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Harbor Commission

The most serious problem facing the citizens of Vancouver to-day is the question of how best to develop the Port of Vancouver. Nature has done its part on a prodigal scale. Our harbor is landlocked as far as Burrard Inlet is concerned, and in addition to this we have English Bay, False Creek and the Fraser River.

The time has arrived when this city should seriously take up the question of nationalization of the port or the appointment of a Board of Harbor Commissioners, which is practically the same. We read that "the Toronto Harbor Bill, now on its way through Parliament, places the city harbor under a Commission of five members, three appointed by the municipality, one by the local Board of Trade, and one by the Dominion Government. The board will have authority over the waterfront of several miles and the Government is expected to contribute largely towards the development of shipping facilities at Toronto, as it already done at Montreal."

We are quite aware that some steps were taken a few years ago to this end in Vancouver, but they were dropped for some unknown reason. It is a tremendous problem but worthy of the attention of the best brains in our rapidly growing city. When the Panama Canal is opened it will mark the commencement of a new era for Vancouver, and now is the time to prepare for this advancement.

LABOR VS. IMMIGRATION.

In an editorial on the labor page of the "World," of Saturday last, Mr. Pettipiece gives expression to some remarks we can scarcely allow ourselves without comment.

Speaking of the great influx of immigrants to Canada, he says:

"Vancouver alone from 200 to 400 British are arriving daily. The glutted condition of the labor market under such circumstances renders assimilation almost impossible."

We conclude from this statement that there is a serious objection by the labor men of this city to the immigration of the British settler. This is not the sentiment of the bulk of our population. Apparently Mr. Pettipiece wishes to this great undeveloped province in its present state as an heirloom to our children.

Then he has this to say regarding the condition of the workingman: "The standard of living is being surely and mercilessly lowered. We are quite willing to agree that the cost of living is growing yearly, but it is largely so because the standard of living is higher to-day than ever before. Things that are looked upon as necessities were viewed as luxuries a few years ago. It is not true to say the standard of living is being lowered. That would be pessimistic."

It follows this enlightening clause:

"The limitations of trade organizations are becoming self-evident, and the tendency to transfer conflict from the industrial to the political field, the one ray of hope in what might otherwise be a hopeless struggle against appetite." This is really the foundation cause of all the trouble of the last few weeks. Mr. Pettipiece, in making that last statement, "to transfer the conflict to the political field," has divulged the secret of the whole movement. In other words, dissatisfaction with the rate of progress being made in labor reforms, he seeks to facilitate the movement by one bold stroke, that is, the destruction of unionism and the substitution of Socialism, anarchy, because Mr. Pettipiece's Socialism is void of toleration and is simply a propaganda kicking one "class" out and placing another in. He says:

"The workers have few; the workers are the employers. The workers have the votes. An intelligent franchise would reverse the present situation in short order."

There is no doubt that a revolution can never come by revolution. There is such a thing as a "revolutionary Socialist," but a true sense is only possible by an "evolutionary process."

Every day passes without some news of "socializing" of some great public utility—waterworks, the telephone, the lighting system, the canals, the post office, the government system as we have it in Canada, Lloyd's Insurance Bill, the old age pension, harmoniums, hydro-electric systems—and others which were thought to be mad a few years ago. In one sense there has been a revolution in the last twenty-five years, but of the Pettipiece type.

Our policy is to encourage and welcome British immigration to British Columbia. We cannot get rid of them. It may spoil the plans of a type of labor exploiters, but will ultimately be to the benefit of the nation. If we rely on our own flesh and blood we will see a steady and ever-growing influx of Orientals, which would be disastrous.

The suggestion that we will be unable to assimilate "400 Britishers," is so absurd as to be worthy of even such an extremist as Pettipiece. By "we" he means a select few who are exactly as he does and in the final analysis reduced to "one."

It is a coincidence which we would draw the attention to, viz., the mad efforts of certain agitators to precipitate a crisis in union and the announcement recently made by the ship Mayor Taylor, that he is going to form a new "Provincial Party." Both of these movements have been launched through the pages of the "World," which leads us to conclude there is a vital connection between the

Investigation Commences

Over Fifty Letters as Evidence—Some Astonishing Revelations—Seagraves Expect Carlisle to Control Committee—Kept Continually Posted in Advance.

Our readers will remember that some very strong and uncomplimentary terms were applied to the editor of this journal at recent meetings of the city council by Ald. Enright, the mayor and the fire chief, because of articles appearing in these columns re the administration of the Fire Department. It was, however, considered by the city council that the charges made were of sufficient importance to warrant an investigation under oath, and this was ordered, the first formal meeting being held Wednesday last at 2 p.m. At this meeting only three clauses in the list of charges were taken up, viz., (1) That unwarranted favor was shown Seagraves & Company; (2) That the aerial truck for which the city has paid Seagraves \$17,500, was largely an experiment on their part and had been out of commission for lengthy periods; and (3) That the said aerial truck was not worth to the city \$17,500. Mr. Armour, of Davis, Marshall & McNeil, acting for Ald. Stevens, who had preferred the charges, read and formally filed some fifty-nine letters written by the chief to Seagraves or received from them, and the following extracts from these letters speak for themselves, and our readers are left to judge as to the accuracy of the appellations applied to the editor, such as "liar," "cur," "yellow dog," etc.

1. That favor is shown Seagraves.

Letter February 13, 1911, Chief Carlisle to E. P. Browning, agent for Seagraves:

"Included in my estimates for 1911 is \$14,000 for a gasoline pumping engine, and \$17,000 for an auto-propelled water tower. These have not yet passed council, but I think they will go through. I have been wondering since doing it whether the amounts are large enough. I suppose it would be hard to satisfy your agents, but would like to know whether the machines are worth that amount of money or no."

"We will be calling for tenders about April 1, but you need not expect any show at them on account of the slow delivery of last machines."

Letter answering this, February 21, 1911, Browning to Carlisle:

"I note you have put in an estimate for gasoline engine and water tower. It will be too bad that I will not have an opportunity of bidding on these owing to slow delivery of my last. If I thought you meant that, Chief, I would take the first train for Vancouver, and you can gamble that there would be trouble when I got there."

"I have received a letter from the Seagraves Company in reply to your recent letter, and Mr. King (the civic auto expert) has no doubt received a letter from them as they stated. Now, Chief, remember this, the Seagraves Company are going to take care of you on those machines, and everything is going to be all right, and I want you to feel perfectly sure that this is going to be the case, and that the dealings you are going to have with Seagraves are going to be right. I am in a better position to dictate to this company (Walkerville branch) than I am with the Company at Columbus (parent company)."

Letter June 17, 1909, Carlisle to Phillips, Seagraves' Seattle agent.

"Don't be a bit backward in giving anyone an introduction to me and I will do all I can to exhibit the machines, and I will entertain them to the best of my ability."

