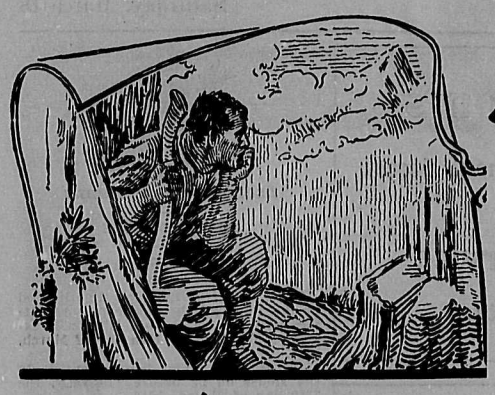

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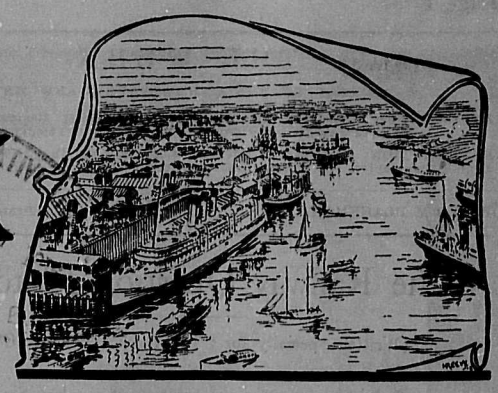

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The Course of the Government

THE Premier, in the exercise of his discretion, has seen fit to adopt the course outlined in the last issue of The Week. He proposes to deal only with Supplies and non-contentious legislation, a course on which he is to be greatly commended. It is true that after the political "faux pas" of the Opposition on Tuesday night he withdrew his offer, and announced that the Government would proceed without reference to the consultation held with Mr. Brewster, but on second thoughts, the Premier will undoubtedly realize that he should not be stampeded from the course of wisdom by any action of the Opposition. The Premier owes a duty to the country as well as to the House, and under existing circumstances that duty will be best discharged by submitting his programme to the Electors at the earliest possible date, and meanwhile by not prolonging the Session with contentious legislation of any character. Meanwhile steps are being taken to hold a Provincial Convention of the Conservative Party, in order that the Party programme may be agreed upon and the Party leader be endorsed. This is due as much to the leader as the Party and is necessary if Conservatives are to face the General Election with a united front. Every day that the House sits it becomes more evident that the Liberals have nothing to offer in constructive policy. Incisive speakers like Mr. H. H. Watson, Mr. E. E. Miller and Mr. Forster have had no difficulty in defending the chief policies of the Government, and showing that they are for the best interests of the Province. Mistakes have been made, but in the main the Government policies are all right, and no possible alternatives have been suggested. If no greater mistakes are made than have been made the Government has nothing to fear.

Tilting at Windmills

THE Electors of Victoria and Vancouver expected that Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald would do soemthing better when they got into the House than stage a modern version of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza in their celebrated "turn" known as "Tilting at Windmills." If one concedes everything that they claimed during the late campaign as to the desirability of placing an Opposition in the House, and as to the evils which are supposed to have settled on the Province because there was no Opposition, it becomes only the more obvious that their conduct during the present week is not in keeping with their pre-election claims and promises. Conservatives freely admit that they were soundly beaten in both bye-elections, and that one of the chief factors in their defeat was the desire of the electors to have an Opposition Party in the House. The gentlemen selected found no difficulty in entertaining a score of meetings with a recital of the perfidy of the Government, indeed of all the McBride administrations. Their charges ran almost beyond what man could number, yet no sooner are they ensconed in Opposition seats than instead of getting down seriously to business, they re-hash the vague charges which have distinguished their campaign, without adducing a tittle of evidence in support. Then on Tuesday night they discovered, or at any rate for the first time unearthed, a mare's nest. They talked out a Bill establishing the status of the House until June 1st, on the supposition that they had caught the Government napping, and that the life of the present House really expired at midnight on Tuesday. In the first place they were hopelessly wrong in their facts. In any event the House was safe for another twenty-four hours, and therefore the Bill, which with laborious effort they talked over the midnight hour, was not in the least affected by the circumstance that it did not pass the House until twelve minutes after midnight. This, however, is only a detail. What surprises one most is that men of the status of the Leader of the Liberal Party, a prospective Premier, and his colleague, a prospective Attorney-General, should have lost sight of the fact that in any event the Legislature is supreme, and that on such a matter no Court of the Realm would make a pronouncement which would curtail its power. The House is the interpreter of its own Acts, and it did interpret them in the sense claimed by the Premier, who framed the Bill. Many Victorians will remember that years ago, when Mr. Walkem was Premier, he forfeited his seat by what was undoubtedly unconstitutional conduct. An application was made to the Courts to grant an injunction to restrain him from continuing to sit in the House and to act as Premier. The facts were incontrovertible, but the Supreme Court decided that it was "not in the public interest" for them to grant the injunction. And this shows exactly where the British Constitution protects the liberties of the people in the fullest sense. It also shows why even a Court of Law will not adjudicate upon a matter which involves the rights and privileges of what is, within its own compass, the supreme Court of all. There may be points on which the present Government is vulnerable, but the Members of the Opposition showed less than their usual acumen in selecting the one on which they wasted so much time and energy on Tuesday night without even yielding them the "kudos" which might have attached to a creditable defeat.

