THE WESTERN CALL

Vancouver City, Mount Pleasant, South Vancouver and The Province

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HERE AND THERE

It is to be hoped that the council will vote the money asked for by the Markets and Industries Committee for advertising purposes. It is exceedingly important that we should let the world know the opoprtunities for manufactures presented by Vancouver. That such openings exist is proved by the success attending such industries as are already established. It is doubtful if any considerable percentage of our citizens realize the rapidity with which the manufacturing interests of the city are expanding. Unfortunately our people do not display as much interest in the matter as they should. We are so busy making money in property that we do not take time to consider how the property in question is ultimately to earn the revenue necessary to justify the investment. Certainly no great city can be sustained without manufacturers, and the sooner Vancouver begins to take vigorous action in recognition of this fact, the better it will be for all concerned.

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Our citizens are spending yearly enormous sums for commodities made elsewhere that could be profitably produced in this city. Of this money so spent only a very small portion remains here, the balance goes to build up distant communities. So long as this condition persists we, as a community, are losing money. It is bad business and we should make a change at the first moment possible.

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It is customary among us to say that existing conditions make it impossible for manufacturers to succeed here. This idea was formed earlier in our history and it has remained, although the conditions now are vastly different from those which in a large degree justified the view in question. It is to be remembered, too, that it is to the advantage of many and powerful interests that this idea should prevail. In the nature of things it follows that our lack of manufactures provides openings for many business enterprizes that would not survive if industries were to be established here. It is doubtful, too, whether the railways have been anxious to see any extensive development of manufacture on the Coast. So that it is quite possible that we have been led to attach more importance to the impediments in the way of attaining the status of a great industrial centre than they deserve, and as a result have under valued the quality of our advantages.

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One obvious duty thus presents itself and that is to take up the matter in a thorough way and get at the facts. There is little doubt that the facts, when ascertained, would attract investors. At least the situation would be understood and could be dealt with intelligently. It might be necessary for the city to offer at first inducements that would counterbalance disadvantages now existing, but which in time would disappear. This work should be undertaken at once and we heartily support the proposal of the Market and Industries Committee which, as we understand it, contemplates among other things such work as we have referred to.

The License Bill introduced by the Attorney General will, we believe, meet with the approval of a majority of our people. It, of course, is not prohibition, and is not offered as such. Some will think it better than prohibition but it is not necessary to go into that question now. The point is that the act increases the restrictions imposed upon the trade in liquor and provides additional safeguards for the public. It is undoubtedly a step in the right direction and the Government is to be commended for it.

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The commission to be appointed by the Government to fix the location of the Provincial University will shortly be named and will likely begin its work next summer. The city council of Vancouver should appoint a committee to present the advantages of this city to the commission. Other communities are already busily engaged n preparing their cases and Vancouver should not be behind.

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The Legislature has extended for eight months, the city's power to expropriate the shore of False Creek. Within the period named, the city should be able to reach an agreement with the G. N. railway and thus settle this most important matter. At the same time this should depend upon the attitude of the latter company. If it shows itself willing to accept a fair proposal based upon the assumption that it does possess certain riparian rights it is perhaps better that the matter should be closed. In our opinion, however, the deal should consist in absolutely only an exchange of values. Nothing should be allowed in the terms of settlement that will in any way narrow the scope of the city in dealing with such property as it will retain. Its right to to do as it wishes with that portion of False Creek remaining in its possession must be absolute. For instance the city should not be shut up to any scheme mentioning a turning basin or waterway east of Westminster avenue or to any other one, or stated number of plans for dealing with that section . This we think, is sumpremely important. Industrial sites are now and will become still more in demand and the city should be in a position to provide these upon favorable terms.

No better location for such could be desired than those that should be available on the property in question and as much as possible of this should be reserved for this purpose.

Furthermore the council must see to it that the public right of access to to the property from all directions should be freely conserved, and that no other railways seeking terminals in that locality will not necessarily have to make terms for such with the G. N. Railway. The city must retain sole ownership and control of that portion of the section that remains to it.

Glebe and Zeigler, wholesale liquor dealers of Indian Head, Sask., were found guilty of violating the liquor law. They were filed $50 and their license was cancelled.

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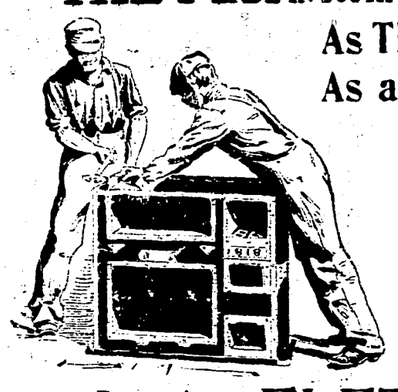

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Two successful demonstrations under severe and rigid tests were made last week at Shaughnessy Heights, with a new explosive invented by Prof. W. S. Pierce of Seattle.

Messrs. Stewart and Pederson, who have purchased the Canadian rights to manufacture the new explosive, experienced rather an embarassing position on the day set for the demonstration. Sufficient powder had been shipped from the factory at Everett, but when the party assembled to see the results claimed for the new explosive no powder was in sight, nor could any trace of the shipment be found. Prof. Pierce and Mr. Pederson solved the serious problem, however. Securing a dish pan, rolling pin and a few other cooking utensils, the party adjourned to one of the little cabins near by, and fell to mixing a batch of the explosive on the spot. After this operation had been performed, everyone present was convinced that there was no danger in mixing this explosive.

One pound of the powder, just finished, was placed loosely on a large granite boulder weighing about one and a half tons. After ordinary preparations to bulldoze were completed, the fuse was fired, and all ran to a place of safety. The jar of the explosion could be felt quite plainly at a distance of 300 yards. On examination the boulder was found to be split in fragments. Several other tests were made, all being equally effective and satisfactory.

In the evening Prof. Pierce asisted by Chemist Pederson, made about 50 pounds of powder, and on the following day gave another demonstration in blowing stumps. Twelve pounds of the powder was placed under a solid fir stump, about six and a half feet in diameter. The execution was astounding. The stump being blown out by the roots and hurled about 20 feet away. Eight pounds were placed under a similar stump, and it was shattered to splinters. Either of these stumps—and old experienced powder man said—would have taken 22 pounds of No. 1 dynamite to have split sufficiently to be pulled by a donkey engine.

The chief feature of Prof. Pierce's new explosive is that it is not exploded by percussion, making it perfectly safe in transportation, nor is it affected by heat or cold. The powder works equally well at 50 degrees below, as 50 degrees above zero.

The blastic power of the new explosive is 58.8, against 36.6 of No. 1 or 60 per cent. dynamite, and no doubt will do more execution for less cost than any other powder known.

