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ASK AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACT

Twenty-nine proposed amendments to the municipal clauses act were laid before Attorney-General Bowesr last week by the executive members of the Union of F. C. Municipalities. The deputation consisted of Mayor Gray, New Westminster, Mayor Kilpatrick, Revelstoke; Reeve May, North Vancouver municipality; Ald. Gleason, Victoria; ex-reeve Bose, Surrey, secretary of the union; and F. A. McDiarmid, solicitor for the union. Mayor Shaw of Nanaimo came to Victoria for the purpose of attending the conference but was forced to return home early in the day.

The executive of the union went over the proposed amendments clause by clause with the Attorney-General and the Minister indicated that he would report on the suggestions at a later date. The executive will also meet the municipal committee of the house the year it is confidently believed by up for its annual amending early in when the municipal clauses act comes the delegation members that many of the proposals made to the Attorney General will be found in the new amendments to the act.

Some of the proposals laid before the Attorney General are: That a municipality be given power to purchase, own construct, maintain and operate a telephone system within its corporate limits and also without its limits under the consent of the authorities of the other district or districts affected.

That a municipality be given power to construct and operate swimming baths.

That the Attorney-General provide a clearer definition in the act of "wild and."

That the act be amended so that the municipal council may transact business outside of the municipality upon a resolution being passed in open council

That owners of sub-divisions in rural municipalities grade the roads laid out.

That the provision in the act relating to householders voting and now only applicable to New Westminster be made applicable to all other municipalities and cities under the act, by local by-law.

That the municipal financial year be closed one month earlier to permit of detailed statements for the January elections.

That municipal voters be given the right to vote for aldermen in each and every ward where they hold property qualifications.

That municipalities be given the power to buy, operate and give franchises for systems of public transportation by motor bus, railless electric trolleys, etc. within their own corporate limits and those of adjacent districts consenting. This applies directly to greater Vancouver scheme now underway for a motorbus system in the municipalities about the city of Vancouver.

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CHRISTY MINSTRELS SCORE A SUCCESS

The long looked for performance of the Abbotsford Christy Minstrels was given in the Alexandria Hall, Abbotsford on Wednesday evening December 6th and proved an unqualified success in every resespect Talk about your shows, but this certainly was some show. It was a revelation to many of our townspeople, also to many of the surrounding district that our little burg possessed so much talent of so excellent a calibre. The hall was packed and by the time the opening overture was started at 8:25 p.m. the "Standing Room Only" sign was hbnging out To those who were so iortunate as to attend the event will long be remembered as a treat which sure enough would have been a credit to a large city. Our limited space cannot begin to do justice to detail of arrangement and program. Just before this rising of the drod curtain the beautiful melody of well known southern songs by the who,e company hushed the vast audience into sub mission, and was listened to with rapt attention and paved the way so to speak for the many excellent renderings that were to fol;ow. Just as the ciosing notes of the melody was being sung the curtains slowly arose disclosing the usual minstrel circle with the interlocutor ably filled by Mr. J. A. McGowan, slignt ly elevated in the centre, in front of whom were seated three boy "coons" represented by Masters George McNab, Frank Parton and Harold Walters On the ends of the circle were the usual "bones" and "tombos" represented by "Lew Docksteader" (Mr. Peter McMi llan), "Billy Glue' (B. J. Gernaey) on the "bones" end and "Bones Field'. (D. C. Bla r) and "Geo. Primrose (J. Hands) The chorus consisted of Alex. Sutherland, S. A. Morley A. C. Salt, C. R. Davison, R. H. Eby, G. H. Liddell, Thos. Lovedar, W. Morgan, L. Heath, A ex McCallum and E. Barrett.

The stage setting was most excellently arranged with Canadian Irish and American flags, giving a finishing touch to the whole scene which was a sure cure for sore eyes. The murmuring and the smiles of approval of the audience when their smi,es first met this "catchy" scene was a show in itself to an onlooker and spoke volumes. The first part of the programme consisted of songs and choruses which with a vim and in marmer which showed carelul training and preparation. The solos and songs rendered were given as follows: "Under Douthern Skies" by Mr. E. Barret, found the singer in excellent voice but then you know "Teddy" has been there before. In "Childhood Days" found Mr. W. Morgan at the helm assisted by the three boy "coons'-This gentleman possesses a very high tenor voice and he led his song in excellent style. "Dont take me Home" by Mr. B. J. Gerney was a comic song which appeared to be made to order especially for him and although he did not want to go he was there in spite of himself. "Santa Claus" is coming 'fore the morning was then rendered by the schoolmarm Mr Alex. Sutherland in very fitting style. "Take a Tip From Father" brought before the footlights Mr. J. Hands, who entered into the spirit of the song as if he knew what he was talking about. "A Game of Craps" by Mr. Pete McMillan, found this gentleman in his element and we are inclined to be—somewhat suspicious that Pete has "rolled a few" himself in his day. "I'm Tired" by D. C. Blair, found the singer looking his part and he had the audience tempted to yawn with him out of sympathy.

