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OUR VICTORIA LETTER

WHAT IS BEING DONE DOWN AT LEGISLATURE.

The Game, Dyking and Assessment Acts Come in for Much Discussion—Numerous Railway Propositions Come Before the Government.

There has been little of a sensational nature in the house this last week. The routine and other business of the session have been steadily advanced, with no hindrance save the obstructive tactics of the opposition, who have with jan 1 05 success contrived to delay the country's business without advancing their own ends, and to expose their own weakness without inflicting injury upon their opponents. The government maintains its steady majority of five and six, and the mental calibre of the present opposition is not of a character to enable them to present any arguments that can alter the existing condition of affairs.

The Game Act has probably been the most discussed measure on the floor of the house this last week. Every man likes to consider himself a sportsman, even if he isn't one; and the consequence has been that nearly every member of the house has had something to say in regard to this important measure. The bill was in committee of the whole on Thursday, and was put in pretty satisfactory shape when the house reported progress. It is a very distinct improvement on former legislation.

The Dyking Act, debate on the second reading of which was adjourned on Friday, offers a fair solution of a very important question. Naturally, there is considerable rivalry among the areas affected, and an attempt will doubtless be made to make political capital out of the matter, but the bill is a fair and equitable measure notwithstanding.

In the discussion over the bill to amend the unrepealed sections of the provisions of the Assessment Act, J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, took occasion to place himself in a very unhappy light before the house. He accused the government of bringing down the measure in order to enable them to recover certain monies from the Le Roi Mining Co., and announced the receipt of a telegram from the manager of that company, denying that the company was indebted to the government. He then read the despatch, and proceeded to argue the matter in a manner which very strongly suggested counsel for the defence.

The finance minister, with a contemptuous brevity that cut like a knife, said that the statement contained in the telegram was not true, and that the sender thereof must have known it.

The premier, after finally disposing of Mr. Macdonald's friend's telegram by pointing out that the amount of taxation as claimed by the province had been admitted by counsel of either side when the case was under review, proceeded to read the leader of the opposition a severe lecture on the peculiar line of tactics he had adopted. His remarks, though harsh, were more than justified, as this is the second time this session that Mr. Macdonald has dragged the Le Roi by the ears into public questions.

With further reference to the railway matters now under consideration by the government, alluded to in last week's letter, it is worthy of note, as illustrating the onerous nature of the task devolving upon Mr. McBride and his colleagues in selecting the most advantageous policy, that there are now, by actual count, close upon 20 different railway projects before the government. Some of these propositions have merit—a good many have none at all, indeed are absolutely worthless except to their promoters. Now, it must be abundantly clear to every thinking man, with the smallest appreciation of the straitened financial circumstances of the province, that it is not possible, at the present time and under the present conditions, to launch out into a policy of large expenditure, such as would be involved by an attempt to deal with all of even the meritorious among these propositions.

The object, therefore, that the government had in view, the problem that they have to solve, is to secure the construction of such railways as shall reach those sections of the country whose development thereby will be of the greatest benefit to the greatest number, and thus most beneficial to the province as a whole.

For instance, not a few of these railway projects traverse in the main districts very thinly, if at all, populated. Of such are, say, the Kootenay Central and a large portion of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Other lines, again, would open up to quicker communication and better market facilities wealthy and long populated districts, whose settlers have struggled on, in some cases for a score of years, hoping against hope for that more speedy and closer connection with the world's markets without which the wealth of their districts is of little use. Of such as these is the long suffering Similkameen; and it is a satisfaction to be able to say that, out of some two or three railway projects which are now finally to be accepted by the government, one at least looks to the prompt opening up of this much neglected section of the province. This is definitely known by those who are in close touch with the government plans for railway development, as far as at present matured. The government is satisfied, in spite of the difficulties referred to, that, before the close of the present session, it will be in a position to bring down legislation which, while ultimately leading to the closer connection of the coast and the Kootenays, will ensure the commencement of immediate construction on much-needed lines in the interior, upon terms in every way satisfactory to the country at large.

Mr. Morse, vice president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, accompanied by his followers, left Victoria last Friday for the east. Their departure was without ostentation and, it may be added, without regret, at least on the part of the government. Before leaving Mr. Morse made a definite statement, once to the press and once to the board of trade, to the effect that a proposition had been made by his company to the provincial government, but had not been accepted; and that, therefore, failing the desired provincial inducements to commence construction work at this end, simultaneously with other points, the company would adhere to their original plan and build the line from the east westward.

In discussing the affair there is one closing word. Had Mr. Morse's proposition to the government been of a business like character, such as could have been fairly entertained by the faithful representatives of the people, a satisfactory arrangement might have been entered into. But the nature of his proposition was so altogether out of proportion that no self-respecting government could entertain it.

It is not yet known what explanations Senator Templeman will offer to the people of British Columbia.

Consideration in committee of the Assessment Act and of the Dyking Assessment Act took up the whole of the afternoon (20th inst.) The house reported progress on the Assessment Act, but no such speedy termination was reached on the dyking measure, John Oliver speaking nearly three hours against it.

At six o'clock a photographer arrived to take a picture of the house in session. This was done by flashlight, among a good deal of chaff, the premier advising the opposition, in his blandest tones, to try and look pleasant.

Several large delegations are down from the mainland in connection with the Dyking Act and other measures; but the rumors, which are gradually leaking out, of the stiff way in which the overtures of the Grand Trunk Pacific people were received has visibly diminished the flock of railway lobbyists.

Victoria, March 22.

NEW SCHOOL ACT.

Many Important Amendments Have Been Introduced.

Many important amendments have been introduced to the new provincial school act and will doubtless be adopted. The school year is to close December 31 instead of June 30; clergymen are not eligible for trustees; present trustees hold office only till next election; trustees before taking office must take election oath; fixed government grants to school districts are to be slightly increased; special government aid is to be given poor districts, upon the report of the school inspector of that district.

Perhaps the most important amendment is that dealing with outside pupils attending the city schools, which question is settled by the city districts being empowered to extend their boundaries, in the following clauses:

"To enlarge the boundaries of city school districts, as they may deem expedient, in any case where the adjoining territory is not included within the boundaries of a regularly organized school district, so as to include any portion of such adjoining territory within the city school district."

"Where any territory has been included in a city school district in accordance with sub-section B of section 6, the provisions of this act respecting public schools in cities shall apply thereto, and such territory for all school purposes shall be deemed to be united to such city, and all property situate within such territory shall be liable to assessment for school purposes in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were included in the limits of the city municipality."

Provision is also made for the assessment of those outside lands by the provincial authorities, who will collect the school rate and remit same to the city trustees.

Mining in Utah.

Chas. Snyder, formerly of this town, writes from Alta, Utah: "Times are quite good in Utah. Mining is the chief industry in the state and in the past year has taken quite a boom. Old mines which have been abandoned for years are now being opened up and modern machinery is being installed. There appears to be plenty of work for all crafts; miners are in demand."

NEW STRIKE AT OTTAWA.

Six Inches of Shipping Ore Encountered on the Noble Vein.

The existence of another important ore chute was demonstrated on Sunday at the Ottawa, when six inches of high grade was encountered on the west vein, now known as the Noble vein. For some time past work has been carried on in a surface crosscut run to catch the Noble vein from the gulch, the vein being finally met with on Sunday.

