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NOTICE.—There are several hundred readers of THE ECONOMIST behind in their subscriptions. No doubt this is attributable to neglect and all that will be required to ensure a hasty response is this gentle reminder.

THE municipal contest is now drawing to a close, and to-morrow the electors with their ballots will decide upon the men who will control the destinies of Nelson for the next year. It is a subject that demands serious consideration, and we rather imagine this is the view taken by the majority of the citizens. Nelson has reached that stage in her history when great care must be taken to avoid mistakes that might mar her whole future. From this time onward, our progress must be gradual and any attempt at "booming" must be checked. It is absolutely essential that the affairs of the city must be conducted by the same rules as are applied to other business concerns. The question with the electors is simply with whom can they entrust the affairs of the city for the next year with the greatest degree of confidence. THE ECONOMIST has before stated that Ald. Fletcher possesses qualifications that specially fit him for the head of the civic administration. As time has passed, this paper has become more convinced of its original conviction, and reiterates the hope that Ald. Fletcher will be the selection of the electors.

The electors have no just grounds to complain of lack of good material for the Council Board. Indeed, no great mistake would be made in choosing any three of the candidates nominated in either ward. No matter what selection is made, the citizens may feel assured that their interests will not be sacrificed. In the East Ward there are Chris. Morrison, W. J. Wilson, J. G. Irving, Dr. Hall and Hamilton Byers; and in the West ward the candidates are W. Irvine, Dr. Arthur, T. Madden, A. L. McKillop and A. Ferland. Every one of those gentlemen is well known, and the citizens can feel satisfied that their motto will still be "Nelson first, last and all the time."

There is one feature of the campaign just closing that is entitled to more than passing mention. We refer to the good feeling that is manifested between the candidates for mayor. Both Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Houston have carried on their canvass with regard to the rights of each other as citizens. When the ballots are counted to-morrow, the vanquished can take the hand of the victor and confess that it was a fair fight won on its merits. This is the right spirit and speaks volumes for the patriotism and sound common sense of the candidates. A municipal contest is merely a difference of opinion among neighbors and should be free from any exhibition of bad feeling. When the ballots are counted and the sentiment of the people manifested in the usual way, all should settle down to work for the advancement of Nelson, totally oblivious of the circumstance that a contest had taken place,

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THE defeat of the Local Government last week on two motions is only what was anticipated. Constituted as is the Semlin Government, it does not possess any of those elements requisite to hold together, and sooner or later must die of inanition. The events now transpiring at the Capital may hasten that end, but in any event it is doomed.

HON. THOMAS GREENWAY has resigned, and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald has been called upon by the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba to form a cabinet. If Lieut.-Governor Patterson had followed the precedent of Lieut.-Governor McInnes, he would have entrusted the formation of a new government with some broken-down politician.

IN the news that has reached here from the Capital, it does not occur that Hon. Fred Hume was called upon to speak against time.

THESE references of Joseph Martin to penitentiaries, iron bars, etc., must have a grating sound on the finely-attuned ear of Minister of Finance Cotton.

WORD has reached Nelson from London that our esteemed fellow-townsman, W. A, Jowett, Esq., has tendered his services to the British Government to take charge of the commissary in South Africa.

THE spectacle of Alexander Henderson pleading for the political lives of the men he condemned and excrutiated but eighteen short months ago, is without parallel in the history of Provincial politics, and fortunately so. It would be a bad day for British Columbia if there were any considerable number of men of the Henderson type in public life. Henderson need not flatter himself that he has succeeded in deceiving very many people, for although he was

aided in every possible way by the supporters of the late Government, the general impression of those who came in contact with him at that time was that he was a fellow who would bear watching. Subsequent events developed that he could sink to even lower depths of political iniquity than was suspected possible in a young man just beginning public life. The case of Henderson induces the belief that the Malthusian doctrine is not without merit.

W. IRVINE is a candidate for alderman in the West Ward. Mr. Irvine is a shrewd business man and his presence on the aldermanic board would be a matter of congratulation to the citizens.

THE Speaker of a Legislative Assembly endorsing his own ruling with his own vote is something new in the way of Parliamentary Procedure, yet Mr. Speaker Forster has supplied this precedent.

WHEN the armored trains were unable to withstand the fusillades of the Boer guns, it is hard to understand how the Duke of Marlborough will succeed with a dog-cart.

IF Col. Sam Steele of the N. W. M. P. cannot discover the exact locality of the Boer trenches, it will be simply because there are no Boer trenches to discover.

PREMIER SEMLIN had a hard hour last Thursday, and the Plutonian shadows of political destruction still haunt his path.

EIGHTEEN months, ago, in the political ethics of the Vancouver *Province*, Joseph Martin stood for all that was noble and pure in politics; to-day, according to the same authority, he is the "horned beast," who gores friend and foe alike.

IN selecting mounted scouts for service in South Africa, Canadians should show some originality and not steal the title of "Rough Riders."

IN casting his vote for Chris Morrison for alderman in the East Ward, the elector will be expressing a worthy desire for a good business administration.

THE Vancouver *World* has the following pleasant remarks with regard to the conduct of Alexander Henderson: "Attorney-General Henderson, in his endeavors to avert the impending Waterloo for the Government, of which he is a member, did not by any means distinguish himself in the proceedings which took place on Thursday last. The fact that he played the Judas with the late Government, and its supporters, will remain as a stigma on that gentleman so long as he lives. Nothing is so contemptible in the estimation of the public as political ingratitude and desertion of friends. Not only was Mr. Henderson a supporter of the Turner Government, but the friends of that party supplied the necessary wherewith to carry on the contest against his adversary, who was an avowed follower of the Opposition. Mr. Henderson's recreancy is without a parallel in the political history of Canada, and it is not by any means such a one as deserves emulation on the part of young men aspiring to public life, in this or any other country."

