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The Attorney-General's Defence

A CAREFUL perusal of the really brilliant address delivered in the local Legislature last week by the Attorney-Generel in defence of the Government, and more particularly of his own Department, as to their relations with the Dominion Trust Company, fully justifies the opinion expressed in the last issue of The Week. No fair-minded man, and the Attorney-General was appealing to fair-minded men, can deny that he covered every point raised by his critics and gave a satisfactory reply to their charges. It may be profitable, since the matter is one of the utmost importance, both to the Government and the Province, to recall those charges, premising that they emanated from the Liberal press and from would-be or discredited leaders of the Liberal party. The first was that the Attorney-General had been aware of the true condition of the Dominion Trust for a long time, probably two years; that he knew it was insolvent; that he knew the monies that had been invested in it were lost; that he knew it was conducting its business in contravention of the statutes, and that, knowing all this, he took no steps to bring the company to book or to stop the illegal proceedings. Replying to this, the Attorney-General showed that until the end of July last he had no reason to suspect the soundness of the concern. Up to that time it continued to transact business with all the apparent evidences of success; up to that time it was in good standing with the banks and the bonding companies, who should have been the first to find out if anything was wrong. He was further able to show that in spite of the fact that his own law partner, Mr. Reid, was a director of the company, that gentleman not only had failed to discover that things were not all right, but was actually a heavy loser in the concern, and had not taken such steps as a clever lawyer, who was also a director, might have done to "get from under" before the crash came. Mr. Bowser further pointed out that his confidence in the concern was greatly strengthened by the personnel of the directorate, nearly every man of which had made a notable success of his own business and had established something more than a local reputation for business ability and acumen. The next charge, serious enough, though in minor degree, was that the Attorney-General had, without protest, allowed certain legislation to be passed by the local House empowering the Dominion Trust Company to take deposits when he knew that such legislation was "ultra vires" and would be disallowed by the Federal Government. On this point the Attorney-General showed that this had not been done without a protest on his part, but that, having gone on record with the Private Bills Committee, he yielded to arguments which they presented, feeling that his expression of opinion was a sufficient protest and that, if his view were correct, disallowance would follow in a short time, and therefore the same end would be achieved in a more decisive manner than if it resulted merely from his own expression of opinion. Whether the Attorney-General should have waived his opinion in face of this argument may be a matter of question; he had to make a choice and to take the responsibility of his choice, but that the course he elected to follow involved any suspicion of bad faith on his part cannot for a moment be maintained. A third charge, very widely canvassed, was that the Attorney-General personally and the Provincial Government in general, were responsible for passing legislation which made it possible for the Dominion Trust to increase their depredations, for this is what the taking of deposits meant with this concern. No part of the Attorney-General's defence was more complete and convincing than his reply to this. He showed that in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick the Provincial Governments had passed precisely similar legislation conferring the same powers, but that not one of them had taken the added precaution of insisting on a bond for $250,000. Two blacks do not make a white, and the fact that three other Provinces took the same course does not necessarily vindicate the action of the British Columbia Government, but it does take all the sting out of the attack and renders it impossible to single it out for special condemnation. Whatever remains to be said on the broader aspects of this question, it should be a matter for gratification that the Attorney-General has cleared himself and his Government of any suspicion of wrong-doing, connivance at wrong-doing, or guilty knowledge. This is what really matters to the public life of the Province, and to its reputation at home and abroad. It may be possible even now to criticise the action of the Government and the work of one or more of its Departments in connection with the Dominion Trust, but that criticism can no longer embrace even a suggestion of "mala fides".

In Memoriam

THE DAILY PRESS has admirably voiced public sentiment in the matter of the character and life-work of the late Dr. Fagan. He was a valuable public servant, who discharged his duties with great intelligence and absolute fearlessness, but he will be best remembered by his splendid devotion to the cause of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society. But for Dr. Fagan there would have been no adequate realisation of the dangers of the "White Plague" and its ravages in this Province, neither would there have been any Tranquille Sanitarium. He rallied public interest and public support to the service of an invaluable Institution and he shortened his life by his superhuman efforts to enlarge its sphere of usefulness. There can be but one monument to the memory of one who devoted himself to this noble work, and in spite of the demands of the times and the impossibility of giving immediate effect to the suggestion, The Week urges that the passing of Dr. Fagan should be made the occasion for erecting a permanent monument to his memory in the shape of Government direction and support of all Anti-Tuberculosis Institutions in the Province. The work can never be adequately financed until this is done. It is a matter which has been urged for some years, and in the view of The Week conditions are rapidly developing which will make any other solution of the problem impossible. It would be a graceful and fitting act if the Government would endorse the proposal at the present time, even if in common with many other urgent matters its consumation would have to be postponed.

