

**THE CUMBERLAND NEWS,**

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**May 24, 1899.**

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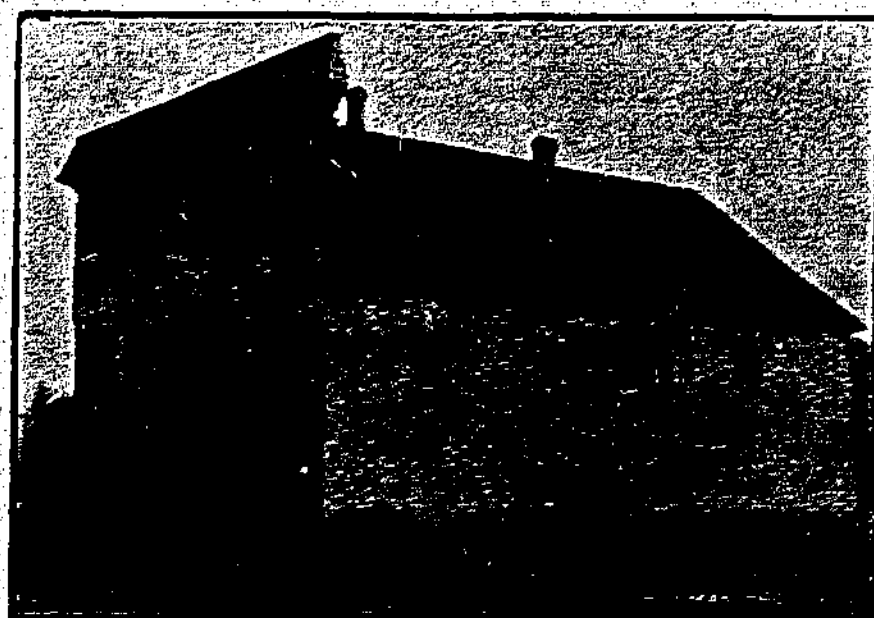
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Sunday Hours: 10 to 11 a. m.; and 5 to 6 p. m.



found. Comox Harbor is next to Esquimalt, the headquarters of the British Navy on the Pacific Coast. The Admiralty have completed extensive works on the sand beach at the entrance of the harbor and it is now a splendid target range where the marines off the several ships practise for weeks at different periods during the year.

### C. J. Moore.

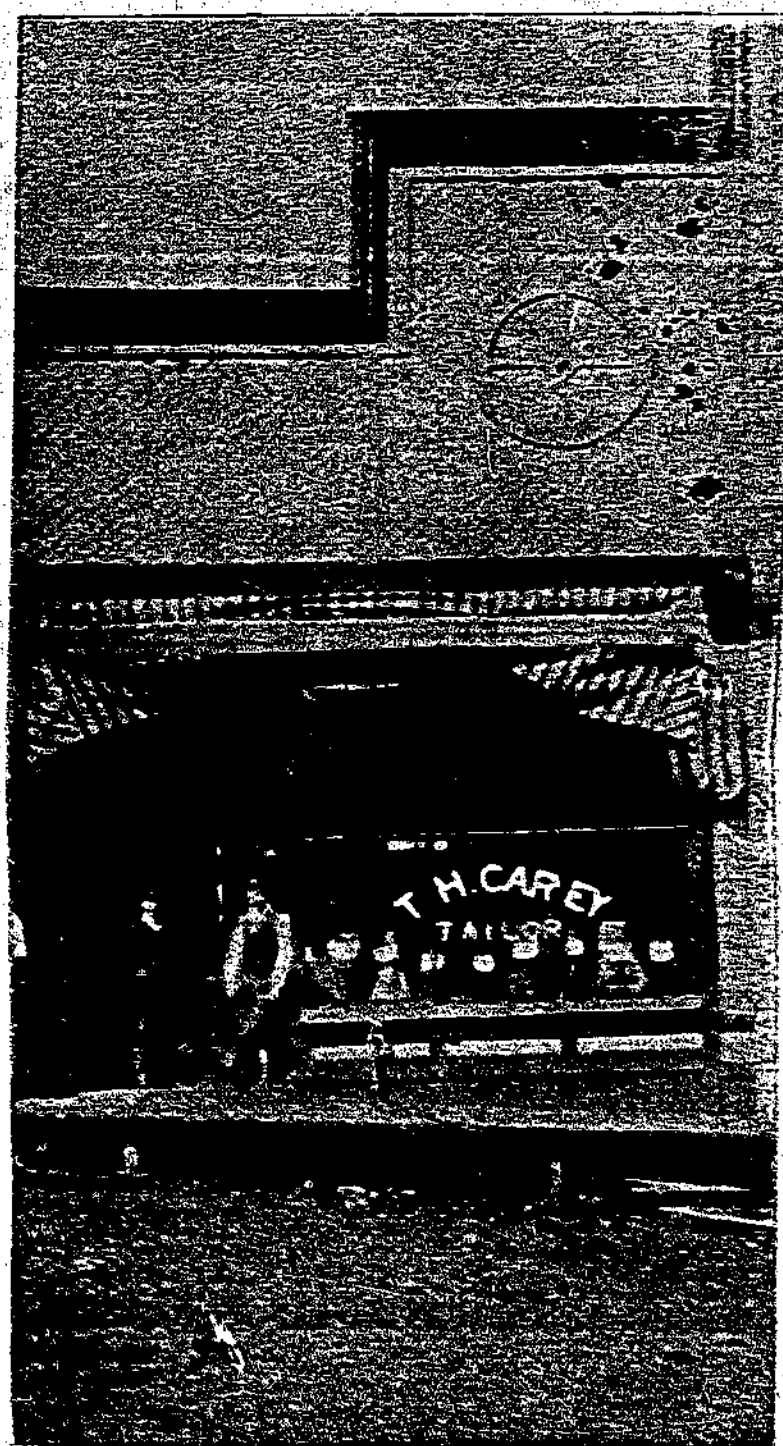


partnership was dissolved and Mr. Moore now carries on a flourishing business on his own account.

MR. C. J. MOORE came out to this coast from Elgin, Ont., in 1888. He worked for Mr. J. McPhee at Comox during 1889, and when the branch store was opened at Cumberland in 1890 he became a partner, and carried on the business up here. In 1898 the

### T. H. Carey.

MR. T. H. CAREY came to the Coast from Winnipeg. He has been three years in Cumberland, and though only a few months in business he has worked himself up a splendid trade in the clothing line. He has an excellent stock on hand, and is up-to-date in every respect. He is one of the rising business men of the town.



### A. H. Peacey.



book stores north of Victoria.

MR. PEACEY is a native of Regina, N. W. T. He was first employed in the drug store of Messrs. Pimbury & Co., Nanaimo, with which firm he severed connection to begin business on his own account in Cumberland. He has one of the neatest drug and

### W. W. Willard.



MR. W. W. WILLARD of the Willard Block is an established business man, local agent of the Canadian Mutual Loan Society, and an Alderman of the City of Cumberland for the past two years.

He came from western Ontario some eight years since, and spent

a short time in Victoria previous to starting business in Cumberland in 1895. In 1896 he built the fine brick block, of which we give a cut on this page. He carries a very good stock and, being a first-class workman, has a large and growing trade throughout the district.

### P. Dunne.

MR. P. DUNNE is one of the successful natives of the Emerald Isle who have made their way in the west. He came to British Columbia in 1894 from Kansas City, and has in a comparatively short time built up a large and successful clothing trade. He is an extensive owner of real estate. He is one of the foremost business men in town, and he possesses the proverbially generous hand of his countrymen. No good cause was ever refused assistance by Mr. Dunne, and he is as popular a gentleman as there is in Cumberland.

### C. H. Tarbell.

#### MR. C. H. TARBELL

is a back east Yankee and he possesses all the proverbial business shrewdness of his countrymen. He came out to Victoria a few years ago and later moved to Cumberland, going into business here on his own account. By industry,



pluck and brains he has in a comparatively short time built up for himself a good trade in the hardware line, and he is one of the best established business men of the town. Personally he is a general favorite with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.—The following story was told at a lunch party recently.

A lady who had been traveling with her husband had passed through an earthquake experience. Her friends were discussing it with her, when she startled them by saying that it was the most delightful experience of her married life.

"Why?" was the astonished question.

"It is the only thing that has happened since I was married for which I was not to blame. I enjoyed it immensely; it was delightful."

