

VANCOUVER CONSERVATIVES

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Conservative Club, Jan. 28, the following officers and representatives were elected:

President, Mr. R. S. Pyke, of Ward I; first vice-president, Mr. J. R. Jacobs, of Ward IV; second vice-president, Mr. Fred Welch of Ward V; third vice-president, Mr. Herbert G. A. McLennan, of Ward II; secretary, Mr. R. L. Maitland; treasurer, Mr. A. J. C. Weeks.

Ward Representatives: Ward I, (will elect later); Ward II, Mr. C. J. Lang; Ward III, Ald. Thomas Kirkpatrick; Ward IV, Mr. Joseph Hottin; Ward V, Mr. D. E. Hyndman; Ward VI, Mr. George M. Endacott; Ward VII, Mr. James Reid; Ward VIII, Mr. R. B. Hetherington.

Auditors elected for 1913 were Mr. James Crehan and Mr. James Bennett.

From Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., at Ottawa, came a telegram conveying greetings. It read:

"Convey greetings to your annual meeting; the Conservative cause making great progress under our able leader, the Right Hon. R. L. Borden, who wishes me to extend his appreciation of the Vancouver Conservatives."

The speaker of the evening was Mr. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General, other speakers being the local provincial members.

The Attorney-General, although suffering from a severe cold, gave an interesting address, in which he dwelt on many matters of vital interest to the country.

Briefly he touched on the police board and the appointments for 1913.

"In framing up the police board this year we felt we must get men who would inspire the public confidence. We have, I think, this year got two men who will please the public and will show the confidence of the government was not misplaced."

Secretary's Report.

Mr. R. L. Maitland, secretary of the organization, submitted the usual yearly report, which was in part as follows:

"At the present time our organization is in splendid shape. All the ward clubs have elected their officers for the coming year and we believe we have in these officials men who will do credit to themselves and to the party as a whole."

"Without any election in sight and after having passed through two strenuous campaigns, we were able to register some 2,100 names as against 709 by the Liberals and Socialists combined."

"We feel that we cannot but refer to the very splendid and effective work that has been accomplished by our Federal member, Mr. H. H. Stevens. He enjoys the confidence of every member of the Borden Cabinet and has been able to do more for the City of Vancouver in one year than the Laurier Government did for us in twelve years. We feel that the present Dominion Government is alive to the importance of this city from every standpoint and that we may look forward to a square deal for Vancouver during the lifetime of the present Government."

"In closing and on behalf of the executive we would like to express our appreciation of the earnest, energetic efforts of our president, Mr. W. J. Baird, in his endeavor to maintain and to improve the good record of the Vancouver Conservative Club. Mr. Baird has given a great deal of time to this work and always took his stand for what he thought was in the interests of the party."

In thanking the members for his election, Secretary Maitland complimented Mr. Victor Love, the assistant secretary, for his help, saying the splendid condition of the records today were due to Mr. Love and his tireless work in the interest of Conservatives.

Mr. Walter Leek, as the retiring treasurer, read that official report. The expenditures for the year amounted to \$6,012. The surplus on hand was \$406.

Dr. McGuire took occasion to pay tribute to Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., at Ottawa, and the vast amount of energy he was displaying in the interest of the city.

"LATTER DAYS"

Not long since a minister explained to me and others, some of the Old Bible and its teachings. A few words will show his Biblical interpretation and its manifest failure to comply with history and revelation.

See Gen. chap. 49, verse 1, where Jacob uses the words "Last Days." This good minister said that "last days" here, and the promises referred to by Jacob, were the days of the kings of Israel, and that the promises were fulfilled during those days. Concerning the words: "A nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins," he informed us that this promise was fulfilled in Canaan in the company of nations, such as the Israelites, Amorites, Moabites, Amalakites, Canaanites and the others. In addition to this wonderful bit of information he said the Israelites grew up out of a combination of nations such as the above.

Current Comment

By Alex.

TOO MUCH SNOW FOR B. C.

The recent snow storm proved a hindrance to traffic, a wet blanket on business and a discouragement to social events, because it was unusual and hence caught the people wholly unprepared for such lavishness from the skies. Forty-two inches of fluffy visitors from the clouds was enough to fill British Columbians with consternation. In the East this storm would have been regarded as a little thing, a pleasing promise of more copious showers, an aid to traffic and an inspiration to business.

Much of the trouble and bad conditions here could have been overcome if the walks had been cleared by property-holders or by the city with snow-ploughs improvised for the purpose.

The constant expectation of its sudden disappearance is our only excuse for leaving the sidewalks impassible week after week. We promise to do better next time.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

Into the counsels of Europe and the world there has come a new power that has to be reckoned with in every international dispute, viz., the "Peace Association." Back of all diplomats and all ambassadors there stands the peace envoys—wise, firm, fearless and almost omnipotent. The present lull in the great struggle for supremacy is largely due to these representatives of the Prince of Peace. The European situation is largely in their hands. War is difficult in their presence.

SUFFRAGETTES VS. WOMEN.

The disorderly scenes enacted in London by excited suffragettes is the best evidence of their unfitness for the right of franchise. We have always contended that they were entitled to the ballot, but their recent repeated acts of violence and persistent unwarranted procedure taxes our patience to the utmost and forces a change of views. They are not yet ready for so great responsibilities. Time and education may transform them into reasonable citizens, but we fear the weakness is constitutional and hence incurable. It is more than probable that the suffragettes do not fairly represent women as a class. These noisy, lawless office-seekers do an injustice to their sex, and create a universal suspicion as to woman's qualifications for public responsibility. There is a broad difference between women and suffragettes. The first class is worthy of confidence, honor and position, the latter of the infliction of penalty according to their overt acts and their brazen effrontery. Suffragettes are the practical enemies of women.

THE CENSUS OF MANUFACTURES.

The census of the Manufactures of Canada, taken in June, 1911, for the Calendar year 1910, denotes a gratifying movement of the country's industrial prosperity during the last decade. Compared with the census of 1901 for the year 1900 it shows an increase in the ten years of 4,568 in the number of working establishments, of \$800,667,122 in the value of capital, of 176,030 in the number of persons employed, of \$127,759,066 in the earnings of salaries and wages and of \$684,922,264 in the value of products. Compared with the census of 1905, which was taken in 1906 through the medium of the post office, it shows an increase in five years of \$400,998,586 in the value of capital, of 122,673 in the number of persons employed, of \$75,908,405 in the earnings of salaries and wages and of \$447,623,036 in the value of products.

Comparing the returns for 1905 and 1910 the per cent. increase of capital in five years was 47.36, of employees on salaries 20.77, of salaries 42.49, of employees on wages 32.32, of wages 46.77 and of products 62.31. No record was taken of the value of raw materials for the year 1905. Comparing the returns for 1900 and 1905 the per cent. increase of capital was 89.43, of employees on salaries 18.91, of salaries 29.77, of employees on wages 15.41, of wages 50.02 and of products 49.32.

The earnings of salaries and wages of employees relate to all officers, managers or workers to whom employment was given during the year 1910, as well as for 1900 and 1905, separated as (1) men and women, (2) children under 16 years of age, and (3) piece-workers employed outside of the work.

The number of workers under sixteen years in 1900 was 12,143 with earnings of \$1,288,488, and in 1910 it was 13,282 with earnings of \$2,112,648. The number of piece workers employed outside of the works was 8,456 in 1900 with earnings of \$1,900,238, and 8,401 in 1910 with earnings of \$2,710,199. The earnings of these two classes constitute 3.56 per cent. of all wages in 1900 and 2.45 per cent. in 1910.

PRAIRIE PARASITES

(By Professor E. Odium, M.A., B.Sc.)

The prairie farmers who have been so prominent of late in condemning the Borden naval proposition must lack the fundamental elements of manhood, citizenship and nationhood. They seem ready to lay down their all—their homes, sons, daughters, wives, parents, farms and neighbors as pledges to Germany or any other country in the cause of peace. And Germany laughs at these prairie parasites, who have suddenly become so religious as to offer themselves into bondage rather than fight. These be noble and brave farmers! Of course, if one of these valiant sons of the field saw a ruffian beating his wife or daughter, he would drop on his knees and pray to the God of heaven and to the ruffian as well, for the liberation of his loved ones. He would be too holy, too righteous, too religious to club the scoundrel. No! No! He would in the interests of "peace and Christianity" beg, on his knees, for mercy to be shown to his loved ones. Such religion, such righteousness, such Christianity, are from the devil and not from the upper heavens. No wonder hosts of men and women spurn the manifested Christianity of the day. Such farmers as the above make their religion the sport of devils and a laughing stock of sane men.

Peace is all right when we can have peace. But when we cannot, then war is the next best thing. Let these parasitic religionists, who have gone insane on peace, go to their scriptures, and they will learn that the Almighty is not too good for war. Of course they are quite prepared to give Him pointers on morality, religion and modern economics.

They imagine that the God of the Bible needs conversion, or that He has been converted by Jesus Christ. They seem to imagine that Christ himself was a goody-goody weakling. Let them study His life and teaching as well as His forecast of the future and they will see that He was and is a man of war, as truly as His Father; and they will find that wars of the fiercest sort are to come to mankind in these latter days. Then if war is to come, and must come, how are they to escape a sound preparation for these wars, unless they play the selfish paltroons, the greedy parasites, they seem to be! They should learn from their cattle a few lessons. Their cows are, at times, afflicted with lice. These vermin have no ambition other than to suck the juices out of the poor cattle. The cows may labor and even be in great danger from sickness, accident and threatening death. What do the lice care, so long as they are able to get another suck at the juices to be extracted from the poor animal's pelt! They go on sucking, and wish to live at peace, so that they can continue their employment, viz., that of sucking the life juices from the cattle.