Those present at the demonstrations were H. C. Knobel, engineer for McKenzie & Mann, Mr. Harvey, secretary for McKenzie & Mann; A. J. Johnston, C. P. R. inspector; Hugh Kiefer, Steve Garnum, and Mr. Martin, all contractors well-known in Vancouver; Alexander Faulds, mining engineer, E. W. Leeson, Dr. Moseley, F. P. Stewart, Sidney Bunting, Charles R. McAdams, and Bert Ranch, all mining men interested in Portland Canal. These me, after seeing the demonstrations, all expressed themselves as being highly satisfied with the results, and congratulated Messr. Stewart and Pederon on being fortunate enough to secure such a valuable patent.

A plant to manufacture the explosive will be built in the near future in the vicinity of Vancouver.

The resignations of Geo. F. Galt and R. T. Riley, of Winnipeg, from the directrate of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, is causing some comment in financial circles. Their places have been filled by eastern

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At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Electric Railway company, it was reported that over 26,000,000 passengers were carried on the street railway last year. The net earnings of the company show a heavy decrease, for which no explanation has been made public.

PERSONAL PEACE BY PROFESSOR ODLUM

The return of Halley's comet, after an absence of seventy-five years, has set many men busy. The astronomers, scientists, philosophers, speculators and theologians have all taken a turn at the comet and associated astronomical phenomena.

I am atheist in belief and philosophy, and in a more particular way I claim to be a Bible-theist, if such a term be admissible. Hence, as I read this statement in Genesis, I believe it to be true and absolutely natural, as well as reasonable and scientific withal.

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the reaven, to divide the day from the night. AND LET THEM BE FOR SIGNS, AND FOR SEASONS, AND FOR DAYS AND YEARS."

This is simple, plain and emphatic. Men in all ages, even the savages, know that the sun and moon, in relation to the earth, give us days, nights, months and years, as well as seasons. In addition they are for signs. As most observers and thoughtful men and women can readily fill in the cause of years, seasons, months and days, I need not stop to discuss the matter but pass along to another topic.

We have men of the "higher critic" school, who at the same time pretend to take the Bible for their guide, who tell us they know a thing or two worth retailing as first-class matter. They inform us that the ancients, Adam, Methusaleh and other very aged men, saw the new moon, followed by the full moon, and then the new moon following the full moon, which in regular order and at definite times came to make the face of nature bright. New moon, full moon; new moon, full moon.

And so these regular rounds became the measurements of the length of the antediluvian lives. When they had 1000 full moons this was 1000 years.

This is an attempt at originality, but the thought is as old as the hills.

It is an attempt at cleverness, but is too silly for more than a passing consideration. Any thoughtful man can readily see that after a period of thirteen lunar months, the seasons would duplicate themselves. After a period of another thirteen lunar months the seasons would triplicate themselves, and thus in regular order quickly establish the fact that there was a larger period than that of twenty-eight days. For this larger period they would find a name. And this name would stand for a year-fact, for a thirteen month-fact, for a 365 day-fact.

The olden times patriarchs had as good eyes, as good sense, as good powers of observation, as good language adaptability, and as true an insight into nature, especially the starry heavens, as our speculative Bible-believing-disbelieving college professors of the higher critic class.

These ancients saw the light from morning to night, and called it day, "Yom." They witnessed the period between sunset and sunrise, and called it night, "Lylah." They experienced the period between full moon and full moon again and called that time-measure month, "Chodesh." These ancestors went through the pendulum swing of thirteen lunations or months, and sought out a name for that wonderful astronomical fact. This was their year, their "Shanah." So for all the natural divisions of time, they were as well equipped as are our college, speculative theologians, for finding suitable terms or names. And they went by fact, not by silly speculation. In this they were natural, not artificial and atheistic.

Comets come and go, but on their journey they may do a work similar to the eccentric in an engine, or as the governor on the engine. But this is not the phase of thought I would here lay emphasis on.

The marvelous regularity seen in the heavens is truly awe-inspiring, astounding. The moon waxes and wanes regularly down through the ages. In its wake the tides come and go with the regularity of clock work. Farm-

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THE VANCOUVER POWER CO.

Said to be Seriously Violating its Agreement With the City

During the time of Mayor Buscombe's term of office the Vancouver Power Company entered into an agreement with the City of Vancouver in connection with the transmission of power from Lake Buntzen and the pressure permitted to be carried as specified in that agreement we believe is TWENTY THOUSAND VOLTS. No alteration or amendment has to our knowledge been made to this agreement, yet we are informed that the Company, without permission and without the knowledge (presumably) of the city authorities has practically doubled up the pressure and, we are given to understand on what seems good authority, is now transmitting power from the Lake Buntzan plant through the city streets at FORTY THOUSAND VOLTS.

The Company has apparently found the loss on the lines at the old voltage of TWENTY THOUSAND, excessive owing to the increased demands for power, and by doubling up the voltage they can carry a much greater quantity of power, but at the expense of safety of the citizens using the streets through or over which this dangerous current is carried. Increased pressure means that an already dangerous system is rendered more dangerous, and the fact that the changing of the insulators for ones more suitable for higher voltage which we are informed has been going on for some time should have been enough surely to put the civic authorities on their guard.

Seeing that apparently the Company has broken faith with the City an opportunity has arisen which the City should take full advantage of to reconsider the whole situation covered by the agreement and nothing short of placing the dangerous wires underground should suffice to reinstate the Company in the enjoyment of the privileges they would have been entitled to had they fulfilled the obligations under the agreement.

What right has this Company to carry double the pressure the agreement calls for without getting the necessary permission?

Further—It seems that the Company is running TWO SETS OF THREE WIRES EACH of these high tension dangerous wires through or over the crowded streets of Vancouver FOR SUPPLYING NORTH VANCOUVER WITH POWER. We cannot learn that permission was ever asked by the Company or granted by the City for the carrying these extra and dangerous wires through the City streets, yet we are informed that they are there, and have been for some time.

Of course from an operating standpoint it would be cheaper perhaps for the Company to have these wires run to the substation on Westminster Avenue, rather than to have the proper appliances and attendants at a substation where these wires should branch off on the outskirts of the city, but from the standpoint of Vancouver City, surely our streets are sufficiently obstructed and rendered all too unsightly and dangerous with the wiring necessary for this city's use, without adding to all this by the absolutely unnecessary introduction of the wiring of a neighboring city.

If a thorough investigation of the increase of voltage is made, and and if the facts appear to be as stated, may this not have something to do with the fatal accident at the Barnet Tower the other day, although nothing in the coroners investigation shows that the voltage had been recently doubled up.

We therefore think that the public are entitled to have the fullest information regarding the matter.