"BLAKE" WILSON knows the needs of Nelson in the way of maintaining its commercial supremacy and his selection for a seat at the Council Board will be a distinct gain to the city.

WITH s strong business council and Mr. Fletcher at the head, the maintenance of Nelson as the commercial metropolis of the Kootenay is assured.

THERE is enough material in the list of candidates before the people for the aldermanic board to form a good council.

A CONTEMPORARY points out that one event that has grown out of the war and more significant almost than the war itself is the closer alliance and co-operation of Great Britain and her colonies. Every colony has made Britain's war her own. This was not the work of Government or of politicians. The people did it. Colonial governments in sympathy with the spirit of the people were first with their offers of help. Those who refused or hesitated in the beginning were forced into loyal action, and compelled to continue in it, by a power behind them that no ministry could resist and live.

OF ALL the decorations bestowed by princes, kings and emperors, none is perhaps so highly prized as the Victoria Cross of England, bestowed by the sovereign of Great Britain for personal valor in the face of the enemy. It is a personal distinction that is within the reach of every member of the British force from the highest general to the lowest drummer boy, and of the thousands of troops who have sailed for South Africa during the present war, their is hardly a soldier or sailor who does not hope to return to his home with this bit of bronze pinned to his coat front, a distinction which he would undoubtedly prize more than any form of promotion, for its possession indicates that its owner is in every sense of the word a hero, the cross being conferred only for some exceptional act of bravery partaking of the character of heroism. This little bronze badge was instituted at the time of the Crimean war, and is altogether unique in the history of the world. In the case of military men the ribbon is of red while in the navy the ribbon is blue The metal of which the cross is made is of that same kind of bronze that 50 years ago was used for field guns. The cross is of the style known as Maltese; has the royal crown surmounted by the lion in the centre, and underneath a scroll bearing the inscription, "For valor." It is hung suspended by a "V" ring to a bar, on the reverse side

of which the rank and name of the recipient are engraved, while on the cross itself are inscribed the name and date of the action in which the honor was won. Any additional act of bravery which would have won the Victoria cross for its holder had he not already possessed it, is signalized by a bar or clasp being added to the ribbon just above the bar from which the cross is suspended. The cross carries with it a pension of $50 a year, and an additional $25 is given for each bar. So far as known, there is no Victoria Cross man who can boast of an additionl bar to his cross, and this perhaps as fully as anything else explains the regard in which these decorations are held.

THE *Tribune* has been indulging in another "pipe dream." It states that the Fletcher committee have hatched several deep, dark, malignant schemes to defeat the will of the electorate—that dead men are to be impersonated, non residents are to be impersonated, and absentees are to be brought from different places. It is safe to say that no member of the committee contemplates any one of the three things suggested; but, of course, it is beyond the realm of reasonable hope to expect that the *Tribune* will adhere strictly to the truth during the progress of an election campaign.

ONE Monsieur Pierot has run against the neutrality laws of the United States. He has been engaged at Cincinnati in securing men for what he says is the Boer hospital service, and the United States court has informed M. Pierot that his operations must stop. That settles M. Pierot. Whenever the persons who are talking so loudly about raising troops for the Boers in the United States stop talking and start to work in that direction they will find that same strong arm of the law ready to grasp them.

THE Board of Trade has selected a capable set of officers for the current year. It is pleasing to observe the growing interest in this institution.

THE London, Eng., *Leader*, supplies the following striking illustration of the romance of war: "Only the other day Major Maxse, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Admiral Maxse, was fighting in the engagement wherein the Khalifa died. On Saturday he reached England; on Monday he was married to Lord Beconfield's eldest daughter, the Hon. Mary Wyndham; and he is now about to start for South Africa to join his regiment at the front."

THE reported meeting of Boer sympathizers at Victoria may transpire to have existed only in the vivid imagination of the newspaper reporter. So far, every prominent person accused of being present at the meeting in question has been able to prove an alibi.

THE *Tribune* has invented something unique in the way of interviewing. In its issue of Wednesday half-a-column of space is devoted to a series of alleged interviews with persons who have participated more or less in the work of the present municipal campaign. About the only statement contained therein that our morning contemparary would care to vouch for would be the terse expression of Candidate Houston, "Saw wood, boys." The words have a wild, woolly western ring, and undoubtedly the language bears a marked relationship to those bright flashes of wit and wisdom that adorn the editorial columns of the matinal *Tribune*.

DURING the winter, Nelson has been visited with several bill-of-fare fakirs, and in nearly every instance some one has been victimized. The restaurant keeper generally suffers, but the printer who is green enough to do the work on credit is almost certain to get the worst of it. Of course, anyone who is simple enough to imagine that an advertisement of the character offered is worth anything, should be made to suffer for his folly.

WHATEVER council is elected, the first step taken should be one in the direction of fixing up the streets. The present condition of the main thoroughfare exhausts the vocabulary in securing words strong enough to condemn it.

IT is about time something was done to regulate fast driving on the streets. Several teamsters seem to regard the running down of pedestrians as a huge joke.

TO-NIGHT every elector in favor of a civic government of good business men should be present at Mr. Fletcher's committee rooms and post themselves on the situation. It is probable that in so far as Mr. Fletcher's election is concerned it is now only a question of majority. The books show an overwhelming balance in Mr. Fletcher's favor.

READ the concluding paragraph of Mr. Fletcher's address. "In concluding I wish to say that in the event of my election I will consider it my duty to share with the Council the responsibility of the Civic administration believing, as I do, that the assumption of entire authority by one individual is subversive of all constitutional Government, whether Municipal or otherwise."

CHRIS. MORRISON is a sure winner in the East Ward.

WITH "Blake" Wilson it should be only a question of counting votes.

IT is understood that John Houston has engaged the services of Hypnotist McEwen as his agent on election day.