The prairie farmers want to be left alone. They are simply sucking the life-juices out of the country. They can think only in terms of grain, cattle and dollars. As for protecting their wives, daughters, neighbors and country, they have no such conception. Let them alone that they may suck, suck, suck the fat of the land. If Germany, or Russia, or any other nation come to conquer our country let them come, so long as the parasites can be left alone to suck the best of the land. Now I fear that there are too many hypocrites among these parasites of the prairies. There are many who are so wedded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's silly naval propositions that they will pass any kind of a resolution so long as they are able to second the attempts of the Opposition at Ottawa.

Then there are a lot of prairie farmers in from
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Yield and Value of Canadian Crops

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Final estimates of the yield and value of the principal field crops of Canada for the season of 1912 are issued today by the Census and Statistics Office of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Upon a total area under field crops of 32,474,000 acres a harvest has been reaped the value of which, calculated at average local market prices, makes a total of \$509,437,000. The area under wheat last year was 9,758,400 acres, of which 781,000 acres represents the harvested area of fall wheat grown principally in Ontario and Alberta, but also to a limited extent in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The total production of wheat was 199,236,000 bushels, of the value of \$123,532,000. Fall wheat produced 16,396,000 bushels of the value of \$13,785,000. Oats upon 9,216,900 acres yielded 261,723,000 bushels, of the value of \$116,924,000; barley, upon 1,415,200 acres, yielded 44,014,000 bushels of the value of \$20,405,000; and flax, upon 1,677,800 acres, yielded 21,681,500 bushels, of the value of \$19,626,000.

By comparison with 1911, the results of last year's harvest, both as regards total yield and value, are upon the whole inferior. The average prices realized for most of the crops were somewhat less, whilst the yields from wheat, rye, peas, beans and corn for husking were also lower. On the other hand, oats yielded about 13 1/2 million bushels more than in 1911, and the following crops also show more or less an excess yield: Barley, buckwheat, mixed grains, flax, potatoes, turnips, etc., fodder corn, sugar beet and alfalfa. The average yields per acre for the year 1912 compared with 1911 are as follows: Wheat, 20.42 bushels against 20.87; oats, 39.25 against 37.76; barley, 31.10 against 28.94; rye, 17.44 against 18.89; peas, 14.88 against 15.90; buckwheat, 26.34 against 22.69; mixed grains, 33.67 against 29.78; flaxseed, 12.92 against 11.41; beans, 17.40 against 19.06; corn for husking, 56.58 against 59.59; potatoes, 172 against 144; turnips, etc., 402 against 374; hay and clover, 10.74 tons against 8.66, and alfalfa, 2.79 tons against 2.34.

The quality of the grains of cereals as shown by average weight per measured bushel is somewhat inferior to that of last year in the case of wheat, rye, peas, mixed grains and flax, but is superior in the case of oats,

barley, buckwheat, beans and corn for husking.

In the three Northwest provinces of Manitoba Saskatchewan and Alberta the production of wheat is placed at 183,322,000 bushels compared with 194,083,000 bushels in 1911; of oats at 221,758,000 bushels, compared with 212,819,000; and of barley at 26,671,000 bushels, compared with 24,043,000 bushels. The wheat production of 1912 in Manitoba was 58,889,000 bushels from 2,653,100 acres; in Saskatchewan, 93,849,000 bushels from 4,891,500 acres, and in Alberta 30,574,000 bushels from 1,417,200 acres.

Conditions as affecting live stock are reported to have been much the same as those of 1911. Mild weather through the fall and up to Christmas enabled farmers to economize their feeding supplies, and live stock have entered winter quarters in excellent condition.

ARCHIBALD BLUE,
Chief Officer.

Emperor Near Death.

Vienna, Jan. 27.—Despite reports to the contrary, there is little or no hope that the Emperor Franz Josef can survive more than a month or two at the most. He may pass away suddenly at any moment. Archduke Franz Ferdinand was hurriedly summoned a few days ago and every preparation has been made for the announcement of a change of rulers.

Tuberculosis Cure.

New York, Jan. 27.—Charles E. Finlay, president of the Aetna National Bank, who offered last week to pay \$1,000,000 to Dr. F. F. Friedmann of Berlin if he would bring or send his supposed cure for tuberculosis to this country and have it proved effective, said yesterday that he now knows Dr. Friedmann surely will bring his cure here in person, and that he will sail for the United States within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Finlay expects to hear within two or three days of the definite plans of Dr. Friedmann. He is glad the Berlin specialist has accepted his offer.

Mr. Finlay intends to make cure public if it is a success, and to found hospitals within and without New York, where it may be administered.

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Grandview

Note—News meant for this column should be mailed or phoned to the editor early to insure insertion.

Will Grandview be Chosen?

The circulation of the report that the proposed new drill hall is to be located in Grandview has been responsible for a great deal of excitement recently in real estate circles. It is confidently asserted that options have already been secured on the property on Commercial drive between William and Charles streets, comprising a whole city block. The options are held by private parties, it is understood, who refuse to disclose the plans for the proposed use of the tract.

Rumors are being circulated to the effect that the federal government is negotiating for the block. However, as the property is on a hillside, it is claimed that it would not be suitable for a drilling ground.

Another pertinent suggestion is that the property may have been acquired as a site for the proposed Canadian Northern Railway hotel. Alderman McSpadden, who is one of the owners of the property, absolutely refuses to make any statement regarding the negotiations.

Inquiries for property in Grandview during the past week have been numerous; several sales have been made, in fact, there is an unusual demand for realty throughout this section. The owners in the majority of cases are holding fast to their property in expectation of a big rise in values at an early date.

Charles E. Smith reports the sale of property on Bagley street for \$4,300. The land was purchased by Mr. Donald McDonald, who will erect three houses on the property. Mr. Smith also reports the sale of a lot on Victoria drive.—World.

HOW GORDIANO GOT HIS PULPIT.

First Evangelical Church for Spanish Folk in Two Americas Result of Long, Hard Battle by Poor Lad.

New York, Jan. 24.—This paragraph is to be considered a nosegay laid at the feet of a man who kept plugging along until he got what he wanted.

Sixteen years ago Samuel Gordiano lifted up his eyes and found San Luis Potosi, Mexico, very poor stuff. So he moved on. He was only twelve years old. It is rather dusty walking along the Mexican border, but he kept putting one foot after the other until he found work on a ranch in Texas. Not being bigger than a pint of cider, Gordiano got his pay in cakes. That just suited him. He had grown pretty lank on that stroll across the frontier. There were times when if he had swallowed a bean some surgeon would have wanted to operate on him for a tumor.

Ten years ago he moved on to Nyack, N. Y. He could talk pretty fair English and a man's size ambition had grown up in him. He worked his way through the seminary at Nyack. Part of the time he washed dishes and waited on table, and did other menial tasks. But he was graduated with scholastic bells on. By this time he had grown in mental stature. He was able to make his living as an interpreter and translator while he studied at the Union Theological Seminary here. Sometimes he was pretty hard up. It isn't recorded that he ever asked for help. If he borrowed a dollar now and then, he always paid that ducat back before it could be asked for. He won the degree of A. M. at Columbia University.

He was approaching that ambition he had sighted at along the barrel of the years. By the aid of various agencies he established an evangelical church for the Spanish-speaking population of New York. When not enough of the 20,000 New Yorkers who were born to the Spanish tongue came to him, he went to them. He used to preach to the cigar rollers between times. Sometimes he spent hours on the waterfront looking for Spanish sailors who were "up against it." Finally the Iglesia Evangelica Espanola—having grown out of pocket size—was given permission to hold its weekly meetings in Dr. Parkhurst's church on Madison avenue. And now Gordiano is in fair sight of what he has been working for.

The corner-stone of his new church is to be laid in a few days. It will be the first evangelical church for the Spanish folk in the two Americas. The Rev. Samuel Gordiano is happy.

\$25,000,000 for Railway Into Canada. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 24.—The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad will spend \$25,000,000 in building 725 miles of new road, which will cross Montana and strike the Canadian Pacific road somewhere near the Montana-Idaho boundary line. This announcement was made today by President Edmund Pennington, who has just returned from Montreal.

Grandview Ratepayers Pass Resolution Expressing Disapproval of Plans for Entry of Canadian Northern.

Chairman of Bridges and Railways Committee Explains Clauses But States that Criticism is Premature.

Over forty members of the Grandview Ratepayers' Association were present last week at a special meeting called to consider the question of the C. N. R. entry to False Creek. A resolution declaring that the meeting disapproved of the action of the bridges and railway committee was declared carried by the chairman, half of the attendance standing up to vote for it in response to the request of the chairman, but the other half took no action. Messrs. W. R. Hamilton, A. B. Chapman and James Reid, who are interested in the real estate business, were the principal speakers on the part of the opposition. In addition Alderman Woodside, chairman of the bridges and railway committee, Ald. Hepburn and Ald. Ramage were present.

Mr. Jas. Reid, Dr. Strong, Mr. Thos. Odium, Mr. E. Adair, Mr. Shannon having spoken, and several other members having been called upon to speak who, however, preferred not to do so, Ald. Woodside was called upon. He explained his position as chairman of the bridges and railway committee. He claimed the city had secured the very best agreement possible, and spoke of the personal stand he had taken in regard to securing the concession made as to the wages to be paid to laborers.

