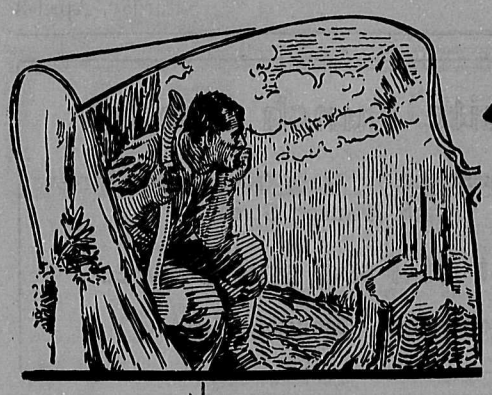

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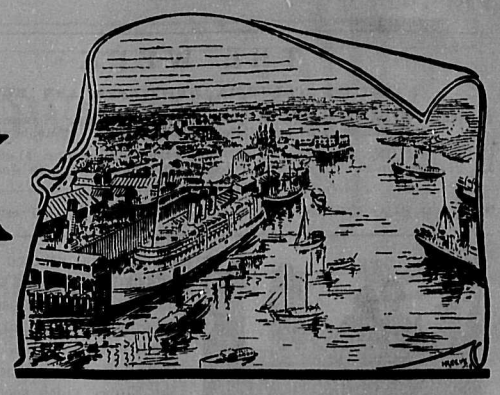

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Taxation of Church Property

THE British Columbia Synod of the Presbyterian Church passed a series of resolutions this week dealing with the subject of the taxation of Church property. The Week is of opinion that their representations should receive the most serious consideration of the Government. The preamble is one to which no exception can be taken, setting forth as it does that the Christian Church exists for the material and spiritual betterment of mankind, and its services in these particulars have been generally recognized as of the very highest value. That the entire revenue of the Church is absorbed in its maintenance, and everywhere throughout the Empire, except in British Columbia, it enjoys exemption from taxation on the buildings used for purposes of public worship, and their sites, and that only since 1911 has the exemption of sites from taxation been withdrawn. The effect of this is that Municipal Councils are able, whilst exempting the buildings to increase the levy on sites, and in the boom time such as the one through which we have recently passed where assessments have been increased in some instances four-fold it can readily be seen how hard the increased taxation bears on the Christian Churches. Mr. Clay's preamble declares that this system entails upon churches a burden so oppressive as to cripple their proper activities and limit their services, and asks the Government to revert to the position of 1911 when buildings and sites were exempt. There are many reasons why the appeal should be favorably considered. Perhaps the strongest is the increased worldliness of these times, and the growing difficulty of financing church work. It is no answer to this to say that if people want churches they will support them voluntarily. The bigger question is what would be the moral and economic loss to the community, if the work of the Christian Church were seriously crippled. It may well be that in the prosecution of that work the human instruments which the Churches employ make many mistakes, and lay themselves and their churches open at times to serious criticism, but the community is greater than the individual, and "the greatest good for the greatest number" must be the motto of all intelligent governments. It is not open to argument that any community would be infinitely poorer if the activities of the Christian Churches in its midst were curtailed. Their work is necessarily imperfect, because their treasures are "in earthen vessels." But everything in this world is imperfect, and imperfection does not justify rejection. There is going to be a great rebound from the excessive worldliness and frivolity of the last thirty years, and when the pendulum swings the other way, and it has begun, the need of the Church will be more widely, if not more deeply felt. In that day many will wonder that even a straw has been placed in its path of progress. When this terrible War is over the wounds of the whole civilized world will have to be healed, and its sorrows assuaged. The great channel through which relief will be sought will be the Christian Church, which in that day of comfort will rise to its noblest heights. Now is the time of preparation, in order that it may be able to meet its responsibilities. Among the many things which we have to mobilize to-day are the resources of Christianity, and one of the most effective methods of doing so is to remove every handicap.

Kitsilano Enquiry

MR. H. H. WATSON, M.P. for Vancouver, will not be required to resign his seat because of any venality of the Hon. W. J. Bowser in connection with the sale of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve. He offered to do so, if it was found that as much as a dollar had reached the pockets of Mr. Bowser, or any member of his firm. Although the investigation is still proceeding, this phase of the question has been set at rest by the evidence already adduced. In fact the cavalier way in which Mr. Bowser treated Mr. Hamilton Read, and the very frank admissions which Mr. Read has made of his own methods make it perfectly clear, that whoever may have got the $80,000, neither Mr. Bowser nor his firm got a cent of it. As to any irregularity connected with the transaction, the only one was the failure of the Auditor General to discover that the payment of the $300,000 had not been reported to the House and covered by a subsequent grant. The payment itself was in no sense illegal, but it should have been reported, and the Auditor-General assumes all the blame for his failure to do so. Mr. Allison has proved himself to be such a strict and uncompromising official that it would be ungenerous in a degree to subject him to harsh criticism for this oversight. Anyone who knows the revolution which has been effected in the checking of accounts and the supervising of expenditures since Mr. Allison assumed office, will acknowledge that he is a most efficient public servant, who makes few mistakes. On reflection, the Leader of the Opposition will assuredly withdraw the reflections he has made upon him.