READ Mr. Fletcher's address carefully and see if it does not meet with your approbation.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

THERE is perhaps no country in the world where divorces are so rare as in this Canada of ours, and long may it so continue. Our neighbors to the south, some States at least, are particularly easy in the matter of divorce. The husband and the wife agree —or one or the other of them—the further details of the divorce are simple and inexpensive. So easy has the form been made, that people think nothing of legal separation and the frequency of divorce has become a positive evil. But strange divorce customs are found in various countries. Convenient are the methods of settling domestic difficulties in Upper Burma. When a husband finds that his better half is not the unalloyed blessing he has been led to think he calls into his house all the old men and women of his village and expresses his desire to divorce her, and a trial by candle is prosecuted. The husband and the wife are each given a candle, which they light simultaneously at the order of the eldest person and placed in the middle of the floor. Then every one in the house sits around and watches to see which candle burns out first. If the wife's does so the husband has a right to divorce her, even against her will and turn her and her relations out of his house without more ado. If, on the other hand, the husband's candle burns out first, the wife has the option and right of either refusing a divorce or agreeing to it, and turning her husband and his relations out of the house, which, with the goods and chattels it contains, becomes her personal property. In Cochin-China, when husband and wife find they can no longer agree they give a dinner, to which they invite their relatives and the patriarch of the village. The latter, during the meal, takes the chop-sticks of the pair and breaks them, and by his action they are legally divorced. With a certain tribe of African savages, when a husband desires to be rid of his spouse—a fairly common occurrence—he takes her to the door of his hut or tent and strikes her across the back with three rushes three times, crying, in his savage tongue at each blow. "Wicked, naughty, bad," which constitutes the tribal form of divorce. A husband in Madagascar may divorce his wife for the most absurdly trivial offense. All he has to do is to call his friends and relations to the door of his house and in their presence give his wife a small coin and push her out, saying, "Madam, I thank you; go." An underdone dinner will amply justify him. When divorce is mutually agreed by a Japanese pair, they wend their way to the temple where they are accustomed to worship, with a large scarf tying them together by the arms. Kneeling before the altar they bow three times, and, having undone the scarf they rise and depart by different doors, and by this formality become divorced

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The extent to which adulteration of food supplies is carried would surprise many people. Legislation tending in the direction of stopping such adulteration is one of the crying necessities of the times. Before the U. S. Senate committee, appointed just prior to the adjournment of congress and headed by Senator Mason, several prominent chemists, food manufactures, and others gave testimony. Dr. Wiley, who has been chief chemist of the agriculture department at Washington for many years, asserted that nearly every kind of food upon the market is, to a greater or lesser extent, adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise rendered harmful or fraudulent. More Vermont maple sugar is made every year in Davenport, Iowa, from cheap yellow sugar flavored with vegetable extracts than can be produced from all the maple trees in the whole state of Vermont! Currant jelly is manufactured from the cores and parings of apples utilized after they have been evaporated; glucose, sugar, a vegetable acid, and some coloring and flavoring matter complete the delicacy! Nearly all of the "pure olive oil" imported to this country is cotton-seed oil made in the Southern states, sent abroad, and there refined and returned to us the product of the Mediterranean olive.

The other day I was asked the meaning of the word "Siwash." I confessed my ignorance, but since then I happened to run across something that may enlighten others who are like myself in a benighted state. "Siwash" is the common name for the Indians on Vancouver Island and in neighboring British possessions. It is nothing more than a corruption of the French "sauvage," the name given to the Indians by the early French settlers in the Northwest. The Indians, on their part have adopted and curiously corrupted English words and phrases. With one tribe the ordinary form of salutation sounds something like "Clackawaya," and it has been traced to the fact that the Indians hanging about a military post were accustomed to hear the soldiers salute a post trader named Clark, "Clark how are you?" which phrase the Indians adopted and corrupted.

The Moral Reform Association, by all accounts, is now thoroughly prepared for an aggressive campaign against vice in this city. In pursuit of this laudable object it is just possible that a few of the good people, on compulsory virtue intent, will unearth of some the causes that are responsible for the brass and tinsel institutions that flourish in our midst. There can be but little doubt that the hoodlum element is responsible for much of the wickedness alleged to prevail in the city, and until young men behave themselves and live natural lives there is little hope that the evil will be completely wiped out.

The "budding youngster," of whom the people are admonished to take better care of, sighs while in petticoats for knee pants and cigarettes, he looks with envy upon his older brothers inhaling cigarettes, and

practices, with a straw, the artistic manner in which the hoodlum holds the paper-rolled poison between his fingers, with the thumb resting on one of the pockets of his pantaloons while the smoke is passing through the lungs. How the budding youngster looks ahead with pleasure to the coming time when with his girl and three or four other fellows and their girls arm in arm they can monopolize the whole sidewalk, making the night hours hideous with their songs.

It is true that the city is to a great extent responsible for the existence of the young tough. Naturally enough the police officers do not care to bring disgrace upon respectable families by arresting these young people, and the result is they grow up in a state of semi-respectability, and later on swell the great army of non-producers and loafers. I earnestly trust the Moral Reform Association, composed as it is of philanthropic and God-fearing men, will go to the bottom of this evil, and kill the germs of the disease, as well as the disease itself.

The reports from the seat of war are not of a character that will bring cheer to the hearts of the British people. So far Her Majesty's troops have not accomplished as much as was anticipated, and now three months after the declaration, we stand practically where we were at the beginning of the campaign. No one doubts that Britain will triumph eventually, but the delay only proves the gigantic proportions of the task before the nation. Buller's inactivity during the progress of the bombardment of Ladysmith is one of the great surprises of the campaign. It may transpire that General Buller had good reasons for remaining quiet, but just now it looks as if Gen. White will be forced to leave Ladysmith in order to relieve Gen. Buller at Tugela Peiver.

The presence of Dr. Milne at Ottawa gives rise to the belief at Victoria that Lieut.-Governor McInnes will resign and enter the Federal arena, and that Dr. Milne will become the next Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia. In such event W. W. B. McInnes would resign his seat in the Dominion House and run for the Local House. It is quite evident there will be some moves on the political checkerboard within the next few weeks.

