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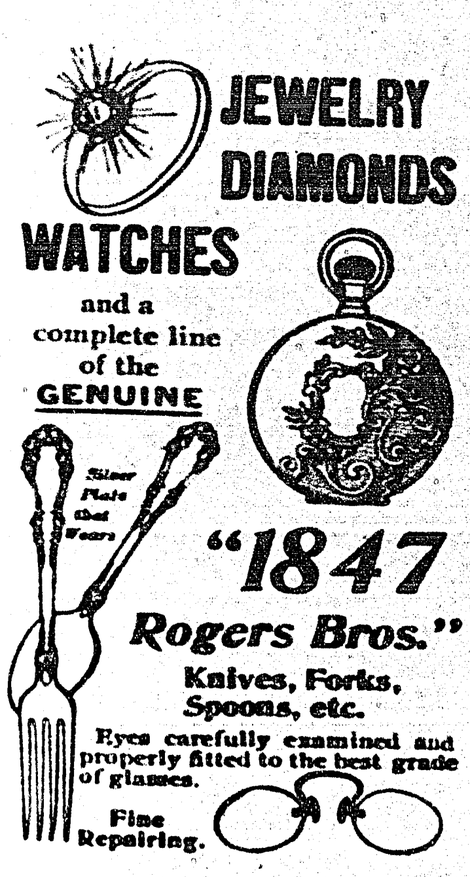


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"PEACE upon earth and unto men good-will," is the greeting appropriate to the season. It's a happy dispensation that once a year though only for one day men silently let enmities be silent; in a world of ceaseless struggle and unsleeping envy it is something that one recurring day brings a truce and a rest. And yet it is a singular phenomenon, more interesting even than other customs that seem inconsistent with the spirit of the age. Christmas was first observed by the early Christians as a holy day to be marked by special services of rejoicing, but certainly of less importance and of less unmixed rejoicing than the feast of Easter.

But very early, how early we cannot learn, there grew round the commemoration of the Nativity a feeling of closer friendship and affection, a desire to gather round family hearths and live past Christmas' over again in memory, to forget passions and trials, to be or to seem happy and to make others happy and especially to gladden the hearts of children by the most effective means, showers of gifts to delight and amuse them and abundance of good things to eat.

We are so thankful for the Christmas spirit that it seems an ungracious thing to analyze it and inquire how much, if any, religious significance it retains for the great majority in this twentieth century of its commemoration. The Church marks it with special services, and yearly exhorts the faithful to again hear the story and learn the lesson of the Babe of Bethlehem, and women and children and a few thoughtful men obey the call. But to the tired man of affairs and business and the more tired manual toiler, it is to be feared that the expenditure of energy and money for the celebration of the feast are the most conspicuous features of it and the only pleasure derived is in recallfng the memory of childhood's Christmas times and perhaps some cynical amusement and wonder how long 'twill be before all others are as tired of Christmas as he is.

The function and relation of Christmas have changed considerably since the days of the first Christians who kept the feast of the Divine birth. Through the Middle Ages the day slowly acquired the somewhat barbaric features of a day for feast and song and merry-making. But what is it now to us?

With New Year's Day and the intervening week it forms a continuous festival for taking a merry leave of the worn out old year and extending a gay welcome to the new. But it is more than that; it is the season of review and retrospect. To keep a record of time we must have divisions; day and night, month and month, and the seasons in their circle form for us natural divisions, but in the passing of time the circle shows no sharp dividing line, but rather a spiral ascent. Our dividing line in midwinter is wholly artificial, but as a means of marking time is as good as any other could be. The closing days of a year naturally suggest themselves as a period for looking back, just as the first days suggest looking forward, and as in our circular course the beginning and ending are almost coincident the two mental processes come together, making it inevitable that a thoughtful man should compare the measure of his happiness with that of the same period in other years and think seriously of the years to come.