The concluding number "Shine, Shine,Moon" by Ms. O. D. Davison the hard working secretary of the organization, was exccellently rendered and brought to a close the first part which went off without a hitch of any kind.

The second part found Mr. Pete McMillan coming to the stage with a chair in one hand and a banjo and bones in the other(or in the same hand as he would say) and dressed in immaculate white. Now his monologue was what one girl was heard to exclaim, "Screamingly killing" His trick banjo work and imitation of a blacksmith hair cutter and wood sawer on the 'bones' showed him to be an artist of no mean calibre. The next number was a quartette by Messrs Blair, Barrett, Morgan and Gernaey, who sang "Down South" to perfection, A violin solo by Mr. S. Clarke of Sumas, Wash., who chose as his selection "Simple Confession" to which he was compelled to respond to an encore. This artist not only has the technique but the soul which is very necessary in order to be able to sway his audience in the manner he did. The next number was a character song and dance by Mr. Blair, who is the proud possessor of a voice, which is very taking and he at once certainly took the audience with him His foot work, for a man of his avoir dupois was simply excellent and had everybody going up and down on their toes.

A sketch entitled "Justice Up To Date" concluded the performance. The characters were taken by Mr. Pete McMillan as the new judge, Mr. D. C Blair, as Lawyer Bum, the defending attorney, Mr. J. A. McGowan as Lawyer Dmart, the prosecuting Attorney, Mr. S. A. Morley as Casey, the town policeman, Mr. E. Barrett, as a Bigamist, Mr. Alex. Sutherland as the sheep thief; Master George McNab, as the boy thief and Mr. B. J Gernaey as the all round bad man. This sketch proved to be so "screechingly" funny that it was a relief to many a side ache when it was concluded.

We cannot conclude this only too brief account of this performance without making special mention of the orchestra composed of David Blair at the piano, Mr. Clarke, Sumas, Wash., on the violin, Mr. Campbell on the cornet and Mr. Gray with the drums and "traps" This orchestra in addition to accompanying the many songs gave, during the evening, three difficult overtures, which were well rendered and much appreciated by the audience and added greatly to the evening's success

It is understood that the performance will be repeated in the near future at Mt. Lehman and possibly at other points in the Fraser Valley. It is to be hoped also that the people of Abbotsford will have the pleasure of witnessing further efforts of this most excellent organization, which, after last night's show, has already given Abbotsford a greater boost than she has experienced for sometime past.

POULTRY SHOW HELD AT PORT HANEY

The following is the prize list of the North Fraser Poultry show held at Haney yesterday

Mr. D. Gibbard brings back with him the Silver Cup to Mission City.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—E. Osborne Mission

W. T. Abbott, Mission City

A. H. Anderson Hammond

HENS—D. Gibbard, Mission City first and second

W. T. Abbott, Mission City

COCKEREL—First, second and third, D. Gibbard, MissionCity

PULLETS—First, second and third, D. Gibbard, Mission City

PENS—First and Second, D. Gibbard, Mission City

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS—

T. J. Drain, all awards

WHITE WYANDOTTES—Hens—

First and second, Tom Gibbard, Mission City.

