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CEDAR COTTAGE

Sketches of a Number of the Leading Business Houses Operating at Cedar Cottage.

S. P. JACKSON is one of the leading exponents of real estate values and opportunities at Cedar Cottage. He has operated here one year and a half and stands in the front rank in his line. Prior to launching out in this field of enterprise, Mr. Jackson resided in the East and was for a time in the mercantile business, and before that was a newspaper man. He is a genial gentleman to meet and has a splendid office for the conducting of his business.

GEORGE A. KENDALL, formerly of the firm of Dougherty, Wiatt & Kendall, has just opened a real estate office at Cedar Cottage which will be conducted under the management of Mr. Charles Smeaton, an old-time Fraser River cannery man. Besides handling South Vancouver property, as well as Vancouver, Mr. Kendall will make a specialty of selling Coquitlam property, the new quarters for the C. P. R. shops where millions upon millions will be spent in car shops, roundhouses, yards and general equipment, etc.

THE VANCOUVER LUMBER CO., LTD., under the able management of Mr. F. McGibbon, conduct a lumber yard and general supply house for builders at Cedar Cottage. This is one of the newer enterprises and already enjoys a splendid business. Mr. McGibbon is from the East and officiated as alderman in his home city five years prior to pitching his tent on the coast.

THE BANK OF VANCOUVER established a branch bank at Cedar Cottage last May which is under the management of Mr. E. E. Butterwick. Mr. Butterwick is a young man who has had several years' experience in the banking business. He was three years with the Northern Crown Bank in Winnipeg. The institution he represents is capitalized at $2,000,000.

H. D. HYNDMAN'S is headquarters for Xmas goods at Cedar Cottage. He carries a big display of souvenirs, fancy goods, cards, toys, stationery, high-grade fancy china, notions, glassware and also a big stock of fountain pens, novelty goods, Santa Claus holiday cards and booklets, etc., and many other things too numerous to mention. Hyndman's is the place on Commercial street, opposite the postoffice.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON has been established at Cedar Cottage over two years and is under the management of Mr. Frank N. Hirst, a young man who has had nine years' experience in the banking business. He was seven years with the same institution in Kamloops prior to receiving his present appointment. The Bank of Hamilton has a paid-up capital of $2,500,000 and has about one hundred and forty branches in our fair Dominion.

F. AYLING, the grocer and provision merchant, is doing his share at Cedar Cottage to build up and hold trade at home. His prices are right and customers are treated courteously, and waited on promptly. His store is very neat and attractive and well stocked with a superabundance of good things to eat.

JAMES FLETCHER, the butcher and provision merchant, operates one of the busiest places in Cedar Cottage. He makes a specialty of "Ayershire Bacon" and "Home-Cured Ham." He is located on Victoria Road near Agnes street. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher hail from bonnie Scotland.

BARBER BROS. are expert plumbers, steamfitters and electricians. They are located at the corner of Victoria and Agnes Roads, Cedar Cottage. They are specialists in steam and water heating, electric wiring, etc., and carry a general stock of fixtures. These two young men, H. A. and R. M. Barber, are sons of Mr. B. Barber who was chief accountant for the C. P. R. at Montreal for years, and who has had nearly half a century's experience in railroading work, in the old country and Canada.

BROADHURST & WHITAKER conduct a general real estate, loan and insurance business at Cedar Cottage. They are gentleman of wide experience in their line and masters of every detail in the business. They are handling a Subdivision on Page Road with special easy term contracts only $20.00 cash and $10.00 per month. They handle general South Vancouver properties, and represent the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance and The Vancouver Life Insurance Companies, and also The Great West Loan.

LYLE & SCOTT are the representatives of the Order Tailors and Renovatory Establishment at Cedar Cottage. They are located opposite the car terminus. These gentlemen are expert tailors of wide experience in ladies' and gent's tailoring. They make suits to order, and do all kinds of alteration work, and renovatory work by the latest scientific process. Satisfaction is guaranteed and their prices are right.

CEDAR COTTAGE LUMBER COMPANY are dealers in lumber, shingles, sash, doors and mouldings, etc. It is conducted by Mr. E. V. Alburty, who was associated with the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company ten years prior to locating at Cedar Cottage. The yards and office of this concern are located one block west of the Cedar Cottage postoffice. Mr. Alburty is a prominent member of the Who Who Lumberman's organization.

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Readers of the Western Call will be delighted to know that H. H. Stevens, M. P. will continue his relation to the paper as editor-in-chief, and that each week articles written from Ottawa will appear. They will be live topics and of interest to all, especially such as are in touch with national questions.

Great Northern Ry. and False Creek

Under the spellbinding influence of a highly paid emissary of Jas. J. Hill, the city last year made a present to the Great Northern Railway Co. of 61 acres of the bed of False Creek, and in return received from Mr. Howard (the spellbinder) a few specious promises regarding certain developments which they *Said* they would inaugurate. That was a year ago last June, and up to the present *nothing has been done*. This is exactly what we expected and also what we predicted at the time and so are justified in saying "We told you so." However, it is useless to simply argue over what has passed, other than to remind the public that they are indebted to Mayor Taylor for the present position, as he acted throughout the negotiations as if he were the special agent of the railway company instead of Mayor of the city. Of which we shall have more to say at some future date.

Our duty now, as citizens, is to acknowledge the serious condition in which we find ourselves as regards False Creek and to address ourselves to the work of rectifying the error as far as possible. That a serious error was made is generally acknowledged by all and requires no argument to demonstrate.

What is the situation? The City have deeded in absolute fee to the railway the land in the bed of False Creek. In return the railway company promised within ninety days to commence construction of a Union depot and yards, etc. The company now have the lands and, in a fashion characteristic of the Great Northern, are doing *nothing* in spite of most solemn promises of action. In face of the agreement signed by the City it is perhaps difficult for the City to do anything, as these *"promises"* were not included in the agreement, but were only verbal. However, there is good ground for an application to the courts or to the Railway Commission asking that the Great Northern be ordered to carry out the spirit of its agreement.

The agreement carries a clause that the work be *completed* in five years, but sets no time for commencement or proportionate development, only verbal assurances.

But the intention is clear and there is ample evidence to prove that unless they start at once and work continuously they cannot possibly hope to complete within time set in agreement. The tactics of the Great Northern have always been to defer action until such time as they are *forced* to make a move.

Now is the time to force the railway company to take action. Now is the time for the City to commence *worrying* the company. If we wait five years it will still take five more years to complete the work, so again we say *now is the time to become active and make Mr. Hill keep his promise* given through Howard and which Mayor Taylor so strongly urged the citizens to accept as "all wool and a yard wide."

By the way, Taylor *should* have known — as he had numerous *private* interviews with the railway gentry and apparently had their confidence. But we question his *wisdom*.

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Commission Government

The City Council have succeeded in getting a satisfactory bill drafted to present to the Provincial Government in January whereby it will be possible in January 1913 to inaugurate a Commission Government in Vancouver.

The real value of a commission government is in the fact that it makes *someone* responsilbe for the civic work. It so subdivides the responsibility that each commissioner is held responsible for his particular department.

The greatest weakness of the present form of civic government is the difficulty the public have in fastening the responsibility for blunders, and the intricate procedure which must be followed before a citizen can get his request recognized.

Some fear the difficulty of securing suitable men to fill the positions. There should be no dearth of candidates. The salary, $7,500.00 per year, is sufficient to compensate a man for his time, and will make it possible for the best men availabe to accept. By the *best* men we do not necessarily mean *business men* exclusively, because there are any amount of men, builders, artizans, professional men, etc., who are quite capable to fill the position. In fact men who have spent *all* their lives in close application to private business are not often capable of taking hold of public matters which require a broader view of business than is usual in any specific private line.

Many people lose sight of the fact that capability as a public administrator and legislator requires training just the same as any other business or profession. It demands experience and study of principles. Many men make a failure of public affairs because they fail to grasp the need of adjustment to their new life and imagine that it only calls for "business training." One of the most pitiful sights is that of a man who has spent his life amassing a "competency" and then in his old age seeking to serve the public. He usually is a dismal failure. What the world needs today as administrators is not "men grown rich in their own business" but young men who have spared enough of their time to keep themselves "attuned" to the public needs and affairs. With such men at the helm, Vancouver need have no fear of adopting Commission Government.

THE REV. P. J. O. REILLY, S. J.

(By Professor E. Oldlum, M.A., B.S.C.)

In the Western Catholic of Oct. 20th, 1911, there is a very full account of a lecture given by the Rev. P. J. O. Reilly. It is a clear, strong and apt statement of a case of much living importance. The subject is: "What is Vexing the Age?" The topic is such as to give any speaker great latitude, but the Rev. Mr. O'Reilly confined himself to one main topic. Perhaps it might be put in the following words: The Concrete Spiritual and Intellectual Standing of the Christian World of Today. The subject is very clearly put to all who may read the account. His condemnation of the present day "Higher Criticism" is timely and just. There can be no doubt that the "Higher Criticism" as revealed by the various Non-Conformist specimens of Higher Criticism is godless, hopeless, useless and in the end most superficial. In addition to this condemnation by the lecturer, he aims at making a strong point against the claims of Protestantism. The chief claim which he attacks is: "The Bible is a sufficient, and is the only visible guide in matters religious." The Rev. O'Reilly in effect asks: "If this be true, how is it that there are so many different creeds found within the pages of the Holy Book? How is it that there is room for all the various beliefs of the Protestants as well as of the hosts of Higher Critics, most of whom are found within the various Protestant Non-Conformist denominations. And in truth it would be hard to answer the Reverend Lecturer on this phase of the question. Perhaps if we were able to examine closely into the differences and especially into the bases of the "Higher Criticisms" we would find more of weakness, illogical analysis and dishonesty, than we are apt to expect, without careful comparison. There are in the pulpits many men who show by their teaching and life that they hate divine truth as surely today as was the case with the religious leaders in active service when Jesus came to earth.

However, I have no notion of dealing with this question at the present moment. I wish to look at another matter. The Lecturer has in a short and easily understood manner given the correction to the belief and claim **that the Bible is a sufficient rule of faith.**

He sets out that it is absolutely necessary to have "an infallible custodian and interpreter of God's word to men." It is required that there be a "Supernatural authority **on earth** to define the divine inspirations, or to interpret the contents of that sacred Book."

In referring to Newton, Bradlaw, Huxley, Ingersoll, Edison and Elliott he says: "They reject all supernatural authority in matters of faith, and they deny the divine inspiration of the Sached Book."

In this collection of prominent persons I am inclined to say that these six names represent people of many beliefs and disbeliefs. So far as I have read, I have had a notion that some of them were prominent Christians, who accepted the idea and teaching of the Supernatural, using this word in its ordinary sense. True, some of these six were out and out rejectors of all "Supernatural Authority," either in the Church or outside the Church. I am not inclined to quarrel with the claim that mankind requires a Supernatural Guide in matters of interpretation of the scriptures and in the claims of duty. But there are two claims by two opposing sets of religionists in the matter of "Supernatural Authority."