An Urgent Appeal

ON TUESDAY night Senator Bostock called attention to the fact that there are thousands of ex-Service men in Canada who are anxious to rejoin their regiments in the Old Country, but were unable to do so through lack of means. They are unwilling to join militia regiments for obvious reasons, and so while Kitchener was asking for more men they are unable to respond to the call. This is a matter to which The Week has repeatedly called attention. It is a subject which has been emphasized for Victorians by their own experience, and it certainly does seem inexplicable that the Militia Department should not before now have seen its way to furnish transportation to such men. But it is not the only thing in connection with the operations of the Militia Department which has been inexplicable. It is an open secret in Victoria that an eminent officer recently offered to raise two artillery companies in Victoria, but was refused permission by the authorities at Ottawa. The officer is here; he has had a distinguished career; he has the men who have demonstrated that their company is the best in Canada, and one of the best in the Empire. We are engaged in what is mainly an artillery war, yet they are not wanted! What is the true explanation?

The Jitneys

THE "JITNEYS" have come to stay. It is possible that they have been prejudiced, at any rate in Victoria, by the assumption that they are here mainly to compete with the B. C. E. R. The Week takes an entirely different view. It believes that they are here as the natural and logical development of the transportation systems of the times. Something more mobile and elastic than a rigid tramway service is required, and it is furnished by the "jitneys." Viewed in this light the other consideration becomes a negligible quantity, and although the B. C. E. R. may be responsible for bringing it here sooner than might have been the case if that company had not raised its fares and impaired its service just at the time when trade depression began to be felt, nevertheless it remains a fact that the "jitney" would have come

before long. It is popular and the unanimous verdict of the public is that it should not be unfairly handicapped. The Government is being urged to legislate for regulation. In the opinion of The Week this is quite unnecessary, and at any rate premature. The local police authorities can do all the regulating that is necessary at the present time, and if the City Council and Police Commissioners back them up in enforcing the law as it exists, there will be no trouble on the score of public safety. All that is needed beyond this is to insist on a trade license at nominal cost for the vehicle and a chaffeur's license for every driver. At present there are a number of incompetents who may at any time precipitate disaster, but the present laws enable the police to deal with anyone driving to the public danger. All the same the insistence on the chauffeur's certificate would fully meet the requirements of the case. Any suggestion of a high license fee, restricted routes or insurance would be extremely unpopular and should be "tabooed." This is a matter in which the public will quickly move in their own interests if it becomes necessary, and to anticipate this is unnecessary.

Pointing a Moral

FOR SOME years the respected President of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, who resides in Victoria, has been endeavouring to secure legislation which shall establish some protection for British Columbia and some guarantee of competency in the matter of engineers entrusted with important public works. So far he has failed to convince the Government that such a necessity exists, but the events of the last two weeks should render his task easy. The Week has no desire to particularise, but the proceedings in the Supreme Court with reference to the Sooke Water Works System, the disastrous mishap which destroyed the result of six months' work on the new piers, and the general character of the operations in Strathcona Park will surely render it impossible for anyone to urge that such legislation is unnecessary, unless the Province is to become the laughing-stock of the engineering profession.

Germans in Victoria

THE WEEK again calls attention to the fact, and in doing so voices a general public opinion that unless the authorities deal more stringently with disaffected Germans in our midst there will be trouble. These people are allowed at large, although some of them are notorious offenders in the matter of belittling the British Army, denouncing British policy and fervently hoping for the success of German arms. They make these statements openly to the great provocation of loyal citizens; their conduct is not only treasonable, but calculated to lead to breaches of the peace, and it is a distinct violation of the terms of the Government proclamation. Complaint of this conduct is wide-spread and must have reached the ears of the authorities, but no one seems disposed to act. There is a more sinister side to the subject to which The Week is reluctant to refer, but which will have to be uncovered unless a radical change takes place in the attitude of the authorities.

An Explanation Due

ABOUT a fortnight ago a Mr. Von Helmot lectured to the Women's Canadian Club, on the war. His "lecture" consisted of a recital of Hugh Grosvenor's brilliant article in the Ninteenth Century Magazine for September last—without acknowledgment. No wonder that the members thought it good. But who is responsible for Von Helmuth?

William Blakemore,

That after the experience of the last two weeks, whatever else Victoria "cribs" from "Uncle Sam" it will not be engineers.

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That some of the recent "farewell" ceremonies were a little previous.

✳

That the Colonist reporter who covered Wilfrid McDonald's entertainment at the Metropolitan Church Camp showed a fine aesthetic discrimination.

✳

That it is rather discouraging for a poet to have his qualifications classified in the following order: Sleight-of-hand; cartooning; poetry.

That in spite of this remarkable analysis, Wilfrid McDonald is a poet and has written exquisite verses.

✳

That the Industrial Commissioner's series of lectures on Angora goats are under the auspices of the Natural History Society.

✳

That the Monetary Times, the leading Financial paper of the Dominion, says "The Dominion Trust collapse has revealed revolting conditions." Who goes to jail?