COCKERELS—First and second, T Gibbard, Mission City

PULLETS—First and third, T. Gibberd, Mission City

Second, Brydges Sisters, Mission City

PENS—First, T. Gibbard, Mission City

S. C. R. I. REDS—E. A. Osborne All Awards.

WHITE LEGHORNS, S. C.—

COCK—J. R. McMullen, Haney

W. T. Abbott, Mission City

E. Osborne, Mission City

HENS—First, second and third. J. R. McMullen, Haney

WHITE LEGHORNS—Cockerels—

First, second and third, J. R. McMullen, Haney

PULLETS—First second and third—J. R. McMullen, Haney

PENS—First, second and third, J. R. McMullen, Haney

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS—

Gibbard Bros, Mission City, ALL awards,

S. C. Black MIAORCAS— All Awards, E. Osborne, Mission City

BUFF ORPHINGTONS—

COCKERELS—J. H. Ritchie, Haney

HENS—Gibbard Bros, Mission City, First

J. H. Ritenie,Haney, first and third

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Premier Borden willneed all the "twenty-one baths a day" in Virginia strength he can obtain from his to enable him to successfully undergo theordeal that awaits him when he makes up his mind to call parliament for the despatch of business.—Victoria Times.

The best sample of wheat seen in Erskine was shown by Arthur John The variety was Marquis and one hundred and forty-nine bushels, machine measure was grown from six bushel of seed sown on three and a half acres. Of course the grain was well put in at the right time and the acreage small but enough to show the possibilities of the Erskine district.—Review.

The visit of the editor of the London Statist to the United States and Canada and the interviews he has given out as shown in another column makes some of the speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the recent by-elections, read rather funny. This eminent financier and political economist can see in the present money stringency a world-wide depression effecting old lands as well as the newer countries, but Sir Wilfrid jauntily told the electors of Chateauguay and South Bruce that it was all due to his removal from the treasury benches. According to Sir Wilfrid the prosperity of the whole world depends upon keeping him in power in Canada, even if his ability as a financier is illustrated by the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific has already cost the country in hard cash a sum which is ten times that which Sir Wilfrid told parliament it was going to cost ten years ago.—Gazette.

One would think from a casual glance at the title of the article, that Mr. Baer had turned his penetrating searchlight upon the great economic question of the day and was adding a bit of information, gathered through years of patient and painstaking research, to the whole libraries that already have been written upon this most absorbing subject.

But nay. Not so. The whole series is an interesting collection of guff about the McBride government upon the head of whom every sin of omission and commission, including the High Cost of Living, has been heaped. Any attempt to make reasonable people believe that Sir Richard's administration is to blame for the high cost of living inthe province, a condition which we share in common with the rest of civilization, would be as easy as trying to get a river to run up hill

Let us see. Mr Baer once adorned the pulpit of the Methodist church. He preached for time at the Haliburton street church in Nanaimo, and then removed to Nelson, where he tended alittle flock for a time upon one occasion coming up to Kaslo to deliver a lecture upon things spooky. But tiring of the promise of rewards in the sky, he forsook his pastor's staff and adopted journalism, which though much tempestuous as a scene of action offered a more tangible earthly reward, especially as he cast his lot with the Conservative press, becoming editor of the newly established "Daily Canadian" in Nelson, on whoe editorial pages he thundered forth each day well turned phrases of disgust at the tactics of the then critics of the McBride government, together with splendid defences of the government policy he so roundly condemns to-day

When the Canadian was absorbed by the Daily News and the necessity of a Conservative paper in Nelson was no longer felt, Walter W. went to the coast, where he remained for a time in comparative obscurity, emerging finally from his shell to hurl shafts at Sir Richard and his colleagues, winged with venom and an apparently deep hatred of his one time friends.

Was it disappointed personal ambition which caused Walter W. to change front? Who knows?—Kootenaian.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE BALLOT

When J. J. Hill crossed the line into the United States from Canada he had to wait five years before he was allowed to vote even for constable. To day he would have to pass at the expiration of the incubation period, an examination in the principles of American government and produce witnesses vouching for his probity.

Over the line in British Columbia the Hon. H. H. Stevens, M. P. is loudly complaining inthe laxity in the administration of the naturalization laws. Hundreds of Japanese he avers, cast ballots even though they have never been naturalized. Canneries loggers and mine operators, he asserts keep a supply of used but otherwise perfectly good naturalization certificates on hand and pass them around among the newlyarrived Aaiatics they employ.

Why not? British Columbia has no educational standard to measure applicants for citizenship, it requires a residence of three years, it does not insist upon knowledge of the English language; and franchise may have as little meaning to the applicant as Sanskrit and the cheering effect of distilled grape juice have to Mr. Byran, still British Columbia confers the privilege What difference does it make, under these circumstances, whether these certificates are conferred by a magistrate or by the boss of a salmon cannery.—Sunset Magazine.