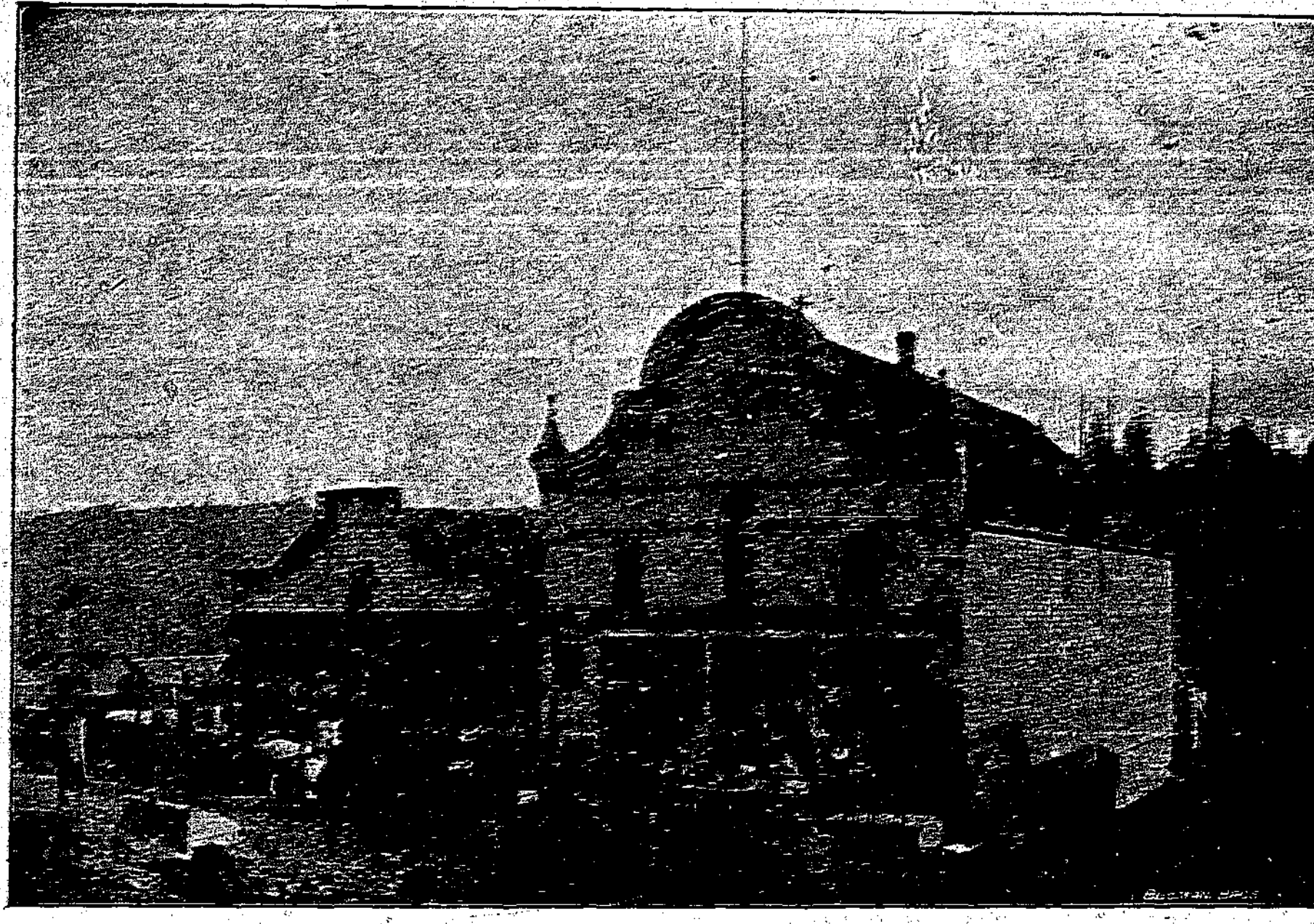


## The Union Department Store.

COMMONLY called "THE BIG STORE" on account of the size of the buildings, and the large and varied stock which is carried. It has a floor space of 16,000 square feet. The business is divided into the five following departments.

### DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

This department carries a full and complete stock of goods, such as is found in any first-class city store. Gent's furnish-



ings and clothing. Men's suits can be bought here from \$6.00 to \$18.00, or made to order at a slight advance. In connection with this department is a Dressmaking Department.

### BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Here can be found boots and shoes in all styles and prices, from the cheapest to the best, in Infant's, Children's, Ladies', and Gent's. Rubber Goods in season.

### HARDWARE AND FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.

This department is really several departments in one. The usual assortment of shelf and heavy hardware is to be found—cutlery, silverware, and plated goods. This is the headquarters for fishing tackle in the district, as it is for many other lines. Glass and crockeryware, tin, iron and agateware, stoves, tools of all kinds, paints, oils, varnishes, etc. Of furniture there is a good and useful assortment, which has been replenished by a carload of new goods, including a fine assortment of wickerware chairs, in all styles and designs. A large stock of wall papers, window shades, curtain poles, etc. This is really a complete house furnishing department excepting carpets and matting which are to be found in the dry goods department.

### GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

This department carries a very complete stock of fancy and staple groceries, feed, flour, etc.

### LIQUOR DEPARTMENT.

A good assortment of the best brands of wine and

whiskey, gin, etc. Both cased and on draft.

The Union Store has the following agencies:

Albion Iron Works,

Slater Shoes and Shoe Polishes,

New Idea Pattern Co., of New York. In connection with the latter is issued a monthly sheet, anybody not receiving one should notify the proprietor.

SIMON LEISER.

## Gustav Hauck.

GUSTAV HAUCK, who carries on a large general business, is a native of Germany. He came to the Coast about 30 years ago, and for some time did business in Cassiar. Thence he moved to Wellington and from Wellington came up to Cumberland, his present headquarters.

Mr. Hauck is the sort of a man who says just what he thinks, and once he gives you his word you can depend on it as surely as if he gave his bond—the right kind of a man to do business with.

## Cumberland Hotel.

THE CUMBERLAND was built six years ago by Messrs. Bruce and Macdonald. Mr. John Piket bought out the business a short time after, and since then the hotel has been in charge of Mrs. John H. Piket, than whom there is not a more popular hostess in the province.

The hotel is fitted in first-class style, is commodious, up-to-date and an excellent place for visitors to put up. The bar is supplied with choice liquors and cigars. Every inch of the large house is bright and cheery, and guests are made to feel at home.

Next to the hotel is Cumberland Hall. It is large and airy, and is lighted with Acetylene gas. The excellent acoustic properties of the Hall render it a first-class lecture or concert room.





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# - HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES -

## Grace Methodist Church.



**THE METHODIST** Church commenced work in 1888, the Rev. W. W. Baer being the first stationed minister, and having the following appointments: Comox Bay, Zion School House, Union Mines, Jack Hart's Point, and Denman Island.

In November of the same year the total membership was four. During the following month there was a revival of religion on Denman, which resulted in a large increase in the membership, and Denman became the headquarters of the work. The organization of a society, according to Methodist Discipline, took place on December 26th, 1888, and shortly afterwards a church was built on the island.

Rev. Mr. Baer remained one year and was followed by Rev. M. J. Stevens, who also remained one year.

The next minister was Rev. R. J. Irwin. During his term there was a considerable increase in the membership at Union—making up a total in the Mission, at the close of the Conference year April 30th, 1891 of 38.

Rev. Mr. Irwin remained one year and was followed by the Rev. Jas. Hicks. Sometime previous to his coming three of the stations had been dropped, and services were continued at Denman, Comox, and Union. Rev. Mr. Hicks also remained one year and selected the site on which the present church stands.

Rev. Jno. Robson, B.C., succeeded Rev. Mr. Hicks and remained the full three years. During the first and second years of Rev. Mr. Robson's pastorate the island appointment was continued with as much regularity as circumstances would permit; the work at Union had so developed as to require the constant attention of the minister; and preaching at Denman was discontinued, resulting in the loss of almost the entire membership of that appointment.

At a meeting of the Quarterly Official Board held February 23d, 1893, steps were taken to build the present church edifice. The following constituted the first Board of Trustees: John Denton, Joseph Livesey, Philip White, James V. Nichols, James Harrington, and James Carter. On April 15th, 1894 the new church was opened and named Grace Methodist Church. The dedication services were conducted morning and evening by Rev. R. R. Maitland, L.L.B., and in the afternoon by Rev. James Hicks, (Presbyterian).

At the close of Mr. Robson's term the membership was 31 including nine on Denman Island.

Mr. Robson's successor was Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, who took charge in June, 1895, and remained one year. During his term the Epworth League was organized. Mr. Sutherland left a membership of 27, not including Denman.

Rev. Wm. Hicks took charge in June 1896. He was returned in '97, '98, '99.