✳

That the same high authority says "The Attorney-General ought to be the policeman."

"SOTTO VOCE"

By the Hornet

THAT the City Council was level-headed in refusing countenance to a public celebration of "The Hundred Years of Peace."

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That it is rather surprising that a men of the Rev. J. G. Inkster's intelligence should have written the letter he did.

✳

That there are a thousand reasons against any such celebration, the first and foremost being President Wilson's note.

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That the request sounded strange in view of the fact that the various ministers could not agree upon a truce, even for one day.

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That the attitude of the United States in the matter of neutral shipping is attracting increasing attention.

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That the States now enjoys the unique distinction of being the only great neutral power which has not protested against Germany's proclamation.

✳

That it is the same in the States as in Canada—the Government, instead of leading, lags behind public opinion.

✳

That there is one man in Victoria who thinks that The Week editorial on Coast Defence gave away valuable information to the enemy. His proper habitat is New Westminster.

✳

That thanks to the activities of Germans in our midst, the "enemy" is far better posted than our own people.

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That although originally interned for the term of the war, Rissmuller has been let out on a $20,000 bail.

✳

That as he was caught red-handed, this is rather rough on the other interned prisoners who do not possess $20,000.

✳

That A. J. Leary has presented the editor of The Colonist with o copy of Burke's Peerage.

✳

That the proceedings in the Supreme Court this week furnish the strongest argument yet adduced in favour of supporting "home products."

✳

That it is not true that the B. C. E. R. have offered to give a joy-ride to the visiting members of the 30th Battalion.

✳

That even the Ladies' Gallery has begun to applaud the Member for Newcastle.

✳

That if the Speaker were to carry out his threat to have the galleries cleared every time Mr. Williams is cheered, somebody would be kept busy.

✳

That the Members for Cowichan and Yale at least have the courage of their convictions and are sticking to their guns in the matter of financial aid to agriculture.

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Dated this 1st day of December, 1914.

H. V. PRATT,
Manager.

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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.

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Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

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At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

ON the street corner, the topic of the moment continues to be the "Jitney." As I have been warned off the subject, so far as any question of policy is concerned, I will confine myself this week to relating two incidents, not without interest and which surely point a moral, if they do not adorn a tale. The first occurred a fortnight ago, when Major-General the Honourable Sam Hughes was reviewing the troops at the Willows Camp. When the review was over a well-known public man hurried out of the grounds and looked for the speediest means of getting to town. People were already piling into the "Jitneys," but noticing a street car near the platform, he got in and sat down. Now, he had not chartered this car for his own exclusive use, and was therefore somewhat surprised to find that he continued to occupy it in solitary state. At the end of ten minutes, he courteously approached the conductor and asked him what he was waiting for. The reply was, "The crowd." This may have been a veracious statement, but meanwhile the "Crowd" continued to nurry to town in the "Jitneys." After another five minutes, not a single passenger having got in, my informant got out, but by this time all the "Jitneys" had disappeared with their loads of living freight, so he started to walk to town. Not a single Willows car overtook him until he reached the intersection of Cook and Fort, then the same old car which had been waiting for the "Crowd" came along with two passengers! I think it would be a pity to spoil this story with any comment.

I have another almost as good. On Wednesday afternoon, I went to the Forbes-Robertson matinee. There were more than a thousand people in the house, and, of course, the play finished just at the pyschological moment which would not synchronize with the activities (?) of the B. C. E. R. There was an Oak Bay car and a Willows car lined at the intersection of Fort and Blanshard. As it was raining heavily, they soon filled up and disappeared. There were about fifty people wanting a Foul Bay car. A number of "Jitneys" passed, but only two or three could find room for passengers. I waited with at least forty other tired and wet citizens until 5:30. Meanwhile, two Foul Bay cars, packed full, ran by without stopping. I then walked down to the corner of Douglas and Fort, and met a third car, also packed, which ran through without stopping. At 5:45 exactly I squeezed into a Foul Bay car. At the corner of Cook, we picked up the remnant of the theatre party, which had been waiting since 5 o'clock. All went well until we reached the Rockland Avenue switch on Cook Street, where we waited nine minutes for the ingoing car to pass us. I finally reached my destination at the corner of Cook and May at five minutes past six, or just one hour and five minutes from the time when I first saw a car. If this were a singular experience, it might have little force, but I am bound to think that both incidents indicate a lack of foresight which is deplorable, and which fully accounts for the evident determination of the people of Victoria to patronize the "Jitneys."