ENTERPRISING YOUNGSTERS

One of the most interesting letters recently received by the Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa, is from a school teacher in Alberta who asks for milk record forms and literature on the subject of Cow Testing, because,—now listen Some of the boys in the school are to start a contest in recording the production of individual cows to last one year.

This opens up a most promising field for every school teacher and for thousands of boys in our country schools. In this we would be following somewhat slowly in the wake of schools in the United States and New Zealand where the use of the Babcock milk tester has been taught for some time In a dairy country, we should be out blazing trails for other teachers and boys to follow

No better work could be taken up by such lads, for any record work of that kind must infallibly lead to better, vastly better, conditions on dairy farms. Probably thoseAlaberta lads will soon be excellent dairymen obtaining seventy-five to one hundred dollars per cow.

Needless to say the dairy division will only be too ready to supply the blank forms and instructions in all such cases.—Hedley Gazette.

The harder a woman is to please the less a man will try.

Happiness often depends on the little things we don't do

If you enetertainguests too well you are apt to retain them.

THE MARKET

The New Westminster market opened light on Friday morning last but with the arrival of the up and down river boats and the ectric train from Chilliwack strengthened to its usual proportions

Offrings of veal were larger than for some weeks, but prices were pretty well maintained. Mediums sold as high as seventeen cents for very choice though most of the sales were at from sixteen to sixteen and a half cents. A large veal brought fifteen cents. The first consignment of mutton in many weeks were consigned from Nicomen While not particularly choice it was well dressed and brought twelve cents. Pork Ras trifle weaker than last week. Most of the supply was heavy stuff and mediums. The big porkers sold at eight cents; mediums at eleven cents and choice smalls at from eleven and a half totwelve cents.

The live chicken market was much as usual Chinamen dickering as usual in endeavors to get birds for less than they are worth. Those who held out, however usually got good prices. As an example, a Chinaman, after buying a half dozen from a Valley farmer on delivery tried to close at a lump figure much under the per pound price offered The farmer called the deal off and would have nothing more to do with his prospective buyer, though the Chinaman offered him what he at the first asked. Chickens in good condition sold at from eighteen to nineteen cent. There was practically no demand for birds in poor condition. In the stalls dressed poultry was sold mostly at the price per bird, ranging from seventy-two cents to one dollar

Consignments of potatoes were not large and as a result the offerings in accordance. AI potatoes sold as high as seventeen dollars a ton.

Ranch butter sold at thrity-five.

Some eggs sold at seventy cents but the real market price was sixty and sixty five

Citizenship involves certain duties and responsibilities and no man is a good citizen who tries to shirk his share of the burden. Every man owes a duty to his town. Its welfare should concern him as much as his own business, and he should be willing to put his shoulder to the wheel and help make things go.—Cochrane Advocate.

A head tax on Chinamen has every year become weaker as a preventative and is now totally ineffective for the purpose designed, it amounts to little more than a direct taxation on Canadians. The permissive agreement under which the immigration of Japs into Canada has been regulated lacks the force of a treaty, is clearly of a tentative character and is open to the objection that it may at any moment may become a bone of contention between England and a friendly ally. With respect to the Hindu we are in a different and far worse position. The money qualification and the stipulation that he should come by a vessel sailing direct from India to Canada are the flimsiest attempts to keep him out. The money difficulty has long overcome; the other is only a matter of time. Sooner or later Canada will have to face the question whether a British subject of whatever color can be discriminated against. It does not follow that because Australia has been able to do this Canada can the isolated position of Australia in the Pacific would place her at the absolute mercy of the Orientals if their exclusion was not absolute.—The Week.

THINGS WOMEN ARE DOING

The South African Women in council. which is a body lately organized, has for its object an effort to unite the women of South Africa with their sisters overseas. They intend to hold unbiassed attitude toward religion, politics and education.

The City Council of Zurich has appointed Madam Olga Lenz, doctor of law, a member of the board guardians of that city. The new Swiss law makes women eligible.