"Mr. Baehold was strongly in favor of your machines, I impressed upon him the advisability of getting the machines from apparatus builders, and told him that on our last contract we gave the preference to your makes of machines AL-

THOUGH THE OTHER WAS SOME \$6,000 LOWER. I also told him that I would rather give \$1,000 more for a machine built by your company than by people who had no experience."

Letter, November 23, 1910, Carlisle to Browning, agent.

"I understand Victoria wants to buy. I would like to see him get a 'Merryweather Truck' so I could see it working without going to expense and bother of getting one myself, but I don't intend to get one anyhow."

"You had better be along here when the apparatus is delivered as in all probability the \$5.00 per day penalty clause in the contract will be enforced."

"What time do you expect to be along here? There is a little information I would like to give you personally regarding the future purchases of our apparatus."

Letter August 27, 1909, Chief Carlisle to Browning, agent.

"There was nothing done with the patrol wagon yesterday. Chief Chamberlain wanted it to lay over for two weeks, which, of course, I done. I do not know his reason for doing so. I got a favorable report from F. King (civic auto expert) on your apparatus, copy of which I am enclosing. I will write you on further developments. I saw Ald. Campbell yesterday, he seemed a little put out about Chief Chamberlain's action."

Letter, September 25, 1909, Seagraves to Carlisle.

"I received a telegram stating that committee were going to award the patrol wagon to Napier. I am greatly disappointed, Chief."

"I am still clinging to the hope that you may be able to swing this over and get me the contract. With kindest personal regards and thanking you for the great interest shown on my behalf."

Letter January 24, 1910, Browning to Carlisle.

"I am very pleased to note that you are about to make purchase of more apparatus. I received a paper from Vancouver which gave a list of the newly elected members of the council, and I regret very much to know that our friend Ald. Campbell failed in re-election."

"Of course, Chief, you will have everything well in hand, and I presume you will have no trouble in having your way about the purchasing of apparatus, but I think it would be best under the circumstances for me to come to Vancouver several days before bids are to be opened and taken up by the committee. I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL TO WORK THIS DEAL A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY FROM WHAT WE HAVE THOSE IN THE PAST, and you know without my saying it, that I am anxious to secure the business. Now, Chief, will you please keep me posted as to just when this deal will come up so that I can arrange matters to start immediately for Vancouver and stay until the deal is closed."

Letter February 3rd, 1910, Carlisle to Browning, agent Seagraves.

"We have your letter of January 27, and noted contents. We will keep you posted as regards our new apparatus, when it passes council. I do not know what the council will allow me, but I have asked for five pieces of auto apparatus, besides an auto each for the assistant chief and myself."

City Saves Big Sum

The investigation resulting from the statements made in these columns some weeks since has already resulted in a saving to the city of \$2,250.

On April 25, 1911, Chief Carlisle and Auto Expert King recommended the purchase of an aerial truck from Seagraves for \$17,250. This was attacked by Ald. Stevens in council, when he was called to order by the mayor for opposing the motion to purchase at these figures, the council, however, supported the amendment and the matter was referred back. Then followed the articles in the "Call." The committee finally decided to call for new tenders and last Monday the council accepted their report, which completely turned down the Seagraves \$17,250 truck for a "Webb," at \$15,000, which they consider to be much the better piece of apparatus, thus saving the city \$2,250.

Letter Browning to Carlisle, February 7, 1910.

"I note you say you will let me know when the apparatus deal passes the city council, but owing to the fact of the little mix up we had on the last apparatus that was bought, I am naturally very anxious to keep this deal well in hand, so there will be no possibility of losing it. I would rather come there, Chief, and spend a week or ten days before the deal comes up and work it a little differently than we have in the past rather than take any chances of losing the business."

"I am getting very anxious indeed to see you, Chief, and be able to sit down and visit with you."

Letter Browning to Carlisle, February 22, 1910.

"Your telegram stating that you expect tenders on auto apparatus will arrive April 7th received. I am very glad of this, and will endeavor to be on the ground in plenty of time."

Letter Carlisle to Browning, June 24, 1910.

"I think I could have sold for you an 80 h.p. combination for Prince Rupert, but was unable to give them exact prices or specifications."

However, I saw the mayor of Prince Rupert and wrote the chairman of the Fire Committee and will do anything I can for you in the meantime."

2. That the aerial truck was somewhat of an experiment and a partial failure.

Letter, April 6, 1909, Seagrave to Browning, the agent.

"Re shipment of apparatus to Carlisle, of Vancouver, we are just as desirous to get this apparatus shipped as Chief Carlisle, and are mortified at the delay. We would consider it folly for us and a misfortune to the Chief if we let things go out there knowing that they were not going to be satisfactory. Things developed which indicated where improvements can be made, and it looks too bad to hurry them."

Letter, October 28, 1909, Seagraves to Carlisle.

"We hasten to reply. . . . We are sorry to learn that you had some trouble with the aerial truck skidding. . . ."

Letter, July 29, 1909, Seagraves to Carlisle.

Explaining delay in delivery and stating "this is the first air-cooled engine of this size and capacity we have made, etc."

Letter, Feb. 6, 1911, Carlisle to Browning.

"We have had a lot of trouble with the ladder truck of late, and it has been out of commission for a considerable time, and we have been put to a lot of inconvenience with getting spare parts."

Our Mr. King (the expert) is determined to make her into a water-cooled, which would mean a great deal of expense, but if I can get her to run satisfactory without making change, we will do so. The last gears we ordered would not mesh with the old ones so we had to get them softened and re-cut, and in hardening them again they were so brittle that they went all to pieces."

Letter Carlisle to Browning, Nov. 23, 1910.

"Some of our last apparatus are not giving good satisfaction, minor accidents laying up some of the machines for weeks at a time through having to wait for parts to come from East."

3. Be the cost of the aerial truck.

This is not yet formally before committee, and hence we will not comment on it in this issue.

The foregoing letters speak for themselves and were simply read and formally filed with the investigating committee.

The committee is again sitting as we go to press, and it is expected that Chief Carlisle will be put on the stand and examined.

The other charges will be investigated as rapidly as possible, a full account of which will appear next week.

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ECONOMIES IN COOKING.

(By M. C. Daly.)

In these days of high-priced food-stuffs, nothing pleases the economical housewife more than to be able to prepare a delicious and nourishing repast at a comparatively small cost. This is a result that may be attained in several ways, but the most satisfactory ways that I know are: (1) To stop using the expensive cuts of meat, except on rare occasions, and at other times ordering the cheaper cuts; and (2) to serve smaller quantities of meat at meals by substituting food that are just as tasty, just as nutritious, and in every way as satisfying, but considerably less expensive.