These two I shall specify in few words. Those who claim that the Sacred Book is a sufficient earthly guide, connect with this phase of their belief and teaching, the belief and claim **that The Holy Spirit is given to teach all men how** to read, think, act and live. Thus the Holy Scriptures and the Living Spirit, ever present, are the full and complete guide of every man who is willing to honestly accept this counsel and leadership.

The "Supernatural Authority" of the Reverend Lecturer, and of the Roman Catholic Church is the Authority Supernatural of the Pope. At one time it was lodged in the highest counsels of the Roman Catholic Church, but of late years it is in the person and office of the Pope himself.

Hence when the Rev. O'Reilly refers to the need of a Supernatural Authority to guide the student of Holy Scripture, he means the Pope's authority. But on the other hand the Protestant, in speaking of the necessary Supernatural Authority and guidance in studying the Scriptures, has direct reference to the Holy Spirit. Here then is a decisive contrast, and easily understood. **The Pope versus the Holy Spirit!** But as the Pope is not always present so as to be consulted, the priest is his representative, and gives the translation or interpretation of the Scriptures to the student of that book. Hence when boiled down, the contrast is: **The Holy Spirit as the Interpreter versus the Priest as the Interpreter.**

Well all who read may herein see something of the two claims and the great and fundamental difference. But if the Protestant church is going to run wildly and madly after the "Higher Critics," and if this be a result of the above difference, then. What shall we say?

Apart from this claim of the Rev. Lecturer, the address was timely and of great value. But if given to make clear the difference I have made clear, then we must oppose his conclusion on this fundamental question.

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CEDAR COTTAGE

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H. E. SALSBURY, dealer in groceries and school supplies, is located opposite the Lord Selkirk School at Cedar Cottage. Mr. Salsbury has also just opened a new store at Wilson Road, near Commercial street, opposite the Tecumseth School. He carries a general supply of everything good to eat. Mr. Salsbury has been a resident of Vancouver since 1908, and was born in Ontario.

THE CEDAR COTTAGE BUILDERS' SUPPLY house is conducted by Messrs. C. E. Ervin and G. A. Thompson. They are dealers in sand, gravel, cement, brick, split-wood, etc., etc. All orders are attended to with dispatch, and at prices consistent with rigid, commercial principles. This firm commenced operations in the spring, and during the summer and fall have carried on a big business.

THE CEDAR COTTAGE PHARMACY is under the able management and proprietorship of Messrs. Cunningham and Laidlaw, two well-trained and expert pharmacists. Mr. Laidlaw is a graduate of the Manitoba College of Phermacy, and Mr. Cunningham is a graduate from the Toronto College of Pharmacy. They deal in drugs, chemicals, kodaks, stationery, school supplies, souvenirs and Xmas cards, magazines, etc.

THE STANDARD HARDWARE of Cedar Cottage, owned by J. R. Peckman, is ably conducted by Mr. G. Marler, manager, who was thirty years in business in New Zealand prior to emigrating to Canada. The house carries builders' hardware, shelf goods, stoves, ranges, etc., and is located at the corner of Commercial street and Gibson Road.

BRADBURY'S BAKERY and grocery is one of the busy places of Cedar Cottage. They make a specialty of home-made bride's cake, banquet supplies and Xmas cakes. Miss E. Bradbury has long since won laurels in this branch of trade.

THE ATHENS CANDY COMPANY is conducted by G. Thompson, who deals in high-class confections, fresh fruit, ice cream, soft drinks and cigars, etc., and is located at 3522 Commercial street. Mr. Thompson has operated here one year and was born in Greece.

THE GORDON SHEET METAL WORKS at Cedar Cottage are conducted by A. L. Gordon and are located directly east of the Lord Selkirk School. This establishment makes a specialty of sheet metal work and hot-air heating, and do all kinds of galvanized iron, copper, brass and tinsmith work, and also carry stoves, ranges and kitchen hardware.

D. McMILLAN & SONS conduct the Cedar Cottage Sale Stables, located at Taylor Road. They built a fine new barn one year ago and make a specialty of buying and selling horses and exchanging. For a good trade drop around.

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OBEN'S BAKERY might be said "to take the cake," but it makes the cakes and bread like what your mother used to make. Mr. Oben was born in the business, his father before him being a baker, and Mrs. Oben is just as artistic at the counter and promptly and politely waits on all customers.

THE CEDAR COTTAGE FUEL SUPPLY is conducted by F. V. Hinksman, an enterprising young man who has had a number of years' experience in the business. He has operated one year at Cedar Cottage and is doing well. He has all kinds of millwood for sale and deals in coal as well. At this season his line is one of great importance.

MR. E. LAVIOLETT AND MISS JESSIE MERRILL are manager and cashier, respectively, of the South Vancouver Market, owned by C. M. Cutler, who also conducts another splendid market on South Main street. Here is the place for choice steaks, juicy roasts and tender chops, as well as fish, game and oysters in season.

THE SIMPSON HARDWARE COMPANY of Cedar Cottage has been in operation one year and a half, and is conducted by Mr. Simpson, who has had twenty years' experience in the business. They carry hardware, stoves, ranges, crockery, furniture, glass, paints, oils, cutlery, etc.

THE BUFFALO GROCERY & PROVISION STORE at the corner of Commercial street and Fourteenth avenue, conducted by J. P. Sinclair, is one of the neatest, most attractive and well stocked with staple and fancy groceries of all kinds to be found anywhere. Mr. Sinclair has operated here four years, and besides groceries carries the Swift's Premium Ham and Bacon. He has an up-to-date meat cutter, coffee grinder, and is up-to-date in every particular. He was born in Scotland.

JAMIESON'S GROCERY, 2610 Commercial street (Park Drive), near Tenth avenue, is a well stocked establishment with groceries, provisions, fruit, etc., and has been established three months. Mr. Jamieson is a young man full of energy and vim, and is building up a splendid business. He hails from New Brunswick as the commonwealth of his nativity.

PARK DRIVE MARKET is located at 2651 Commercial street (Park Drive), near Eleventh avenue, and is conducted by W. M. Bennett, who has operated off and on for four years. His establishment is a busy mart of trade, and for many years Mr. Bennett has followed this important branch of business. He was born in England.

THE WESTERN FISH & POULTRY STORE is located at 1942 Commercial street (Park Drive), and is conducted by Walter Richards, manager. Mr. Richards has followed this business all his life and is an expert in his line. The store has been established one year and a half and enjoys a big trade. This is the store of quality.

THE COMMERCIAL & BROADWAY REALTY COMPANY, as the name implies, is located at the corner of Commercial and Broadway and is conducted by Mr. J. A. McPhaden. Mr. McPhaden has recently opened up here, although he has had wide experience in the business and is a gentleman the public may trust implicitly, as his word is as good as any government bonds.

MITCHELL & CAHILL conduct a flourishing grocery store at 1752 Commercial street, which is one of the largest and most heavily stocked in this section of the city. They are successors to F. H. Hipper, and have operated the establishment about one year and a half, and are kept very busy. Their motto is: "The best and most for the money."

ROBERT MACLEOD is the expert "Tonsorial Artist" of Cedar Cottage. He, like the ducks and wild geese, returns annually with the first fall of snow to his regular winter quarters. Keep it up "Bob." We are always glad to see you back. We boast of having the best barber on the Coast.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that Frederick Will Painter, 441 Hastings Street East, Van couver, B. C., on the 19th day of Octob assigned all his estate of R. L. Mai land, Clerk, 415 Winch Building, Van couver, B. C., for the benefit of h creditors.

A meeting of creditors will be held 415 Winch Building, Vancouver, B. C on the 7th day of November, 1911, at o'clock in the afternoon.

Creditors are requested to send their claims duly verified to the Assi nee, 415 Winch Building, Vancouver, o or before the 1st day of December, 191 and the Assignee will then proceed distribute the estate, having regard onl to claims filed.

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New York, Nov. 15—Reports received at the National headquarters in this city, indicate that the Men and Religion Forward Movement is sweeping through the interior of the country in a way which surprises even those in charge of this continent-wide effort to interest men and boys in all kinds of Religious endeavor.

From Hamilton, Ontario, to Dallas, Texas, from Jacksonville, Florida to Joplin, Missouri; from Mesaba Range region to Atlanta and Mabile, hundreds of thousands of laymen, in all the Protestant Churches are working together, to "take Christianity out of cold storage," and set it at work in the community.

One of the extraordinary incidents of the Campaign in Grand Rapids which has just closed, occurred at a mass meeting where Rev. Charles Stelzle, of New York Labor Temple, and Dr. I. J. Lansing, discussed "The Church and Labor." The audience at this mass meeting included men of every social station and of almost every occupation. Laborers and capitalists, professional men and mechanics, artisans and factory operatives, sat elbow to elbow, evincing the utmost interest.

Both Dr. Lansing and Mr. Stelzle pointed out the weakness of the church in respect to its treatment of the workingman, and also told of the strength of the Church when awakened to its greater usefulness.

"Millions of men outside of the church," said Mr. Stelzle, "do not understand the church. On the other hand, more millions are out of the church because the church does not understand them.

Workingmen Respond to Religion.

"Workingmen respond to religion as do no other people. At least I have found this true in my personal experience. What are you as church men doing to make your church attractive to the working man?"

Dr. Lansing followed with a talk on the same subject.

"Misunderstanding is the cause of opposition between labor and the church. They must be reconciled," he said. He told of the good accomplished by labor unions, of their high principles and purposes, basing his stand on reading from labor platforms.

Men in the audience hastened to question Mr. Stelzle at the close of the addresses.

"If you take away the saloon, what will you substitute for it ina social way?" he was asked. Mr. Stelzle replied: "Uuse the public schools more. These buildings cost much money. Is it a good investment to keep them idle so much of the time?"

"What should the church do in a small town where a canning factory employs women for from 12 to 16 hours a day?

"I should fight it for all I was worth after I had made sure of the facts. No industry or corporation has a right to exist that connot pay a living wage."

"What should the church do in a community in which there is a strike on?"

"The church, as a church, cannot commit itself to organized labor, because some members do not believe in unions. Where the fight is for a living wage, decent hours and sanitary conditions, the church should certainly get in the fight. A minister, as an individual, has a right to commit himself to organized labor, but not as a pastor of a church."

Gideons in the Work.

Announcement is made from Boston that the Gideons, a National organization of Christian Commercial Travellers, with headquarters in that city, has decided to throw itself into the work of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. Within the next few days about 400 members of the Gideons, using 100 automobiles, will distribute 6,000 Bibles among Boston Hotels, one copy to be placed in each guest chamber so that every stranger who comes to Boston and goes to a hotel will find a Bible in his room where he can read it if he chooses to. The Gideons have already distributed 115,000 Bibles throughout the hotels of the United States.