The following questions would seem to be in order:

(1) Is the company, without the city's sanction, and contrary to the agreement with the city, transmitting power at forty thousand volts instead of twenty thousand volts?

(2) Why is the company permitted to run the North Vancouver transmission lines (six lines in all) through the streets of Vancouver to the substation on Westminster Avenue?

(3) Why does not the city electrican see to these important matters instead of nagging at the owners of electrical signs. Surely these matters are a part, and a most important part of his business.

(4) How was it that the question of voltage carried by the transmission wires did not come out in the evidence at the late coroners inquest.

(5) Is our city council absolutely at the mercy of the Company that the Company should think it unnecessary to ask permission to make these most important and dangerous changes, or to use our city streets as thoroughfares for the highpower and dangerous lines of another city?

CANADIAN NAVAL BILL

The discussion of this Bill as reported in our daily papers appears to show that there are more politicians than statesmen in our Ottawa House.

The British Elector who reaches our shores appears to look at times with a certain tolerant superioritw on the "colonial" members of parliament and we have been apt to think it was simply bombast in him.

But perhaps it is not wholly so. Set in the midst of the nations, Imperial and otherwise, the British Parliamentarian to succeed must first be a statesman with his fingers on the pulse of the international situation. Afterwards, he must be a politician with his fingers on the national pulse. In England to-day, we have Balfour and his following giving emphasis to international statesmanship, while Winston Churchill and Lloyd-George, are pressing a purely political campaign, which unless they enlarge their horizon, will destroy them.

Now we do not undervalue the immense importance, great reach and wonderfully varied interests of the Canadian political field, but the time has come when to have a grasp of these only, will not suffice. The Canadian Parliamentarian must henceforth have qualities of statesmanship which many of our eastern members have not developed, latent in their power to do so may be.

The awakening of China, the wondrous development of Japan, the aggressiveness of Germany, the entrance door to the world's markets, etc., must be as familiar stamping ground as granting railway charters, bartering timber limits and so on.

Little politicians are playing with a tin navy, when the urgent need requires giant units fit to act in the mightiest of world conflict.

PERSONAL PEACE

BY PROFESSOR ODLUM

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ers, fishers, gardeners, meteorologists, and many others long since have learned to respect, and depend upon the moon and his phases for their success and safety. They may lean upon melifluous, logomachic, college professors for theology worthy of the name and sadly fall into darkness; but the moon's seasons, phases and influences come and go in a manner quite reliable, and worthy of trust.

The sun shines, revolves on his axis, swings through his orbit, and returns to his initial point of starting, and never makes a mis-step. However, our higher critics plunge wildly into the chance-cause of all this regularity, this fixity of law, order and motion. They pretend to explain everything on the basis of materialistic evolution, of chance, of undesigning design.

In my judgment the worst form of material infidelity, of gross atheism, of mad materialistic insanity, is developed in our colleges and universities; not in what may be called the purely secular departments, but in the theological class rooms.

The heavenly bodies, all nature in all her aspects, move along the lines of strict law. And yet we are told that law needs not a law-giver. Force, operating on matter, cannot leap over the traces of absolute and well defined law, and yet the very men who point out these laws are simpletons enough to say with long faces that law has not, needs not, a cause to hold matter in the relentless embrace of law.

Every attempt to make fresh discoveries in mechanical appliances, in chemistry, in astronomy, in photography, in telephony, in telegraphy, in any and all possible avenues of research, is based on one permanent assumption, on one constant postulate, viz., upon the sure ground that nature is not a mass of chances, but is governed by law, guiding toward a sure and unalterable goal. Proceeding on this basis, the human mind is encouraged to continue in its pursuit of higher and deeper realms of nature's secrets than heretofore discovered. No man is fool enough to undertake the prosecution of any research, unless he is convinced that he has the opportunity of dealing with a constant, a constant both in force and matter. He cheerfully sets out in his quest, because he is assured that no natural phenomenon is manifested to the human senses excepting so far as definite force governed by definite laws of action produces that phenomenon. The scientist and explorer of nature's secrets feels quite at home when he finds himself alone in the bosom of nature. Here he revels in the great known through which he enters the hidden mysteries, stored away with the long rolls of discoverable arcana. It is this fact that leads the devoted student to consecrate his whole life and energies to accomplish something unrevealed to the human family up to the present time. He starts out on the basis of the constancy, on the fidelity, yea on the acknowledged design of nature. What gives hope and encouragement to the young algebraist, to the geometrician, to the ardent chemist? Is it the assurance that the theorems, the postulates, the axioms, the quadratic equations, the chemical symbols and laws of composition are, and have been put into comprehensible form by thinking men, by masters of systematic synthesis and analysis, by expert experimenters, by logicians and reasoners, all working towards a common and perceivable end. The young student never questions the design of the bookmakers, the reasoning of the geometers and the object of masters in chemical discovery.

In like manner these young students, in the most natural and logical manner, without a word from any man, come to the conclusion that as in the above and other sciences, law rules everywhere, so that law or rather these laws are but the discovered and discoverable expressions of the final and permanent cause of all law.

This is the normal state of a healthy cultured mind. But in the theological gymnasia of almost all the denominational colleges, and in the acrobatic camps of the higher critics of religion and theology, there is a growing tendency to sacrifice all that is wisest and soundest in the training of the young men and women of today. The preachers, teachers, and exegetical expounders of nature and grace have materialized, scientificised, criticized and theorized until they have become two things, two very contemptible things. One is this: They have robbed the people of their best guides and given nothing in their place. The other is a most natural result: They have robbed themselves of all steadiness of belief, and the real power to help those who look to them for guidance. In the end they drift into infidelity, atheism, spiritual shiftlessness, intellectual unstable equilibrium and pitiable helplessness.

The starry heavens, moving and governed by magnificent and constant law, have lost all their charms for the men, who, in order to be liberal, in order to make themselves appear broad-minded, have thrown aside the plainly written word of the men who had great spiritual insight given them by the Cause and Master of all intelligible law.

These men drift from the pulpits and theological chairs into other spheres of activity, of less influence, of less use, and mostly drop out in deep sorrow and failure.

If there be one constant element in all the realm of nature, it is the presence, the active presence, the conscious presence of the Great Cause, the Designer and Revealer of the glories of this wonderful universe. "In Him we move and live and have our being."

E. ODLUM.

Paul Acoose, of Grenfell, Sask., was second in a fifteen mile foot race called the Canadian Derby, at Toronto.

Two collegiates and one or two public schools wil be erected by the school board in Winnipeg this year.

The Canadian parliament proposes to donate fifty thousand dollars to the flood sufferers of Paris, France.

The streets of Paris are in a deplorable condition following the floods and the health authorities are working hard to prevent an outbreak of diseases.

Bert Kingston wanted by the Mounted Police on six charges, was arrested in the Wotrous district after a chase of nearly a week.

