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HON. MR. GREEN'S SPEECH

At the Opening of the Vancouver Conservative Club.

At the opening of the new Conservative Club quarters in Vancouver on Thursday evening of last week, Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, delivered an interesting speech. According to the News-Advertiser's report, Mr. Green was received with great enthusiasm when he rose to address the meeting. He congratulated the association on getting into new quarters, and in this connection regretted that more members of the government were not present. That was the intention when the opening was first mentioned, and Premier McBride charged him particularly to express the premier's sorrow at not being able to be present. Mr. Green was pleased to see such a large and representative gathering, and he was sure the association was starting out under the right auspices, which spoke well for the future success of the club. After a long experience in the political arena, he was positive that if the party went into the field with good organization almost any fight could be won.

As to the provincial government, of which he was a member, he would let its actions speak for themselves. He would not say the government was perfect, as everyone was prone to make mistakes, but the endeavor was to carry on public affairs in such a manner as would reflect credit on the party. He emphasized the point that to win unanimity was necessary. The whole question was the wishes of the majority or of the party, and attention should not be paid to the individual, who might be disaffected because some particular end was not accomplished. The action of the government was for the good of the country as far as it was able to perform, and support should always be accorded those in power. If unanimity prevailed in the party and each member got out and worked for the common good, instead of three Conservative provincial governments, the party would be in power all over Canada. The principles of Conservatism were the principles for Canada, as was shown by their adoption by the Liberals after they came into power.

Concerning the present government Mr. Green said that in the premier of the province the party had a man of whom it might well be proud. Born and raised in the province, his sole effort was in the interests of British Columbia. He had accomplished almost a herculean task in the way in which he had accomplished things since he went into power. Greater confidence now existed and altogether the province was in a far better condition than two years ago, when Hon. Mr. McBride assumed the reins of government. Mr. Green said he had just returned from a trip to the interior. Two years ago conditions were bad, people were chary of investing money and little was doing, but to-day there was a great change. This is largely due to the efforts of the government, and as an earnest of the people's feelings, the government candidates were returned at the bye-elections. As an instance of this there was present at the meeting Mr. William Manson, who had been returned in a constituency where three years ago the Conservative candidate not only lost his deposit, but was beaten 3 to 1. Yet Mr. Manson had been elected on a majority of 54. This showed healthier and better conditions and greater unanimity throughout the province.

Mr. Green referred to an article in a last evening's contemporary in reference to the Haslam mill estate. He said there had been no mistake made by the government in the seizure of the timber. He referred to the further legislation passed last session in the interests of the workmen, but the dues owing the government were always the first charge. The logs and the lumber had been sold, but the mill was still held. When the government had learned that wages were still due the workmen, it stepped in so that they might be protected. (Applause). For this he thought the government should be commended. The government refused to transfer the leases to the new company until such steps were taken to secure to the workmen the wages which are due them. Despite the articles in the two evening papers, he was prepared to discuss the matter on any platform in the country. It was an action of the government which would ring true as it protected the man who earned his living by the sweat of his brow. (Loud applause). He further stated that as far as Mr. Hawthornthwaite was concerned, that gentleman was not near Victoria, in spite of the statement that he went to the capital and "talked hot words" to the government. Mr. Hawthornthwaite only wrote a letter. That was only a sample of the so-called truth constantly appearing in the local press. (Applause).

AN ALBUM OF KISSES

Therein are Imprinted Impressions of Ruby Lips.

A clever young Kensington, (Eng.) lady, a Miss Evans, has devised a new kind of autograph album that is likely to be popular. It is contrived so as to enable a young lady not only to collect the autograph signatures of her relatives, schoolmates and intimate friends, but to preserve also imprints of their kisses.

The book is equipped with a little pad of a soluble carmine-tinted substance upon which the lips are first lightly pressed so as to take up a little of the pigment. Then a little kiss is imprinted upon the page in the space provided for the purpose, leaving a clear carmine record of the pressure of the lips. By the side of the kiss print space is another for the autograph and date, and together the kiss and the signature make a very precious and intimate keepsake.

"And it is really marvellous," said Miss Evans, the charming and vivacious young inventor yesterday, "what a lot of character there is in kisses. People who have not studied the subject simply have no idea how they vary. You know how they say that no two people's finger prints are alike, though I collected thumbographs for a time and I can't see much difference. Well, no two people's kisses are the tiniest bit alike. I have two hundred in one album, and there is not one of them that you could possibly mistake for any other.

"Oh, no, I could not let any one look at it for millions of worlds. I just keep it for my very own."

"And do the kiss prints look like kisses?"