Unbalanced Criticism

THE Victoria Times has a standard of its own in the matter of political criticism. It believes in extravagant statements and personal abuse. Sir Richard McBride always claimed that its methods helped to keep him in power because so many sane people resented them. Be that as it may, it has not profited by its experience, which explains the extraordinary attack it has been making this week on the Premier and the ex-Premier in connection with the Agency General in London. Even the mild-mannered Mr. Brewster overstepped the bounds of Parliamentary courtesy when he undertook to say that the new Agent General was no better than the old one, while the new Premier was much inferior. As he took this from his written notes, it is not unreasonable to assume that he was prompted by his faithful mentor, the ex-Member for Delta. But to return to The Times. We find in Tuesday's issue two editorials, one designating Sir Richard McBride as "our London Rajah," and the other characterizing his offices as "our London Palace." It says that in voting against the provision of $15,000 for Sir Richard McBride's salary the Opposition Members have the support of every tax-payer in the Province, "not entirely bereft of reason." It bolsters up this contention by pointing out that it is more than the salary of the High Commissioner, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Sir John Jellicoe, as if that had anything to do with the case. If the Times does not know that Sir Richard McBride is a poor man, even after serving this Province for thirteen years in its highest office, it lacks the usual powers of observation which go with newspaper training. He will depend on his salary, and if the Times knows anything about the cost of living in London and maintaining, even on economic lines, the most modest establishment which an Agent General must maintain if he is to do justice to his position, it knows that an income of $12,000 allows of few frills, and will leave no margin. That is exactly the amount Sir Richard will have when the present income tax of twenty per cent is deducted. Sixteen years ago the Legislature of B. C. did not consider that $10,000 was too much for Mr. Turner. He has not found it too much. It has all been spent in maintaining his official position, and on his retirement there are certain accumulated liabilities aggregating $5,000, which he has not been able to meet out of this salary. The cost of living has increased much more than the percentage indicated by the difference between $10,000 and $12,000 in the last sixteen years, and whether the emoluments of the office are measured by the ability of its incumbent, or the requirements of the Province, The Week believes that every tax payer in the Province "not entirely bereft of reason" will consider the salary is not too much, either for the position, or for its new incumbent.

Ship Building

SHIPBUILDING is the question of the moment in B. C. The Government placed it in the Address from the Throne, implementing the Premier's undertaking in his programme of December last. The Bill has been drafted and is ready for presentation to the House when other business has been cleared off the Orders of the Day. It is agreed on every hand that shipbuilding is the only means of giving relief to the lumber trade, and that a speedy development of the lumber trade is the only means of increasing the revenues and improving the financial position of the Province. The demand for shipping is universal. Freights are soaring, ships commissioned to-day will pay for their purchase within two years if present rates are maintained; and in view of Mr. McKenna's declaration that the War will last another year, there is little doubt that freights will be maintained. There is no question of a market for lumber, and even if, as alleged, our timber limits are being manipulated by American holders and our lumber mills shut down in the interest of American mills; and even if, as alleged, we cannot produce lumber within two dollars a thousand of the American mills, it still remains that for the next two or three years at any rate the delivered price of lumber will be so high as to cover all these disadvantages, if we can only get it into the market. To do this we must build the ships. Seattle is spending $11,000,000 on shipbuilding this year and next. Tacoma is preparing to spend $5,000,000. What is Victoria going to do? What is Vancouver going to do? What is the B. C. Government going to do? The argument that we want steel and not wooden ships must not be allowed to block the way. What we want more than anything is immediate relief from a situation in which money is becoming tighter every day, and the prospect of the Province being able to meet its necessary expenditures out of a constantly falling revenue diminishing. Steel ships will come, the activity at the ship yard of Yarrow's, Ltd., Esquimalt, is the surest evidence of this. The yard was never busier in its history. It is dealing not only with extensive repairs, but is building a steel vessel of the stern wheel type, sub-let by the parent firm on the Clyde, for delivery in India. The firm is prepared to go much further, and will be fully equipped for steel shipbuilding in the not distant future. But wooden ships can be built more rapidly and cheaper, and if they are not permanent they are equal to the immediate requirements of the lumber trade. For this reason The Week urges that the Shipping Bill be expedited, and that the hands of the Government be sustained by every public organization in carrying it through at the earliest possible moment.

No Sense of Humour

THE owner of the condemned dairy premises in Saanich may have many admirable characteristics, but in one he is woefully deficient—a sense of humor. As his name is James McCann, this is not to be wondered at; at any rate if Max O'Rell understood the character of the "Sandy" about whom he wrote so entertainingly, and who can still read "The Thistle." Mr. McCann owns certain premises which he rented to Hindus for dairy purposes. Presumably he collected his rent, and on the face of it it looks as if he considered that at that stage his whole responsibility to the community ended, and he had constituted himself a good citizen. His anxiety to collect his rent was far greater than his anxiety to see that his premises were used in a manner befitting a dairy, and not so as to become at once a public nuisance and a public danger. It is idle for Mr. McCann to contend that all this fell to the lot of the Saanich Municipal Council or their officials. If Mr. McCann belongs to the class which believes that landlordism has no responsibilities but to collect the rents, he is at least fifty years behind the times, and is apparently unaware that poisonous unsanitary dairies are not the only things for which a landlord must share responsibility with his tenant. When the buildings in question were thoroughly inspected, after serious complaints by residents, the conditions were found to be "indescribable." Fire was the only element which could effect a cleansing, so officialdom applied the fire, and the buildings went up in smoke. Now Mr. McCann is irate, he has a grievance, he demands satisfaction, he claims compensation, and the Saanich Council, to use an expressive Westernism, has told him "to go to it." If they had been insistent on the punishment fitting the crime, they would probably have varied the sentence—very slightly.

The Public View Point

THE conduct of the Inspector of Legal Offices in connection with the purchase of the Court House site has been discussed in the editorial columns of the two local dailies. They agree up to a certain point, and then, naturally, their opinions diverge. The Colonist says: "It is a salutary rule that public officials ought not to make any profit out of public transactions." The Times says: "No public servant is entitled to share the profit from a transaction in which the Government for whom he is acting is one of the principals." The Times goes on to say that to violate the above principle is "an indictable offence." The Colonist stops short at charging the Inspector with exercising bad judgment and with laying himself open to criticism. The public view point is that it is not the Inspector, but the Government that is on its trial. The former has undoubtedly blundered, and most people will regret this all the more because he is a man of unblemished record, and one who has been highly respected by all who knew him. Few will doubt that he speaks the truth when he says that he saw no wrong in what he did, but the unfortunate thing is that even now he sees no wrong, and has not made restitution. By his blunder the Inspector has shown, not dishonesty, but venality. Under all the circumstances the personal equation looms very small, indeed it recedes into the background before the really important question, "How does the Government regard the transaction?" Is it prepared to accept the standard set by the Inspector of legal offices as governing the conduct of public servants in public affairs? That is really the only thing in which the public is interested, and for the Government it is an "acid test."

