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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THURSDAY, Nov. 24, is the day set apart for general thanksgiving throughout Canada. It appears to us that Thanksgiving day this year in Canada should be observed with ceremonies befitting the occasion, for if the people of one country in the world more than another have reason to be thankful for the blessings bestowed upon them by an all-wise Providence that country is Canada. In the agricultural districts, the granaries are overflowing, and in the mining districts, with which we in British Columbia are more directly concerned, we have only to point to the marvellous development of the past year as evidence of the prosperity of the young Dominion. The unbeliever may say that it is to man alone we should afford thanksgiving, but THE ECONOMIST is too orthodox to entertain such a suggestion, so in keeping with the customs of the day it returns thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for so many blessings lavishly bestowed upon man.

BYSTANDER, writing in the *Weekly Sun* says: "Lord Aberdeen's parting admonitions to us are a well-paid judiciary and a permanent civil service. The judiciary ought to be so paid that the bench may attract ability from the bar. It is not necessary that the salary of a judge should for this purpose be equal to the income of a leading barrister, since the judgeship attracts by the dignity and security of the position. But it is good economy to pay the judges well. England finds that it is, and she pays her judges at a rate far beyond our scale or means. Time is saved and appeals are prevented when the judge is strong

enough to have full control of his court. This an English judge has, and the Bylander has heard a member of the supreme court of the United States speak with admiration of the expedition of Irish justice. Anyone in a British court is conscious of the constant presence of an authority which, without undue influence, has absolute control and holds everybody and everything to the point. On the other hand, the writer has seen a trumpery suit in an American court dragged through a whole day, as it seemed to him, owing to the weakness and timidity of the judge. A permanent and non-partizan civil service is also a vital requirement. So long as we have it, and the service is well managed, our administration may be good, notwithstanding all the vicissitudes of party and the intrusion of men for mere party convenience, into the headships of departments of the business of which they are ignorant. It is in this way that British administration maintains its excellence through all the changes of portfolios, and that even France, where ministers flit like shadows across the parliamentary scene, the public service is pretty well maintained. On the other hand, the civil servant must be loyal. He must put off the last remnant of partzanship at the threshold of his office and render his very best and most zealous assistance to the minister of the day, whatever his own political opinions or those of the minister may be."

THE Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria has gone out of business. The question now is, are Victorians so good as to no longer require a Young Men's Christian Association, or are they so far sunk in iniquity as to be irreclaimable?

THE percentage of votes polled for prohibition in the different provinces was: Ontario, 27 per cent.; Nova Scotia, 34 per cent.; New Brunswick, 30 per cent.; Prince Edward Island, 38 per cent.; Manitoba, 25 per cent.; British Columbia, 16 per cent.; Northwest Territories, 27 per cent.; Quebec 8 per cent.

THE *Province* of Vancouver, says "THE NELSON ECONOMIST appears to have a standing quarrel with Mr. Bostock because he has not the oratorical gifts of Sir Wilfred Laurier." As a matter of fact THE ECONOMIST has time and again expressed its admiration of Mr. Bostock's oratorical gifts, while at the same

time this paper reserved to itself the right to remain away from any public meeting at which this young Cicero was likely to speak. THE ECONOMIST has no quarrel with Mr. Bostock, but we believe he would be less ridiculous in the eyes of the public if he doffed the lion's hide manufactured for him by his hired men and hung a calf's skin on those recreant limbs.

THE substitution of a small word often leads to serious consequences. The following apology on the part of the *Chilliwack Progress* more fully illustrates our meaning: "In publishing the resolution passed at a recent meeting of the directors of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society, which appeared in the *Progress* of last week we inadvertently printed the word 'for' instead of 'from.' The resolution should have read 'that Mr. Kipp be exonerated from tampering with said grain.' We cheerfully make the correction."

A RECENT issue of the *Victoria Times* contained the following letter signed, "D. W. H.," presumably Hon. D. W. Higgins:

"To the Editor: Your article in re typographical errors calls to my mind the laughable and remarkable error of a *Victoria* reporter in 1866. The reporter was young, impressionable and not versed in the classics. Rev. Mr. Somerville, now of Glasgow, was the pastor of the Presbyterian church (since devoted to the uses of the Province. He was a learned and eloquent man and exceedingly fond of lugging into his discourses the dead languages. A tea-meeting had been arranged for a certain Friday evening. It was held in the hall now occupied by the Deimonico music establishment. There was a goodly attendance. Mr. Somerville delivered a flowery address, which he copiously interspersed with Latin quotations. One of these quotations was *cave canem* (beware of the dog), the translation accompanying the quotation in the lecturer's notes. The reporter, in an evil hour, conceived the idea of asking Mr. Somerville to publish his notes of the address. Mr. Somerville handed the reporter his manuscript, which the reporter copied and passed to the printer as a verbatim report of the rev. gentleman's address. As I have said the reporter was not up in the classics, and in copying the rev. gentleman's manuscript he was greatly puzzled by the quotation "*cave canem*."

The then chief justice of the colony of Vancouver was David Cameron, known to his friends and boon companions as "Dave" Cameron. So the unfortunate reporter in copying the clergyman's notes which were somewhat illegible, transcribed them thus:—"Dave Cameron, beware of the dog." The translation passed the proof-reader, and the next day the *Colonist* was the most laughed at newspaper in the realm. The reporter never recovered from the shafts of ridicule which were hurled at him. He shortly retired to the wilds of Kootenay, where his bones now lie. "Dave" Cameron has long reposed in the Quadra street cemetery, and few of the residents whose memory will be quickened by this memento remain to call to mind the laughable incident, but it caused a great sensation at the time."

A STREET railway at Madison, Ind., has been making the experiment of using young women as conductors and it excited much attention and comment, and no little prejudice. After several months the girls were discharged, but it is claimed the innovation was so pleasing to the public, and the prejudice against their employment having died out, they will be reinstated. It is also said the girls were pleased with their work.