If the returning officer would accept the committee books of both candidates as the true state of public sentiment and waive the formality of a poll, Nelson would have two mayors next year, and thus would the metropolis of the Kootenay maintain its supremacy over all rivals.

P. G.

Gold Commissioner Kirkup of Rossland was in the city yesterday.

W. F. Anderson, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Nelson, has returned (alone) from a short visit to the East.

A Querulous Objection.

A sad waste of pity you'll note day by day
'Mongst people of wisdom bereft
For creatures unthinking great care we display.
And the people who need it get left,
But by far the most twaddlesome note of regret
Is this sentiment feeble and tame
Which again and again bids us sorrow and fret—
This tale of the moth and the flame.

Here's a toast to the flame that attracted the bug
Who was seeking for things to devour;
Who fixed with a birth so secluded and snug
In your wardrobe, would feast by the hour.
Perhaps such a cold blooded thought merits blame.
Perhaps it is wicked to gloat,
But this moth, just the same, who gets caught by the flame.
Won't be eating your best winter coat.

The municipal campaign has had a bad effect on business.

An unkown man was crushed to death on the Hall Mines tramway last Tuesday.

The man who promises one way and votes another is a dangerous person in any community.

It is now the 10th day of January, and there has not been once enough ice for skating purposes.

The coudition of the streets at the present time indicate the necessity of permanent improvements.

A strong business Council is what is needed. Therefore, select business men for the Council Board.

See that your ballot is marked for men who will conduct the affairs of the city on business principles.

Beware of false prophets and vote as your conscience dictates will be in the best interests of the city.

A gang of workmen is engaged in laying a three-throw switch or cut-off on the C. P. R. transfer dock.

When voting to-morrow remember if you mark your ballot for W. J. Wilson it will be for "Blake" all the same.

The charge that the Fletcher committee intend to vote dead men and non-residents is another illustration of the Biblical saying that the wicked flee when no man pursueth.

The polling place in the East Ward is situated in the old sample rooms of the Phair Hotel, next to F. J. Bradley's paint shop on Josephine Street, nearly opposite the Clarke House. In the West Ward the Office of the Exchequer Gold Mining Company, next door to Ward Bros. on West Baker Street, has been chosen.

CURRENT COMMENT

Canada is Proud of Him.

(Vancouver World)

The news from the front to-day made even our clouded skies and wet streets pleasant and cheered the hearts of all who awaited intelligence that would tell us of triumphs won and deeds of daring such as have ever characterized our soldiers. The hero of the hour is an officer of whom we as Canadians feel proud. Major-General George Arthur French is an Irishman to the manor born. Roscommon claims him for her own, he having been born there on June 19th, 1841. Educated at Sandhurst and Woolwich he entered the Royal Artillery in 1860, became lieutenant-colonel in 1887, and was promoted to a colonelcy for "distinguished service other than in the field" in 1892. In this possession of the Crown he was appointed lieutenant-colonel and inspectator of artillery in 1870 and commander of the School of Gunnery in 1871. He organized the Northwest Mounted Police in 1873, and was its first commissioner, being also a stipendiary magistrate for the Northwest Territories, and in the following year commanded an expedition sent from Red River to the Rockies by the Government. He was made a C. M. G. in 1877 for services rendered here. Since leaving the Dominion he has occupied high and honored positions at Devonport, in Queensland, at Shoeburyness, in Bombay and in New South Wales as major-general commanding the forces, which position, we believe, he still holds. He has received the thanks of both Houses of the Queensland Parliament for services rendered in that colony. He married a Canadian girl, the daughter of the late Mr. Robert L. Innes, of Kingston, and so in a double sense is dear to us, and we may well look upon him as one of our own. He has many friends in Vancouver who knew him in Manitoba and the Northwest, and his exploits formed the burden of their happy conversation to-day. He is referred to as a quiet, unassuming gentleman, a true friend and brave as the lion that guards over our Imperial destinies. Nor should the name of Col. Pitcher be forgotten, since he did capital work and puts new life into the campaign now entered upon with every prospect of a speedy termination in favor of the flag that when it waves over the Transvaal will bring in its train the choicest blessings and lift the Boers out of their present ignorant and deplorable condition into the highest civilization that obtains in any land on the face of the globe to-day.

Fenians Forewarned.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Visitors to Canada's shores with hostile intent, these days, will be unwise if they don't bring much extra clothing with them. Bivouacking in the fields about Ridgeway is not, just now, what it is in the rosy month of June. Fetch your mufflers and mittens with you, gentlemen.

Right Ye Are, Mon.

(Scottish American)

Looking over the criminal statistics of the five penitentiaries in Canada for 1898 the following is the religious classification of the convicts: Roman Catholics, 723; Church of England, 176; Methodists, 192; Presbyterians, 120; Baptists, 84; others, 51. According to nationality there were: Canadians, 1,039; American (U. S. A.), 131; English, 126; Irish, 56; Scots, 30; others, 64. Porridge and the Shorter Catechism are not food to be sneered at after this.

Surprising and Significant.

(London Free Press)

Much less did the European powers hostile to Great Britain dream that the colonial provinces of the empire would of their own free will send forth their sons to a foreign shore to fight for their fellow-colonials. The example of loyalty, fidelity, set by the colonial

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Yakima Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Sandy Creek, adjoining Tough Nut Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for Columbus M. Parker, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23,056 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"East End," "Sunnyside" and "Badger" Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Toad Mountain, east of and near the "Grizzly Bear" Claim.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for E. J. Palmer, No. 19,949 A, as to two-thirds, and J. H. Wright, No. 23,012 A, as to one-third undivided interest in said claims, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1899.

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A. S. FARWELL.

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Nelson, B. C.

provinces of their attachment to British institutions is one of the most momentous political events of this closing century.

The Editor says Good-by.