"Of course they do. They are kisses, and they simply could not look like anything else. They look like different kinds of kisses, of course, but they all look like kisses. Some are big smudgy ones and some are little pecky ones, but they are all kisses, and you could not possibly mistake them for anything else, even if you didn't remember."

"Have you many celebrities in your album?"

"Not yet. But I am going to. This book is only for my own very particular friends, but I am just starting a new book, and for that I am going to get kisses from all sorts of famous people, if they will give me one."

The kiss album bears on the title-page the motto, "Give me a kiss for a keepsake," and the quotation, "Dear as remembered kisses." Moreover, the pages of the album are to be liberally sprinkled with kissing quotations from novelists as well as poets.

Arrangements are being made for an early production of "Pinafore" by juveniles.

The clerks in the Canada Drug & Book Co.'s store are busy from morning till night selling Christmas goods.

The friends of Judge Wilson will meet at the Hume Hotel this evening, and present him with a suitable token of their esteem on the eve of taking up his residence in Cranbrook.

The Kootenay bonspiel for 1906 will be held at Rossland between Jan. 15 and Feb. 5. The exact date will be determined by weather conditions. At the annual meeting of the Curling Association held last evening in Nelson, it was decided that in future the expense of the annual bonspeil should not be wholly borne by the home club, it being unreasonable to ask the smaller towns to pay the whole bill.

GOVERNMENT AND ITS CRITICS

As Disraeli says in one of his novels, "the critics are those who have failed in literature and art." In nothing is the truth contained in this dictum more apparent than in politics. The most bitter and persistent political critics are those who have failed most signally in constructive statesmanship.

For the last month the Liberal press of the Province has been making a "dead set" on the financial administration of the McBride Government. The attack is obviously the result entirely of partizan prejudice. There is scarcely a pretence of genuine criticism.

It is conceded, as indeed it must be, that the Government has checked the series of annual deficits, unbroken for years before the advent to office of Mr. McBride and his colleagues.

But, the critics reply, that result has been achieved by increasing taxes and refusing even necessary expenditure. It is rather difficult to see how any government, or any corporation or individual for that matter, can convert a deficit into a surplus, except by increasing revenue or reducing expenditure or both.

The insincerity of the critics is shown in many ways. They admit that the Government has been guilty of no extravagance, that the financial standing of the Province shows a decided improvement, that British Columbia's credit has been restored. Then by argument in a vicious circle, they point to the Dominion surpluses shown by Hon W. S. Fielding, and naively declare that, since Conservatives will give Mr. Fielding no credit for his achievement, neither shall Mr. McBride receive any praise from Liberals.

The record of the present Dominion Finance Minister might be a subject for profitable discussion. It will be remembered that in his last budget speech Mr. Fielding himself warned parliament and the country that the rapid growth of the national expenditure constituted a great danger.

But, for the purpose of this discussion, it will be sufficient to point out that there is absolutely no analogy between the position taken by Mr. Fielding in 1896, and the task confronting Mr. McBride and his colleagues when they took office in 1903.

In 1896 Canadian credit stood high, the tide of immigration had already turned in its favor, and the world-wide depression following the financial panic of 1893 was about an end. All but hide-bound partizans will admit that it was due to the financial ability of Hon. G. E. Foster, and the National Policy of the Conservative Party—with which, in spite of 18 years of hysterical denunciation, the Liberals have not dared to interfere—that Canada, as British and American financiers admitted, suffered less from the last world panic than any other country.

It is a far less pleasant task to describe the condition of British Columbia in 1903. The mining industry was at its lowest ebb, lumbering was being curtailed to avoid actual loss, the Province was producing less than it consumed, and its credit had fallen so low that further public borrowing was impossible.

The outlook was dark enough to discourage the boldest and the ablest. The present Government courageously faced its difficulties. Revenue had to be raised and the most rigid economy practised. Remitting of taxes and lavish expenditure might make for the popularity of an administration but they lead to disaster for a country.

Prior to 1903 the yearly excess of revenue over expenditure had averaged $750,000 for several years. Within two years the McBride Government have produced a balance, and restored the financial credit of the Province.

Previous administrations had gone on for years helplessly piling up debt, wasting the assets of the Province, recklessly increasing expenditures, and generally taking no thought for the morrow.

Everyone, except the professional critic, will admit that the first duty of a Government honestly determined to restore public credit was to convince the creditors of the Province that it had at last placed in office statesmen who appreciated their responsibilities, and to whom conservation of the country's wealth was a more important consideration than the carrying of a doubtful constituency.