At a convention of women's clubs in Mendelssohn hall, New York, held last week, amongst other questions discussed was the work of nursing. Considerable domestic feeling was shown in some of the objections to pretty trained nurses. Mrs. Margaret Ravenhill said she thought there ought to be an examining board to determine whether the nurse had a vocation, by which she seemed to mean whether she was dangerously pretty. "They will flirt, the pretty ones," she said, indignantly, "and the result is bad. Why, I myself, had to take care of a rich friend last summer while the pretty nurse was flirting with her patient's husband."

Mrs. Goodridge said she had two nurses in her family for some time, both pretty, and they had no trouble with them. Her experience had been that they were ladies and behaved as such. And another woman remarked that no board of inspectors could judge on examination whether a woman were flirtatious.

Mrs. C. P. Barnes, of Louisville, pleaded for a "higher type of womanhood among the nurses" who go into hospitals where our sons go, too, as internes, and we know the dangers of such association. Some one asked why a higher type was needed, and Mrs. Helmuth said that the nurses did not show a proper spirit of philanthropy. "They have an iron-clad rule," she said, "that they will not take less than \$3 or \$3.50 a day, while physicians frequently give their services for nothing."

Miss Annie Rhodes said that she had noticed in her work in the War Relief Association, where she watched the nurses, that the more natural refinement and breeding the

woman had the better nurse she made. I want to say something in defence of the nurse who insists on \$25 a week for her services," she added. "It means more to her than to most physicians, because she has many idle weeks and also has usually a mother to help or a mortgage to pay off. Women don't go into that profession any less because they need the money than into others."

THE *Toronto Telegram* says, if it took two Governments and Isaac Campbell, Q. C., until two o'clock in the morning to carry a Winnipeg Liberal meeting in favor of Hon. Clifford Sifton, the millenium will have arrived before they can prevail upon the whole country west of Lake Superior to lay its tributes of affection at the feet of the Ablest Man in Canada.

No true coal is known in Greece, but lignite is now mined in three places the most important of which—Kumi—supplies 15,000 tons annually. Lignite is not infrequent all over the country, and should be more systematically exploited. As fuel for steam engines the lignite is mixed with half its weight or more of coal.

MORE than ordinary interest is being manifested in Mr. Henry J. Morgan's forthcoming work, "Types of Canadian Women, Past and Present," now in active preparation. The volume, or volumes besides recording the names and achievements of Canadian maids and dames from the days of Marie Madeline de Vercheres, M'dlle de Lotbiniere, and Mary Simpson down to our own time, will be profusely illustrated with portraits and other pictorial representations. Many copies of paintings and photographs have been received from London and Paris for insertion in the book.

A CURIOUS instance of muscular Christianity, arising out of a ritualistic controversy, has occurred in the parish church of Clevedon Somersetshire, where the anti-ritualists threatened to interfere with the service. The vicar announced that in response to his suggestion he had received a gift of a set of the best Birmingham "knuckle-dusters," which he added, he had distributed among the members of the choir and orchestra, enjoining them to use the "knuckle-dusters" freely if any obstruction of the service was offered. The next Sunday he added that he himself had carried "knuckle-dusters" for the past 20 years.

THE Lord Mayoral ceremonies were remarkable for an important speech made by the Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell, of Killowen on the occasion of the visit of the new Lord Mayor, Sir John Moor, to the law courts. The Chief Justice spoke strongly on the subject of modern company-promoting scandals. He said the two chief evils were the over-

capitalization and flotation of utterly worthless companies, and alluded to the money paid to men of title in order to induce them to become directors. Lord Russell pointed out that during the last seven years some £28,000,000 had been lost in company liquidation, and had gone into unworthy pockets. He then appealed to the Lord Mayor and corporation to endeavor to stop these scandals by setting an example of the condemnation and ostracism of parties engaged in these nefarious transactions.

THE Gold Commissionership of Nelson is vacant. It is not known the name of the person who will succeed Mr. Dennis; but it is quite likely some friend of Mr. Martin's from Manitoba will get the position.

At a recent banquet in New York given in honor of Lord Herschell, the after dinner part of the exercises was opened by President Frank R. Lawrence, of the Lotus club, who, in introducing the guest of the evening, said: "The events of the year must give to every American a feeling of pride and happiness, when we consider how soon the problems of the war were met and mastered, and when we remember the deeds of valor performed by our soldiers on land and sea. But there is no more happy recollection connected with our recent history, and none, I hope, which will longer endure, than that of the friendship shown at a critical time by the great mother nation, to us, whom Kipling calls the 'youngest people'. May that friendship always be reciprocal, and may it be accepted by mankind as evidence that the ocean does not divide the two great branches of the English-speaking race, that they are one in purpose and in aspiration and that whenever the bounds of freedom are to be enlarged or the wrongs of an opposed people are to be redressed England and America will stand as one."

Lord Herschell, after returning thanks for the hearty manner in which his name had been toasted, said: "Allusion was made to the state of feeling which most happily exists between your country and mine. Nothing could be to me a greater personal joy than to see this bond drawn still closer. Perhaps we have not always taken the most charitable view of each other's actions, but in the main we have understood each other, and I can say with pride that never in my career have I uttered a word or approved an act which could embitter the relations between America and Great Britain or to make friendship with them more difficult. I join most heartily in the belief that nothing would augur better for the peace of the world and the highest interests of humanity than the closest unity of heart and action between the two great English speaking nations. I am not speaking now of paper alliances, but of a true and deep-rooted union for the good of humanity, of which humanity has hardly dreamt. It is with the deepest satisfaction that I enter upon my duties in this commission to which I have

been appointed. If I can do anything toward bringing about a closer union between America and Great Britain I shall have contributed to one of the greatest and most potent events in history for the lasting good of humanity."

It is quite evident that the miners of Sandon do not want John Chinaman, but the method of getting rid of the despised Celestial, while it possesses the merit of being most effective, may conflict with the laws of the land.

BETWEEN the dispute over the Corbett-Sharkey contest in New York city and the promised visit of Fighting Joe Martin, pugilism is about the only subject discussed in Nelson these days.

SOME interest is being taken in the selection of a new council. It is not likely that there will be any opposition to Mayor Houston, should he again offer himself. It is believed that very few of the present aldermen will again seek re-election, as they feel they have already contributed liberally of their time to the interests of the city. The feeling generally is that what Nelson needs now is a business man's council. Next year will be the most important one in the history of the city, and it is essential that our best business men should be on the council board.