The crosscut is in about 150 feet, catching the vein at 100 feet depth. It is 60 feet below what is known as the old Reilly tunnel, that work being done by a former bonder and at a time when the existence of the two veins was unsuspected. At the point of intersection by the old Reilly tunnel, the vein discloses shipping ore, which has widened at the new crosscut. The vein carries much quartz mixed with ore, apart from the shipping streak.

The No. 3 drift on the Ottawa has a crosscut to the Noble vein, and Manager McPhee announces that the lead will be drifted on at that point and a raise made to connect with the new strike. When connected the ore will be handled from the No. 3 opening. The new strike adds materially to the value of the mine, two parallel ore chutes being now proven. When the east and west vein bodies are opened up it will give the mine a large tonnage of shipping ore, affording employment to a greatly increased force of men.

On Wednesday an assay was made on ore from the new strike, when the astonishing returns of 850 oz were obtained. Two streaks in the bottom of the tunnel have merged into one, giving a foot of shipping ore. It is the richest stuff yet found on the Noble vein.

CULLINGS.

Several deals are on for ranches down the valley.

Ex-Premier Dunsmuir has lost his celebrated will case in California.

Rev. T. McCord returned from his trip to the coast on Tuesday evening

The government has decided to lift the C. & W. reserve at midnight on May 23rd.

C. C. Daley, of Kaslo, has been appointed registrar of the supreme court at Nelson.

Jack Aitchison came in from Phoenix Tuesday, on a visit to his brother, Ald. Aitchison.

An improvement has been effected in town by the clearing up of many of the back yards.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Shatford entertained a number of their friends on Tuesday evening.

Geo. Bell, formerly of Nelson, has been elected the first mayor of the new city of Enderby.

A worktrain was sent up to the Nakusp branch this week and will be kept there all summer.

The purchase of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway by the C.P.R. has been declared off after all.

Recent buyers of local hogs state they bought the pen and had the animals thrown in as a bonus.

Nelson ratepayers on Tuesday defeated a bylaw to spend $40,000 for a new school, by a vote of 161 to 100.

A. E. Taylor left New Denver Tuesday for Enderby, to take up his duties as manager of the Bank of Montreal at that point.

Parties staking lands on the C. & W. reserve before the cancellation takes place in May will have their trouble for nothing.

A wreck occurred on the Great Northern last week, near Bonner's Ferry, and much eastern Canadian mail for British Columbia points was destroyed.

Another train wreck occurred on the Proctor branch Sunday, the engine striking a rock slide. Engineer Tom Gordon had a rib broken and his thigh crushed.

At the district meeting of the W. F. of M. in Nelson last week the following officers were elected: President, F. Phillips, Nelson; vice, W. B. McIsaac, Ymir; secretary-treasurer, A. Shilland, Sandon.

Arlington arrivals: F. Ritchie, W. Cantfell, A. Shilland, G. Russell, Sandon; F. Liebscher, D. McKechnie, Silverton; G. Gilchrist, D. Stephens, W. Koch, Nelson; W. Monroe, Vancouver; J. W. Young, Toronto; A. Fraser, Winlaw; R. Machin, Victoria.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

Last Year's Shipments Were 2375 Tons—A Healthy Evidence of the Life and Wealth of the Camp—Black Prince is Biggest Shipper.

A shipment of 30 tons of ore was made by the Enterprise during the week to the Trail smelter, the ore being sortings from second class stuff that had been lying on the dumps. The roads have suffered from the bad weather of late, much snow having fallen on the upper ends and rain on the lower portions. It is a trying spring for mineowners. Output for the week 30 tons; for the year 693 tons.*

For 1904 the ore shipments from the local division amounted to 2375 tons, made up from 19 properties. Following is a full list of the shipments this year to date:

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL
Ottawa		198
Enterprise	30	110
Black Prince		315
Neepawa		21
Kilo		20
Chapleau		2
Tamarac		20
Northern Light		3
Graphic		3
Combination		1
	30	693

MINES AND MINING.

Silver has slumped badly during the week.

Twelve men are working on the Fisher Maiden.

Upwards of 50 men are employed around Silverton.

Sandon mines last week shipped 138 tons of ore, mainly zinc.

H. A. Hicks and C. Barber took up supplies on Tuesday, to work on the Rainbow.

The men at the Lady Franklin have completed their work, coming into town on Tuesday.

W. Kyte and J. Benedum will work the Josie, at the head of Dayton, this summer under lease.

For the year to date Sandon mines have shipped 5708 tons of zinc and 1830 tons of silver-lead.

A consolidation of Pacific coast smelters has been effected, embracing the Selby, Tacoma and Everett works.

Monty Davys, of Nelson, visited and inspected the Arlington on Thursday. There is talk of a lease being taken on the property.

M. Browning, late foreman at the Enterprise, has accepted a similar position with the Rustler Mining Co., at Libby, Mont.

Nine inches of ore, assaying 250 oz, has been struck in a raise from the No. 4 tunnel on the Fisher Maiden, Four Mile. The ore parallels the No. 2 shoot.

Estimates Presented.

On Tuesday Finance Minister Tatlow presented his estimates to the provincial legislature, placing the receipts for the year at $2,559,376.66 and the expenditures at $2,621,038.31. It is expected the receipts will increase so that there will be no deficit at the end of the year. In the appropriations for roads, etc., the Cranbrook riding gets $5000; Kaslo, $10,000; Columbia, $7,000; Fernie, $6000; Revelstoke, $9000; Slocan, $8000; Ymir, $10,580. A special grant of $1100 has been made conditionally to the Fisher Maiden road on Four Mile.

Another Accident at Slip.

Since the new transfer slip was put in here a year ago, accidents to cars have been more or less frequent. On Wednesday the regular train was running the barge, when a large refrigerator car jumped the track and flopped over into shallow water. The wrecking crew came up from Nelson yesterday and had a sweet time repairing the damage.

Hounded to Her Death.

Mrs. T. H. Atkinson, of Ymir, wife of the local druggist who awaits trial on a charge of arson, committed suicide by drowning herself in the Ymir reservoir on Thursday afternoon, while laboring under great mental strain. The women of the place, all shame to them, had sent her to Coventry, because of the alleged crime of her husband.

Silver Quotations.

Following are the quotations for bar silver on the various days during the week since last issue:

Thursday	58¼	cents
Friday	57⅞	"
Saturday	57¼	"
Monday	56⅞	"
Tuesday	56⅝	"
Wednesday	55⅞	"

The Man and the Hour

By KEITH GORDON

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Elinor for the first time in her life was looking the future squarely in the eye. Hitherto she had been content to nibble at life, munching away contentedly enough, satisfied with the joy of the moment. And she might have gone on so for an indefinite time had it not been for the occurrence of the 3d of June.

New Year's day is significant only because then, by common consent, time moves up a number. This particular June 3 made an indelible impression on Elinor's mind because on that day she began to be thirty-two—began at the very beginning, of course, but still she began.

"I shall say I'm thirty-one all this year anyway," she announced defiantly to that other self that receives our dearest confidences. "It's such bad form to say you're thirty-one years and two months old, or whatever it may happen to be. And if I have to write it I'll make it thirty-one in round numbers—not even thirty-one plus." All of which, as the reader can see, was very unscrupulous.

However, as she found, by far the worst thing about beginning to be thirty-two was the fact that you couldn't forget it. The harder you tried the better you remembered it.

"Well, what if I am?"