The Boston Boy's Work Committee of the Men and Religion Forward Movement has projected plans for a series of educational lectures on several phases of Boys' Work. These plans were decided upon at a luncheon in the City Club which was presided over by H. W. Gibson, who has devoted a life time of work to the sctudy of boys in the Y. M. C. A. C. H. Potter, of Chelsea, reported a list of six members to be included in the course of lectures to be held before Christmas at a central point in Boston, and the plan was approved. The subjects to be presented will include; Psychology of adolescence, male leadership of boys, teaching the Bible to boys, use of the gang-spirit in the church, and boys working with boys. Edwin W. Pierce, executive secretary of the Greater Boston Campaign Committee, reported that of the 403 churches included in the local movement 275 already have appointed committees on the work.

Canadian Workmen Take Hold.

After careful discussion among those most deeply interested, it has been decided in Hamilton, Canada, that the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Men and Religon Forward Movement, will co-operate in one strong missionary Committee to handle the missionary phase of the work. The Community Extension Committee of the Men and Religion Forward Movement in Hamilton has been extremely successful in holding regular meetings of religious uplift in factories, shops, etc., during the noonday h our. After the workmen have had their dinner they gladly gather to hear what is said to them by the speakers. Five shop meetings are now being held each week, and it is expected that a number of other shops will grant permission to hold such meetings in the near future.

Division mass meetings of the Men and Religion Forward Movement have been held in various parts of Pittsburg, and plans have been perfected to carry the propaganda through all parts of Allegheny County. At a luncheon given by the Pittsburg Committee of One Hundred in the Fort Pitt Hotel, announcement was made that complete success had attended the week-end Excursions to districts East and West of Pittsburg, which were made by the members of the Committee in order to create further interest. Active work will be continued by all of the churches from now until the last week in January when the Pittsburg Campaign is scheduled.

THE Pillar of Light

By Louis Tracy

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The Gulf Rock Light did not possess a proper apparatus. The only method that could be adopted was to improvise a coil from canvas sewn into a tube. The exterior was varnished, and wrapped in wet cloths to assist the condensation of the steam. Hence, every kettle and pot being requisitioned for this paramount need, cocoa could be supplied to the women alone, whilst the taste of the water, even thus disguised, was nauseating. No more potatoes could be boiled. Raw, they were almost uneatable. And potatoes happened to be the food most plentiful.

The genuine fresh water, reduced to a minimum in the cistern, was only a little better in condition unless it was filtered, and Brand decided that it ought to be retained for the exclusive use of those seriously ill. Patients were multiplying so rapidly that the hospital was crowded; and all fresh cases, as they occurred, perforce remained where they were.

Neither Constance nor Enid felt the time hang heavily on their hands. They were too busy, though the new ordinance regarding the food supply transferred their attention from active cooking to the replenishing of utensils which must be kept full of salt-water at boiling-point.

Pyne was an invaluable assistant.

In the adjustment of refractory canvas tubes over hot spouts, in the manipulation of the condensing plant so that it might act efficiently, in the trimming of lamps, and the stocking of the solitary coal fire, he insisted on taking to himself the lion's share of the work.

Enid, of course chaffed him about his American accent, which, she protested, she would acquire after a week's practice.

"It is quaint to our ears," she went on. "I never before grasped the reason why Mark Twain makes me laugh. All he does is to act as a phonograph. Every American is a born humorist."

"There's something in that," admitted Pyne. "We do try to dis-inter a joke. Say. Have you girls ever heard how an English professor explained the Yankee drawl?"

"No," they cried.

"He said it represented the effort of an uneducated man to make a speech. Every time his vocabulary gave out he lifted his voice to show he wasn't half through with his ideas."

"Oh," said Constance, "that is neither kind nor true, surely."

"Well," agreed Pyne, slowly, "that is the view a friend of mine took of the remark. So he asked the professor if he had a nice agreeable sort of definition, all ready for use, of the way Englishmen clipped their syllables. The other fellow allowed that he hadn't pondered on it. 'I guess,' said my friend, 'it represents the effort of an educated ass to talk English.'"

Though the laugh was against them they were forced to snigger approval.

"I think," said Constance, "that our chief national failing is pomposity, and your story hits it off exactly. In one of our small Cornish towns we have a stout little Mayor who made money in cheese and bacon. He went to see the Paris Exhibition, and an Exeter man, meeting him unexpectedly at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, hailed him with delight. 'Hello, Mr. Mayor—' he began. 'Hush,' said the Mayor, glancing around mysteriously, 'm 'ere incog.'"

None who heard these light-hearted young people yelling with merriment would imagine that they had just dined off a piece of hard-baked bread made without yeast and washed down with water tasting of tar and turpentine.

"Now, Miss Enid, your turn," cried Pyne.

Her eyes danced mischievously.

"Unfortunately, by the accident of birth, I am deprived of the sense of humor," she said.

"It seems to be in the family all right," he hazarded, looking at Constance.

"Alas!" said Enid, "I am an American."

"I'll smile now, if that is all," said Pyne.

"But, please, I am not joking a little bit. When you go ashore you will probably hear all about me, so I may as well take the wind out of the sails of gossip. I am a mere waif, who came sailing in out of the West one day in a little boat which must have come from the New World as no one appeared to have lost either me or it in the Old. Dad picked us both up and adopted me."

Pyne did not know whether to take her seriously or not, until he sought confirmation in a pair of tranquil eyes which he gazed into at every opportunity.

"It is quite true," said Constance gravely. "I suppose that the mysterious affinity between parents and longest children which exists in story-books is all nonsense in reality. No family could be more united and devoted to each other than we are, yet Enid is not my sister, and my father is her's only by adoption. He found her half dying, drifting past this very rock, and before he could reach her he fought and killed a dreadful shark. We are very proud of dad, Mr. Pyne. You see, he is our only relation. Enid knows neither her father nor mother, and my mother died when I was a baby."

"Great Scott!" cried Pyne.

He turned quickly towards the door. Mrs. Vansittart, very pale, with eyes that looked unnaturally large in the faint light, stood there. For an instant he was startled. He had not seen Mrs. Vansittart since they came to the rock, and he was shocked by the change in her appearance. He did not like her. His alert intelligence distrusted her. But it was not his business in life to select a wife for his uncle, as he put it, and he had always treated her with respectful politeness. Now, owing to some fleeting aspect which he could not account for, some vague resemblance to another which he did not remember having noticed before, he viewed her with a certain expectant curiosity that was equally unintelligible to him.

She held out a scrap of paper.

"Mr. Traill is here," she said quietly.

"Here!" he repeated, wondering what she meant, and perplexed by her icy, self-contained tone, whilst he thought it passing strange that she had no other greeting for him.

"Well," she said, "that is the best word I can find. He is near to us, as near as a steamer can bring him. Mr. Brand has received a signaled message; he wrote it out and sent it to me by a man. I inquired where you were, and was told you were engaged in the kitchen."

For some reason Mrs. Vansittart seemed to be greatly perturbed. Her presence put an end to the gaiety of the place quite effectually.

The young man took the paper in silence.

He read: "Dear Madam—a signal just received from the Falcon runs as follows:—'Mr. Cyrus J. Traill is on board and sends his love to Etta and Charlie. He will make every preparation for their comfort ashore and trusts they are bearing up well under inevitable hardships.' Yours faithfully, Stephen Brand."

Pyne strode to the door.

"I must see if I can't get Mr. Brand to answer the old boy," he cried. "Perhaps you have attended to that already."

She did not make way for him to pass.

"No," she said. "I came to seek you on that account. If not too late, will you tell your uncle that I do not wish to delay a moment in Penzance. He will please me most by arranging for a special train to await our arrival at the station."

"What's the hurry?" he demanded.

"A woman's whim, if you like, but a fixed resolve, nevertheless."

"Will you travel in that rig-out?" he asked quizzically.

"It is an easy matter to call at a shop if we reach shore by daylight. Then I can purchase a cloak and hat to serve my needs. Otherwise, it is matterless how I am attired. Will you do this?"

"Why, certainly."

She gave a little gasp of relief. In another instant Pyne would have gone, but Enid, who happened to glance through the window which opened towards the northwest, detained him.

"There's no hurry now for sure," she said. "The Falcon is half way to Carn du by this time. I do not suppose she will return until it is too dark to do more than signal important news very briefly."

"But this is important," cried Mrs. Vansittart shrilly. "It is of the utmost importance to me."

"'Fraid it can't be helped ma'am," said Pyne civilly. "Anyhow we're not ashore yet, and I can't see that any time will be wasted."

The electric bell jangled in the room, causing Mrs. Vansittart to jump visibly.

"Oh, what is it?" she screamed.

"My father is calling one of us up," explained Constance. "It may be a message from Jack. You go, Enid."

Enid hurried away. She had scarcely reached the next floor before Mrs. Vansittart, who seemed to have moods in full compass, said sweetly:

"Convey my deep obligations to Mr. Brand, won't you, Charlie. Indeed, you might go now and write out the text of my message to your uncle. Some early opportunity of despatching it may offer."

"All right," he said in the calm way which so effectually concealed his feelings. "Shall I escort you to your room?"

"By no means. I came here quite unassisted. Miss Brand and I can chat for a little while. It is most wearying to be pent all day and all night in one little room. Even the change to another little room is grateful."

Pyne bowed, and they heard his steady tread as he ascended the stairs.

"Quite a nice boy, Charlie," said Mrs. Vansittart, coming forward into the kitchen, with its medley of queer-looking, hissing, steaming contrivances.

"Yes. We think he is exceedingly nice," said Constance. She wondered why the other woman seemed always to stand in the shadow, by choice. The strongest light in the darkened chamber came from the grate, and Mrs. Vansittart deliberately turned away from it.

"If all goes well he will soon be my nephew by marriage," went on the other. "I quitted New York yesterday week in order to marry his uncle in Paris. Rather a disastrous beginning to a new career, is it not?"

"I hofe not, indeed. Perhaps you are surmounting difficulties at the commencement rather than at the end."

"It may be. I am so much older than you that I am less optimistic. But you did not grasp the significance of my words. I said I was to be married in Paris."

"Yes," said Constance, still at a loss to catch the drift of an announcement which Mrs. Vansittart seemed so anxious to thrust upon her.

"Well, the Chinook was wrecked last night, or rather early this morning. The name of the ship was not made known throughout the world until long after daybreak. It is quite impossible that Mr. Traill should have reached this remote corner of England from Paris in the interval."

For one moment the girl was puzzled. Then a ready solution occurred to her.

"Oh, of course, that is very simple. Mr. Traill was awaiting your arrival in Southampton, thinking to take you by surprise no doubt. That is sure to be the explanation. What a shock the first telegram must have given him!"

"How did he ascertain that his nephew and I were alive?"

"The very first thing father did was to telegraph the names of all the survivors. I know that is so because I saw the message."

"Ah. He is a man of method, I suppose. You are proud of him, I heard you say."

"I think there is no one like him in all the world. We are so happy at home that sometimes I fear it cannot last. Yet, thank God, there is no excuse for such night-mare terrors."