The Women Taxpayers' League of Detroit has a scheme for turning the tide of feminine travel "back to the home." They are endeavoring to put through legislation requiring the husband to deed at least half of his worldly goods to his bride. They feel they are making a step toward the enforcement of the husband's marriage vow, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Women who can see prosperous careers ahead of them by avoiding marriage will thus be assured of some pecuniary compensation. When the wife is really a partner conditions ought to be better than before, and greater contentment should reign in the home. Women are not anxious to have children under present conditions, since they have no absolute assurance that after years of household drudgery they will not be left in the lurch while the husband goes off in search of pastures new Thinking women cannot be blamed if they take a profession or occupation which can offer them an assured future to gambling in matrimony. The league is not in favor of divorce but thinks it will be a rare occurrence if the wife is fairly treated.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is showing five oil paintings at the exhibition of the Association of Women Painters These pictures were executed last summer at the President's home at Cornish, N. H

Next follows several Victoria marriages

—Womens Review.

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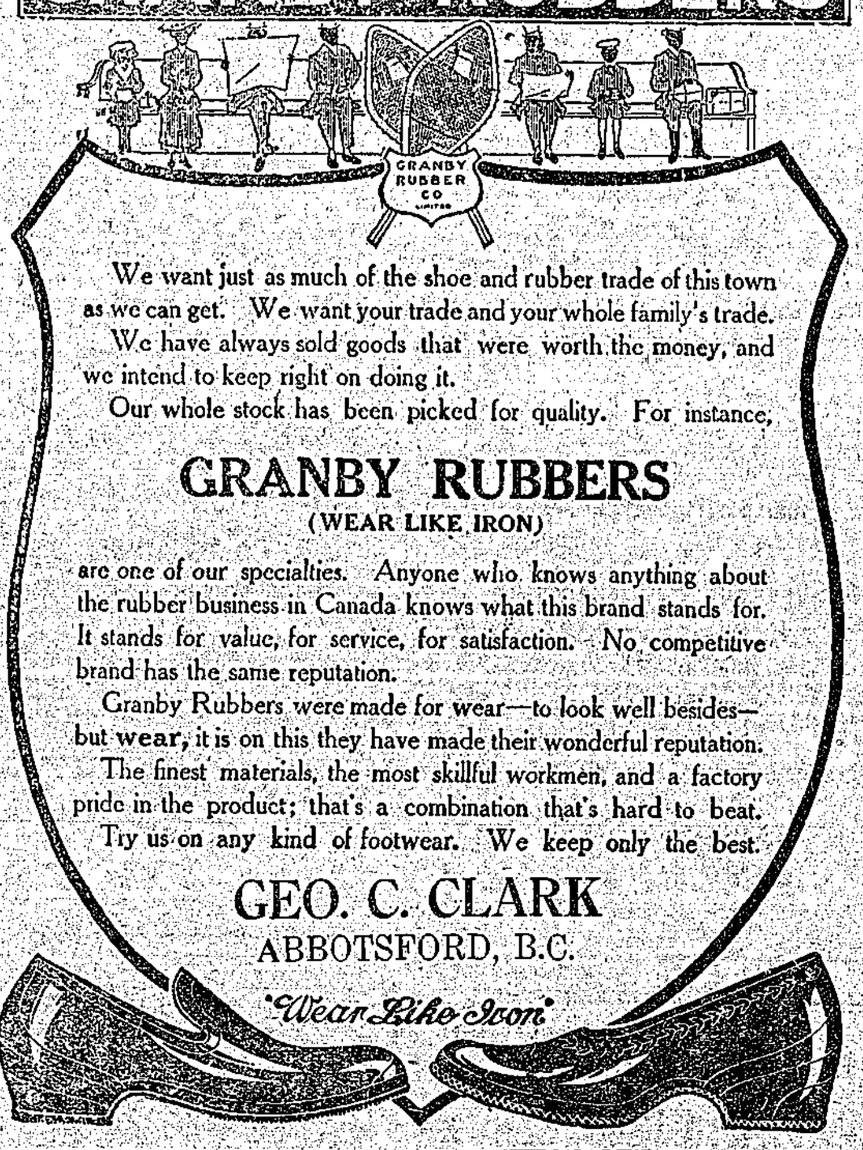

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NOT BIBLICAL

A Sunday School teacher was reviewing her young class on Bible verses they had recently learned. She recited, "Let us love one another" and then asked if any pupil knew another verse about love. A four-year-old mad frantic signs for recognition and when he was called upon he replied, "I love my wife, but oh, you tid."—National Monthly

Two years from now Sir Donald of the C. N. R., says there will be ten thousand at Port Mann.

ASK AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACT

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That councils be given power to establish building lines on streets subject to appeals being taken to the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

That in view of the zone system adopted by the B. C. Telephone Company and the charges thereunder entailing very heavy rates, the government be asked to appoint a commission to investigate all telephone company charges with a view if possible, of having them brought within the limits found to be reasonable."