This was the remark that our heroine slung into space when, after a week of torment, she sat down with her chin resting on her hands to have the thing out. "What if I am? So are plenty of other gir—women, I mean. Alice is thirty, Mary thirty-one, Mabel twenty-eight."

She paused in her enumeration, struck by the thought that all these friends were married. Matrimony was a subject to which she had given the minimum of thought. She supposed she'd come to it some time, but she was in no hurry to enter that narrow pasture so long as there was pleasant browsing to be had outside.

When she had thought of it at all it had seemed to mean chiefly a tiresome round of housekeeping that resulted in three perpendicular lines just over the nose, a memorandum of worry that she secretly determined to avoid as long as possible. But now that she was beginning to be thirty-two the thing was different.

Could it be, she asked herself, that she had made a mistake after all and that those three incisive lines were as much of an honor as an officer's bars? Could it be that there was a point when one began to be thirty-two—for instance, when becomingness demanded that one should lay aside "Miss" just as it required that one should stop wearing pink?

She faced her plight with a stiff upper lip, realizing that she had no one but herself to blame. There had been a number of men—the mischievous dimple at the corner of her mouth danced into sight for a second at the thought of how many—who had done their best to stop her in what she now recognized for the first time her mad career. She had declined their offers kindly, but with a certain royal carelessness that recked not of possible dark hours to come. When did any woman born to the belief in the divine right of queens ever foresee dethronement?

She had inadvertently "lived over," as she had once heard it quaintly phrased. There was no doubt about it, she was an old maid! She repeated it aloud in all its brutal truth, scorning such euphemisms as "spinster" and "bachelor woman."

"You're an old maid—just a plain old maid!" she said audibly. But it sounded like a joke—like one of those things too bad to be true. She would probably wake up after a bit to find that she had been married since her eighteenth year and had a son ready to enter college and a daughter about to make her debut.

No such happy awakening came, however, and with desperate philosophy she decided that since she was an old maid she would enter into the role for all it was worth. At least she would avoid the error of being kittenish.

Little by little her plainest gowns were brought into requisition. Certain little graces and frivolities of the toilet were one by one abandoned. She timidly asked Alice, her closest friend, to teach the children to call her "auntie," a thing which she had hitherto forbidden under the penalty of a sudden death to the cherub that should first be guilty of it.

"What is the matter with you?" gasped Alice, with a stare of amazement. "And what have you been doing with your hair, and why are you wearing that ugly old dress, with all the handsome things that you have?"

"I'm just wearing the things suitable to my age before the dear friends have a chance to point them out to me," was the answer, and that night her friend confided to her husband, with thoughtful regret, that Elinor was becoming a regular old maid.

Another of her friends and comrades, Max Anderson, also noticed the subtle change. Theirs had been a sort of brother and sister friendship of long standing. For years he had scolded and criticised and bullied her. The one thing that he hadn't done was to make love, and Elinor had long since given up trying to make him.

"Haven't you ever been in love, Max?" she had asked him once, with genuine curiosity in the gray eyes that had been more than one man's undoing. A dull flush came up into his face, and he looked at her strangely.

"Yes," he answered shortly, "I have."

"Beautiful night, isn't it?" he went on after a moment, and there was a touch of mockery in his voice that made the questioner wince. After that she asked him no more.

"What's up?" he demanded, surveying her cynically as she came down to receive him one evening, with renunciation speaking from every line of her plain gown and her smooth, parted hair. "Is it some sort of lay sackcloth and ashes? What particular sin are you mourning?"

"The great sin of omission!" she answered demurely as they sat down opposite each other. But he looked incredulous. He had not known her fifteen years for nothing.

"Commission, you mean," he said dryly, with an air of remembering things.

"No; omission! I'd tell you about it, only you're never any comfort to a person. You're just like a stone, Max. I don't know how I've endured you so long."

He turned his eyes lazily upon her with a look long, steady, inscrutable. Neither spoke, but after a moment Elinor, with a beautifully assumed air of perfect ease, sought refuge in a study of the pattern of the carpet.

"Possibly I may tell you some time," he said, with a nonchalant laugh, "but go on; let me hear what's the trouble. You always tell me eventually."

And so, in fact, she did. It was the beauty of Max that he made you like and hate him simultaneously. But no matter what you felt you wanted him, and you usually confided in him. That at least had been Elinor's experience, and it was being repeated for the hundredth time now. She wanted to tell him; she always wanted to tell him everything. She leaned forward suddenly, with a childish bid for sympathy in her eyes.

"You see, Max, I've omitted to get married. And now I'm thirty-one"—

"Plus," he corrected gravely.

"Thirty-one," she continued firmly, "and, though it's been great fun—well, all at once I realized that I'm an old maid. It's so unexpected. Why haven't I married? That's what I don't understand."

There was a pause in which it seemed to her that she suddenly heard the beating of her own heart. Before she fully realized what had happened her hands were held close and Max was saying:

"Look at me, Elinor, and see if you can't find out. I've waited years for you to finish sowing your wild oats."

Unnatural.

Small Nancy, aged four, had a doll to which she was devotedly attached. It could open and shut its eyes, and every night Nancy took it to bed with her, carefully closing its eyes before the light was turned out. One day the doll, as dolls from time immemorial have been known to do, met with an accident which placed the eye shutting mechanism out of business and left it with not only widely and permanently opened optics, but badly damaged ones as well. At intervals during the remainder of the day Nancy pleaded to have her dolly "cured," but nothing was successful. At bedtime when she had donned her nightdress and started for her little bed her mother saw she had forgotten her adored doll and reminded her of it, saying:

"But, Nannie, you've forgotten your baby. She won't be able to sleep unless you take her to bed with you, as usual."

To her mother's amused astonishment Nancy threw a half contemptuous look over her shoulder at the doll, recumbent on a chair, and said:

"Oh, what's the use? She can't sleep anyway. Who ever heard of anybody sleeping with their eyes wide open?"—New York Times.

Crushed by His Wife.

"My wife is not always as considerate of my feelings as she might be," says the man who invariably means well. "I went home the other night, and I could see that I was not more than deuce high with her on account of—well, no matter what. I was full up of a new theory a man had been imparting to me, and as I always believe in a man's regarding his wife as his intellectual equal I told her about it. The man told me that it is the brain that really nourishes the hair. He even went so far as to say that if you pull a hair out you pull out a bit of brain with it. It interested me exceedingly. My wife just sniffed.

" 'That's not new,' she said. 'I found that out long ago. It doesn't matter either whether the hair is pulled out or falls out naturally.'

"That's what I get for trying to be good to that woman. Stung by my wife."

Here he raised his hat. He was as bald as a newly plucked egg.—Washington Post.

Timing Bananas.

It is generally known that bananas are shipped while yet green and unripe, but few persons are aware of the careful and elaborate time calculations required in setting out the plants and cutting off the fruit in order to insure the arrival of the bananas in proper condition at their destination. When a plantation is begun the young plants are set out at certain intervals, so that they will produce at regular prefixed times during the year. A certain number of days before the arrival of a steamer the green fruit is cut, and a close calculation of the time that will be consumed in the voyage must always be made, else the bananas will be spoiled. Fruit steamers carry steam heating apparatus to insure a uniform temperature throughout the voyage. The ripening is calculated to occur only after the fruit has reached the retail dealer.

WESTERN CANADIAN EDITORS

A Series of Articles Describing their Lives, their Aims and Their Influence.

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W. H. HALL.

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Editor and Proprietor of the Wolseley News.