Probably a German

IN Thursday's issue of the Colonist was a brief letter couched in the most courteous and succinct language, signed by a Japanese who wished to ascertain whether the people of Victoria approve of the conduct of a barber who refused to shave him because of his nationality. This is not the time to raise an animated discussion on any phase of the Oriental question. It is rather a a time for calling on the military and police authorities to do their duty in protecting our Allies from the boorishness of people who fail to realize that they are spending their blood and treasure with ours in a common cause. There is even a stronger reason why the people of Victoria should insist on the due observance of every courtesy towards our Oriental Allies, because ever since the War broke out they have been responsible for the defence of the Pacific, and Victoria has been the repeated subject of their friendly attentions. After the War the Oriental question will assume an entirely different aspect, and the man who does not already realize this must either be obsessed with the consuming egotism of the Hun, or inoculated with the anti-Oriental virus which has been so freely distributed South of the Line. Either of these men is a menace to the peace and safety of Victoria, and his presence here is an insult to an Ally who, whatever the colour of his skin, has at least proved that he is not "too proud to fight."

Compensation

ON Monday night the Prohibitionists held their big public meeting in the Victoria Theatre. The meeting was addressed by two of their ablest speakers, Professor Odlum and Rev. W. J. Hindley. The former delivered an argumentative, and the latter a rhetorical address. Mr. Hindley is well known throughout the West as an eloquent, forcible speaker, and it might reasonably have been expected that he would have addressed himself to a discussion of the one feature of the Prohibition Bill which is exciting the strongest opposition and arousing the most interest. Neither he nor Professor Odlum had anything to say about "Compensation," except to denounce it. It was not treated as worthy of consideration, in fact both speakers regarded it as a negligible quantity. This is not doing justice either to themselves, to their cause, or to its opponents. They may conscientiously believe that no compensation should be given. If so they should be prepared to assign adequate reasons. In such a matter, on which many thousands of business people think differently, dogmatic statements cannot avail. The Theatre was decorated with coloured posters, on which the name of Mr. Lloyd George figured in large type. It was made to appear that the great little Minister was the supporter of the Prohibitionist cause, but no speaker had the fairness to point out that at the beginning of the War Mr. Lloyd George announced that full compensation would be given by the Government to any licensed house which was closed. However strong the case of the Prohibitionists may be on other points, it must be regarded as lamentably weak when it evades the main issue on which the campaign is now being conducted.

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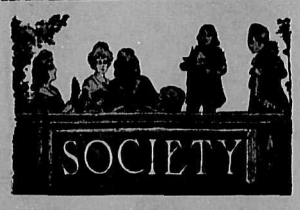

The marriage of Grace Ellesmere, daughter of the late Arthur B. Wigley, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Herbert Ladd Drummond, of Seattle, Wash., was quietly celebrated at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Todd, Fairfield Road, on April 3, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick performing the rite. Miss Mary Murdoch, of Ellensburg, Wash., acted as bridesmaid, and the two small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gillespie acted as flower girls. Mrs. J. H. Todd, the bride's aunt, gave her away.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Street, daughter of the late Mr. Street, and Mrs. Street, of Oak Bay, to Mr. Hamilton Earle, of Vancouver. The marriage will take place shortly.

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The dinner dance at the Empress on Wednesday night was enjoyed by a large number of people, excellent dance music being provided. Among those present were, Colonel Duff Stuart, D.O.C.; Lieutenant-Colonel Heniker and Mrs. Heniker, Captain Spurgin, Miss Spurgin, Captain Lawder, Mrs. Watt, Captain and Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Hankey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Asser, Mrs. Cuppage, Lieutenants Ashcroft, McLachlan, Edwardes, Captain Dunsford, Miss Troup, Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, Mr. Montague Burge, Mrs. Rochfort, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Anthony Williams, Mr. Perry Finch, and many others.

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A meeting of the Island Arts Club was held last Thursday. Mrs. Hasell read an interesting paper on "Art and the War."

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Many people are interested to hear that Major Walter Bapty is progressing favorably in a hospital at Boulogne.

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By Courtesy of Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, O. C., the band of the 88th Battalion will give a concert on Sunday evening at Pantages Theatre in aid of the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Assisting soloists will include Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Mr. Olivier. The members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment will be present in uniform to take the collection.

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The members of the Red and Blue Cross Guild have been very active in selling violets and other Spring flowers, and have already realized well over $100, which money goes to the Red Cross and Blue Cross Societies, and also to help the returned wounded soldiers. Those willing to assist are asked to telephone 5249L. All flowers should be left at the Empress Hotel on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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Mrs. Henniker will receive on the first and second Fridays of the month at 112 Cambridge Street, Fairfield.

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The Dog Show this week proved most successful, and attracted a large number of visitors from points on the Island, and also from Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma.

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Mr. Tom Gore and his little daughter are up from Mexico, and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. William Gore.

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Mrs. B. Heisterman gave a Musicale last week in honor of Mr. Tom Gore, who is an accomplished operatic singer.

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Mrs. William Bell, Hampshire Road, entertained at tea on Friday for Mrs. H. B. Jackson, who is leaving shortly for Winnipeg.