The achievement is not denied. Even the "politicians who have failed" cannot deny that the standing of the Province is better now than ever before. But three replies are offered, none worthy of serious attention but for the fact that iteration and re-iteration may lead a few unthinking people to accept them without analysis. They are: That the boundless resources of the Province make progress inevitable in spite of Governments; that taxes have been increased until the burden on all industries is becoming intolerable; and that economy has been effected by neglecting necessary public works.

The first complaint requires no comment. The resources of the Province were equally boundless when Captain Cook sailed round the west coast. Every Government in the Province has had equal opportunity to assist and encourage their development.

The charge that taxes have been raised beyond the capacity of the people to bear them is almost equally ridiculous. If it is ever read outside the Province it must be received with blank amazement by those who have heard and read of the splendid developments in the mining industry during the past two years, of the revival of lumbering, of the establishment of many large and important manufacturing plants, and of the proud position just achieved by the farmers and fruit growers of British Columbia, a position largely due, as they all gladly acknowledge, to the intelligent advice and liberal assistance given by the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

It is a comic feature of the situation that some of the most insistent critics who protest locally that the Province is being taxed to death, are doing yeoman service (at the same time in heralding to the outsde world the wonderful improvement that is taking place. These gentlemen surely cannot expect both their stories to be believed at once.

The last charge, that the Government is too niggardly towards public works, while less palpably absurd than the other two, is no less unjust. A public work is rightly regarded as an investment. Neither an individual nor a state can pay off debts and find capital for investment at the same time, and the former is certainly the more imperative need.

Mr. McBride and his colleagues have wisely chosen a middle course. Public works, whose construction is immediately necessary, or which promise early returns in revenue, have been steadily prosecuted. Only those have been delayed whose urgency is not clear and from which results are problematical.

Another criticism was heard at the close of the last session, about which opponents of the Government have lately grown strangely silent. It was urged, "more in sorrow than in anger," that the Premier had lost a priceless opportunity when he failed to secure railway construction at once. The critics sneered when Mr. McBride explained, in parliamentary language, that, as trustee for the Province, he had refused to be "held up" by railway corporations for either money or land.

His attitude has been amply justified by subsequent developments. Three railway companies are already building, even fighting for the opportunity, where all declared that construction without Government assistance was impossible.

If Richard McBride's public career ended to-day he would be entitled to the lasting gratitude of his native Province for the stand he has taken on two important questions, sane and honest public finance, and refusal to endow corporations with the public domain. But his career is not ended, and will not end while his opponents can find no stronger argnments to use against him than those that now appear in the Liberal press of the Province. Critics are entertaining folk, but it would be rash to give them commissions as artists.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

Things Talked of During the Week in Nelson.

In another column will be found a notice from the Manitoba Free Press concerning the Roscian Comic Opera Company. It speaks highly of the musical efficiency of Mr. Cranston's Opera Company and it may be said that this favorable report is re-echoed in every town in which the company has appeared. It is not exaggeration to state that this musical organization will be a greater attraction than any that has ever appeared at the Nelson Opera House, and no doubt the appreciation will be commensurate with the merit of the company. The engagement will last four nights, and every performance should be greeted with a full house.

The Vancouver people are going into ecstacies over a young woman who sings every night at the vaudeville theatre the following delectable verse:

"In the shade of the old apple tree
I sat on a live bumble bee;
Though I meant him no harm
His retort was warm
In the shade of the old apple tree."

The Province speaking of the song and songstress, says "Miss Wilson is a genuine comedienne. Her work stands out as the most amusing in a very funny show. Her smile is infectious, her laugh contagious, and her witticisms all pointed and mirth-provoking without being vulgar."

Rev. Mr. Baer is now getting ready for the publication of the paper that is to supplant The Tribune. It will be called The Nelson Advance, and its manager and editor announces that it is packed by sufficient capital to make it a success. The independent Conservatives also threaten to issue a daily paper, backed by ample capital. The Daily News is already with us, and may be said to have achieved success. THE DAILY VIDETTE, which will be issued on Monday, April 2nd, cannot boast of having any financial backing, but its publisher feels that with years of practical experience, good hard work and due attention to economy, THE VIDETTE may break even from the start.

Manager Horstead fully gauged the taste of his patrons when he refused "The Hustler" company permission to appear the second evening. The show had one good feature, that being the Rollo troupe, but the rest of the performance was positively shocking. Nelson is generally regarded a good show town, but it will not long remain so, if many more companies like "The Hustlerr" are permitted to rob the public.