Such heart-searchings have a high value for all who obey the ancient command, "Man, know thyself;" and it is unfortunate that social duties so-called disturb the train of reflection. The human shrinking from sad thoughts and invocation of song and merry company to dispel melancholy reflections is a species of moral cowardice.

However, man is a social animal, if he frequently asks the cheering services of others he is no less willing to grant his own for his neighbor's need. It is even remarkable to a philosophic mind how much kindliness is exhibited during this festival season by natures that seem hopelessly hard and selfish.

In this western land of exile which few of its people yet regard as home, Christmas probably brings sadder reflections than elsewhere A reminiscence will serve to illustrate. At a house-party of well-to-do people, a Christmas banquet was in progress, all had dined well all hearts were seeming happy, laughter and, repartee were ringing merrily, the guests were still laughing over the witty speeches of the toast to the ladies when an old gentleman rose and gave the toast "Absent Friends." A solemn hush succeeded to the merriment as the minds of all travelled suddenly home, not perhaps with regret but with thoughtful seriousness which was not conducive to noisy mirth.

Of all the thoughts that come thronging upon the wanderer and the pioneer at Christmas time, this of home and friends left far behind is probably the most sobering; it is not only fear that he may not see them again, that he has parted with them forever, but his mind has grown away from them, they are not now as once they were, a part of his being, these are the thoughts that oppress him, that insist on his noting that time is flying and all things change.

But these gloomy thoughts are as old as the self consciousness of our kind; it has never required any exertion to make one's self miserable; perhaps, after all, it is braver and kindlier to drive black thoughts away and be merry for awhile with the young and careless. If we can steal one day from dullness even by enforced gaiety we are richer by one day's mirth.

A pleasing feature in the recurring Christmas seasons is the willingness even in these hard fighting times to sign a truce till the day is gone. "Peace on the earth, good will to men," is a boon to weary humanity if but for one day.

THE ~~ECONOMIST~~ will not break this universal peace. We will defer to another time our compliments to those of whom we disapprove and wish a truly Merry Christmas even to —— well, to everybody.

THE public and high schools have adjourned their sessions to Monday, the 5th of January, 1903, and five or six hundred juvenile members of society are now looking round for means of diversion. The tests at the close of this half of the school year are not yet to hand, but the teaching staff express themselves as generally satisfied with the term's work. The attendance also was very good until the last month, when diphtheria and scarlet fever combined to interrupt it.

The Christmas vacation should be made by parents and guardians as bright and enjoyable as possible for the young students. Those are the best and most diligent pupils usually who derive most pleasure from exercise and entertainment, and their teachers report that they deserve their reward.

We suppose the police regulations against coasting will be relaxed as far as public safety permits; the streets from the hill present a very tempting appearance for lovers of this healthful and animating pastime.

Sleighing, skating and evening parties for children are now in order. We wish to all school children a very merry Christmas time.

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When the birches twinkle yellow
And the cornel bushes mellow,
And the owl across the twilight
Trumpets to his downy fellow—

When the nut-fed chipmunks romp
Through the maples crimson pomp
And the slim viburnum flushes
In the darkness of the swamp—

When the blueberries are dead,
When the rowan clusters red,
And the shy bear, summer-sickened,
In the bracken makes his bed—

On a day there comes once more
To the latched and lonely door,
Down the wood-road, striding silent,
One who has been here before.

Green spruce branches for his head,
Here he makes his simple bed,
Crouching with the sun, and rising
When the dawn is frosty red.

All day long he wanders wide,
With the grey moss for his guide,
And his lonely axe-stroke startles
The expectant forest side.

Toward the quiet close of day
Back to camp he takes his way,
And about his sober footsteps,
Unafraid the squirrels play.

