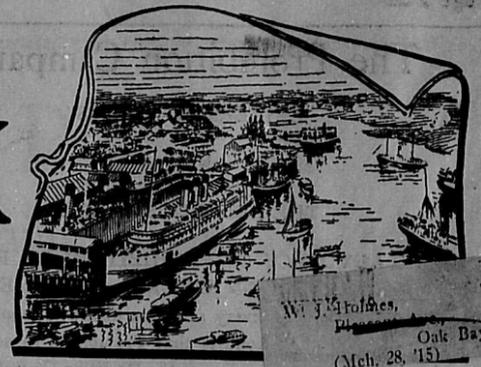




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## The Bye-Election in Victoria

THE Electoral Campaign is in full force, and for a fortnight there will be no "let-up" by either side to secure the return of its nominee to the Provincial Legislature. While the contest will be a hard one, probably the hardest in the history of local Provincial politics, it will be a clean one, because neither candidate will stand for anything but decent methods. The Victoria Times seems to have some misgiving on this point so far as the Liberal Party is concerned, at any rate if there is any value in the old French proverb, "qui s'excuse s'accuse." In its issue of Monday, the Times in a mood of depression, not at all difficult to understand under the circumstances, indulged in all sorts of dire anticipation of corrupt practices and tricks to be practised on Election Day. Probably it was overwhelmed with reminiscences of "Ballot Box Preston" et al. However, let us hope that all such expectations are purely imaginary, and that when the Times recovers from its despondency it will realize that there was no possible foundation for its "bad dream."

### TWO CANDIDATES OF INTEGRITY

As a matter of fact this Bye-Election is unique in one respect at any rate, viz.: that we have two candidates of the highest personal character, and a clean business record. Mr. Flumerfelt and Mr. Brewster are men against whom not one word can be said in their public or private relations. On the ground of personal character Victoria might be proud to be represented by either. It may be taken for granted that on the part of the candidates there will be no tolerance of improper methods, of unfair discussion, or of personal attack. Both have already made this declaration at the very commencement of the fight, and there is every reason to believe not only that they will live up to their expressed views, but that their supporters will respect their wishes.

### A CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE

No one wanted an election at this time, but it was inevitable. To have continued three new Ministers in office for an indefinite period, and especially throughout a session of Parliament without following the invariable precedent of submitting to the verdict of their constituencies would have been unconstitutional, and would have been certain to arouse the severest criticism from the Opposition. It is desirable, especially in the case of a change of Premier, who forms a new Cabinet, that his choice of Ministers should be ratified by the Electorate at the earliest convenient moment. This is the raison d'être of the present Bye-Elections, and however much the public may have become disinclined for elections during the War, it would have been both impolitic and unfair to deprive them of an opportunity of indicating their opinion of the choice of Ministers, as well as of the change of Leader. For it must not be forgotten that the submission of a new Minister to his constituency is always regarded as a test of its opinion on the policy of the Government, and it is especially so when the leadership of the Government changes hands.

### RESPECT FOR PUBLIC OPINION

Whatever other criticism may be directed at those in authority across James Bay, it cannot for a moment be contended that they have disregarded public feeling, or have been unmindful of the exigencies of the moment in calling on the Bye-Elections at the present time. The Week has all the more right to say this because it has for more than a year protested against a Federal Election, and in spite of the determination, even of some of the Ministers at Ottawa, has had the satisfaction of seeing the idea abandoned and the Extension Bill brought in. It cannot, however, be contended for a moment that the same principle is involved in a Provincial election, which is purely local in its scope, and which does not involve national or Imperial issues.

### WHAT IS THE ISSUE

The Bye-Election in Victoria has been declared by the Colonist to rest upon one narrow issue, viz.: That there must be a new Minister of Finance, and Mr. Flumerfelt is the best available man in British Columbia for that position. The Colonist may be right, but The Week would prefer to broaden the issue a little, and believes that the Electors will refuse to consider it solely upon this narrow basis. The Week prefers to state the case thus: Is it better for Victoria to be represented by Mr. Flumerfelt as Minister of Finance, or by Mr. Brewster as Leader of the Opposition? And further, does Victoria wish to strike a blow at the announced policy of Mr. Bowser's new Government by turning down his nominee? The question is just as broad as this, in fact if it is any narrower it rests rather upon the second than upon the first plea. The Liberals are not opposing Mr. Flumerfelt, because they think that he would not make an admirable Finance Minister. No suggestion of the kind has emanated from the Liberal press, or from Liberal speakers.