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Violets are being sold today in aid of the French Red Cross Society.

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Mrs. J. C. Barnacle, University School, will receive on the first Friday in May.

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Mr. Frank B. Rattenbury has left for Kamloops to take up a position at Harper's Ranch.

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The Sunshine Chapter, Children of the Empire, will sell primroses on Primrose Day, 19th April. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of comforts for the invalides at Esquimalt Military Hospital. There are a large number of patients who would greatly appreciate a few more comforts. Reclining chairs are among the things which seem to be most need by the convalescents.

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Mr. Dudley Hutchinson and Mr. O'Loughlin, of Vancouver, are taking the officers' course in military instruction at Work Point.

The following guests are among those registered at the Westholme Hotel the past week: L. Morris, W. Townley, Sid. A. Smith and Alex. McLeod, of Vancouver; Geo. F. Barrett and Chas. W. Mansfield, of Seattle; M. Serett, of Calgary; Geo. Newburry, of New York City; Ben. Randall, M. Rolla, F. W. Howard, M. Bodines and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Turner, of Chicago. J. F. Rowe, San Francisco.

Book Notes

By I. I. I. I.

A delightful little volumn of child-verse is "Teacups and Typhoons," by O. Kintuki Homi (translated from the Japanese, Paul Jenkins, 2d.) It is quite refreshing in these problematical times to read the impressions of the simple Japanese child-mind, for everywhere in the above book the love of flowers and birds and other works of nature is expressed so artlessly. We quote two poems as examples of this entire artlessness:

The Japanese Climate

"I love it when Old Typhoon comes;
What loveliness he brings!
When all the earth and all the sky
Are full of bricks and cats and pie
And carts and men and things!

I love to sniff the new-turned soil,
And watch the houses fall.
If 'twasn't for Old Earthquake San
Who visits us in fair Japan,
How dull 'twould be for all!"

Hari-Kari

"When one of my brothers or uncles or cousins
Is 'bout to commit Hari-Kari
I beg him to let my stay with him and watch.
He says no, it is not necessary.

But I look through a hole in the wall all the same,
And his death always seems such a pity;
Yet the widening circle of red on the mat
Makes a pattern that's awfully pretty!"

From the innocence and beauty of this verse of the Land of the Chrysanthemum it is not pleasant to turn to the sophistication and cynical pessemism of Indian poetry. But the way of the reviewer is hard, and we must face the task unflinchingly. Badlabyrinth Galore's new book of blank verses, "The Island of Irk" (The Decade Co., 87c) is by far the blankest we have yet seen. Some of the passages are so gripping as to render the reader's mind in the state of Koma, or Outer Nothingness. The most convincing lines in the book are those found at the conclusion of that terrible soul-song, "Insomnia," which we give below:

"Sometimes at night when Sleep won't come,
And all Nature seems to be vying with the Cosmos as to which one of the two, if either, shall keep me most in wakefulness, the one of the other,
I lie on my back, sometimes on my side, but mostly on my back, and gaze up through the cypress trees
At nothing. . . . . .
The comes the aroma of a purple-sounding thought,
Whose sweetness fills my being to the eyebrows,—
That nothing is the nothingness of naught and naught besides. . .
And yet I don't know."

This staggering passage momentarily smashes the ideals of a life-time and gives one the feeling of standing on an abyss. But look again! That last line, does it not convey a subtle glimpse of the joyous truth that the old teachings are not false, and that soon all men will be equal, especially the Hindu? The brown man shall throw off the yoke of the white. But who will egg him on?

The Passing of the Buffalo

There has come to my table this week a charming little booklet entitled the "Passing of the Buffalo." The author's name is concealed under the nom de plume "Buckskin," and the publication is issued by the Selkirk Press, Limited, Vancouver. The booklet is unique, being an exquisite tribute in blank verse to the noble animal which Civilization (?) has swept from the plains for ever. When I say for ever, I am not unmindful of the attempt now being made to perpetuate fifty per cent. of the nature of the Buffalo by mating him with the ordinary cow. But that is an experiment in which I take as little interest, and of which I expect just about as much as of eugenics. "Buckskin," whatever else he may be, is a poet, and sees the romantic side of the Buffalo Age. He does full justice to the courage and majesty of what was at his best one of the noblest of animals. He traces its history, expatiates on its utility, lifts the veil and shows us how the Buffalo entered into the life of the Indian, provoding him with everything he required. In a few graphic lines he depicts how the avarice and cruelty of the White Man decimated and finally annihilated the herds:

"Millions were shot down,
While millions lasted;
To thousands they dwindled;
But not while a man,
With hyena nostril
And a heart pity-blasted,
Would ride for a price
After beeve that ran.

But not again shall a bronze head Indian,
Gliding from his wigwam, with an arrow
Drawn to wing the mallard for his breakfast,
Hesitate and picture, with ravished eye,
And imagination unconfined,
A Happy Hunting Ground,
The while he contemplateth at the horizon
The dun withers of a buffalo,
In silhouette upon the radiant oval."

Only a lover of nature could have reproduced as "Buckskin" does the very atmosphere of the Buffalo Age, and the Happy Hunting Ground. The little book will not appeal to the many, but everyone who can appreciate a dignified and sympathetic tribute, which in places attains almost to the grandeur of an epic, will treasure a portrait which reminds me of G. D. Roberts at his best. W.B.

QUALICUM BEACH HOTEL

Visitors this week include: M. M. Harrell, C. G. Moon, Francis Silverton, H. D. Douglas and wife, H. W. Angus, Mrs. Henry Dyson and family, V. M. Galbraith, N. McConnan, C. W. Armstrong, W. N. L. McLeod, all of Vancouver; L. Duckitt, Capt. H. A. Brown, Mrs. H. A. Brown, A. H. Marriott, W. H. Lacy, O. K. Dwyer, of Victoria; Charles Boppre Marquette, Mich.; R. H. Mason, Lieut. J. H. Johnston, Mrs. J. H. Johnston, W. L. Glahome, Edward Knittle, of Nanaimo; Miss Fraser, New Westminster; Miss Cphie, Cameron Lake.