Of course, we cannot deny that the so-called "best" cuts of meats deserve that title, but when a woman is compelled to bring the cost of her table within the bounds of an ordinary allowance, some of the niceties of life must, for the moment, be disregarded. At such times it is only necessary to remember that meals, to be nutritious, do not have to come from the most expensive cuts. Some of the cheaper cuts give proportionately a far greater amount of strength, and, so long as they are juicy and well-flavored, they make an excellent substitute. A small, tender chuck steak, after being well pounded, is most appetizing when broiled, while meats that are less tender can have all the "toughness" eliminated by being subjected to a process of long, slow cooking, like that of the casserole, and when cooked with vegetables and well-seasoned they lose all their objectionable qualities.

Noodles.

Noodles made as follows are also good, either with chicken or with beef: Beat an egg slightly, but do not let it foam. Salt it to season the dough, and then work in all the flour the egg can be made to take up. Place the dough on the mixing-board and knead in flour until it is stiff and smooth, then roll out as thin as possible. Let the sheet dry for a time, but roll it up into a roll before it gets dry enough to break. Slice from the end and shape into strings. The thinner the dough is rolled and the finer it is cut the more delicious the noodles will be.

Like the dumplings, these must be kept boiling, not simmering, for fifteen minutes.

Noodles are also good without meat. Boil in salted water fifteen minutes and drain. Put in rather a deep pan, seasoning with salt and pepper, and pour over them enough sweet milk to cover. Over the top grate cheese to the depth of half an inch, cover and bake one hour, removing the cover the last fifteen minutes.

Propriety of a Lace Veil for a Young Girl.

At what age is it correct for a young girl to wear a lace veil? In France young girls never wear lace veils. It is thought that their fresh young faces do not need them, and that it is well to mark the difference between youth and middle life by certain differences in dress. With us there is only the restriction of the good taste of the young girl herself or her mother.

Some of the new dress shoes are made of satin covered with gold and silver lace with gold or silver heels to match.

HAIR ORNAMENTS FOR GIRLS.

Simplicity rules in the arrangement of the hair for all young girls, and while the braid or twist is still tied with ribbons, no further adornment must be contemplated. For the college girl, however, and a girl at her college "prom," there are some novel ornamentations of ribbon and flowers that are delightfully simple and girlish in effect, and sure to be becoming if carefully adjusted. Most of these ornaments a girl can easily fashion for herself.

With the hair worn in a Grecian knot at the back of the head a flat band of velvet ribbon about two inches in width held firm by fine wire and finished at each end with a little cluster of tiny rosebuds or of forget-me-nots will be extremely pretty. A piece of ribbon about half a yard long is needed for this ornament, for it does not entirely encircle the knot, but is pinned to the hair with the flowers on the right side, slightly higher up on the head and more to the front than the flowers on the left side, which are fastened in close against the knot.

Velvet ribbon is generally more becoming in the hair than satin or taffeta, but if the right color for the dress cannot be found in velvet of course the others will serve. This ornament will probably be more effective carried out in two light shades than if both flowers and ribbon exactly match. With a gown of pale blue trimmed with artificial flowers the velvet is best in blue, with the flowers the same as those adorning

the gown, but character is often given to a frock of pale shade by the deep tone of the same color in the hair ornament. For a girl with light hair a pale green velvet ribbon, with clusters at each end of deep pink moss roses, will be charming with any one of her evening gowns. White in the hair is seldom effective even with brilliant brunette coloring, and if white is needed to carry out the design of the dress then it must be relieved by flowers of some soft tone or else with a touch of green.

Until a girl is "out" she is supposed to wear gowns with spangled trimming or hair ornaments sparkling with rhinestones, but there are some braids formed of rows of glass beads or crystals which wear wired are most effective in the hair and really not inappropriate for the college girl. Three quarters of a yard of one inch braid of this description will make a pretty band to place about the knot. The wire should not be sewed straight along each edge, which would only cause the beads to fold over each other, but should run down diagonally back and forth across the under side of the braid. In some braids the method of stitching the wire will form little points or spikes at regular intervals which will make the band doubly attractive.

These bead braids can be purchased in almost any color desired, or at any rate can be found with some beads in the design that will be of correct color for the gown.

In the method of arranging the hair at the present day there is a deplorable untidiness that every girl should strive to overcome. It is all very well for the hair to be soft and loose about the face, but this should not necessitate long strands of hair falling down over the eyes in a way which suggests nothing but a Skye terrier pup, who, at least, has the excuse that the hair would blind him without this protection. If this fashion persists much longer there is every likelihood of its adherents soon having to be led about by a leading string themselves, so little of the way can they see through their browsy locks. Really it is possible to arrange the hair in a manner that is at once neat yet becoming, with the aid of a few "invisible" hair pins to pin up each separate hair if necessary and keep it from disfiguring the pretty shape of the forehead and temples.

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THE NEW WINDSOR STREET STATION.

The new Windsor Street station of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Montreal is being carried to completion. The extensions on Windsor and St. Antoine streets are practically finished so far as the superstructure is concerned, and it is likely that the steel work of the tower will be finished by the beginning of June. Up to date, nearly 5,000,000 lb. of steel has been erected by the Dominion Bridge Company, which has this portion of the contract. When the building is completed the C. P. R. will have one of the largest stations on the continent, and, it is claimed, the highest building in the British Empire.

IMMIGRATION.

During March and April the Canadian Pacific Railway carried 50,000 immigrants westward from the port of St. John, New Brunswick. The amount of money brought to Canada by these people is calculated at over \$10,000,000. A one boundary point alone, North Portal, Saskatchewan, settlers from the United States have this spring brought into Canada effects valued at \$6,000,000, exclusive of their actual cash assets.

BRITISH SHIPPING RETURNS

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions with cargoes, during the four months January-April, amounted to 12,685,47 tons; and the tonnage cleared to 18,490,346 tons, as against 12,200,494 tons entered and 17,538,232 tons cleared during the four months January-April 1910. With regard to the coasting trade the tonnage entered with cargoes during the four months, January-April 1911, amounted to 10,384,658 tons and the tonnage cleared to 10,244,73 tons as against 10,314,811 tons entered and 10,177,347 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1910.

TWO YEARS COAL EXPORTS.

A White-paper just issued shows that the grand total of coal exported from ports in the United Kingdom to countries abroad in 1909 was 63,076,75 tons, and in 1910 62,085,476 tons. There were increased shipments to all parts of Africa, Arabia, Persia and Aden, but a decrease in the coal sent to the Indian Continent, China, Japan, Australia, Canada, the United States and ports of Central and South America. On the other hand there were increased shipments to many parts of South America. In 1909, 19,713,907 tons were shipped as bunker coal for ships' use on foreign voyages, this figure in 1910 being reduced to 19,525,735 tons. In 1909 21,239,882 tons were shipped coastwise from ports in the United Kingdom, and in 1910 21,676,715 tons.