A Business Government

ON Wednesday last an influential business delegation waited on the Premier to urge compensation for licence holders in the event of a Prohibition Bill becoming law. The deputation was composed of Col. E. G. Prior and Messrs. F. B. Pemberton, A. W. Bridgeman, C. T. Cross, R. Hall, J. E. Musgrave, B. Wilson, J. Wilson, Keith Wilson, G. Gillespie, J. Hunter, C. Douglas, R. H. Swinerton, L. A. Genge, F. J. O'Reilly, B. Heisterman, C. A. Holland, A. R. Wolfenden, and others. No public servant, however exalted could afford to ignore a delegation of this character. Every member of it was a prominent, successful, influential business man in the City of Victoria, and the chief spokesman none other than the President of the Board of Trade. None of them are interested directly in the liquor trade, or had any object to serve other than to advance the best interests of the City, and to protect outside investors. They asked that an arrangement be made for an extension of time for the coming into effect of the Measure, since no Province or State had proposed so short a notice as that contemplated by the Premier in his recent announcement. They asked that consideration be given to the fact that within the last few years he Bowser Liquor Act had forced license holders to heavy expense, aggregating three million dollars throughout the Province in enlarging their premises. Most of this money had been borrowed from ordinary investors not interested in the trade. Depressed times and the War had prevented the licensees from reaping the benefit of these expenditures and such action by the Government as has been outlined would not only leave them stranded, but would cause very heavy loss to the persons who had advanced money on mortgages. These were business representations, made by business men, to a business Government. They cannot safely be disregarded, and there is no reason to suppose that the Premier, in discharge of what he conceives to be his duty to the Prohibitionist Party, will forget his responsibility to protect those who would be so disastrously affected if this Province adopts a course more sudden and drastic than any other Province or State has deemed necessary. In the long run any legislation which lacks the element of justice must not only be ineffective, but must re-act upon its authors. The Week does not claim that British Columbia is bound to follow the lead of the Old Country in this respect, but it is bound to follow that lead in refusing to violate the old British prinicple of justice and fair play. As showing how far the fair-minded Briton is prepared to go in defence of his principles The Week ventures to quote from the Morning Post of the 17th February, which states that an appeal has been made to the Prime Minister to advise the Royal Commission on losses arising through the War to include for consideration such claims as may be made for losses suffered in consequence of the great reduction by the Central Control Board in the hours for the sale and consumption of excisable liquors.

Knocking British Columbia

IN Tuesday's issue of the "Colonist" appeared a three-column letter by Mr. E. Jacobs, for many years Editor of the Mining Record, and latterly Secretary of the B. C. Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute and Mining Statistician to the Provincial Government. No one will deny Mr. Jacobs' industry and ability in collecting statistics, but when it comes to expressing any opinion on mining matters, he is getting beyond his metier, and unconsciously gravitates to the rank of the "knockers." The Week has nothing to do with his political differences with Mr. Brewster, but when at the end of an article which would have been far more intelligible if it had been half as long, he dogmatises on the subject of an iron and steel industry, and describes it as "a flight of fancy," he not only becomes ridiculous, but offensive. Granted that there is room for a difference of opinion, it is surely permissible to conclude that experts with a world-wide reputation like Professor Galloway, of Cardiff; Doctor Winchell, of New York; Mr. Hunt, of Chicago; to say nothing of members of our own Dominion Geological Department, are more entitled to be heard on the subject than Mr. Jacobs. The Week has not space in the present article to quote the opinion of all these eminent experts, although it has their reports, and they all declare emphatically that the time has come for the establishment of an iron and steel industry at the Coast, and that it will be profitable. In a report which Professor Galloway, who is probably the highest authority in the world, wrote for a London syndicate four years ago, he says: "An installation comprising one blast furnace for an outfit of say 100 tons per day, together with the required complement of steel making and rolling mill plant, coal washing appliances and bye-product coking ovens, all of the most modern and approved type, would constitute a remunerative investment in Vancouver Island at the present day." The whole subject was dealt with at great length in a Special Report of the Mining Committee of the Board of Trade in 1914. It certainly seems a pity that, in the absence of the Minister of Mines, a subordinate official of the Civil Service shoud rush into print to "knock" an iron and steel making industry just at the moment when men who have for many years been working for its establishment have succeeded in interesting influential capitalists in the project. Mr. Jacobs says an iron and steel industry is a "flight of fancy," and holds up, as evidence of his belief that the time is not ripe for such an enterprise, the experience of the Irondale Company. If Mr. Jacobs does not know the truth about the experience of that Company, he is not competent to write on the subject, if he does know, his letter is distinctly misleading. The failure of the Company was not due in any sense to local conditions, but solely to insufficient capital and a freezing out process indulged in by the United States Steel Company. Luckily British Columbia is not on the same side of the line, and we are in a position to protect our own industries even from such an opponent as the Carnegie-Schwab-Corey Combine, but those who have worked hardest and longest on this project know that our real enemies have been "those of our own household," and that but for them the industry would have been established long ago, to the incalculable benefit of the Province.