The Polmatier Sisters' Concert Company will give one of their entertainments in the Nelson Opera House on the evening of Monday, December 18, under the auspices of the Nelson Library Board. The Polmatier Sisters' entertainment includes all the elements of a first-class musical entertainment with a bright concert flavor. The programme consists of soprano, cornet, and trombone solos, quintettes, vocal and instrumental trios. Tickets for this performance will be 75 cents and 50 cents for reserved seats, and may be purchased from any member of the library board. The proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of purchasing new books for the library.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has a sensible article dealing with the subject of immigration. Reference is made to the frequent complaint that in the literature issued by the Dominion Government to attract settlers to Canada the advantages that Manitoba and the Northwest offer to newcomers seem to exclude any reference to British Columbia. There is some ground for the criticism, and the mistake should be remedied at once. "But," says the News-Advertiser, "when all is said and done, the best advertisement that this Province can obtain is not by the methods or the agents that either the Federal or Provincial authorities may employ for the purpose. With British Columbia, more than with any other part of the Dominion, the question of immigration should be regarded from the standpoint of quality rather than of quantity. While scores of thousands can be sent without risk to the broad and fertile prairies of the North-West, those best qualified, by experience and knowledge, to give an opinion, would hesitate to recommend unlimited immigration into this Province. Not that to the right class of immigrants there are not as good—or even better—opportunities open on the west slope of the Rockies as on the east of the continental backbone. But they are of a different kind, and require to be taken up by those who possess the necessary qualifications. An indiscriminate influx of certain classes would result unfavorably to the immigrants, and do harm to the Province. We must be content, therefore, to see our population increase more slowly than it does in Alberta and Saskatchewan, although that does not imply that the material progress here will not be as great as it is in those provinces. Aside from what may be regarded as official and governmental advertising, the most powerful instrument for attracting investment and immigration to British Columbia is to be found in the profitable results that may follow the investment here of foreign capital. The announcement of a substantial dividend by the Granby or some other mining company, is worth more than thousands of dollars spent in advertising as far as inducing the investment of capital is concerned. So with other industries—our lumbering, fishing and fruit raising enterprises. Let the British capitalist feel that we have the natural resources and that he will have fair and honest treatment in the investment of his capital to their exploitation and development, and there will be no lack of capital. And immigration of the right kind, and adequate for the circumstances found here, will follow investments that show satisfactory results."

It is probable that D. McBeath & Co., will be released from their contract to build the power plant. As the work is being carried on at present, the results are neither satisfactory for the contractors nor the city, and the former desire immediate release. Acting-Mayor Gillett and the city engineer are appraising the work already done, and if terms can be arranged, the contractors will be released when the city council meets this evening.

Sidney S. T.
Says that he
Has a dead cinch on the mayoralty.
Between you and me
I think that he
Cannot beat Billy G.
Who is now acting mayor
Of Nelson, B. C.

"That," said the poet, "is a production that I'm proud of."

The face of the enthusiastic curler is about as efficacious as the average barometer in supplying weather indications. When the weather is cold the curler's face is wreathed in smiles; but when mild the facial indications are cloudy and dark.

Almost a week has elapsed since the independent Conservatives elected officers, and Jim Neelands has not yet announced the organization of another political club.

What authority has the Herald for asserting that Cranbrook has more pretty babies than any town in the Kootenays? The Herald editor has visited Nelson frequently in the past few years, and there is no reason why he should willfully misrepresent facts.

Christmas trade this year is better than at the same season in the past. All the stores are crowded, and the purchases are of an expensive character.

The Cranbrook Herald is one of the brightest weekly papers published in Canada. And the liberal support the citizens of Cranbrook bestow upon their local paper is the strongest evidence that they appreciate what Mr. Simpson is doing in their behalf.

The wedding was solemnized last Monday afteroon at 1.30, in Christ Church, Vancouver, of Cecil Mack Merritt, son of Colonel and Mrs. Merrit, of London, England, to Sophie Almon, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C. M. G., K. C., and Lady Tupper, of "Parkside," Vancouver. The ceremony wae performed by Rev. C. C. Owen, Rector of Christ Church.

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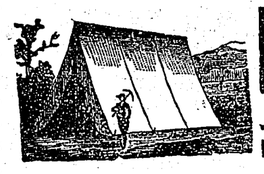