A special committee of the federal house is still considering H. H. Miller's measure to prohibit betting at Canadian race tracts. Considerable opposition to the measure has arisen.

One hundred miners lost their lives in a Mexican colliery as a result of an explosion caused by a maner lighting a cigarette. Sixty-eight bodies have been recovered.

Detective Jackson, of Winnipeg, was a witness in the Chapman divorce suit at Los Angeles, Cal., and testified that the statements made by Leonard Philips as to certain incidents at Oaks, S. D. were false.

The report that Crete proposes to send representatives to the Greek national assembly has created excitement in Turkey, and the latter is sending a fleet to the shores of the island under the apprehension that the Cretans intend to throw off Turkish suzeranity.

Evidence given at the inquiry into the Spanish river wreck being held at Sudbury would indicate that the track near the river was built over a muskeg and gave the company considerable trouble to repair.

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LODGES

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JIM HILL SAYS BACK TO THE SOIL

Master Railroad Builder Claims Farming is Only Solution of High Cost of Living.

New York, Feb. 2.—Back to the soil is the slogan that James J. Hill, sage, financier and master railroad builder, would have employed as the rallying cry for all persons interested in the solution of the problem of the high cost of living. "The problem is not local, neither is it nattional," said Mr. Hill. "It is international. All christendom is wrestling with it. Obviously the world has reached an economic crisis. We are not producing food stuffs enough. We must enlarge the farming area of the earth; we must apply scientific principles to farming; we must adapt ourselves to conditions as best we can while we are going through the slow tedious process of making the soil yield more abundantly."

"The Malthusian theory of the too rapid increase of population for subsistence on normal productiveness would seem to have some bearing on the present world-wide situation," was suggested to Mr. Hill.

Ignorance on Agriculture.

"Nonsense," he exclaimed. "Agriculturally speaking, the earth is not overpopulated anywhere. There is congestion in the cities. The problem is to relieve this congestion and scatter the unproductive population to the farms. Then, when we get them there we must teach them how to farm better than nine-tenth of our farmers now know. I believe that statistics would show that not over half of the farms in the United States are more than half under cultivation every year. By this, I mean that our present methors are so loose and lipshod and exhaustive of the soil that it becomes necessary for the average farmers to let about half of his tilable land lie fallow every other year in order that it may recuperate."

"But the people are intensely concerned over how to bring quick relief to the existing situation," Mr. Hill was reminded.

"I am aware of that," he said. "Nobody is more interested than I am. I frankly confess, however, that I don't know what can be done to bring early relief. I fear there is mighty little that legislation can do. The statutes already are crowded with laws. But they have done precious little good, if any. Within the last ten years the cost of everything we have had to buy has increased about 60 per cent. Population has not increased in such ratio. So what's the matter? For one thing, we live too high. When some ladies down at Washington the other day asked me to tell them how to stop the high cost of living, I told them if they would tell me how to stop the cost of high living I might be able to answer their question. The one is as grave as the other." Mr. Hill paced the floor for a moment in deep meditation, suddenly to his interviewer, he inquired:

"Does your wife do her own marketing? Does she go herself to the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker and select what she wants after one or the other of these methods in pricing the articles? Or does she send the cook or the butler? Maybe she gives her orders by telephone. Most housewives in the cities employ keeping the larder replenished. Both are expensive and wasteful. But this is the telephone age, the automobile age. I observe President Taft characterized it some time ago. Each is a symbol of the times. Each denotes that we are living high."

Who Are the High Livers?

"But, Mr. Hill," it was urged, "You do not live high, I do not live high, very few of those we know well live high. So who is it that is living high?"

"The millions who don't have the inclination or the time to think," replied Mr. Hill. "If as a nation we could stop our rush for a few days and give ourselves over to solid thinking, to casting about us to see what is going on, the problem would son solve itself. There is extravagance everywhere and in everything—extravagance in government, in industry, in speech and in promise. We are wasting our heritage more shamelessly than any people in the history of the world. It has been come easy and go easy with us for so long a time that we don't know how else to lie. But other nations seem almost as extravagant as we are, or else the articles we import from foreign countries—such as sugar, coffee, tea and rice—would not have kept pace with the increased cost of our home productions. In a word, our best thinkers everywhere must turn their thoughts to the problem of increasing the productiveness of the soil before we can arrive at the solution. Manufacturing, mining, industry and transportation have been absorbing too much thought of the world's leaders for half a century. We have those subject well in hand now; there is not much more to be learned in any of them. And so let's turn and solve the farm problem. It is simpler than any of the others but it is harder to make practical use of the solution. We know how to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, but we haven't the men and women out on the farms to do the work. So the chief feature of the problem is how to get the people back to the soil. They have got to come to it if we survive. The sooner the better. The movement from the city back to the country will start before long and we shall immediately feel its effects. Until that movement sets in I have no remedy to suggest for the presen high cost of living —I should have said the present cost of high living."

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BRANDON MAN.

Brandon Association to Appoint Amateur Judges—Teachers' Salaries.

Brandon, Man.—A largely attended meeting of the Brandon Poultry association was held in the council chamber last evening. J. Knowlton, president was in th echair, and members present were: Messrs. F. Milne, C. Lamontagne, R. M. Matheson, T. Chambers, J. McClement, G. Darling, J. Ward, A. W. Shaw, K. Johnston and K. McGregor. A. W. Shaw stated that tenders for new coops for the exhibition had been secured.

It was proposed by A. W. Shaw and seconded by K. Johnston, that three amatuer judges be chosen each week from the members, one of the judgs to submit a bird to th meeting whose points will be decided on by them. Over these amatuer judges a supervisor or efficient judge is to be appointed, whose duty it will be to point out by comparison in the judgement the mistakes of the amatuers. For this office the name of T. Chambers, to be assisted by J. A. Garside, was appointed.

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At a recent special meeting of the school board to consider the schedule

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THE GERMAN CONVENTION.

As to Germany: An object lesson as to the futility of a tariff war as between countries such as Germany and Canada, has been clearly shown as far as Germany is concerned.

The fight was an unequal one which could only have one solution, namely, the calling off of the dogs of war by Germany.

With her limited area, and vast population, Germany can only sustain her industrial army by working for foreign consumers. Her land cultivation and the demands of her millions or more of congested population. Therefore for Germany to refuse to deal on a fair standard with a good customer because she could not deal on a better, was therefore cutting off a portion of needed trade which meant cutting off a portion of needed supplies.

