she subdued the animal by sheer horsemanship.

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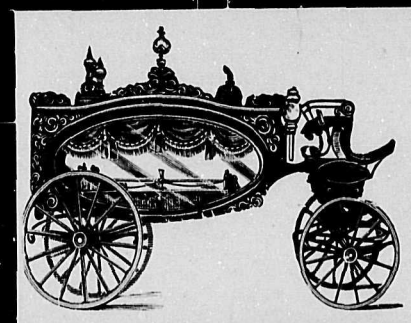

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Correspondence

THE NAVY LEAGUE

January 1st, 1915.

Dear Sir:

Since my last letter we have been passing through exceedingly strenuous times in this country, but on the whole you will, I know, be happy to hear that absolutely and relatively the British Navy is more powerful upon the seas now than at any time in our history. The destruction of the German fleet in the Falklands leaves but a few scattered cruisers belonging to the enemy on the world-wide waters outside the North Sea. British commerce is proceeding under normal conditions, and the ordinary everyday life of the community here is practically the same as before the war. You must not be in any sense disturbed by the reports which may haver eached you of the German raid upon the Yorkshire coast. This murderous attack has had no military significance, and does not in the smallest degree affect the ultimate result of the struggle. The raid has,h owever, done Germany incalculable harm in neutral countries, more especially in America, and has proved conclusively that every consideration of International Law will bet rampled upon by the enemy when it suits his purpose to do so.

You will probably have seen a cabled report of the note of protest presented by the United States Government to the British Government on the subject of the treatment of neutral commerce and British war ships. You need not, however, take this very seriously. Any representation made by the United States will be treated sympathetically by the Government and people of this country. It must be remembered that we are fighting an unscrupulous opponent who has nor egard whatever for the law of nations, and the British Navy, therefore, cannot be too strict in its watch upon the import of contraband, either through neutral ports, or if attempted directly to ports of the enemy. The American people understand perfectly that the sea has been kept open to the commerce of all countries during the past hundred years, and although this country had complete control of the sea, and its Navy was supreme everywhere, our power was never employed otherwise than to secure fullest liberty for every other community.

You may assure your Committee and the members of your branch of the Navy League that we can all face the New Year with full confidence and abounding hope in the capacity of the Navy to complete its great task. As examples of devoted service you will have read with much pleasure of the brilliant work done by Submarine B. 11 in the destruction of a Turkish battleship in the Dardanelles, and you will also have seen the splendid success which attended the combined naval and air raid on Cuxhaven a few days ago.

The feeling both at the Admiralty and War Office is very confident, and the latest news from Fleet and Army gives the fullest satisfaction that the process of throttling the enemy is proceeding with steady success. The Executive Committee of the Navy League most cordially wish your President, Committee and yourself, as well as all your members everything of the best in the coming year.

Yours very truly,

P. J. HANNON,

General Secretary.

Empress Hotel

Grill Room Will Be Opened Monday, January 11

12 noon to 12 midnight

Saturdays 12 noon to 11 p. m.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the renewal of licence for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as the Hudson's Bay Company, situate at 1130 Wharf Street, in the City of Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1914.

H. V. PRATT,
Manager.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that Gabriel P. Lambert, carrying on business at 1203 Douglas Street, under the firm name and style of Victoria Leather Goods Store, as leather goods merchant, has by Deed of Assignment dated the 28th day of December, A.D. 1914, assigned all his real and personal property, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execut'on. to me, Francis Howard Kidd, of 514 Central Building, Victoria, B. C., Chartered Accountant for the general benefit of creditors under the Creditors' Trust Deeds Act.

And further take notice that a meeting of creditors will be held in my said office on Saturday the 16th day of January, A.D. 1915, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the estate affairs.

All persons claiming to be entitled to rank on the estate must file their claims, properly verified, with me, on or before the 16th day of January, A.D. 1915, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets thereof, having regard to those claims only of which I shall then have notice, and I will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim I have not then received notice.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 31st day of December, A.D. 1914.

F. H. KIDD,
Assignee.

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NOTICE

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WALTER J. COLTMAN,
Secretary.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

In the Matter of the Creditors' Trust Deeds Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Deed dated the 13th January, 1915, Marks Lasman, carrying on business as Hatter at 1205 Douglas Street, Victoria, B. C., duly assigned unto Vincent Charles Martin, Accountant, of 1107 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C., all the real and personal estate, credits and effects, which they may be seized or sold or attached under execution of them for the benefit of his Creditors;

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a Meeting of the Creditors of the Assignors will be held at the office of Mr. C. B. S. Phelan, Solicitor to the Assignee, at 304 Sayward Building, Victoria, B. C., on Friday, the 29th day of January, 1915, at 4:30 p.m., for the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate. All Creditors are requested to file with the Assignee, on or before that date, particulars of their claims, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, and the security, if any, held by them.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on and after the 28th day of February, 1915, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Assignor among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and he will not be held responsible for the Assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim he shall not then have been notified.

VINCENT C. MARTIN,
Assignee.

Victoria, B. C., January 16, 1915.
P. O. Box 1202.

Outside the Vaudeville Theatre stood an old, old man, who looked at the placards of "Our Boys" and rubbed his eyes in amazement. "Well, well," he said at last, "it must be nearly forty years since I last came to London, and here's the same play still running. Don't they ever have anything fresh?"

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.

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

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

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W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time imited by the Rules of the House for the presentation of petitions for Private Bills expires on Monday, the first day of February, 1915.

Private bills must be presented to the House not later than Thursday, the eleventh day of February, 1915.

Reports of Committees on Private Bills will not be received by the House after Thursday, the eighteenth day of February, 1915.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1914.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

WATER NOTICE

Diversion and Use

TAKE NOTICE that the Vancouver Portland Cement Company, Limited, whose address is Room 28, Board of Trade Building, Victoria, B. C., will apply for a License to take and use 250,000 gallons of water per day out of Tarn Creek, which flows Southeasterly, and drains into Saanich Inlet, through Lot 146, Malahat District. The water will be diverted from the strea at a point about three hundred fee from its mouth on Lot 146, Malahat District, and will be used for stripping earth. This notice was posted on the ground on the 4th day of January, 1915. A copy of this notice, and an application pursuant thereto and to the Water Act, 1914, will be filed in he Office of the Water Recorder at Victoria. Objections to the application may be filed with the Water Recorder or the Comptroller of Water Rates, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the appearance of this in the local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 16, 1915.

THE VANCOUVER PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
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By R. P. Butchart, Agent.

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