The subordination of personality of the editor to the interest of the paper of which he is the controlling spirit is with some newspaper men a belief as implicitly believed in as the Thirty-nine Articles by an Anglican, or the Wesminster Confession by a Presbyterian. They believe that the individuality of the man who writes should not be obtruded upon his readers any more than the individuality of the tailor who measures him for his clothes should be apparent to the public, or than the individuality of the barber who shaves him should be evident to everybody who sees him walk down the street. They hold that the newspaper business differs in no essential particular from any other business, and that, if a man is qualified for his work, his paper will evidence the fact, and he will get public support on the merits of his publication, irrespective of all personal and individual considerations. This is undoubtedly true, but not the whole truth. It is a very human characteristic to take a greater interest in any abstract proposition when it is identified with a personality. By this means each become correlatives—one is always thought of in connection with the other, and the interest of both are thereby advanced. Even in Britain, the home of anonymous journalism, many of the papers of greatest influence derive much of that influence because of association with the personality of a man, and in America the instances are numerous where the power of a paper has simply the measure of the personal influence of its editor. Greeley and Watterson are past and present examples of the truth of tnis in the United States, and in Canada many illustrations of the same truth could be cited, What made the Toronto Globe of the last generation the 'Grit Bible" but the personality of George Brown? What but the individuality of W. F. Luxton made the Manitoba Free Press of the 80's the power it was in Western Canada? And, in a smaller way, because of their more limited sphere of subscribers, the influence of many a Western Canadian weekly is acknowledged to be the influence of its editor, in a direct and personal sense not usually understood. Instances of the truth of this will occur to every one who knows anything of Western journalism—cases in which the virile personality of the man who runs the institution can be seen by the discerning, not alone in every editorial, but in every trial item, and almost in the makeup of the paper.

There are other men who, if not so obtrusively original, are still able, and whose paper from week to week is almost the only means of knowledge possessed by their brethern of the craft as to their personality. Of this latter class is Mr. W. H. Hall, of the Wolseley News. To the generality of the editors of the west Mr. Hall is most generally known by the copies of his paper that from week to week they find on their exchange desks. And it must be admitted that the estimate formed of the man from his work is a favorable one. The News is in many respects one of the most creditable of Territorial weeklies. Few papers better fulfil the manifold requirements of that often discussed but seldom seen sheet—a good local paper. Many other weekly papers in the West have a better mechanical equipment than the News but few display more care and taste in using the facilities at their disposal. Its makeup and presswork from week to week show unvarying care. The business announcements of the local merchants are displayed with a judgment often looked for in vain in much more pretentious papers. Its record of local happenings is in many respects a model to other Western editors, the news being brightly written and well arranged. Being the only paper published in Wolseley, it places local interests above political bias, and is altogether independent in its attitude. This does not imply that the News has no opinions, or that it is a spineless wobbler. On the contrary it distributes commendation or blame to both political parties as the circumstances seem to warrant, and thereby has secured the respect, not only of its subscribers in the Wolseley district, but of the Western world of newspaperdom as a whole.

The editor of the News is Mr. W. H. Hall, whose "counterfeit presentment" adorns the head of this article. Mr. Hall is English by birth, a west countryman, having been born near Bristol. He was educated in the British grammar school, one of England's most famous schools. He has been a resident of Western Canada for more than twenty years, coming to the country in the boom year of 1882. His first newspaper work was undertaken in Portage la Prairie a year later. In 1885 he went to Virden and took charge of the Virden Advance. For eleven years he edited that paper, resigning in 1896. Three years later he took over the management of the Wolseley News, which under his guidance has greatly improved in every important respect, and is now one of the best weeklies in the Territories. Mr. Hall is prominent in temperance work, being one of the most influential members of the Royal Templars. He is also a leader in the Orange Order, and an officer in the local Forrester's lodge.

No Argument Will Convince a Women

that a flour is all right, if she can't make good bread with it. The one argument that wins every woman in favor of ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR is, that it never fails to turn out the most beautiful Bread and Cake and the most crisp and delicious Pastry when used according to the very simple "Royal Household" recipes. That one fact outweighs all the theories of two thousand years.

No other flour has ever made so many intimate friends among Canadian women in so short a time.—Perhaps it's because "Royal Household" is made by the new electrical process—that makes a wonderful difference in flour.

Your grocer sells "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" and you can have the recipes by simply sending your name and address to The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited, Montreal, and *mentioning the name of this paper.*

AN AID TO MOTHERS.

Derangement of the stomach or bowels is responsible for most of the ailments that afflict infants and young children. For keeping the stomach and bowels in order nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets, that is why children in the homes where these Tablets are used are bright, good-natured and healthy. Mrs. Joseph Wallace, Shanley, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my baby since her earliest infancy, and have found them to be a medicine that meets all the needs of little ones. They have kept my little one as bright and healthy as can be." These Tablets are sold under a guarantee to contain no opiate or poisonous "soothing" stuff. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HANDKERCHIEF CASE.

Useful When Traveling and Also For Collars and Stocks.

A handy handkerchief case for women who travel is one of those utterly simple little inventions that are so wonderfully helpful and can be enlarged upon or developed into a dozen other things as satisfactory in themselves. A double use for it, by the way, is to tuck turnover collars and stocks in the division under the handkerchiefs.

Take two strips of silk or ribbon, each twelve inches long by four wide, lay cotton batting, with sachet powder inserted, smoothly over both pieces, and line them with silk or another color or white.

Lay one on the other, crossing, so that the centers of both are in the same spot, and sew along the edges of the outer strip, leaving the edges of the inner strip free. Then tack a half inch ribbon to the center of the outside, fold the inner strip in three by laying each end over flat, and fold the outer over in the same way, tying the ribbon securely in a bow on top.

The folds, both lengthwise and crosswise, will prevent your handkerchiefs from working out, as they do so often in handkerchief cases. And collars can be deftly slipped between outer and inner strip and folded over the handkerchiefs. They will muss less this way, if your space is too limited to box them comfortably, than any other way.—Philadelphia North American.

Disconcerting.

A prominent English clergyman once congratulated an old lady on her bravery in fighting her way to church against a terrible tempest, but received the disconcerting reply, "My husband gets so crossgrained after meals that I have to get out of his way, so I might as well go to church."

THE CAUSE OE WOMAN'S TROUBLES

IS DISEASED KIDNEYS AND THE CURE IS DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Wonderful Cure of Mrs. James Kinsella, who slept in a chair for Two Summers—What She Says of it.

St. Malachie, Que., Mar. 20.—(Special)—A cure of great interest to women has attracted the attention of those interested in medical matters in this neighborhood. Mrs. Jas. Kinsella, wife of a well-known citizen, had suffered from a complication of troubles for about two years. She had a pain in the right hip, in the back and was obliged to pass water every fifteen minutes in a burning itching sort of way.

Sh could not sleep at night and had to sit up in a chair for two summers.

Dodd's Kidnek Pills cured her.

Mrs. Kinsella speaking of her cure says, "After the first box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I felt much better. Then I got more and they did me a world of good. I have never slept in the chair since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Woman's health depends on her kidneys. Nine-tenths of the so-called female complaints are caused by uric acid in he blood. Cure your Kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you can have no uric acid in the blood.

The Late Principal Sinclair.