THE "Economy Bottling Works," under the distinguished management of Hon. Joseph Martin, is said to have offered \$100 per month for a Gold Commissioner to take the place of Mr. Dennis. It is not likely that any one can be secured in this city to take the position at that price. We have office-seekers here, as elsewhere, but to their credit be it said, they are not cheap men.

THE Nelson branch of the Women's National Council is meeting with considerable encouragement in the matter of establishing a public library in this city. Already promises of assistance have been received from many quarters, and within a few months Nelson will probably have a public library equal to any in the Province. A reading room will be one of the features of the new institution.

THE refusal of the new Provincial Government to grant Mr. F. McRae, late police magistrate of Victoria, an impartial investigation into his administration of the duties of his office, is only one more outrage added to the already long list of the new government. Mr. McRae performed the duties of his office without fear or favor, which, perhaps, accounts for his dismissal.

THE Vancouver *World* has the following: "Yellow journalism the world over is the same cry. Rash, unwarranted statements are catered

for and allowed to appear in their columns. In fact they glory in sensation, caring nothing whatever for truth or facts, and the consequence is that scarcely a day passes but that there is a correction of statements which have appeared in their columns. The public speedily discerns between such newspapers as these solid, staid-going, matter-of-fact journals, whose reputation for truthfulness, honesty and the exercise of care and judgment in the matter of purveying news to their patrons is proverbial. The yellow journals soon become discredited, and then pass into oblivion, unknelt, unhonored and unsung."

SO FAR the economy of the new government has not reached the salary of any of the members of the cabinet. A slice off the salary of the Attorney-General would be taken as a sincere desire on the part of Mr. Martin to practise economy.

LORD SALISBURY'S words in his banquet speech about the appearance of the United States as a war power on the international scene are enigmatic; perhaps they were so even to the speaker, suggests the *Bystander*. But Lord Salisbury is quite right if he thinks American imperialism, in the hands of an unscrupulous party at Washington, with a deluded and inflamed people; is a menace to the peace of the world. Rapine is in the air. "Philanthropy," "civilization," "humanity," "propagation of Anglo-Saxon ideas and institutions" are fine phrases unknown to robbers of old.

OTTAWA *Citizen*: The despatches state that that bad old man, Li Hung Chang, has been shelved. But Mr. Sifton is still on the bargain counter.

HEAVY sentimental drama, says the *Kootenai*, does not take with a Kaslo audience. We gathered as much from the performances of the Kaslo dramatic club last season. In fact, the same report reaches us from all the great dramatic centers.

'Tis better to be born handsome than rich. Mr. Ernest Hastings, of Parkhill, Ont., a Toronto University graduate, lawyer and actor, and now a leading man in a stock company, in San Francisco, earning \$150 a week, has been left \$110,000 by Mrs. Hastings, of Lancashire, England. She is no relation, but was shown a photograph of the namesake by a mutual friend, became fascinated by his handsome face, and, dying a short time ago, left him her money.

THE Ottawa *Citizen* thus welcomes the new Governor-General to Canada: "In welcoming the Earl and Countess of Minto to the Capital the people of Ottawa yesterday did honor not to strangers, but to old friends returning after an absence. His Excellency is assured in entering upon his office as

Governor-General of Canada of enjoying the kindest feelings of the Canadian people, who learned with pleasure of his appointment and looked forward to him filling his distinguished office with the utmost credit. He is the first soldier who has occupied the post of representative of Her Majesty in Canada since Confederation, and Canadians have not forgotten that he won his earliest honors on active service under the most arduous conditions during the rebellion of 1835. His Excellency and the countess have many friends already in Ottawa and it will not be long before they feel at home. They have the assurance of the heartiest wishes of our citizens to make their stay in the Capital as pleasant and agreeable as possible."

THE resolution adopted by the city council of Nelson looking towards the establishment of a mint here, for the treatment and preparation of gold and silver, is well-timed and worthy of consideration. The mint is likely to be established by legislation during the coming session of the Dominion Parliament, and Nelson should move at once in having a refinery established here, as part of the general scheme for a mint for Canada.

THE prevalence of consumption in Ontario is set forth in all the cold formality of a statistical diagram in the monthly report of the Board of Health. Of 250 deaths reported throughout the Province in September last, 147 resulted from consumption and 152 out of 230 in August. In the latter month a year ago the mortality was at the rate of one per thousand per annum, or 120 deaths from consumption out of a total of 189 for the month. Under such conditions the establishment of a public sanitarium for the treatment of the disease filled a long-felt want.

THE Montreal *Star* prints a very good picture of Edmund C. Senkler, underneath which is the following observation from a western paper: "Edmund Senkler, who a few short years ago stood in the front rank of football players, has been appointed Gold Commissioner in the Klondike. The miner who takes Senkler for a tenderfoot and wants to monkey with the commissioner may run up against a flying wedge."

If there is one thing more than another that Cascade and the Boundary country needs, according to the *Record*—in these times when needs are so numerous it is the establishment of offices of some recognized express company. At present the nearest office of this kind is at Bossburg, not a convenient place for business men living thirty to fifty miles away to do business in. The *Record* was recently notified by the Dominion Express Co.'s agent in Pentteton, 150 or more miles from Cascade, that a small package for that paper from Victoria had reached that office. This but illustrates the point here made.

"THERE'S MANY A SLIP."

A hundred miles from Aden, Her Majesty's troop-ship *Ikena* steamed along, bound for home.

All day the fierce sun had streamed down with blazing beams which those on board endured, cursed or grumbled at, according to their dispositions.

The sensation of the day had been provided by a Lascar stoker, who, rushing from the inferno of the engine-room, leaped headlong overboard, mad for one delicious plunge into coolness after enduring the torments of heat.

"Man overboard!" rang out. Engines were reversed. Ladies started from languid recumbency. A smooth-faced subaltern offered 100 to 1 against "the nigger being picked up," but no one troubled to listen to him, for the water hereabouts is swarming with sharks. However, just as horror became subdued into resignation, a black speck was seen still swimming vigorously. A boat was lowered and the poor wretch was dragged back, collapsing utterly when certain of safety.