As to Canada: With Canada the case was wholly different and wholly to her advantage. She has a vast area, and a limited population. All, and ten times more than her present population could be maintained directly on the soil. She has no need whatever to look for a foreign consumer for her manufactured goods, in order to sustain her hungering millions, her own rich grain fields, teeming fisheries, abounding herds, untold mineral riches, mighty forests are all sufficient many times over to do all this. Therefore she could afford to wait the end of a contest in tariff conflict with such a foe. And she might with profit have waited longer and reached a better bargain still.

As to Britain: The convention seems to have come with a certain shock to the British manufacturer. Grown used to the Canadian Preference, he seemed to take it as a matter of course, in fact as in some degree, his right, and perhaps in a measure this is so. For is Britain not our Mother. Has she not spent of her blood and treasure to seurce us in quiet possession of our heritage since our beginning. Has she not patrolled our waters on either coast, fought our battles, diplomatic and otherwise on every hand, protected our commerce on every sea, made us freely citizens of her far flung battle line in every clime—Yes, well then, perhaps a slight preference in dealing is no charity on our part, but simply a slight acknowledgment of our debt to her. So some men have reasoned over there.

But Germany, who has never spent a Rix dollar or expended a life on our behalf thought we should not be left freehanded to thus acknowledge our debt, and so she raised her tariff walls against us, higher than she did against her neighbors. Of course Canada countered, and so the surtax against thhings German was raised, thus doubling the benefit of the Preference to ngland.

Now the surtax is removed, and half Britain's advantage is gone. The Result will be come more idle hands for England.

The Sequel: That is far to seek, perhaps yet, but if one may judge aright, this step adverse to Britain, will hasten on Tariff Reform in England, if Tariff Reform is to come at all. It surely seems the natural order for the various parts of the Empire to arrange for mutual benefit, a mutual Tariff Preference, and such staggering facts as this should hasten it on.

At the time of the Liberal chaos existant in England it must still more weaken their position to realize that their refusal to meet the preference has already resulted in a partial, and may soon result in a whole withdrawal of the same.

CANADIAN AND GENERAL

The young man who suicided by shooting in the Arlington hotel, Winnipeg, on Monday, has been identified as Edward Brown, of Leeville, Sask. Domestic troubles are given as the cause of his act.

The majority of the Winnipeg city council members are agreed that a commission or a general manager should be appointed to handle the management of the power department.

The annual financial statement was laid before the Winnipeg board by the finance committee. A new school will be built in the Rosedale district.

Edward Henry, a prominent farmer of the Rapid City district of Manitoba, was unanimously nominated by the Liberals of the provincial constituency of Hamiota.

Grain exporters and owners of terminal storage at Port Arthur and Fort William held a conference on Monday afternoon, which may have far-reaching results.

Robert Cusack, a farmer of the Virden district, had his arm crushed under the wheels of a freight car which he was moving with a team of horses.

Joseph Eddy and Fred Widnall were badly injured in an explosion in a brewery where they were at work at Fort William, Ont. The cause is unknown.

The annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers will convene at Prince Albert. Six hundred delegates will be in attendance.

General Baden-Powell will devote time to the organization of boy scouts units throughout the British empire, and wil visit Canada next August.

The Winnipeg poultry show opened in Selkirk hall. The exhibits are larger and better in quality than ever before.

Curlers who are in Winnipeg to compete in the bonspiel were tendered a reception at the city hall.

C. P. Fullerton, of Winnipeg, was nominated for the local legislature by Springfield Conservatives in convention in Winnipeg.

Horace Massingham died suddenly while eating lunch at Brandon, Man., following a hard morning's work in the C. P. R. coal chute.

Ira Stratton was unanimously nominated by the Liberals of Rockwood to contest the seat for the Manitoba legislature.

Ernie Sunberg, a local wrestler, defeated Artie Edmunds last evening at the Walker theatre in two straight falls.

Sam Langford was defeated in ten rounds by Jim Flynn at Los Angeles, Cal.

The programme for the Canadian Pacific in Western Canada for the coming year provides for the ronstruction of 346 miles of railway in Saskatchewan, 45 in Alberta, 174 in British Columbia and 56 in Manitoba, the latter including double track from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie.

The Winnipeg street railway and the city have not yet reached a satisfactory arrangement as to the construction of a conduit on Portage avenue east to carry wires which are to relieve Winnipeg from danger to the high pressure mains from escaping electric current.

Patriotic ceremonies took place at the King Edward and Alexandra schools, Winnipeg when at the former Mayor Evans unveiled a portrait of King Edward and at the latter Rev. C. W. Gordon unveiled a portrait of Queen Alexandra.

R. S. Ward, president of the Trades and Labor council, at Winnipeg, has lost the sight of his left eye through a small particle of steel striking the ball while he was at work. He will undergo an operation by which the sight may be restored.

The Canadian House of Commons during the Friday sitting passed all the public works estimates for the province of New Brunswick. Hon. Frank Oliver introduced a bill to amend the Indian act.

Regina was selected as the next meeting place of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers. The executive was left to take up the elevator problem with the Saskatchewan government.

The British political situation has become more complicated as a result of a speech of John Redmond delivered at Dublin. Rumors of dissensions in the Asquith cabinet are emphatically denied.

The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land held its second annual reunion in Manitoba hall, Winnipeg, last night. About 200 descendants of the members of the Selkirk colony attended.

Hon. Colin H. Campbell, attorney general of Manitoba, was nominated at Morris by Conservatives of Morris constituency as their candidate in the next provincial elections.

Albert W. Lord was found guilty of theft from the farm of Arthur Pilkington at St. Francois Xavier, Man., while engaged as steward of the estate by the Manitoba Investment agency.

G. Gudmundson, of Gimli, Man., died this morning at the Winnipeg general hospital as the result of injuries sustained through being struck by a train near his home.

A contract has been let by the Western Canada Flour Mills company for extensions to its plant in St. Boniface to involve an expenditure of a quarter of a million.

Mrs. Boeker, who was arrested at Winnipeg last week, has been indicted by a grand jury at Bloomington, Ill., on a charge of murdering her husband.

Dr. John M. Charcot, of Paris, failed to reach the south pole, his ship having reached a South American port on its return voyage.

William R. Dick, a former Winnipeg newspaper man and later a resident at Bladstock, Sask., died in Yorkton hospital.

The guaranteeing of the bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway will be discussed in the Alberta legislature.

The Northern Crown bank team of Winnipeg will make a tour to play a series of hockey matches in eastern Canada.

A delegation from the good roads association of Manitoba headed by Mayor Evans, of Winnipeg, waited on the provincial government yesterday and presented a list of suggestions calculated to improve the highways of the province. Hon. Robert Rogers, repalying to the delegation, spoke sympathetically and asked for the preparation of a draft bill to be submitted to the department of agriculture.