The funeral of the late Rev. John A. Sinclair, Principal of Regina Industrial School, which was recently held at the home of his aged parents, Scotch Corners, near Carleton Place, Ont., had Alfred Fitzpatrick of Whitby, a classmate of the deceased, present as the representative of the Senate and Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, of which institution Mr. Sinclair was a graduate. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave a brief address, reviewing the brilliant career of the departed, expressing the sympathy of the faculty, students and alumni of Queen's with the bereaved family and friends. Mr. Sinclair was a medalist in philosophy, and had partially completed the course for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He had performed invaluable services for his church and country as a missionary in the Klondike, and as principal of one of our industrial schools had given a most important impetus to the cause of industrial education. He was not only a deep thinker, a profound student of industrial and social reforms, but he possessed a practical mechanical cast of mind, and invariably reduced his ideas to practice. Such men as he should be at the heads of our departments of education.

Should Know Everything.

Editor's Son—I asked papa when the millennium was comin', an' if Mars was inhabited, an' if it was goin' to rain next Fourth of July, an' he said he didn't know. I don't see how he ever got to be an editor.

MISS STONE TO TAKE UP HER LIFE'S WORK.

Miss Ellen Stone, the famous missionary in Bulgaria and Macedonia, who was captured by the brigands, will soon leave for her old field in the east. When she returned to America after her capture and ransom from the brigands it was her intention to resume her labors among the people where she had been captured. She found her mother, Mrs. Lucy Stone, of Chelsea, feeble and not likely to live long. So she decided that her duty for the time lay in this country. Hence she has stayed, tenderly caring for her parent. Her mother died recently at the Stone home, 9 Crescent avenue, Chelsea. As Miss Stone has consecrated herself to the missionary work, she will now consider her stay in America ended. She goes at her own risk.

GRUESOME PARTY FOUND IN A HACK.

A New York special says:—The body of a woman who had been dead several hours, and a man unconscious and dying were found in a cab which was driven up to a Brooklyn police station at a gallop. The man, who was suffering from alcoholism, and possibly from the effects of a drug, may recover. The man said his name was Thomas Deegan and that he lived in Comoe street, one of the better class residential sections of Brooklyn. The dead woman he said was Miss Mary Savage, 30 years old. Both Deegan and Miss Savage were well dressed. The cab, driven by a man who said his name was David Good, dashed up to the police station, and when the policemen came out they found the man and woman lying back in the coach. It was seen at a glance that the woman was dead, but the man was still alive and physicians were hurriedly summoned. He became greatly excited when told that his companion was dead.

It's funny how evening clothes stay on a yoman when they seem to be specially built to slip off.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

When Rheumatism doubles a man up physicians and sufferer alike loses heart and often despair of a cure, but here's the exception. "Wm. Pegg, of Norwood, Ont., says; "I was nearly doubled up with rheumatism, I got three bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure and they cured me. It's the quickest acting medecine I ever saw."—15

It has been determined that the assassin of the Grand Duke is a man of good birth because of the quality of his underwear. Presumably in a cold country like Russia men are born in their underwear so as not to catch cold.

The efficacy of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup in curing coughs and colds and arrestng inflammation of the lungs, can be established by hundreds of testimonials from all sorts and conditions of men. It is a standard remedy in these ailments and all affections of the throat and lungs. It is highly recommended by medicine vendors, because they know and appreciate its value as a curative. Try it.

Nansen, the "farthest north" man, has gone into politics, and probably he will strike an even harder frost.

Each Washington's birthday the Americans get more fun out of the fact that George couldn't tell a lie.

BLOOD WILL TELL

Rich, Pure Blood Will Drive Out the Most Obstinate Case of Rheumatism

Growing pains, aching joints, stiffened muscles, tender, swollen limbs—that's rheumatism—a blood disease that causes ceaseless agony and cripples thousands. It is acid in the blood that causes rheumatism. Liniments may ease the pain temporarily—but they never cure. To cure rheumatism you must remove the acid in the impure blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills positively cure rheumatism, acute or chronic. They act dicectly on the blood, driving the acid out. They make new, warm, pure blood, and send it throbbing through the heart, and lungs and limbs. This new blood banishes every ache and pain—brings good health and full activity. Mr. T. H. Smith, Caledonia, Ont., says:—"For a number of years I was badly troubled with rheumatism, and was so crippled up I could scarcely do any work. I tried quite a number of medicines, but they did not help me. Then I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised for this trouble, and I got a number of boxes. Before the third box was used, I found myself improving. I continued to use the pills throughout the winter and they have completely cured me. I got so that I could work on the coldest day without a coat and not feel a twinge of the trouble. I have told quite a few of my neighbors about the pills, and they are a popular medicine here."

It is because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make new, pure, warm blood that they have such a great power to cure disease. They positively cure rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis, kidney and liver troubles, anaemia, and the ailments which women alone suffer from. The purchaser must be careful to see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50c a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE DRILL

SLOCAN, B. C.

A 'Cute Youth.

A country youth was recently apprenticed to a bootmaker living in an adjoining county town. His first customer was a well-dressed young man, who desired a pair of boots. The pair he selected were priced 16s. 6d. He explained that he had only 12s., and enquired whether he could pay that,and return next day with the remaining cash. "Certainly," said the youth, "that will be all right," and then proceeded to wrap up the boots. When the customer had gone the youth related the matter to his employer. "Tut man," said the employer, in an irritated tone, "why did you do that? You have allowed him to take those boots, and you will never see him again." "Ay, but I shall," replied the youth, as he winked knowingly, I wrapped up two boots for one foot, so he is bound to come back." The shopman thinks his apprentice hasn't much to learn.

A Clear Healthy Skin.—Eruptions of the skin and the blotches which blemish beauty are the result of impure blood caused by unhealthy action of the liver and kidneys. In correcting this unhealthy action and restoring the organs to the normal condition, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will at the same time cleanse the blood, and the blotches and eruptions will disappear without leaving any trace.

The Father—Eunice, I don't like the company your young man Spoonamore keeps. The Daughter—Why, papa, I'm the only company he is keeping these days.

Eyes and nose ran Water.—C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in ten minutes." 50 cents.-17

R. Hinton Perry, the sculptor, is responsible for the following story of the "scrublady" who cares for his studio: "How many children have you, Mrs. O'Flarity?" he asked her one morning. "It's siven I have, sir," she replied. "Four be the third wife of me second husband, and three be the second wife of me first."

Be There a Will Wisdom Points the Way.—The sick man pines for relief but he dislikes sending for the doctor, which means bottles of drugs never consumed. He has not the resolution to load his stomach with compounds which smell villainously and taste worse. But if he have the will to deal himself with his ailment, wisdom will direct his attention to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which, as a specific for indigestion and disorders of the digestive organs, have no equal.

Mame—She and Mr. Jinks correspond, don't they? Mag—Naw! Why he's real dark complectioned an' she's a dizzy blonde."

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

Ayer's

If your blood is thin and impure, you are miserable all the time. It is pure, rich blood that invigorates, strengthens, refreshes. You certainly know

Sarsaparilla

the medicine that brings good health to the home, the only medicine tested and tried for 60 years. A doctor's medicine.

"I owe my life, without doubt, to Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the most wonderful medicine in the world for nervousness. My cure is permanent, and I cannot thank you enough." MRS. DELIA MCWELL, Newark, N. J.

$1.00 a bottle. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

for

Poor Health

Laxative doses of Ayer's Pills each night greatly aid the Sarsaparilla.

The harder you cough, the worse the cough gets.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

is guaranteed to cure. If it doesn't benefit you, the druggist will give you your money back.