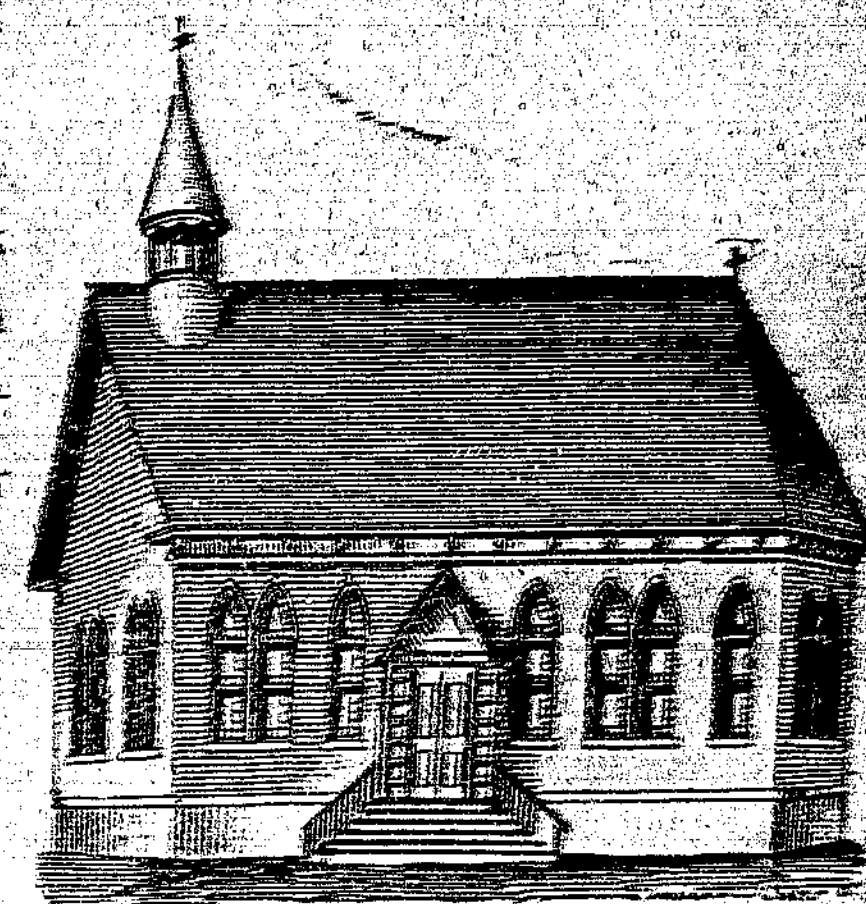
The present church membership is 65. Sunday School scholars enrolled 174. Epworth League membership 88.

## Holy Trinity Church.

**THE** first Church of English services in Cumberland were held on the evening of April 22d, 1894. A committee of management was chosen, composed of James McKim, Sr., Dr. Lawrence, and Chas. Watson, and services established in the school house, with Rev. J. X. Willemar as rector.

Preparations were begun to create a building fund for the erection of a suitable church edifice on the two lots that had been donated by the Union Colliery Co., for church purposes, and the following building committee appointed: Rev. J. X. Willemar, chairman; Chas. Watson, secretary; James McKim, Sr., treasurer; H. P. Collis, Dr. Lawrence, F. B. Smith, Fred Cox, K. Sharp, and David Jones.

Work on the building of the church was commenced July 1st, 1895 and completed in October. It is purely Gothic in design and presents a fine perspective as will be seen by the cut we present, a pencil drawing by Constable Hutchison. The building is 25x51 feet with seating capacity for 170. The chancel runs across the



east end and is 15 feet deep and is separated from the rest of the building by a lofty arch. The ceiling of the chancel and main part is arched and lofty, and constructed with oval panels formed in squares, at each corner of which there is a rosette, all finished in the natural grain. The walls are of plaster, light buff in color, and the windows principally mullion, and furnishing an abundance of light. Double swinging doors covered with red baize lead from a capacious vestibule into the church. A fine bell, a present from Mr. Sam Davis is in the cupola. Mr. K. Sharp was the architect and Grant & McGregor the contractors.

Trinity Church was formally opened for divine worship on Sunday, September 29th, 1895, with appropriate ceremonies, the venerable Archdeacon Scriven conducting the services assisted by Rev. J. X. Willemar.

## Roman Catholic.

**HITHERTO** the Catholic Congregation has been without a resident pastor, Rev. J. F. Durand of Comox Mission having been accustomed to hold service here once a fortnight, first in a cottage rented from the Union Colliery Co., and later in a small church. This spring, however, it was decided by the congregation to erect a dwelling in Cumberland so that the pastor might reside here permanently, and later to build the main part of the church the vestry of which was built some four years ago. Improvements are being made on the lot owned by Father Durand and it is hoped to have in a short time a church suited to the needs of a growing congregation.



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## St. George's Presbyterian Church.

ABOUT 11 years ago, in the year 1888, Rev. Alex. Fraser, who was then in charge of the Comox field, opened a mission in Union by holding fortnightly services. He preached wherever an open door was presented to him, sometimes in boarding houses, private houses, and log cabins. Like Noah's dove the congregation wandered from place to place, not having anywhere to rest. But in the year 1889 the ark was found and wandering ceased. It was a small cabin situated about the middle of the camp and known as No. 36. After locating in this building, a Sabbath School was started, composed of every denomination and numbering twelve.

About a year later, in 1890, the congregation had increased to such an extent that the little building became wholly inadequate for congregational purposes, and it was thought advisable to move up into what is popularly known as the "old school house." This was by no means a pretentious looking building nor yet an object of beauty or of comfort. But

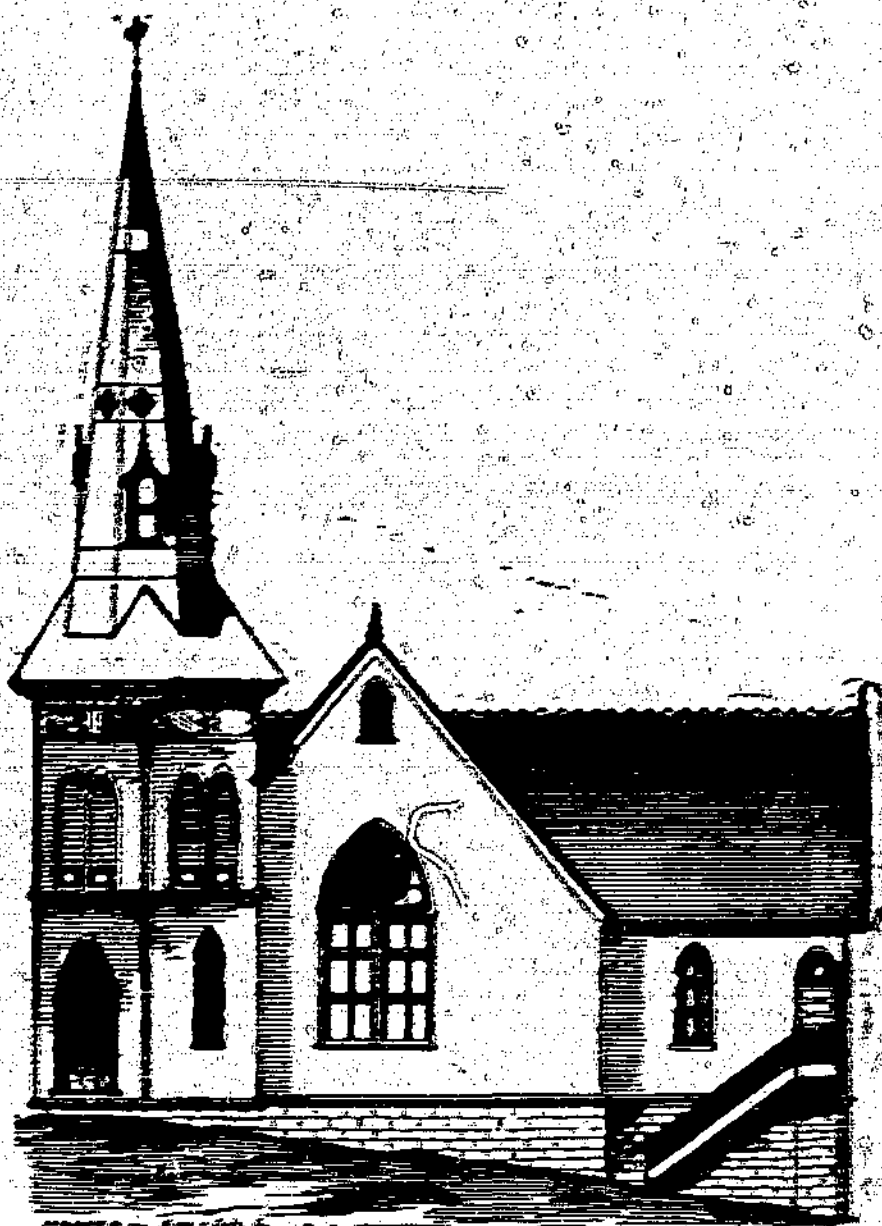
notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances, progress was made and in the years of 1891-92, three elders were appointed to help in the spiritual affairs of the congregation. In 1893 the congregation became strong enough to raise the required funds to support an ordained minister without the assistance of Comox. Consequently a congregation was then organized with a membership of 44 and services conducted both morning and evening.

In the spring of 1893, Rev. J. H. Higgins, B.A., was appointed to take charge of Union. Soon after his arrival the hall was fitted up and additions made to it. A little later on, the Sabbath School ceased to be a union one, owing to the other leading denominations having built suitable accommodations for themselves. The school then had an attendance of about 60. The church membership had increased from 11 to 44. A Mission among the Chinese was also established, progress, although amid unfavorable circumstances.

In August 1894, Rev. Mr. Higgins went east and Rev. Alex. Young was appointed to take charge until another minister could be had.