Mrs. Vansittart cooed in her gentle way.

"Indeed you have my earnest good wishes in that respect," she said. "Do we not owe our lives to you? That is an excellent reason for gratitude, if a selfish one. But, some day soon, you will be getting married and leaving the parental roof."

"I do not wish to die an old maid," laughed Constance, "yet I have not discovered a better name than my own up to the present."

She fancied that Mrs. Vansittart winced a little at this remark. Deeming her visitor to be a bundle of nerves she jumped to the conclusion that the other woman read into the words some far-fetched disparagement of her own approaching marriage.

"Of course," she continued, affably tactful, "I will hold another view when the right man asks me."

"Were you in my place," murmured her visitor, apparently thinking aloud rather than addressing Constance, "you would not be fearful of misfortune? You would not read an omen of ill luck into this dramatic interruption of all your plans? After many years of widowhood I am about to be married again to a man who is admirable in every way. He is rich, distinguished in manner and appearance, a person of note not only in the States but on the Continent. No woman of my years might desire a better match. Why could not the way be made smooth for me? Why should the poor Chinook, out of the hundreds of mail-steamers which cross the Atlantic yearly be picked out for utter disaster? It is a warning—a threat from the gods!"

The unconscious bitterness of her tone moved the girl to find words of consolation.

"I would not question the ways of Providence in the least," she said. "Surely you have far more reason for thankfulness than for regret."

"Regret! I am not regretting. But I have gone through such trials that I am unnerved. There, child! Forgive me for troubling you. And—and—kiss me, will you, and say you wish me well!"

She moved nearer, as if driven by uncontrollable impulse. Constance, not prepared for such an outburst, was nevertheless deeply touched by this appeal for sympathy.

"I wish you all the joy and happiness which I am sure you deserve," she said, stooping to kiss the wan, shrinking face held up to her.

Mrs. Vansittart burst into a paroxysm of tears and tottered towards the door.

"No, no," she gasped, as Constance caught her by the arm. "Do not come with me. I am—shaken. It will pass. For God's sake, let me go alone!"

CHAPTER XII.

PREPARATIONS

Pyne found Enid rosy-red and inclined to be tearful. The dying light of day was still strong enough in the service-room to permit these things to be seen.

"No bad news, I hope?" he inquired though the sight of Stephen Brand, seated at his desk and placidly writing, was reassuring.

The question steadied her to an extent.

"It is nothing of any consequence," she said and darted past him.

Brand looked up from his journal. He smiled, though the American thought there was a hint of pain in his eyes.

"I am going to lose one of my girls," he said. "Oh, no, this is not a loss by death but by marriage. If I were a Frenchman, I would describe it as gaining a son. Enid has just received what is tantamount to a proposal."

"By flag-wagging?" Pyne was naturally astounded.

"Yes. You would not expect one of the people from the Chinook to be so enterprising."

"I—don't—know," said Pyne, punctuating each word with a deliberate nod.

"Well, in any case, I would not have forwarded the application after an acquaintance of eighteen hours," observed Brand, with equal deliberation.

"They're two powerful fine girls," said Pyne, steering clear of the point. "They have just been telling me how Miss Enid happened along. It reads like a fairy tale."

"She was given to me by the winds and waves, yet she is dear to me as my own child. I shall miss her greatly—if all goes well here."

"I've cottoned on to both of them something wonderful. But, if I am not intruding into private affairs, how comes it that Miss Enid is being telegraphed for? Of course I can understand the gentleman being in a hurry. I would feel that way myself if the conditions were favorable."

Pyne could be as stolid as a red Indian when the occasion demanded it. Brand found no hint in his face of the hidden thought in his words.

"Have they said anything to you of a man named Stanhope?" inquired the lighthouse-keeper, resuming the entry in his diary after a sharp glance upwards.

"Y-yes. They pointed him out to me this morning. In the navy, I think. Fellow with a title, and that sort of thing."

"No. His mother is Lady Margaret Stanhope, being an earl's daughter, but his father was a knight. He has been paying attentions to Enid for a year and more, to my knowledge and to his mother's exceeding indignation, I fancy."

"That is where we on the other side have the pull of you."

"Have you? I wonder. However, Lady Margaret's views have not troubled me. I will deal with her when the time comes. At present it looks fairly certain that Master Jack has settled matters on his own account I may be mistaken, of course. How do you interpret this?"

He closed the journal and handed to Pyne a memorandum taken down letter by letter by a sailor as Brand read the signal:

"Mother sends her love to Enid."

"Did mother ever convey her love to Enid before?" asked Pyne.

"No."

"Then I call that neat. I take off my hat to Stanhope. He and mamma have had a heart-to-heart talk."

Brand leaned his head on his hands, with clenched fists covering his ears. There was a period of utter silence until the lighthouse-keeper rose to light the lamp.

Pyne watched him narrowly.

"I may be trespassing on delicate ground," he said at last. "If I am, you are not the sort of man to stand on ceremony. In the States, you know when the authorities want to preserve a park section they don't say: 'Please do not walk on the grass.' They put up a board which reads: 'Keep off. We never kick. We're used to it.'"

"My notice-board, if required, will be less curt, at any rate," replied Brand, and they faced each other. Though their words were light, no pleasant conceit lurked in their minds. There was a question to be asked and answered, and it held the issues o life and death.

"What did you mean just now by saying, 'if all goes well here?' Is ther any special reason why things shoul not go well?"

The young Philadelphian might have been hazarding an inquiry about a matter of trivial interest, so calm was he, so smooth his utterance. But Brand had made no mistake in estimating this youngster's force of character, nor did he seek to temporize.

He extended an arm towards the reef.

"You hear that?" he said.

"Yes."

"It may boil that way for weeks."

"So I have been told."

"By whom?"

"Mr. Emmett told me."

"Ah! He and I have discussed the matter already. Yet I imagine that neither he, nor any other man in the place save myself, grasps the true meaning of the fact."

"I've been theorizing," said Pyne. "It occurred to me that this light isn' here for amusement."

He looked up at the lamp an smiled. The pillar, in those days must have been a haunt of illusions for Brand, like Constance and Pyn himself in the case of Mrs. Vansittart thought he caught an expression fa miliar to his eyes long before he had seen that clear-cut, splendidly intelligent face.

But there was no time for idle speculation. He glanced into the well of the stairs to make sure that no one was ascending.

Then he approached nearer to Pyn and said in an intense whisper:

"It is folly to waste words with you I have reasoned this thing out an now I will tell you what I have decided. I will take the watch fron eight until twelve. At twelve you wil relieve me, and I will go below to secure provisions and water sufficien to maintain the lives of my daughters you and myself, for a few hours longer than the others. By right, if I followed the rules I have promised to obey, I alone should live. That is impossible. A Spartan might do it, but I cannot abandon my girls and yet retain my senses. I trust you because I must have a confederate. If the weather does not break before tomorrow night we must barricade the stairs—and fight—if necessary."

His face was drawn and haggard his eyes blazing. He shook as one in the first throes of fever. He seemed to await his companion's verdict with an over-powering dread lest any attempt should be made to question the justice of his decree.

"Yes. I figured it out that way, too," said Pyne. "It's queer, isn't it, to be in such a fix when there's all sorts of help within call, so to speak. We might as well be in a mine closed up by an explosion. And, I'll tell you what—I'm real sorry for you."

Brand, collapsing under the strain, sank into a chair.

"It is an awful thing," he moaned, "to condemn so many men, women and children, to such a death."

A spasm of pain made Pyne's lips tremulous for an instant. He had forgotten Elsie and Mamie.

But his voice was fully under control when he spoke again.

"You can count on me in the deal in all but one thing," he said.

The older man looked up fiercely. What condition could be imposed in the fulfilment of a duty so terrible?

"I am here by chance," went on Pyne. "One of your daughters may have told you that Mrs. Vansittar came from New York to marry my uncle. Anyhow you would know sh was dear to him by his message today. She is sort of in my charge, and I can't desert her. It's hard luck, as don't care a cent for her. She's the kind of woman old men adore—fascinating, bird-like creatures—when the cage is gilded."

Brand sprang to his feet and raced up to the trimming-stage. When his hands were on the lamp he felt surer of himself. It gave him strength during the hurricane and it would strengthen him now.

"There can be no exceptions," he said harshly. Pyne waited until the lighthouse-keeper rejoined him.

"I ought to have put my proposition before you first and made a speech afterwards," he said. "Constance and Enid will join you here when you say the word, but I will be on the other side of the barricade."

"Nonsense!" cried Brand. "You have no right to thrust away the chance that is given you. You saved all these people once. Why should you die uselessly?"

"What! Suppose it pans out that way. Suppose we live a couple of weeks and escape. Am I to face the old man and tell him—the truth? No, sir. You don't mean it. You wouldn' do it yourself. What about that shark the girls told me of. I can guess jus what happened. He wanted the light refreshment in the boat. Did you scoot back when you saw his fin? I'm a heap younger than you. Mr. Brand, but that bluff doesn't go."

"Thank Heaven, we have twenty-four hours yet!" murmured Brand.

"It will be all the same when we have only twenty-four seconds. Let us fix it that way right now. Don't you see, it will be easier to deceive the girls? And there's another reason. Barricade and shoot as you like It will be a hard thing to keep three score desperate men boxed up down below. When they begin to diet on colza there will be trouble. A few of us, ready to take chances, will be helpful. Some of them may have to die quick, you know."

Brand closed his eyes in sheer affright. In that way he tried to shut out a vision.

"Be it so," he gasped. "May the Lord help us."

It was the responsibility that mastered him. Judges on the bench often break down when they sentence a criminal to death, but what judge, humane, tender-hearted and God-fearing, ever pronounced the doom of seventy-eight people snatched from a merciful death to be steeped in horrors.

At last his iron will predominated. The knowledge that the path of duty lay straight before him cheered his tortured soul. No man could say he erred in trying to save his children. That was a trust as solemn as any conferred by the Elder Brethren of the Trinity.

He placed a hand on Pyne's shoulder, for this youngster had become dear to him.

"Had I a son," he said, "I should wish him to be like you. Let us strive to forget the evils that threaten us. Brooding is useless. If need be, you will take charge of the lower deck. There is starvation allowance for three more days at the worst. But I hate the thought of starting the new scale to-morrow."

"It may not be necessary."

"Candidly, I fear it will. I know the Cornish coast too well. When bad weather sets in from the southwest at this season it holds for a week at the lowest computation."

"Is there no other way? Can nothing be done out there?"

"Able men, the best of sailors, the most experienced of engineers have striven for half a century to devise some means of storm communication with a rock lighhouse placed as this is. They have failed. There is none."

"That's good," cried Pyne quite pleasantly. "Where is your pouch? I feel like a smoke. If I hadn't fired that question at you I should have wasted a lot of time in hard thinking."