Stop! Look!! Listen!!!

THE motto which has become so familiar in the West of late years may well be commended to the thoughtful consideration of the Development League. The officers of that organization can hardly congratulate themselves upon having escaped extinguishment by the casting vote of the Mayor. It is a victory which is worse than a defeat, because there is little doubt that the Mayor's vote was rather an indication of his unwillingness to administer a "coup de grace" than a conviction that those who thought the organization had outlived its usefulness were wrong. It is certain that the Development League would not have been given a new lease of life but for the "rider" of Alderman McNeill, who just saved the situation. The Week has never admired the methods of the League. There is far too much "gas" about them. There is in many minds more than a suspicion that the resuscitation of the old Publicity Bureau with the addition of the word Industrial to its title was a bit of sharp practice, at any rate it has turned out to be a misnomer. Nothing industrial has been involved, not even when the League lowered its standard to the irreducible minimum of goat farming and plot digging. The fault with the League is that it is always flying some new kite, which speedily comes to earth, and we hear no more of it. There has been no organized sustained effort either to develop or attract industries, and it is not likely that under the present Commissioner this will ever be done. As a publicity man he may be all right, although The Week does not think so, but as an industrial Commissioner he is an impossibility. Whether the City wants $10,000 worth of the same kind of pamphlet publicity as we have been having during the last few years is open to question, the City Council very nearly said no. What the City does want is a hard-working, industrious Commissioner, who is willing to concede that other people know a little, who would act on the instructions of his Board, and who would treat the citizens at least with civility. It might also be reasonably asked that in these times, with no visible result from his work, the Commissioner should not antagonize, but should co-operate with his Directors in cutting down all management expenses and living up to the spirit of Alderman McNeill's "rider." The vote of the City Council on Monday night was a warning, the last which is likely to be given.

One Bubble Pricked

THE investigation of the Public Accounts Committee into Mr. J. S. H. Matson's connection with the sale of the Songhees Reserve is not yet completed, but as his evidence in-chief is all in it is permissible to say that the investigation has pricked a bubble. Mr. Matson has accounted satisfactorily for the whole of the $80,000 which he received, and has shown that his own share of that amounted to something less than $25,000. As he devoted the best part of a year to the business, and oftentimes had to neglect his own to do so, no one will consider that he is over-paid. The difficulty of dealing with Indians is proverbial and in their negotiations with Mr. Matson they seem to have lived up to the limit of their reputation in this respect. The late Senator Riley, a life-long Liberal, declared that the Federal Government would be glad to pay $150,000 to anyone who would get the Indians off the Reserve. However, the fact elicited by Mr. Matson's evidence which will attract the most attention is that years ago he offered to submit to the late Mr. R. L. Drury and Mr. Robert Dunn, the Editor of the Times the evidence he is now giving to the Public Accounts Committee, in order to stop a cruel and baseless attack upon himself. The offer was not accepted, and it may at once be admitted that there was no obligation on the part of these gentlemen to accept it, but if there is any force in the old motto, "Noblesse oblige," the Editor of the Times should at least have discontinued his campaign of slander and abuse against Mr. Matson. As a man of honor he was bound to do the one or the other. It is greatly to be regretted that the first practical act of the new Liberal Opposition should have been to associate themselves in any way even with an appearance of crediting the attack of the Times. It is not Mr. Matson who has any reason to regret this, but the public, who hoped that they had placed an Opposition in the House for a better purpose.

William Blakemore.

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The Railway Question Historically

(Written Specially for "The Week" by R. E. Gosnell.)

The first legislature was the creation of the late Sir Joseph Trutch, first Lieutenant--Governor, who was a most capable administrator, but arrogant and, to some extent obsessed with his own importance. For instance, he styled himself "His Excellency," whereas he was only entitled to "His Honour." He sat with the members of his first executive, something which had not been done since the days of George III. He chose as Premier the late Mr. Justice McCreight; who had in no way been identified with politics or the agitation for entry into Confederation.