He considered it rather premature to discuss a proposed agreement not yet printed for reference, and he thought the meeting was evidently called for the purpose of opposing the agreement. Notwithstanding this, he went on and touched on features of the agreement, ultimately stating that if it was passed by council on Monday night the bylaw would then be advertised for twenty days, which would give every opportunity for the expression of public opinion.

Ald. Hepburn claimed there had been introduced so many things into the agreement that the amount the city would be getting out of it was obscured. He estimated the amount would be only \$1,103,650, made up as follows: \$70,074 for filling in First avenue, \$48,888 for filling in land behind block, \$72,000 for filling in twelve acres, \$8,888 for filling in Main street, \$28,000 for filling in west of Main street, \$15,000 for widening First avenue, \$200,000 as half cost of Carolina or Scott street bridge, \$60,000 for cost of concrete wall 27 feet west of Main street. From this, he said, should be deducted (if this work was not done) \$28,800 for filling west of Main street, \$30,000 for concrete wall and \$300,000 for property in block 25, a total of \$358,800, leaving \$744,850 net, from which \$7,150 cost of paving Main street should be taken, leaving a net balance of \$737,700. These figures are in great contrast to those worked out by Alderman (now Mayor) Baxter last fall. The meeting lasted over three hours.

Killed Husband in Duel with Rapier.

Moscow, Jan. 27.—Madame Nadia Putokin killed her husband yesterday in a duel with rapier, to which she formally challenged him. The Putokins were both professors of fencing, and their rooms were crowded every day with fashionable people. One of these was an army officer, who aroused the jealousy of M. Putokin. His jealousy led the officer to issue a challenge, but Madame Putokin, declaring her honor had been insulted, sent seconds to her husband, and insisted that he should fight her.

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Wash Boards, reg. 25c.....	10c
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1 lb. tin.....	25c
2 1/2 lb. tin.....	60c
5 lb. tin.....	\$1.00
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New Office Block.

Plans were deposited last week with the building department for a ten-storey block of offices for the Yorkshire Guarantee Trust Co., at the corner of the alley on Seymour street, between Hastings and Pender streets. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Will Request Probe of School Board Matters.

Complete data concerning the \$3,000 deficit and the financial disturbance at the school board offices was laid before the provincial department of education at Victoria this week, when a delegation of the school board went to Victoria. It is understood that the department of education will probably call for a full and complete investigation of the accounts.

Officer Hit by Car Blames Motorman.

Knocked down and carried 35 feet by a New Westminster interurban car, Police Constable McLeod, on point duty at the corner of Carrall and Hastings streets, Thursday of last week, would have been instantly killed, according to witnesses, had it not been for the car fender against which he fell.

Constable McLeod, in a report submitted later at the police station, blames the motorman, Percy Barnes, 210 Ninth avenue west, for negligence, and claims that such carelessness is being constantly perpetrated by conductors and motormen on the interurban cars as they leave the station.

Twelve-Month Term for Cheque Artist.

Charged with obtaining money under false pretences and issuing worthless cheques, N. A. McGowan was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment by Magistrate Shaw this morning.

McGowan, who is alleged to come of a wealthy and respectable family from Texas, had made several efforts to obtain help from his folks by telegraph, but no word had been received. Mr. J. K. Kennedy stated that it would be fair to the prisoner to say that he, Mr. Kennedy, had seen testimonials speaking of McGowan in the highest terms, but his offence had been too heavy and too repeated to be excused.

Aggressiveness for City Market.

With the recommendation to ap-

point a traveller to canvass the city for buyers from the city market and to approach the B. C. E. R. with the view to granting transfers to those who patronize the market, which should be available for an hour, the market and industries committee at its first meeting commenced a policy of aggressiveness, the object of which was to bring before the public the advantages of dealing with that institution.

These matters were suggested by Ald. Mahon, and found ready acceptance by the committee after the market clerk, Mr. J. McMillan, had said that the market could not handle the amount of stuff that was coming in. Several carloads had to be refused recently.

C. N. R. Arrives Within a Year.

"Our plans for this year call for the hurrying to completion of existing projects, and more especially the transcontinental line, rather than the embarking on any new construction. By the end of the year the transcontinental will be nearly completed, and several branch lines in the prairie provinces and farther East will be finished and in operation. The main line through this province from Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver should be completed inside a year if no complications arise."

The speaker was Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway.

"There is only one possibility of delay in the completion of the main line through British Columbia to this city, and that may be caused by inability to secure material for the steel bridges in contract time. There are no less than 17 big bridges to be built in the British Columbia section, and contractors have been complaining about delay in the forwarding of material. This delay in shipments is due in a great measure to the enormous demands for all kinds of structural steel all over the United States and Canada.

Mayor Baxter to the Architects.

"Where is the man who does not hold his head a little higher when he tells to a citizen from a distant part of the Empire that he is a citizen of Vancouver?" asked His Worship Mayor Baxter at the first banquet of the Vancouver Chapter of the British Columbia Society of Architects, in reply to the toast "The City of Vancouver" last evening, in the banquet hall of the University Club. "No city occupies a more splendid position

than does Vancouver," continued his worship. "Where can you find a finer natural harbor? The biggest vessels can come up at high tide or at low tide to our front door and unload their passengers and freight. God Almighty has given us a wonderful front door. And we have an equally wonderful back door in False Creek. With the help of the Almighty and through our own industry we have hewn under great difficulties a city that is the home of almost two hundred thousand souls. No body of men hold in their hands such power as the architects of this city to make this city a pleasant place in which men may make their homes. It is the duty of the architects and every citizen of Vancouver to take a greater interest in public affairs. We should endeavor to make it a city which ourselves and our children after us can point to with pride." The speech was most enthusiastically received.

Bathing Beaches to Have Locker System.

A definite decision to proceed as soon as possible with the improvement of the Kitsilano and English Bay bathing beaches and bath-houses was reached last week, when members of the Park Board and Mr. John R. Honeyman, architect, waded through the snow on an inspection tour, examined the bath-houses and looked over the beaches.

Messrs. Honeyman and Curtis are to draw up plans in the near future for changes in the bath-houses, with the object of making them more convenient. The beaches will also undergo changes, but to what extent or what improvements will be effected in the bath-houses are not known as yet, for the Park Board has done nothing definite beyond deciding on action.

One thing has been practically decided, however, that this is the establishment of the locker system in the bath-houses, as used at the Seattle bathing resorts. The locker system, it is stated, will make it possible to accommodate five times as many bathers with the same facilities as at present. Instead of each bather having a bath-room as at present, he will be given a room in which to change his bathing suit, after which he will surrender this room to others, and put his clothes in a locker to be placed in a general locker room. Instead of one man holding a room all the time he is in the water, often two or three hours, it will thus be constantly re-assigned. Returning to the

bath-house, each bather will be again given a room in which to dress.

Mr. W. E. Burns and Ald. Black are the government appointees to the Board of Vancouver Police Commissioners. The new commissioners will take office forthwith, and the board will probably hold an organization meeting within the coming week. The retiring commissioners are Mr. Walter Leek and ex-Ald. George E. Williamson. The mayor of Vancouver is ex-officio chairman of the board.

Mr. W. E. Burns is a barrister, a member of the firm of Burns & Walkem. He has been a resident of the city for the past sixteen or seventeen years, and is well qualified to participate in the duties attendant on the management of the Vancouver police force.

Ald. A. P. Black, the member chosen from the city council, is a well known resident of Ward Five, where he headed the poll at the recent civic elections, scoring the second highest aldermanic vote in the contest, being only two votes behind the poll of Ald. E. B. McMaster of Ward Six. Ald. Black is engaged in the real estate business. He is president of the Ward Five Ratepayers' Association, and president of the Ward Five Conservative Association. Ald. Black is looked on as a man who will capably represent the views of the aldermanic body on the police commission.

Wilson to Make Trip to Alaska and Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President-elect Wilson plans personally to investigate conditions in the Philippines and Alaska, according to information obtained here yesterday from one of the governor's closest congressional advisers and from other congressmen who have been to Trenton recently.

The trip to the Philippines is to be made soon after the extra session has ended. This would make the date of the new president's voyage to the far east about the middle of next September.

There will be no action by congress on the Jones bill giving the Filipinos independence in 1912 until after Mr. Wilson returns.

The governor intends to investigate the Alaska situation, particularly in regard to the request from the Pacific coast for the territory's vast coal lands to be opened.

It is reported that he will make the trip to Alaska soon after his return from the Philippines.

Will Britain Force Opium Upon China?

London, Jan. 27.—A crisis has been reached in China in regard to the traffic in opium. Heavy financial commitments, it is alleged, stand in the way of Great Britain's duty in this matter, and unless the force of public opinion can be brought to bear on the question, one more disastrous chapter will have to be added to the story of traffic which has brought war to China while enriching the coffers of the Indian government to the extent of four billion dollars. Yielding to the pressure of the banks and merchants interested, the government has decided that China, while straining every nerve to suppress the cultivation and use of the drug in her own dominions, even to the extent of putting to death those who violate the laws on the subject, is to be compelled to continue to buy the drug.

Sir Hiram Maxim, in a letter to the Daily Express, says the opium traffic is as indefensible as would be an attempt to sell Canadian whisky in Maine.

Socialists Gain a Foothold in House of Lords.