Brand had to scheme that night to reach the store-room unobserved. The Falcon, steaming valiantly to her observation post near the buoy, aided him considerably. He permitted the night watch to gather in the service room hilst he supplied the men with tobacco, and stationed the officer on the gallery to observe the trawler in case she showed any signal lights.

Since the attempt on the lock Constance gave the key to her father after each visit. For the rest, the inmates of the pillar were sunk in the lethargy of unsatisfied hunger. Constance and Enid, utterly worn out with fatigue, were sound asleep in the kitchen, and the tears coursed down the man's face as he acted the part of a thief in securing the measured allowance of flour and bacon for one meal. The diet of one hungry meal for eighty-one people gave twenty-seven hungry meals for three. He ought to have taken more, but he set his teeth and refused the ungrateful task.

It is oft-times easy for a man to decide upon a set course, but hard to follow it.

"A week!" he murmured. "Perhaps ten days! That is all. Pray Heaven I may not go mad before they die!"

Pyne, watching the light, knew that Brand had succeeded. The Falcon went; gradually the watch dispersed.

"Where is the hoard?" asked Pyne, making believe that they were playing some comedy.

"Hidden in the kitchen lockers. I could obtain only distilled water. You must persuade the girls in the morning that something went wrong with the apparatus."

As opportunity offered, Brand transferred the tins to the lockers of the service-room. Pyne, who missed nothing, shook his head when it became evident that the last consignment was safely stored away.

"Not much there," he commented.

"I will take no more!" was the fierce cry.

"You ought to."

"I refuse I tell you! Don't torture me further."

"Any chance of a row in the morning? The purser and Mr. Emmett mount guard when the store-room is opened."

"I acted my role well. I built up the vacancies with empty tins."

"My sakes!" cried Pyne pityingly, "you deserve to win through."

"I think my heart will break," muttered Brand. "But look! The lamp! It needs adjusting."

Indeed, a fresh gale seemed to be springing up. The wind-vane having gone, the index was useless. It was not until a burst of spray drenched the lantern that Brand knew of a change taking place. The wind was backing round towards the north.

The barometer fell slightly. It portended either more wind and dry weather, or less wind accompanied by rain. Who could tell what would happen? Fair or foul, hurricane or calm, all things seemed to be the ungovernable blundering of blind chance.

When the rock was left in peace after the fall of the tide, Pyne promised to keep the light in order if Brand would endeavor to sleep until day-break. Rest was essential to him. He would assuredly break down under the strain if the tension were too long maintained, and a time was coming when he would need all his strength, mental and physical.

"Here have I been snoozing in odd corners ever since I came aboard," urged the American, "and I have nothing to do but starve quietly. It's ridiculous. My funeral is dated; yours isn't. You can't be on deck all the time, you know. Now, just curl up and count sheep jumping over a wall or any old game of the sort until your eyes close of their own accord."

Brand yielded. He lay on the hard boards, with a chair cushion for pillow; all the rugs rescued by Constance were now needed in the hospital. In less than a minute he was sound asleep.

"That was a close call," mused Pyne. "In another hour he would have cracked up. He's a wonder, anyhow."

The lighthouse-keeper slept until long after daybreak. Pyne refused to allow anyone to disturb him.

Soon after seven o'clock the watch reported that two vessels were approaching from the Bay. One was the Falcon, and the sailors soon made out that the other was the Trinity tender from Plymouth.

When they were both nearing the buoy, Brand was aroused.

It was evident that the brief rest had cleared his brain and restored his self-confidence. Instantly he took up the thread of events, and his first words showed how pleased he was that someone of authority in the lighthouse service should be in active communication with him.

Through his glasses he distinguished Stanhope on board the Trinity steamer, standing by the side of the inspecting-officer of the South-Coast lights. Other officials were there but near Stanhope was a tall elderly man, unknown, and certainly a stranger in Penzance.

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Local and Otherwise

The Christmas entertainment of Grace Methodist church will be held on the evening of Wednesday, December 27.

The Icthus Jubilee Circle of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday, Nov. 28th.

Rev. J. W. Woodside, minister of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church will give an illustrated lecture on the Land of Scott and Burns," in the above church on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at 8 p.m.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 21, the congregation of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church will hold their Annual Church gathering in the schoolroom and banquet hall.

Sunset Lodge No. 69, 1. O. G. T. held its meeting in the Grandview Hall, Commercial Street, Tuesday evening and will meet weekly hereafter in that Lodge room.

After opening, the District Officers who were paying the lodge an official visit were received with honours.

Initiation was then proceeded with when serveral candidates were given the initiatory degree. The quarterly election of officers was held, after which the new officers were duly installed by the D. G. C. T.

After the routine business was over several speeches were made by the visiting District Officers Bros. Hogg, D.C.T., J. R. Mathew, G.S., J. Proudfoot, D.S., and others.

The lodge has sustained a great loss in the death of our late Bro. Christopher T. Baxter, who was one of the charter members and first Chief Templar of our lodge.

The closing ceremonies finished an excellent meeting despite the inclement weather.

The Eighth Annual meeting of the Vancouver District Convention of the W. M. S. of B. C. convened in Grace Methodist Church Thursday Nov. 9th, 1911.

There sessions were held 10:30 a.m., 2 and 8 p.m. Mrs. Derbyshire, District Organizer presided.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Lashley Hall at 10:30 and by Miss Haddock at 2 p.m. The Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Lewis read the minutes of the last District Convention, which was held at Eburne.

Mrs. Byrns in a few well chosen words extended a welcome to the visitors, Mrs. Gordon of Eburne responding in fitting terms. Two pleasant features on the programme were the choruses given by three Japanese girls, and five little Chinese girls. The reports from the Auxiliaries, Circles and Mission Bands set forth very interestingly the incidents and plannings of the successful work being done.

Mrs. Derbyshire, District Organizer was re-elected for the coming year.

Mrs. eBtts' report of the meeting of the W. M. S. held in Lindsay, Sept. 26th to 29th, 1911, was encouraging and full of interest to all present.

The evening session was presided over by the Pastor, Rev. Wm. Elliott.

Avery pleasant social hour was spent between sessions.

An Epworth League was organized at Trinity Methodist Church, Seventh Avenue East, on Monday evening, Nov. 6th. Much interest was displayed and the following efficient staff of officers was elected:

Honorary President—Rev. A. M. Sanford.

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Christian Endeavor Vice-President—John Higgins.

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Trinity Church has about completed the first year of its history and on Sunday, Nov. 19th, special anniversary services will be held. The preacher for the day will be the Rev. J. C. Switzer, B.A., pastor of Wesley Church and the Rev. F. W. Langford, B.A., pastor of Central Church.

The basement of Trinity Church has been completed and on Sunday last was opened for the use of the Sunday school and other organizations of the church. The room is large, bright, and well finished and will prove very serviceable for many departments of Church activity. A new piano has been installed as part of the furnishing.

Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, Mt. Pleasant is giving a dance and supper in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Maint Street, on Thursday, November 23rd. Dancing to commence at 9 p.m.

Fowler's Orchestra in attendance.

The baby Rebekah Lodge of the City promises those that attend a pleasant evening.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church attended in a body the Quarterly Raily held last Monday evening in the eWsley Methodist Church. Rev. Leslie Pidgeon was the chief speaker of the evening.

The pulpit of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church was occupied by Rev. J. C. Switzer of Wesley Church, last Sunday morning.

Elva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Switzer, 1753 Grant St., died on Saturday evening of acute pneumonia. Her age was 3 years and six months.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

THE FLAG CONTROVERSY.

Mr. Dorchester and those like-minded, represent, I suppose, about ninety or ninety-five per cent. of the white population of British Columbia. Their ground is sensible, logical and patriotic. In addition they are as liberal-minded as Britons always should be in relation to international flag courtesies. Canadians do not and never did oppose a reasonable display of other flags than the British, so long as they were not brazenly and coursely flaunted. I am always glad to see the flags of other nations intertwined with our grand old Union Jack when there is an international reason or cause for such a blending. But I always did, and do now, oppose the spread-eagle methods of the boorish, ill-mannered few in Canada from the South, who think they manifest loyalty to the States by insulting Canadians. It is time these noisy people had their lesson, and they will learn it quickly if they imagine they can continue to flaunt the Stars and Stripes in Canada in and out of season. On the Fourth of July, and on occasions of international festivities of a fraternal, business or a religious sort, there is ample room for the two flags to fly side by side. But even then, there is no room or sane ground for placing only the Stars and Stripes on show in Canada, or the Union Jack in the States.

Our good-mannered citizens from Yankeeland are so rude or coarse as to flaunt "Old Glory" on the streets and elsewhere without due regard for the British flag, and the international amenities.

But the insolent covering of theatres with a blaze of Yankee bunting in Canadian cities, and in Vancouver in particular, must stop. And most surely it will stop. Moreover, if the "film manufactories" expect to do business in Canada they had better gt a move on, and consider that Canadians are no tag-end of the States. And it is time also to cut out a lot of the rotten song-filth filtering through our theatres from the south.

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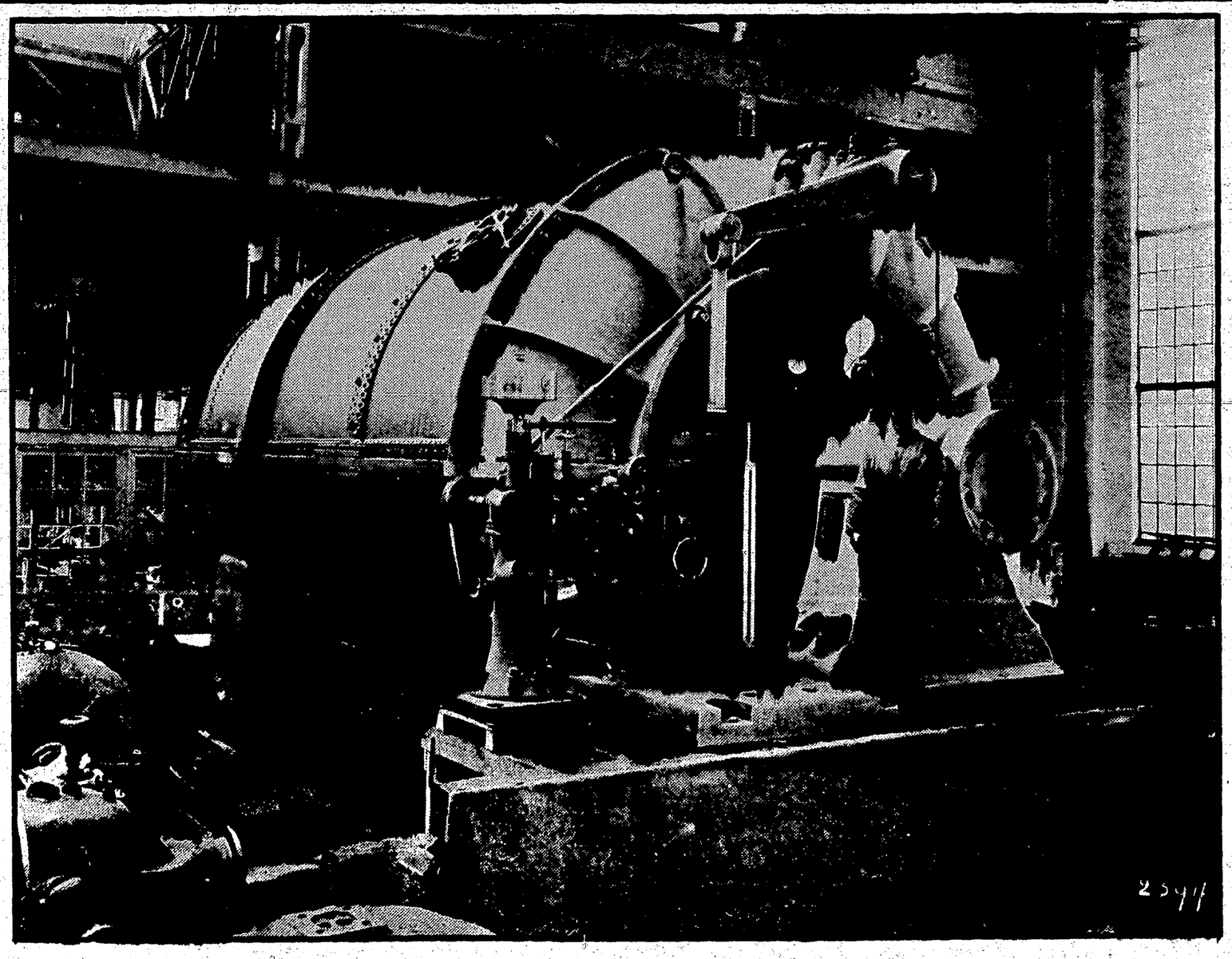