One of his colleagues, the Honorable G. A. Walkem, was popularly supposed not to be in sympathy with him. His term lasted just a year, and he was succeeded by the late Amor de Cosmos, able, somewhat eccentric, and in politics, quite unscrupulous. Mr. de Cosmos ended his career in British Columbia politics two years later in a sensational denouement, viz., the invasion of the legislative chamber by a Victoria mob, unduly excited because the people feared that the government would agree to alter the terms of Union with the Dominion, the main provision of which was a railway to and through the Province from Eastern Canada. At least his resignation followed soon after, and he was translated to Ottawa.

De Cosmos was succeeded by the Honorable G. A. Walkem, a clever lawyer and an astute politician. The outstanding events of the period of the first Walkem administration were the celebrated Edgar incident arising out of the visit of J. D. Edgar, as a delegate from the Mackenzie Government at Ottawa, to negotiate an agreement about the railway with the local government, and the equally celebrated mission of Mr. Walkem to London, where he secured what are known as the Carnarvon Terms, virtually the decision of Lord Carnarvon on the appeal of British Columbia to the Imperial authorities on the railway question. These two things created a tremendous lot of recriminative discussion in Eastern Canada, and a bitterness as between East and West which continued for years, much to the detriment of both.

Mr. Walkem went to the country on the railway question and apparently from the returns was sustained; but the disclosure as to the financial situation, which was very bad, after the Legislature opened, caused his defeat.

His successor, Mr. Elliott, though personally amiable, was a weak leader and his administration lasted only two years. It was to relieve the financial situation that the basis of the present system of direct taxation was then laid and that the revenue tax recently abolished came into existence.

The most notable historical event of the Elliott regime was the visit of Lord Dufferin to placate the people of British Columbia, and particularly of Vancouver Island, on the question of delay in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a delay which continued to agitate the public mind until 1884. A Carnarvon Club was established in Victoria, and the Legislature during the second Walkem regime passed a secession resolution. In the autumn of 1880 Amor de Cosmos was sent as a special agent to Ottawa and to London on the subject, but all attempts failed to get the Island Railway built as part of the general railway scheme.

When Mr. Walkem was raised to the Bench in 1882, the government was already on the brink of defeat, and his successor, Mr. Beaven, was a very able parliamentarian, but narrow in his view-point, and did not appeal to the popular imagination. The Smithe ministry, which followed, was one of the strongest British Columbia has ever had, and continued, under several Premiers, until the Fall of 1898; including such men as A. E. B. Davie, John Robson, Theodore Davie, J. H. Turner, D. M. Eberts and Colonel James Baker. During all this period railways and railway policies were the most prominent issues.

Sir John A. Macdonald, having returned to power at Ottawa, the "entente cordiale" between the two governments was restored and the Settlement Act was passed, the main features of which were that the dry-dock at Esquimalt was taken off the hands of the Government. The Province, in order that the Island might have a railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, 75 miles long, gave two million acres, with all valuents, for the purposes of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and 3,500,000 acres in the Peace River country to the Dominion Government.

The Smithe Government did more than that in connection with railways. It agreed to give a very large land grant to the Kootenay & Columbia Railway Company, and did actually give 6000 acres to the Canadian Pacific Railway to extend its line from Port Moody to Vancouver.

There followed in 1889 the Act to give a huge grant of land to what was known as the British Pacific, a scheme which was twice revived and last heard of in 1902. It all but brought about a fatal political crisis each time. Millions of acres of land were given to the Kaslo & Slocan, the Columbia & Western, and the B. C. Southern, and millions more were agreed by statute to be given to the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern, the Cassiar Central and to other proposed railways.

It was on railways that the crisis in the Dunsmuir ministry was brought about, which led to its ultimate defeat. It was the railway policy of the McBride Government that swept it to such unprecedented success in 1909 and 1912. It will be seen, therefore, that throughout the entire history of the Province railways have been the chief, and greatest disturbing issue. Every administration, practically, has been wrecked or made by its railway policy or on account of railways.

The lesson of all this is that through all these administrations the people have had, deep down in their consciousness, a conviction of the great need of transportation facilities for the opening and development of the Province, and at the same time a realization of the financial and physical difficulties which stand in the way. It is, as it has always been, British Columbia's biggest problem.

SPRING OPENINGS

This week has seen the fashion centres in Victoria in gorgeous array before the lady of fashion who proposes to be well dressed. Many pretty styles in new suits show a tendency to neater styles for sports wear, straight short coats with plain skirts slightly pleated, being shown in the best grade suits. A number of these natty suits are shown at Finchs', carried out in good quality black and white suiting. A very smart model buttons up to the neck in military fashion, with red satin color and a suggestion of red on the buttons and fastening. Several styles have belt effects, and some have liserie braid trimmings. In more dressy suits, there are several bewitching creations in combinations of navy cloth and taffeta. These are the last word in New York styles, and are dressy as well as being suitable for a variety of occassions.