(Ottawa Citizen)

A vital element in the strength of the influence wielded by the press lies in the confidence of the people that the man behind the editorial pen writes from conviction. The *Citizen* under the present management has consistently and persistently advocated the strengthening of the bonds of imperial unity. The present way in South Africa afforded an opportunity to further the object by opening the way for Canada to offer military assistance to aid our fellow-subjects of the empire in that distant colony. In furtherance of that object we have advocated the sending of the first and second contingents of our troops to South Africa. The writer happens to be an artillery officer, and when the call came for that branch of the service he deemed it his duty to practice what he had preached, and volunteer himself. That his services have been accepted is an evidence that the militia department is making an honest effort to keep politics out of this matter, for the *Citizen* has no favors coming to it from the present administration.

Candor forces us to admit that apart from a desire to vindicate the high principle of the press, we wanted to go anyway. The *Citizen* company has generously granted leave of absence "for six months or for the war," and we're off:

You can't refuse when you get the card,
And the Widow gives the party.

The Canadian Almanac For 1900

This national publication, in which for 53 years The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, of Toronto, have supplied Canadians, and the outside world as well, with just about all that is worth knowing concerning this country, is this year presented in an imposing volume of four hundred pages of carefully compressed and closely printed information about Canadian Industries and Institutions, and every matter of commercial and industrial interest.

The Historical Diary for the year is of particular interest, giving in an incredibly small space all the principal events of this very important year. A unique feature of the new Almanac is a list of Titled Canadians, with their ranks and orders. This is the first time that such a list has been compiled, and may be considered as the beginning of a Canadian De Brett. Certainly the Canadian Almanac is growing larger and more complete every year, until it is now difficult to see where it could be added to or improved. The price however, still remains, as in past year, 25 cents.—*Copp, Clark Company, Publishers.*

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CURRENT COMMENT

Canada is Proud of Him.

(Vancouver World)

The news from the front to-day made even our clouded skies and wet streets pleasant and cheered the hearts of all who awaited intelligence that would tell us of triumphs won and deeds of daring such as have ever characterized our soldiers. The hero of the hour is an officer of whom we as Canadians feel proud. Major-General George Arthur French is an Irishman to the manor born. Roscommon claims him for her own, he having been born there on June 19th, 1841. Educated at Sandhurst and Woolwich he entered the Royal Artillery in 1860, became lieutenant-colonel in 1887, and was promoted to a colonelcy for "distinguished service other than in the field" in 1892. In this possession of the Crown he was appointed lieutenant-colonel and inspectator of artillery in 1870 and commander of the School of Gunnery in 1871. He organized the Northwest Mounted Police in 1873, and was its first commissioner, being also a stipendiary magistrate for the Northwest Territories, and in the following year commanded an expedition sent from Red River to the Rockies by the Government. He was made a C. M. G. in 1877 for services rendered here. Since leaving the Dominion he has occupied high and honored positions at Devonport, in Queensland, at Shoeburyness, in Bombay and in New South Wales as major-general commanding the forces, which position, we believe, he still holds. He has received the thanks of both Houses of the Queensland Parliament for services rendered in that colony. He married a Canadian girl, the daughter of the late Mr. Robert L. Innes, of Kingston, and so in a double sense is dear to us, and we may well look upon him as one of our own. He has many friends in Vancouver who knew him in Manitoba and the Northwest, and his exploits formed the burden of their happy conversation to-day. He is referred to as a quiet, unassuming gentleman, a true friend and brave as the lion that guards over our Imperial destinies. Nor should the name of Col. Pitcher be forgotten, since he did capital work and puts new life into the campaign now entered upon with every prospect of a speedy termination in favor of the flag that when it waves over the Transvaal will bring in its train the choicest blessings and lift the Boers out of their present ignorant and deplorable condition into the highest civilization that obtains in any land on the face of the globe to-day.

Fenians Forewarned.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Visitors to Canada's shores with hostile intent, these days, will be unwise if they don't bring much extra clothing with them. Bivouacking in the fields about Ridgeway is not, just now, what it is in the rosy month of June. Fetch your mufflers and mittens with you, gentlemen.

Right Ye Are, Mon.

(Scottish American)

Looking over the criminal statistics of the five penitentiaries in Canada for 1898 the following is the religious classification of the convicts: Roman Catholics, 723; Church of England, 176; Methodists, 192; Presbyterians, 120; Baptists, 84; others, 51. According to nationality there were: Canadians, 1,039; American (U. S. A.), 131; English, 126; Irish, 56; Scots, 30; others, 64. Porridge and the Shorter Catechism are not food to be sneered at after this.

Surprising and Significant.

(London Free Press)

Much less did the European powers hostile to Great Britain dream that the colonial provinces of the empire would of their own free will send forth their sons to a foreign shore to fight for their fellow-colonials. The example of loyalty, fidelity, set by the colonial

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Yakima Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Sandy Creek, adjoining Tough Nut Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for Columbus M. Parker, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23,958 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"East End," "Sunnyside" and "Badger" Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Toad Mountain, east of and near the "Grizzly Bear" Claim.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for E. J. Palmer, No. 19,919 A, as to two-thirds, and J. H. Wright, No. 21,912 A, as to one-third undivided interest in said claims, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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provinces of their attachment to British institutions is one of the most momentous political events of this closing century.

The Editor says Good-by.

(Ottawa Citizen)

A vital element in the strength of the influence wielded by the press lies in the confidence of the people that the man behind the editorial pen writes from conviction. The *Citizen* under the present management has consistently and persistently advocated the strengthening of the bonds of imperial unity. The present way in South Africa afforded an opportunity to further the object by opening the way for Canada to offer military assistance to aid our fellow-subjects of the empire in that distant colony. In furtherance of that object we have advocated the sending of the first and second contingents of our troops to South Africa. The writer happens to be an artillery officer, and when the call came for that branch of the service he deemed it his duty to practice what he had preached, and volunteer himself. That his services have been accepted is an evidence that the militia department is making an honest effort to keep politics out of this matter, for the *Citizen* has no favors coming to it from the present administration.