EASTER SHOPPING

It was prophesied last week that week-end shopping at Finch's would become a regular institution, and results have proved even more convincing than anticipated. A short resume of special attractions today must include mention of the latest shipment of new Spring suits in plain and novelty styles. These have been selected personally in New York by Finch's expert representative, and are the last word in style and workmanship. They are being offered at prices which insure speedy sale, and a selection should be made early for choice.

The jaunty Spring coats are unusually attractive. They are seen in white and dainty pastel shades, a fascinating model in cream blanket cloth being particularly desirable. The usual hosiery, glove, and blouse specials are greatly in evidence, also a large assortment of panama hats in sailor and other shapes, very moderately priced from only three dollars.

THE GERMAN WAR WOMAN

The Canadian Magazine for April contains a most illuminating article entitled "The German War Woman" by Eva Madden, a lady who has had a wide experience as a teacher in German girls' schools. Her experience has taught her that the women of Germany are trained, almost unconsciously, to act as secret agents of the Government. She reveals the methods used by women to keep the Government informed, and she leaves the impression that these same German women would do almost anything, even to the sacrifice of their honour, in order to serve their country.

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The next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1916, successful candidates joining the College on or about 1st August. Applications for entry will be received up to 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1916.

The scheme of training at the College is based on that in force in the English Naval College at Osborne and Dartmouth, but it is not compulsory for cadets to follow a Naval Career when they have completed the course, which lasts three years. McGill and Toronto Universities allow the College course to count as one year at the Science School. The Admiralty will take a maximum of 8 cadets annually into the Royal Navy, where the pay and prospects would be identical with that of cadets who have passed into the Navy from Osborne and Dartmouth.

Further 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 11th, 1916.

Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—9079.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their regular quarterly sittings to be held on the second Wednesday in June next, for a transfer of the license now held by the undersigned in respect of the premises known as the Borden Hotel, situate at 825 Fort Street, in the said City of Victoria, to Edward Ernest Greenshaw and Ralph Randall, both of the said City of Victoria.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1916.

JAMES T. ROBERTSON,
STEPHEN MURPHY,
By His Attorney-in-fact.
T. M. Miller.

Mar. 11 Apr. 8

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 subdivisions 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 lease 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.

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

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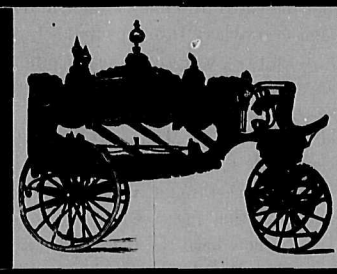

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BY THE LOUNGER

A few weeks ago I had something to say about Pastor Russell and his Anti-Recruiting Agency which masquerades in Canada under the title of "The Bible-Students' Union." The charge which I made was proved up to the hilt, for I traced more than twenty affidavits, claiming exemption from Military Service, to the Government Office at Work Point Barracks. The pernicious influence of these Unions is shown by the fact that the claim for exemption is based upon membership in the Bible-Students' Union, which is a practical admission that every member is expected to claim such exemption by reason of his membership. The Military authorities may safely be trusted to deal with the situation, in fact it has been dealt with in a drastic manner in the East, where public meetings called by Pastor Russell have, in some places, been broken up, and in others blocked by the local authorities. In Victoria we have not yet reached that decisive stage, mainly because we never reach anything as quickly as they do in other places. But the action of The Week has brought about one marked change—the Bible Students' Union no longer advertises its meetings in its own name. In last Sunday's issue of "The Colonist" an apparently innocuous advertisement appeared, headed "The Lord's Day of Judgment has begun. How will it end?" and referred to an address by Evangelist B. H. Barton, in the Princess Theatre. The advertisement is accompanied, as all the advertisements of the Bible Students' Union, by a portrait of the speaker, who is obviously a German. Evidently the Military authorities have warned the Union, and the latter in pursuance of their usual tricky methods would have the public draw the inference that this particular address was not in connection with their propaganda. I am a little surprised that after the expose in The Week any local paper should have accepted their advertisement, even in its altered form. The only thing to do is to prohibit the lectures and to close the organization down without further delay.

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The Officers of the United Service Tobacco Fund had their "Tag Day" on Tuesday, and raised the sum of $1,000 for Smokes for the men at the Front. While the amount is large, it is so much smaller than the sum raised on any previous "Tag Day" as to bear out the contention of Lounger that the "Tag Day" movement is being overdone. This seems to be the public view of the matter, and the City Council will be well advised to note the signs of the times in this connection, and to be chary of adding to the number. With respect to the one under consideration I noticed another striking feature, which has not been in evidence before—the lack of collectors. There were many important street corners without any "Taggers," and many of the young ladies who so kindly gave their services were rather too young and inexperienced. On several occasions I met them in little groups strolling round the streets, with their own particular corners neglected. Altogether I think that the canvas was not particularly well organized. There appeared to be a lack of enthusiasm and interest, all of which goes to show that the thing is being done a little too often, and that both the public and the ladies are getting tired of it. I hope that we shall see a great change in this respect when the first appeal of the kind is made on behalf of our sailors by the Navy League League Chapter on the 15th instant. The day should yield as much as any "Tag Day" has yet realized, which would be in the neighborhood of $5,000.