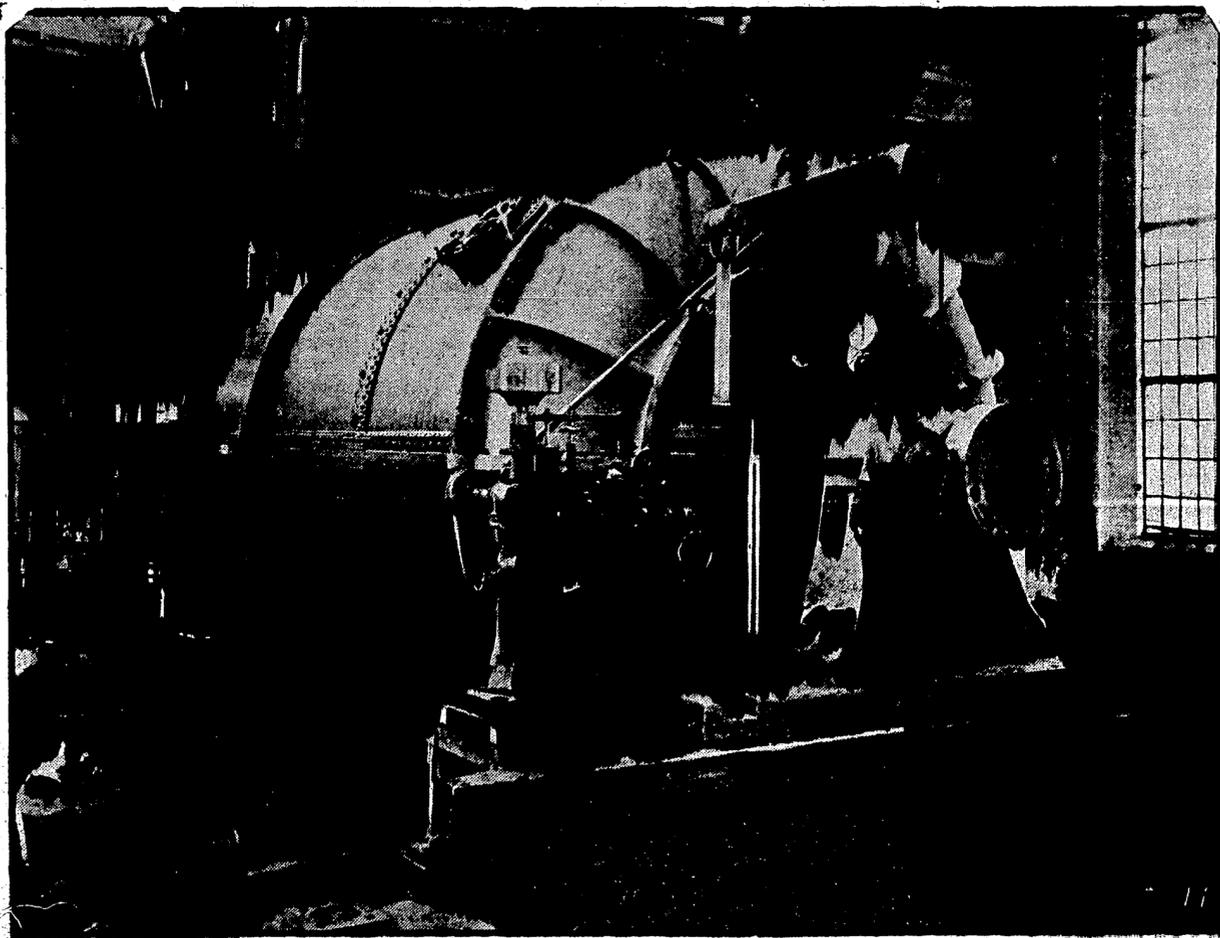
London, Jan. 24.—England's proud old peerage is in a sorry plight. It was bad enough when, some sixty years ago, they began to sign on among the crew of the venerable vessel, House of Lords, a miscellaneous assortment of brewers, butchers, grocery keepers and other tradesmen, the dubious character of whose family trees was conveniently obscured by their golden foliage. Then along came the buccannery of the House of Commons, a couple of years ago. They boarded the ancient craft and manœuvred her up in a most frightful manner. Although they didn't quite scuttle her they set her adrift with nose pointed straight for the shoals of democracy. And now, it has been discovered that there is at least one traitor in the fore-castle, while others are suspected. The country is still gasping over the recent announcement that the most aristocratic, used-to-be legislative body in the world numbers among its membership a Socialist. The death of a prayer-meeting would be less incongruous. As for the lords themselves, they wouldn't have been more disgusted if they had suddenly found they had been harboring a suffragette. But even that may come later.

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CHURCHES

BAPTIST

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.
Cor. Tenth Ave. and Quebec St.
Preaching Services—11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a banquet held at the dining hall of the church next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of the church. After refreshments the year's financial budget will be taken under consideration. As this is an important feature of the life and success of the church, it is greatly desired that all members and interested friends do not fail to be present.

Mr. Baker's opening of his pastorate here has been very promising indeed. He is not only an excellent preacher, but has a real zeal for the spiritual welfare of his flock. His Wednesday evening prayer meetings are considered seasons of refreshing. He should wield a strong influence, upon the community along moral and spiritual lines.

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Cor. 10th Ave. and Laurel St.
Services—Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.
Rev. P. Clifton Parker, M.A., Pastor.
11th Ave. W.

Next Sunday Dr. Spencer will preach at both services at Central Baptist church, and will give some account of the convention of Baptists just held at Calgary. Strangers invited.

METHODIST

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
Cor. 10th Ave. and Ontario.
Services—Preaching at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:30 p.m.
Rev. W. Lashley Hall, B.A.B.D., Pastor
Parsonage, 123 11th Ave. W. Tele. Fairmont 1449.

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church.
The Mount Pleasant Methodist Church has just closed a three weeks' special evangelistic campaign. The services were well attended and helpful to the spiritual life of the church. Addresses were given by various local pastors throughout the campaign.

The new gymnasium is nearing completion, and will be ready for opening February 6. The Young Men's Club is taking a deep interest in this feature of the work.

The new organ is proving generally satisfactory. Under the able and accomplished leadership of Madame Ulisse the choir has been increasing in numbers and efficiency.

The Epworth League will hold a consecration meeting on Monday evening next. Mr. Graham will address the meeting.

Alert Adult Bible Class of Mountain View Methodist Church meets at 2:30 every Sunday. Visitors will be made welcome. S. Johnston, president.

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11 a.m.—"The Royal Law."
7:30 p.m.—"The most joyous pathway through life."

Jimson was a little, sharp-eyed shoemaker with stooped shoulders and a chin whisker. He lived in a Missouri River town, and whenever he drank too much he used to wind up by going home and thrashing his wife. She never failed to go over to a neighbor's after a session with the old man and complain bitterly of his treatment.

After a while the neighbors grew weary of the oft-repeated tale, and remarked: "Well, you seem to like it. You always take it willingly. Why don't you pick up something and hit him with it the next time he whips you?"

The wife considered the matter, and the next time her lord began to beat her she grasped a chair and smashed it over his head. The old man fell back, in stark amazement, dropped his hands and started at her.

"Why, Mary! Why, Mary!" he whimpered. "What on earth is the matter with you? You have never done this way before."—Kansas City Star.

Father—Do you think you can support my daughter in better style than that to which she has been accustomed?

Suitor—Privately, and between you and me, sir, I believe Mabel's idea that I can is one of the reasons why she is leaving home.—St. Louis Republic.

the States and other countries who are yet aliens and possessed of feelings favorable to the lands they have come from. Hence, in the name of religion and peace, they attack the Borden naval policy. The German prairie farmers would shout most heartily for peace in the farmers' convention. Yes, they are too holy to fight. Germany should fight, but Canada should be Christian. So say the extreme Yankee prairie farmers at the convention. They do not wish to see Canada come so close to Great Britain. They are afraid that when Canada is well linked up with the rest of the empire and supplied with the greatest sea-fighting machine on the wide waters that their

PRAIRIE PARASITES.

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country at some time or another might be handicapped. So they pray for peace at the expense of Canada. They are diplomatically religious at the convention.

Then there are the third class parasites. These are they who are a mixture of cowards, of selfish leeches, ticks, lice and other vermin, who care not about anything but sucking the lifeblood of the country.

But let their crops, their grain and cattle, in transit over the ocean to Great Britain, be picked up by German cruisers and they will howl like fury. Then these creatures will get a stage or two beyond praying. They will rave and curse at the government for not protecting their interests.

WE SHORTEN OUR LIVES.

Human Beings Should Live at Least a Hundred Years.

Every man who dies before he is a hundred years old does so because he has neglected the laws of health. I believe the time will come when men will commonly live to be 150 years old. But to do this they must be born right and be taught matters of health with their A B C's.

A majority of the people of America lose about thirty years of life through not understanding or not following the demand of nature for regular and adequate exercise. Our systems of civilization have worked a vast improvement in production by training men to special lines of work. Thus they become wonderfully proficient. To see a man rattling up long columns of reading matter on a typewriter machine is inspiring, to hear a lawyer clearly and incisively summing up a case fills one with admiration, to read a strong, forceful editorial affords pleasure at the thoughts so well expressed, to watch the violinist and listen to the sweet melodies he draws from the strings waits our souls to higher realms, yet the acquirement of each and all these abilities has robbed the trained or talented performers of something else. The linotype is wearing out his nerves in setting type at such a rapid pace; the oratory of the lawyer has been acquired at the expense of a dyspeptic stomach; the man who wins us with his facile pen evinces the strength of the sturdy laborer shoveling in the street; the virtuoso would fain have the appetite of the performer on the big horn in the little street band.