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VANCOUVER MUST PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY.

(Prof. E. Odlum, M.A., B.Sc.)

The aldermanic body of the city of Vancouver are under powerful pressure because of the many needs of the city, and because every district is calling for attention of some sort or another.

Streets, sidewalks, bridges, sewers, parks, schools, jails, city halls, increased fire and police facilities, and many other things are demanding attention. But the finance committee and the mayor would do well to run the pruning knife through the tremendous list of costly proposed undertakings. The debt of Vancouver is climbing up at a rate beyond the point of safety and sound finance.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars can be saved if our citizens learn to have a little sensible patience. Too many of our people are demanding for Vancouver what other cities have taken hundreds of years to accomplish. There is no need of such mad haste. There is a very unwise rush to widen certain streets that might run well for a century or two at their present width. A street is rocked, and a second year sees the whole of the rock torn up and carted away to the dump. Even while we are paying for that rocked street, we see it all thrown away. A concrete sidewalk is put down one year and torn up the next, for some newly undertaken improvement. The bonds are to be paid even though we tear up the streets and sidewalks.

A street is block-paved, or made of bitulithic material, at considerable cost, and lo! in a moment we are warned that the engineer and council meditate widening the street, even though the concrete walk is but put in place and the street paving is under way.

An ideal street and city will always be very different from the concrete. It is very well to say: "A street of 100 feet, covered with gold, would shine and look well, but such a street is not to be had this side of the pearly gates." The real reason for not making streets of costly metals, and doing other public acts purely on idealistic lines, **is the matter of cost.** Men, all men, admit that there must be a limit to our undertakings. But they differ as to the time and amount of liability.

Surely a city of our size has debt enough to satisfy any person, when it reaches the $20,000,000.00 mark. And at this moment there are big undertakings and propositions before the council and citizens that would run us into debt five millions beyond that high mark.

Our aldermanic board must take the bit in their teeth and call a halt, or at least steady down the speed.

In spite of our wonderful growth and progress as a people, we must be sure of one thing: Our bonds must be paid. Our assessments cannot come down. Our rate of taxation must be kept up. No change can come, if we are to meet our present liabilities. And if we borrow further millions, we shall see the assessment and rates increase in the near future.

The rapid increase of building business and residential structures will eventually overtake the increase of population. It always does in every city. It will do so in Vancouver. Then when the buildings are not occupied there will be a serious drop in prices. The big figures on residential buildings will not remain. Rents will come down. There is only sound business basis for valuations. That is the rent result or standard.

There are hosts of houses selling at several thousands of dollars beyond their real value, simply because there is a momentary dearth of such buildings. A house that will bring only $30.00 per month on the average all the year round is worth not one cent more than $3000.00 one year with another, as any careful business man must know. And yet when dwellings come down to their real value, the annual interest and sinking fund will not come down one farthing. Worse than that!

By our mad haste to borrow, the interest and sinking fund claims will increase, and bear more heavily on the property owners. Hence upon the people as a whole.

Vancouver has had such wonderful progress for many years that there is a sort of settled feeling that no danger awaits our future. But the inevitable will come to us, as to all other cities and mortals. We are not in gloryland yet. Therefore we should be prepared for some of the drawbacks common to earth-born man.

The advice to be given and taken in a reasonable manner is that the aldermen, especially the finance committee, should use the big knife pretty freely. We must not pattern after the cities of the south. From what is happening, some of them are good cities to flee from. And why? Just because they ran mad, crazy-wild in making such improvements in a hurry, such improvements as should be accomplished in a hundred or two hundred years. Taxation is, in the end, the death-knell of a city's prosperity when the taxes run beyond a sound financial and reasonable limit. And strangely enough, the very persons who suffer from any hurt coming to a city are the very men who are apt to demand rush orders of improvement and loans. The men who vote for loans must pay them, but the pay comes very largely **from the lifeblood of the hard worker and strict economiser.** These are the two who pay most in the end. It is about time a few men who are wedded to economy rather than to borrowing and running the city into unreasonable debt, should rise up in the council chamber and call a halt.

Our mayor and aldermen are not more to blame than the people. In fact it has been up to now that if any alderman tried hard to be economical he would be quickly marked for slaughter. Even now, the men who insist on and demand strict economy, will at first be unpopular, but in the end they would be blessed by the people of the near future. While we must prepare to furnish these improvements absolutely forced upon us, we must find a way to cut out those things that can wait to our great advantage.

In private life men do without many things they need, just because economy says do not borrow. Let the city do likewise.

JUDGE AND JURY.

The petit jury at New Westminster assizes petitioned the Attorney-General for a higher rate of pay for services on the jury. For this action they have been adversely criticized in some quarters. Perhaps if the facts were better known some sympathy might be expressed for the jury.

In the first place many of these men are residents of Langley and other outside municipalities and are men of very limited means, who only earn a small wage, and every day is a serious loss to them. It is true they get $2.00 per day while on the jury, but they are forced to pay $2.50 a day for their hotel bill, so they lose in that respect. On the other hand some are prominent business men, having large and important business connections in Vancouver which they cannot attend to. Now, we are quite aware of the fact that all jurymen must expect some inconvenience but we also believe that it is the business of the Crown to see that this inconvenience is minimized.

In the case of the New Westminster jury, who are doing the "kicking," we are informed that Chief Justice Hunter would frequently not appear in Court until long after eleven o'clock, when the time set for court opening was ten o'clock, in fact, on more than one occasion it was eleven thirty before the honorable gentleman appeared, and once as late as a quarter of twelve. Now, as stated, the loss of time is a serious thing to the jury and aggravating enough when the court is prompt, but when the major portion of each morning is wasted waiting the appearance of the judge, no one can blame them for asking for "more pay." The judge draws a salary of $8,000 per annum, and need not worry, but the best he could do, as an act of common courtesy, is to consider the jury and the bar, all of whom must suffer when he is dilatory.

Another way in which the Government, or at least its representative, the sheriff, might make the position of a juror less objectionable, would be by excusing a man after he had served on one case. We submit that a man who has served on, say, a murder case, has done all the Crown has a right to ask of him except in special cases. As a rule the sheriff gets a list and keeps those whom he has summoned on duty for two, three or four weeks. This is unreasonable and must result in severe loss to the citizen who is unfortunate enough to be called. We do not agree with the New Westminster Jury in asking for more pay, but we do urge that service on a jury be made more reasonable. To say the least a judge, who is a well paid public servant, should have some respect and consideration for free citizens who are serving their country at a loss and sacrifice to themselves; and, also, the sheriff could call a large list and excuse those who have served on one case.

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Every Protestant in Canada should secure a copy of this most useful and reliable work. And the true and staunch Protestants of the Anglican Communion should read the book, so as to be on their guard against the many extreme High Church Ritualists in Vancouver and vicinity.

Here is just one extract from Pusey on the Confession which is so common in the High Church today. "No Confessor should ever give the slightest suspicion that he is alluding to what he has heard in the tribunal; but he should remember the canonical warning: 'What I know through Confession, I know less than what I do no know.' Pope Eugenius says that what a Confessor knows in this way, he knows it ut deus; while out of Confession he is only speaking ut homos; so that, as man, he can say that he does not know that which he has learned as God's representative. I will go further still: **As man he may swear with a clear conscience that he knows not what he knows only as God.**"

..This an awful disclosure! With a "clear conscience" Pusey and his sort could perjure themselves.

E. ODLUM.

TREATING THE FOREST AS A CROP.

The progress of the Conservation policy of Canada, as applied to forest resources, depends more upon the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior than upon any other organization. Upon the technical knowledge and executive ability of the officers of the Forestry rBanch depends the future of the forest on 16,000,000 acres of Dominion Forest Reserves, as well as upon the large area of non-agricultural forest land in Western Canada, which for the good of the country may yet be set aside as permanent forest reserves. In addition to looking after Dominion lands the forestry branch is now being asked by Eastern land owners to furnish advice as to the best means of securing at the earliest date a profitable crop of timber on waste land or wood lots. The proper administration of forest lands requires a special knowledge of the trees best adapted to each region, of their uses, and of the markets. Further there is needed knowledge of the habits of all trees, especially of the merchantable species, so that it may be known how rapidly they grow, how they produce their seed, when and under what conditions the seed germinates, and in what way the seedlings and young trees are affected by their surroundings. Such knowledge is gained only by long study and experience. In order that the new Rocky Mountain Forest Reserves may be administered according to the latest scientific knowledge and the best experience, the Forestry Branch is now making detailed studies of the habits of the merchantable species of trees on the Eastern slope of the Rockies in Alberta, and has sent one of the men in charge of the work to study the systems of forest management practiced during the past few years by the highly developed United States Forest Service in the National Forests of Montana. The United States foresters have spent large sums of money and availed themselves of the experience of many men in developing plans of lumbering which do not inconvenience the lumbermen but which ensure the protection and reproduction of the forest and the Canadian Forestry Branch intends to benefit largely by their experience.