MOTORS IN AFGHANISTAN.

Mr. Pat Stewart, whose services have been lent to the Amir of Afghanistan into British territory through the Khyber Pass and into Peshawar. It is the intention of the Amir to introduce motor transport more widely in his kingdom, and it is in this direction that the services of Mr. Stewart have been requisitioned temporarily. The road

are very rough, dangerous, and hilly in parts, but they will be greatly improved shortly.

CHEAP ELECTRIC SERVICE.

Toronto will light the homes of its citizens on the basis of a combination charge. A straight fee of ten cents per room per month will be supplemented at a rate of three cents per kilowatt hour for all electricity. That is, the service charge for a nine-roomed house will be ninety cents per month, payable independent of any other condition, except the customer has notified the department that he will not be using current during that time. If he uses, say forty kilowatt hours per month, he will pay for this at the rate of three cents per unit, or \$1.20. The bill for the month will therefore be \$2.10.

Hydro-electric competition has already had the effect of forcing the Toronto Electric Light Company to reduce its meter rent. The company now charges a flat rate of eight cents per kilowatt hour. In the case cited above where a consumer used forty kilowatt hours per month, the bill would, therefore, be \$3.20, as compared with the city's charge of \$2.10. It is obvious that the percentage of saving increases with the amount of current used. Thus sixty kilowatt hours in a nine-roomed house would mean a bill of \$2.70 from the city, as against \$4.80 from the company.

SHEEP RAISING.

From an authority it is learned that the total holding of sheep in Queensland has increased from 10 millions in the year 1900 to 21 millions in 1910. The replacement of cattle with sheep is still going on. The quantity of wool available for the Brisbane sales market, therefore, be expected to steadily increase. Ten years ago the total number of bales sold in Brisbane during the season was 12,352. For the two months ended February 28 last the turnover was 185,415 bales, so that Brisbane may be regarded as having taken its place permanently as one of the large wool-selling centres of Australia. The total production of wool in Australia for the year ended June 30, 1911, is estimated at 1,975,000 bales, as compared with the actual output of 1,921,705 bales in the previous year.

BANKING PROGRESS.

Twenty years ago the Canadian chartered banks had between them branches in the whole of Canada. There were 26 only west of Lake Superior; 231 in Ontario, 60 in Quebec and 85 in Maritime Provinces. At the close of last year the number of branches in the prairie provinces and British Columbia had risen to 823, Ontario to 952, in Quebec to 367, and in the Maritime Provinces to 179—a total of 2321. It will be noticed that western Canada has now more than half as many branches as the Eastern Provinces.

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Distracting.

"What drove the lady exchange edi-
tor crazy?"
"Reading of bargains in cities a
thousand miles away."—Toledo Blade.

His Limitations.

"Is that man a bill collector?" said
the new clerk.
"He may be in some places," replied
the messenger boy, "but not in this
office."—Washington Star.

About All.

Bride—Were you very much embar-
rased, dear, when you proposed to
me?
Hubby—Only about \$100,000, love.—
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The Important Thing.

We can understand the ease with
which a fool and his money are part-
ed, but what puzzles us is how the fool
got the money to part with.—Cleve-
land Plain Dealer.

Dangerous.

Willie—He calls himself a human
dynamo.
Gillie—No wonder; everything he
has on is charged.—Judge.

By an Alumnus.

Ball—What is allence?
Hall—The college yell of the school
of experience.—Harper's Bazaar.

Scriptural.

A country vicar discovered not long
ago that one of his male servants was
in the habit of stealing his potatoes.
Happening across the bishop, the vicar
mentioned the matter, and asked his
lordship's advice.

"Well," replied the bishop, "of
course you must remember what the
Bible says, 'If any man takes away
thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.'"

Pretty Quick.

He—But couldn't you learn to love
me, Anna?
She—I don't think I could, Harry.
He (reaching for his hat)—It is as
I feared—you are too old to learn.—
Harper's Bazaar.

Au Revolt.

If you are feeling down-hearted, tell
your story to a fat man and get him
to crying about it. If the tears rolling
down his vast expanse of cheek fail to
make you laugh, you know where the
river is.—Atchison Globe.

THE DEPREDATING HEN.

Of all the things in nature that afflict

the sons of men,

There is nothing that I know of beats

the depredating hen;

If you see a wild-eyed woman firing

brickbats from the shed,

You can bet a hen has busted up her

little flower-bed.

She plunders and she scratches; she

cackles and she hatches,

And forty thousand cowboys couldn't

keep her in a pen.

She was sent on earth to fret us, to

excoriate the lettuce;

She's a thoro-going nuisance, is the

depredating hen.

I threw a brick and missed her, as she

hustled out my bean,

But Julius Caesar's statue was smash-

ed to smithereens;

I saw her digging rifle-pits where I'd

put my panes in,

I fired a good-sized rock and hit my

hired man on the shin.

She busts all bounds and shackles, she

giggles and she cackles,

She makes me say some earnest things

I haven't time to pen.

I never used bad language, but now

I'm filled with anguish.

Alas! I've broke the record, thro' that

depredating hen.

But now thro'out my cabinet there

floats a pleasant smell,

And the reason for that perfume isn't

hard to tell;

For when I rose, this morning, saw

my cabbage-bed a wreck,

I caught that depredating hen and

fiercely wrung her neck;

I hear her fizz and crackle, no more

she'll scratch and cackle,

Or make my summer garden look like

some hyena's den.

She far too long has bossed me, she

far too much has cost me,

I'll eat at luncheon-time to-day a hun-

dren-dollar hen.

—THE KHAN.

Reassuring—He—"Good-night, dear.
We must not kiss or you would take
my cold."

She—"Nevr mind—I can pass it on."
—London Opinion.

Up Against It.

"John," asked Mrs. Dorkins, "what
a 'political con game'?"
"Why, it's—it's a frame-up, you
know."

"Yes, but what is a frame-up?"
"A—er—piece of bunk, of course;
can't you?"

"What is a piece of bunk?"
"Oh, shucks!" exclaimed Mr. Dor-
kins. "What's the use trying to tell
a woman anything about politics!"—
Chicago Tribune.

More Than One.

Her Dad—No, sir; I won't have my
daughter tied for life to a stupid fool.
Her Suitor—Then don't you think
you'd better let me take her off your
hands?—Boston Transcript.

Slightly Mysterious.

A Boston girl who was watching a
Sedgwick County farmer milk a cow
adjusted her glasses and said: "It is
all very plain except that I don't un-
derstand how you turn it off."—Kansas
City Journal.

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Day & Vincent are busy blacksmiths. All day the Junction enjoys the music of their hammers and anvils.

The Electric Laundry on Twentieth avenue recently changed hands. Good work is sure to bring success.