In thus specializing each is apt to neglect the routine work for all the muscles that nature demands to keep up the physique. Had each of these performers or geniuses done his stint of work on a farm, raising the food he consumed, he would have been less skilled in his vocation, but possessed of vastly better health. And all would live out not only their full seventy, but a round hundred or more of years.—Charles H. Cochrane in Metropolitan Magazine.

START OF AN ARTIST.

John Ople's First Portrait and What It Cost Him.

John Ople, the English painter, is described in "Coke of Norfolk and His Friends," by Mrs. A. M. W. Stirling, as a man of humble origin who achieved success wholly by his own genius and perseverance. The story of his first effort in that line of art which afterward brought him fame be related to Coke, first Earl of Leicester of Holkham, as follows:

When a small boy of ten or twelve he was left at home one Sunday afternoon with his father, while his mother went to church. The father established himself in the parlor with his Bible and told the boy to be quiet and amuse himself.

Young Ople, who had procured some paints, took up his position unobserved in the kitchen directly opposite the parlor door. Very quietly he drew a portrait of the old man bending over his Bible until he had finished everything except the head, when he began running backward and forward to study his father's face.

The old gentleman grew very angry at these apparently senseless interruptions and threatened to punish his son if they continued.

This was exactly what the boy wanted, as he wished to paint his father's eyes lit up and sparkling with anger. So he continued his irritating behavior until it met with the desired result, and his father, justly wrathful, administered a sound thrashing.

This achieved, the boy resumed his task eagerly and transferred to his picture the expression which he had just seen upon the face of his indignant parent.

When his mother returned from church he placed the picture triumphantly before her; but, although astonished and delighted with it, she thought it her duty to scold her son severely for painting on a Sunday.

Young Ople, however, cared no more for the scolding than for the beating he had received in accomplishing his work and only begged his mother delightedly in his excitement at its success.

His father, coming into the room at that juncture and spying the portrait of himself, was so surprised and pleased at it that he told the mother not to scold the boy any more.

Subsequently, whenever the picture was shown, he used to tell with great relish the story of young Ople's plucky acceptance of a beating in order to insure its success.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY CONCERT.

The Scottish concert given in the Oddfellows' Hall, Mount Pleasant, last Saturday evening, was a pleasing event, and merited the hearty applause given from first to last by a large and appreciative audience.

There was not a poor or indifferent number in the program. The violin solos by Mr. W. W. Robertson, director of the concert, and the vocal solos by Mrs. W. W. Robertson were particularly popular. Solos by Mrs. J. F. Paterson, Miss Mary Isdale and Mr. James Hall were well received.

Mr. R. A. Dunncliffe proved a good people.

Following is the programme as rendered:

Bagpipe Selection by Piper McGillivray between 8:00 and 8:15 p. m.

PART I.

- (1) Song and Chorus—"There Was a Lad Was Born in Kyle"..... Company
- (2) Song—"Tam Glen"..... Mrs. W. W. Robertson
- (3) Dance—"Highland Fling"..... Miss B. Robson, Masters Alex. and Arthur Robson
- (4) Song—"Afton Water"..... Mr. James Hall
- (5) Violin Solo—"Gems of Burns"..... Mr. W. W. Robertson
- (6) Song—"Gala Water"..... Mrs. J. F. Paterson
- (7) Song (Comic)—"He Was a Married Man"..... Mr. R. A. Dunncliffe
- (8) Dance—"Shean Triubhas"..... Miss B. Robson, Masters Alex. and Arthur Robson

PART II.

- (1) Duet—"The Crookit Bawbee"..... Mr. and Mrs. Robertson
- (2) Song—"My Ain Folk"..... Miss Mary Isdale
- (3) Song—"Of a' the Airs"..... Mr. James Hall
- (4) Dance—"Irish Jig"..... Miss B. Robson and Master Alex. Robson
- (5) Violin Solo—Scotch Selection Mr. W. W. Robertson (With imitation of bagpipes.)
- (6) Song—"Ca' the Yowes"..... Mrs. W. W. Robertson
- (7) Song (Comic)—"Beautiful, Beautiful Bed"..... Mr. R. A. Dunncliffe

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Marooned

Story of an Automobile Escapade
 By CLARISSA MACKIE

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"How many miles farther?" yelled Austin above the rushing noise of the big machine.
 Moore turned his head and shouted back: "Almost twenty. We lost forty minutes over that puncture."
 "Let's stop, then," vociferated Austin, and his companion obediently brought the motor to a stop.
 "What's the matter?" he demanded. "I'm hungry as a bear. I can't possibly wait until we get to Judson, and there's no certainty of getting a decent meal there, and it's ten miles farther on to Lakelands, and luncheon will be over there. Why not eat now?"
 "What shall we eat?" demanded Austin.
 "Didn't your man strap on a big hamper just as we were leaving?" was Moore's question.
 "Bless my soul, I forget all about that! Of course Duffy would look out for a bite by the wayside." Austin jumped from the car and ran around to the rear. "It's a pipe dream, Billy," he mourned when he came back. "Nothing doing there."
 "Why, I saw it myself," cried Billy, darting around to convince his own eyes. "It's been there. See, the straps are dangling. We must have lost it." There were grief and outraged and unsatisfied hunger in his eyes.
 "I believe we did," Austin came back to his seat. "Well, it's the doubtful luncheon at Judson, then. Hurry up, Billy."
 "Duffy murmured something about a 'am an' weal pie' inside that basket," went on Billy Moore in arieved tone as he fished himself into his seat.
 "That's Duffy's long suit. He always gets in one of those pies. Oh, but I could eat one now!" Jim Austin started the machine once more on its tearing career. All at once there came a deafening report, and they lurched to a standstill as Austin shut off the power



"I BRO YOUR PARDON, LADIES," SAID AUSTIN HUMBLLY, and looked at his companion. "Ma rooned!" he cried despairingly. "What shall we do?"
 "I saw a farmhouse a couple of miles back. Let's walk there and see if we can't get something to eat and then get a haul into Judson," was Moore's quick suggestion, and they followed it.
 They had walked a half mile on the back track when Billy Moore called his friend's attention to a shaded path just inside the woods.
 "Let's get out of this sun," he suggested, and they turned into the path.
 "What's that?" demanded Jim Austin suddenly.
 "Looks like a girl."
 "Looks more like two girls," whispered Jim, peering around a tree trunk into a mossy dell, where two white clad forms were sitting on either side of a picnic meal.
 "Looks like a lunch—oh, my, but I'm hungry!"
 "Move on," said Jim sternaly. "Don't cast another glance at those peris yonder, for— His foot slipped on the smooth, dead leaves, and he made a sudden and ignominious descent down the slope into the mossy dell and all most wrecked the picnic party.
 There were two girlish screams, a shout of exasperation from the mortified Austin, and then Billy Moore, shaking with silent laughter, joined them.
 "I—I beg your pardon, ladies," said Austin humbly. "I hope nothing is damaged."
 "Not a thing is harmed," said the tallest and prettiest girl, with a charming smile.
 "Have you hurt yourself?" asked the other solicitously.
 "Not a scratch," declared Jim, although a decidedly bloody scratch rambled down his handsome nose. He mopped it away carelessly.
 "We were looking for something to eat," he said awkwardly when the tall girl interrupted demurely: "You came to the right place."