All this, however, had happened six hours ago. The incident had been discussed, commented on and capped by similar cases, and long before the dinner bell rang the customary state of boredom had again set in.

After dinner, when the sun had finally disappeared, and the stars had shone out of the wonderful luminosity of a Southern night, some one, probably the major's wife) proposed a dance, and presently the notes of a valse rose and fell, alluring with its languorous lilt of melancholy sweetness even those who vowed they "didn't dance" to seek our partners.

Among the many who circled round were the officer in command, Captain Assheton, and his partner, Miss Phyllis Welsh.

The ladies of the "*Dovescot*" denied that Miss Welsh had any claims to the attractive adjectives by which the men on board ship described her charming manners and face. They emphatically agreed among themselves that the only epithet she deserved was that of being "an outrageous flirt."

Whatever her character might really be, tonight more men than Captain Assheton though Miss Phyllis Welsh looked "uncommonly fetching!" Her eyelids, heavy with dark lashes, drooped as though to hide the exulting brightness of the eyes they shaded, while excitement restored the bloom which a year spent in Indian gayeties had somewhat paled.

As she glided round she breathed quicker than the heat of the evening, or the motion of the dance, accounted for. She wondered at her own sensations. To experience delight, fear, rapture and doubt, which had amused her to make others feel, half terrified half charmed her.

Once raising her eyes, she met full a glance from Captain Assheton, and a thrill of certainty swept away the last doubt as to whether her love was returned or not.

"Let's come and sit out," said Captain

Assheton, then he added, "I want to speak to you—to tell you, Phyllis—" He stopped abruptly on perceiving an orderly coming up to speak to him.

"Well, what is it?" he asked peremptorily.

"Please, sir, the doctor says Private Robinson is seriously ill."

Captain Assheton turned apologetically to his partner. "Will you wait for me here? I will be back in five minutes."

"Yes," assented Miss Welsh, leaning back languidly in a dock chair. "I'll wait for you here if you're not too long."

Captain Assheton and the orderly strode away.

Custom had not yet steeled Assheton's heart against feeling a pang of sorrow when called upon to visit the poor fellows whose dying words it was his duty, when officer in command, to note and report.

When "Tommy Atkins" dies there is no useless fuss made over the event. No loving hand clasps his to strengthen him during the last struggle. No tears fall to tell him that even he, poor fellow, has some one who will miss him. No! The doctor merely reports him "seriously ill." The officer on duty comes to stand by his side and note down whatever message "Tommy" may choose to send to mother or sweetheart waiting for him at home. Then a few hours later, if on land, "Tommy" is buried in a coffin the price of which the government stops out of his pay, or, if he dies on board ship, with some shot tied to his ankles, overboard he is dropped, to sink out of sight and then join that weird company of shrouded corpses which stand upright, drifting and swaying in the currents of the sea, half way between the bottom and the surface of the ocean.

On reaching the stifling deck where the sick the wounded and the dying lay, the orderly stopped beside the berth of Private Robinson.

Usually the officer in command knows nothing of the man whose dying words he has to report, but as it chanced, Assheton had heard something of Private Robinson's career. He knew that Robinson was "a gentleman ranker," one of those good-looking, reckless, unlucky fellows against whom fortune seems to have a spite.

As Assheton came to the side of his berth, the dying man started up with a curious expression of defiant despair. Above him, beside him, all around the deck lay other sufferers, listening and watching to hear what "the poor beggar" had to say.

It was hardly the place for confidences, and Assheton felt fully the embarrassment of the position. Robinson, however, had reached the time when the world recedes into the background of one's consciousness, and what has to be done must be done at once or left forever unaccomplished.

He feebly strove to take something from under his pillow.

"Can I reach that for you?" asked Assheton gently.

"I've waited too long," said Robinson. "I intended to send this back myself, but somehow I put it off from day to day; I couldn't

bear to part with it." He stopped a minute as he succeeded in lifting up an envelope, then he continued. "I want you to send this back to her, and tell her that though she sent me to the devil—I love her to the end." He added, as Assheton took the envelope containing the photo from him: "The address is written on the back of it."

"Is there nothing else I can do for you?" said Assheton huskily.

"Nothing, thank you, sir," replied Robinson, and Assheton felt he was dismissed.

He turned away in silence, and left the deck.

As he again passed through the dancers, the valse was hastening to its conclusion, and the laughing, talking company was dispersing in search of ices and comfortable seats.

Phyllis Welsh was still waiting where Assheton had left her.

"You weren't long" she said, smiling. "What did Tommy want to tell you? Do tell me all about it."

Something in her words grated against Assheton's feelings. He sat down and replied slowly. "He asked me to return a photo to a girl, and tell her that, though she played him false he loved her to the end."

"Oh!" cried Phyllis. "How interesting it sounds! Have you the photo there? Do let me see it."

"You must not ask me to do that," said Assheton, gravely.

But Phyllis was not accustomed to have her wishes ungratified. She leaned forward and looked up with her eyes glowing. "Will you refuse the first request I've ever made you?" she urged.

"Of course, if you insist—" hesitated Assheton.

"I do insist, I must see what the girl is like! Some common vulgar creature, that the poor fellow idealized into a piece of perfection."

"Probably," assented Assheton, dryly, taking the envelope from his pocket and producing the photograph.

With eager curiosity Phyllis bent over it.

For the space of a second she stared, rigid with astonishment and dismay; then exclaiming, "Give it to me! Oh, give it to me!" She tried to snatch the photograph from Assheton.

It was too late. Assheton, with blank disgust, had already recognized the beautiful likeness.

"Give it to me!" she stammered.

"Certainly," replied Assheton. "It was what I promised to do."

He dropped the photo into her hands and strode away.

LORD INCHQUIN writes to the *London Times*, protesting against the creation of a new Irish peerage in the person of an Englishman (Mr Curzon,) unconnected with Ireland in any way. Naturally, Lord Inchiquin must be expected to be anxious to keep up the dignity of the Irish Peerage, which has amongst its members, holders of some of the oldest titles in Debrett. Lord Inchiquin himself is fourteenth baron, and claims descent from Brian Borohme, who fell at the battle of Clontarf in the year 1000.