### ATTITUDE OF THE ALLIES OF MR. BREWSTER

There is a general consensus of opinion, in which many leading Liberals concur, that Mr. Flumerfelt is an ideal man for the position, and The Week very much doubts whether, during the campaign any serious attempt will be made to challenge his fitness. The gentleman who up to date has constituted himself, after Mr. Brewster, the chief spokesman of the Liberal Party, the Rev. A. E. Cooke, of Vancouver, says that Mr. Flumerfelt is a "respectable" citizen. The way in which he handled the Report of the Agricultural Commission showed that he believed what he said, for he treated its recommendations with far more respect than he treated the statements of the Government, and repeatedly said that he looked to Mr. Flumerfelt to urge upon the Government the accept-

ance of those recommendations. At the present moment the Liberal Party thinks as the Ministerial Association speaks, and therefore the views of the Rev. Mr. Cooke may fairly be taken to indicate their opinion of Mr. Flumerfelt.

### A CHOICE OF MEN

Passing for a moment to consider the question whether it is better to have Mr. Flumerfelt as Minister of Finance, or Mr. Brewster as Leader of the Opposition in the House, it may at once be admitted that this is a very fair subject for debate. Which does the good Government of the Province need most in the House, an ideal Finance Minister, or a Liberal Leader? The Week is a firm believer in a strong opposition. It is of opinion that the late administration suffered greatly from the absence of such an opposition. It has the highest opinion of the abilities of Mr. Parker Williams, and considers that he discharged his duties with remarkable ability. It is no disrespect to Mr. Brewster to say that Mr. Parker Williams is a much stronger debater. He has had more experience, he is more familiar with Parliamentary usage, he has more natural dialectical skill, and is a more effective speaker. Yet with all this native ability and with a plodding pertinacity, which Mr. Brewster could not excel, even if he could equal, the Liberals admit that Mr. Williams' opposition has not been effective. Why? Simply because he is a leader without a following in the House. Mr. Brewster could not do better under the circumstances, and since the effect of his winning the Victoria seat in the Bye-Election would be merely to place him in the House without a following, there would not appear to be any great advantage.

### WHAT THE LIBERAL PARTY LACKS

What the Liberal Party has to do is to rehabilitate itself throughout the Province. It is no use having a general without an army, and it is of no use putting a leader in the House, if there is nothing to lead. At any time but a bye-election the policy of contesting a seat would not only be admirable, but in every view of the case in the public interest. But when the utmost that could possibly be achieved would be the elimination of a man who would admittedly make an ideal Finance Minister, and the substitution of one Liberal in the House without a following, it would hardly seem to be to the interest of Victoria to bring about such a futile result. Of course this argument is addressed entirely to the first branch of the issue, the question of personal choice between Mr. Flumerfelt and Mr. Brewster, and on all grounds it would appear to be bad business to lose a good Finance Minister in order to put one single oppositionist in the House, especially with a General Election not more than three months ahead of us. Liberal business men, and many of them have voluntarily promised to support Mr. Flumerfelt on business grounds, are no doubt influenced by the consideration that in three months from now it will be possible, humanly speaking, to return Mr. Brewster to the House without his return necessitating the elimination of Mr. Flumerfelt, and so the City and the Province might at once secure a good Minister of Finance and a good Leader of the Opposition. The Week will be greatly surprised if this view is not accepted by the Electors as a whole, since it is sound and reasonable.