Dress-making and Millinery keeps Miss Hicks busy from morning until night.

A much-needed want at the Junction is met in the opening of a sheet-metal works. Builders will appreciate this new addition to our business equipment.

Mrs. Hazlett, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Julia, is going east to visit her mother and friends. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Cochrane & Elliott, energetic men of large experience are kept busy at their grocery store 15th avenue. They do business in a business way.

If you wish a good delicious ice cream soda go to the Junction Pharmacy.

Business increases with assuring regularity at the Junction.

Eagle & Hazlett are busy handling real estate at Fifteenth avenue. See them smile?

Cubon's Grocery is known to everybody at the Junction. They have the goods and know how to sell them. New patrons keep coming.

Miss Keir is putting out some pretty summer dress. She has the art of pleasing. The Junction gives her hearty support.

The school children are revelling in Junction Park pleasures. The people are prospectively enjoying the music to be dispensed from the new bandstand.

The Western Call is the most popular newspaper in this section of the city.

CENTRAL PARK NEWS.

The Cricket Club in connection with the Church of England Men's Society of St. John's Church, held their first practice on Tuesday evening and from the number and class of the players the club will be able to hold their own with any amateur team. They will practice regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday afternoons.

On Thursday evening a very enjoyable Ice-Cream Social and Concert, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church was given in the Agricultural Hall, the following program being rendered:

Piano Selection Miss Wilbers
Song Mrs. Duff Stuart
Recitation Mr. Millar
Song Mrs. LeMesurier
Piano Selection Mr. F. Alexander
Song Miss Willis

Intermission.
Violin Selection Mrs. Duff Stuart
Song M. Alexander, Sr.
Song Miss Styles
Reading Miss George
Song Mrs. Hicks
Song Mrs. Kerr
The pastor, Rev. T. R. Peacock was in the chair.

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1127 held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the Binyay Hall. This lodge is making rapid progress, hardly a meeting going by but there are several new members initiated. Every Orange Brother is cordially invited to attend any of their meetings.

WEST BURNABY.

On Saturday last the Robson Memorial Base-ball team from Cedar Cottage, and the West Burnaby team played a match on the grounds of Mr. Silver, 1 Keefer Station, the Cedar Cottage team proving the victors, on Saturday, June 17th the teams will play another match when the West Burnaby team hopes to change the score.

Next Saturday, June 10th, the team is going to Langley to play the Langley team, they are practicing regularly and should be able to give a good account of themselves on that occasion.

The prize-list for the fall fair of the Central Park Agricultural Association will soon be out, a post-card to the Secretary, F. E. Harner, P. O. Box 235, Central Park, B. C., will bring you

GRANDVIEW GLEANINGS.

The Manitoba Hardware Co., 1714-1716, Park Drive, leads all competitors in their particular line.

An important and very interesting meeting of the W. M. S. of Trinity Methodist Church was held last week, Mrs. W. C. Bradley presiding. Among the speakers were Miss Preston of the W. M. S. work among the Orientals of Vancouver, and Mrs. Payne, President of the Society at Central Church, Mesdames Gillard and Sanford sang a duet with excellent effect.

The Royal Pharmacy, corner Park Drive and First Ave., buys and sells drugs to the advantage of their patrons.

The Buffalo Grocery, corner of Park Drive and Fourteenth avenue, continues to draw large trade by fair dealing and good bargains.

Mrs. Thomas, 1710 Grant St., has returned from a month's visit in Victoria.

Grandview has been greatly benefited by the recent cleaning of a number of its alleys.

At the last meeting of the Grandview W. C. T. U., delegates were appointed to the annual convention.

Smyth's Bakery is known in Grandview at the "Clean Bake-shop." An inspection of the premises convinces anyone that the name is well earned, for everything is scrupulously clean. Bread, cakes, pies, ice-cream, sodas, and milk are sold here.

W. J. Hoy's Bakery, 1530 Venables Street, is at the front for bread, cake,

pastry and ice-cream. Lunches are served from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Harold Boscott, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Boscott, corner of Victoria Drive and Third Avenue, was one of the first boys in Vancouver to enter the Canadian cruiser "Rainbow" service. He is now on a trip to the old land and is one of a party to represent the Canadian Navy at the coronation.

Mr. Carter, of William Street and Cotton Drive has been laid up for about two weeks with an attack of the gripe.

You are always sure of a square deal at the Grandview Hardware Co., 1921 Park Drive. They keep a full line of builders' and household hardware, also stoves, paints and oils. They study to serve their patrons well.

J. A. Gléschen, of 1704 Graveley St., cleans, presses and repairs ladies' and gents' garments. This is a reliable house.

The Grandview ratepayers' Association met at 1887 Venables Street on Monday evening.

Knight Bros., corner of Park Drive and Eleventh Avenue have a well established reputation for high quality groceries at very moderate prices. Phone 5326.

Mrs. E. Odum and son, Arthur, spent a few days last week visiting friends in Victoria.

Flynn Bros., proprietors of the grocery store at 1464 Broadway East give evidence of skill and taste. This large store is full of first class groceries yet does not seem to be crowded. Ice-cream and confections are a side line.

Extra copies of the "Western Call" can be secured at the office of Prof. E. Odum, 1542 Park Drive.

Mark C. Gilchrist, 1744 Park Drive, recently added a men's tailoring department, where men can get a suit made to their measurement at less than readymade of equal quality.

Miss Marian Fisher, whose home is on Salisbury Drive is in the hospital being treated for appendicitis.

The Bungalow Inn, 1748 Park Drive continues to prosper under the management of its competent head. After tasting the ice-cream and soda and confections which are served here, no one ever goes anywhere else. C. L. Tryon is to be congratulated.

Mrs. Mills, of 1145 Salisbury Drive has broken up housekeeping and with her family has moved to Point Grey for the summer.

Bowcote's Grocery, corner of Victoria Drive and Third Avenue has a steadily increasing volume of trade. Groceries, provisions, crockery, fruits, bread and pastry are among the things they carry in stock.

Mr. C. E. Knight, whose residence is on the corner of Venables St. and Salisbury Drive left for England last Saturday, on a business trip.

Plumb & Stewart are opening a ladies' and gent's tailor shop at 945 Park Drive. They will carry a line of men's and boys' furnishings, also alter, dye and press suits.

Mr. E. F. Odum, of 1886 Grant street went for a trip to the hot springs at Harrison, B. C. Impaired health compels relaxation from business for a time.

T. I. Richmond reports larger sales at the "Bazaar" than formerly. The stock of hammocks and croquet sets is unusually large and incredibly cheap, 1513 Park Drive is the place to get anything you want.

The Ladies Aid and W. M. S. of Grandview Methodist church held a picnic at Stanley Park today (Thursday). Tea was served in the evening. They had a most enjoyable time.