Candor forces us to admit that apart from a desire to vindicate the high principle of the press, we wanted to go anyway. The *Citizen* company has generously granted leave of absence "for six months or for the war," and we're off:

You can't refuse when you get the card,
And the Widow gives the party.

The Canadian Almanac For 1900

This national publication, in which for 53 years The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, of Toronto, have supplied Canadians, and the outside world as well, with just about all that is worth knowing concerning this country, is this year presented in an imposing volume of four hundred pages of carefully compressed and closely printed information about Canadian Industries and Institutions, and every matter of commercial and industrial interest.

The Historical Diary for the year is of particular interest, giving in an incredibly small space all the principal events of this very important year. A unique feature of the new Almanac is a list of Titled Canadians, with their ranks and orders. This is the first time that such a list has been compiled, and may be considered as the beginning of a Canadian De Brett. Certainly the Canadian Almanac is growing larger and more complete every year, until it is now difficult to see where it could be added to or improved. The price however, still remains, as in past year, 25 cents.—*Copp, Clark Company, Publishers.*

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A SAILOR'S YARN

I.

"WOMEN aboard ship," said the bo'sun of the British Queen, "is like cats in a conservatory. They won't keep still for a minute. If they ain't up and asking the skipper 'ow far it is to the next port, they has to be getting themselves in a muddle with the ropes and spars, and atrying to turn a businesslike ship into a sort of 'tweel boudoir, or whatsoever they calls 'em, as is decked out with ribbons and fancy touches.

"We 'ad a woman once aboard the Liza Jane, as was crossing from Cardiff to the Thames with steam coal, and back agen with anything as we could get hold of. She was on the books as a passenger, and when she come aboard at Gravesend with a red parasol and a brown 'andbag and asked the way to her room, we knowed on the instant that there was something going to happen, and we changed our lives just as if we'd bin born agen an' couldn't help it. Why, afore we was off the Nore, blest if she 'adn't begun a-talking to the cook about the greasy knives and teaspoons, till the poor feller was in such a flutter that he took a two hours' turn a polishing every bit o' brass as might 'appen to come under 'er eye. And then she started on the men. The ropes was all sticky and nasty, she ses, and so was the bul'arks, as she couldn't lean agenst without messin' 'er blouse. And the men never said nothing, but just went below and fished out their best togs and took to scraping away the coal dust and tar when they ought to ha' been below and in their bunks.

"The fact is we was all knocked 'ead-over-'eels with admiration. For, no mistake, she was as trim a gal as ever set a parasol. That is to say, we was all struck 'cept the skipper and he wasn't that sort. They did say as 'e was a woman 'ater, and didn't see no use in 'em; and I dare say as that was so, for when she was on deck a-airing her best things, and a-making us poor chaps wish we was good looking enough to lay our hearts at her feet, 'e was a-slinking out of the way and only came on deck when he knowed she'd be below curling 'er 'air or getting 'erself up for another attack.

"Well, this state of things continued for a couple of days, and then one morning she come right up to me as I was a-splicing lashings and poked me in the chest with 'er parasol.

"'Sailor,' she ses. 'What's your name?'

"'Bill Suiggs, miss, if 'er please,' I sez, with my knees a-shaking as if they was sprung.

"'Well, Bill,' she ses, 'you look to me to be the kindest-'earted and the honestest man aboard, and I want you to do me a favor as I can never repay. Will you?'

"'I will!' I answers, serious, just as when they take 'em for better or wuss. And when she smiled

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Drummer Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On westerly slope of and near the headwaters of Rover Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for Robert Rennie, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11,531, Benjamin F. Butler, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,680 A., Olive B. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,819 A., and Thomas R. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,818 A., intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this second day of October, 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Balmoral Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where Located: On the Hall Mines Wagon Road, 1½ miles south of Nelson.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for E. W. Cleveley, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,781 A., E. J. Moore, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,782 A., and Peter Meegan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,783 A., intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 16th day of September, 1899.

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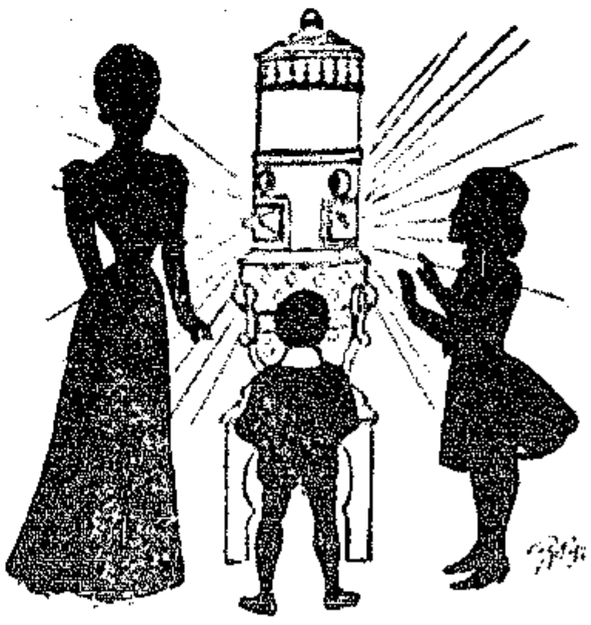

and showed 'er pretty teeth and 'er eyes shone like melted stars, I thought I should ha' had to back on the deck-'ouse for support.

"'Now, sailor,' she ses, 'I'm a going to take you into my confidence. First of all I must tell you that I am in love.' I was almost a-falling on my knees to tell 'er I knowed it. 'Now, can't you guess with whom?'

"Why, of course, with your dear, good skipper! But, oh, dear; he is so horridly backward. He won't even look at me. He knows I came here on purpose to be near him and to talk to him, and see how he neglects me and keeps out of my way! Oh, sailor am I so horrid and ugly?"