In October 1894, Rev. D. M. McIntyre, M.A., was appointed, and took charge of the congregation. Under his pastorate, the congregation made marked progress, increasing from 44 members to 65. A Y.P.S. of C. E. was organized with a membership of about 35 which has now increased to about 55. The Sabbath School has increased to over 100. The Foreign Mission work under the faithful efforts of the Missionary L. W. Hall,

has been fruitful of blessing to many whom, safe to say, in spite of adverse criticism, have been happily converted. In August 1895 at a congregational meeting, presided over by Rev. Mr. McRae, then of Nanaimo, it was decided to make application to Home Mission Committee to enter upon the list of Augmented Charges, thereby securing the privilege of electing a minister of their own choice. After hearing a number of candidates the Rev. J. A. Logan was called, his induction taking place in February 1896. He accepted a call to Eburne in August 1897. In September of the same year arrangements were made with Rev. W. C. Dodds, to supply for an indefinite period, he being unwilling to accept the call without further consideration. The call, however, was in a course of a few months proceeded with, induction taking place in May of the last year. Notwithstanding reverses caused by the removal of many of the earnest workers the church is still in a hopeful condition and we are quite sanguine as to future success.

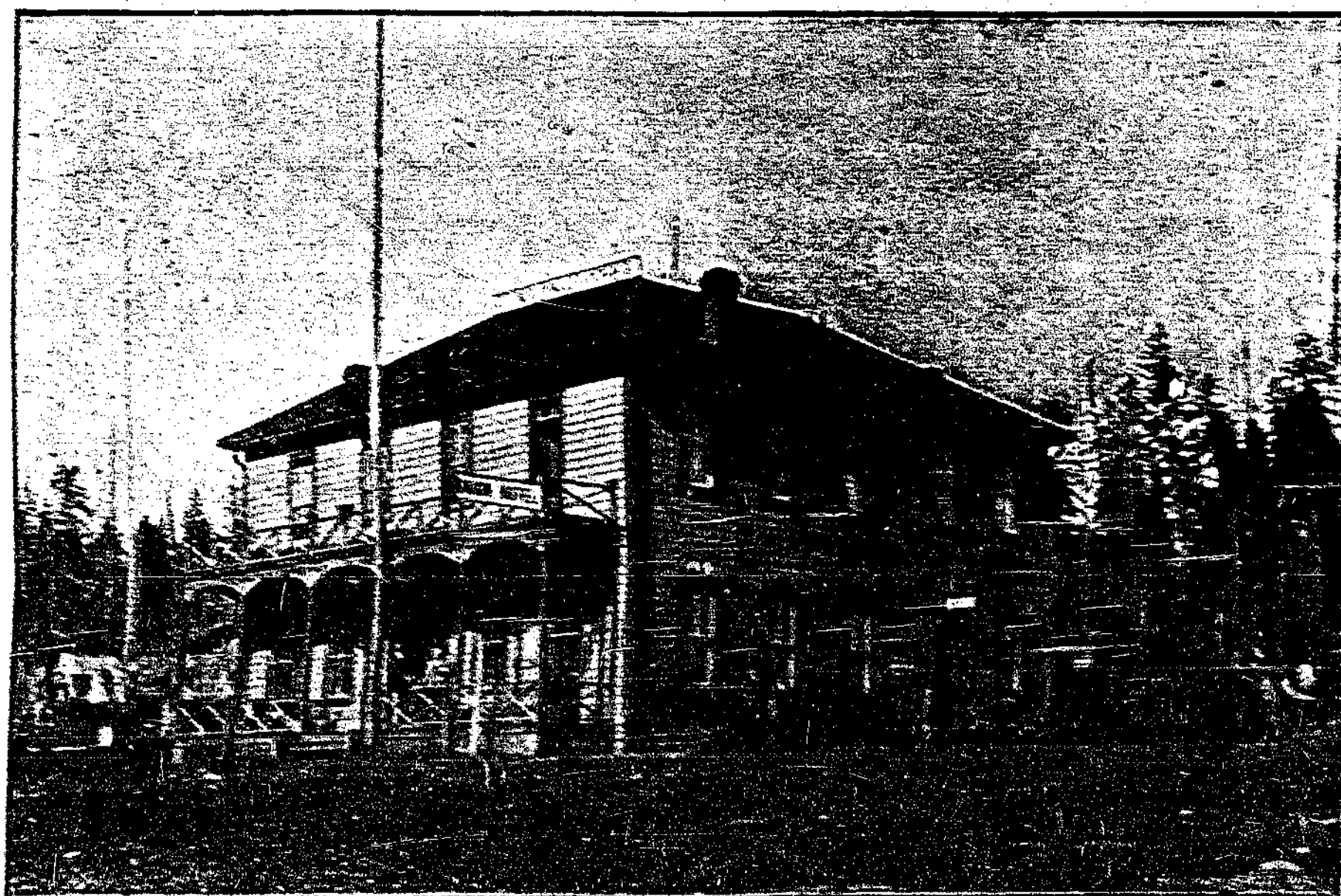


## Union Hotel.

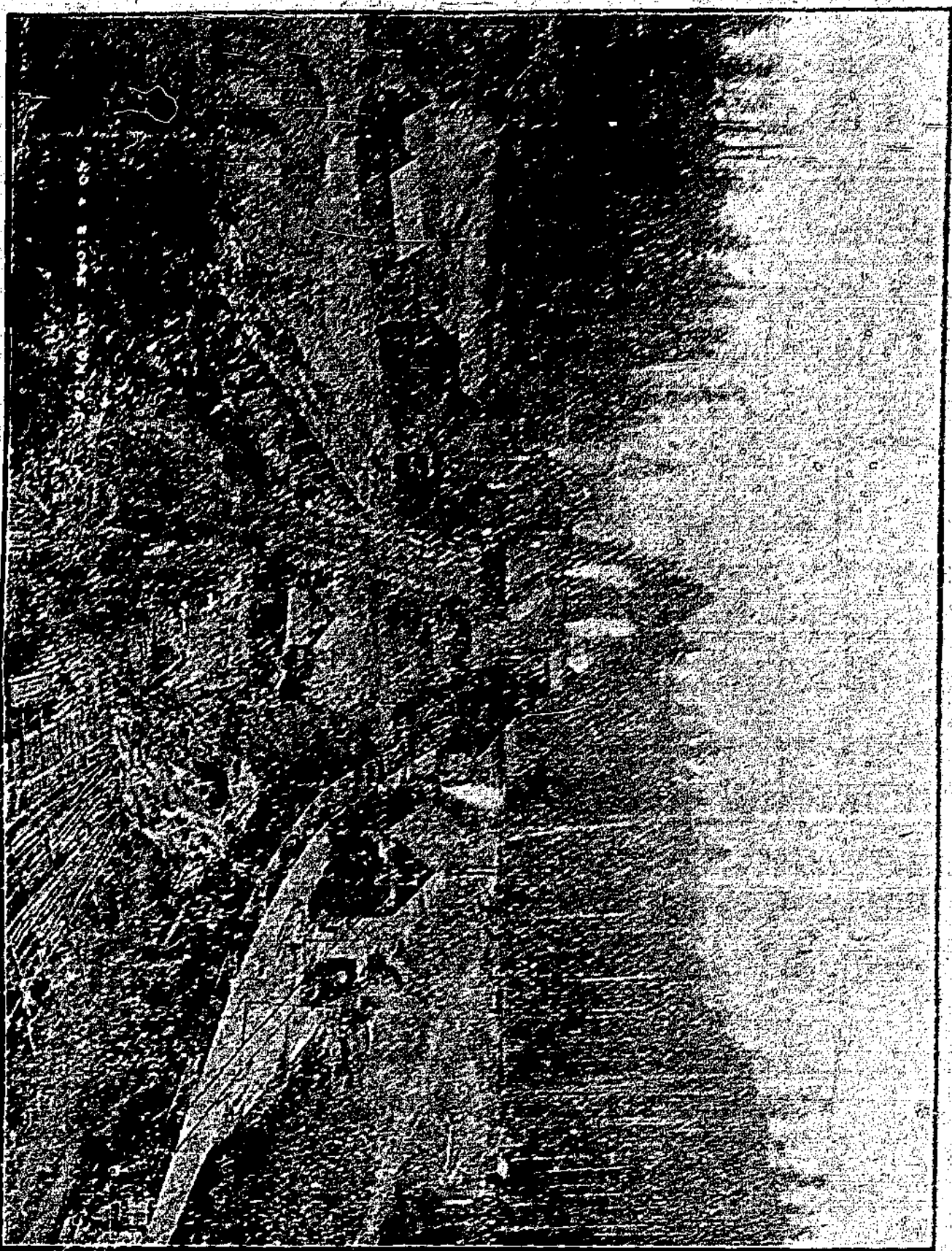
THE UNION HOTEL built ten years ago enjoys the distinction of being the first hotel in Union and Mrs. Davis was the first woman to come to the new town—14 years since. S. C. and Mrs. Davis came out west from England some 30 years ago and the genial proprietor of this popular hotel was one of the early prospectors of the mines now owned by the Union Colliery Co.

The house contains 15 commodious rooms. The table is first-class, and the Union Bar is supplied only with the best liquors and cigars.