### THE POLICIES INVOLVED

This brings us to consider the broader issue of policies, and on this question undoubtedly Mr. Flumerfelt must stand or fall by the announced policy of the Bowser Administration, of which he is a member. It is not a little significant that so far the Liberal press and the Liberal speakers have sought to discredit Mr. Flumerfelt's candidature mainly on the ground of what they are pleased to call the mal-administration of the various McBride Governments. Surely this is a little far-fetched, at any rate in its application to Mr. Flumerfelt personally. He has never before been in political life, and in no sense can he have the slightest personal responsibility for anything that happened prior to his advent into the Bowser Ministry. He has not in a single utterance endorsed the general policies or acts of the McBride administrations, and he has defined his position with great particularity as that of a man who did not seek office, who reluctantly accepted it, and who did so solely that he might place at the service of his fellow-citizens a business experience of forty years. Whatever responsibility he might assume by reason of his association with the new Ministry, he can hardly be held responsible for the doings of the old, and certainly not in any instance except where he may specifically endorse them. As a matter of fact, Mr. Flumerfelt is in an entirely different category in this respect from other Ministers who are seeking re-election, and that fact should be duly noted by the Electors of Victoria.

### THE BOWSER POLICIES

When, however, we come to deal with the matter of the policy of the Bowser Administration, and more particularly with its future policy, Mr. Flumerfelt must accept his full share of responsibility. He has been manly enough to say so, and to define exactly how he regards that responsibility. He says: "I feel that I should not be charged in respect of acts or things done by any former administration, neither do I take any responsibility for them. But I do say here and now, most emphatically, that from the 15th day of December, last, and so long as I continue to hold any position under the administration, I am prepared to take, and do here and now assume, responsibility for any act or thing done or permitted to be done by the Department over which I have the honour to preside, and my full share of the responsibility for any act—of which I have knowledge—by the Government of which I am a member. Now let me emphasize this. Any act of the Government of which I have

knowledge, and for the conduct of any department with which I am connected, I take the fullest, most complete and most absolute responsibility." This clearly defines the position of the Minister, and with equal clearness differentiates him from the mere party nominee who is prepared to say ditto to anything that his party may have done in the past, or may do in the future.

### DETAILS OF POLICY

With the programme announced by Mr. Bowser in December last, Mr. Flumerfelt is in entire agreement, and it is a discussion of that programme which will occupy the attention of both parties during the next fortnight. In a subsequent issue The Week proposes to deal with every feature of this aspect of the case. It should not, however, be forgotten for a moment that that programme includes a number of important features which have been widely endorsed throughout the Province by business men, such as Aid to Ship-building, the bringing of the Agricultural Credits Act into operation quickly, a Colonization Policy to settle the Crown Lands with a practical farming population, Financial Assistance to the Mining Industry, the Development of Seaports, a new Workmen's Compensation Act, Aid to Returned Soldiers, and the creation of a separate Department of Agriculture with its own Minister. None of these proposals are combatted by the Liberals. Mr. Brewster has not ventured to attack the principle of any one of them. It may therefore be fairly assumed that both parties regard them as in the public interest. There may be, and probably are, differences of opinion on the details of legislation giving effect to these principles, but that is all.

### POLITICS OR BUSINESS, WHICH?

Under the circumstances it should appeal to an electorate which is keenly alive to its business interests to give the new Premier and his Ministers time to elaborate their programme and to put it in such definite form that it could be criticized intelligently and effectively, and as that must be done within a few months, and the verdict of the constituencies taken, it would appear that even on the question of policy Mr. Flumerfelt is in a stronger position than Mr. Brewster. In fact the constituency would have to be more intent on a political than on a business issue if it acted in a manner which would simply advance the political interests of Mr. Brewster and his party at the present moment. That is a reasonable conclusion, in view of the momentous issues at stake in the country and the Empire, and the universal disinclination to concede any importance at the moment to purely party interests.

### MR. FLUMERFELT'S POSITION DEFINED

In addition, however, to his identification with the announced policy of the Bowser Government, Mr. Flumerfelt has made some important statements on his own account. In the few addresses which he has already delivered he has shown himself keenly alive to the most important interests of the moment. He has discussed in an incisive manner the financial position of the Province, and shown that its status in the money markets of the world is unimpaired, and that it is able to borrow money to-day at a rate of interest which compares favourably with that paid by any other province in the Dominion. In addition, he has discussed the subject of Aid to Ship-Building in a more detailed manner than any other Minister, and has demonstrated in reply to a series of questions that in his judgment the industries and commercial requirements of Canada and B. C. necessitate a Merchant Marine in the Pacific, that such an enterprise can be made permanently profitable, and that in order to stimulate its establishment it should receive Government aid at the start.