Prices: 25c. 50c. $1 S. C. WELLS & CO. 302 LeRoy, N. Y., Toronto, Can.

Federal Life Assurance Company.

An increase of business to the extent of 2,177 policies for $3,010,499.50, and of assets to the amount of $285,979.52, making a total of $2,148,733.37, exclusive of guarantee capital, were the features of the twenty-third annual report of the Federal Life Assurance Company at the shareholders' meeting in Hamilton. The surplus shown was $1,055,837.81, and the surplus to policy holders, exclusive of uncalled guarantee capital, $185,837.81, During the year 82 policies matured to the amount of $157,040, of which $12,585 was reinsured. The company's funds have been carefully invested in first-class bonds, mortgage securities and loans on the company's policies, amply secured by reserves. For the past two months the business done has been in advance of that of the coresponding period in 1904. Mr. David Dexter was re-elected President and Managing Director, and Lieut.-Colonl Kerns and Rev. Dr. Potts, Vice-Presidents. The detailed statement will be found in another column.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere

A Requisite for the Rancher.—On the cattle ranges of the West, where men and stock are far from doctors and apothecaries, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is kept on hand by the intelligent as a ready made medicine, not only for many human ills, but as a horse and cattle medicine of surpassing merit. A horse and cattle rancher will find matters greatly simplified by using this oil.

Cuba, acting probably under United States influence, persists in refusing to Great Britain most-favored-nation treatment. The Unied States holds the view that the most-favored-nation clause in a treaty does not relate to privileges granted to third parties in return for specific concessions. Great Britain's policy of admitting other nations to competition with her for the trade of her own colonies is at least magnanimous.

Heart relief in half an hour.—A lady in New York State, writing of her cure by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, says: "I feel like one brought back from the dead, so great was my suffering from heart trouble and so almost miraculous my recovery through the agency of this powerful treatment. I owe my life to it."—19

This story is told of a nice old resident of Brookline, who last week addressed a class of young women at an educational institution, and who advised them to go in for the active life. "Go out and do something, be something," he exclaimed; "become fishers of men," and he wondered why the audience tittered.—New York Tribune.

ROASTED IN FULL VIEW OF SPECTATORS.

A New York dispatch says:—Nineteen persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five-story tenement house at 105 Allen street. More than forty were injured, and only a few of the sleeping inmates escaped unhurt. Several of those who perished were roasted to death in plain view of thousands in the streets. Coroner Goldenkranz declared, after an investigation, that he had reason to believe the blaze was the work of an incendiary. He issued subpoenas for the fire marshal, tenement house and building inspectors and health and police officials, to appear before him at the inquest. The fire started in the basement, and spread with frightful rapidity to the roof. The victims were caught in traps of flames(the halls and exits being rendered impassable in a few minutes after the blaze started. The building was one of the usual crowded tenements, and the disaster was the worst in the history of the East side. The district attorney's office has begun an investigation to place the blame for the great loss of life.

"WATCH THE LITTLE ONES"

DR. SLOCUM WARNS PARENTS TO STOP TRIFLING WITH UNTRIED PREPARATIONS.

"Coughs Are Dangerous, and Lead to Fatal Results if the Right Remedies are Not Applied."

The Great Specialist Asks Every Parent to Test his Combined Treatment that has Cured Thousands of Children and Adults.

MOTHER AND BABY CURED.

Mrs. T. R. Elliott, Keswick, near Barrie, Ont., writes, Dec. 28th, 1904:—"My baby was very sick with a terrible cough. I gave her your COLTSFOOTE EXPECTORANT and OXOMULSION and a few doses cured her. I was also sick myself with a bad attack of pneumonia, two winters ago, and my lungs continued to trouble me until last March, when I tried PSYCHINE, and in a few days my lungs got strong.

"That one bottle of PSYCHINE did more for me than doctors' prescriptions and all the remedies I ever tried."

The Dr. Slocum Remedies for sale cures and deserve the highest endorsement and use by all Canadian Mothers.

The Dr. Slocum Remedies are for sale by all druggists—COLTSFOOTE EXPECTORANT 25c, OXOMULSION $1, and PSYCHINE at $1 per bottle.

For further advice or information write or call, Dr. Slocum, Limited, 179 King street West, Toronto, Canada.

$1,5000.00 AWARD

For the production of a hardy apple and plum.

If interested write for our catalogue of hardy nursery stock. Apple, crab and plum trees, currant, raspberry and gooseberry bushes, strawberry plants, ornamental shrubs and trees, hedging and wind-break trees, etc. Trees that will grow in Manitoba and the Territories. Address:

Buchanan Nurseries, St. Charles, Man.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

Diggs—What do you do when you and your wife quarrel? Biggs—I go out and find the fellow who first introduced us and give him another licking.

That Cutting Acid that arises from the stomach and almost strangles, is caused by fermentation of the food in the stomach. It is a forecaste of indigestion and dyspepsia. Take one of Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets immediately after eating, and it will prevent this distress and aid digestion. 60 in a box 35 cents.—16

Mrs. Cheery—You should always make light of your troubles, dear. Mr. Cheery—I do. Whenever a shopkeeper sends me a bill I burn it.

"Mrs. Goldenwads doesn't seem to be very well educated or to have much refinement," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "At the dinner last night I heard her say: 'Just look at them there roses.'" "No," replied her hostess, "she ain't been in society long enough yet to get much culture. Of course anybody that was educated would kuow enough to say, 'Look at those there roses.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Trials of a Country Editor.

Many and various are the struggles of the little jobbing printer and newspaper proprietor in very remote country districts, where the population is scarce, and money more so. I knew a good-tempered old chap who had the greatest difficulty in making both ends meet, though he worked fourteen or fifteen hours a day. Failing to get money for his subscriptions, he would often take garden produce. But this did not always pan out all right. Upon one occasion in the bitterness of his heart he inserted this notice: "We do take garden stuff in lieu of money. Send potatoes if you like, or a few carrots; but, for God's sake,, don't send any more onions. We cannot print for our tears."—From an Old Country Exchange.

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Gentlemen,—My three children were dangerously low with diphtheria. On the advice of our priest my wife began the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT. In two hours they were greatly relieved, and in five days they were completely well, and I firmly believe your valuable Liniment saved the lives of my children.

Gratefully yours,

ADILARD LEFEBVRE.

Mair's Mills, 10th June, '99.

Caller—What a beautiful baby. And what is its name? Young Mother—Bridget Sullivan DeVere. Caller—Mercy sakes! How did you happen to give it a name like that? Young Mother—Why, the cook threatened to leave when baby came, and we got her to stay by naming the baby after her.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO } S.S.
LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner in the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY. & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists, 75 cents.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Just as the bread-winner is getting accustomed to the idea of higher rent, the spring openings are announced.

Exceedingly proper people are seldom inetresting.

Cater to the average man's vanity and the rest is easy.

Ill fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at once and cure your corns.

"When I was in Arabia on my last trip," said Mr. Arthur Campbell, who makes semi-annual visits to the Orient, "I heard a native miser give a shrewd and quick-witted reply to a dervish who had asked him to grant a favor. "'On one condition,' said the miser, 'I will do whatever you require.' "'What is that?' asked the dervish. "'Never to ask me for anything."—Denver Republican.

Teach the rising generation to discriminate between

Sunlight Soap

and others that just look like it but lack its purity and cleansing power. It will save them the worry of experiment and the expense of injured clothes. Sunlight Soap washes equally well with hard or soft water.