"Oh, Evelyn!" breathed the other girl quickly.
 The two motorists lifted their caps and turned reluctantly away. "Our machine broke down, and we were on the back track for the farmhouse, hoping to get something to eat. You see, we lost our lunch basket from the car," explained Billy, with a keen glance at the well appointed wicker hamper lying on the ground.
 "There is a great deal more here than we can ever eat," said the tall girl calmly, "so you are quite welcome to lunch with us if you please."
 "Oh, Evelyn!" cried the younger girl, with dancing eyes.
 Evelyn shook her head in disapproval, and the younger girl subsided into a state of dimpling chuckles that Billy Moore found most alluring.
 Without further introduction the four sat down to the excellent luncheon prepared by some careful hand.
 "I don't know just what kind of pie this is—meat, I believe," said Evelyn, offering it to Jim Austin as carver of the occasion.
 Jim looked solemnly into the depths of the pastry and then announced, "It's an 'am and weal pie, I'm sure!"
 "That sounds like one of Mr. Pickwick's luncheons," said Evelyn, quite unruffled. "The fat boy was fond of pie, you know."
 "You must have found this hamper a heavy load to carry," remarked Billy Moore mischievously.
 "We did find it," returned the self assessed Evelyn. "What is that in the bottle, Dora? Tea?"
 Dora had opened one of the thermos bottles and now brought out a bottle of iced tea.
 "I think there's coffee in the other one," she said. "Which will you have?"
 "Tea," said Evelyn.
 "And you?" She looked at Billy from deep hazel eyes.
 "Is that tea in—er—those other bottles?" asked Billy slyly.
 The two girls blushed hotly. "Why, no. It must have been put in by mistake. I believe—it's champagne," said Evelyn after a little pause.
 "Oh, Evelyn!" cried Dora.
 "It must have been a mistake," challenged Evelyn, looking severely from one to the other of her guests.
 "It must have been," assented Jim Austin, bowing with grave courtesy.
 "Of course," added Billy Moore.
 "You better throw them away, Dora," said Evelyn.
 "Oh, no—er—of course!" stammered Billy, sinking back into the seat from which he had suddenly arisen.
 "Permit me, Miss Dora," said Jim, with heavy politeness, and taking the two offending bottles from Dora's pretty hands, he tossed them up the incline toward the road. "There!" he ejaculated triumphantly as he returned to his seat.
 "But surely somebody will find them," remonstrated Dora. "I was going to throw them into the deep thicket, away from temptation."
 "We will remove them from temptation when we go away," assured Billy Moore warmly, and a little smile rippled the faces of the two girls.
 "This is a mighty good pie," commented Jim after they had talked a while of motoring and other kindred topics. "I tell you, there's nobody can make a weal and 'am pie like Duffy."
 A silence followed this hasty remark.
 "Was that thunder I heard?" asked Billy, with happy adroitness.
 "A hay wagon," said Evelyn promptly.
 "A possible tow for the machine," suggested Jim. "We—"
 "Perhaps it's our car," said Dora suddenly. "Evelyn, I do believe they have come back for us."
 "No; they would blow the horn," said Evelyn. "Let us finish this repast and go forth to meet them."
 "I hope you will permit us to carry your hamper as far as the road," said Jim as they concluded the meal.
 "Certainly," said Evelyn carelessly, and then, after a hurried whispered consultation with Dora, she said with less assurance: "I really don't know what to do with this basket. You see, we found it!"
 "Found it? Where?"
 "Out in the road here."
 "Then it isn't your lunch basket," said Billy Moore.
 "Never saw it before," said Evelyn. "We were with a party when our machine broke down, and they went back to the farm for repairs and lunch and left us here, where it is cool. We saw the hamper lying beside the road, and as we were tired of waiting and quite hungry we tackled it. Perhaps it is yours," she said, as if suddenly enlightened.
 "I wonder!" ejaculated Billy.
 "I knew Duffy's pie," asserted Jim Austin.
 "And I recognized the tablecloth," said Billy.
 "And you knew all along it was yours?"
 "Of course."
 "Why didn't you say so, then? I did think we were puzzling you," said Evelyn, with chagrin. "Now we must thank you for your hospitality. The luncheon was delicious."
 "Yes, indeed," chirruped Dora.
 "There is our car. We must go." And they fled, followed by the two stranded motorists, who had, after all, partaken of their own luncheon under most delightful circumstances.
 "By cricks!" shouted Jim Austin.
 They all looked at the big touring car drawn up near their path, where several curious faces peered forth at them. "Lillie!" cried Jim Austin, making a dive for his sister.
 "Of course this is the Lakeland car," explained Lillie Austin to her brother when they were all bowling along, with the injured machine towing behind. "Those girls? Sisters—now—oh, dear, I do believe that fascinating Billy Moore will teach Dora to say something else besides 'Oh, Evelyn!'"

Thin Glass and Thick.
 Glass is a substance that we cannot figure the strength of as we can a great many other things with which we are familiar. It varies greatly in itself. The strongest glass, as a rule, breaks into the greatest number of fragments. Comparing the strength of thin glass with that of the former is relatively the stronger. This is a thing very often lost sight of. Then, again, as to the difference between rough plate and polished plate, we find polished plate the stronger. This is perhaps to be attributed to the fact that all these very fine surface hair cracks are polished out. These only go into the glass to a certain depth, and when they are all or nearly all polished and ground off there is less chance for some of them to form the basis of a crack, and thereby the glass is increased in strength. Tests have been made, and some formulae have been arrived at. As was to be expected, they show very irregular results as to the strength of glass.

A Baseball His Tombstone.
 The grave of William A. Hulbert, at one time president of the old National Baseball league, is marked with a tombstone in the shape of a baseball. When Mr. Hulbert died, in 1882, some of his old associates set about to show their love and respect for him, and the result was the monument in Graceland cemetery, Chicago. The baseball is made of red granite, about twenty inches in diameter, showing the seams as they appear upon the balls used in the regulation games. Across the top appears in raised letters, "W. A. Hulbert, President National League, P. R. B. C., 1870, 1882." On one side appear the names of four clubs in the old league—Boston, Providence, Worcester and Troy—and on the other those of the other four—Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit. Also there is a headstone of white marble, upon which appears the name, together with the date of birth, Oct. 23, 1832, and the date of death April 10, 1882.

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 A nervous cow is preferable to a stolid one. The chances are that she will give more and better milk than her dull, mopeish sister.
 Vanity.
 "Now that you have made your pile I suppose you are happy."
 "No; mother won't let me see any show I want, daughter won't let me wear anything I want, and the doctor won't let me eat anything I want."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Touching Appeal.
 "Ray, mister, have ye got sech a thing as a cigarette about ye? I've had sech a good dinner it'd be a shame 'not to smoke after it."—Brown's Magazine.



Making a Guess.
 Hard Looking Customer (slinking into pawnshop)—Say, how much can I get on this gold watch?
 Plain Clothes Policeman (suddenly appearing)—Let me see it. H'm, my friend, I think ye'll get about a year on that.—Chicago Tribune.

Jealous.
 "How did you happen to lose out?"
 "Some of my misguided friends got up an automobile procession for me," explained Congressman Whangdoodle. "Most of the voters, however, have no automobile."—Kansas City Journal.

Always Possible.
 Stella—You can't put an old bead on young shoulders.
 Bella—But you can put a new waist line on any aged woman.—Judge.

FOREST CONSERVATION

Ottawa.—One of the principal matters which will engage the attention of the Canadian Forestry Association, which will hold its annual meeting here on February 5th, will be the proposal of Mr. Thomas Southworth of Toronto to extend the educational and publicity functions of the association along new lines. Mr. Southworth suggests certain changes in financial arrangements which will allow an additional \$2000 to be expended annually. Mr. Southworth, who was one of the founders of the association and president in 1909, and has always striven earnestly to advance its interests, believes that the time has come for a very rapid advance in matters of forest conservation. He states that Ontario offers immense field for the educational influence of the association, to aid in the prevention of such fires as the Porcupine fire of two years ago, which utterly devastated the new mining community and caused loss of life.

Whatever the change made in the activities of the association, they will be for the immediate extension of the good influence which it has wielded for the twelve years of its existence.

Says Mr. Southworth: "The association should arouse the opinion in Canada which will make such laws as have been passed fully operative, and create a sentiment in favor of new legislation on the matter of fire protection. To my mind there is no point as important, and I trust that the public will strongly support the association in its efforts to promote more judicious care of our forest resource."
 Among those who will attend are the most prominent lumbermen, legislators and financial men in the country. Mr. John Hendry of Vancouver, president of the association, has not yet been able to determine whether press of business affairs will allow him to take the long trip to Ottawa.

In the call to the meeting Mr. James Lawler, the energetic secretary, observes:
 "There are indications that conditions were never more favorable for renewed activity, and that the association can do more than ever in promoting the interest to which it has set itself."

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LAND NOTICES



VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Alfred Barker, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation plumber, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about fourteen miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot Number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains to the point of commencement.

ALFRED BARKER. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, John A. Catterall, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about fourteen miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot Number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

JOHN A. CATERALL. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Samuel C. Cornwall, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation accountant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about six miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

SAMUEL C. CORNWALL. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Frank R. Cornwall, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation accountant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted six miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

FRANK R. CORNWALL. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Samuel Flack, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about eight miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

SAMUEL FLACK. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Robin D. Ross, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation salesman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Quinn pre-emption, Lot 375, on Phillips Arm, thence south 40 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, being 30 acres more or less.

ROBIN D. ROSS. Per Alfred J. Smith, Agent. Date, December 9th, 1912.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Re Lot 13, Block 19, D.L. 196, Group 1, New Westminster District: Whereas proof of loss of Certificate of Title No. 4207e for an undivided half interest in

thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

ALFRED WILLIAMS. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, James McCreath, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about eight miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

JAMES MCCREATH. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, David Chessman, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about ten miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

DAVID CHESSMAN. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, John N. O'Driscoll, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about ten miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

JOHN N. O'DRISCOLL. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Samuel Flack, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about ten miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Kiene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

SAMUEL FLACK. Per Chas. McHardy, agent. Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2. Take notice that I, Robin D. Ross, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation salesman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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ROBIN D. ROSS. Per Alfred J. Smith, Agent. Date, December 9th, 1912.

LAND ACT

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT. District of Coast Range 1. TAKE notice that M. J. Monckton, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation civil engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Woolner pre-emption on the west side of Phillips Arm, thence west 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, to point of commencement, comprising 30 acres more or less.

M. J. MONCKTON. Per A. Smith, Agent. Date, December 9th, 1912.

Suffragettes Disappointed.

London, Jan. 27.—A declaration of guerilla warfare by the suffragettes was made at a meeting here this evening by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. The militant leader stated that the warfare, which would include sorties and riots, would begin at once. This declaration followed hard on the decision of the government to withdraw the Franchise bill, upon an amendment to which the suffragettes based their only hope of securing the franchise this session.

Mrs. Pankhurst declared that there were many women who were prepared to endanger their lives in the cause.

Miss Annie Kenny said that the women would "make the lives of public men impossible."

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PROVINCIAL

Covered Much Ground.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 23.—Members of the Forest Branch, Department of Lands, covered more than 5,000 square miles in their surveying operations this last fall. Returns are now being compiled.

Chief Dinmore Dead.

Grand Forks, B. C., Jan. 23.—Isaac A. Dinmore, Chief Provincial Constable for the Boundary District, died in Greenwood Hospital last night, after a few hours' illness, from kidney trouble.