MINES AND INVESTORS.

There is a decided relapse in the quotations for Republic stocks, and it seems as if investors were determined to await further development before rushing in to secure even the cheap stocks. Perhaps in this they are wise, but in many instances they must not expect to purchase at the present moderate figures after news of a strike comes to hand. The fact that most of these stocks are a gamble, pure and simple, makes it advisable to get in on the ground floor, but with that the greatest care should be taken to act only on the best information obtainable, and to invest only in such properties as an assured management and reputable ownership make legitimate development a certainty. Possibly at the present time Princess Maud is as good a buy, as anything in the market, as every indication would go to show that a big body of ore will be found when the tunnel now being run, strikes the ledge. We were strongly advised to buy this stock six weeks ago, when its market price was 4 cents. Had we done so, we would by this time have been laying our wires, for a seat in the next legislature. We did not follow the advise, however, and must content ourselves with pulling somebody else's sack, instead of handing one around.

The Rossland market continues dull, and there is at present, no prospect of a great improvement in it. It will take it some time to recover from the effect of that theatrical boom and slump in Monto Cristo and Virginia. In the meantime the big companies will go right ahead, and by their legitimate enterprise, will redeem the camp from the hard blow dealt to its reputation by two enterprising (save the mark) brokers.

In the Slocan things are improving every day. The Payne, Ruth, Slocan Star, Last Chance, Noble Five, Ajax, R. E. Lee, Idaho, Queen Bess and Miller Creek are each employing from 30 to 120 men, and the shipments this winter will be larger than ever. There has not been any new strikes of importance made this week, at any rate none have been made public. It would be quite a benefit to the Slocan district if a little more publicity were given to the many good things that have been struck around there, but as a rule the first intimation owners give to the public, are the shipping returns.

Slocan Mineral Float.

(New Denver Ledger.)

The Chapleau is to resume work.

The Wakefield has 37 men on its working force.

Sandon exported 100 tons of ore during the past week.

Commodious buildings are being erected at the Idaho.

The Fisher Maiden is getting out a car load of ore for shipment.

Forty-two tons of ore was shipped from the Queen Bess last week.

The Emily Edith reports a fine strike of clean ore in the long tunnel.

W. H. Robinson and Major Reed are developing the Brunswick, on Four Mile.

Ore from the Comstock has commenced to come down to Silverton for shipment.

Fifteen men are working on the Treasure Vault. The new bunkhouses are finished.

On the Fisher Maiden a foot of clean ore has been struck in the bottom of a new winze.

R. Green, M. P. P., is moving in the matter of having the Springer creek wagon road completed.

At the Montezuma an engine and boiler have been installed to replace the water wheel in running the compressor.

Frank Watson has assigned a mortgage on the Arlington to Ross Thompson, of Rossland, which has been recorded.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the E-sex group, on Four Mile. Manager Dawson is undecided whether to continue operations after Christmas or lay off till spring.

The Golden Wedge, on Lemon creek, has 35 men working. The property is owned by the Ore Mining & Milling Co. They have a townsite and a sawmill near the mine also.

Work has ceased on the Six Mile wagon road for the winter, after nine miles had been completed. This road is being built to carry the trade from the Lemon creek country to Nelson.

Shannon, McPherson and Goettsche are in over 20 feet under ground on their property adjoining the Marion. They have a pay-streak of 10 inches, showing carbonates and galena, in a two foot ledge.

An unsuccessful attempt was made last week by local parties for outside capital to secure a bond on the Mabou and Ohio claims, adjoining the Enterprise group, on Ten Mile creek, and owned by Messrs. Kirkwood, Wells, Grant and Tunks. There was not sufficient money forthcoming to move matters.

How it is Accomplished.

A. W. S.

The knack of writing verses can be learned in half a minute,

Provided that you do not care to do it extra well; Just take this for example and you'll see there's nothing in it;

And then to those in ignorance the secret you can tell.

At first select a common word like—well, let's say —"objectionable;"

Then bring a lady in the game and call her—"Mary Ann;"

Now choose for your locality some place like—"on the kitchen table."

And then ring in some catchy phrase, for instance—"rush the can."

Now add a little on and say—"a thirst he found objectionable,"

Then add to number two—"unto his daughter Mary Ann."

Once more enlarge and say—"of beer and place it on the kitchen table,"

And make the last line read like this—"will kindly rush the can."

'Tis done—"John Smith was bothered with a thirst he found objectionable,

He therefore called aloud unto his daughter Mary Ann:

'Go fetch me in a pail of beer and place it on the kitchen table;
In other words, my darling will you kindly rush the can.'

Thanksgiving.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright—
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night;
The flowers, of youth and the fruits of our prime,
And blessings o'er-marching the pathway of time.

We thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour;
The generous heart and the bountiful hand,
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for the days yet to be—
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee;
That all our eternity may form, through Thy love,
One day of thanksgiving in mansions above.

I Am Thankful—

That I never praised the poetry of my female friends.

That I never was sick more than two weeks at a time.

That a glass of whiskey never put me into an exalted state.

That I never bluffed in a poker game at the wrong time.

That I never repeated a poor joke without feeling sorry for it.

That I never abused the trust put in me by my wife or the grocer.

That I never let my neighbors know the extent of my learning.

That I never originated a theory concerning the origin of microbes.

That I never patented anything intended to revolutionize the age.

That I never used a word of eight syllables when one of six would do.

That I never let my tailor wait more than nine months for his bill.

That I never smoked a bad cigar except in the seclusion of my sanctum.

That I never had any leanings toward philosophy, riding breeches or canvasback duck.

Spurgeon's Blunt Critic.

When Mr. Spurgeon first began his ministry, an anonymous critic used to write to him constantly about his mistakes in grammar and pronunciation. Mr. Spurgeon at first resented these criticisms, but he soon learned to profit by them. "After a while," he said in telling the story, "I looked for his weekly memoranda with much interest. He repeated a sentence which I had used two or three Sundays before, he would write, 'See the same expression in such and such a sermon.'"