"I told 'er as well as I could as I didn't think the old man need take on so, 'cos she wosn't 'arf bad to look at. On the contrary, she was about as pretty a picter as you'd see in a month's cruise.

"'Well, sailor" she went on, 'what do you think I've determined to do? I believe he won't have anything to do with me simply because I'm a woman, and some silly people think a woman can do nothing but receive admiration. Now, if I could show him that I am brave and strong and can think and act for myself, perhaps he would learn to love me, So I want you to help me. I want you to fall overboard, and let me jump after you.'

"It come on me a bit sudden like, and I sorter reeled with astonishment. But she took 'old of my 'and and squeezed it till I thought I should faint away in 'er arms.

"'Now, don't look surprised,' she ses; 'I'm an awful good swimmer! I've won lots of prizes at our baths, and I'll see that we throw a buoy or two overboard, so that we sha'n't be in danger. And when it's over, sailor. I'll give you £5. Now you can't say no to me, can you—you dear, kind man?'

"No, I couldn't, and that was a fact. It's bad enough when you've got a lovesick maiden gasping and a-leaning on yer, but when it comes to five-quid in-'ard cash dangling before your nose it's too much.

"So we arranged it that next day, if the sea was smooth and the weather fine, I'd sprinkle a few life-buoys overboard and accidentally tumble among 'em. Then, with a cry as 'ud bring the skipper on deck, the gal would dive after me and we'd go through a sorter life-saving performance: and if that didn't make the old man fall on 'er neck and ask to be forgiven—well, then we'd 'ave to throw 'im in next, and let'er 'ave a try at saving 'im."

II.

"Well, next day was fine, with just a bit of breeze as kept the bark steady under all sail, and as we were only making about four knots an hour, I reckoned this was the time for the final scene. So I whistled to the gal to get ready, and then I got 'old of all the bouys I could find and pitched them astern when nobody wasn't looking. Next I slipped off my boots and dropped quietly over the side.

"When I looked up I seed the gal a-looking as if she was a-wondering 'ow cold it was. And then all of a sudden she gave a yell, and dived in and come swimming toward me like a fish.

"Lor, the commotion there was on board when they heard that yell! First, up come the skipper from below. He looked astern and saw the girl in the water. Of went 'is coat, and splash 'e came after 'er Then I seed the cook rush out of the galley. 'E took in the situation, and the next moment 'e was taking a header from the stern. Two seamen as'ad

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'eard the cry next tumbled over, and before I 'ad time to 'ollar out and tell 'em it was all right the other two seamen and the boy was a bobbing about in the water.

"By this time the gal had got to me, and we was each of us 'anging to a bouy. Away in the wake of the bark we could see seven heads a-bobbing about, and one by one they came up to us and colared 'old of a bouy, to wait for what was going to 'appen next. And all the time that blarmed bark was standing away under full sail as if nothing 'ad 'appened.

"Suddenly the skipper looked round and said something as didn't seem to just fit the occasion.

"'Who's left in charge of that bark?" he yelled.

"Nobody answered, and then 'e looked round agen and counted us all as we was a-bobbing about together. 'E counted us twice, and then he swore agen.

"'How dare you leave the ship without my orders?' he shouted. 'Don't you see that there isn't a man on the bark, and that we're left here like a flock of fools while she drifts on to the nearest lee-shore?'

"Somebody began to giggle, and the skipper swore as 'e'd blow 'is brains out if 'e found out who it was. The gal said it was 'er, and sure enough she was a-laughing away as if it was the best fun in the world, while there was the crew of the Liz: Jane a-bobbing about in the water, while our ship was a-sailing steadily away by 'erself, without a 'and to guide 'er from the cruel rocks. It was an awful moment for me, as 'ad bin the unwilling cause of it all, and it seemed as if the utter uselessness of women was a fact, after all.

"But there was the gal, still smiling, and when a tramp steamer picked us up and carried us to Plymouth she wanted the skipper to report us to the authorities as a picnic party as 'ad got out of our depth. But the old man was wild with the loss of 'is ship, and 'e couldn't do nothing but stamp about and threaten to kill us all.

"We did 'ear afterwards that the Liza Jane had stood out to sea and went down in a squall somewhere in the region of the tropics. And that's as likely as not, for we never set eyes on 'er again.

"And when the skipper got over it and come to look upon things in the right spirit he sorter veered 'round to the conclusion that a comfortable 'ome and a good-looking wife wasn't such a poor corsolation after all. No more was the fifty pounds each of us got for our share, either."

An Invocation.

Lord God of Israel! Thou who gave
To Gideon and his hundreds free
A great and signal victory,
Grant us the blessing now to grave.

Without Thy poteney supreme
The valour of our bravest men
Shall not avail, but be as when
A man awaketh from a dream.

We look to Thee! And yet, O Lord,
We in the past have oft forgot
That Thou art He who changeth not
Thou wilt be reverenced and adored.

We oft, alas! Thy Name profane,
While yet on Thee we most depend,
Believing Thou wilt be our friend
And from our foes save us again.

According to Thy gracious word,
Let us Thy great salvation see,
E'en as our trust is now in Thee;
Forgive Thy erring people, Lord!

Get to Thyself the victory!
And to this end our arms employ—
Det all the world through us enjoy
A grander, greater liberty.

In us, O Lord, Thy word fulfil!
Thine arm of power again reveal,
That all the world may know and feel
That Thou, our God, art with us still!

Aldermanic Contest.

To the Electors of the West Ward:

At the request of a large number of the electors of the West Ward, in which I reside, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman in the West Ward. If elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability in the furtherance of the general interest of the citizens.

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MAYORALTY CONTEST.

To the Citizens of Nelson :

In response to numerous requests from business men, property owners and ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Nelson at the approaching Municipal Elections.

Briefly stated, my platform is as follows :

If elected it will be my earnest endeavor to assist in more firmly establishing Nelson as the wholesale distributing centre of the Kootenay—the position for which she has been so admirably designed by Nature.