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The Victoria hockey team at last justified the confidence of their friends by winning out in a hard-fought battle on Tuesday night. At one stage of the game, they were practically out of the running, in consequence of the brilliant skating and stick-handling of the Portland team, and to some extent in consequence of their own bad shooting. Even then it is doubtful if they would have won but for the Portland men losing their heads and running amuck. Two goals were scored while the latter had only four men on the ice. All the same, it cannot be denied that the Victoria men wore them down, and in the overtime had matters all their own way. It was pretty much the same as a fourth round in a boxing match, and on that the decision undoubtedly went to the deserving team. Patrick and Genge starred; the latter played his best game of the season. Kerr shone with the puck, but was decidedly slow in tackling. The whole team showed ginger, but lacked combination, indeed, their attempts at combination compared unfavourably with the brilliant work of the Portland team. On the whole, the match was a good one, and justified the belief that Victoria may yet be in at the finish.

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I met an old friend today whom I have not seen for many moons. The first thing that struck me was his rubicund countenance wreathed in smiles. At a time when many people are gloomy, even if they are not downhearted ,this apparition acted on me like a charm. I felt that perhaps after all it might be possible to answer the perennial question—"Is life worth living?"—in the affirmative, at any rate, if I could learn the secret of my friend's transformation. The last time I saw him, he was plunged deep in the mysteries of "High finance." He had gigantic enterprises on his hands, including promotions and developments, and altogether bid fair to achieve a reputation as a captain of industry. I found, however, that this ambition had been laid aside—at any rate, for the nonce, and that my friend had carefully gathered together all the stray "simoleons," of which he could boast, and invested them in a five-hundred-acre farm on the Saanich Peninsula. He had surrounded it with a barbed-wire fence, commenced to plough under 100 acres for root and grain crops, was preparing to treat the permanent pasture for stock raising and had sent for car-loads of the highest grade cattle and sheep. The bug that has bitten him is evidently the "Back to the Land" bug, and I am telling the story, in order to let the world know that one of the shrewdest and most successful men in Western Canada is leading the way in what I hope will be a great agricultural development. Unless the quidnunes are all wrong, the one thing needed worse than anything else is the "bona fide" farmer.

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SLANG

(By J. Arthur Hill)

EVERYBODY knows exactly what slang is, but few would be able to give off-hand a definition in two or three words. To say, as one dictionary does, that it is "low talk," or "a language of the lower classes," is quite incorrect; for Society, with a big S., has its own characteristic slang. Neither is it a language of the illiterate, for Oxford and Cambridge have their slang, as rich and as unintelligible as that of the Mile End Road or the twopenny doss. The Army, Navy, Stock Exchange, even the theological colleges, could compile a fairly large dictionary of their several slang vocabularies. The fact is, slang is a sort of irregular verbal coinage which certain sections of society find useful or in some way interesting—in some cases interesting merely as a relief from the starched language of academic respectability, as when the Bishop of Oxford so horrified William Cory by saying "Let me have a squint at" the plans for a spire which the Bishop of Salisbury was contemplating.

In public school slang, according to T. S. Farmer's "Public School Word Book," which tabulates the slang of twenty schools, it appears that Winchester is the most prolific. It would be possible for two Winchester old boys to carry on a quite lengthy conversation which would be unintelligible to an outsider. Curiously, the same word means different things at different schools. At Winchester, "cud" means pretty; but at Christ's Hospital it means severe. "Shag" at Christ's means a share; at Westminster it means a green coat worn when playing games.

At Oxford, as most people know, the undergraduates have a curious custom of shortening words and tacking on "er" at the end. Breakfast is brekker, lecture is lekker, sitting-room is sitter, bedroom is bedder, Rugger and Soccer are Rugby and Association football. Jesus College, for some unknown reason is still further corrupted, becoming Jaggers; Holy Communion becomes hugger-comugger, and the Martyrs' Memorial, erected in memory of Ridley and Latimer, becomes the Marmers' Memugger. "Wekker" is a waistcoat, and the morning roll-call is the "roller." There is no accounting for all human eccentricities, and no doubt we do many things without quite knowing why; but in this Oxford slang, which by its limitation to one narrow form shows great lack of initiative and invention, it seems probable that the conscious or subconscious motive is merely the rather snobbish wish to be different from everybody else—to distinguish Oxonians from the inferior people who have not sojourned by the banks of Isis.

All language is metaphorical, and slang is sometimes expressive and pictorial to a high degree. The old admonishment to "keep your hair on" has a quaint allusiveness and charm, if we could dissociate it from our thoughts of the not very nice people who mostly used it. "Swelled head,' 'too, is very significant; and sometimes it is further improved, as when an imaginative journalist said, after the Russo-Japanese War, that the Japanese now had to put their hats on with a shoe-horn.

Money is naturally the subject of much slang, and is variously known as blunt, oof, rhino, chink (very expressive), the needful, the ready, etc. Comage has its slang terminology, a sixpence being a tanner—probably from the gipsy word "tano," little—a shilling a "bob", a sovereign a "quid" or "a thick 'en." This continues in the higher financial walks of life, for in the language of the Turf £25 is a "pony," and £500 is a "monkey."