Mr. Spurgeon, like everybody else, had his pet quotation, and he used this line, "Nothing in my hand to bring," rather frequently. So his commentator wrote him, "You are sufficiently informed of the vacuity of your hand."

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

There will be a Salvation Army wedding on the evening of December 6.

The next sitting of the Supreme Court in Nelson will begin December 5.

W. J. Goepel is now acting gold commissioner, in place of O. G. Dennis.

Warden Fitzstubs sustained slight injuries to his arm by a fall Monday evening.

D. J. Beeton, Winnipeg, has returned to this city, and will take up his residence here.

A correspondent suggests the calling of a meeting at an early day to discuss municipal matters.

It is predicted that nearly one million dollars will be expended in buildings in Nelson next year.

The Molly Gibson has been incorporated with \$2,000,000 in \$1 shares. The office of the company will be at Victoria.

While H. W. Simpson, contractor, was removing some material on a handcar, his car was telescoped by an engine. Mr. Simpson received severe injuries.

The work of removing the bodies from the old cemetery to the new one is almost completed, and the fragments of old coffins and other debris will be burnt up.

The departure of Mickey Burns at this time, arouses the suspicion that he was offered the Gold Commissionership at \$100 per month, and becoming disgusted, left the town.

William Harold, the seven months' old child of H. G. Beardsley, was accidentally smothered to death by being wrapped up in blankets last Sunday morning at his father's camp. The parents have the sympathy of many friends. The funeral took place today to the English church cemetery.

The concert to-morrow night in the Presbyterian church in aid of the Ladies' Hospital and the public library should be well attended. The object is a good one and apart from this, the participants in the concert stand high in the musical world. Tickets may be secured at the Canada Drug and Book Co's store, or from any of the ladies of the Women's National Council.

W. J. Goepel, Provincial Government auditor, has returned from an official visit that extended to Cariboo. Mr. Goepel's opportunities for observation are unequalled, so when he

says that there is a revival in mining in old Cariboo, it implies more than a mere empty statement. Throughout the districts where Mr. Goepel's official duties brought him there was noticeable a great confidence in the future of the Province.

An Ottawa despatch to the *Victoria Times* announces a redistribution bill with additional representation to British Columbia. This is likely to be accomplished by dividing the Yale-Cariboo district and giving each part of it a representative. It is not safe to infer a general election in 1899 from this, but it is clearly an effort to get ready, in case it becomes desirable to have a dissolution.

The management of the Canadian Pacific Railway are desirous that the representative business and public men of the West Kootenay District, should have an early opportunity of seeing the district opened up by the construction of their Crow's Nest Pass Line, and with this end in view have authorized the local officers of the Company in this district to extend to members of the press a cordial invitation to join them on a trip through the East Kootenay. This invitation has also been extended to the Mayors and Councils of Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo and Sandon, also to delegations from the Boards of Trade from those points. It is the intention to leave Nelson on the initial trip of the new steel steamer "Moyie" connecting at Kootenay landing with passenger train, and running as far as Fernie, the center of the large coal fields, giving the guests an opportunity of looking over the mining districts of Moyie, Cranbrook and Steele; and through the courtesy of the manager of the Crow's Nest Coal Co an opportunity will be given to look through the coal mines and the coke ovens. At this time it is difficult to fix a date when the road will be ready to take care of a party, but it will be somewhere about the first week in December.

The Theatre.

The Jane Coombs company was poorly patronized. Apart from the principal, Miss Coombs, the company was not deserving of patronage.

The R. E. French Company opened to an overflowing house at the skating rink last Monday night. The play, "Hands Across the Sea," was well given and the company received a curtain call at the end of the second act. Last night "The Danites" was given, a play admirably adapted to Mr. French's style of acting. "The Danites" was without a doubt the most artistic production yet seen in Nelson. The French company are well deserving of patronage. The stage effects are much better than any ever seen here, and the whole work of the company is performed with an evident desire to please. To-night "Dad's Girl" will be given. There will be Thanksgiving and Saturday matinees.

City Council.

At the last meeting of the city council there were present: Mayor Houston, Aldermen Hillyer, Whalley, Madden and Teetzel.

A communication was read from Mr. F. W. Peters, of the C. P. R., inviting the mayor and council to attend the formal opening of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. All the members present signified their intention of accepting the invitation, and the city clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Peters to this effect.

The offer of John La Pointe to do the excavation work on Josephine street for 21 cents a yard was referred to the board of work.

A communication from Mr. G. C. Hodge, requesting the prohibition of bill-posting on telephone poles, was read, and a resolution passed in accordance with the request.

A motion was introduced and adopted recommending that the city open negotiations with capitalists to secure the establishment of refining works in Nelson.

It was decided to forbid the practice of young boys coasting on certain sidewalks, but the mayor was also authorized to select three streets in different parts of the city where coasting might be indulged in by the young people.

The mayor was also authorized to have gravel placed on all inclined sidewalks in the city.

The finance committee recommended the payment of several accounts, after which the council adjourned.

The Corbett-Sharkey fight at New York, Monday night, resulted in the fight being awarded to Sharkey in the tenth round. Corbett disqualified.

A team attached to an express wagon owned by Wilson & Harshaw ran away on Vernon street this afternoon resulting in upsetting the vehicle. The horses made their escape.

Tourist cars for St. John, N. B., in connection with Atlantic steamers, pass Revelstoke Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Berth rate on these cars Revelstoke to St. John is \$8.00. Last steamer from Fort William for Owen Sound will leave Nov. 29th.

The extending use of electricity is well illustrated by its use for lighting mines. The candle or oil lamp of former days was not only dangerous in coal mines, where there is likelihood of an explosion, but it furnished a very imperfect light and compelled the miner to work in semi darkness. Small electric lamps, to be carried by the miners at work, were introduced in France, but they were objectionable on account of their weight—nearly five pounds—and also because they would burn only a few hours without being recharged. The lamps are now attached to the roofs of the galleries, currents being established by means of wires. By this means an abundance of continuous light is obtained, but care must be exercised in insulating the wires to prevent friction or sparks which might provoke an explosion or ignite surrounding woodwork.