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The L. D. A. in Ontario has been objecting to Sunday Evening Concerts to raise money for patriotic purposes, and yet on Sunday evening last such concerts made a large contribution to the Funds of the day for additional comforts for Canadian Prisoners of War, to say nothing of the constant contributions being made for similar patriotic purposes. There was a little opposition to these concerts on the part of the Social Service Commission, but public opinion showed itself so unmistakably in favor of the concerts that the opposition had to be abandoned. I am prepared to admit that regulation is necessary, and that the programmes might be a little more carefully prepared, but that is the only weakness I have been able to discover in a movement which is undoubtedly in accord with the spirit of the times. I would like to call the attention of the L. D. A. to the fact that in Victoria hundreds of people attend these Sunday evening concerts who do not go to church, and if we believe in personal freedom, we cannot believe in coercion, yet coercion is the only policy which would arbitrarily put an end to a popular movement which has proved to be a great success. Perhaps the L. D. A. will learn some day that it does not benefit the Christian Church by antagonizing secular movements which are unexceptionable in themselves, and which present no opening to the critic unless he views them from the standpoint of the Pharisee.

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I have been not a little amused at the attempt of the Victoria Times to make capital out of the "Blind Pig" episode. I suppose it is all in the game, and that the first duty of every politician is, if possible, to discredit the Opposition by any means in his power, fair or unfair. The only way in which The Times could do this in the case under consideration was by establishing some connecting link between the Conservative Party and the episode. It did not care a straw for Frank Slavin or McBride, but if W. H. Price could be dragged into it by hook or by crook, the Times would consider that it had driven another nail into his coffin, and so injured the Conservative Party. Most fair-minded people will agree that it has failed in the attempt, and the proof of that is to be found not in any ex-parte statement of the Conservative Party or the Conservative Press, but in the very fair and exhaustive report of the City Prosecutor, Mr. Harrison. According to the Times Mr. Price has many political sins to answer for, and perhaps he would be the first to plead guilty to political indiscretions, but nothing is to be gained by blaming him for other people's offences, to say nothing of its injustice, and in this particular instance he is completely exonerated both on his own account and on account of his Party by the report of the City Prosecutor.

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I thoroughly enjoyed the boxing bouts which W. H. Davis staged at Victoria West on Tuesday night. Several of them were exciting, notably that between Thomas and Tubman. In fact I do not remember having seen anything so exciting in Victoria. Tubman was knocked out in the first round and Thomas in the second, yet both managed to recover and stay until the end of the third round. I think a mistake was made in awarding the decision to Tubman, mainly because the latter half of the third round was all in Thomas's favor, and he finished the stronger of the two. If they meet again, he carries my money. Once more Al Davis showed what a brilliant boxer he is. He gave away twenty pounds to a good man, and had him beaten after the first minute. All the same if Nicholson would train on, I think he would make a boxer. I had one disappointment, and that was that Sneddon had a walk-over. I regard him as one of the best boxers of his weight in the West, and fully expect to see him distinguish himself in first class company.

Lounger.

THE MYSTERY CLOCK SOLVED

"What makes the clock go?" is no longer a mystery. The solution to the very mystifying glass dial over which the hands of a clock have been recording absolutely correct time for weeks in the window of the jewelry store of Mr. W. H. Wilkerson, Government Street, without any regulating movement being apparent, has been given technically correct, said Mr. Williams, by Mr. George Whitefield, a mechanician at Spencer's Garage, Superior Street. Mr. Whitefield's answer, which got for him the first prize of a gentleman's 17-jeweled gold watch, offered by Mr. Wilkerson for the best answer to the mystery, is as follows:

Question—What makes it go?

Answer—A watch movement in the counter-poise of the minute hand.

Question—What particular action keeps the hands to time?

Answer—On the arbor of this watch movement, which revolves once an hour, is attached the wire and compass which acts as a weight. This weight controls the balance of the hands. Instead of the weight rotating, the hands, offering less resistance, take the action through the law of gravitation. The hands are geared together in the ratio of 12 to 1.

The second prize, a gentleman's 17-jeweled silver watch, was won by Pte. Watts, No. 1 Company, 88th Fusiliers, and the third prize, a pair of gold cuff links, by Mr. L. R. Waddington, 1145 North Park Street.

There were between 500 and 600 answers handed in for the contest, and a very tedious task was presented the judges in passing each one on its merits and arriving at the three best answers. The committee of judges was composed of Messrs. Andrew Gray, of the B. C. Marine Iron Works; R. Hitchinson, City Electrician; and George M. Tripp, Engineering Superintendent for the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

In spite of the fact that a large proportion of the entries in the contest were made before it was decided by the management that a charge of five cents would be asked for entry as a benefit to the Red Cross Fund, Mr. Wilkerson has a considerable sum to hand over to that fund. Probably no exhibition of a similar character has created such widespread interest as the "Mystery Clock."

"SEPTEMBER MORN" AT PANTAGES

Topped by the most costly musical comedy that has played the Pantages circuit so far this season, the bill at the Pantages promises to be unusually good for the coming week. The headline feature is Rowland & Clifford's famous New York musical comedy success, "September Morn." The best of the lively music of the piece is retained, and three of the all-star cast of principals who were seen here are still with the tabloid version. Harry W. Fields has the principal comedy part, and Mlle. La Do'ne sings the role of Argentina.

A second notable offering will be a decidedly unusual and powerful dramatic sketch entitled "The Frame-Up," which will be presented by Ward, Terry & Co. This company comprises Miss Jean Ward, a former screen star for the Selig Company, and Harrisen. "The Frame-Up" comes heralded as being one of the most tense comedy-crime playlets that has ever been seen here.

Bowman Brothers, known as "The Blue Grass Boys," will figure on the new bill with the reputation to sustain that they are the best team of blackface comedians that have been sent over the circuit for many moons.

Chabot and Dixon, man and woman, will offer a combination instrumental singing and dancing turn that is said to be as artistic as it is pleasing.