Senater Dano, of Prince Albert, introduced a discussion in the Canadian senate on the inland waterways of Western Canada. He held that a small expenditure would provide routes from Edmonton and Medicine Hat to Winnipeg by way of the Saskatchewan rivers and Lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis and Winnipeg. Such a waterway would regulate freight rates.

The argument for a Canadian navy as opposed to a direct contribution of $25,000,000 to Great Britain for purposes of naval defence, was made with compelling force in the Canadian Commons by Sir Frederick Borden. Geo. E. Foster, who followed, impugned the loyalty of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and generally made light of the proposed navy as not really helpful to Great Britain.

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Cauliflower, per doz	.40
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Laying Fowl	$7.00 to $8.00
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Local and General

Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church Monday night was the scene of a splendid exposition of Christianity. The occasion being the annual meeting of the local union of Christian Endeavor of Vancouver, a united organization with a membership of over 1200 in good standing, of which number 733 were present at the gathering last night, together with a number of visitors.

The report of the secretary showed the past year to have been one of success and usefulness. Reference was made to the Christian Endeavor Provincial convention held at New Westminster during the year, to the success of which the local union had largely contributed. Two delegates were also sent to the convention at St. Paul. Efforts had also been made during the year to forward the following reform movements: Better observance of the Sabbath, abolition of the Minoru race track; prevention of Sunday baseball at North Vancouver; restriction of the sale of fruits and confectionary on Sunday at Stanley park; prevention of the reorganization of the Columbia brewery.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the state of the nominating committee being accepted by the meeting without alterations. The honors of the presidential chair were conferred upon Mr. D. J. McPhail; Mr. R. O. Boldt was elected first vice-president; Mr. W. H. Armstrong, second vice-president, and Miss Marshall, third vice-president; recording secretary, Mr. Harold Gribb; corresponding secretary Miss Heather; treasurer, Mr. C. W. Findlay; sujerintendent of junior department, Mr. C. T. M. Sapsford; assistant superintendent, Miss McKenzie.

The league banner, which is held for three months by the society, having the record attendance at the preceding quarterly rally, passed into the possession of the Dundas street Methodist church society; they having been represented by their total membership. Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church experienced rather hard luck in the running, having an attendance of over 99 per cent., out of a membership of 117, only one being absent.

The success of the gathering was largely contributed to by an orchestra from the Wesley church society, who were accorded a most appreciative vote of thanks for their services.

Mr. C. T. Dunbar has returned from a trip to California.

Mr. A. Strickland, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Nicola, is at the Hotel Vancouver. He will leave for Prince Rupert immediately, where it is understood a branch of that bank is to be established.

Mrs. J. M. Strachan, of Trail, B. C., and Mrs. A. E Bruce, wife of Rev A. E. Bruce of All Saints church, Winnipeg, are guests of their sister, Mrs Belfry, 233 Eighth avenue west.

The concert given by the pupils of Simon Fraser school Tuesday night was a splendid success. The hearty applause accorded each item in the program testified to the appreciation of the crowded audience. Every class in the schol contributed its quota to the long series of choruses and drills, the success of which promises much for the future of so young a school. The selections given by the school's orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Hicks, were a revelation to the people on the Mount Pleasant side of the city, whilst Drill Instructor Bundy, whose work contributed in no small measure to the success of many drills, must feel gratified. The individual items were good, perhaps Marjorie Mills' Rule Britannia," and Josie Anderson's character recitation, deserve special notice. The members of the school board showed a lively interest in the proceedings and suitable short speeches were given by the chairman, Mr. Flumerfelt and by Trustees Dougan and Dyke.

Financially the concert was a huge success, the piano fund being richer by $150, and Principal Caspell and his staff are certainly to be congratulated on their first school concert.

The Vancouver friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. R. Rome are sorry to hear of the death of their baby, which occurred last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mills are planning a two months' tour through Mexico, leaving next week.

Miss Vesta Fisher has been in Winnipeg visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher. She will remain there a few weeks longer before going to Toronto.

The annual memorial service to Miss Frances Willard was held in the Sixth Avenue Methodist church, Fairview, under the auspices of the district Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The principal speakers of the day were Rev. Dr. Spencer, Mrs. Macken and Mrs. Challice. Special music was contributed by Mrs. Vermilyea, Miss Hardy and others. After the program luncheon was served by the ladies of the church.

Miss Margaret Gunn has returned home from a visit to Kamloops, where she was last week the guest of Mrs. Hugh McLean at the provincial home.

Mrs. J. K. Cornwall, who for a month or two visited relatives here, has returned to her home in Edmonton.

Mrs. Butler Richards of Pittsburg, who spent the winter here as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Richards, left a few days ago for her home in the East.

Miss Ruth Watson is visiting Mrs. Sproat in Kamloops.

The wedding took place at Christ church last Saturday of Leonard, fourth son of Mr. Henry Young of London, England, to Miss Nancy, daughter of the late William Phaup of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. R. Mackay Fripp gave an address on Art and Utility before the members of the Women's Canadian club at Glencoe lodge this afternoon. Several musical numbers were arranged and the afternoon much enjoyed.

Dr. and Mrs. Bell-Irving and Miss Bell-Irving spent last week in Victoria on their way home after an enjoyable stay of several weeks in California.

Miss Norah H. West, formerly of Greenwood and a graduate nurse of the Burrard sanitarium of this city, was recently married to Mr. Will E. Stokes at the home of the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Stokes, at Whittier, near Los Angeles. Miss West during her stay in Vancouver was very popular and was esteemed for her numerous qualities.

Mrs. Ivan Senkler, who was last week a patient in St. Paul's hospital with an attack of la grippe, was well enough to return to her home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gould, of Seattle, passed through the city last week on their way to Harrison Hot Springs and spent a few days in town. While here they were the guests of honor at a dinner party given by Mrs. C. S. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Gould expect to leave for a trip to England in April.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Charleson and Miss Charleson, who have been spending the winter months in Europe, reached New York last week on their way home and are expected in Vancouver shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Smith, of Ninth avenue, Fairview, returned from a visit in the east.

Mrs. W. H. E. Dunham, of Everett, Wash., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McNutt, 2748 Westminster avenue, returned home Saturday.

Miss Blakenay of Victoria has been spending a few days as the guest of Mrs. Sevigert, 36 Broadway.

A lecture entitled The Fall of Rome was given last evening in Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church by Prof. Robertson of McGill university.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ferguson are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verge, 258 10th avenue.

Thompson.

The body of the late Mr. Allen Edwin Thompson of 54 Twelfth avenue west, who died on Saturday in Los Angeles, arrived Wednesday morning on the steamer Iroquois. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, and thence to the Masonic cemetery. Rev. J. P. Westman officiating.

Mrs. McLagan is here from Clayburn for a few days, the guest of Mrs. McColl. Miss Maritte McLaggan, who was stying with the Misses Whitehead for the past fortnight, is at present the guest of Miss Nora Thomson.