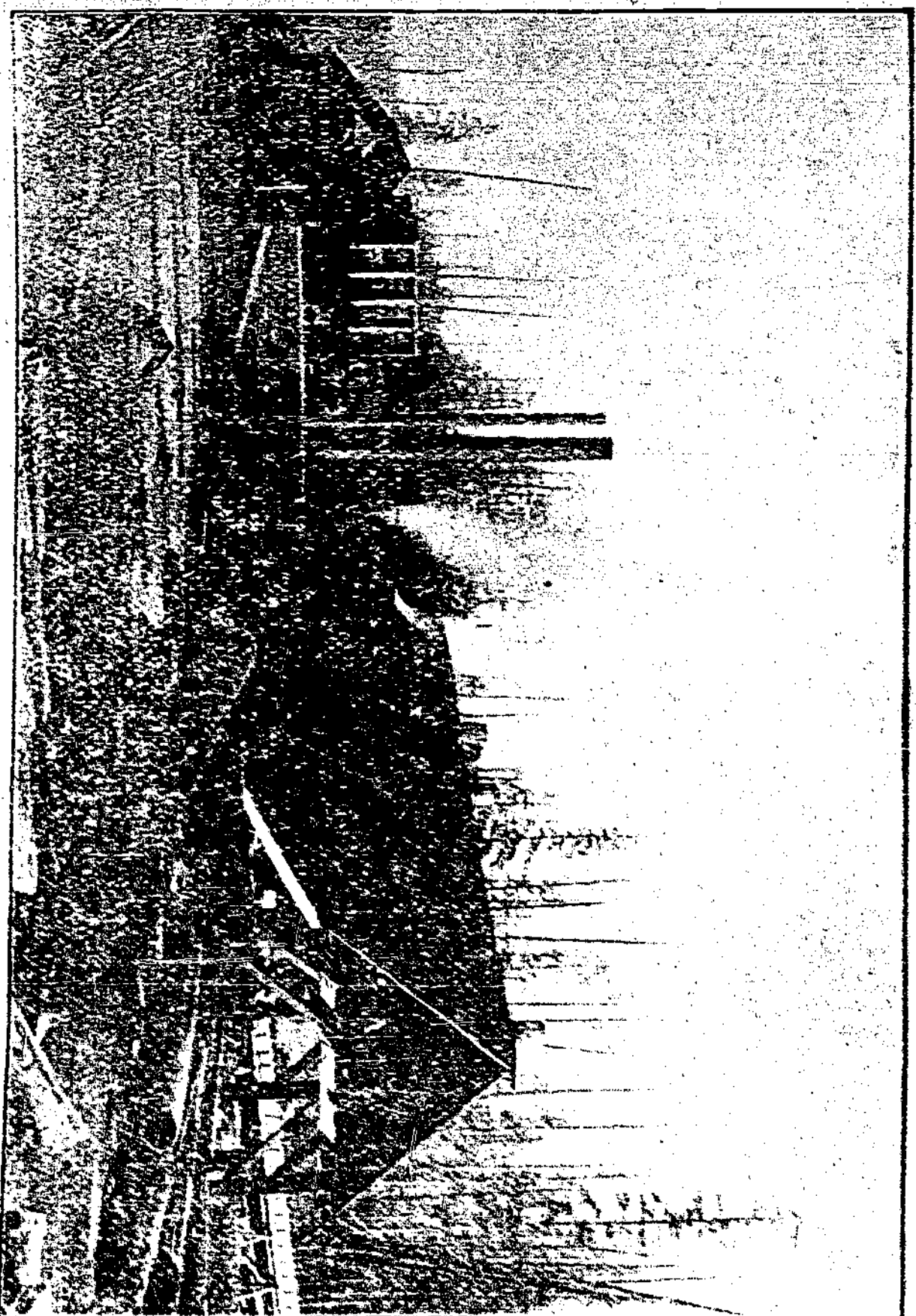
Having successfully overcome the difficulties that beset the pioneer settlers in this province, Mr. Davis' is one of the staunchest businesses in the town, and there are not anywhere two more popular persons than the generous handed host and hostess of the Union Hotel.