Finch's are also making a special showing of dainty little dresses in silk poplin, priced in the neighborhood of only $15. The prettiest colours imaginable are present, including a charming shade of old rose, and the new Hague blue, a most beautiful color. At the Spring opening on Thursday and Friday, the store was a bower of artistic beauty, every floor meriting the highest praise for artistic display. As usual, the millinery attalier was very interesting, the lovely Spring modes peeping out from dainty Dolly Varden hat boxes being an original and effective idea.

BIG MUSICAL SHOW AT PANTAGES

For the coming week the Pantages management promises one of the brightest and most varied bills that have been under the Pantages management this season. The headline feature, "A Dream of the Orient," is described as a magnificent musical spectacle, featuring Madame Makarenka and her company of dancers and specialty artists. There are no less than 15 catchy musical numbers, all of an original character. These musical numbers succeed each other in whirlwind fashion, making the act a riot of music, dancing and pretty girls. The chorus is composed of specialty artists who all work in unison, while the scenic investiture is of the highest class, representing an Egyptian harem in all its most gorgeous colors.

Prominent among the supporting acts will be a comedy sketch entitled "After the Wedding," presented by Edward Farrell and Company. It describes the amusing adventures of two couples, recently married, who get into innumerable mixups in the hotel where they are honeymooning. The DeMichelle brothers will offer a particularly classy musical number on the harp and violin.

The Australian Creightons come heralded as one of the best juggling and tumbling duos that has been sent over the circuit. Faber and Waters will offer a neat singing and dancing novelty entitled "Nifty Nonsense" that is said to fully live up to its title. Lee Stoddard, clever comedian and mimic, will contribute a novel turn to the bill.

The usual Fashion Show will be held on Friday after the matinee.

THE CROWN MILLINERY

The patrons of the Crown Millinery parlors are delighted with the handsome new premises in the Spencer Arcade, where Miss Livingstone is now located. The new Spring stock is lavishly displayed, and embodies the latest style creations in the most exclusive and original forms. Plain tailored shapes and natty sailors are seen in fine variety, while the more dressy styles are charming in elegant outline and correct colorings. The Crown Millinery are well known for their exclusive showings in dressy accessaries such as neck pieces and costume sets, embroidered boudoir sets, and choice hand painted china.

THE MYSTERY OF A HANDSOME CLOCK

The following committee has been selected to dissect the clock at Wilkerson's on the 31st day of March, for the purpose of ascertaining the solution of the clock, and awarding the prizes to those who most closely solve the mystery. Mr. Hutchinson, City Electrician; Mr. Tripp, of the B. C. E. R.; and Andrew Gray. The proceeds derived from guesses are donated to the Red Cross.

The following are among the guests registered at the Westholme Hotel this week: Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans, D. Hay, G. F. Calvert, D. J. Walker, W. H. Ramsay, N. C. Kneeston, D. C. Scott, A. A. McLeod, G. Y. Gee, W. Eastman and wife, Russell Whitelaw, A. J. Johnson, W. J. Long, G. J. Lumsden, of Vancouver; J. O'Connor, Kamloops, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Sydney, Australia; J. H. Leggett, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Conley, Seattle; Jno. McMutrie, Westholme, B. C.; Geo. J. Chapman, Hoiquam, Wash.

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Husband (meekly): "I'm sorry to say, dear, that I haven't."—New York Sun.

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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.

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G. J. DESBARATS,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service,
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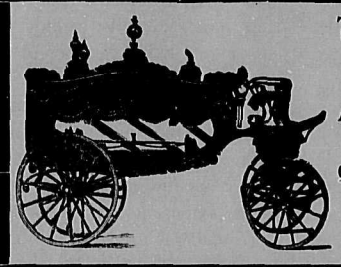

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Dated the 8th day of March, 1916.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, **the 13th day of March,** 1916.

Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1916.

Reports from committees reporting upon Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1916.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1916.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

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J. E. GRIFFITH,
Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 1st March, 1916.
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Recruits are now being enrolled for the Pacific Sub-Division Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Applicants must be physically fit and between the ages of 18 and 42 years. Apply at H. M. C. Dockyard, Esquimalt B. C., at 8 a.m.

Brief Particulars of Terms of Enrolment in Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

Recruits must be—British subjects.
Men of good character.
Physically fit.
Height not less than 5 ft. 5in.
Age, between 18 and 42 years, with good teeth and eyesight.
Previous seafaring experience not essential.

Enrolment—For a term of three years or the duration of the war. Recruits have to pass a medical examination here by the Dockyard Surgeon before being enrolled.

Service—Actual service in war or emergency. Ashore or afloat.
Anywhere the Department of the Naval Service may have need of your services.

Kit and Victuals—Free.

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Efficiency Pay—15c per day on passing "Efficiency Examination."

Separation Allowance—45c a day to married men, widowers with families, or men supporting a widowed mother.