Rev. W. H. Vance of the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, is expected to arrive in the city on Saturday and will spend a week or two on the Coast. He will preach both morning and evening at the special services of Christ church, which will be held next Sunday in celebration of its twenty-first anniversay. The usual congregational social in connection with the celebration will be held on Monday evening.

Mr. N. L. Harvey, private secretary to Mr. Donald D. Mann, has just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. He was stricken on his arrival here over a month ago and was laid up at the residence of his father, Mr. W. H. Harvey, Melville street.

Mr. Leo Parnell Bergin and Miss Gladys Balfour, both of Los Angeles, were married at St. Vincent's church in that city on February 2. Miss Balfour resided in Vancouver for nearly a year and endeared herself to a large circle of friends, who wish her much happiness.

The second annual reunion of the Lord Selkirk association of Rupert's Land took place in Manitoba hall, Winnipeg. One hundred and fifty members participated.

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William Whyte, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway, stated at Montreal that the rumors concerning official changes on the western lines were decidedly incorrect.

Mayor Jamieson, of Calgary, who is now in Winnipeg on his way home from the east, stated that municipal street cars in his city had proved a profitable enterprise.

The suggestion for a union with the Dominion Grange was favorably received at the session of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association at Prince Albert.

Winnipeg has been chosen as the city where the 1911 convention of the Canadian National Association of Builders' Exchanges will be held.

At the annual meeting of the Regina, Sask., board of trade, it was pointed out that during the year $1,250,366 had been expended on new buildings.

Right Rev. Canon Newton, one of the earliest missionaries on the Canadian prairies, died at Victoria, B. C.

The Alberta legislature opened. Charles W. Fisher, member for Banff, was re-elected speaker.

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The schedule goes into effect in September, 1910, on which date the teachers will be rated according to grade and service.

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Quite an important land transaction was consumated yesterday when A Stott, the wel-know farmer of North Brandon, became the owner of what is known through this district as the Dennison farm, formerly owned by John Dennison. There are 320 acres and the price paid was $50 an acre.

Y. M. C. A. Annual.

Th annual meeting of the Brandon Y.M.C.A. was held last night, when highly satisfactory reports were submitted with regard to the various branches of the institution. The total receipts for the year were $12,323.77, and expenditures $14,907.98, showing a deficit of $2,584.21. This is accounted for by the large interest charge which will be remedied for the future as a result of the late campaign, when $43,000 was raised. Four Directors retire this year, and a nominating committee was appointed to recommend officers to fill their places.

An Australian Problem

One of Australia's great problems is what to do with the vast, uninhabited, sub-tropical northern territory which fronts Asia and the populous islands of the Asian seas. This territory is a vast region of 335,000,000 acres of land, much of which is highly fertile and capable of supporting a big rural population. To-day it is held by about a thousand whites and two or three thousand Chinese, who are engaged in mining and pastoral pursuits and some thirty of forty thousand aborigines, who live by hunting and fishing. It lies across the Continent from populated Australia, and is by sea closer to the East than to Melbourne.

South Australia, to which it is at present attached, has made a gallant effort to colonize it, but after spending a few millions in pioneering railways which were not completed, has had to call a halt. The urgent necessity of peopling a land so fertile and empty, and close to teeming lands of colored labor, is apparent to every Australian, and recently the Federal Government assumed the task of dealing with the matter. A bill providing for the acquisition of the teritory was passed by the House of Representatives, but the Senate shelved the measure.

South Australia aimed to reach the territory by a line of railway through the Continent from north to south. Building from Port Augusta in the south, the State laid down 478 miles of line at a cost of £7,490 a mile, and at an annual loss since of £90,000. From Port Darwin in the north 140 miles of rail were built, leaving a gap of 1,063 miles to be covered. The total debt on the teritory is about £3,000,000, and the annual burden to South Australia, including the loss on its railways, about £230,000.

In the proposed transfer agreement, the Commonwealth was to take over this debt, and also undertake to complete the railway scheme. The Senate object to the railway, and thus voiced the opinion of many Australians who contend that the Territory and the Commonwealth would be better served by a line of railway running north through New South Wales and Queensland. The dispute is, therefore, between the advocates of rival railway routes.

The Australians are very nervous over this long, open, defenceless shore line. They fear that they will waken up some fine morning to find it colonized by yellow men from the north to the injury of the conception of "a white Australia" which is dear to all Australians.

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Local and Otherwise

The Young People's Bible class of Mount Pleasant Methodist church, held a most enjoyable social on Tuesday evening. Games and refreshments contributed to the pleasure of the large member in attendance.

Rev. A. M. Sanford is in Valdez island on business connected with the church.

Mrs. A. M. Johnson and little son have returned to their home in Nelson, after spending some weeks visiting relatives in Mount Pleasant.

Mr. R. G. Buchanan is East on an extensive buying tour which includes Toronto, New York and other cities in the East, and will be gone about six weeks.

Dr. Seldon is convalescing rapidly at the home of Dr. J. W. Ford on Broadway. He will resume his practice in a few days.

Mrs. D. A. Cuttle, 3442 Point Grey road, will receive to-morrow and on the third Thursday of each month throughout the season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Blakemore have another little daughter, who arrived last Thursday.

Mr. Victor Long a celebrated portrait painter, arrived in the city for a week's stay on his way to Winnipeg.

Dr. and Mrs. William Govenlock of Seaforth, Ont., are spending the winter months in the city and are at present visiting Mrs. Govenlock's sister, Mrs. Edward Stark.

Miss Kerby is in Whonnock, where she is the guest of Mrs. Benson for a week.

The friends of Miss Mabel Fraser will be glad to know that she is now recovering from the serious illnes that has kept her confined to the house for the past two months.

Mr. S. McKercher, of this city, has returned from an enjoyable trip to Palm Beach, Florida, and Cuba.

Mr. A. Rennie has returned from Seattle, where he went on a business trip.

Rev. Mr. Everton spent Sunday in New Westminster, where he had charge of the services.

The body of John Simpson McAdam, the second victim of the Capilano dam burst, was recovered Monday afternoon, a short distance below the spot where the body of George Hamilton was found. The discovery was made by the same two Indians, and these men will secure $700 in rewards. McAdam's remains were taken to Center & Manna's undertaking parlors and the two funerals were held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCarthy and family, of Maple Creek, Susk., called on old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goard, corner Nelson and Thurlow. They are returning from a winter visit to Southern California.