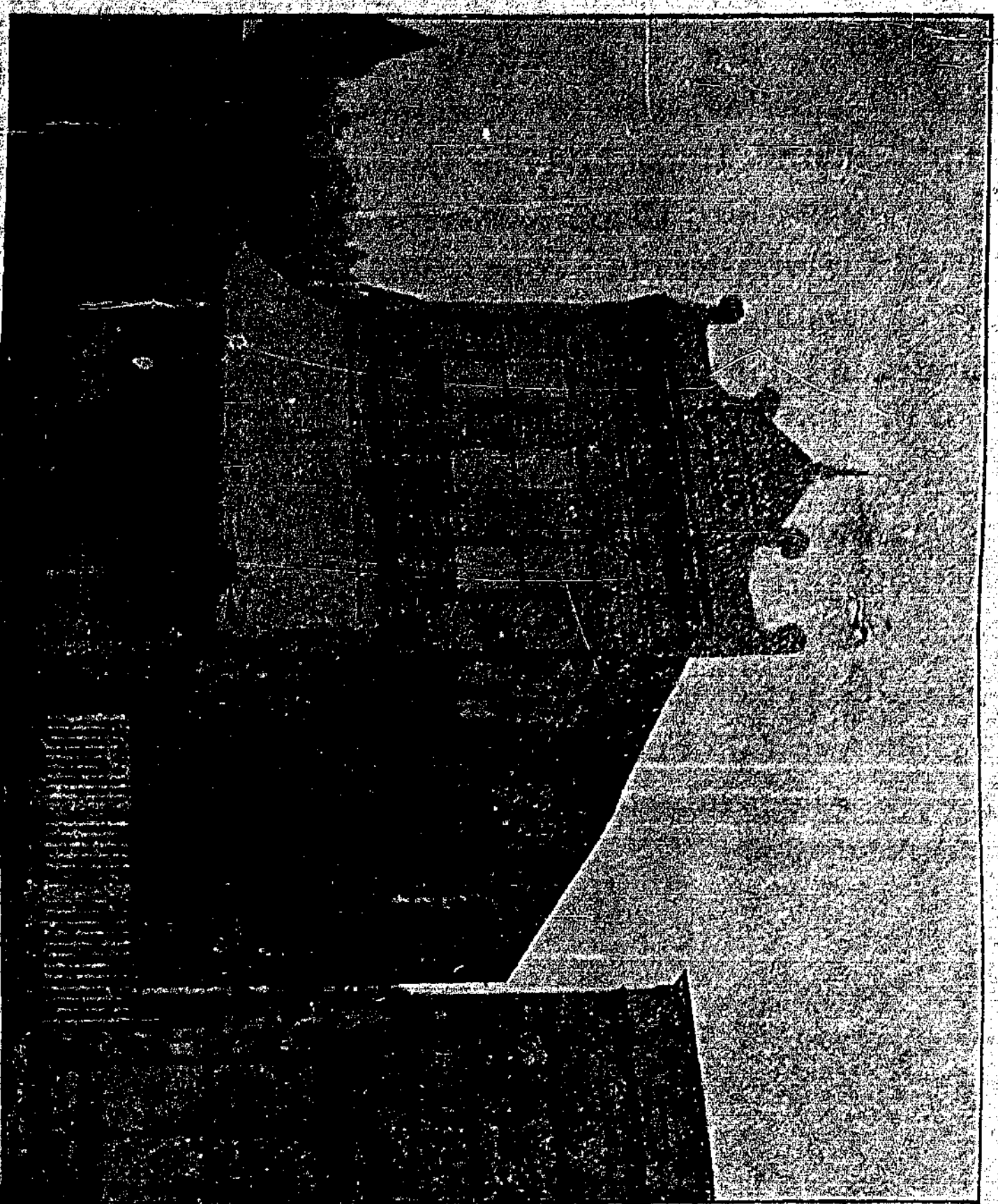




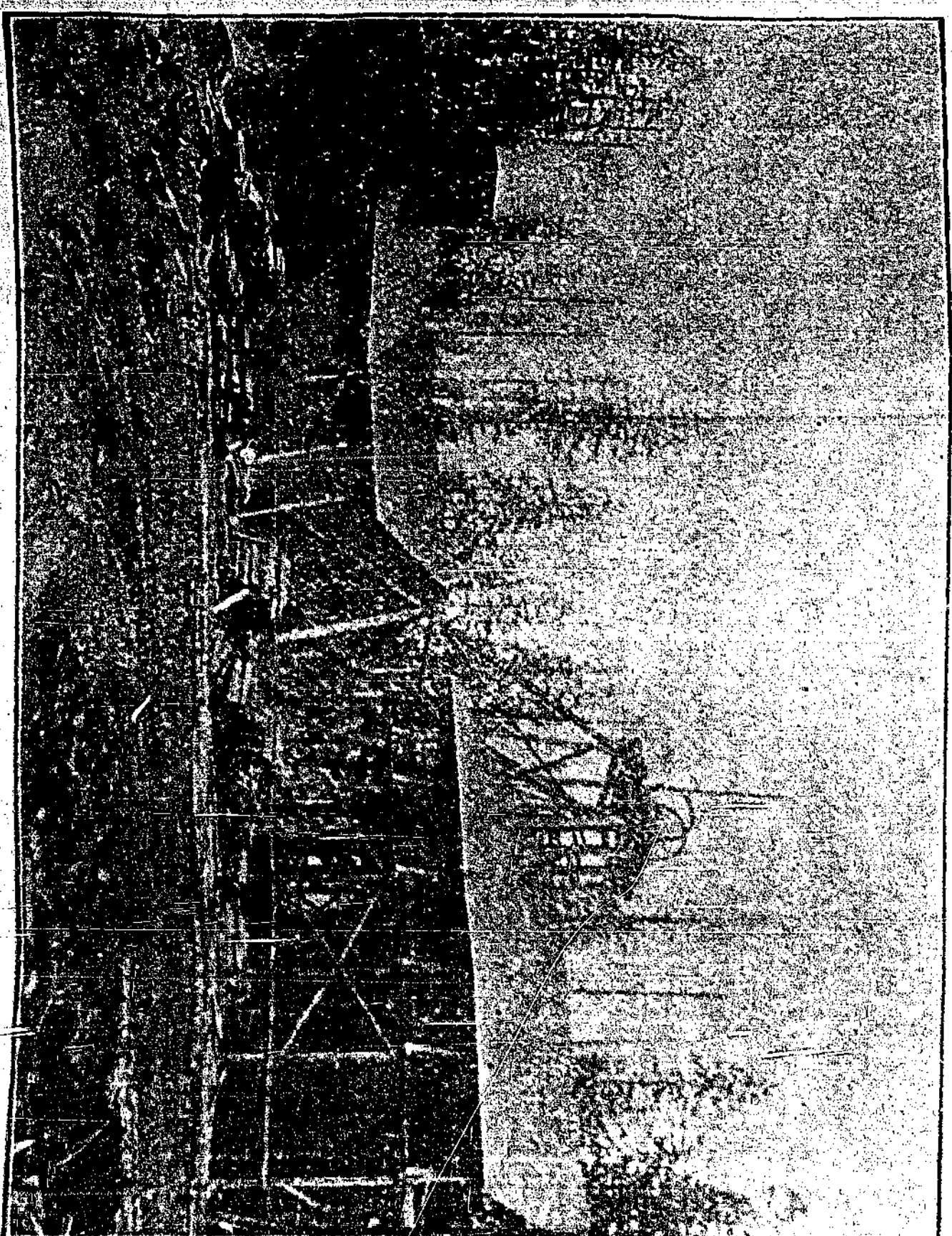
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THE 'NEWS', CUMBERLAND B. C.



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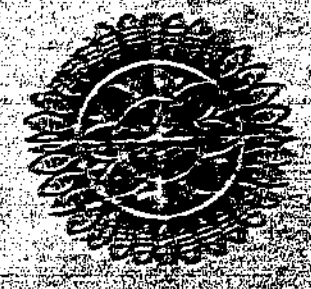


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**A**CCOMODATION for permanent  
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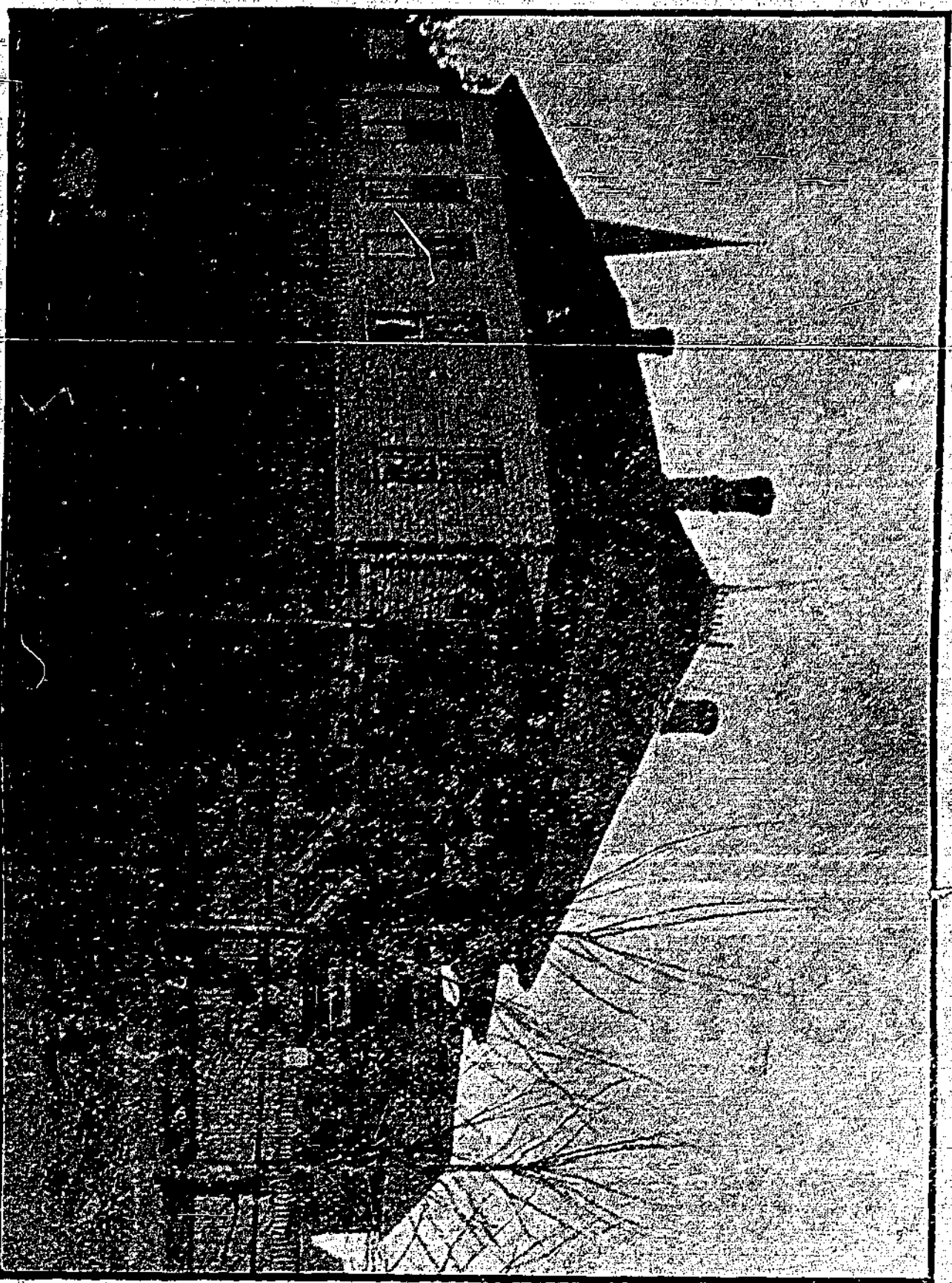
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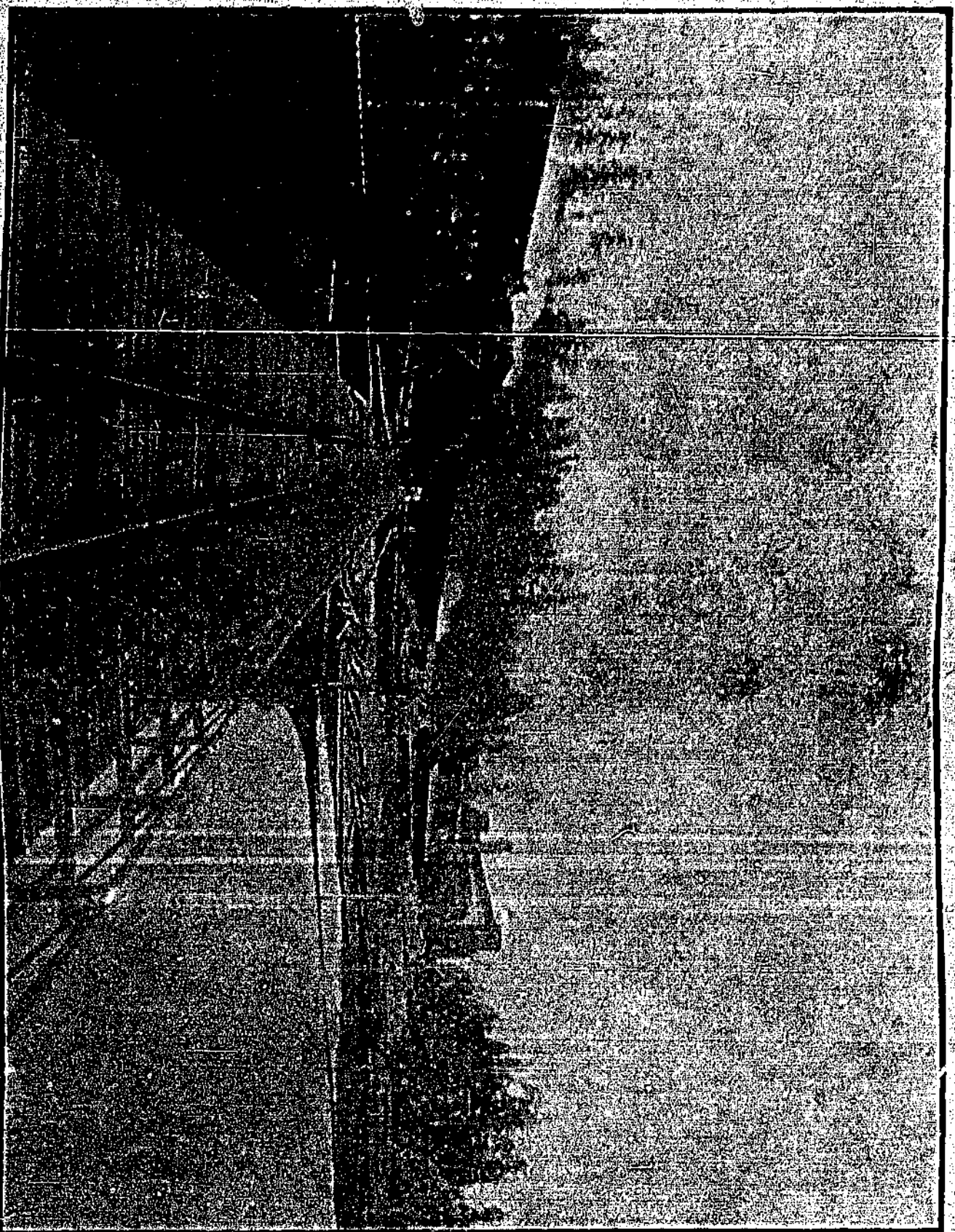
and big Clearance Sales are always on,