A slang word which has lately over-run English-speaking countries is "swank"; and there has been much discussion about its derivation. The word itself is old, having been used for generations in Scotland, with the meaning of "supple, lissom," springy, apt for work. Burns uses it in this sense. But the current slang meaning is "to swagger, boast," and some etymologists derive it from the German "schwanken," to waver, sway from side to side, as a person with swaggering gait. This, however, is rather improbable, for "schwanken" has, for the most part, other connotations, rather in the direction of lightly hovering than of swaggering; as in Goethe's use of it in the opening lines of "Faust," where he addresses the thronging shapes of his imagination and memory: "The naht ench wieder, schwankende Gestalten,"—Again ye come, ye hovering forms. It is more likely that "swank" is a composite word, invented by compounding "swagger" with "rank," "jink," (high jinks), "pink" (of condition), or some such word: on the principle of Lewis Carroll's portmanteau words, snake and shark amalgating in "The Hunting of the Snark."

"Pink of condition" reminds one of boxing slang. Here is an account of a recent glove-fight.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors that a Poll will be taken at the Schoolhouse, Oak Bay Avenue, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1915, from 9 a. m. to 7 p.m., on a By-Law authorizing the Council to borrow the sum of $30,000 for the construction of drains for the carrying away of surface and other waters.

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2nd February, 1915.

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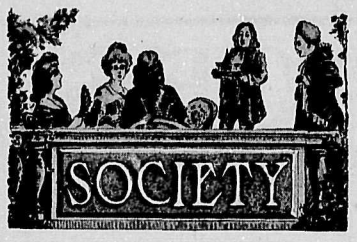

MANY people called at Government House last Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Barnard received for the first time since taking up residence at Government House.

✳

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson was the guest of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard at luncheon last Tuesday, and afterwards spent the afternoon on the golf links at Colwood.

✳

A delightful concert was given by the Ladies' Musical Club at the Alexandra Hall last Thursday night. A special French programme was rendered, including numbers chosen from the works of French composers. Artists assisting were: Mrs. Irene Long, pianiste; Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, soprano; Miss Violet Mesher, violinist; H. J. Davis, tenor; Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, soprano; Mme. Sanderson, Mr. Pocock, Mrs. Conyers Bridgewater and Lawrence Earle.

✳

The Women's Canadian Club held an interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Yogie Kudinkoff von Helmott gave an address on Russia.

✳

Great preparations are under way for the Red Cross Ball to be given under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., on February 12, in the Alexandra Ballroom, and in aid of the working fund of the chapter. The event has been accorded distinguished patronage, both civil and military.

✳

Arrangements are being made for a military gymkana to be held in the Horse Show Arena on Thursday, February 11th, at 8 p. m. Previous events of this kind have proved so popular, that a record attendance is expected, and the patronage of Sir Richard and Lady McBride, Lieut.-Colonel Gregory and officers of the National Reserve of Canada will add brilliancy to the event.

✳

On Monday evening Spencer's Company Volunteer Reserves paraded in front of the store, and, headed by Capt. Spencer, two pipers and a drummer of the Gordon Highlanders, marched to the home of Mr. D. Spencer, senr., Moss Street, where a delightful reception was given to the corps. Refreshments were served, and some songs very charmingly sung by Miss Charlotte Spencer added to the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening.

✳

Miss Sutherland, accompanied by Miss Hayward, arrived in the city during the week from Duncan, and registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

✳

The Victoria Choral Society gave a concert at the Willows Camp last Wednesday night. The chorus rendered several part songs under the direction of Mr. Douglas Macey in a very acceptable manner, and were assisted by Miss Eva Hart, Mrs. Gideon Hicks and R. B. Mackenzie, soloists.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard entertained at dinner last Wednesday night. Among the invited guests were: The Premier and Lady McBride, Attorney-General and Mrs. Bowser, Speaker and Mrs. Eberts, Bishop and Mrs. Roper, many Members and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Shallcross, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Muskett, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Miss Mara, and many others. The table decorations were superb, and the Empress Orchestra rendered charming musical selections during the evening. After dinner, dancing in the beautiful ballroom was greatly enjoyed by many of the guests.

✳

The annual meeting of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., will take place on Tuesday, February 18th. Last Saturday afternoon the 7th Troop were presented with badges by Mrs. W. J. Roper, regent, and afterwards marched to the Dominion Theatre, where they were the guests of the chapter.

✳

Miss N. Crompton gave a farewell tea to friends at the Empress Hotel yesterday afternoon, prior to her departure to England.

✳

Mrs. Simpson held a very successful fancy dress and poster ball at the Alexandra Hall last night. There was a good attendance of old club members and friends.

✳

The second of the series of dances held by the Connaught Seamen's Institute Benefit Club took place last Wednesday night, a most delightful evening being spent.

✳

Mrs. David Patullo, of Portland, is staying at the Empress.