The Clairmont Brothers, acrobats, billed as "kings of the revolving ladder," will offer one of the most novel and daring acts seen at the Pantages for a long time. New motion pictures and orchestral selections will round out this attractive bill.

Amongst recent arrivals at the Brentwood Hotel are: Mrs. Pemberton, Major and Mrs. Curwan, Capt. W. Charles, Mr. T. Bailey, Mr. F. O. Finn, Mr. R. H. Swinnerton, and Miss Swinnerton, Lieut. H. A. Tomaline-Jones, Mr. D. J. Miller, Mr. J. R. Spencer, Mr. W. S. Drewry, Mr. Marriott, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Lieut. and Mrs. G. H. S. Edwardes, Miss G. Simpson, Dr. M. J. Keys, Mrs. W. J. C. Tomalin, Miss E. Tatchell, Mr. A. J. Cooksley, Mr. A. C. Fraser, Mrs. J. Acworth Angus, Mr. A. Tomlinson, Mr. P. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Rickaby, Miss Mona Rickaby, Mr. R. Cecil Hall, Lieut. W. J. Sturgeon, Miss J. F. Mackenzie, Miss Aston, Mrs. Cummins, Lieut. and Mrs. V. Eliot, Miss G. D. Burris, Mrs. P. H. Elliott, Mrs. M. P. Gordon, Mr. R. Gordon, Mr. R. Borthwick, Lieut. L. B. Simeon, Mr. G. Barton, Mr. J. H. Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie, Sub-Lieut. D. C. Roberts, all of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and the Misses Whites, Mr. Roche, Mr. A. O. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell, Mr. J. B. Macdonald, all of Sidney; Miss E. A. Prouse, Mr. F. Moreton, Mr. Grain, Mr. S. Scott, all of Vancouver; Mr. J. J. Whalen, Bushey Bottom; Miss H. M. Warner and Miss A. Carlson, New York City; Mr. C. C. Dodge, Seattle; Mr. F. K. Halin, Winnipeg; Mr. J. X. Nahn, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayne, Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gordon, Kamloops; Miss E. M. J. Bruce, Mr. A. R. M. Dobson, Mr. D. S. Bruce, Miss J. McCulloch, Capt. R. Fitzmaurice and Mrs Fitzmaurise, Miss Fitzmaurice, all of Victoria.

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The Committee is anxious to dispose of these articles quickly, as the suffering amongst horses at the front is very great, and another Hospital is required immediately. Blue Cross Room, Belmont Block.

Correspondence

11TH OVERSEAS C.M.R. BATTALION C.E.F.

Willows Camp,
Victoria, March 28, 1916.

Editor Week.

Sir, The 11th C. M. R. was mobilized over a year ago, and drawn from all parts of B. C. The Regiment was recruited to full strength within a month; since that time until the present date they have maintained this strength of 600 men without any advertising or recruiting efforts. They have been highly complimented by H.R.H. The Governor-General, who inspected them in September, 1915, and favorably reported on by every Inspecting Officer who has seen them. Four or five Infantry Battalions who were much junior to them have been sent overseas; there was one, and one only, reason for this; that the character of the fighting on the Western Front, where the main body of the British troops are engaged, precluded the use of mounted troops. Naturally it hits both officers and men hard, when they know that 600 of as efficient and well behaved troops as were ever raised in Canada all anxious to be up and doing, to add to the lustre which their predecessors in France have gained for the reputation of Canadian soldiers, are condemned to remain here in comparative idlness. The War Office in England does not now want mounted troops. Fully recognizing that throughout all ranks the paramount object of the 11th C. M. R. was to get to the front as speedily as possible, the O. C. has availed himself of the permission of the authorities to recruit his Regiment up to the strength of an Infantry Battalion, retaining the name of the 11th C. M. R. There is not now the same abundance of good recruits that there was a year or more ago, but it is felt that you and other employers of labor can do much, if you will, to assist me in my efforts to get this regiment the required numbers within the next two months. Many of the positions of your employees, or at any rate perhaps some of them, could as well be filled by married men or women as they are by young men who should at this present crisis be serving their country. In persuading them to join the 11th, you will be helping your country, at the same time putting your men into a good regiment, and assisting 600 good British Columbians to attain the object for which they enlisted 12 months ago. Please do it.

Yours truly,
GUY KIRKPATRICK,
Lieut.-Colonel.
Officer Commanding
11th O.S. C.M.R. Battn., C.E.F.

FAIR PLAY

Courtenay, B. C.
April 5th, 1916.

Editor The Week.

Sir,—I'm sorry to ask for more of your valuable space—my excuse for doing so is the fact that you are the only good sport in the newspaper line I have yet found in B. C. who will publish my John Bull talk, which is so necessary in these tumultuous War times; but what a pity it is that the liquor discussion cannot be deferred till the War is over.

While I am ready to swear and prove that any thing I have stated through the press in regard to the liquor business is absolutely true, the Prohibitionists don't believe it, at all events they say so, and in support of their contention either quote Kansas or Seattle, which aint our flag. One of the most lieing statements on their part is the report which appeared in the Province for 28th ult., that the People's Prohibition meeting held at Courtenay on the 23rd ulto, Mr. H. J. Knott, of Victoria, being the principal speaker, was, despite inclement weather, a representative gathering. I attended this meeting as a Anti-Prohibitionist—the weather was most ideal, and the number of people present, including myself, was 25 (15 females, 10 males) the population within 6 miles area—including the 102nd Battalion—is approximately four thousand.

These misleading reports—if the well paid Prohibition lecturer is to keep his job of running around the country, travelling first class parlor car, and smoking a good big cigar, are necessary in order to throw dust in the eyes of the people who are unable to attend his meetings, to say nothing of the Hon. Bowser, and the M. P. P. of the various constituencies.