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Owing to contemplated changes in the business of THE ECONOMIST it is desirable that all outstanding subscription accounts should be paid at once. In this connection it might be said that the daily paper which will be issued from this office for the first time on Monday, April 2nd, will be delivered to city subscribers at 25 cents per month. It will take over the subscription list of THE ECONOMIST, thus starting with a distribution of over one thousand copies per day. It will be called THE DAILY VIDETTE. In politics it will continue the same as THE ECONOMIST during its nine years' existence—Conservative to the core. The publisher has received pledges of support from many sources, and THE DAILY VIDETTE will start fully assured of immediate success.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Within a few weeks upon the citizens of Nelson will devolve the duty of selecting their council board for the next year. At no time in the history of the city has the demand for good, level-headed men been so imperative as now. During the year the city has undertaken a work that will require men with special qualifications to carry to successful completion, and this view of the situation has repeatedly presented itself since the work was commenced. Theoretical knowledge will be of no avail; what is essential in the present emergency is practical knowledge. This is not the time nor place to criticize what has already been done; the situation is simply, the work has been started, and it remains with the city to complete the undertaking with the greatest attention to economy consistent with efficiency in the electric lighting system. For nearly a year the present council board has wrestled with the problem, and it is reasonable to conclude that now they have gained valuable experience and technical knowledge of the work under construction. This being assumed the question arises, would it be wise to make any changes in the personnel of the present council board? Would it not be better that the city should gain by the knowledge already acquired by the present board of aldermen than that a board composed of new men, unacquainted with the work, should be selected? In Acting-Mayor Gillett the city has a man who has been eminently successful as a contractor and who during the past month or so has made a generous sacrifice of his time and experience in the interests of the city. He has gained an intelligent grasp of the situation, and would it not be well that he should be requested to occupy the mayor's chair the incoming year? The same argument applies to the other members of the council board, and the opinion seems to prevail that there should be no changes in the board, and that the one vacancy should be filled be filled by a successful business man, and that the election of all should be by acclamation. The citizens seem to be a unit in the matter of building the electric lighting and power plant; in no way can they more forcibly manifest their sincerity than by re-electing the present board, without opposition.

THE ECONOMIST has received a communication dealing with the recent organization of independent Conservatives. No good end can be gained by its publication, especially as there is every reason to believe that it is only a matter of a few weeks until all past differences in the Conservative ranks will be amicably adjusted. At the present moment there is not a Conservative in Nelson who would not work faithfully for the regular nominee of a Conservative Convention. This may not be pleasing information for our friends the enemy, but it is gospel truth.

The prospects for the mining industry were never better than at the present time. The forthcoming year should be the most prosperous one in the history of British Columbia. The renewed interest in mining is attributable to many causes, but the principal one is that the Province has now a stable Government, and the capitalist can invest his money with reasonable assurance that it will not be "legislated" out of existence.

The Nelson Daily News is unduly agitated over the visit of Premier McBride and Finance Minister Tatlow to Ottawa. Undoubtedly those gentlemen should have taken the Daily News into their confidence as to the object of their visit, and reported progress to the same political authority from day to day.

SUPERSTITIOUS FIGHTERS

Corbett Tells of Good and Bad Luck Signs.

In a conversation with a group of friends recently, Jas. J. Corbett, the ex-champion, said :—

"There is a lot of superstition in all branches of athletics. In baseball and pugilism especially do the participants believe in signs.

"Jimmy Britt is now telling his friends that he had a dream before his last battle with Nelson in which he took count at the hands of the Dane. He had always heard that dreams were opposite, but that bothered him some.

"It was my fight with Sullivan I had in mind, however, when I started this story. And I have often read and heard of an incident at the ringside of that battle which I remember only too well, for it was one of the few signs that ever seemed to affect me.

"Fred Wright, a friend of Sullivan's, was sitting near the ex-champion's corner, and had a wad of bills left, out of a large bank roll that he had brought to New Orleans to wager on John L.

"Shortly after Sullivan had taken his seat in the corner of the ring the light directly over him went out. The electrician was called, but the seat of the trouble could not be found. Apparently there was nothing wrong at all. It was an omen of ill luck, immediately declared a bunch of superstitious ones, and suddenly considerable Corbett money began to appear. Several who had supported Sullivan until the light went out changed and offered money on my chances.

"While I was not a believer in signs, I will admit that affected me some, and I seemed to feel more confident. Sullivan wore a more serious and less confident look.

"Jack Dempsey was another fighter who believed in signs, and many a time Jack told a friend that all his success was due to an old horseshoe which he carried around with him.

"Jack always took the good luck token with him in his training quarters.

"I remember well the horseshoe, for Jack showed it to me after one of his great fights. He told me he had found it in a country town that he was traveling through.

"A short time before his famous battle with Robt. Fitzsimmons he lost the half-worn-out-piece-of-iron and he was heartbroken for a while. He seemed to lose a great deal of confidence in himself, but let few of his friends know it.

"Jack lost to Robert, and it broke his heart completely. He died inch by inch, if ever a fighter did.

"Bob Fitzsimmons is another fighter who believes in mascots. Did you ever hear of Fitzsimmons training without having a lion or a bloodhound or some other animal around?