Your money back for any cause of complaint.

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HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN Hair Renewer

A splendid tonic for the hair, makes the hair grow long and heavy. Always restores color to gray hair, all the dark, rich color of youth. Stops falling hair, also. Sold for fifty years. If your druggist cannot supply you, send $1.00 to R. P. HALL & CO., Nashua, N. H.

If it is a Question of Warmth use

E. B. EDDY'S BUILDING PAPER

It Retains Heat and Keeps out Cold.

Write for Samples and Prices.

TEES & PERSSE, Limited., Agents, Winnipeg.

PALE FACE, WEAK BLOOD

You can make the Blood Rich, the System Strong, the Complexion Healthful by Using

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD.

Why do some people have healthful, rosy complexions while others are pale and wan in countenance?

Why are some people strong and able to defy disease while others are weak and subject to all the ills of human kind?

The difference is in the blood. Pallor of the eyelids, gums and lips tell of blood that is lacking in quality and richness.

The person who has poor blood is subject to headache, dizziness, sleeplessness; the action of the heart is weak and there is sometimes palpitation; the breath is short, and there is lack of energy and strength.

This weak, anaemic condition is entirely overcome by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which is above all else a builder and enricher of the blood.

You can best prove this by noting your increase in weight from week to week, while using this great food cure.

New, rich flesh and tissue are added, new strength and vigor take the place of weakness and suffering, and instead of taking cold or contracting disease at every gust of wind that blows you find yourself getting strong and robust.

Mrs. M. A. Clock, Meaford, Ont., writes:—"Three years ago I became very much run down in health and suffered from weak, tired feelings, indigestion and rheumatism. At times I was so badly used up that I required help to move in bed. While sick and downhearted I received Dr. Chase's Almanac and sent for some of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

"Under this treatment I soon began to improve, and by the time I had used eleven boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I was happy to find myself strong and well again. I often think of what a lot of money I spent for medicines which did me no good, and believe I owe my life to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I hope women who suffer as I did will benefit by my experience and use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

FEDERAL LIFE

Assurance Company of Canada.

23rd Annual Report and Financial Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDIN G DECEMBER 31, 1904.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at the head office of the company, in Hamilton, on Tuesday, March 7th, 1905, the President, Mr. David Dexter, in the chair. The following reports and financial statements were submitted:—

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

Your directors have the honor to present the report and financial statement of the company for the year which closed on the 31st December, 1904, duly vouched for by the auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of two thousand two hundred and fifty applications for insurance, aggregating $3,146,500, of which two thousand one hundred and seventy-seven applications for $3,010,499.50 were accepted.

As in previous years, the income of the company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the company have been increased by $285,979.52, and have now reached $2,148,773.37, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for policy-holders, including guarantee capital, amounted at the close of the year to $3,018,773.37, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, $1,962,935.56, showing a surplus of $1,055,837.81. Exclusive of uncalled guarantee capital, the surplus to policyholders was $185,837.81.

Policies on eighty-two lives became claims through death, to the amount of $157,040.00, of which $12,585 was reinsured in other companies.

Including cash dividends and dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, with annuities, the total payment to policyholders amounted to $198,911.34.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the company's funds, in first-class bonds, mortgage securities, and loans on the company's policies amply secured by reserves. Our investments have yielded a very satisfactory rate of interest.

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business.

The results of the year indicate a most gratifying progress. Compared with the preceding year, the figures submitted by the directors for your approval show an advance of thirteen and a half per cent. in assets.

The assurances carried by the company now amount to $16,047,806.23, upon which the company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus.

The field officers and agents of the company are intelligent and loyal, and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful to the company's service.

Your directors are pleased to be able to state that the business of the company for the last two months of the current year has been better than in the corresponding months of last year, and that the outlook for the future is very bright.

DAVID DEXTER, President and Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company:—

Gentlemen,—We have carefully audited the books and records of your company for the year ending 31st December last, and have certified to their accuracy.

The cash and journal vouchers have been closely examined, and agree with the entries recorded.

The debentures, bonds, etc., in the possession of the company have been inspected, whilst those deposited with the Government or banks have been verified by certificate, the total agreeing with the amount as shown in the statement of assets.

The accompanying statements, viz., revenue and assets and liabilities, show the result of the year's operations, and, also, the financial position of the company.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. STEPHENS,
CHARLES STIFF,
Auditors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Hamilton, 1st March, 1905.

Premium and annuity income	$ 542,388 83	
Interest, rents, and profit on sales of securities	86,329 51	
		$ 628,718 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to policyholders	$ 198,911 34	
All other payments	191,620 70	
Balance	238,186 30	
		$ 628,718 34

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Debentures and bonds	$ 685,383 82	
Mortgages	704,168 83	
Loans on policies, bonds, stocks, etc	410,615 33	
All other assets	348,605 39	
		$2,148,773 37

LIABILITIES.

Reserve fund	$1,887,724 81	
Death losses awaiting proofs	51,140 00	
Other liabilities	24,070 75	
Surplus on policyholders account	185,837 81	
		$2,148,773 37
Assets		$2,148,773 37
Guarantee capital		870,000 00
Total security		$3,018,773 37
Policies were issued assuring	$ 3,010,499 50	
Total insurance in force	16,047,806 23	

The foregoing reports and statements were received and adopted, on the motion of President David Dexter, seconded by Vice-Pres. Lieut.-Col. Kerns.

The retiring directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were re-elected:—Mr. David Dexter, President and Managing Director; Lieut.-Col. Kerns and Rev. Dr. Potts, Vice-Presidents.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1905.

EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

The Liberal family row in Quebec has ended in Premier Parent resigning and Hon. L. Gouin being appointed in his place.

It begins to look as if there would be no railway programme presented to the legislature this session. There have been too many wildcat and hold-up schemes in lobby.

With this issue THE DRILL completes its fifth year of residence in Slocan. It is the oldest paper in the district and has been fortunate in enjoying the lasting goodwill of the sheriff.

The amendments to the school clauses of the Northwest autonomy bill are classed as a compromise. Rather are they an absolute surrender of public principle to serve political ends.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has repented him of his hasty action in resigning his position as minister of the interior, and he now wants Laurier to give him back his job. He has accepted the amendments to the school clauses of the Northwest autonomy bill, but says he does so "without enthusiasm." It is not enthusiasm but principle Sifton should show—a virtue in which he has always been deficient.

Finance Minister Tatlow has framed the estimates for the province with a due regard for economy, and the figures presented to the legislature on Tuesday evidence a determined effort to keep the expenditures as close as possible to the receipts. Though a small deficit is foreshadowed, it is altogether possible this will be turned into a surplus at the end of the year, as the receipts have been figured on a conservative basis.

It is a little surprising that when homeseekers are taking up every available acre of flat land around Kootenay lake, equally choice bits of scenery around Slocan lake and in the contiguous valleys should be overlooked. Fruit can be raised just as well in this section as in any other part of the Kootenay district, and there are thousands of acres of vacant lands adapted for that purpose available for the homeseeker. Choice lands may be had in the Slocan valley, on the benches around Slocan lake, in the Nakusp pass, and on Wilson and other large creeks. The local market for fruits is restricted and growers would have to figure on exporting their surplus stock, but the industry should pay.