### INTER-PROVINCIAL AND IMPERIAL TRADE

Perhaps, however, the strongest statements yet made by Mr. Flumerfelt are those contained in his important article printed in the Montreal Star, where he pleads for "oneness of sentiment" and "clean politics," and then outlines a definite scheme for developing inter-Provincial trade and trade between the different units comprising the British Empire. His utterances on this subject are the most practical that have yet been made, and outline a constructive policy of a most important and far-reaching character. It was dealt with briefly in the last issue of The Week, and will be treated in greater detail in a subsequent issue.

### THE REAL ISSUE

Meanwhile The Week commends to the careful attention of the Electors of Victoria the foregoing considerations, in the firm belief that all such considerations will be influenced at the present time far more by the question: Is it good business? than by any political consideration that can be urged by either party.

*William Blakemore*

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE WEEK ARE RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1916 ARE NOW DUE, AND BY PAYING THEM EARLY IN THE YEAR THEY CAN MATERIALLY ASSIST THE PAPER.

# The Prohibition Campaign

LETTERS BY "JUNIUS"

No. 2.

## THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT

**THE ADVOCACY OF PROHIBITION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS IS BASED ON SEVERAL FALLACIES.** The first is that it is the duty of every religious man to support it because he is religious. The second is that Prohibition in some form or another is the traditional policy of the Christian Church. The third is that all Christian Ministers, or practically all, are in favor of it; and the fourth is that it would be effective in destroying all the evils of the drink traffic.

**THESE SUPPOSITIONS ARE ALL ERRONEOUS,** as can easily be proved. Take the first, that of religious duty, it must at once be conceded that it is the duty of every man, religious or otherwise, to support all measures which make for the betterment of mankind, for the raising of moral standards and the improvement of the conditions of life.

**PROHIBITION HAS NEVER DONE THIS.** Whenever tried it has, alongside the restriction which it imposes, developed hypocrisy, cheating, deception and contempt for the law, by bringing it into disrepute.

**THE SOUNDEST JUDGES** hold that the loss to the morale of a community by the development of the peculiar vices attendant upon Prohibition is greater than the moral gain secured by a measure of restriction. If this is so, **PROHIBITION DOES NOT ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF RELIGION** and ceases to be an obligation to the religious man.

**THE SECOND FALLACY** that Prohibition is the traditional policy of the Christian Church is disproved by every reference to history. The early Christian Church condemned Prohibition. **THE GREATEST TEMPERANCE REFORMERS** from the days of Father Matthew have based their work on moral appeal and educative methods. **THEY HAVE NEVER ADVOCATED PROHIBITION.**

**THE PURITANS OF NEW ENGLAND,** who are the classic reformers of modern times, in their famous **BLUE LAWS,** punished the people for nearly everything; but although they were **FANATICS AND BIGOTS,** they meant well, and **NEVER ATTEMPTED TO CURE THE DRINK EVIL BY PROHIBITION.**

**THEY TRIED TO SUPPRESS** every other form of personal liberty by law, but **THE ABSURDITY AND STUPIDITY OF DICTATING WHAT THEIR FELLOWS SHOULD DRINK AND NOT DRINK NEVER OCCURRED TO THEM.**

**THE PURITANS WERE FAR FROM BEING TEE-TOTALERS.** They established breweries, they drank in moderation, and the relationship between Church and Tavern was very close, and at times the two were inextricably mixed.

**"OTHER TIMES OTHER MANNERS,"** the Prohibitionist will say. He will also add that many of the laws of the Puritans are denounced to-day, even by the Christian Churches, but he is not entitled to say that Prohibition is in any sense a traditional policy of the Church, and the above facts prove this statement.

**THE THIRD FALLACY** is that nearly all Christian Ministers are in favor of Prohibition. This is not true. Many of the greatest and most influential Christian Ministers have placed themselves on record as strongly opposed to Prohibition, including Cardinal Gibbons, Rev. W. Rainsford, Bishop Satterlee, Archbishop Messmer, Bishop Webb, Bishop Grafton, and Canon Hensley Henson.