The executive brought forward a number of desired amendments covering subdivision legislation plans to be approved by the municipal council who should have power to say where roads should be placed subject to an appeal to the lieutenant-governor-in council. Further that no land sub-divisions be accepted by the government until approved by the council of the municipality affected.

Other recommendations were:

That municipalities be given a portion of the auto license fees for the upkeep of the roads.

That the government license fee for the use of water powers be made nominal in the case of municipal districts.

That municipalities be permitted to invest their sinking funds in the debentures of other districts in the province.

That the B. C. government take steps to secure representation on the Dominion commission to make inquiry into the managements of prisons thro' out Canada.

That amendments be introduced in the laws of the dominion and this province providing for some satisfactory way in maintaining the wives and the children of persons who desert their families, persons being able to work do not do so, persons who from the drink habit dissipate their money. The executive urged the laws to be changed so that these persons if imprisoned be made to work for wages and the pay taken to support their families; if at large that a competent authority secure their wages and pay the necessary proportion to their families.

Legislation providing for a suitable annual grant from the provincial government for the reconstruction and the maintenance of trunk roads within the limits of municipalities proposed.

The deputation was against the amendment to the new Municipal Act providing that municipalities pay for the keep of prisoners who might be fined.

The proposed bill relating to irrigation companies and the formation of water municipalities was praised.

There were many other amendments suggested to existing legislation, but these were largely technical in character.

Sir William Van Horne became humorous the other day when asked about the financial situation. "You ought to interview somebody who has some money, I'd get it. I have no financial theories any more." We feel so sorry for Sir William, who deserves a better fate than poverty, that we are willing to contribute a dollar to a relief fund which should be started here. It is fitting that the pecuniary assistance should come from Victoria, because it was here that Sir William was going to make the grass grow on the streets. Thus will we be heaping coals of fire on his head.—Victoria Times.

The people who need more religion are: The man who lets his horse stand all day without a blanket; the woman who whispers it around that someone else is not just what she ought to be; the preacher who is always looking for an easier place and a high salary; the man who wals the streets with his hands in his pockets while his wife carries the baby and the man who keeps a dog and says he cannot afford the home newspaper. —Kaslo Kootenaian.

The Window at the White Cat

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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"I hate to take you out," he said. "The bottom's dropped out of the sky, but I want you to make a little experiment with me." He caught sight of Margery through the portieres.

"Don't be an ass," I said angrily. "I don't know that I care to go out tonight."

"Let's go and take a look at the staircase you fellows have been talking about," he said. "I don't believe there is a staircase there except the main one. I have hounded every politician in the city into or out of that joint, and I have never heard of it."

"Lightning never strikes twice in the same place," said Margery bravely. "I will ask Katie to come down with me if I am nervous, and I shall wait up for the family."

I went without enthusiasm. Margery's departure had been delayed for a day only, and I had counted on the evening with her. Burton's idea was to go over the ground at the White Cat again.

"I don't hang so much to this staircase idea," Burton said, "and I have

It Burned Faintly in the Darkness.

a good reason for it. I think we will find it is the warehouse, yet."

"You can depend on it, Burton," I maintained, "that the staircase is the place to look. If you had seen Wardrop's face today and his agony of mind when he knew he had associated staircase with 'shot,' you would think just as I do. A man like Schwartz who knew the ropes, could go quietly up the stairs, unbolt the door into the room, shoot Fleming and get out. Wardrop suspects Schwartz and is afraid of him."

"Suppose the stairs open into the room!" he was saying as we neared the window. "Do you think Schwartz would go in, walk around the table and shoot him from in front? Pooh!"

"He had a neck," I retorted. "I suppose he might have turned his head to look around."

We had been walking through the rain. The White Cat, as near as we could judge, was only a half dozen blocks actually from the best residence portion of the city. We had stopped near the arched gate where I had stood and waited for Hunter a week before. Suddenly Burton darted away from me and tried the gate. It opened easily, and I heard him splashing through a puddle in the gloomy yard.

"Come in!" he called softly. "The water's fine!"

The gate swung to behind me, and I could not see six inches from my nose. Burton steered me toward the building.

"If it isn't locked too tight," he was saying, "we can get in, perhaps through a window, and get upstairs. From there we ought to be able to see down into the club. What the devil's that?"