✳

Mrs. R. H .Brown, of 16 Dallas Avenue, received many letters and visits of congratulation on the occasion of her eightieth birthday, last Monday, February 1st.

✳

Mrs. W. A. Irish, of 830 St. Charles Street, held her first reception, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, since her arrival in Victoria. Mrs. Irish received her guests wearing a Paris gown of pale pink with an overdress of rich lace and trimmings of rose-coloured velvet. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. R. J. Robertson poured tea during the first hour, and Mrs. W. B. Fairbanks and Mrs. Fowatt presided during the second hour. Among the large number of ladies present were: Mrs. Col. Coy, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. J. W. Spencer, the Misses Spencer, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. A. C. Whitelaw, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Murray A. Miller, Mrs. John Fleming Scott, Mrs. Gilbert D. Christy, Mrs. Warnicker, Mrs. Nation, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. E. Woolton, Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Mrs. W. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Hartman and many others.

✳

Mrs. Holden and her daughter, Mrs. Bury, received on Monday afternoon.

✳

Mrs.Harry Briggs, Hampshire Road, was "at home" on Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. John Hope came over from Vancouver to be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Andain.

✳

Mrs. Paul Borrodaile has returned from a visit with her sister at Greenwood.

✳

Miss Loewenholme, of Mill Bay, is the guest of Mrs. Alfred Lege, Amphion Street.

✳

Bishop Pinkham has arrived from Calgary, and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinkham, at Verrinder Avenue, for a few weeks.

✳

Mr. Falknier Harding left during the week for Chilliwack Valley. He will proceed to England to accept a commission at home.

✳

Mr. and Mrs. C. de B. Green, of Kuper Island, are spending a few months in Victoria.

✳

Mr. Galliher, Charles Street, entertained a few friends at tea on Tuesday afternoon.

✳

Mrs. Robert Marpole is in town from Vancouver, the guest of her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Carberry Gardens.

✳

Mr. Cowan and Mr. Penrose, of Kamloops, are spending some time in town and are registered at the Empress.

✳

Mr. R. Leake Gale, after a brief visit here, has returned to Bulkley Valley.

✳

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Andrew Haggard, Cowichan Lake, were in town during the week.

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THE STAGE

ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE

AFTER the very successful engagement of Forbes-Robertson, motion pictures are again a daily attraction with two changes weekly. Next week the famous Mutt and Jeff films will be shown, ensuring a series of hearty laughs from the most pessimistic person.

THE PRINCESS

Miss Verna Felton has been taking a well deserved rest this week, and, while she has been much missed, no one will grudge her a holiday after the hard work of the past few weeks. The play this week is the well-known comedy, "Broadway Jones," a feature of which is the work of Irving Kennedy in the title role. Mr. Kennedy is a real comedian, or, perhaps, one should say a humourist. The repertoire of the Allen Players, under the personal direction of Miss Felton, owes its success in no small measure to the discrimination shown in allotting the parts to the most suitable actors. Next week, Miss Felton will appear as the factory girl heroine in "The Third Degree," the theme of which presents an absorbingly interesting study of social life and police court methods in the City of New York.

THE COLUMBIA

A Cuban girl in Gardner, West and Sunshine's singing and talking novelty act is the attraction for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sunshine is the only Cuban girl before the public, and doubtless patrons of the Columbia will be interested in her appearance. Daley and Reno are billed as knockabout comedians, and have a very amusing act. Chappy Combs is another singing comedian who contributes to a very cheerful programme, which has in addition some very good pictures.

PANTAGES

An interesting number on next week's bill will be the appearance of the Great Golden Troupe, featuring Marvin Orloff and company of celebrated Russian dancers. Bertie Fowler is a comedienne who is always a popular entertainer. "The War of the Tongs" is a sketch presented by Walter Montague, assisted by Captain H. J. Lewis, San Francisco's famous Chinatown guide, and is a novelty of considerable interest, showing the weird Chinese Tong Wars. Dunlap and Virdin are billed as "Bits of Wit," Gordon Brothers present a singing and dancing act, and the Pantagescope shows the first run of a Keystone comedy.

SOCIAL NEWS

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Griesbach are registered at the Empress from Chemainus.

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Miss Lilian Holden returned during the week from a visit to Cowichan.

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Mr. H. Robinson, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress.

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H. Graham, of Lytton, is staying at the King Edward Hotel.

Mrs. Cheeke, accompanied by Miss Hook, arrived in the city during the week from Cobble Hill, and registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

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L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., and Mrs. Shatford have returned to the city for the session.

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His Honour Judge Howay is in the city from New Westminster.

*

Hon. F Carter Cotton, M. P. P., is in the city for the session.

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A large, appreciative and fashionable audience met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Beck, to hear the Toy Symphony, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, under the auspices of the Gonzales Chapter, I. O. D. E.

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An ice carnival will be held at the Arena on Staurday, February 16th. Special prizes will be given for both children and adults. The affair is under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., and proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the chapter.