Mr. R. Sparling gave a very interesting "Travel Talk" in the Robson Memorial church, Cedar Cottage, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the church. The church was crowded and for two hours listened attentively to the entertaining description of the 150 scenes thrown on the canvas. The choir sang an anthem and Miss Millard and Mr. Jackson contributed solos. Rev. Mr. Green, the pastor, acted as chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ferguson, of Britannia Mines, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W R. Verge, 258 Tenth avenue east

Mrs. Miller, a returned missionary from the Congo, gave a lecture on mission work in that leld on Thursday evening in Mt. Pleasant Methodist church, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Allan Thompson and sons have the deep sympathy of their wide circle of friends in the death of the husband and father at Los Angeles.

Mr. H. J. Davis of Victoria and Mr. G. M. Shaw of Pine Lake, Alta., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Short, Georgia street.

The members of Sunset lodge No. 69 held their regular meeting in the Oddfellows' hall on Friday evening. Mr. Smith presided. A communication was received from the grand secretary notifying the lodge that a new lodge was to be instituted at East Collingwood on Tuesday, February 15, and invited the lodge to be present. Mr. Murfitt resigned office as press correspondent, and Mr. A. Tims was elected to fill the vacant office. A meeting of the members of the lodge paper

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was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Maud Vosper.

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An owl service may be established on the belt line some Thursday at two o'clock—may be.

The isolation hospital is still without a site. Medcal Health Officer Underhill prefers the hospital near the centre of the city, as this will often save a journey through painful roads.

The regular monthly meeting of Sixth Avenue Methodist congregation was held last night. A number of new members were received. An interesting discussion on church life and work took place.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church held their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon, there being a very large attendance The ladies decided to complete the calender scheme started last year in aid of the organ fund. While proving a most successful scheme last year it was not finished and the ladies intend to complete the calender this year. Other items of interest was the dispensing with the honor roll as conducted last year, and the decision to constitute the guild a reception committee, and beginning on Sunday six members of the society will be stationed at the doors of the church to welcome and get acquainted with strangers.

The ladies will take turns in meeting visitors and new adherents.

M. P. M. Junior Bible Class.

A very enjoyable social was given on Tuesday evening in the banquet hall of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Junior Bible class, about 80 members being present. A unique feature of the evening was each member representing a book and this game was followed by an amusing guessing contest upon "the tree." Miss Blakenay delighted those present with a number of vocal solos. Refreshments brought a pleasant evening to an end.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

The usual monthly meeting of the executive of the Associated Charities was held on Monday afternoon in the city hall council chamber. In the absence of the president, Rev. H. G Fiennes-Clinton, the chair was taken by Staff Capt. Collier. The secretary, Mrs. W. H. Griffin, stated that in connection with the resolution sent to different members of the Legislature respecting the building of a new Old People's home, she had received replies from Attorney-General Bowser, Premier McBride and Messrs. McGuire and Tisdall, M.P.P. The letters were referred to the committee in charge of the project.

Mrs. James Macaulay stated that she had heard that Mr. Bowser had said that some years ago the sum of $5,000 had been left for the purpose of founding an Old People's home, but unfortunately the money had been lost sight of in some way. It would be looked into, however.

Mrs. Griffin, Dr. Underhill, Mr. McMahon and Rev. G. H. Wilson were appointed a committee to look into the question of finding new headquarters for the superintendent.

Dr. Underhill urged that a committee should be formed to wait on the city council for a renewal of the usual grant. He thought they should ask for at least $2,000 this year." Dr. Underhill, Rev. Mr. Wilson, the secretary and Rev. Mr. Wright were apointed to form the same.

The report of Supt. McMahon showed that the total number of cases dealt with during January was 74, while cases in al amounted to 166. There were 30 new cases.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Pilkington, showed a satisfactory balance.

Miss Maud and Miss Nellie Vosper have returned from Vernon, where they were visiting relatives.

Mrs. Conway Cartwright received Friday, Feb. 18, for the first time since her marriage at her residence, 1630 Stephen street, Kitsilano.

WEDDING BELLS

Fraser—Findlay.

A quiet wedding took place Tuestay morning at 9:30 o'cock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Findlay, when their daughter, Florence was united in marriage to Mr. Lisle C. Fraser. Rev. R. J. Wilson performed the ceremony.

SMITH-CROKER.

A quiet home wedding took place Wednesday forenoon at the home of Mrs. Amelia Crocker, 508 Seventh avenue east, when her youngest daughter Miss Fannie Sophia Crocker and Mr. Francis W. Smith, of Nanaimo, were united in marriage by the Rev. J. W. Woodside. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Albert Crocker and wore a gown of cream silk, made princess style, trimmed with white lace, and caried a bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Lulu Mellon, neice of the bride, was bridesmaid, and was attired in a pretty dress of pale blue silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was supported by his brother Mr. James Smith of Comox, B. C. After the ceremony the guests, the immediate relatives of the couple, partook of a dainty wedding luncheon. Mr. and Mrs Smith left on the Princess Charlotte for Victoria, where they will spend their honeymoon en route to Nanaimo, where they will reside.

Billhouse—Donald.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday morning, Feb 16th, at 10 a. m. at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Shannon, 1166 Sixth avenue when Rev. E. W. Stapleford united in marriage Mr. Edward Bellhouse and Miss Charlotte Donald, both of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bellhouse left by the noon boat for Seattle and upon their return will reside on Eleventh avenue.

OBITUARY.

Archer.

The funeral of the late Lawrence Edward Archer took place Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, 1266 Eighth avenue west. The Rev. J. P. Westman officiating.

Fitzgerald.

The funeral of John Fitzgerald, who was drowned on Saturday, took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from Greene & Simpson's chapel. The funeral being in charge of the Sailor's Union.

McCleery.

The death occurred Monday of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. McCleery, The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Green & Simpson's parlors.

Weaver.

The funeral of the late Leigh Weaver, who was killed in the electric tower at Barnet last Wednesday, took place Monday afternoon t 2 o'clock from Center & Hanna's parlors. The Rev. H. G. F. Clinton officiating.

Owen.

The death occurred Tuesday of Bessie Owen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Owen of 1949 Tenth avenue east. The funeral took place Thursday morning, Rev. Stillman, officiating.

Kayall.

The death occurred in this city yesterday afternoon of Henry Edward Kyall. Mr. Kayall was well known in this city and was at one time secretary of the Royal Vancouver Yacht club. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Center & Manna's parlors.

Page.

The funeral of Miss Ethel Violet Kent Page was held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from Armstrong & Edwards' chapel. The Rev. J. P Westman officiated.

Balfour.

The funeral of Robert Balfour, an oldtimer of this province, took place at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the family residence, 522 Tenth avenue east, the Rev. J. P. Westman officiating. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. The three brothers of the deceased came from Saskatchewan to attend the funeral, and his son, whose home is at North Bay, Ont., was also present. Mr. Balfour's death occurred on the 15th inst.

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