"You could take the whole list of fighters, and, almost without exception point out something that would indicate they believe in signs.

"In a recent letter I told the story of Tom Hyer's first ring battle, but forgot to relate the story of the last appearance of that great fighter in the ring.

"Hyer was matched to fight John Morrissey, who will be remembered by the older fight fans as one of the early exponents of the American prize ring.

"Morrissey had done a lot of talking and bluffing and had repeatedly called the great Hyer a coward. The date was set for the battle in a small place in New York state, if I remember correctly. The plans fell through and the friends of the men made arrangements for another meeting.

"In the fall of the year in the early 40s, I have forgotten the date now, the two men came together. In those days the crowd that witnessed the fight saw that the rules were obeyed.

"Morrissey, who was never in his best days as good a man as Hyer, happened on that occasion to have more of his friends present than the latter, and would have won even if foul means had been necessary.

"Hyer saw the predicament he was in and knew that he had no fair show to battle with Morrissey. After a lot of words had passed between the two men he went to his grip and drew forth a couple of smoke-waggons that looked dangerous enough to kill a regiment of men.

"He turned to Morrissey and said : 'Now, Jack, you have been accusing me of being yellow. You would have an advantage over me in a pitched ring battle, but here are two instruments that will put us on the same footing.'

"Morrissey showed the white feather, and the battle was never fought, either with gloves or guns.

Fame of Cervantes.

The enormous number of proverbial sayings in "Quixote" had much to do with the success of the book, especially in England and France, at a time when the apothegm and maxim were a favorite literary form, and, quite apart from the inexaustible fund of humorous action contained in the work, Sancho's sententious dicta made the novel as a collection of proverbs alone worth perservation.

As in the case of so many of Shakespeare's apothegms, hundreds of Sancho Panza's sayings have become so much a part of our common speech as to sound almost trite when we stumble across them on the printed page. "Diligence is the mother of success" seems obvious enough, but the man who first enshrined it in speech was a genius. "He whom God helps is better off than the man who gets up early" is a bit of worldly experience that comes home even now to many a doubter as to whether we "get our deserts" while Cromwell's "Trust God and keep your powder dry" was anticipated by Sancho's "Pray to God, but hammer away." Another shrewd piece of observation from the same source might save many a tradesman from loss to this day, "He who does not mean to pay does not haggle about price," and the homely scrap of philosophy in which Sancho warns the world against stretching out the leg farther than the sheet that covers it is as necessary and pertinent now as it ever was.

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Dated the 9th day of November, 1905.

THOMAS GREENWOOD.

For the Christmas Holidays

We are now Showing a Full Selection of X'mas Presentation Goods--and owing to Contemplated Changes in our Business on January 1st, 1906, we are offering the whole of our Stock of

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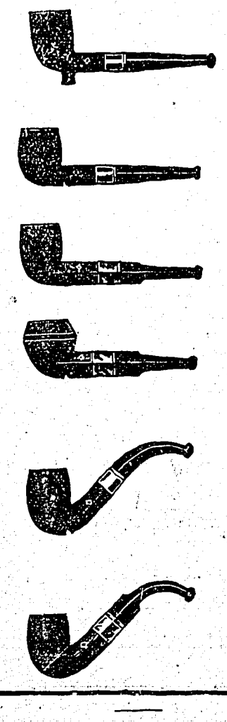

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Depot for Briar Pipes, Nelson

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If you are not—you're not in line—for most people are. I'm selling pounds and pounds to outside people and the largest part of it goes to regular customers in town.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for permission to purchase the following described lands in West Kootenay:

Commencing at a post marked J. T. Greenwood, S. W. post, planted at the northwest corner of lot 6390 (Campbell), thence north 20 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence back to a point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

Dated at Nelson, this 13th day of October, 1905.

J. T. GREENWOOD.

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is always a delight to the eye, and makes a most useful present.

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Reserved Seat Sale opens Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10 a. m. at Rutherfords. Excursion Rates from Ymir, Slocan and Sandon.

GENERAL NEWS.

In answer to an inquiry, it may be said that the advertising space in THE DAILY VIDETTE will be contracted for at the rate of $1.50 per inch per month. A reasonable reduction will be made for spaces over three inches.

Dr. J. H. Hamilton, superintendent of Arrowhead Hospital, is spending a few days in the city, before taking a trip east, which will include a visit to Toronto, Montreal and New York city. The doctor promptly subscribed for THE DAILY VIDETTE.

Vancouver has a strange poisoning case. Two weeks ago, Thomas Jackson took a dose of Epsom salts in some beer, and immediately manifested all the signs of strychnine poisoning. His wife swallowed some beer out of the same bottle and exhibited similar symptoms. Jackson died, but the wife lived. It has been shown that there was poison in Jackson's stomach, but there is nothing to show that the wife suffered from anything worse than hysteria. Now the authorities are endeavoring to solve the mystery, and it looks as if one or more arrests will be made.