**THE BISHOP OF FREDERICTON,** in his charge to the Anglican Synod, as reported in **THE VANCOUVER WORLD** of Monday last, whilst strongly advocating Prohibition, makes the following startling statement:

**"I HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT A PROHIBITION LAW. I HAVE NO EXPECTATIONS THAT SUCH A LAW WILL ENTIRELY ELIMINATE THE SALE OF LIQUOR."**

**THE BISHOP OF FREDERICTON** makes a frank and honest admission, which has been made by many other clergymen; while he is in favor of it, **HE ADMITS ITS INEFFICIENCY.**

**THE QUESTION TO CONSIDER IS:** Whether at the present time we should be stampeded into legislation which by the admission of its strongest advocates **WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE.** If we are seeking for means that will only be partially effective, why not rely upon the enforcement of our own **TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION,** which is admitted to be the best on the Statute Books of any Province of the Dominion.

**THE REMEDIES FOR DRUNKENNESS** are Education, Moral Training, and Regulating Legislation. It is admitted that we have the latter, the best of its kind, and that under its operation excessive drinking has been enormously curtailed in British Columbia.

**MORAL TRAINING** demands all the energies of our citizens, and **THE ADVOCATES OF PROHIBITION ARE ADMITTING THEIR FAILURE IN THIS FIELD WHEN THEY APPEAL TO FORCE.**

"JUNIUS"

## The R. C. N. V. R.

**T**HE Navy League Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire has initiated an admirable movement for raising funds in order that the men who are serving in the R. C. N. V. R. may not be left without the same measure of financial support as is accorded to the men serving in the various military regiments. Up to 31st October, last, these men received the usual allowance from the Patriotic Fund, but on that date the Dominion Government instructed the local administrators of the fund to discontinue the allowance, on the ground that the men of the R. C. N. V. R. had been scheduled as on "shore service," and were on that account not to be considered entitled to the allowance. They were to be offered their release and allowed to join military regiments. As a matter of fact the Commander of the R. C. N. V. R. is now asking for recruits, and The Week is authorized to state that applicants should attend at the Drill Hall in the Navy Yard at 8 o'clock in the mornings. It is probable that 50 or 60 will be taken on. The present total is 400. These men have done duty when required on the submarines, and on several warships. They may be wanted again at any moment, in fact this aspect of the case is emphasized by the demand for recruits. Why, then, should they not have their Active Service allowance from the Patriotic Fund? The Navy League Chapter, and the general public think they are entitled to it. Meanwhile, to prevent them from suffering, the Chapter is endeavouring to secure funds, and Mr. David Doig, the manager of the Bank of B. N. A., is acting as Treasurer. The nucleus of a fund is being formed by the raffling of a valuable building lot at Shoal Bay, overlooking the sea. Tickets for this lot, at 50 cents each, can be obtained from any member of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E. This, however, should not prevent anybody who sympathizes with the movement from sending a contribution direct to Mr. Doig.

## Correspondence

### BOY SCOUTS

Victoria, 16th Feb, 1916  
To the Editor of The Week.

Dear Sir,—We were glad to see by the remarks of "Lounger" in your issue of February 12th, that some people in Victoria are on the lookout for the Boy Scouts, and expect something from them. However, we think that "Lounger" expects rather too much from a body which consists largely at the present time of small boys, owing to the fact that most of the bigger boys, with their scoutmasters, are serving the colours.

Because of the amount of sickness prevailing many troops have found it impossible to hold their regular meetings, and the Scoutmasters could not get in touch with their scouts to make any organized effort. Further, those parents consulted preferred to have their boys working under their own supervision, rather than have them sally out in deep snow to some distant place of meeting.

One would like to point out that the "daily kind acts" are to be done individually and without parade.

The Boy Scouts have on all occasions responded when appealed to, which has frequently happened in the past. We thank "Lounger" for his hint, and, while we think that he has been a little unreasonable in this case, we hope that the Scoutmasters will be even more watchful in using their own initiative to find opportunities for helpfulness.