Dean's Application for Release Refused.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 23.—Justice Gregory yesterday refused the application of Charles Dean, charged with bank robbery at New Westminster, for leave by the habeas corpus route. His lordship held that not sufficient material to prove the right to release had been filed by the prisoner's solicitors. Mr. Adam S. Johnston and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, of this city, and said that he did not feel it his duty to be astute or diligent in finding a reason for the discharge of a man accused of stealing over \$200,000.

Chief of Boundary Police.

Nelson, Jan. 27.—John Simpson, provincial constable at Kaslo, and also well known in Lethbridge and Ottawa, has been made chief of the Boundary police district with headquarters at Greenwood, succeeding the late Chief I. A. Dinmore.

Killed His Wife, Cut Own Throat.

Victoria, Jan. 27.—Two special constables are within sight of a cot in St. Joseph's Hospital, guarding the feeble body of Ernest Atkinson, who is charged with one of the most ghastly offences in the criminal annals of Victoria. It is alleged that Atkinson, who is a night watchman, returned home Sunday morning from work, and after cutting his wife's throat with a razor walked from the bedroom where this crime was committed, entered the bathroom, and standing before a mirror gashed his own throat. The whole thing was done while his five-little children and a servant girl were in the house. Mrs. Atkinson died as the result of her wound, and her husband is lying in the hospital and expected to recover.

Two Millions for Perfect Pitt Navigation.

Elaborate estimates, voluminous reports from harbor experts, huge bundles of blue prints and a large amount of data regarding the depth of the Fraser and Pitt rivers has been submitted to the C. P. R. heads at both Winnipeg and Montreal with a view of convincing these officials as to the navigability of these large streams. Fifteen thousand soundings have been made. These have covered the entire distance from New Westminster, where data as to the depth of the Fraser river is complete, to a point considerably above the C. P. R. Coquitlam terminals.

Mr. George J. Bury, vice-president of the C. P. R., was authority for the statement on Saturday that when the question of navigation on the Pitt and Fraser rivers is definitely and finally settled the question of grain elevators will be simultaneously answered. He declared that in his opinion Coquitlam is the place for the C. P. R. elevators, provided the navigability of the two rivers is established.

Cannot Reduce Rate.

Victoria, Jan. 27.—A telegram was received by the Premier on Saturday from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy replying to the message sent a day or so ago at the request of Vancouver's private members and Mr. Carter-Cotton. In this the railway president was asked for a reduced rate upon coal from the Nicola mines to relieve the present fuel shortage. Sir Thomas replied: "Our present rate on coal from Merritt to Vancouver, a distance of 225 miles, is only \$1.80 per ton. This leaves no margin for any reduction."

An interesting light—and a new one—was thrown on the whole subject of coal and its price by a Vancouver dealer in conversation with The Province Monday. He said: "There is really no question of freight rates from Nicola. We have tried to get coal from there, and are quite willing to pay the rate, but the trouble is coal is unobtainable. The Great Northern has been bringing some in from Princeton during the winter, but with all the sources of supply there is hardly any now to be had. A great deal is brought from Seattle. In Nanaimo the situation is aggravated by a fire which is reported to have been raging in one of the shafts for more than a month.

"While we are on the subject, I

would like to call your attention to the fact that in six years the price of coal has not been raised in Vancouver. What has raised is the price of labor of men delivering and the price of haulage generally. Six years ago we sold at \$6.75 per ton at the bunkers; that is the price today."

DOMINION

Canon Williams Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Rev. Canon Alexander Williams, one of the oldest Anglican rectors in active work in Canada, and known all over the country, died today at the rectory of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Portland street, where he officiated continuously since 1865. Canon Williams' death was quite unexpected.

Suit Against Pinkertons Dismissed.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Judgment was handed down today in the court of appeals in the case of David Russell vs. The Pinkertons Agency confirming judgment of superior court dismissing case for action for \$200,000 owing to conspiracy charge which Russell claimed meant his incarceration in an asylum. Case brought here Mr. Donald MacMaster, K. C., and important witnesses were Dr. Roddick, ex-M. P., and George Dougherty, second police commissioner of New York.

Convicts Try to Escape.

Edmonton, Jan. 23.—Three convicts made a daring attempt to escape from the Edmonton Penitentiary this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It was just at the close of the day's work when the men were returning to their night quarters.

Clambering unseen on to the roof of the building adjoining the fence at the rear, they made fast a length of rope and slid down. They were quickly outside the bounds and across the railway tracks, speeding towards Government avenue.

One of the guards doing centry duty saw the men escaping and fired two shots, neither of which took effect. The shots, however, alarmed the rest of the prison staff, a number of whom were quickly in pursuit of the fugitives, who were captured.

Railwaymen to Ask Increase.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—It is said here that the conductors, firemen and engineers, in fact everyone employed on the railways throughout Canada, will demand an increase in wages of 10 per cent.

In Northern Alberta.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Still another railway company has given notice of intention to build into the territory lying north of the Province of Alberta.

The Athabasca and Grand Prairie Railway Company gives notice of a bill to be introduced this session to build a line of railway from some point at or near the Solomon River, in Alberta, in a northwesterly direction to a point at or near the junction of the Smoky River with the Muskeg River in Alberta; thence by the most feasible route in a northerly direction to Dunvegan in Alberta, passing through Grand Prairie at a point on the westerly side of Bear Lake.

Made Victim of a Horrible Outrage.

Quebec, Jan. 27.—Details have been received here of an almost incredible story of brutality and crime. It occurred at Rivere du Loup, below this city. The victim was the young wife of a man named Dejardins. He was in the habit of entertaining friends each week end, and there was generally liquor in evidence. The story told is that during his absence last week end, six of his friends went to his house, taking with them a quantity of liquor, and not only started a carousal, but got Mrs. Desjardins drunk as well. What happened then is unprintable.

The husband, on his return home, found the body of his wife stuffed into an old apple barrel, stark naked, with marks of the most fiendish brutality and outrage upon it. The woman was still living, and was able to give the names of her six assailants before she died. Her body had been slashed about, bitten, burned with cigar ends and otherwise mutilated. The priest sent for could not recognize the woman. There is some talk of attempts having been made to hush the whole matter up, but the provincial authorities have now taken it in hand, and arrests are expected at any moment. Two of the men implicated are married, one with a large family. Two of the party have already fled from justice. The case is the sensation of the hour here.

FOREIGN

Pirates and Bandits Terrorize China.

Amoy, China, Jan. 23.—The disorderly elements in the province of Fu Kien have become so formidable that

the authorities are unable to cope with them. In the neighborhood of Hingwa traffic has become unsafe except for very strong parties, and these are compelled to keep to the principal roads.

Pirates are very frequent on the River Dragon, even large vessels being attacked. A junk chartered by an American oil concern was boarded by pirates today and the captain killed.

Nazim Pasha Falls In Death.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—Nazim Pasha, the former war minister and commander of the Turkish army, was shot dead in a demonstration here tonight which preceded the resignation of the cabinet.

Enver Bey and Talat Bey had given explicit orders that no blood should be shed. But Nazim Pasha's aide-de-camp fired from a window of the Porte at Enver Bey and his companion, and they returned the fire. Their bullets killed Nazim Pasha himself.

In spite of this tragedy, there was no disturbance or disorder.

Paris Confronts Serious Problem.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The problem of finding accommodation for 130,000 people who are to be evicted from their dwellings owing to the sale of the antiquated fortifications of Paris to the city authorities by the French government is now before the municipal council for solution.

The space occupied by the twenty-one-mile wall encircling Paris and the "bring zone," 500 yards in width, facing it, is to be converted into public parks. This space is now covered by many thousand ramshackle houses occupied by the poorer working people.

The amount of money expended on these old fortifications erected in 1890, and now to be razed, exceeded \$300,000,000.

Uncle Sam Loses Millions Yearly.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Illegal trafficking in stolen postage stamps, aggregating several millions of dollars annually, has been disclosed by post-office inspectors whose investigations were reported today to Postmaster-General Hitchcock. They involved so-called stamp brokers and confidential employees of large business concerns throughout the United States.

Through confessions secured by the inspectors from some of the brokers whose operations were investigated, it was learned that stamps of all classes and denominations stolen by burglars from postoffices and embezzled by employees from great business houses and manufacturing establishments, were purchased and resold by brokers at prices far below their face value.

The postal laws make it a crime, punishable by imprisonment, to sell any stamp issued by the government for less than its face value.

Plane Turns Turtle and Two Are Killed.

Etampes, France, Jan. 24.—Charles Nieuport, the aviator, and his mechanic, who is unidentified, while flying in a monoplane from Paris, were instantly killed today in a fall near here. The machine turned turtle 200 feet in the air.

Debs Arrested on Serious Charge.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 24.—Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president of the United States on the Socialist ticket at the recent election, was arrested here today, charged with obstructing justice by corrupting a witness in the government's case against the Appeal to Reason. The newspaper was attacked by the government for violation of the postal laws.

Many More Bodies Are Believed to Be in Ruins.

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 24.—It is expected that many more bodies will be recovered today from the ruins of the Oddfellows' Hall, a three-story structure which collapsed suddenly, burying 25 persons. Seven bodies were recovered a few hours after the catastrophe.

All schools here are closed and hundreds are assisting in the work of rescue. Many deeds of heroism were recorded in the saving of women and children from the falling building.

Ward Urges an Imperial Parliament.