There were many sincere expressions of sorrow among his old friends in Nelson when the news of the death of Charles Esplin, sr., of Winnipeg, reached here The deceased possessed remarkable ability in more than one direction. His knowledge of mechanics was exhaustive, and many of his inventions are now being used in mills all over the continent. The Esplin Band Mill was a clever invention, which the inventor could have sold at one time for $50,000. Mr. Esplin was also wldly known as a contributor to the public press, his letters signed "Thistle," which appeared in the "Montreal Gazette" in the late 70's, being a powerful arraignment of the Mackenzie government's system of building public works. His death will be deeply regretted by many, and THE ECONOMIST extends to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their loss.

Of the Roscian Opera Company, which comes here for four nights on December 11th, the Manitoba Free Press says: "The first gun in the Roscian Comic Opera Company's engagement was fired last night when Claude Amsden, Carolyn Lum, Frank Walters, Hazel Davenport, Hilliard Campbell, Jeanne Palmer and a host of pretty girls frolicked into the auditorium, in John Philip Sousa's famous opera, El Capitan. They were greeted by an audience of over 2500 people and settled down to what promises to prove a pleasant and profitable engagement. El Capitan itself is all that a comic opera is supposed to be and a great deal more. It stands at the head of its class, undeniably bright, musicaliy, witty and smart in dialogue. Claude Amsden plays the title role and plays it well. The part is unique in construction, and Amsden's conception of it is clever. There was always a laugh when he was on the stage and he was on the stage most of the time. Some of his antics were sidesplitting and kept the house in roars of merriment. Miss Carolyn Lum developed a voice of exceptional sweetness and cultivation and Miss Hazel Davenport as the Princess Marghanza made one of the pronounced hits of the performance. Miss Jeanne Palmer looked winsome and pretty. Mr. Frank Walters has lost none of his remarkable tones and as Count Hernando Vorrado his work showed the artist, Mr. Hilliard Campbell's opportunity came only in the last act and the little singing he had to do will make any audience wish to hear him in more pretentious roles. The chorus is a strong feature. The women were all pretty and were handsomely costumed. The whole performance was smooth and breezy and the management can congratulate themselves on making a popular hit."

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ANECDOTAL.

A school teacher instructing her classes in grammar wrote this sentence on the board for correction: "The horse and the cow is in the lot." No one seemed to know what was wrong with it, till at last a polite little boy raised his hand. "What is it, Johnny?" asked the teacher. "You should put the lady first," corrected Johnny.

An Irishman, accompanied by a priest, was recently traveling by train when two fat ladies entered, seating themselves one on each side of Pat, nearly crushing him. His "riverence" shyly asked. "Are you sure you're comfortable, Pat?" Pat looked first on one side, then the other, and drolly replied, "Faith, then, I haven't much room to grumble."

Two young ladies were walking home from church one evening, and as it was very dark, though there were plenty of stars, a boy with a lantern had been sent to accompany them. One of them looking up at the sky remarked, "Where is Orion's Belt? I can generally find it, but to-night I can't see it." Small Boy (quickly): "Shall I hold up the lantern for you, miss?"

A gentleman was recently visiting a lunatic asylum and was asked by the manager if he would like to see the motor ward. On the gentleman replying in the affirmative the manager conducted him to a long room in which was a row of beds without, however, any patients in them. The visitor then asked, "Where are all the patients?" "Oh" said the manager, "they are underneath the beds tinkering with the springs."

NELSON ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Take notice that I shall hold a Court of Revision and Appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1903", for the Nelson Assessment District, on Monday, December 18th, 1905, at the hour of 10.30 in the forenoon, in the Government Agent's office, in the Court House, in the City of Nelson.

W. A. JOWETT,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal,
Nelson Assessment District.
Dated, Nelson, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1905.

YMIR LICENCE DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that W. E. Gosnell, has made application under the provisions of the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900," for a hotel licence for the Grove hotel, at Fairview, and that a meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Ymir Licence District, will be held to consider such application, at the Court House, at the City of Nelson, on Saturday, the thirteenth day of December, 1905, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon.

W. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Chief Licence Inspector.
Chief Constable's Office, Nelson,
6th December, 1905.

JOHN McLATCHIE
Dominion and Provincial Land Surveyor
Cor. Stanley and Victoria, Nelson

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Dated the 9th day of November, 1905.

THOMAS GREENWOOD.