NEW PATRIOTIC SONG

The Week is glad to receive first hand from the publishers a copy of a new patriotic song which is likely to become a great favourite. The words are by Jessie Middleton, who enjoys a considerable reputation in London as a song writer, and are set to a stirring march tune by Edith Euan-Smith.

Concert singers and music lovers will be glad to hear of a song in which both music and words are above the ordinary standard of merit, and "The Call" is not lacking in this respect, any music from the pen of Lady Euan-Smith being a sufficient guarantee, the songs of this well-known composer being favourites with such famous artistes as Clara Butt, Ada Crossley, Ben Davis, and many others. Her sacred music is sung regularly at the Church of the Jesuits, London, where it is accounted singularly beautiful on account of its glorious harmonies. Among famous men to whom her work is dedicated are the late Joseph Chamberlain, and General Diaz, late President of Mexico, both warm admirers of her art.

Two verses of this song (which must not be confused with Mr. Harrison's song of the same title) are given below, the writer having heard it played by Mr. Heaton at Spencer's.

"The Call"

Onward my comrades, the Slogan is sounding,
Thunders of war echo over the plain,
Now to the bugle our pulses are bounding,
England has called, she shall call not in vain.

Sons of our Country be true to your Mother,
Readily to serve her as ever before,
Strong in the love that we bear one another,
Comrades in Peace and united in War.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Government House was the scene of a large and fashionable gathering last Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Barnard received for the first time since taking up residence there.

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Mrs. Barnard, who was handsomely gowned in black, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Mrs. C. J. Prior and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir. A number of young society girls also helped at the tea hour. The beautiful rooms were brilliant with daffodils and spring flowers, making a charming background for the many lovely toilettes worn. Among over four hundred visitors were noticed: Lady McBride, Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. Young, Mrs. R. F. Green, and many other Members' wives and well-known society people.

No, the German's don't make good settlers. Ask the Russians, if you don't believe us.

Monte Carlo

IN this time of war, one naturally wonders out here in B. C. what is happening in all those well-known Continental resorts which for the last half century have been annually patronized by the English. Take, for instance, Switzerland and her winter sports, the Austrian Tyrol, Biaritz, and last but not least the Rivera.

What must the shade of Monsieur Blanc think today, if he haunts the beautiful terraces and flower gardens of the Casino? How still and unreal it all must be. And what about the dividends from the famous "Societe des Bains de Mer," the delightfully innocuous and homely title given to the greatest gambling concern in the world?

It seems so easy to shut one's eyes and go back five and twenty years, to the first delightful experience, youthful as it was, of the little principality of Monaco; Monte Carlo was quite different in those days; there were no tram cars running along the lower Corniche road, on express trains from Berlin crowded with German riff-raff, who make the gaming rooms a stiffling hell. The winter population was composed of good English and French families, a few ardent pidgeon shots and a sprinkling of Russians, who are probably the greatest gamblers in Europe.

The "Rooms" were well ventilated and one could always obtain a seat; they opened at 11 a. m. and closed at midnight. Upstairs was a private salon for men only, which opened for play at midnight and closed at 6 a.m.; there one could smoke and order refreshments.

Ciro's was a tiny little restaurant with plush sofas and sanded floors, on the Arcade, and was the favourite dining place of the Russian Grand Dukes. Among the well-known English diners were: the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lords Westbury, Lurgan and Savile. Lord and Lady Francis Hope, the beautiful Lady de Trafford, Cosmo Bonsor, Capt. George Howard, and others too numerous to mention.

To take an ordinary day's amusement—one rose at 9:30, threw open the big French windows and stepped out on to the balcony, there below lay the harbour full of English yachts, beyond, the beautiful blue Mediterranean glittering in the morning sunshine, to the right, the Condamine and the great rock (Charlie's Mount) with the Prince of Monaco's Palace perched on the top. Down in the gardens, full of orange and lemon trees and mimosa bushes, Italian mandoline players were singing "Finicula, Finicule." The "petit dejeuneo" and a cigarette followed by the matutinal tub brought out on the terrace on the sea side of the Casino, where one met one's friends and read The New York Herald Paris edition, the one topic of conversation being the extraordinary bad or good luck of the previous night's play.

A little gamble before lunch, and then adjournment with a "pastie carre" to the Cafe de Paris, across the road, to discuss "Homard Americaine," or some equally rich and indijestible dish.

A drive to Cape Martin, past the Empress Eugenie's beautiful home, stopping for tea at Rumpelmeyer's, at Mentone, and then back to dress for dinner, completed an enjoyable afternoon.