In furtherance of this idea, I will continue my consistent advocacy of the construction of a wharf which will meet present and future requirements of the wholesale and other business interests.

I believe that the city has reached that stage when permanent street improvements have become an absolute necessity, and that the cost should be met, as far as feasible from current revenue and should the citizens see fit to entrust me with the office of Mayor, it will be my aim to carry out a well-devised system of street improvements

It will be my policy to oppose the borrowing of money unless the same be used for the increase or establishment of public works producing a revenue to the taxpayers.

I am opposed to any increase in the salary of Mayor, which would necessarily involve a reduction in salaries now paid an efficient staff of officials, or an increased burden to the ratepayers.

I am strongly in favor of maintaining the fire department in a position of thorough efficiency and would advise the adoption of modern equipments, including a fire alarm system and the purchase of a chemical engine, which would effect a reduction in all fire insurance.

It will be my consistent policy to safeguard the taxpayers against any attempt on the part of corporate bodies, carrying on business in Nelson, to encroach upon the rights of the citizens.

In my opinion a sufficient amount of money should be expended upon the parks of the city so that they will provide the citizens with recreation grounds and opportunities for healthful enjoyment.

On all municipal works my policy will be to employ bona fide residents of Nelson and to maintain the public standard rate of wages.

I believe that the public schools in Nelson should be under the control of the city, and that every effort should be made to establish a high school in our midst.

In conclusion, I wish to say that in the event of my election I will consider it my duty to share with the council the responsibility of the civic administration, believing, as I do, that the assumption of entire authority by one individual is subversive of all constitutional government, whether municipal or otherwise.

Yours respectfully, FRANK FLETCHER.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C., for a lease for twenty-one years for the purpose of quarrying Limestone, for sale and disposal, over the following lands, situated on the east bank of Lower Arrow Lake, about six miles north of Deer Park on said lake, and about 900 yards due east from the shore of said lake, comprised within the following boundaries: Commencing at a post inscribed, "Initial Post, W. A. Galliher, Frank Seidel and Allan Forrester's S. W. corner, planted and located December 6th, 1899;" thence due north 20 chains; thence due east at right angles 20 chains; thence due south and parallel to the western boundary 20 chains; thence due west 20 chains to the point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1899.

W. A. GALLIHER,
FRANK SEIDEL,
ALLAN FORRESTER.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

To the Electors of Nelson :

In asking for your support for the office of mayor at the coming election, it is only fair that I should state my views, briefly, on what are considered public questions or issues. No doubt, during the campaign you will have an

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Where located: On Morning Mountain.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of Nelson, acting as agent for Herbert T. Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No 21,980 A, David T. Mowat, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,718 A, and Malcolm Heddle, Free Miner's Certificate No B 11,611, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 14th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Summit, Band M, Buckhorn and Lillie Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On the north fork of Wild Horse Creek, near the headwaters thereof.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for the Summit Ymir Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 26,555 intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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Dated this eighteenth day of December, 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

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opportunity to hear these questions and issues discussed, for they are important to the people of this municipality.

1. The public utilities owned by the city should be maintained at a high state of efficiency and the revenue therefrom collected closely and promptly. The rates should be so adjusted that a fair profit over and above fixed charges can be realized, for the city can no more sell water and light at cost than can the merchant the commodities in which he deals.

2. Direct taxation can only be kept low by limiting the issue of debentures. No debentures should be issued except for the construction of revenue-producing public works.

3. A beginning should be made this year at making permanent street improvements. The main business streets should be macadamized and the main residence streets graded. Sidewalks should be laid with some uniformity, and not according to the different ideas of different officials.

4. The steamboat interests centered at Nelson are second only in importance to the railway interests, and the city should provide modern dock and warehouse facilities at which this business can be handled. The docks and warehouses should be built on plans approved by practical steamboat men, as the future growth and prosperity of the city depend, in a great measure, on the cost of transhipment of merchandise.

5. I am opposed to saloon expansion. There are already a sufficient number of places in Nelson at which liquor can be obtained at retail, and the number should not be increased until the city has a population of ten thousand.

6. Public gambling is looked upon as an evil in civilized countries, and whilst gambling cannot be prevented, there is no good reason why the sound of gambling machinery should equal that from the team traffic on our main business thoroughfares.

7. None but general by-laws should be passed, and when passed they should be enforced.

8. Corporations that have secured franchises from the city should be made to live up to the letter and the spirit of their agreements; but in adjusting differences that may arise there should not be any unnecessary friction.

9. The fire department should be efficiently maintained. The best apparatus should be procured, and the number of men in the volunteer brigade kept at the maximum, for without men, mere apparatus would be useless in times of danger.

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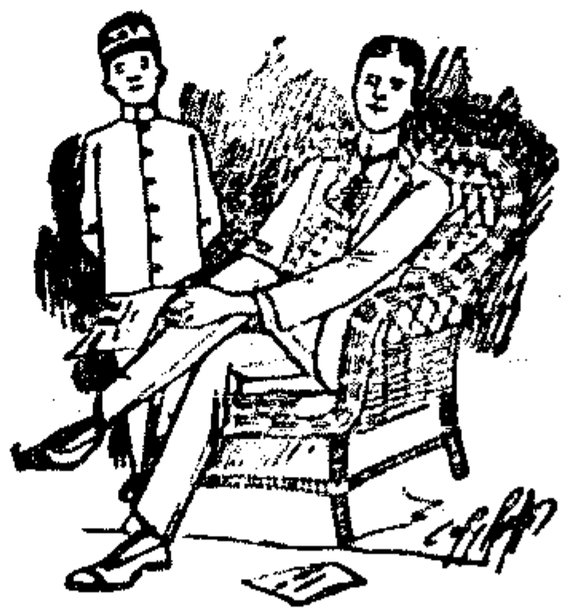

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