Yours truly,  
A. D. MUSKETT,  
Chairman of the Executive of the Victoria Boy Scouts Assn. Collegiate School, Victoria, B. C.

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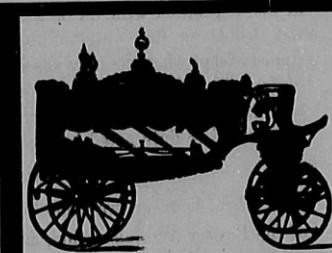
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TENDERS will be received until Noon on Wednesday 23rd February, 1916, for supplies of Lubricating Oils to H.M.C. Naval Yard at Esquimalt, from 1st April, 1916, until 31st March, 1917.

Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

(Signed) GEO. PHILLIPS,  
Naval Store Officer,  
H. M. C. Dockyard,  
Esquimalt B. C.

Feb. 12

Feb. 19

## CANARY CARUSO IS COMING TO PANTAGES

A tiny canary that is said to earn for its owner an enormous salary will provide what is heralded as the biggest vaudeville sensation of the season, at Pantages Theatre next week. "The Mystic Bird," with Master Paul Nathaniel, the boy violinist, is the way this act is billed, and it promises to make the most blaze votary of vaudeville sit up and take notice. This little bird has the extraordinary faculty of singing any song played by its master on the violin. The canary also imitates the call of any singing bird named by the audience, and does it with marvellous fidelity. The act caused a tremendous sensation in New York, and all the big eastern cities.

This is not by any means the only big feature on the new bill. "The Dairy Maids," a musical extravaganza in three parts, featuring Eddie Foley and dainty Lea Leture will have the honor of closing the show. The chorus is composed of eight shapely girls, all of whom are good singers and dancers.

Yates and Wheeler, two impersonators, will offer a comedy sketch, "Who's Who and Which?" in which the men alternate in the feminine role. Wright and Davis, two very capable comedians, will figure in "The Love Insurance Agent," while there will be some very clever acrobaticism by a trio of talented artists.

## APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF HOTEL LICENSE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Royal Arms Hotel, situate at 1717 Storo Street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, to Ernest Ferguson, of the said City of Victoria.

DATED the 27th day of January, 1916  
JAMES DUFEN,  
Jan. 29 9161  
Feb. 28



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.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership existing between John Hastie and McPherson & Fullerton Bros., as Contractors in the City of Victoria under the style and name of the British Columbia Construction and Engineering Co., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. John Hastie will continue the business, assuming all liabilities in connection with same.

Dated February 1st 1916.  
JOHN HASTIE,  
T. S. MCPHERSON,  
H. M. FULLERTON.

Feb. 12

Feb. 26



## 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 2,550 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.

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

March 22.



## Royal Naval College of Canada.

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 Colleges 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.

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**SOTTO VOCE**  
By the Hornet

That The Week's prediction that Grand Duke Nicholas would have a "come-back" was a good shot, if a long one.

That the taking of Erzeroum is one of the most pregnant incidents of the War.

That there is more than a suspicion that the enormous garrison were "Shying" at the prospect of short rations.

That a haul of one thousand guns and one hundred thousand soldiers is "some" capture.

That the new strategic position means the mastery of Asia Minor and the first check to the invasion of Egypt.

That there are two canals, one at Kiel, and the other at Ypres.

That before long the former is likely to be the scene of as much activity as the latter.

That there is not much danger of the German Fleet coming out, but a probability of the British Fleet going in.

That Lord Northcliffe declined the offer of Czar of the air before it was offered to him.

That England is now looking for that airship which Winston Churchill began to build when he was First Lord of the Admiralty.

That the miners and iron-workers of the Midlands have put a few straight questions to the Government.

That they have no mind for their women and children to be "bombed" while they are straining every nerve

to supply the army with munitions of war.

That Hamilton always was the most Imperialistic city in Canada.

That Col. Dennison kept the sentiment alive there for many years.

That it is something to have the honor of being the first city in Canada to publicly demand compulsory service.

That much as we are opposed to it, nothing can stop it, if our native-born refuse to enlist.

That public opinion in Victoria is moving rapidly towards the same goal when it demands the use of the "armlet."

That it is just a year since The Week first advocated a provision of this kind.