Firemen Become Chauffeurs

A new automobile school was opened here this week. Its pupils and those of its waiting list number five hundred and they are all members of the city fire department. They are being trained to operate the motor fire engines and high pressure hose wagons that are being introduced to replace the old-fashioned horse-drawn fire apparatus as rapidly as the manufacturers can turn them out. By the end of the year it is expected that 50 of these fire motors will be in service and each one will require three drivers working in eight-hour shifts. There are possibilities of risk and excitement in driving an automobile fire engine thro Montreal's crowded streets such as few other occupations can offer, and the application list for positions in this branch of the department's work is already full to overflowing.

FARMERS TO RESCUE CITY CONSUMERS.

New Plan Started Here Seeks to Eliminate Middleman—May Break Trip of High Prices—Firemen Attend Auto School—May Abolish Theatrical Orchestras—Thieves Set Record by Stealing Three Storey House.

Montreal, Nov 15.—A movement that may ultimately result in the saving of many millions of dollars to consumers in the big cities and in a complete revolution of the methods of handling most kinds of produce was started very quietly here this week when a delegation representing several farmers, after several weeks spent in preliminary arrangements established headquarters here for selling their output direct to retail shopkeepers, eliminating the wholesaler, jobber and commission man in disposing of their products. While the enterprise is being started on a small scale applications have been received from over a thousand retail dealers who desire to offer their customers the advantage of produce fresh from the farm at rates no higher than they have been paying for the output of cold storage establishments. On the other hand the farmers engaged in this co-operative movement will receive better prices than at present when it is claimed that sixty to seventy-five percent of the retail price of most farm products goes to the various middlemen and only twenty-five pen cent. to forty per cent. to the original producer. The farmers are backing their new enterprise with a fund of $100,000 and announce that they stand ready to provide several times this amount if they find it necessary. Fruits, vegetables, butter, eggs, and poultry are the chief staples that are to be handled. The experiment is being watched with great interest by the consuming public which sees in it the possibility of relief from continued bondage to high prices and of escape from the clutches of the cold storage combination. If the plan is successful it undoubtedly will reseult in the establishment by associations of farmers of similar distributing plants in all the big cities of the country.

Winnipeg, Man.—There is a big rush in building in anticipation of winter. Retail demand is still active, but has fallen off a little at the mills. This has been Winnipeg's greatest building year, and already there are indications that builders will have all they can handle next spring. Good progress was made last week on threshing throughout the country, and business men generally have confidence that trade next spring will be heavy in most lines.

A report from Prince Albert, Sask., says indications are that over 150,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut in the woods of that district this winter. The Big River Lumber Company, Limited, and the Prince Albert Lumber Company, Limited, are the largest operators, and there are several smaller concerns. It is estimated that all the mills in that district will have a total of between 5,000 and 6,000 men in the camps through the winter.

It is reported from Fernie, in the Kootenay country, that the annual car shortage is being already felt in the lumber trade there; that this lack of cars at the close of an unsatisfactory season for the mountain mills is very unfortunate. Most of the mills are preparing to close.

The railways continue to open branches, where construction work has been under way during the last year or two. The roads have been making announcements of a great deal of new work next spring, and from all accounts the season will open with a rush. It is stated that the new federal government will go ahead with the construction of the Hudson Bay railway. There has been considerable timber cruising recently in the Hudson Bay country.

FROM THE CANADIAN METROPOLIS.

Montreal, Que.—An exploration party sent out by the department of lands and forests has just returned from the Abittibi country. It reports an abundance of small timber suitable for pulpwood there, but that it is too small for logging purposes. The National Transcontinental railway, which will be completed within the next two or three years, will run through this district and will open up immense pulp areas.

With the close of navigation about a month distant there is renewed activity in the lumber industry. Shippers who desire to get out their lumber are hurrying to do so before the cold weather sets in. This has stimulated activity in the lumber business to a certain extent, but export business is far from being as satisfactory as it should be. The backbone of the lumber industry during the last year has been the home market.

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AMONG THE INDIANS OF BOLIVIA.

(By Dr. Maximus Neumayer, in The Wide World.)

From Potosi I made many excursions into the neighboring country, in order to study the nature of the district and the character of the Aimara Indians. On the whole, and when not aroused, these people are amiable, but by no means either so lazy or so dependent on their womenfolk as the Quecha. More hospitable, the Aimara is, however, much more treacherous, and his temper is easily aroused over trifles. When angry, he becomes an ungovernable and ruthless fiend.

The llama is the local beast of burden, and one entirely suited to the Indian's temperament. It is more obstinate than a mule, and invariably gets its own way, wandering along the path at its own gait, the driver following behind. uddenly it stops short and lies down, as though to admire the landscape, and the Indian quietly squats down beside it, never urging it to go nor encouraging it to remain standing. At last Mr. Llama decides that farther along the road a better view may be obtained of the surounding country, and so he quietly continues his slouching gait, the Indian, without so much as a murmur, getting up and folowing dutifully in his wake.

One adventure I had among the Aimaras stands out prominently in my mind. I had gone on a three days' trip well into the mountains beyond Potosi, and found myself in a beautiful region of cliff and glen. Then, somehow, my guides lost their way, and we wandered on, not knowing exactly where we were.

Just at nightfall, tired out, we happened on a native vilage situated on a hillside, and here I decided to spend the night, intending to get up early in the morning, and, after asking my road, return to Potosi.

Before pitching our camp I had inquiries made for the chieftain, in order to ask his permission to remain on the borders of the village for the night. He was away, however, and therefore I lost no time in setting up our small tent.

Hardly had we done so when up came the chieftain in a towering rage, and, turning to my guides, asked who had given them permission to pitch a tent. They naturally denied all responsibility, and turned to me as the head of the expedition, saying that I had given them the order. So much I understood from the general drift of the conversation; for, though I knew but a few words of the Aimara dialect, I had picked up quite a lot of Quecha words during my travels.

By the ugly mien of the chieftain I felt that there was going to be some trouble, so I reached for my Winchester and kept my Browning ready, determined to sell my life dearly if need be.

The chief turned to me and spoke harshly, in an authoritative manner. His words, when translated, amounted to threats to kill me and my guides unless I immediately cleared out. Nevertheless, I was determined not to leave the place; the animals were tired out, the night was dark, and we were completely lost. My guide agreed with me that it would be impossible for us to move, at least until the moon rose.

"Look here," I said to the chief, my words being interpreted to him, "I am going to remain here. I will play you, but remain I will." With that I drew forth my revolver.

By this time the chief was surrounded by his braves, and, by the scowls on their faces and their significant gestures, I felt sure they intended to atack us then and there. The only thing to do was to put on a bold face and "bluff" them.

For one moment after my words had been translated to them they hesitated, and I honestly believe that this slight delay was their undoing. For without waiting for a reply, which I felt certain would have been hostile, I raised my revolver and fired into the gloom. At the report the more cowardly of the Indians ran away, leaving, however, a considerable group of braves around the chieftain. They were raising their spears in preparation for a charge, when I fired a second shot, this time with the intention of wounding a dangerous-looking warrior on the right. I missed him, probably owing to the gathering darkness, and the bulet went in at an open door of one of the huts, and from the yells that immediately resounded it was evident that somebody had been hit.

The effect was that some more Indians fell off from the group, evidently with the intention of seeking a safer position. One bold spirit, however, threw his spear. Fortunately I was able to duck it, simultaneously a shot resounded and the man fell, shot down by my guide.

We were three fully-armed men against about twenty Indians armed only with their spears. Nevertheless, the distance between us, in case they should make a charge, was too small to give us time to fire more than two shots from our repeating rifles. I therefore gave the order to move slowly backwards, inch by inch. At the same time I told my guide to tell the chief that he was covered by my rifle, and that at the slightest sign of attack he would be shot. On the other hand, if he agreed to let us remain in the village until the moon rose, we would not only leave the settlement, but pay him handsomely as well.

Fear, greed, or mixture of both finally convinced the chieftain that the wisest policy would be compromise; so, after about ten minutes' wild parleying, he and his braves sulkily withdrew, carrying the wounded warrior along with them.

Hastily packing our things, and keeping in readiness for a treacherous attack, we waited impatiently. There was no attack, nor sign of any, however, and towards ten o'clock the moon rose, bright and silvery.

Laying the promised payment on a stone and calling to the chief that somewhere in the vicinity of our short-lived camp we had left a flask of "fire water," we beat a hurried retreat, keeping our eyes well open for an ambush. Though we rode through the greater part of that night we were not disturbed, and I have reason to believe that my ruse about the flask had its effect, and that the Indians, instead of pursuing us, remained at the village in search of it, in order to get thoroughly drunk. It really takes little to intoxicate them, as their own enthusiasm and excitement help considerably to incapacitate them.

THE WIDENING OF PARK DRIVE, NOW CALLED COMMERCIAL DRIVE.

It is a pleasure to further the interests of a city's improvement, and when alterations to this end are necessary, we should be willing to sacrifice personal gain for the common good. In regard to Park Drive, are we sure that the street requires to be widened, and will it be a necessary improvement? Another question might be asked: What is the cost?

Those who have been in the large cities of Canada, Great Britain and the United States may well be surprised to have this scheme proposed.

In Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver we find streets no wider and quite a number much narrower, that have fifty per cent. more traffic, than this street now considered. As pointed out at the meeting in Grandview last Tuesday, the mere widening of Park Drive to 80 feet would not allow one more vehicle to pass than present conditions allow.

Suppose the buildings are removed seven feet back, and the sidewalks shifted onto private property. Wherein lies the improvement? The buildings at least would suffer damage. Might we not term this a local injury?

A very serious objection to the change lies in the attempt to make it a local improvement, whereas, in fact, it concerns the city only. If Vancouver wants the street widened, in view of the huge traffic that is to pass our doors, then it should pay for it. The Park Drive property-owners are not, in this case, the only parties responsible to foot the bill.

What are we to think of a proposal that requires us to hand over our property as a free-will offering to the city of Vancouver?

It is a mistake to suppose that we will be paid for the land ceded, for, whatever we receive for it, this amount is included in the total estimate. The money is handed to the owners in the shape of a loan and is returnable to the city, which claims it in taxes. The final result is, therefore, that we have given our property away for nothing, besides paying the cost for the whole work in order to benefit the city.

Moreover, we were informed (not officially) that the proposed work might not be undertaken for some years, but meanwhile to secure the city's right-of-way at any time, we will be expected to give our land NOW. Very likely the good people of Park Drive are considered not only generous, but friendly. The wise man says: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." This is always true, but let us consider the effect of this agitation. We have only to look at the number of empty stores along this street; the injury to our business; building operations hindered; depression in real estate transactions increased and land values reduced. Who will pay full price for a lot 100 feet deep, when seven feet is taken off the frontage and given to the city and 12 feet at the rear deducted for an alley?

There is nothing that hinders trade more than uncertainty or property held in suspense. A state of unrest is positively injurious to the community. Might we ask, that this proposition be laid aside altogether and now? No doubt the city council will be glad to do this and save the city from an additional burden to its already heavy liabilities.