**Cheap John.**

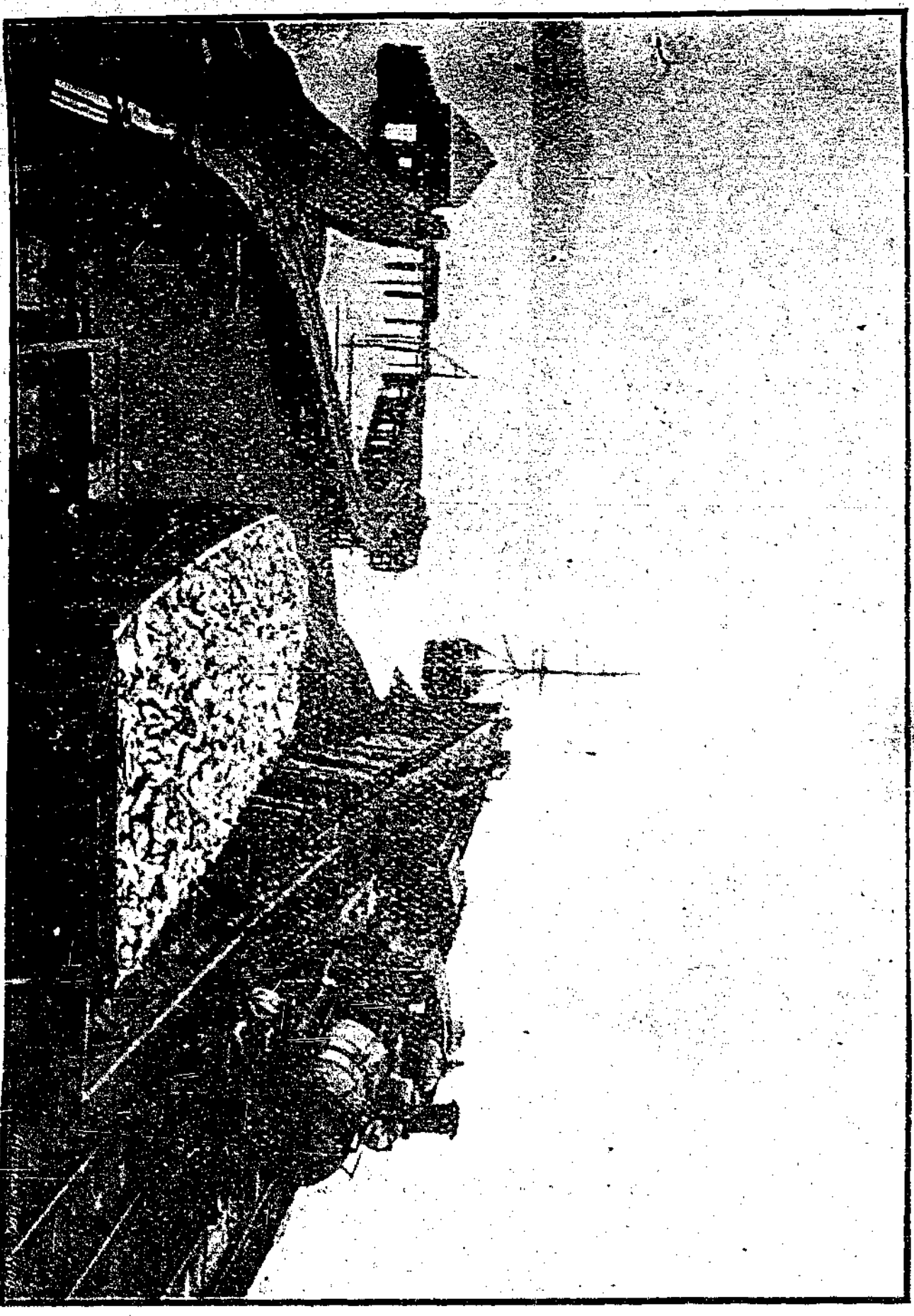




Residence of Mr. G. W. Clinton, Paymaster, Union Colliery Co.  
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VIEW AT UNION WHARF, B. C.



COAL AND PASSENGER WHARF, UNION WHARF, B. C.



COKE OVENS AND WASHER, UNION WHARF, B. C.



FATHER TIME has rolled by another year over the brow of our venerable Queen, and again we **Our Queen.** celebrate the birthday of the best and noblest sovereign merry England has ever seen. Consider Queen Victoria as a ruler or as a woman, we can freely give her the supreme praise that she always followed the call of Duty. Her life has been typical of faith in the teaching: "Do right, and fear not."

In the 62 long years which have elapsed since Her Gracious Majesty ascended the throne of Great Britain many momentous events have transpired throughout the Empire as well as over all the world, and great indeed is the realm over which she now rules.

A territory larger than Austria has been added to the Empire in India; a space as vast as Great Britain—in the rest of Asia; a region as large as Germany—in South Africa, and in east Africa one million square miles. Canada has been changed from a condition of rebellion to one of warmest loyalty. Australia has made marvellous strides. Nearly one-fourth of the people on the globe, either directly or indirectly, owe allegiance to the British Queen.

When Her Majesty was born the reign of steam and electricity had not begun. In 1838 the first of the great trunk lines—from London to Birmingham—was opened. In 1872 there were 18,000,000 passengers. Now there are over 900,000,000. In 1838 the steamer Sirius took 18 days to cross the Atlantic. The ocean greyhounds of to-day can make the trip in less than five.

The electric telegraph had not been heard of when the Queen came to the throne. Now we have harnessed electricity to the street car and the carriage, and we can by the employment of this force transmit messages without the use of any mechanical connection whatever. Electricity has been utilized to photograph objects through matter hitherto supposed impenetrable to light. Air has been liquified and its latent power may yet take the place of steam in the great ocean liners.

The laboring classes in England are infinitely better off now than they were at the beginning of Her Majesty's reign. With a population nearly doubled, there are now only two paupers for every three there were then. Wages are higher, and the luxuries of life cheaper.

The convict population is one-twelfth what it was at the accession of Queen Victoria.

Other reigns have seen some geniuses in every walk of life. Great minds are rare. We can not apply the test of survival—the only sure test—to contemporaries, but we can proudly point to Gladstone, in statesmanship, to Hallam, Macaulay, Thackeray, Dickens, Elliott, Newman, Manning, Moore, Wordsworth, and Tennyson, in literature. These names redeem the reign from mediocrity in that field.

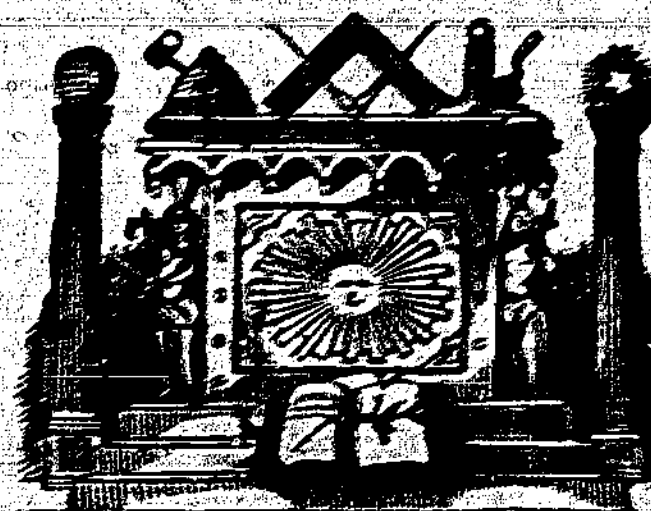
"An age which has done more than all the preceding centuries to dominate and explain nature can not rightly be charged with inferiority of intellect."