That it would simplify recruiting and remove a reproach from many young men who would go to the front if they were "physically fit."

That incidentally it would make the slackers conspicuous by the absence of the armlet.

That whether the fire at Ottawa was or was not the work of a pro-German, there is abundant evidence that it was well in line with their programme.

That the admirable precautions adopted by Acting-Premier Ross at our own Parliamentary Buildings are timely, and not a bit too stringent.

That all that is lacking is a little more civility on the part of some of the special guards at the doors.

That it takes more than a badge to make a sentinel.

That finally the Liberal leader summoned up enough courage to challenge the Minister of Finance in a bye-election.

That in doing so he has shown himself to be the embodiment of the altruistic principle.

That he will make a good run, but will not be in at the finish.

That it looked like old times to see Mr. Morley consorting with the Ministerial Association.

That in the days of his Morality Play he often kept good company.

That he seemed very anxious that the Vancouver delegation should not miss the boat.

Among the guests registered at the Westholme Hotel this past week are R. A. Matthews, J. R. Millaghy, G. W. Madden and E. J. Baker, of Vancouver; M. A. Davis, Eugene Crowdell, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Daeker and J. L. Gaylord, of Seattle; G. F. Lartz, of Maple Bay; George Campbell and J. R. Randell, of Armstrong.

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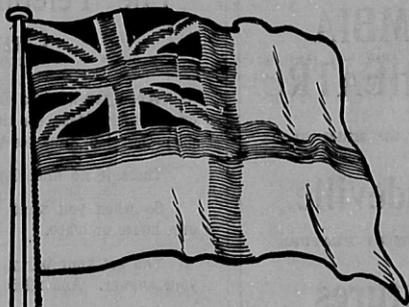
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Spring Ridge, George Jay School—Chairman, Mr. C. H. Revercomb; Speakers: Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, Mr. Harold Robertson, Mr. W. Blakemore.

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# At The Street Corner

BY THE LOUNGER

Things seem to be a little bit uncertain in some official quarters, as evidenced by the extraordinary proceedings of the last week in connection with the Arena. When the snow broke down the dining quarters of the 88th Fusiliers, Lester Patrick promptly placed the Arena at the disposal of the military authorities. It might have been a mutual advantage, but it was certainly fortunate for the 88th that such first class quarters were so speedily available after their ill-luck. An army of men were started to work, and in a few days at very moderate expense would have converted the Arena into excellent quarters. But to everyone's amazement along comes a telegram from Ottawa cancelling the arrangement and pointing out that, as the 67th were leaving "at once" for Over-Seas, their quarters would be available for the 88th. Now, as a matter of fact, the 67th is not leaving for the front, or indeed leaving at all for some considerable time, certainly weeks, and probably months. I do not profess to know the reasons which actuated the military authorities in executing this "volte face," but I think it would have been reasonable if extra accommodation was required, to have used the building so well adapted, and which I believe could have been procured indefinitely for a nominal rental, just sufficient to cover the taxes. I think also I am justified in saying at this juncture that such an offer was made by the management shortly after the outbreak of the War, but was not entertained. What puzzles me is the rapid change of mind, and apparent lack of definite policy.

After my eulogistic write-up of the soldiers in last issue for their unparalleled services in shovelling snow, I am more than a little delighted to find that those services have been appropriately recognized. In fact, I think I might say gracefully recognized. Free car rides for a full month for nearly four thousand men is no trifling gift, and probably represents not less than \$10,000, indeed I am told that this is far too low an estimate, but in any event the value is substantial, and I am sure the recognition could not have been conveyed in any other form which would have been as acceptable.