YMIR LICENCE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned persons have made application under the provisions of the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900," for hotel licences at the places set opposite their respective names:

Joseph Walker, Russell Hotel, Kitchener.
John Marshall, Marshall Hotel, Kitchener.
John Blanchard, Northern Hotel, Salmo.
William Gray, Salmo Hotel, Salmo.
George Munro, Munro Hotel, Creston.
S. J. Miller, Creston Hotel, Creston.
Fred Adie, Fort Sheppard Hotel, Waneta.
Robert Wood, Thistle Hotel, Granite.
T. G. Procter, Outlet, Hotel, Procter.
Mrs. Josephine McBean, Mersey Hotel, Erie.
C. E. Burgess, Edna Hotel, Patterson.
Owen Boyer, Vancouver Hotel, Ymir.
Mitchell Tait, Palace Hotel, Ymir.
J. W. Masterson, Ymir Hotel, Ymir.
E. M. Peters, St. Charles Hotel, Ymir.
Finlay McLeod, McLeod Hotel, Ymir.
John Breau, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Ymir.
G. S. Coleman, Waldorf Hotel, Ymir.
Samuel Miller, Miller Hotel, Ymir.
J. M. Richardson, transfer to Louisa E. McPeak, Sidur Hotel, Sidur.
J. H. Smith, Kootenay Falls Hotel, Slocan Junction.
Fred Boyer, Valley Hotel, near Ymir.

A meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Ymir Licence District will be held to consider such applications, at the Court House, at the City of Nelson, on the fifteenth day of December, 1905, at the hour of ten o'clock in the morning.

W. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Chief Licence Inspector.
Nelson, 24th November, 1905.

NOTICE.

Take notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate on the east bank of the Columbia River:

Commencing at a post on the east bank of the Columbia River and parallel with the north end line of M. Carroll's pre-emption; thence north 60 chains to post No. 2, thence west 20 chains to post No. 3, thence north 60 chains to post No. 4, thence east 40 chains to post No. 5, thence south 60 chains to post No. 6, thence east 20 chains to post No. 7, thence south 60 chains to post No 8, thence west 40 chains to post No. 1 or point of beginning.

MILES CARROLL, Applicant.
Dated November 6th, 1905.

Land Notice.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the west boundary of the Canadian Pacific Railway, half a mile south of Sullivan Creek, West Kootenay district, marked "F. C. Tireman's S. E. Corner," thence running west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains, more or less, to the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way; thence following said right-of-way southerly 40 chains, more or less, to the place of beginning; containing 160 acres, more or less.

Dated the 29th day of September, 1905.

F. C. TIREMAN.

Tenders Wanted for the Purchase of a Mineral Claim.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned, at his office in the Court House, in the City of Nelson, will be received up till the hour of five o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, December the 18th, 1905, for the purchase of the "Rhoderick Dhu" Mineral Claim, Lot 1493, which was declared forfeited to the Crown at the Tax Sale held in the City of Rossland, on the 7th day of November, 1904, for delinquent taxes up till June 30th, 1904, and costs.

The upset price upon the said mineral claim, which includes the amount of delinquent taxes and costs at the time of forfeiture, together with interest upon the same at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, taxes which have since accrued, and fee for Crown Grant, is $114.75, which is the least amount that will be accepted as a tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, payable to the order of the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, at par in Victoria, for the amount tendered.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,
Government Agent,
Nelson, B. C.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 7th day of November, 1905.

Tenders Wanted for the Purchase of a Mineral Claim.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned, at his office in the Court House, in the City of Nelson, will be received up till the hour of five o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, December the 18th, 1905, for the purchase of the "Mountain Chief" Mineral Claim, Lot 2303, which was declared forfeited to the Crown at the Tax Sale held in the City of Rossland, on the 8th day of November, 1904, for delinquent taxes up till June 30th, 1904, and costs.

The upset price upon the said mineral claim, which includes the amount of delinquent taxes and costs at the time of forfeiture, together with interest upon the same at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, taxes which have since accrued, and fee for Crown Grant, is $76.46, which is the least amount that will be accepted.

Each tender msut be accompanied, by an accepted cheque, payable to the order of the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, at par in Victoria, for the amount tendered.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,
Government Agent,
Nelson, B. C.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 7th day of November, 1905.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the hereinafter described tract of land: Commencing at a post placed at the southwest corner of lot 4216, G. 1, thence 40 chains north to northwest of lot 4216, G. 1, thence 20 chains east, thence 20 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 60 chains south on boundary of lot 7244, G. 1, thence 20 chains east to point of commencement, 160 acres.

HAROLD SELOUS.
Nelson, B. C., 13th November, 1905.