On his roof the red leaf falls
At his door the bluejay calls,
And he hears the wood-mice hurry
Up and down his rough log walls;

Hears the laughter of the loon
Thrill the dying afternoon—
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And he hears the partridge drumming,
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"It is rather a curious fact," said a well-known gentleman who sports a luxurious beard, "that one of the few occasions of my going to church in recent years is responsible for my growing this beard. The minister happened to mention in the course of his sermon that a man spent a third of his time in sleep, and that one living to the age of three-score and ten, would pass 23 years in slumber. As the sermon was not a particularly interesting one, my mind wandered away from it, and I began calculating how much of one's life would be spent in a barber's shop. Allowing a reasonable time for waits and for the actual process of shaving daily, I soon discovered that in the years left to me, if I should attain the patriarchal age of 70, I would at least spend four in a barber's chair. Think of it! Condemned to four years in a barber's shop! That settled it, and although that was 18 years ago I have never been shaved since."

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Dawson City amateurs are preparing for an early production of "The Bohemian Girl." Three thousand dollars will be expended in staging Balfe's popular opera.

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The Nelson Success Club held its inaugural meeting on Monday evening, the 15th inst.; the attendance of members and friends augurs well for the permanency of the organization The large dining-room of the Waverly Hotel was crowded to the doors and the character of the attendance shows that the club is no select circle but a thoroughly popular institution comprehensive in its aims and interests.

At about half-past eight, the president Mr. Fred Irvine took the chair and opened the programme.

The first part of the programme consisted of well-chosen and arranged vocal and instrumental music, under the able and energetic direction of Mr. W. A. Jowett.

At the close of the musical section, Mr. J. A. Fraser, clerk of the House of Commons, took the chair. The Secretary of State, Mr. A. Sullivan, informed the House that its first business was to elect a speaker. The honorable member for Albert County (Sheriff Tuck) was nominated by the premier (Mr. R. J. Clark), seconded by the leader of the opposition (Mr. J. Wilkes) and conducted by them to the throne amid the cheers of the members, visitors and press-gallery.

As the Governor-General (His Hon. Judge Forin) entered, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms (Mr. Lackey), all rose and sang the national anthem. The speech from the throne contained the usual messages but was certainly not free from controversal matter, which will be dealt with at future sessions.

The members for St. Lawrence (Mr. J. A. F. Richards) and Frontenac (Mr. V. M. Gallon) moved and seconded the reply very ably.

On motion of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Hansford) the House then went into committee of supply, which included the serving of coffee and cake.

It is to be hoped that this is but the first of a long series of similar evenings.

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Hon. W. W. B. McInnes has carried his seat by a large majority. The contest was between Mr. McInnes and a Socialist, the Opposition failing to place a man in the field. In view of the claim made by members of the Opposition that they have the country with them, their default in North Nanaimo is unexplainable.

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The skating rink opens to night. The Nelson City band will be in attendance.

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The election petition against Col. Prior was argued at Victoria to-day.

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The holiday trade in Nelson is unusually brisk.

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## HANGING THE HOLLY.

CLINTON SCOLLARD.

With Polly I chanced to be hanging the holly,
With Polly, the roguish, with Polly, the sly,
With Polly, who's brimming with frolic and folly,
A quip on her lip and a jest in her eye.

The wind, it was grieving, and the shadows were weaving
Their dark web without o'er the face of the sky;
Within it was merry with green leaf and berry,
And Polly, close by, with a gleam in her eye.

"This holly, I know, sir, you wish mistletoe, sir!"
Cried Polly, as o'er us a wreath we hung high;
I looked at her, laughing, to see were she chaffing,
And oh, what a glint there shone out from her eye!

How like the rose-petals on which the bee settles
Her cheeks were! Her lips were the holly fruits dye;
"Be it mistletoe, dear, a minute or so, dear!"
"A minute?" breathed Polly, with mirth in her eye.

So its oh, to be hanging the holly with Polly!
With Polly, the mischievous, Polly, the sly,
With Polly the genius of all that is jolly—
A lure on her lip, and with love in her eye!