London, Jan. 24.—Sir J. Ward, ex-premier of New Zealand, speaking at the gathering of the Empire Parliamentary Association in the House of Commons today, declared that while he recognized a great step forward had been taken in inviting the representatives of the Overseas Dominions to the Imperial defence conference, he did not think that sufficient to the present conditions. The time was coming when the Motherland would see the necessity of making a change in the constitution which would admit representation by the Overseas Dominions and would enable the Mothercountry, as the predominant partner, to be the controlling party of the altered constitution for the preservation of the Dominions as well as the Motherland itself.

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Old Age Pension System for Canada

On the 20th February, 1907, Mr. R. A. Pringle (Stromont), moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House the subject of improving the condition of the aged, deserving poor, is worthy of and should receive the early and careful attention of the Government and of Parliament."

In support of this resolution the mover pointed out the necessity of establishing some system of contributory aid by the State for the benefit of the aged, deserving poor of Canada, by reading to the House a letter signed by the president and the secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, and by showing how the level of existence had been raised amongst the aged, and deserving poor of certain other countries. He reviewed reports and quoted portions of evidence which had been submitted to the British Parliament by Lord Aberdare's Royal Commission in 1895, Lord Rothschild's Committee in 1898, Sir Edward Hamilton's in 1900 and Mr. Grant Lawson's Select Committee on the Aged Pensioners Bill in 1903. Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed and the debate was continued by Mr. Maclean (York), Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Messrs. Verville, Porter, Robitaille and Bourassa. Views favourable to a system of Old Age Annuities were expressed in preference to non-contributory systems of pensions. The motion was not pressed to a vote and the resolution was withdrawn.

On the 3rd February, 1908, Mr. R. A. Pringle moved: "That a Select Committee of nine be appointed to inquire into, and to consider a scheme or schemes by State aid or otherwise for making provisions for the aged, and deserving poor." This resolution was supported by Messrs. Macdonell (Toronto), Logan, Smith (Nainaimo), Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Fielding, Messrs. A. Johnston and A. A. Lefurgey.

On the 10th February, 1908, a Select Committee was appointed: Hon. Mr. Lemieux, chairman, Messrs. McIntyre (Perth, S.R.), Sinclair, Smith (Nainaimo), McKenzie, Verville, Monk, held it was found impossible owing to Pringle and McCarthy (Calgary). The chairman had made arrangements with Messrs. Blue, Acland and King for certain information to be supplied to the Committee. Professor Adam Shortt and two other eminent sociologists had been communicated with, who were expected to give valuable evidence, but after three sittings had been to morning sessions of the House having begun, to reconvene the Committee. No report was presented to the House, other than a verbal statement made by the chairman on the 19th of July, ten days before the Old Age Annuities Act, 1908, was assented to by the Governor General.

Old Age Annuities Act, 1908.

The attitude of the Government, as expressed in 1907 on the subject of Old Age Pensions during the course of debate on Mr. Pringle's resolution, was further revealed by a resolution which Hon. Mr. Fielding moved on the 19th March, 1908, to authorize the sale of government annuities to people domiciled in Canada. He accordingly moved the House into Committee; the resolution was adopted and the same day Bill No. 120, an Act to authorize the issue of Government Annuities for Old Age was presented.

Before proceeding to the inquiry by the Select Committee on Old Age Pensions ordered by the House in 1912, it may be of interest to state briefly some of the provisions of this Act. Its preamble reads as follows:—

"Whereas it is in the public interest that habits of thrift be promoted and that the people of Canada be encouraged and aided thereto, so that provision may be made for old age; and whereas it is expedient that further facilities be afforded for the attainment of the said objects: Therefore His Majesty, etc.

"(a) The Minister (Trade and Commerce), acting for His Majesty, may contract, with any person domiciled in Canada, or with any society or association of persons, being a body corporate for fraternal, benevolent, religious or other lawful purposes on behalf of such of its members, or with employers of labour pursuant to agreement entered into with their employees in that behalf (such agreement to be of a form approved by the Minister), for the sale of annuities not less than \$50 nor more than \$600 payable by the Government out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to such purchaser on having attained the age of 55 years. Note.—Cost of annuity is lower of purchaser draws first payment at 60.

"(b) Should the annuitant die before the date fixed for the annuity to begin, all payments made will be returned to the legal representatives of the purchaser with 3 per cent. compound interest.

"(c) The earliest age at which the purchase may be begun is 5, but it may begin at any age thereafter.

"(d) There are no penalties or forfeitures. To each purchaser a contract or policy is issued. If for any reason payments should cease, they

may be renewed at any time; and if arrears are not made up the only effect will be that a smaller annuity will be secured.

"(e) The annuity is not transferable, but it is provided under the Act that where the purchaser of an annuity is made by husband or wife, he or she has the right when the annuity matures to say if it is desired that a portion of the annuity shall be paid to the other. (Amended in 1909.)

"(f) The property and interest of an annuitant in his contract for an annuity is exempt from the operation of any law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, and shall not be seized or levied upon by or under the process of any court, except where it is shown that such contract was entered into and payment therefore made with intent to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors. In the latter case the creditors must establish such intent before a court, and the Minister is authorized to pay to them any sum paid in by the annuitant.

"(g) Payments can be made periodically to any agent of the Minister appointed under the provisions of the Act.

"(h) If a person has an amount at his credit in the Post Office Savings Bank, he may have this amount, or such portion of it, as he may desire, transferred to the Annuities Department for, or on account of, the purchase of an annuity.

"(i) Any one over the age of 55 may buy an Immediate Annuity; and last Survivor Annuity, Immediate or Deferred, may be purchased by any two persons by a single payment."

Foreigners Interested in B. C. Forestry.

Victoria, B. C.—A letter has been received at the Forest Branch from a noted professor in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, who is desirous of having a full set of photographs and lantern slides to illustrate a course of lectures in forest administration in the principal countries of the world. The young men in Europe who are going into the forestry work are becoming deeply interested in the development of forest policy in Canada, and in particular in British Columbia, which contains half the timber in the whole Dominion. There is no doubt that within a short time this province will be the principal source of timber within the Empire, and as protective and other measures are advanced the system of administration will partake of the thoroughness seen in India, where, since the inauguration of the Forest Service by Sir Dietrich Brandis, a marvellous system has made tree crop production an advanced science. There was expended in India last year about \$5,000,000, but this was returned with \$3,000,000 profit. The expenditure in British Columbia last year on provincial forests was about \$280,000, or one-eighth of the amount spent in India, while the returns to the Crown were \$2,800,000. British Columbia's forests are likely to produce six and a half millions annual revenue, according to Mr. Benedict of the Forest Branch.

The realization of the importance of British Columbia forests to the British Empire is spreading through all the homeland and the colonies, and augurs well for future prosperity of this province.

People of Great Britain.

Ethnologically Great Britain is a mixture of many races, resulting from a succession of invasions. When the Romans invaded Britain the inhabitants were Celtic, mixed with an earlier Euskarian non-Aryan element. They continued to be mainly so until the fifth and sixth centuries, when the level parts of the country were overrun by German tribes. Then followed invasions by the Danes and other Scandinavian tribes, and lastly the Norman conquest. The inhabitants of England and the lowlands of Scotland, therefore, sprang from an amalgamation of the original Celtic with German and Scandinavian blood. Wales and the highlands of Scotland are still inhabited by descendants of the ancient Celtic tribes. The people of Ireland also are of Celtic origin, although there is an admixture of many other races.

Ontario's Wine Production.

The wine press in Ontario this year will be a very large one. This province is rapidly coming to the front as a wine-producing country. With the development of the grape industry a great impetus was given to wine manufacturers, and the five wineries in the Niagara Peninsula alone consume about 2,500 tons of grapes. Many of the grape growers sell their whole crop by contract to the wine manufacturer. This is done in order to ensure a certain percentage of crops before the market opens. The price is regulated by the supply, and runs approximately from \$17 to \$25 per ton. Crops of 3-12 tons to the acre are not unusual.

Commoners Not Wanted.

No commoner, however distinguished, however great his worldwide fame as scientist, artist or musician, can hope to belong to the German imperial circle unless he be first dowered by his emperor with the magic patent of nobility. No wife or daughter of a great millionaire, however honorable the source of the husband's or father's wealth, can dream of being presented to the empress. The Prussian nobility form a caste entirely apart from the rest of society, and Berlin, socially speaking, is composed of many different worlds, none of which mingle with the other.—London M. A. F.

Saving Himself.

The owner of an estate had the misfortune to get a charge of shot in his leg from the double-barrelled gun of an inexperienced sportsman. The keeper hastened to his master. "You're not dead, are you?" he cried. "Of course I am not, you fool!" said the squires, rising. "Well, sir, not seeing you get up after you were shot, I thought you must be dead!" remarked the keeper. "Get up after I was shot—not!" responded the squires. "If I had got up, the idiot would have given me his other barrel!"—London Seraps.

Birds' Muscular Power.

Birds are possessed of enormous muscular power, far exceeding in some cases that of any other warm-blooded creature. There is an instance on record of an eagle weighing no more than fourteen pounds lifting and carrying off a young pig which weighed no less than forty-two pounds. How many men could even stagger along the ground carrying three times their own weight in their hands? The kick of an ostrich is a fearsome thing. It will break a man's thigh or even the leg of a horse.—Exchange.

When on Tour.

Papa—Ah, my boy, the old days were the best! Then we did our courting, walking in the country lanes, gathering buttercups and daisies.

Son—Why, pop! We go courting in the country lanes just the same today, only instead of walking we go in autos and instead of gathering daisies we gather momentum.—Town and Country

Not His Say.

Beau—What do you say to your wife when you come home late at night? Jags—Foolish man! What makes you think I get a chance to talk?

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