While passing down Park Drive, we can observe Grandview Ladies' and Gents' Tailoring at 1015. On entering you can always see Alex Crawford busy and smiling. He is a fine tailor and an entertaining talker.

Miss Miriam Boothroyd of Agassiz is the guest of Miss Winifred Odum, 1362 Grant St.

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Rev. R. F. Stillman, of Grandview Methodist Church spent Sunday last in Chilliwack.

Mr. F. H. Cambridge, of Westminster Junction, spent last week at the home of a friend on Grant Street.

Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church

—Rev. J. C. Madill, pastor. Rev. H. Sarrar will preach at both services. Sunday school and Bible Class at 2:30 p. m.

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SOUTH VANCOUVER.

The Industrial and Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade, S. Vancouver, held a meeting on Tuesday last, and a report will be submitted to the full board on their next meeting.

Ward III.—There will be an adjourned meeting of the ratepayers of Ward III. on Tuesday 15th day of June, 1911 at the South Hill School, for the discussion of school contracts, annexation and picnic arrangement. Also to decide whether it is advisable to employ men living outside the boundary of the Municipality as well as in it, and several other matters. If importance—all ratepayers are requested to attend.

The W. C. T. U. held a banquet at the Baptist church last Thursday evening. The Rev. Dr. Spencer, and several others spoke during the evening and it was altogether a pleasant social gathering.

The Regular Monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Jarret on the 6th of June to arrange for sending the delegates to Victoria for the Conference.

Mr. John Stuart was compelled to have his dog shot on Tuesday last, as it had bitten five boys it was certainly necessary to seal his death warrant.

We are pleased to hear there is a good movement started to prevent cruelty to animals, and that George McKenzie, teamster for the Cascade Wood & Coal Company was fined \$25

and costs by Judge McArthur, police magistrate for South Vancouver for unnecessarily beating a horse with a heavy stick which police constable Bramwell produced in court, the man was also severely reprimanded from the bench.

John Figon also paid the sum of \$5 and costs for illtreating a team of horses which were unable to drag the load out of a hole in the road. He kicked them, and jerked their mouths and finally hit them in the nose with his fist. The road being in a bad condition, of course, cause the stoppage, but there is no excuse for a man who ill-treats his horses, for they not only work till they drop to serve us, but if kindly treated the yare one of our truest and most faithful friends and if properly trained will obey his master by his speaking to them without the use of a whip at all.

We are glad to see, in consequence of these two cases, Second Street is being repaired, and we hope before long many of the other roads will be attended to by the municipality.

A ladies auxiliary meeting will be held at St. Mary's Vicarage next Thursday at 4 o'clock.

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A TRAMP AT HOME.

Edwin A. Brown, known far and wide as "the millionaire tramp," whose efforts as a friend to the friendless have won him recognition by President Taft, is at home again. Prison fare is to be discarded in the future, and a few nights ago Mr. Brown did justice to an elaborate banquet tendered him by his cousin, President W. C. Brown, of the New York Central road. On that occasion, after explaining that he had just returned from a "perusal" of the South, the ex-tramp said:

"I had hitherto visited as a homeless man, seeking work and a temporary lodging, every section of the country except the South, and I felt that, though I had been through the horrors of the 'Bull Pen' of Denver, the jails of Pittsburg and other cities and narrowly escaped the prison at Spokane by revealing my identity because I could not stand another such night as I had spent in Pittsburg, my experience would be incomplete until I had made a circuit of the south."

"I started in as a tramp or homeless laborer in Cleveland last fall. I sought work everywhere, but was unable to find any until, seeing an advertisement in a paper for 'supers' in a show about to be put on, I applied at the theatre. The advertisement called for fifty men. Seven hundred applied, and I was among those accepted."

"All the 'supers' were to be 'millionaire senators' in the play, and I had been in the theatre only a short time when I found that hardly one of the 'millionaire senators' had enough money to buy a bed for the night."

"The next 'millionaire senator' to me in the theatre was an old man. We were to be paid about fifty cents a performance, payable at the end of the week. When the first performance was over I asked the stage manager if he could advance me enough of the wages to buy a bed, as I was penniless. The old man asked the same thing, but the stage manager said it was impossible."

"Where will we sleep tonight?" I asked the old 'millionaire senator'."

"Well," he said, "the Associated Charities has a woodshed where we could get a bed and breakfast for two hours of splitting curly birch, but it is

is 11 o'clock now, and the place is closed for the night. We will have to go to the Highball saloon and sleep on the floor. That's the only place I know of."

"We went to this place under the hillside, and at the old man's suggestion we collected old newspapers from the trash cans as we went along the streets to cover ourselves up with as well as to lie upon. At the saloon we were admitted at midnight, and were ousted at 5 o'clock the next morning. We were unable to sleep for about two hours after lying down, because of loud conversation by those at the bar, and when the late drinkers had gone a small Irishman and a big Dutchman had a rough-and-tumble fight, and then there was a man on the verge of delirium tremens, who 'saw things' all night. You can see we didn't get much sleep."

"Where shall we wash up and get breakfast?" I asked the old 'senator,' after we had been put out."

"Oh," he said, "we can get a cold wash-up in the city lavatory. He led the way, and we were soon in a nice, clean place, where they gave us a fresh, clean towel and soap, and didn't ask pay for it. I had never seen anything exactly like that in any city I had ever visited, and I asked the old 'senator' who had provided these things for the homeless man."

"Tom Johnson," was the immediate reply."

And, indeed, it was, easy to see plenty of evidences of the former mayor's work for the poor, as Cleveland is amply supplied with three-cent lunch counters, an outgrowth, in a way, of the three-cent fare system."

"After the wash-up the old 'senator' suggested that we try the Charities' woodyard, and though we had had a supperless and sleepless night we were told that if we split curly birch for an hour we could have breakfast. There was no help for it, and weak as we were, we had to do it. After more than an hour at work we were called to breakfast on something like oatmeal soup and a piece of hard bread, and a black fluid which was miscalled coffee. There was almost no nourishment in it."

"For the next night the old man could get a bed and breakfast for two hours of splitting curly birch, but it is

found a barn, and told me about it. We slept there, and I came near freezing to death. But I had seen enough to know that our cities are doing almost nothing for the homeless man."

Mr. Brown will do no more investigating in America, and his next expedition will take him to Berlin to see how the homeless are there provided for. But he'll "do no more tramping."

NEWS AND VIEWS OF STENOGRAPHERS.

The result of the Gregg shorthand competition will be announced in the column for next Saturday. The great interest taken in this and the previous Pitman competition indicates that many of the stenographers of Winnipeg and the west are genuinely interested in their work. The competitions also brought forth a great many inquiries concerning stenographic matters and numerous replies have been sent direct.