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S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.
April 8th May 6th

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Agent.
Victoria, B. C., April 5th, 1916.

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Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 4th day of April, 1916

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Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
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G. J. DESBARATS,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service.
Ottawa, March 21st, 1916.

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April 8th May 13th

SOTTO VOCE
By the Hornet

That President Wilson is a typical twentieth century "Doubting Thomas."

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That to convince him that a German torpedo really sunk the "Sussex" Ambassador Page had to send him a piece of the shell.

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That he might with advantage turn his attention to the episode of the Union Jack in Mexico.

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That the best evidence of the true American sentiment is to be found in the American Legions recruiting in Canada.

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That the action of Holland is giving the United States Government an impressive object in "preparedness."

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That it is pretty nearly time for The Week to reprint its article of a year ago on the possibility of Holland entering the War.

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That presumably the object of Germany in sinking the "Tubantia", and nearly twenty other Dutch vessels, is to demonstrate her "friendliness" towards the little kingdom.

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That in this matter Queen Wilhelmina counts for a great deal more than Prince Henry and his German pedigree.

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That the British Navy has once more got the submarine menace well under control.

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That the German submarines are driven to practice on neutrals because their activities in other directions are "scotched."

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That the German Chancellor's long speech of Tuesday last was carefully composed for home consumption.

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That it will not carry half the conviction to neutral powers as Mr. Runciman's Budget speech.

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That there is now no doubt that our supply of "silver bullets" will far outlast those of the enemy.

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That Mr. Runciman's latest prophecy of War "for another year" tallies with Lord Kitchener's forecast at the commencement of the War.

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That it may be a surprise to some people to learn that Canada has already economized to the extent of fifty per cen, of all imported luxuries.

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That nobody in Victoria will believe this, because you "would not notice it."

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That Premier Hughes of Australia has made a big hit in England, although he is a little man.

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That if Mr. Borden could have left Canada, both he and Mr. Hughes would have been present at the Paris Conference.

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That the Minister of Militia was not considered an adequate substitute; his goal is Berlin, not Paris.

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That when the Royal Commission has finished its investigation of the Shell Committee, it will be a case of "shell out" for somebody.

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That the defection of Andrew Broder on the Shell Committee Resolution must have been a bitter pill for the Government to swallow.

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That all the same there can be no question that the Royal Commision is a better investigating tribunal than a Committee of the House.

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That Canada has no more brilliant or honourable public servants than Sir William Meredith, and few abler judges than Mr. Justice Duff.

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That the Commission may be trusted to get at the truth and to tell it.

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That Mr. Carvell is a worthy successor of Mr. E. M. Macdonald as a promoter of unscrupulous charges.

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That his reflections on Mr. Clements, Mr. Green, and Mr. Barnard were despicable and rendered more so by the manner in which he made them.

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That Mr. Carvell has now thoroughly established his reputation as the champion political mud thrower of the Dominion.

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That his apology, though belated, was due, if not overdue.

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That the 88th are to be congratulated on two things—the securing of the quarters of the 67th, and the fact that they will not occupy them long.

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That the men of the 103rd are no doubt good "fighters," but judging from the display at Victoria West on Tuesday, they are very poor "boxers."

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That the O. C. was not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to don the "mitts," or the result might have been different.

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That the boxing fraternity of Victoria will sadly miss the "mitt" artists of the 67th.

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That when the Government gave permission to recruit a "Bantam" Regiment, it was hardly expected that it would recruit "chickens."

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That there is no difficulty in enlisting a whole battalion in double quick time if "under age" is substituted for "under size."

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That the new D. O. C. might with advantage look into this matter.

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That Private Roy of the Bantams is fifteen years of age, and when stripped weighs 90 lbs. Rather small for a soldier, surely.

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That the Bantam Barracks at Beacon Hill are making very slow progress, and people are wondering why.

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That six weeks ago the fault was laid on the weather, that can hardly be the reason now.

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That the German barber on Yates Street who refused to shave a respectable subject of Japan should be interned.

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That the Rev. W. J. Hindley, of Winnipeg delivered an eloquent address at the Prohibition Meeting in the Old Victoria Theatre, but it was an appeal, not an argument.

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That he made no attempt to deal with the subject of Compensation, he simply denounced it.

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That the feeling is growing that British Columbia will in this matter follow the lead of Britain, and not of the States.

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That the Opposition is credited with the intention to investigate the disposition which Members of the House make of their Sessional allowance.

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That in some instances their investigation would not lead them very far.

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That the Victoria Law Courts touched the fringe of a "cause celebre" this week, but the daily papers carefully suppressed the most interesting details.

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That the Superfluities Committee sets an example to all the other Patriotic Committees by the promptness with which it publishes its financial reports.

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That the public, which contributed over $400 for tickets, is still awaiting the report of the King's Daughters' Concert at the Alexandra Hall.

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That the V. A. D. is doing splendid work at Stadacona Hospital, but is a little shy on furnishings.

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That the wreckage of the large shed which broke down at the Willows Camp still bears the legend "Made in Victoria."

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That the Development League might do worse than secure its removal—unless it is required for advertising purposes.

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That the Red Cross Society has published a splendid report which reflects great credit on the Committee, and especially on the Secretary, Mr. Williams.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

The Columbia Theatre has been experiencing crowded houses for some time, and all owing to the splendid bill it has been presenting to its patrons. Everyone of the vaudeville acts, and they number five, is entitled to special mention, as they are of a very high order of attractions, and carefully selected. The reels of films have been particularly good this past week. Charlie Chaplin in one of his funniest films, and entirely different from those in which he has starred in the past, has been simply a scream. "His Prehistoric Ancestors," was a perfect cure for the blues, added to these various attractions must be named that of the excellent orchestra. As long as Manager Maysmith can keep up such a splendid programme, he is bound to have the Columbia well patronized.

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