I was greatly disappointed at the showing made by our erstwhile Light Weight Champion, Joe Bayley, at the Willows a week ago. He is not even a shadow of his former self, for he appears to have lost his speed, and has certainly lost his "punch." If a third-rater like Macdonald could stay in the ring with him for fifteen rounds, and only be beaten by three points in sixty, it is ridiculous to talk of Bayley still being the Champion. The only reason I am critical is because he and his friends persist in using the title. In doing so they are disregarding the decision of the Referee, and incidentally doing nothing to prove that Bayley is even in the same class as he was when he met O'Leary. There are half a dozen boys in B. C. to-day who can beat Bayley. Meanwhile I think great credit is due to W. H. Davis for the persistency with which he sticks to the game, and the good talent which he continues to unearth. He is fairly entitled to be considered the doyen of the ring in B. C., and is not unlikely in the near future to unearth us another light weight of championship grade. I do not expect to see one at Victoria West tonight, although I am arranging to go with a full knowledge of the fact that there will be a first class entertainment. I wonder how it is that Victoria West seems to produce nearly all the best boxers in Victoria. The political contests suggest to me what may be a rather incongruous idea, viz.: the possibility of Ward contests in the boxing ring, as well as in the political arena. In that case, I am not sure that Victoria West will hold the premier position.

I must add a few words to the altogether admirable appreciation of the late George Sheldon Williams, which appears in the Colonist of this issue. I knew Mr. Williams intimately for ten years, and formed the highest opinion of his character and abilities. His outstanding characteristics were keen intelligence, promptness of decision and a distrust of democracy. But I often thought that the latter was his particular "pose," and that he was really not so much anti-democratic, as anti-demagogic. He was a charming companion, for in addition to

his attractive personality, he was a remarkably well read man. There were few subjects on which he could not quote a standard author. Indeed his love of memorizing and quoting was a distinctive characteristic. He kept up his Latin and Greek, and was more than a fair French and German scholar. He was a keen admirer of oratory and good writing, and his judgment of both was sound. Most of his writing was in connection with mining, but occasionally, very occasionally, he contributed an article on some phase of politics, or government to the public press. Such articles were always trenchant, indeed, if he had given himself to it he could have written political articles of the most incisive character. I call to mind with some degree of envy that he was the only man to whom, during periods of enforced absence from the Province, my Chief entrusted the editorial columns of his paper. That may not appear a very high distinction in the eyes of its critics, but its regular readers, and their name is legion, will agree that no higher compliment could have been paid to Mr. Williams' literary ability, or to his sense of honor. Like most literary men, he lacked the business instinct, which accounts for the troubles which overtook him, and for the darkening of his latter days. Let any who might be disposed to think unkindly of one who was overwhelmed by a speculative wave, which engulfed thousands of able business men, think of George Sheldon Williams as he was before the boom, and then they will always remember him as a type of the educated, manly, honorable English gentleman.

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The dining room of the Empress was the scene of several large supper parties after the usual informal dance on Wednesday. Among those present were noticed, Colonel Heniker, Captain Lawder, Miss Lawder, Miss Duncafe, Miss Butler, Mrs. Cuppage, Captain Barton, Mrs. Rojer Monteith, Mrs. W. Rochfort, Captain Dunsford, Captain Bruce, Mrs. McIvor Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, the Misses Bodwell, Miss Little, Mr. and Mrs. Twigg, Lieutenants Sweeney, Ashcroft, W. Barton, Skelton, McLagan, Mrs. W. Barton, Miss Troup, Mrs. Roy Troup, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill Hayes, Mrs. McLachlan.

The military ball to be given under the auspices of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, will be held at the Connaught Hall on February 22nd.

Captain Edmsdo, of the Militia Department for Western Canada, is spending a few days in Victoria.

Dr. and Mrs. Landsborough arrived by the Sado Maru from Japan on Wednesday morning. Dr. Landsborough has spent twenty years as a missionary in the heart of the Island of Formosa.

Mr. W. E. Oliver is a patient in the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mrs. W. Roper is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, the result of a broken collar bone.

Mrs. Moore, Richardson Street, entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon.

Elaborate preparations are in hand for the concert under the auspices of the I. O. D. E., in aid of the Willows branch of the Y. M. C. A. The event will take place at the Royal Victoria Theatre on 3rd March.

The Suffragettes War Auxiliary, of Toronto, is making plans for the technical education of the blind, particularly returned blinded soldiers. The War Auxiliary is also interesting itself in aiding Serbian orphans.

Vancouver Society is looking forward to the Cafe Dansant, to be held at the Vancouver Hotel next Monday, as a farewell to Colonel Hulme and officers of the 62nd Battalion.

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