S. T. Regina.—It is not, as you suppose, possible for a shorthand writer to report a strange foreign language verbatim in shorthand by sound, and make an accurate transcript through an interpreter. In the report of the New York State Stenographers' Association for 1897, such a feat is characterized as absolutely impossible, for reasons set forth therein at length, the principal reason being that no person can distinguish where one word leaves off and another begins, much less to separate the words into syllables.

SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT.

The area that has been put under wheat in Saskatchewan this year is estimated to be 5,500,000 acres. This represents an increase of 20 per cent. compared with the acreage of last year.

Although a little more rain would be welcomed, the weather conditions are generally as favorable as could be desired. At a rough estimate, the yield will average from fifteen to twenty per cent. more than that of last year.

A RURAL ROOMING HOUSE.

An important development of rural housing has been inaugurated by Mr. John Burns at Byfleet, Surrey. A scheme under the Town Planning Act is being carried out, and, when completed, some 85 cottages will have been built at a cost of \$150,000. At present 30 cottages have been erected, together with 14 single-room flats with a bed alcove and 18 three-room flats. Each cottage has three bedrooms and a bath and all are supplied with electric light and gas for cooking purposes. The rental, including free electric light, ranges from 3s 9d. to 7s. per week. Rates and taxes will be collected weekly and shown in a separate column in the rent book. Each house has a small garden.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL.

Melbourne.—A statement that has been issued in relation to the Victorian wool clip for the season 1910-1911, shows that 80,000,000lb. of wool was produced. This is an increase of 3,400,000lb. over the production of the previous year.

Exports from the port last month aggregated \$5,165,000, being an increase of \$1,300,000 over the figures for April 1910.

PURE LITERATURE.

Toronto.—The police campaign against improper literature proceeds. A city magistrate has fined a local bookseller \$50 for having certain novels in his possession. Dealers in improper postcards are also being proceeded against.

LOCAL OPTION RESULT.

As a result of the voting on local option last January, eighty bar-rooms have just ceased to do business in 26 Ontario towns, villages and townships.

ANCIENT RELICS.

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And whereas a deliberate attempt is now being made by the Church of Rome to give effect to the said Decree in British Dominions, and especially in the Dominion of Canada,

And whereas a Judge of the Canadian Bench (Justice Laurendeau) has accepted this ecclesiastical canon as his authority in declaring void a marriage solemnized by a qualified Protestant clergyman according to British law, viz., that of Marie and Eugene Herbert,

And whereas priests of the Church of Rome, in their official capacity, have succeeded in breaking up numerous homes in Canada by persuading one or the other of the contracting parties to the marriage that, because it is contrary to the Decree Ne Temere, that, therefore, they are not married, we, the undersigned petitioners, being British subjects, do hereby register our emphatic protest against the application of this Decree in British Dominions, and we do humbly pray the Parliament of Canada to declare officially and publicly, by act of Parliament, that the Decree Ne Temere is null and void absolutely of no legal effect as far as Canada is concerned, and we do further request that immediate steps be taken to establish a uniform Federal Marriage Law, and further, that all marriages performed according to law be declared valid and binding, the Ne Temere notwithstanding.
Pius X. the immediate withdrawal of this offensive Decree.

And that a copy of this petition be forwarded to the Imperial Parliament at London, and that we do most humbly request that steps be taken to demand from Pope

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CORONATION TROOPS.

We are officially informed that the total number of troops on duty in London on Coronation Day will be about 45,000 and on June 23rd about 35,000. On each day every arm and branch of the service will be represented on the line of route, the basis of representation in the case of the Special Reserve and Territorial Force being twenty-six of all ranks from each regiment or battalion, with a proportionate representation from other arms and branches.

Quiet Moving Days.

Montreal's long established and picturesque May 1st moving day is fast disappearing and as a result van owners and expressmen are much perturbed. For many years it has been almost impossible to secure for this day any sort of a vehicle in which goods and chattels could be moved unless engaged far in advance. By common consent practically the whole city moved just as regularly as the first of May arrived. Of late years, however, this form of unrest has been steadily on the decrease, and this year, so far as the appearance on the streets of wagonloads of furniture went, was almost entirely lacking. Two causes contribute to this state of affairs, according to the sorrowing moving men. In the first place, it is becoming a very general custom to date leases from October 1 instead of May 1, while the general increase of prosperity among the poorer quarters reduced the evictions which usually

take place on this day by many thousands.

As a rule, when a man moves his family or his place of business, he seeks out the newer portions of the city. The office goes to what previously was a residential district, the home goes from the old residential district to the suburbs, or to what was, a short time before, the green fields.

It is not often that one sees a mover fitting from new to old—it is always old to new.

There was a notable exception this year, however. McCuig Brothers & Company, the well-known stock broking firm, occupied modern and up-to-date offices on St. James street, right in the centre of the city. Shortly after the 1st of May they moved to St. Sacramento street, down near the Board of Trade, and are now occupying one of the oldest, most historic buildings on the island of Montreal. It was occupied in ancient days, during the French regime, by the Intendant Haldemair. The original walls still stand. The dungeon may still be seen in the cellar. It was used in days of old to keep prisoners safe. Today it may be used for making doubly secure a modern vault.

But were Haldemair or those of his day to visit the old home now, they would not recognize it. Telegraph instruments are ticking, tickers are buzzing, noiseless typewriters are deftly writing letters without a sound, telephones are ringing, and clerks and messengers are posting up queer figures on great long white sheets.

For the Intendant's quarters have become, from cellar to roof, the home of one of Montreal's busiest stock broking houses, and the cobwebs of ancient weaving are fast being swept away by modern business methods and the energy and acumen of modern business minds.

The Japanese Diet has granted Korea a domestic loan of \$28,000,000 gold to be used for railway, road and harbor constructions and improvement.

A MOTHER'S DEVOTION.

Tramps 400 Miles to See Her Sailor Boy.

London.—A touching story of a mother's love for her sailor boy is reported from Chatham. Mrs. Ellis, a widow from Dundee, has a son in the navy. The boy had been away from home for a long time, and, longing to see him, the devoted mother tramped all the way from Scotland to the naval port—nearly 400 miles. Mrs. Ellis, who is from 50 to 60 years of age, began her journey in March, and had to undergo many privations. She was assisted at York by the Salvation Army, and in other towns she found friends. But in London she fared badly, and it was only with difficulty that she was able to obtain a mouthful of food and a night's shelter. Mrs. Ellis heard that her son was at Chatham, and was likely to remain there for two or three months, but on her arrival this week a bitter disappointment was in store for her—her son had gone to sea in his ship the previous day. Footsore and tired out, the weary mother completely broke down on learning that her long tramp had been in vain. The deaconess of an institution took charge of her, and it is hoped that, with a little rest, she will soon recover. Efforts are being made to bring mother and son together as soon as possible.