It was a rat, I think, and it scrambled away among the loose boards in a frenzy of excitement. Burton struck a match. It burned faintly in the dampness and in a moment went out, having shown us only the approximate location of the heavy arched double doors. A second match showed us a bar and a rusty padlock. There was no entrance to be gained in that way.

The windows were of the eight pane variety and in better repair than the ones on the upper floors. We found one unlocked and not entirely closed. It shrieked hideously as we pried it up, but an opportune clap of thunder covered the sound.

While Burton held the window I crawled into the warehouse and turned to perform the same service for him. At first I could not see him outside. Then I heard his voice, a whisper.

"Duck," he said. "Cop!"

CHAPTER XVII.

In the Room Over the Way.

I DROPPED below the window and above the rain I could hear the squash of the watchman's boots in the mud. He flashed a night lamp in at the window next to ours, but he was not very near, and the open window escaped his notice. I felt all the nervous dread of a real malefactor, and when I heard the gate close behind him and saw Burton put a leg over the sill I was almost as relieved as I would have been had somebody's family plate, tied up in a tablecloth, been reposing at my feet.

Unlike the first floor, the second was subdivided into rooms. It took a dozen precious matches to find our way to the side of the building overlooking the club and another dozen to find the window we wanted. When we were there at last Burton leaned his elbows on the sill and looked down and across.

"Could anything be better?" he said. "There's our theater, and we've got a proscenium box. That room over there stands out like a spot light."

He was right. Not more than fifteen feet away and perhaps a foot lower than our window was the window of the room where Fleming had been killed. It was empty as far as we could see. The table, neat enough now, was where it had been before, directly under the light. Any one who sat there would be an illuminated target from our window. Not only that, but an arm could be steadied on the sill, allowing for an almost perfect aim.

"Now where's your staircase?" Burton jeered.

Above the rattle of the rain came the thump, thump, of the piano and a half dozen male voices. The shutters below were closed. We could see nothing.

I think it was then that Burton had his inspiration.

"I'll bet you a five dollar bill," he said, "that if I fire off my revolver here now not one of those fellows down there would pay the slightest attention."

"I'll take that bet," I returned. "I'll wager that every time anybody drops a poker since Fleming was shot the entire club turns out to investigate."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," said Burton. "Everybody down there knows me. I'll drop in for a bottle of beer, and you fire a shot into the floor here or into somebody across, if you happen to see any one you don't care for. I suggest that you stay and fire the shot, because if you went, my friend, and nobody heard it you would accuse me of shooting from the back of the building somewhere."

He gave me the revolver and left me with a final injunction.

"Wait for ten minutes," he said. "It will take five for me to get out of here, and five more to get into the clubhouse. Perhaps you'd better make it fifteen."

He went away into the darkness, and I sat down on an empty box by the window and waited. Had any one asked me at that minute how near we were to the solution of our double mystery I would have said we had made a progress, save by eliminating Wardrop. Not for one instant did I dream that I was within less than half an hour of a revelation that changed my whole conception of the crime. I had an idea that it would be hard to explain my position, alone in the warehouse, firing a revolver into the floor, if my own argument was right, and the club should rouse to a search. I looked again at my watch.

(Continued next Week)

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF POOR

Editor, Abbotsford Post

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday night a committe was elected which, with the assistannce of the citizens of Abbotsford, will be a welcome Santa Claus in these hard times. One of the first difficulties in their way is the word Charity and they wish it to be distinctly understood that this is not supposed to be a strictly charitable undertaking in the general way that word is taken. No one feels offended if a friend gives him or her something useful for a Christmas pcesent, and this committee wants to be that friend to those who this year, owing to present poor financial conditions are not prepared to hold Xmas in their usual way. The idea is to provide clothing, warm underclothing, stockings, etc., and also provisions. These parcels will be wrapped up without any distinctive mark and either delivered at the homes or left at the post office and no one outside the committee will know the recipients.

A committee meeting wil, be held in Mr. Taylor's office on Saturday evening, and in the meantime I would ask on behalf of the committee that you citizens of Abbotsford rise to the occasion and come forward with assistance in Cash or kind. We should also take it as a kindness that if anyone knows the name o people we can assist they will hand in that name to the committ In this coanection the names of Mrs Campbell and Mrs. Part on were mentioned as most likely to know thoce we wish to reach. As I said before it is not a case of Charity but a friendly help along to those who are not so well off this Christmas as they were last year. Of course the effect of our help will depend largely on the contributions received, but from the heart way the proposition was received at the Board of Trade we shall be able to help a goodly number of people.