The hardships worked upon incorporated towns by the old School Act through children from outlying districts attending the schools without financial recompense therefor, are to be obviated under the new provincial act, many amendments thereto having been introduced. City school districts are to be given the power to extend their boundaries from time to time, as may be deemed expedient by the trustees, taking in all unorganized lands lying without and adjacent to the corporation boundaries. These outside lands are to be assessed and a school rate levied thereon equal to the rate paid within the city. The provincial authorities will collect the tax levied on the outside lands and pay the same over to the city school trustees. By this amendment the vexed question of outside pupils attending city schools is at once happily and effectively solved, as the additional expenses incurred by the trustees above the government grant will be borne equally by all interested. To Slocan the new law means much, especially when it is learned that the fixed grant to schools in third class cities has also been increased. It will make the local school practically self-supporting, releasing to the city about $1000 a year for needed municipal public works and improvements.

DRILL POINTS.

Pay up your subscription.

Str. Slocan is sporting a new whistle.

Trout fishing season opened last week.

For the best bread in town go to W. Pinchbeck's.

Sandon is preparing to hold a delinquent tax sale.

The Rifle Club held their first shoot of the year on Saturday.

Fred Carlisle is now located in the town of Kettle Falls, Wash.

Born.—On the 27th inst., the wife of John Graham, of a daughter.

The ground was covered with snow on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Two cars of shingles were sent out to Winnipeg by the local mill this week.

Several Sandon families have taken up their residence in New Denver for the summer.

The Imperial Limited service on the C.P.R. will go into effect in May, several weeks earlier than last year.

R. J. McPhee, manager of the Ottawa, returned on Monday from a ten days' visit to his home in Spokane.

W. E. Worden, formerly of this town, has purchased the Clapp block, in Cranbrook, paying therefor $4500 cash.

For Sale.—A number of window blinds, with rollers attached. Can be had at 40 cents each. Apply at this office.

Miss Stanton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Henderson, all winter, returned to her home in Oregon on Tuesday.

To be Raffled.—A Berliner gramaphone will be raffled at the Arlington Hotel, April 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets 50 cents. Highest throw wins.

The Bank of Montreal has purchased the business of the People's Bank of Halifax, which had a capital of one million dollars and had 27 branches.

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Mayor Arnot has greatly enlarged and improved his store. Another counter and upwards of 400 feet of shelving have been added, while upstairs are the salerooms for linoleums, carpets, etc. The whole combined makes a very complete establishment.

C. Riedlinger went to Ymir Friday to work.

The aged wife of James Ward died in New Denver Friday night.

Geo. Smith, of the station staff, has been on the sick list during the week.

The second payment on the mill debentures falls due next Wednesday.

The date within which to enjoy the rebate on civic taxes expires with today.

Several fakirs on the still hunt for financial assistance scourged the town during the week.

A bargeload of lumber from Koch's mill, Ten Mile, came down Thursday, for shipment to the prairies.

An enjoyable song service was given in Knox church on Sunday evening, Mrs. McCord and D. Arnot being the soloists. A large audience was present.

H. D. Curtis, J.P., and family are removing shortly to Cranbrook. Mr. Curtis will be missed from the town more than any man in it, having been a prominent figure in public affairs.

Two or three letters sent to THE DRILL, complaining of damage to fences and gardens and general nuisance and annoyance from wandering stock, cannot be published, unless the writers thereof send their names.

MINING RECORDS.

Appended is a complete list of the various records registered at the local registry office, H. R. Jorand being mining recorder:

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It's nice to be de farmaire man,
Especialee on spring,
An' leev out dere upon de farm
An' grow mos' evreting;
An' get de healt' dat always come
Wit' leevin' out of door,
An' milk de cow, an' feed de peeg,
An' do two tousan' chore.

"Peeg, peeg, peeg, peeg!"
Hear dat farmaire call—
My! dem hog ees growin' beeg
Since back upon de fall.
Evreone but crazee fool
Dey know dat farmeen pays,
For peeg can eat mos' evreting
De farmaire want to raise.

It mus' be plaintee kin' of fonne
Wen spring come roun' again,
An' fluffy leetle cheeken ronne
Beside de modder hen;
Wen evreting ees feelin' good
An' can't be kippin' steel,
An' farmaire man gader in de egg
To pay de grocery beel.

"Chook, chook, chook, chook!"
Hen an' leetle chick,
Wen he's scatter out de grain
Dey pick, an' pick, an' pick.
Farmaires gettin' wealt'y, sure,
Wen egg is nice an' dear—
An' ceety feller know dat hen
Lay twelve mont' on de year.

See dat fonny leetle calf
Go jompin' evrewhere,
Wit—so droll—hees leetle tail
Stuck up in de air.
Dat's de only way he have
To show how good he feel—
Nevaire tink dat farmaire man
Could mak' heem into veal.

"Suck, suck, suck, suck!"
Soon dat farmaire spik,
Den dat fonny leetle calf
Come ronnin' plaintee quick.
Shove hees head in to de pail,
Bunt it wit hees nose—
Saprement! dat farmeen man,
You ought to see his clo'es.

Sometam, wen affer hard day's work,
He's hontin' up de cow,
For me to say, wat farmaire say,
Dis paper won't allow.
But poet feller always sing
How sweet hees res' mus' be—
By Gos! he's tire, dat's wat it ees,
As tire as tire can be.

"Co Boss! Co Boss!"
Dat's de way he cry,
Wen he's callin' in de cow
To bring de milk supply.
In de brush, an' up de heel,
Dat's de way he go—
No, de jolly farmaire man
Don' nevaire fin' it slow.

It's nice to be de farmeen man,
You bet your boot it ees,
An' not have no one boss heem roun'
But jus' do wat he please.
An' get de healt' wat always come
Wit leevin' out of door,
An' plaut de crop, and poule de weed,
An' do all kin' of chore.

"Gee, Haw! Gee, Haw!"
Hear heem at it now,
Wen he's turnin' furrows
Wit de prairie-breaker plow.
"Get along, you lazy houn',
Ain' good for anyting"—
Dat's de happy farmaire man
Wen plowin' on de spring.

It's fonny, on dis beeg ol' worl'—
Prap' you have notice, too—
How oder man have got de job
Would jus' have suited you;
An' wile you work from morn to night,
An' can't put noting pas',
Dat oder man wit easy snap
Is makin' monee fas'.

Cheer up! Cheer up!
Don' be feelin' blue,
Mebee plaintee oder man
Ees wishin' he was you.
Even happy farmaire man
Ees sometam feelin' tire,
Wit' all de many kin' of job
De farmeen life require.

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You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, have caused to be expended the sum of two hundred and five dollars in labor and general improvements upon the above mentioned claim, in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under section four of an act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

Dated this 27th day of January, 1905.

3-2-05 W. T. SHATFORD

Cancellation of Reserve.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation established in pursuance of the provisions of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notices of which were published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th of May, 1896, and 5th June, 1896, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

Crown lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease, and other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette; provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, pre-empted, leased, or otherwise alienated by the Government and are subsequently found, upon the survey of the Columbia and Western Railway Company's blocks, to lie wholly or partly within such blocks, then the persons so acquiring such lands shall acquire their title thereto from the Railway Company, who have agreed to deal with such purchasers, pre-emptors, lessees, etc., on the same terms and conditions as the Government would under the provisions of the "Land Act," except in respect to timber lands on the Company's blocks, which shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Company relative to the cutting of timber on the Columbia and Western Railway Land Grant.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd February, 1905.

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