It is semi-officially announced that at the German-American potash conference at Hamburg, Germany, May 17, prices and rebates were agreed upon and the details are being worked out.

Figures compiled by Dr. Jacques Bertillon, chief statistician of Paris, show marriages in France during 1910 numbered 309,283; divorces, 13,049; births, 774,358, and deaths, 703,777. The births are the lowest for a century.

Italy's exports for the first three months of 1911 reached a total of \$164,732,729, an increase of \$21,137,597 over the corresponding period of 1910. Imports amounted to \$94,954,017, an increase of \$4,119,731.

The Prussian diet May 16 adopted the Greater Berlin bill which will combine the capital and the suburban municipalities, forming a metropolitan area with a population of about 5,500,000, thereby moving it from the sixth to the third position among the great cities of the world in point of population.

At the imperial education conference recently held privately at London, England, the foreign office resolved that simplification of orthography is imperative. No specific reform was recommended.

It is announced that the board of communications of the Chinese government is planning to add thirty passenger steamers to the modern merchant fleet of Chinese steamers in the near future.

All the details of the starving and freezing to death last February of Inspector Fitzgerald and the three constables, Kinney, Taylor and Carter who accompanied him on the patrol from Fort MacPherson to Dawson Canada, are told in Fitzgerald's diary found March 22 by Corporal Dempster in charge of the searching party and delivered to Col. Fred White, controller of the mounted police at Ottawa, Ont., May 16.

After a career of six weeks the Deutschland, latest of the models of Count Zeppelin's inflated dirigible balloons, stranded May 16 on the roof of its shed at Duesseldorf, Germany, and was wrecked. The crew and passengers escaped injury.

Norway has taken up the adaptation of wireless telegraphy to the peculiar conditions in the northern lands and will have stations at Christiania, Mandal, Bergen and Hammerfest. First reports from polar expeditions may be transmitted to the world by this route.

WEST CALL.—The city press PW. The congress at Salvador has created an agriculture department which will have charge of the development of the country's resources along that line.

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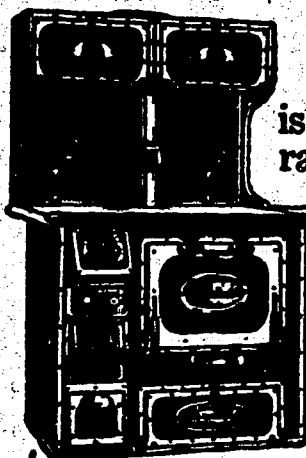
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One thing that will surely strike the census man as peculiar will be the recorded fact that the combined ages of the females is far below that of the males.

Lorena Stewart Rockey was born at Indian Head on the seventh of November, 1908. Mr. Mrs. C. E. Stewart.

Mrs. A. C. Hunter, corner of Twenty-second Avenue and Main Street, will not receive to-day nor again this season.

The Rev. Professor James Carruthers of Alberni, B. C., will be in the pulpit of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

The pulpit of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church will be occupied on Sunday by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, M.A., General Secretary for Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

A special meeting of the Mount Pleasant W. C. T. U., will be held in the Methodist Church on June 13th, at 2:30 p.m. Floral service and splendid programme. All ladies cordially invited to attend.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church held a Consecration Meeting on Monday evening. Mr. Robert Watson read a very instructive paper on "Lessons from Great Lives." A solo by Miss Lockheed was greatly appreciated.

On Friday evening, June 16th, the ladies Aid of the Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church will hold a garden party. Sale of Work, Sale of Home Cooking, etc., at the Manse, Fleet Road. A mission including refreshments—afternoon, 15c, evening, 25c. Everybody come. You are welcome.

A serious accident occurred on Wednesday last on Myrtle Avenue, South Vancouver, to a powder man employed by the Municipality, by the name of Wilson. His hand and leg was blown off, and other bodily injuries. He was taken to his home where he lies in a precarious condition.

The Y. M. C. A. Board of Directors, at a recent meeting elected the following officers for the year: President, Mr. W. E. Keenleyside; vice-president, Dr. W. F. Coy; treasurer, Mr. James A. McNair; recording secretary, Mr. E. Hallman. Work on the new building will probably be started this summer.

Mr. Fred Crocker, a well-known young man of Mt. Pleasant, has offered a very handsome silver cup to be competed for by the various baseball teams on the Mt. Pleasant hill. Entries for the same will be received by Arthur Grith at 150 Broadway east. All teams wishing to compete will send in their entries as soon as possible.

Mrs. Robert E. Clements has removed from the Granville Apartments to her new home, 636 Twentieth Avenue, W.

Mrs. T. Dickie, corner Nineteenth Avenue and Ontario Street, will receive on Friday (today), for the last time this season.

A Petition is being circulated among the churches of Cedar Cottage asking that the Gladstone Inn licence be cancelled.

A Strawberry and Ice cream Social will be held in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church on Monday afternoon the 12th inst. at 3 o'clock. There will be also a sale of work. Home-made baking and candles.

A pretty wedding solemnized at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church at high noon on Friday last was that of Miss Jessie Struthers to Mr. David Alexander. The ceremony was quietly performed by the Rev. S. Elventon, pastor of the church. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. A. H. Gunn, and was attended by Miss Christina Ker as flower girl. After the ceremony, luncheon was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gunn, 546 Broadway West, after which the newly wedded couple left on the 3:45 o'clock train for the East, from where they will sail for a three months' tour of Scotland and other parts of Europe.

The guild of St. Agatha of St. James Church held their annual garden party on the ground of St. Luke's Home yesterday afternoon. The tables were disposed about the shady grounds and were prettily decorated. While the attendance was not so great as could have been desired, the sales of the tables were very good, and the guild realized a nice sum. The Woman's Auxiliary and the Mothers' Union had tables for the sale of work in conjunction with the garden party. Miss Carr and Mrs. Cooper presided over the tea tables. In charge of the ice cream tables were Miss James and Miss Watson. The Woman's Auxiliary had a sale of work in charge of Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Jones, while the Mothers' Union sale of work was in the hands of Mrs. Swan and Mrs. Keith.

A meeting of the South Vancouver Liberal Association was held on Tuesday night. Twenty delegates to the annual meeting of the Vancouver Association and twelve members to the executive were appointed.

At a special meeting of the School Trustees, the contract for building the Collingwood School was let to Messrs. Copple & Draper, for the sum of \$31,000. The union labor clause was eliminated and the union scale of wages substituted.

Because of the action of the School Board in supporting union labor on school work the Master Builders Association have threatened to issue an injunction to stop the school work. Mr. Pettipiece representing the Trades and Labor Council, in a letter to the board has offered to take up the matter and if a writ is issued agrees to stand any expense incurred and to fight the action as a test case.

The board authorized the purchase of the Barr property, adjoining the Cedar Cottage School. The price to be \$8,325.

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