I have pleasure in being associated with the following committee, Messrs. W. Taylor (convener) C. Hill-Tout, P. R. Peele, J. Higginson, and E. A. Barrett

Christmas will soon be here and in closing would ask you to remember "He who gives quickly gives twice."

Yours Sincerely,

J. A. McGOWAN

Don't forget the Girls' Auxiliary Sale on December ELEVENTH. Useful and fancy articles for sale. Home cooking and Candy. Tea will be serveh from three to five p.m. Supper from five thirty to seven o'clock. Everybody welcome, and make an effort to be there. Sale held in Gazley block Mark this date on your calendar.

It was not until Gernacy's startling appearance in the court house scene Mr. Gazley states that the architect he called in to inspect the stage reports that it stood the severe test of Blair's pas de seul in wonderful manner.

Teddy Barrett as a novelty used 2 in 1 instead of the proverbial burnt cork. Is this a prophecy, Teddy?

Now girls keep your eyes on Blair, jnr. If he'll chase after three, what will he do in a crowd?

Morley as Casey was all right in his element. It is understood that the attorney-general has wired him an offer of an appointment in the provincial police force. Hold-up men please note.

After the dance Blair blew like a whale. Most people thought it was the powder factory going up in the air

A special session of the Mutual admiration society was called after the show by Chairman Morley at the bank living rooms, where everyone present more than excelled themselves in flattering speech and the consumption of light refreshments

Pete's slide in the closing scene outdid "Athletic" Ed. Collins efforts in the recent baseball world's series, and nearly amputated McGowan's foot.

To see Scotchmen turned into coons has got the transformation of Lot's wife into a pillar of salt beaten to a frazzle.

Mrs. Bowen of Victoria is visiting her sister Mrs. Means.

The Ladies Aid met this week at the home of Mrs. Angus McInnes

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Quarterly Communion next Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church

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Buy your fancy work at the bazaar on the eleventh of next month

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Mr. John Walker who by mistake took an overdose of cough medicine is recovering

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The Fraser Valley Ministerial Association meets on Monday next in Mt Lehman

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Be sure and attend the Sale of Work at the Alexandria Hall on the eleventh.

On Monday evening the eighth December Rev. C. McDiarmid will give his illustrated lecture on Missions etc in the Presbyterian church, Abbotsford

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Mr. J. J. Sparrow of Abbotsford passed through Mission City on Tuesday morning for Vancouver Mr. Sparrow always travels by way of Miesion City when going to Vancouver as he enjoys the nice little rest he gets here while the trains are changing. Mr. J. J is looking well and is a good sample of our healthful coast climate on the coast, he being a resident of the province for about forty years.

The words of a woman may sound consoling even if they are not.

Some men find it easier to make a good living than to make good

If a man has loved and lost he is apt to consider marriage a failure.

A woman's social rating may be based on her washday clothesline.

Even a married man may do as he pleases—as long as he pleases his wife

The older a woman grows the harder it is to get a becoming hat.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910.
(Section 42).

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of December, next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail in the hotel known as the Abbotsford Hotel, situate at Abbotsford, B. C. in the Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1913

A. J. HENDERSON
Applicant.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910.
(Section 35)

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the fifteenth day of November next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a licence for the sale of liquor by retail in and upon the premises known as the King George, situated at Abbotsford, upon the lands described as Lots 9, 10, 11 of the S. E. part of S. W. portion of Lot 3, S W. ¼, Sec. 22, T. 16, Group 2, Tow nof Abbotsford, New Westminster District.

Dated this seventh day of October 1913

ROBERT H. S. CRESSWELL,
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Pastor—Rev. J. L. Cam bell, B. A., B. D.
Services—Sunday school 10 a.m.
Public Worship 11 a. m.
Teacher training class 3 p.m.
Public Worship 7.30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Friday 8 p. m.
Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer Wednesday 8 p. m.

Huntingdon

Sunday School, 2.15 p. m.
Public Worship 3.30 p. m.

See Bates for Shooting Notices. The market

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The salesroom will be in charge of Mr. F. C. Wiggins, a representative of the Light and Power Department, who will also deal with questions pertaining to the Company's light and power lines throughout the central section of the valley.

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