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Official Announcements.

The British Columbia *Official Gazette* contains the following: The Dominion Consolidated Mines company, Ltd., non-personal liability, is incorporated, with head office at Fairview, and with a capital of \$500,000.

Hon. J. Fred Hume notifies the gold commissioners, mining recorders and others interested, to forward to him without delay any alteration or amendments they deem advisable to make to the mineral and placer mining acts.

Eugene S. Topping has entered an action against the British Columbia Mineral Property, Limited, for the sum of \$387.67 for cash paid and work performed for said company.

Judge Eli Harrison, Jr., Nanaimo, has been appointed sole commissioner under the Public Inquiries act to make inquiry into the management of the fire and water departments of New Westminster, more especially with reference to the fire which occurred on the 10th and 11th of September. The first sitting will be held at the city hall, New Westminster, on November 25th at 11 a. m.

McPhillips and Williams, of Vancouver, give notice that they will apply to the legislature for a charter for a railroad from a point at or near Lytton on the C. P. R. then following the Fraser river up stream to the Quesnelle river.

Bodwell & Duff are seeking an amendment to the Kitamaat Railway act, 1898, to allow the Kittamaat Railway company to construct a road from a point at the head of the north end of Kitamaat Inlet thence north to Copper river, and east to the Telegraph trail, south and east to the south end of Barbine lake, and north and east to Germansen creek, near its confluence with the Omineca river.

The following appointments are made: F. G. Jones, of Grand Prairie, to be a justice of the peace for Yale; Angus McQuanes, of New

Denver, to be gold commissioner at New Denver for Slocan; L. H. Patten, Fairview, and A. M. Banting, Whiewater, to be notarys public; D. J. R. Williams, Ashcroft, to be a coroner; Jos. Dee Graham, Revelstoke, and E. D. Deacon Vancouver, to be notarys public; Lewis Wanerpattmore to be clerk in the mining recorder's office at Fort Steele, vice A. C. Nelson, and Wm. Teague, justice of the peace to a judge of the court of revision and appeal for the Hope, Yale, Lytton, and Cache creek polling divisions, vice James Wardle.

The Kiss.

SHE.

He threw me a kiss;
Mamma didn't know it.
She would take it amiss
That he threw me a kiss,
But she wouldn't dream of this,
For my face didn't show it;
He threw me a kiss,
And mamma didn't know it.

HE.

Pray where was the harm
When nobody knew it?
There's no cause for alarm;
Pray where was the harm?
That kiss had a charm.
No one saw that I threw it;
Then where was the harm
If nobody knew it?

MAMMA.

They think I am old—
Getting blind, I suppose,
But my heart isn't cold
If I am getting old.
I don't need to be told
Why she blushed like a rose
Though I am getting old—
Yes, and blind, I suppose.

Some Quaint Answers.

Irish domestics are widely noted for their simplicity and their quaint remarks. A lady, desiring to make the most of her choice tap of table beer, the merits of which her servants

had discovered, for it disappeared rapidly, thus addressed her Irish butler: "Daly, what do you think would be the best thing to do in order to save this beer as much as possible?" "Well, ma'am," replied the butler, "I don't think you could do better than to place a barrel of good strong ale close by the side of it." An Irish girl called at a house in London in answer to an advertisement for a general servant. "Have you a character?" asked the mistress. "Indeed," ma'am, I'm sorry to say I've no character. I had a beautiful wan when I left Ireland, but I lost it the night I crashed over to Holyhead in the steamer," was the ironic reply.

An Irish manservant was discovered in a lie. On being accused by his master of stating what was not the truth, he excused himself by saying, "Please, sir, I lost my presence of mind."

Advice to Scribblers.

There once was a fellow who thought he was smart,

As every poor fool of us does,
So he warbled of love and a pulverized heart,
And wrote essays epigrammatic and tart,
While the bee in his bonnet said "Buzz."

He wrote on philosophy, politics, war;
On matters municipal, too.

He scribbled and scrawled till his fingers were sore

In musical measures his soul did outpour,
To his bank account nought did accrue.

But he finally pilfered from someone with brains,
(Not Shakespeare, nor Kipling, nor Hood)
A scrap which he butchered, without any pains,
And basely defaced with most infamous strains.
The readers all said, "That is good."

So heed not the touch your word-pictures are painted with,

Write not for "savants" or "mugs;"

Mind not the errors your verses are tainted with:
Just mention something your readers are acquainted with,

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Francis Elfring's "The Light That Failed," done into a morbid sketch and acted by Courtenay Thorpe, as a curtain-raiser to "Julia," was last week's only first performance in London. The latter was written by Arthur Sturgess for Louie Freiar. It was not a noteworthy production.

One of the notable features in the scenic investiture of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" is a "practical" waving field of rye, which is bounded by a low stone dyke, crossed by an old-fashioned stile. By an ingenious mechanical device the rye stalks sway back and forth at the touch of the garments worn by the characters, who are "comi." thro' the rye."

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described unsurveyed and unreserved land, viz.: Beginning at a post set on the south bank of Kootenay River about 2½ miles west of Nelson, and marked "E. C. Arthur's Northeast Corner," thence south forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence north forty chains more or less to the Kootenay river, thence east, following the meanderings of the Kootenay river, to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

July 30, 1898.

E. C. ARTHUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Second Relief" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for J. A. Finch, Free Miner's Certificate No. 1674A, 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 9th day of August, 1898.

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"Graft Union" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

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

Dated this 9th day of August 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Princess Ida" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Morning Mountain, near the head waters of Sandy Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for B. L. C. Walbey, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2457 A, William H. Bambury, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2751 A, and Michael Egan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2384 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 first day of October, 1898.

JOHN McLATCHIE, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Canadian Queen" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North Fork of Salmon River, about two miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for W. F. Mitchell, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3337S A, E. M. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3392 A, and A. B. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3338 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 5th day of September, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Relief Fraction" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Big Bump" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: Salmon River, North Fork, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for the Big Bump Gold Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13981A, 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 9th day of August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Gold Island" mineral claim; situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—Two miles east of Ymir.