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## CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Christmas time is coming,
Coming mighty fast,
Soon we will be knowing
That it's here at last.
Hard to realize it,
But just calculate,
And you'll find it coming
At a rapid gait.

There are signs already
In the house and store
Of the Christmas coming,
And each day adds more.
Often in the household
There is whispering,
Guesses as to presents
That the day will bring.

In the stores there's hustling,
Making needed room
On the shelves and counters
For the Christmas boom.
Soon will all the windows
Be in glad array,
Filled with things of beauty,
Suited to the day.

Soon the same old problem
Will again confound—
How to make the money
We can raise go round,
For the Christmas tokens
Pleasing to the eye,
Promptly catch each fancy,
But they oft come high.

So the thoughtful mortal
Now begins to plan,
Cutting down expenses
Every cent he can.
Well he knows that many
Things he'll have to get—
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"Moralists may inveigh against the smoking habits," said an inveterate smoker, as he lit a fresh cigar, "but outside of the comfort smoking bestows, the habit frequently acts as an introducer, and a request for a match often breaks the ice and leads to pleasant conversation when two strangers are travelling together or perhaps waiting for a train. Sometimes acquaintances thus formed lead to lifetime friendships. It did in my case. When I was a young man an elderly gentleman once asked me for a light. We were fellow-passengers on the rear end of a street car. We got into conversation and parted on friendly terms. A few days later we met again, and finally became fast friends. There came a time when that man's friendship enabled me to embark in an enterprise which made thousands of dollars for me and laid the foundation of a fortune. My friend and I remained on terms of the closest intimacy until his death three years ago. But for our cigars I might have remained a poor man."

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"It is rather a curious fact," said a well-known gentleman who sports a luxurious beard, "that one of the few occasions of my going to church in recent years is responsible for my growing this beard. The minister happened to mention in the course of his sermon that a man spent a third of his time in sleep, and that one living to the age of three-score and ten, would pass 23 years in slumber. As the sermon was not a particularly interesting one, my mind wandered away from it, and I began calculating how much of one's life would be spent in a barber's shop. Allowing a reasonable time for waits and for the actual process of shaving daily, I soon discovered that in the years left to me, if I should attain the patriarchal age of 70, I would at least spend four in a barber's chair. Think of it! Condemned to four years in a barber's shop! That settled it, and although that was 18 years ago I have never been shaved since."

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Dawson City amateurs are preparing for an early production of "The Bohemian Girl." Three thousand dollars will be expended in staging Balfe's popular opera.

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The Nelson Success Club held its inaugural meeting on Monday evening, the 15th inst.; the attendance of members and friends augurs well for the permanency of the organization The large dining-room of the Waverly Hotel was crowded to the doors and the character of the attendance shows that the club is no select circle but a thoroughly popular institution comprehensive in its aims and interests.

At about half-past eight, the president Mr. Fred Irvine took the chair and opened the programme.

The first part of the programme consisted of well-chosen and arranged vocal and instrumental music, under the able and energetic direction of Mr. W. A. Jowett.

At the close of the musical section, Mr. J. A. Fraser, clerk of the House of Commons, took the chair. The Secretary of State, Mr. A. Sullivan, informed the House that its first business was to elect a speaker. The honorable member for Albert County (Sheriff Tuck) was nominated by the premier (Mr. R. J. Clark), seconded by the leader of the opposition (Mr. J. Wilkes) and conducted by them to the throne amid the cheers of the members, visitors and press-gallery.

As the Governor-General (His Hon. Judge Forin) entered, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms (Mr. Lackey), all rose and sang the national anthem. The speech from the throne contained the usual messages but was certainly not free from controversal matter, which will be dealt with at future sessions.

The members for St. Lawrence (Mr. J. A. F. Richards) and Frontenac (Mr. V. M. Gallon) moved and seconded the reply very ably.

On motion of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Hansford) the House then went into committee of supply, which included the serving of coffee and cake.