Travelling Allowances—Expenses from Vancouver or adjacent British Columbia points will be refunded to recruits that are enrolled.

Medical Examination—In Dockyard daily at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT

IN THE MATTER OF an Application for a fresh Certificate of Title to Lot Eleven (11) in Block Five (5) Map 282, Victoria City.

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 Samuel Johns and Albion Johns on the 24th of April, 1908, and Numbered 17656C, which has been lost.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of February, 1916.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General of Titles.

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BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

"THE WEEK", WHICH SENT A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO SEATTLE TO WITNESS IT, TAKES THE LIBERTY OF URGING EVERY ONE OF ITS READERS TO SEE THIS REALLY MAGNIFICENT PICTORIAL PRESENTATION OF "WAR." ITS TITLE IS SOMEWHAT MISLEADING, FOR IT HAS NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH PEACE, EXCEPT IN THE SENSE THAT THE BEST SECURITY FOR PEACE IS "PREPAREDNESS." WHEREVER THIS GREAT PORTRAYAL HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THE STATES IT HAS CREATED A "FURORE." ITS SPECTACULAR FEATURES, WHICH INCLUDE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL PART OF NEW YORK, AND THE SINKING OF BATTLESHIPS IN NEW YORK HARBOUR, SURPASS ANYTHING PREVIOUSLY SHOWN AND LITERALLY MUST BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED. BUT BEYOND THE SENSATIONAL FEATURES WHICH ARE THRILLING FROM START TO FINISH THE GREAT ATTRACTION IS THE ABSORBING INTEREST OF A GREAT WAR DRAMA, AS IT MARCHES WITH STATELY STRIDES FROM ONE CRISIS TO ANOTHER, INTERWOVEN WITH ONE OF THE FINEST HUMAN INTEREST STORIES IMAGINABLE. ITS PROPER DESIGNATION WOULD BE "THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE, AN EPIC OF WAR."

Royal Victoria Theatre, One Week, Commencing MARCH 20th

Matinee, One Performance Only, at 3 o'clock. Evening, Two Performances, 7 and 9
Matinee Price 25c. Evening Prices 50c., Soldiers in Uniform 25c.

At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

Since The Week referred in its last issue to the vagaries of the Pastor Russell organization in Victoria, matters have happened in Ontario more than confirming the stand taken by The Week. Particulars appeared in the "Colonist" of Wednesday last, and need not be recited in detail. Suffice it to say that one of Pastor Russell's meetings was turned into a recruiting meeting by the indignant audience, and in another instance the meeting was called off by the Mayor of the town, because of the hostile attitude of the city. Pastor Russell has been proved in the Canadian and American Courts to be a liar, a humbug, a hypocrite and a fraud. In the eyes of the man on the street he has been convicted of even worse than these, for he locked himself in his servant's private room while she, a young girl, was in bed, and he is the only person living who accepts his assurance that the motive was religious. Yet this whiskered scallywag has established Bible-Reading Unions throughout Canada, and has a few misguided adherents in Victoria. The Victoria Times still publishes his advertisements, although all the facts stated above have appeared in the public press and are beyond dispute. As long as it was only a moral question that was involved it became purely a matter of taste whether or not a paper should accept his dirty dollars for advertising. Now that it has been proved in Victoria that his organization is simply a cover for a pro-German anti-recruiting propaganda, it is time for some one to act, and time for the daily press to refuse his advertisements, and to lend a hand in suppressing a "pestilential fellow."

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A brief reference was made in the last issue of The Week to the establishment of a Hospital at Stadacona. This Hospital has been taken in hand entirely by the members of the local detachment of the V. A. D. It may not be generally known that all the members of this detachment have to undergo a course of training in First Aid and Home Nursing. The local branch is affiliated with the parent society in England, which authorizes the uniform, and it is recognized by the military authorities. The branch has undertaken this special work at the request of Colonel Henniker in order that the 103rd Battalion may be better provided for in the matter of hospital accommodation than has been possible in the case of some of the other regiments. The City has lent Stadacona House, the ladies have begged the furnishings, and the Battalion supplies the rations. The ladies all give their services voluntarily, no person in connection with the establishment is paid a cent, except two orderlies who belong to the Battalion. Too much praise cannot be given to the ladies who have taken in hand this important work. It will be one of the most beneficial contributions to the War, and its practical nature will render it susceptible of further use when the 103rd is no longer here. The Officers of the V. A. D. are: Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, Commandant; Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Quartermaster; Mrs. Daryl Hannington, Trained Nurse; Mrs. Kennedy, Lady Superintendent; Dr. W. E. Home, Medical Instructor; Sergt. Wolfendale, 103rd Batt., Drill Instructor.

Lounger.