The history of the past 62 years is a history of progress and the reign of the Good Queen with whom England has been blest will always stand among the brightest in the annals of our Great Empire.

## THE DIFFERENT LODGES.

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### A. F. and A. M.



THE brethren of the mystic tie have Cumberland Lodge No. 26 as their place of meeting. This lodge was organized under dispensation on the 18th of December 1895. R. W., John W. Coburn, D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. F. McB. Young were the installing officers. The three first officers were W. B. Ferguson, W. M., K. Sharp, S.W., and H. McGregor, J.W. Cumberland Lodge has many members. Its hall, occupied by this fraternity alone, is well fitted out and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. The present Master is Mayor Mounce.

### Mount Horeb L. O. L. No. 1676

Meets second Saturday in each month at 8 p.m. in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Brethren always welcome.

J. H. Roy, W.M.,

A. ARMSTRONG, R. S.



### K. of P.

Benevolent Lodge No. 14 meets every Tuesday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall.

W. H. CAMPBELL, K. of R. & R. S.

### Woodmen of The World

Lodge meets last Monday of each month

Consul Commander J. P. SYRUTHERS

### Independent Order of Foresters



Meets second Thursday of every month.

CHIEF RANGER—A. S. Hamilton,

VICE-CHIEF RANGER—A. J. McKay,

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—F. Partridge,

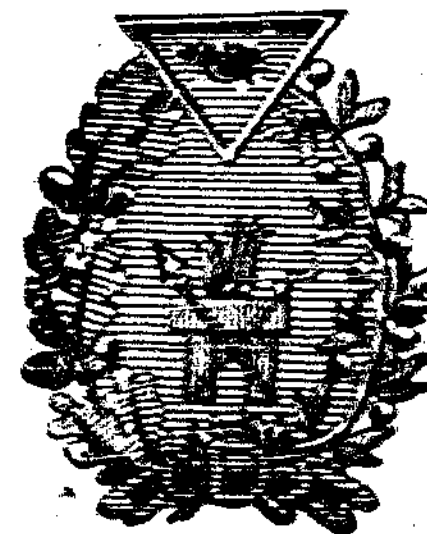
COURT DEPUTY—W. W. Willard.

### Cumberland Encampment No. 6 I. O. O. F.



Meets every alternate Wednesday of each month at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend.

CHAS. WHYTE, SCRIBE.



### Druids.

Cumberland Grove No. 3, meets first and third Mondays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.

J. B. McLEAN,

SECRETARY.

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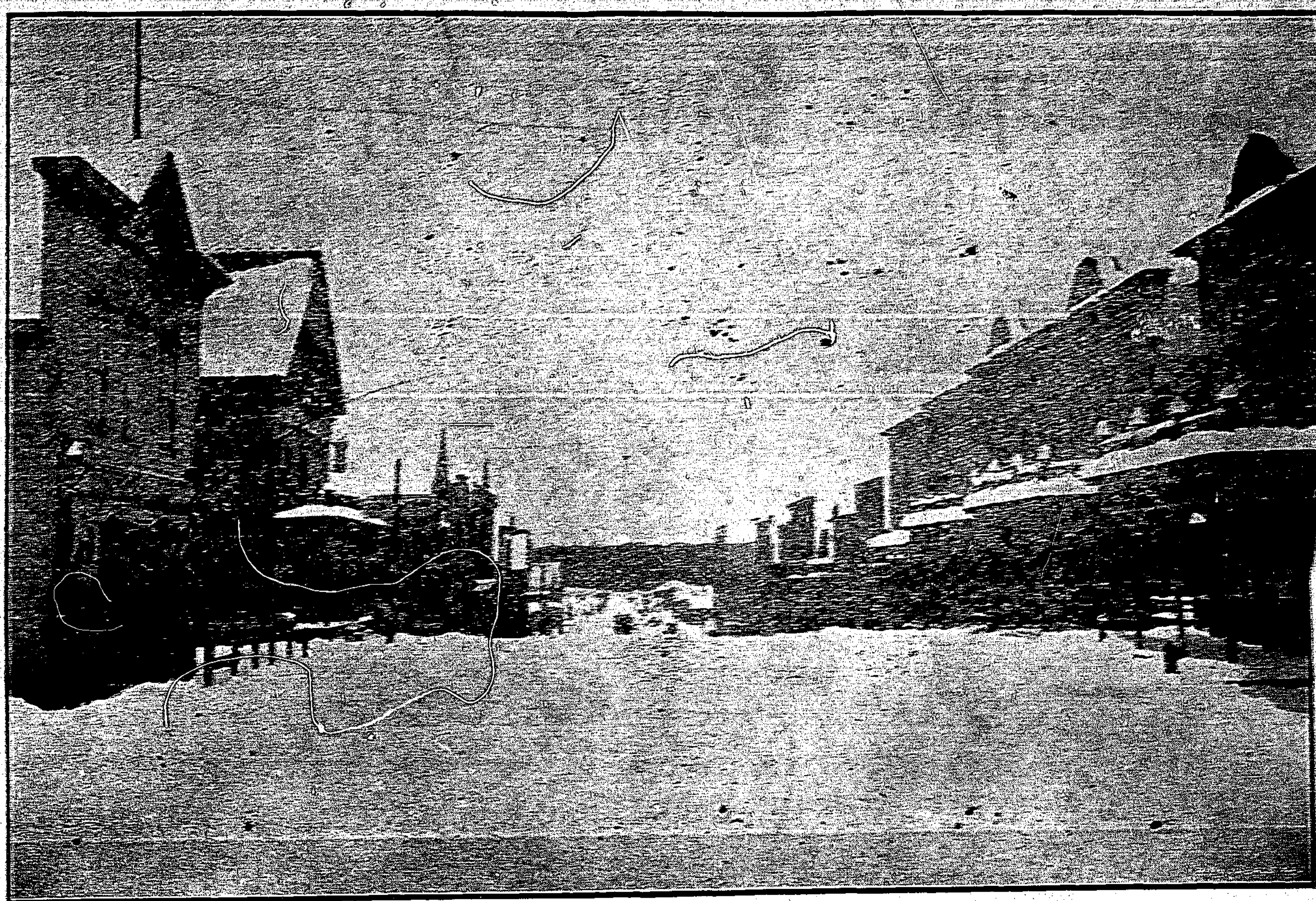




IT IS not generally known outside the place itself where Cumberland and Union are, or what they are. Before 1894 the only name applied to the mining town of the Union Colliery Co., was Union. In 1894 the U. C. Co., laid out a townsite adjacent to the "Camp," and called it Cumberland. In 1897 Cumberland became incorporated as a City. The City of Cumberland and the contiguous town of Union have a population of 3,000. Their location is inland in the valley of the Beaufort Mountains four miles from Comox Bay, and eleven miles from Bayne Sound. There are in the two places, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, and Church of England Churches. The hotels, of which there are five, are large and commodious. In the two twin cities, as they may

the small company of practical miners discovered what they considered merely a good prospect. It became necessary to work this prospect and among other things done for that purpose the Union Company constructed what is now known as the Roy Road leading from Cumberland to Port Augusta or Comox Bay.

The development of a coal mine or what is only a prospect requires much capital. The small company of the Union band made known to the late Hon. Robt. Dunsmuir their undeveloped discovery, and proceeded to negotiate a sale to him of their property. But it was only in 1883 that that gentleman in company with other financiers purchased the prospect. Then the Union Colliery Company of British Columbia, Limited, was incorporated and immediately proceeded under the superintendence of Mr. Frank Little to test



Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, B. C., in Winter.

be termed, are the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Foresters, L. O. L., W. O. W., and Druids. The American Consular Agent is Mr. Geo. Wilt Clinton, who is also the popular Paymaster of the Union Colliery Company.

The history of Union may be said to date from 1869. In that period the government of the day, to induce prospecting for minerals and to develop the resources of Vancouver Island, gave to any individual who spent \$1,000.00 in development one hundred acres of coal land. The geological formation near Comox shewed well defined coal measures. Eleven persons with packs on their backs started out in 1869 to search for coal in the vicinity of what is now called Cumberland and more often Union. These persons styled themselves the Union Company. After much hardship and prospecting

the value of the coal deposit. No. 1 and No. 2 tunnel slopes were driven and the Douglas seam of coal was discovered. Since then No. 3 slope was opened. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 slopes have been worked out. The mines working to-day are No. 4, the Lake Slope, and No. 5 Shaft. No. 4 is one of the largest coal mines on the Pacific Coast. It has been in operation for eight years and no doubt remains that it will continue in operation for 20 years hence.

Cumberland is the market town of the extensive and fertile Comox District, one of the most beautiful and richest farming valleys in the whole province. For grandeur of scenery, it is doubtful if Comox Valley is rivalled by any part of British Columbia. Forest, lakes, and streams abound in game and fish of all kinds, and this is a real sportsman's paradise. It is one of the few places in the province where Elk can be