It is to be hoped that this is but the first of a long series of similar evenings.

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Hon. W. W. B. McInnes has carried his seat by a large majority. The contest was between Mr. McInnes and a Socialist, the Opposition failing to place a man in the field. In view of the claim made by members of the Opposition that they have the country with them, their default in North Nanaimo is unexplainable.

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The skating rink opens to night. The Nelson City band will be in attendance.

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The election petition against Col. Prior was argued at Victoria to-day.

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The holiday trade in Nelson is unusually brisk.

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## HANGING THE HOLLY.

CLINTON SCOLLARD.

With Polly I chanced to be hanging the holly,
With Polly, the roguish, with Polly, the sly,
With Polly, who's brimming with frolic and folly,
A quip on her lip and a jest in her eye.

The wind, it was grieving, and the shadows were weaving
Their dark web without o'er the face of the sky;
Within it was merry with green leaf and berry,
And Polly, close by, with a gleam in her eye.

"This holly, I know, sir, you wish mistletoe, sir!"
Cried Polly, as o'er us a wreath we hung high;
I looked at her, laughing, to see were she chaffing,
And oh, what a glint there shone out from her eye!

How like the rose-petals on which the bee settles
Her cheeks were! Her lips were the holly fruits dye;
"Be it mistletoe, dear, a minute or so, dear!"
"A minute?" breathed Polly, with mirth in her eye.

So its oh, to be hanging the holly with Polly!
With Polly, the mischievous, Polly, the sly,
With Polly the genius of all that is jolly—
A lure on her lip, and with love in her eye!

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## CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Christmas time is coming,
Coming mighty fast,
Soon we will be knowing
That it's here at last.
Hard to realize it,
But just calculate,
And you'll find it coming
At a rapid gait.

There are signs already
In the house and store
Of the Christmas coming,
And each day adds more.
Often in the household
There is whispering,
Guesses as to presents
That the day will bring.

In the stores there's hustling,
Making needed room
On the shelves and counters
For the Christmas boom.
Soon will all the windows
Be in glad array,
Filled with things of beauty,
Suited to the day.

Soon the same old problem
Will again confound—
How to make the money
We can raise go round,
For the Christmas tokens
Pleasing to the eye,
Promptly catch each fancy,
But they oft come high.

So the thoughtful mortal
Now begins to plan,
Cutting down expenses
Every cent he can.
Well he knows that many
Things he'll have to get—
But he welcomes Christmas,
Though he sinks in debt.

## THE WOMEN OF DAWSON.

ALICE RAWLINS CRANE.

MUCH has been said and written about the average woman of Dawson, and it is just about these some woman I am going to write a little more, and as it is my fortune to be among the first arrivals in this newly-settled town, and to have resided here during the past four years of its growth from a few wretched cabins and tents erected on a fever-stricken stretch of undrained swamp to a well-drained, well-built town of handsome buildings, containing most of the comforts to be met with on the "outside," it will be my endeavor to write what my observation has taught me concerning the changes which have gradually been brought about in most things pertaining to my sex.

In the days of 1896 and 1897 there were, of course, no female population in Dawson to speak of, for only prospectors were here in those early days and a few who had managed to hear of the extraordinary richness of Eldorado and Bonanza, and who had rushed headlong to the Klondike, hardly daring to believe a half of what they heard. Such men did not dream of bringing wives or other female relatives with them on the hard and hazardous journey, and Dawson was essentially at that time a bachelor camp.

But towards the end of '97 all the civilized world was thrilled with the news of the Klondyke's richness, and then it was that women as well as men were enthused with a burning desire to struggle into the Klondyke over the Chilcoot and White passes, and to risk the terrors of dangerous rapids in home-made boats, in order to obtain a share of the precious metal which would, perchance, drive from many a home the gaunt wolf which had long threatened it.