The last time I had a crack with Harry Lauder, I asked him when he intended to a pppear in a Scottish play. He winked portentously, and replied: "Jist you haud on; I'll surprise some o' you chaps yet." The land of the too-proud-to-fight cult has first got part of the surprise. Last week, "The Nicht Afore," a Scottish playlet, the words and music of which are both by Lauder, was produced in New York. A cable informs me that it "went splendidly." Messrs. Howard and Wyndham hold the rights of production in this country.

AWKWARDLY PUT

Lady of House (to young sub. who has been billeted on her): "We've only one bath, and so have to arrange turns. What time would yiu like yours?"

Young Sub.: "Oh! my time is yours, madam."

Book Notes

BY I. I. I. I.

The name of Violet Hackcheese Snoop is new to us, but we feel certain that it will henceforth loom big in literary circles on account of the extraordinary success of her clever novel, "Woman's Place" (Rumhauser & MacBoob, $1.50), which deals with the great problem of marriage so searchingly. The heroine, Maggie McGee, marries a rising young doctor named (Ah, if she had only been more cautious!) Brown, who is so taken up with his practice that he is only with her in the evenings. Of course, he is always saying how much he loves her, and takes her to the opera once a week, and never forgets her birthday, and so on; but he does not understand her: and after the birth of their child the hollowness of it all begins to become unbearable to her. She is tired of being a plaything, and it is at this point in the story that Miss Snoop utters through the heroine's mouth the most daringly original thought in the entire novel: "I want to live my own life." It is shortly after this that Mascagni comes across her path. Mascagni is, by force of circumstances, a pianotuner; but he has the soul of a god and ignores all narrow conventions. He does not even wear a necktie. Maggie first notices him one afternoon as he sits at the keyboard "with the pale sun lemoning his long pale face and long pale hair" and immediately she knows. She carries to her boudoir the memory of those large pale eyes fixed so sadly upon her, and knows that she knows that he knows. And this is borne out by the fact that after that afternoon Mascagni comes to tune the piano once a week, and then twice a week so that his aura is being constantly woven about her ego. Then one evening her husband telephones to say that he cannot come home that night. He mumbles some clumsy excuse about having been run over by a street-car, and being now in the hospital; but the receiver falls from her listless hand while he is still speaking, for she realizes that now, despite her efforts to prevent it, the End is come. All the humiliations, all the degradations, all the indignities, suffered during those last sordid years come upon her in an overwhelming deluge, and terrible sobs shake her as she hastily crams a few jewels and things into a few suit cases. For one moment she thinks of the three children asleep in the nursery upstairs; then recognizes the awful fact that she has never really been a Mother to them. In the passage stands the tall form of Mascagni in his unconventional attire, one hand on the open door, waiting, waiting. Before the door closes on them the anguished soul of Maggie McGee is heard sorrowing: "Oh, if he had only understood!" But they never do understand. And to tell the truth, we'll be hanged if we do.

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"What's the trouble?"

"She can't get a maid who will curtsey like they do in the musical comedies she goes to see."—Michigan Gargoyle.

SOTTO VOCE

By the Hornet

That the Liberal Opposition in the local Legislature has not made a very auspicious start.

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That the Electors expect Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald to discover something more important than "mares' nests."

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That if they are not in earnest there is no "raison d'etre" for their return to the House.

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That with such a multitude of "charges" they ought not to lack material for a serious investigation.

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That after the Songhees "fiasco" public confidence in their ability to make good will be seriously shaken.

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That the business of the House is dragging and the whole proceedings badly need a little "ginger."

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That the attacks made upon the Speaker are not only in bad taste, but distinctly libellous.

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That it would help to cleanse politics if the Speaker saw his way to go after some of these scurrilous libellers.

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That the recent Liberal campaign has been unusually prolific of personal abuse, and for the first time it has been directed at the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker.

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That it all goes to prove the truth of the old proverb, "you cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

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That it is a pity the true character of Pastor Russell is not as well understood in Victoria as in Eastern Canada.

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That the people of Ontario have labelled his precious Bible Reading Classes correctly, as "anti-recruiting."

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That the hand of the Hon. A. E. Kemp has not yet been felt in No. 11 Militia District, where there is plenty of room for improvement in the matter of quarters and supplies.

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That the Women's Council have taken up not a minute too soon the subject of the health of the soldiers in our local camps.

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That if it were not for the energy and devotion of women in the present great crisis, the lot of the soldier would be sad indeed.

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That evidence is accumulating almost daily of the perfect equipment of the B. C. Hospital at Salonika, which makes it all the more surprising that anyone should have got on the wrong scent.

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That the celebration of Sir James Douglas' Day was a most successful function, and the interest was greatly increased by the admirable paper read by Mr. R. E. Gosnell.

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That the Committee having charge of the arrangements for Shakespeare Day should by now have their programme completed and published.

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That the programme should include an afternoon address in every Public School in the City, and an evening address in the Theatre or Alexandra Club.

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That the modernity of Shakespeare was never so evident as during the present great war.