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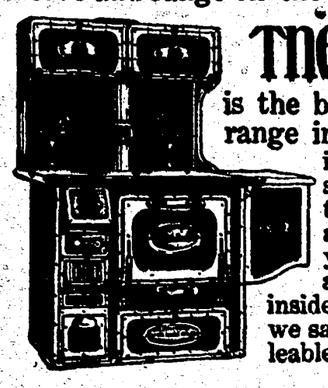

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CEDAR COTTAGE AND SOUTH VANCOUVER

After a chase of a mile across the outlying plains of South Vancouver, John Tesaro, an Italian, was at length captured alive by Police Constable Small of the South Vancouver police force. Prisoner was charged with shooting within the limits of the municipality and unlike other sportsmen he was in a position to drop two pheasants whilst retiring from the glare of publicity—no small matter. He also dropped one of the two guns he was carrying and eventually at the police court after proof of his offence dropped $10.00 and costs.

John Tesaro may consider himself fortunate that his offence occurred in South Vancouver and not in the city If this had happened in the City that always beats all records, John would have found himself fined after he had run towards liberty, and his guilt proved after he had been shot for shooting.

It is a pity John has not got a vote for or against annexation.

Early on Wednesday morning a disastrous fire broke out at East Collingwood completely destroying several buildings in the centre of Joyce Road business section.

About 2 a.m. the alarm reached the Fire Hall and a little later the Brigade was on the seen but by this time the fire had gained considerable headway and it was only possible to attempt to prevent it further spreading. This was successfully accomplished by the Collingwood Fire Brigade, but the pool room and barber shop of Mr. J. Brown, Powe's Boot Store and a vacant building were entirely destroyed, whilst the premises of the Manitoba Hardware Co., and a residence at the rear of the shoe store came in for very extensive scorching. Mr. Brown who sleeps on the premises at the pool room had a very narrow escape ,being awakened by the smoke only just in time to ge away.

Losses are said to amount to about $10,000 partly covered by insurance.

The matter of Sunday trading and canvassing of local people by the wholesale and manufacturing houses were two subjects that formed the main topics for discussion at the first meeting of the new South Vancouver Retailers' Association last Thursday. It was stated that about ten retail stores carrying a full line of groceries were habiually open on Sundays. The Secretary was instructed to write to all candidates at the coming municipal election with a view to obtaining their support for compulsory Sunday closing. The presence of wholesale flour, tea and other canvassers in the municipality and their alleged unscrupulous methods of obtaining orders was also fully discussed and a motion passed disapproving of such practice.

Since Thursdayof last week residents of the district south of Bodwell Road, and South of
and west of Knight Road have been sufferin great inconvenience from shortage of water. Superintendent Mullet of the Water Department states that the City having now added Point Grey, Burnaby, D. L. 301, and Hastings to their water works system at no time could the City provide sufficient pressure during the day time for any supply south of Bodwell Road. At night the pressure is sufficient and the opportunity is then taken to fill the huge tank at the Municipal Hall, for the supply of the district during the day. Since Thursday the th inst. not a drop has come into this tank. The reason alleged for the city supply being deficient is said to be through the waste of water occasioned by taps left running during the frost. The number of consumers on the South Vancouver water system has increased from 2007 at the end of last year to 4160 at the present time and fresh services were now being connected at the rate of 10 to 15 every day. A new well is being drilled near the Hall and this will afford some relief but it is evident some more extensive measures must be taken to avert the danger of a water famine.

On Sunday last, 12th inst. services were held for the first time in the new Presbyterian Church at South Hill. In the morning Rev. Principal Mackay of Westminster Hall preached and in the evening Rev. Dr. Pidgeon conducted the services.

The members of the congregation purpose helding a church festival and social on Tuesday evening 21st inst. for the purpose of raising funds towards defraying the cost of their splendid place of worship.

The Mothers' Circle of the W. C. T. U. held a meeting at Cedar Cottage school on Wednesday 16th inst. when Dr. Buller read a paper on "How to Feed Children"

There are one or two vacancies for ladies in the chorus of the Amatuer Operatic Company, Cedar Cottage. As rehearsals are now starting, application should be made at once to the business manager, Mr. W. A. Goddard, P. O. Cedar Cottage.

Mr. Jas. B. Martin was elected councillor for Ward III on Saturday last in place of Mr. John Macdonald who recently resigned his seat. The new member was elected by a large majority, the figures being, Martin 165; Batchelor 39. The new Councillor's term of office will expire at the beginning of the new year when the general municipal elections take place. Mr. Martin will then again be a certain candidate for a renewal of his office. Mr. Martin has been most actively associated with the work of the Fraser Avenue Improvement Association during the past two years and the energy thus displayed in the promotion of public local interests no doubt contributed largely to his success at the pole.

Mr. G. H. Batcheler, the defeated candidate is a prominent member of Ward III Ratepayers Association and after the declaration of the result announced his intention of again standing in January when he anticipates a successful issue.

The proposals for the purchase of Little Mountain Park by the City of Vancouver and the municipalities of Point Grey and South Vancouver will have to be postponed until South Vancouver can obtain legislation giving it power to expend money on the purchase of park sites. Such is the announcement made at the City Hall. An option on the property comprising some 98 acres until Oct. 1st, 1912 at $1,250 per acre was given by the C.P.R. to the three municipal authorities a few months ago with the proviso that the City which owns a reservior at the top of the mountain should give a space sufficient for a roadway round its property. It had been intended to submit by-laws to the three municipalities at the forthcoming January elections but the proposal must now be shelved until South Vancouver can obtain the necessary remedial legislation. South Vancouver is at present working under the Municipal Clauses Act.

The drawing up of an annexation agreement was postponed indefinitely at a meeting held at the Municipal Hall on Monday. A letter was read from the Attorney General stating that the voters' list could not be ready till well on in January and it was considered premature to decide on conditions until later on.

At the last meeting of the Board of Works the engineer submitted a long list of recommendations that were dealt with and suggested to the Board that in future it should meet once a fortnight instead of weekly so that their engineer might have a chance to accomplish something between meetings. This was considered such good advice that it was adopted.

It was also agreed to recommend an alteration in the recent building by-law which demands an area of 3,000 square feet on all lots used for building purposes. Mr. T. Houston representing Wards 3, 4 and 5 and the Fraser Street Improvement Association pointed out that in many cases owners of 25 foot lots had given seven feet for street widening and had left themselves with insufficient area. It was accordingly agreed to recommend that the clause be amended to 2,000 square feet.

A complaint that foreigners and persons non-resident in South Vancouver had been given preference in municipal work especially in connection with the rock crusher on Wilson Road was considered as justifiable by the Board and Mr. Burgess moved a resolution that the foremen on all jobs employ South Vancouver ratepayers in future in preference to all others.

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It was ordered that Main Street below Bodwell Road be planked at once.

The constructing engineer of the B. C. E. Ry. Company, speaking as to the extension of the Company's line to their Eburne and Westminster line recommended the Board to go ahead at once with the grading of the lower part and that his company would then put 500 yards of better dirt from a cit they would have to make on the top.

This suggestion was adopted.

The Board instructed the engineer to engage a surveyor to take out a new property line on Fraser Street and Main Street wherever widened and ordered that an immediate start be made on Main Street.

The marriage is announced of Mr. G. Pugsley of South Vancouver and Miss Lida L. Lander, daughter of Mr. Chas. Lander of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley will spend their honeymoon in the coast cities and will, on their return, reside on Twenty-fourth Avenue.

Mr and Mrs. Daniel Harris of 2909 Alder Street announce the engagement of their daughter May, to Dr. D. R. Shewan of Cedar Cottage. The wedding will take place next month.

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks and the members of his choir at Sixth Avenue Methodist Church gave an evening concert at the new Methodist Church, Ferris Road, and despit the unpleasant weather conditions a goodly audience was present to appreciate the musical enjoyment that was so ably tendered.

The question of Candidate for the forthcoming elections in January is now beginning to come to the front. So far there are too definite refusals to stand for Reeve. Mr. W. A. Pound has declined further office and Mr. Thos. Dickie, who came very near to success last January is equally positive in refusing nomination. Mr. Robt. McBride of Eburne has put himself forward as a candidate, whilst Mr. R. C. Hodgson, chairman of the Board of Trade has consented on the request of several ratepayers to stand for the position.

For Councillors, Mr. Toderick proposes to seek re-election for Ward I., whilst Mr. Spencer Robinson late Assessor announces his intention to oppose him.

For Ward II. it is stated that Mr. Dickenson, the present Councillor does not seek re-election and Mr. F. E. Elliott and Mr. P. McNeish are in the field.

Ward III, having just had a bye election will probably have once more to choose between Mr. Martin and Mr. Batcheler. Ward IV. at present represented by Mr. John Third has not announced any opposition neither has Ward V where Councillor Burgess will seek re-election.

The December meetings of the various Ratepayers' Associations will be of exceptional interest as at these meetings the Association will select their various official candidates.

A motion to petition the government to pass special legislation to allow municipalities to donate moneys towards parks outside their limits, such as Central Park, was carried at a meeting of the Park Commissioners of Central Park on November 3rd. Central Park lies between the two cities of Vancouver and New Westminster and between the municipalities of Burnaby and South Vancouver, the Hastings portion of the city being sufficiently near to be interested in the matter. The commissioners consider that all who benefit by it should be allowed to contribute towards its support.

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On Wednesday, November 22nd, the St. Peters' Branch of the Women's Auxiliary will hold a Sale of Useful and Fancy Articles, home-made foods, dolls, etc., in Kalenberg Hall (Main street and Bodwell Road), from 2:30 until 7 p.m. The Archdeacon of Columbia has kindly consented to be present and open the sale. High Tea will be served from 5:30 till 7 p.m.

At eight o'clock Mr. R. J. Wilson and friends from Central Park will give two highly amusing farces entitled "The Area Belle," and "Dr. X Rays."

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16TH AVENUE NEAR MAIN—A Swell 5-room, 2-story cottage, fully modern, with furnace and laundry trays. Remember it is 16th Avenue, near 3 carlines. Price $3350; $600 cash, balance arranged to suit purchaser. Lot 30x122 to 20-foot lane. 113-2

$750 CASH makes first payment on a swell 2-story 5-room house on Carolina Street, near Broadway; rooms are large and newly decorated; furnace and trays in basement. There is gas connections. Lot is high and is a corner. Price reduced for a few days to $4200; $750 cash, balance arranged to suit purchaser. Let our salesman show you this most excellent home. 179-1

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MAIN STREET SPECIAL—$7250 for a Main Street lot near the corner of 22nd avenue. This is good buying, and we would urge you to see us about it. $2000 cash, balance 6, 12, and 18 months. 178-3

WE HAVE about ten lots on Main St. and if interested please call and see our list.

$300 CASH payment will purchase a modern 5-room bungalow on John street, just south of 25th street; fireplace, basement, dining-room and hall are panelled. This is an attractive home. $300 cash, balance $40 per month, principal and interest. See this one. 155-3

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