In that wild rush in the spring of '98 there were probably two women to a thousand men and while many of the latter behaved gallantly and obliging, there were thousands who acted like selfish brutes, and were totally indifferent to the trials, troubles and dangers which befell others.

Among the hetreogenous mass of perhaps 60,000 men of all nationalities, and many of the lowest grades of desperadoes, the women who came to Dawson in '97 had to live.

The state of the so-called roads and trails, even in Dawson, necessitated the wearing of short skirts and masculine looking boots; consequently the women who come to Dawson to earn an outdoor living or whose occupation took them abroad on the streets or creeks were not dressed in a manner which added any outside charm to female attire. Labor was excessively dear, and women had to either pay extravagant prices to carpenters, paperhangers, and dressmakers, or be content to live in a very rough cabin, rudely furnished, with no more pretence to "show" than the plain, useful dresses they donned.

The few lady clerks, typewriters, and cashiers required were small in number compared with cooks and housekeepers. All were well paid, but few could save, owing to the high price of living.

The means of recreation were limited. The theatres were quite unfit for women to attend, both on account of the low standard of vulgar plays put on the stage and of the almost universal custom of drinking and smoking indulged in by the spectators. The actors appeared to look on a Dawson audience as devoid of taste or education, consequently gave a performance which would disgrace a third-rate dime museum.

Social gatherings were rare, as few possessed the means of entertaining their friends; the roads were in such deplorable condition that driving was out of the question even if there had been conveyances and hacks in the town—but the dog then held supreme sway, and was sold at a price one would hesitate to pay for a good horse elsewhere.

There were few women to be seen, the streets were choked with men sitting along on the sidewalks, smoking and lounging about, so that women were almost compelled to either stay indoors or walk in the middle of the muddy roads.

The "lords of creation" did not appreciate a good woman, but lavished their time and money on the most lawless of the weaker sex; many good and virtuous girls who came to Dawson to seek honest work in order to improve their impoverished condition from the slavish position they held elsewhere, braved to little purpose the heart-rending dangers which they nobly conquered along the trails, for, unable to obtain employment, they drifted into one of the too numerous dance halls, and thence to ruin and disgrace.

But under what altered conditions do we now live!

In a few short years the tent and barren cabin have given place to cosy buildings, comfortable and sometimes richly furnished; the man no longer cooks his own meals after a hard day's work, or complains of chronic indigestion, but he goes to his well-ordered home, welcomed by his wife and perhaps little children who have just returned from the public school which is now a credit to Dawson, and finds a vast difference in the year of 1902 from 1898.

Women have come to Dawson in large numbers lately; their journey there involved no hardships; fine steamers and a good railroads have brought them quickly to their destination which their sisters only reached after months of weary and dangerous plodding. They have brought their children with them, and the little ones brighten the streets and homes by their happy faces. They find that the streets are no longer trysting places of loafers and other pests, but are flanked with up-to-date stores, filled with goods from which it is easy to choose any article of food, dress or furniture needed.

In passing up and down the new well-ordered sidewalks—thanks to the deservedly popular Northwest Mounted Police—one will not see a poorly or peculiarly dressed woman in fact, women in Dawson dress with as much style and richness as the women of any "outside" town.

If there has been a revolution in women's dress, how much more has her treasure been the means of modifying the dress of the male sex! The man who would now appear at the party dressed in a yellow Mackinaw suit or other equally ugly costume would be a rara avis, and the woman who in '98 could be seen laboriously plodding over the heavy trails on her way to the creeks, looking like a dilapidated rag doll, would be a much rarer sight. Neither does one see womon shoveling into the sluice boxes alongside of men, nor working in order to add to their scanty earnings.

Women are now in evidence at our many churches, libraries, social gatherings, concerts, and balls, and can also venture to a theatre at times.

Dawson is well provided with livery stables, and women are often seen comfortably riding to and from the creeks in well-appointed stages, which travel with ease and comparative comfort over the newly made Government roads.