Take notice that I, Walter Askew, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2,630 A, for myself, and acting as agent for W. C. Forrester, Free Miner's Certificate No. 98,363, and Charles W. Arnould, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2,629 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.

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Dated this 27th day of September, 1898.

WALTER ASKEW.

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SHORT STORIES.

The late Sir George Cartier, during a visit to the Queen, was asked how many yards long was Victoria bridge. The answer came like a flash: "Your Majesty, when Canadians build a bridge to commemorate the name of their sovereign, they do not measure it by yards—but miles." Sir George was ever after a favorite with Queen Victoria.

"Lady," said a Scotch servant to her mistress. "I maun tell ye I am to leave your service and be marrit." Is not this very sudden, Mary? inquired the lady. "Who is the person you expect to marry?" "It is John Scott, mistress." "But you have known him but a short time; how can you trust a stranger," persisted the woman, reluctant to part with a good servant. "Yes, tis true, but he's kept himself many years, and he says he's all right and I believe he is, for I asked him: 'Did he ken the ten commandments?' and he gave them every one. I asked him could he say the shorter catechism and he had it every word; then I told him to grip his hands quick and hard and then lady, I saw he was a strong man, and I'm goin' to gie him my hand."

Fifty years ago the allowance of paint in the British navy was very small, and sometimes the officers had to pay large sums in order that their ships might maintain a decent appearance. One of them resorted to a humorous expedient, either to soften the heart of the navy board, or if that proved impossible, to express his opinion. Sir John Phillimore painted one side of his old yellow frigate black and white and used the rest of the black paint in printing on the other side in large letters, "No more paint." The navy board wrote to call his attention to the impropriety of his conduct and signed themselves, as they did officially, "Your affectionate friends." To this Sir John replied that he could not obliterate the objectionable letters unless he was given more paint and signed himself in turn, "Your affectionate friend, John Phillimore." The navy board then called his attention to the impropriety of the signature, to which Sir John replied, acknowledging the letter, stating that he regretted that the paint had not been sent and ending: "I am no longer your affectionate friend, John Philli-

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more." His frigate was allowed to retain her original yellow, and perhaps the navy board did right thus to punish Sir John's impertinence.

An interesting story was many years ago told concerning the Nelson monument at Montreal. This tale went the rounds of the public prints of the early part of the century, and is as follows: "On a column in memory of Lord Nelson, in Canada, a figure of His Lordship is to be placed on the top, and is now executing of artificial stone, invented by Coade & Sealy, London. A sailor who had served under His Lordship, having found his way into the manufactory at the time the statue was finished, was struck with the likeness of the figure, embraced it with great enthusiasm, sending forth ejaculations expressive of the highest praise of his gallant commander. Turning round, he exclaimed. 'This is really a grand figure of the gallant admiral. I hope it is made of good stuff, and will be as lasting in the world.' 'I have nothing to fear on that score,' replied the artist, 'for His Lordship has been in a hot fire for a week without intermission.' 'Ah master,' observed the tar, 'I find you know something of the character of Lord Nelson, for there was never a British officer who could stand fire better than His Lordship.' The money expended in building the monument amounted to nearly £1,300. The items are as follows: Mason-work £523; ornamental work, £468 12s.; design, estimates, etc., £58 1s.; iron railing surrounding pillar, £66 18s. 11d. The balance was expended in contingencies incidental to a work of that character.

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Stories of Curran

Curran could say mordant and cutting things, but perhaps no man was ever insulted with such dialectical neatness and ingeniousness as Curran was by the famous maker of "bulls," Sir Boyle Roche, in the Irish house of commons. "The honorable gentleman says he is the guardian of his own honor," said Roche in reply to a speech of Curran, "but on the other occasions I have heard him boast that he was an enemy of sinecures."

Curran was defeated in a conversational contest with Lady Morgan, the Irish novelist, one evening in that lady's drawing room. When, exaggerating the prevailing fashion in short sleeves, she wore merely straps over her shoulders. Curran was walking away from the little party who witnessed the conflict of the two wits when Lady Morgan called out, "Ah, come back, Mr. Curran, and acknowledge that you are fairly beaten." "At any rate," said he, turning round, "I have this consolation, Lady Morgan, that you can't laugh at me in your sleeve."

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the "British Columbia Telephones, Limited," for the purpose of enabling the company so to be incorporated to acquire and take over all rights, powers, privileges, franchises and assets held by the "New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, Limited," and "The Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company," and vesting the same in the company so to be incorporated, and to assume the liabilities entered into by the aforesaid companies and for the conferring upon the said Company so to be incorporated the powers to purchase, lease, take over, or otherwise acquire the rights, privileges, franchises, powers and assets of any company in any part of the Province of British Columbia having similar objects to the company so to be incorporated, and to amalgamate with such other company or companies and to operate and carry on the business of the aforesaid company so acquired or to be acquired and for the conferring upon the said Company so to be incorporated of all such powers as may be necessary to fully and completely carry on and operate the works aforesaid, or any of them.

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the dark ages? I guess he is. He's
usually up most of the night.

Judge—You say he defendant
turned and whistled to the dog.
What followed? Intelligent wit-
ness—The dog.

The Kind Lady—So you are a
hero of the tended field? Weary
Watkins—Yessum, I was one of
the best in the circus at one time.

Arthur—Are you sure she loves
Jack—Yes. When I told her I
had no money to marry on, she
asked me if I couldn't borrow some.

Mrs. Howes—I don't know what
we are going to do. There is not
a thing in the house to eat. Uncle
George—You might take boarders.

Before we were married you
used to write me three letters a day.
Did I, really? Yes, you did; and
now you get angry just because I
ask you to write me a little bit of
a cheek.

Miss Sheafe—Oh! just look at
that wheat rising and falling in the
breeze. How beautiful it is. Mr.
Cityman—Ah, but you ought to
see it rising and falling in the Corn
Exchange.

Yes, the fair young girl went on;
we are engaged, but I do not
think I should have accepted him
if he had not proposed in such a
delightful manner. What did he
say? He asked if I would permit
him to add an engagement-ring to
my collection.

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