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That Harry Watson is the "Bernal Osborne" of the British Columbia Parliament.

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That on Wednesday afternoon he was in his happiest vein, and it is a pitty that his sallies of wit were not reported verbatim.

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That he ruffled the placidity of the Liberal Member for Vancouver by barely suggesting that Mr. de Farris might "beat him to it" for the Attorney-Generalship.

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That his parting shot about the $39,000 was a "bullet" that found its "billet."

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That the Government has been out-manouevred by the Opposition in connection with the Prohibition Bill.

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That it has been forced to go further than it intended, and much further than the Prohibitionists expected.

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That the result is that its "bona fides" are being called in question, and the Liberals are able to say "Codling's your friend, not Short."

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That should the clergy fight they might read the Huns a lesson.

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That recently in New York a "Peace" meeting was broken up by the use of snuff—the nose had it.

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That President Wilson tells us to fight for our principles—while he looks after his interest.

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That when you buy a copy of Robinson Crusoe you are not trading with the enemy, even though it was written by Defoe.

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That the Kaiser's solicitude for safety of Stratford-on-Avon is not due to love for the "Bard," but sympathy for the lady residing there who wrote "the Sorrows of Satan."

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That although the Italian soldiers get a free ration of wine daily they seem to lack the Roman punch.

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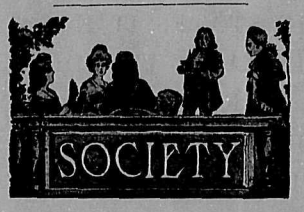
That the Skirt is getting so short there is no telling where it will end—perhaps just where it began.



In the review of the amateur dramatic entertainment, published in the issue of March 11th, the name of Miss Mollie Hibben was inadvertently omitted in mentioning the talented performers who contributed so much to the pleasure of the evening.

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The Lady Douglas Chapter I. O. D. E. held their annual commemoration tea at the Empress on Tuesday afternoon. A charming musical programme was rendered, and Mr. R. E. Gosnell kindly gave an interesting address.

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The Ladies' Musical Club rendered a fine programme of operatic music at their concert last Thursday night. Every number was a treat, and the Club is to be congratulated on the success it has achieved this winter.

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Mrs. Falkner, wife of a prominent Queensland doctor, spent a few days in Victoria recently. Mrs. Falkner is keenly interested in Red Cross and patriotic work, and has been one of Australia's most energetic workers.

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Last Monday afternoon a linen shower for the Stadacona Hospital was conducted by the ladies of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, the officer's mess of the 103rd Battalion being placed at their disposal. "Stadacona" will be used as hospital quarters of the 103rd, and an ample supply of comforts and necessaries is being supplied by the V. A. D.

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A genuine surprise party was given in the Mona Cafe last Wednesday night when Mrs. McKee, (nee Cummins) was the guest of Mrs. J. J. Bradford, and a large number of friends. Mrs. McKee, who is a popular bride, was escorted to the Mona, presumably on business, and on her arrival found the place in darkness, but with the switching on of the lights a company of about sixty ladies was revealed; a merry company which had gathered together on what proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. The guest of honor was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Millar, of St. Patrick Street, Oak Bay, have just returned from an extensive trip throughout the States and Cuba.

The following are amongst the recent visitors to the Brentwood Hotel: The Hon. W. R. Ross, Mr. Ernest Semple, Mr. J. B. H. Rickaby, Mr. Alan Tomlinson, the Rev. J. Fisher, Miss McCullough, Miss Wolfenden, Lieut. and Mrs. Eliot, Lieut. Baird, Lieut. the Hon. R. W. E. Finch, Dr. and Mrs. Tomalin, Lieut. H. A. Tomalin Jones, Mr. F. O. Finn, Lieut. H. Despard Twigg and Mrs. Twigg, Mr. T. H. Bailey, Major and Mrs. Curwan, Lieut.-Colonel Kirkpatrick, Major Hutton, all of Victoria; Lieut.-Colonel Bell, Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. Wheeler, Sidney; Mr. W. D. Morris, Ottawa; Monsieur Antoine Brisbois, Bord a Plouffe, Que.; Mr. M. E. Dickson, Mr. P. O. Roche, Mr. J. B. Macdonadl, all of Sidney.

"What became of Nineveh?" asked the Sunday School teacher.

"It was entirely destroyed," said Johnny, promptly.

"And what became of Tyre?"

"Punctured."

From Lieut. C. Allen Buckmaster: "Dear 'Looker On': I must tell you a true malapropism that rather amused us in Gallipoli, from which God-forsaken spot I recently returned. Our adjutant had indented for certain stores. He told off one of the brigade telephonists to ring up the depot on Anzac beach and make inquiries. This is the reply—as the telephonist wrote it down—'Reference your Indent No. —, these goods are not yet to hand, but a confinement is shortly expected.' "

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