It is said that "experience is the most effective teacher of the race," and it has played no unimportant part in the history of Dawson and the evolution of its women.

I claim that the women have been greatly instrumental in helping to purify the immoral atmosphere which for a time hung over the town; by their influence they have elevated the tone of the men, and are gradually winning for the place a name which will no longer be synonymous with overything which a woman should detest, but one which shall be on a par with that of ony city in Canada.

The critical years of hardships, trials, and stormy scenes which tended to cripple the morals and dwarf the aspirations are happily past, and Dawson women can now step out and take their places without a blush. They can look back on their checkered days as one remembers a bad dream, and they can appreciate themselves, no doubt, more than others can appreciate them, knowing what they have done.

To many those bitter experiences have brought out in their lives all that is best and noblest in women; let us hope that the same may be said of our men in Dawson.

Dawson City.

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A dispatch from Newfoundland records the loss of four schooners.

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The Dominion bye-elections will take place next month.

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It is said that Lrrd Strathcona has signified his intention of giving $50,000 to McGill University for the establishmegt of a gymnasium.

### One View of a Moot Point.

It may be said that the little word "my" placed before the word "dear" has a significance of its own. When used between the ladies thus, "My dear Mrs. A.," it is to devote an extra amount of cordiality and friendliness, and again when a gentleman so writes to a lady of his acquaintance it has the same reading. On the other hand, "My dear Mr. B." is seldom or never written by ladies to their men acquaintances, "Dear Mr. B." being considered sufficiently affectionate. Elderly ladies, however, are outside of this rule and write "My dear Mr. B." to men whom they have known as boys.—Philadelphia North American.

### Unavailing Prayer.

Theodore F. Seward, the organizer of the Don't Worry clubs, tells a good story of a little boy who had reached the multiplication table in the course of his education. One night he was sitting anxiously over a paper of figures, when his mother came along and said, "Johnnie, do you find your arithmetic very hard?" "Yes, indeed, mamma, I do." was his reply. "It was so awful hard that I prayed to God to help me, but he's made three mistakes already."—New York Tribune.

### The Prophet Lost.

"Lochiel, Lochiel, beware of the day."

The prophet put on a menacing look as he spake the grim words.

"Out and upon thee," quoth Lochiel. "Why should I listen to the sorry ravings of a dotard churl?"

"But I am a seer."

"And I an overseer," said Lochiel, and he beat him forthwith four sad slaps on the wrist.—Buffalo Enquirer.

Contrary to a widespread belief that hard woods give more heat in burning than soft varieties, it has been shown that the greatest power is possessed by the wood of the linden tree, which is very soft. Fir stands next to linden and almost equal to it.

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the "International Harvester Company of America" has this day been registered as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, U. S. A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $100 each.

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The Company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and two.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
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Where located: On the west slope of Sandy Creek, about four miles from Nelson.

Take notice that I, Francis J. O'Reilly, of Nelson, B. C., as agent for C. Sweeny, Free Miner's certificate No. B71,212, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1902.

FRANCIS J. O'REILLY.

### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

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

Where located: On east slope of 49 Creek.

Take notice that I, F. C. Green, acting as agent for Aaron H. Kelly, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 51,231, 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 fourteenth day of November, 1902

F. C. GREEN,
Nelson, B. C.

### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

G. West (Fractional) Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Toad Mountain.

Take notice that I, F. C. Green, acting as agent for Aaron H. Kelly, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 51,231, 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 fourteenth day of November, 1902

F. C. GREEN,
Nelson, B. C.

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To Thomas Bennett, Albert Bennett, Maggie Louise Fennell, George A. Hunter, James Bourke, and every other persons or persons having or claiming any interest in the "Galena" Mineral Claim situate about six miles north of Salmon Siding and two miles west of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway, in the Nelson Mining Division, District of West Kootenay.

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in order to hold the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and amendments thereto, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure together with all costs of advertising your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section four of an Act entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1900."

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