After dinner everyone foregathered in the Casino for a final gamble, unless it was an opera night. The "Rooms" in those days were certainly a brilliant sight, full of well-dressed people; not as nowadays, when one cannot get a seat at a table. At that time, the two great beauties were La Belle Otero and Liane de Pougy; an intense and bitter rivalry existed between them, each tried to outdo the other in dress and display of jewels. One night Otero entered the "Rooms" after dinner, wearing a gorgeous gown covered with blazing diamonds with long ropes of priceless pearls round her throat. Play almost ceased to watch her royal progress through the crowd of gamblers. Shortly afterwards Liane de Pougy arrived dressed with Puritan simplicity, not a single jewel, not even a ring on her fingers; like a beautiful Madonna she walked through the "Rooms" followed by her maid, who wore all her mistress' jewels and carried in her hands a wonderful casket full of precious stones. Liane certainly scored over her beautiful rival that night!

The roads were not spoilt for the pedestrian in those days before the advent of tram cars and motors, and one could walk to Nice along the lower Corniche Road, through Beaulieu and Ville Franche, or walk up to La Turbie and then through the Alpes Maritimes and down into Nice.

The former walk, past pretty little villas with walls covered with roses and climbing geraniums, with every now and then vistas of the sea through the trees and giant palms, will live for ever in one's memory.

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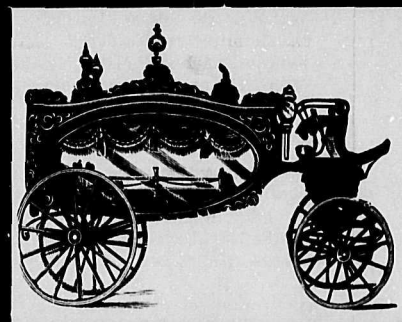

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Summary of Proceedings at Annual General Meeting

THE Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company was held at Sayward Building, Victoria, B. C., on 28th January, 1915, about 30 shareholders being present. Following the adoption of the minutes of the preceding annual meeting, and those of the extraordinary meeting held 19th June, 1914, the Accounts, together with the Directors' and Auditor's Report, were submitted. Profit and Loss Account for the year was read to the meeting.

After a few remarks by several shareholders and a statement by the Chairman in reply to a question, that the Directors, if re-elected, fully expected to be able to keep running expenses down to about $300 per month, a motion to adopt the Balance Sheet and Reports was carried.

The question of the Company's future was then taken up, the Directors recommending that the Company continue as at present. A proposal made by a Trust Company to manage the Company's affairs for a remuneration of $350 per month, plus certain additional expenses, and a proposal by another Company to liquidate the Company without expense, other than the cost of clerical work, were laid before the meeting. After discussion it was decided by resolution "that in the view of the shareholders the Company should continue as at present." Regarding the matter of liquidation, the general opinion was that such a course was inadvisable at this time.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors: Mr. Henry Newmarch, Mr. C. R. Townley, Dr. L. H. Loenholm, Mr. J. T. Redding, Mr. R. K. Houlgate and Mr. F. Cancellor.

Mr. H. D. Christie was re-elected Auditor.

The question of taking action to recover dividends improperly paid was referred to the shareholders by the Directors, and after several present had expressed their views it was agreed to leave the matter entirely to the Directors to deal with as they, in their judgment, thought best in the interests of the Company It was generally felt that innocent parties should not be made to suffer in any way.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently, Mr. Henry Newmarch was re-elected Chairman of the Board and Mr. A. McKeachie was re-elected Secretary.

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R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
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Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
G. J. DESBARATS,
Department of the Naval Service,
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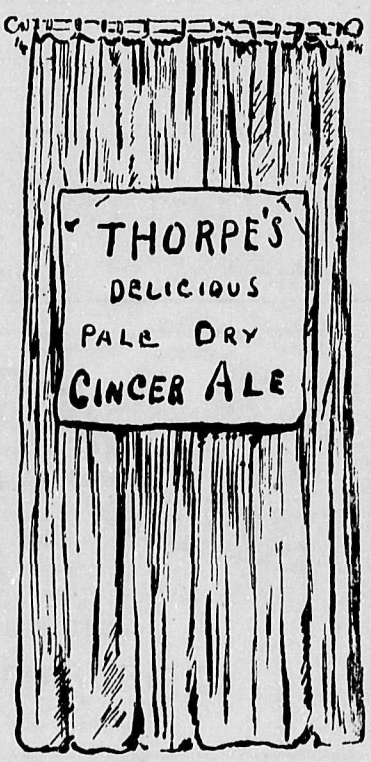

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Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1915.

Furher details can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. J. DESBARATS,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service,
Ottawa, January 8th, 1915.
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LAND REGISTRY ACT

IN THE MATTER OF an Application for a Fresh Certificate of Title to Lot 5, Block 1, Fernwood Estate, in the City of Victoria, B. C., Map 375.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of the Certificate of Title issued to Women's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia, on the 31st day of August, 1906, and Numbered 12843 C, which has been lost.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of January, 1915.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.
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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.
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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.
(Applicant.)
By R. P. Butchart, Agent.
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