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C. E. MAHON
Candidate for Aldermanic Honors in Ward V

Mr. Mahon is in every particular eminently qualified to fill this responsible position and should be elected with a large vote.

The Naval Bill

A Brief Synopsis of H. H. Stevens' Debate in the House of Commons

By Alex.—Managing Editor.

We regret that for lack of space we are unable to give a verbatim report of H. H. Stevens's address in the debate on the Naval Bill in the House of Commons as it appears in "Hansard."

A synopsis, however good, would fail to do justice to his effort, which gives evidence of careful preparation, self-mastery in delivery, eloquence of utterance, cogency in use of language, and force of argument. The full report shows that Vancouver's representative is quick of apprehension, broad in thought, strong in conviction, thorough in patriotism, devoted to his constituency and capable, original, and interesting in debate. We append a few of his utterances, selected at random:—

"When the right hon. the Prime Minister brought down his proposition a week or ten days ago, in introducing that great important question for the consideration of the House, he struck a note which has claimed and demanded the attention of the people of Canada, the people of the Empire, and a great many nations outside of the Empire. When the note was sounded I believe that I am safe in saying that the people of Canada and the people of the Empire felt that a statesman had given expression to a sentiment and to principles which were beginning to appeal to the hearts of the people throughout the land."

He, in a few words, [illegible] as follows:—

It is argued that it would attack our autonomy were the Imperial Government to absolutely repudiate such an interest as the federation of the Overseas Dominions which have now assumed the rank and place of nations in this Empire, their federation with some powers of control, so far as international affairs are concerned, and so far as defence is concerned, has become an absolute necessity; and that problem must be solved—or there must be the alternative and that is the disintegration of the Empire."

Addressing himself to the Opposition, he proceeded in a tone of genuine sarcasm:—

"I now wish to examine for a moment the sincerity of hon. gentlemen opposite, and especially of the right hon. leader of the Opposition, in regard to Imperial defence. We have heard a great deal about loyalty, and I do not know why hon. members opposite continually assure us of the fact that they are loyal. It seems to be incumbent upon them to be continually reminding us of their loyalty to the British Empire. However, we will take their loyalty for granted for the time being, and we will now analyze for a moment some of the statements they have made recently in this debate, and compare them with statements made by them during the last ten years."

Dwelling on "Autonomy" as advocated by the Opposition, he spoke thus in brief:—

"We have heard it from every member on the other side of the House who has spoken on this question, representing from time to time that we must maintain in its entirety the principle of autonomy. What do they understand by autonomy? As far as I can learn they mean not only self-government on internal matters, but self-government and self-responsibility as far as Imperial matters are concerned. That is, if the Empire is in any sense involved in a controversy with any nation that is no business of ours so long as it does not affect immediate and local conditions within the bounds of our own country."

In terse and convincing terms he exposed the weakness of the Opposition policy for our Pacific Coast defence:—

"We must judge men by their actions, and judging the hon. gentlemen opposite by their actions and policy when in power, their policy in connection with fisheries on the Pacific coast, I think you will see immediately how hopeless a task it would be to man anything on the Pacific coast. Ten years ago we had 10,000 white men engaged in the fishing trade. It is well known that the fishing population is that from which you must draw the men to man navies. The other day we heard some eulogy of the fishermen on the Alantic coast, and I agree that they are worthy men whom we could draw on, but on the Pacific coast in place of the 10,000 white men engaged in fishing what have we to-day? Except for 300 or 400 men they have been entirely supplemented by Japanese. Where do they intend to draw men from for the navy?

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Just as everyone [illegible] or writing pad free from [illegible] so we all wish to keep the page of the coming year. Anyone who writes a great deal takes pleasure in showing you their books and being able to say there are no blots or mistakes, so we would like to say about our life.

Of course everyone has made some mistakes and some have made many; but next week take heart and try again, for "It is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried."

The year 1912 has been a prosperous and happy one for Vancouver, and the year 1913 holds many things in store. May Vancouver flourish and may we keep our pages clean as individuals, as a city and as a nation.

It is a good plan to keep a diary in which each day is faithfully recorded, and at the end of the year it is interesting and instructive to see how you have spent the last 365 days.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Christmas has come, and gone again. During the passing ages the day has lost much of its true significance. Of course everyone acknowledges that, primarily, it is kept in commemoration of Christ's birth; but it is more thought of as a holiday—a time for exchanging gifts and having a jolly time. The regular greeting, "A Merry Christmas," shows the sentiment. By the children it is regarded as a time when Santa Claus comes, and this custom of a Xmas saint, though very entertaining, is originally of heathen origin.

Just as Good Friday has lost its true meaning, so has Christmas. By different people it is celebrated in different ways—some at home, some at theatres or dances or banquets, or in carousing, but by few in true keeping with the birth of Christ.

Santa Claus As Other Tongues Pronounce It.

Germany—St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle; Holland—Sunder Klass, Sint. Niealaah, Sinter Klaas; Switzerland—Samiklaus; Heligoland—Sonner Klas; Voralberg—Zemmnklas; Alsace-Lorraine—Nnecht Duprecht; France—Le bon papa, le bon de Noel, petit Noel; Austria—Nikio or Nigio; Russia—Elka (fir tree); Italy—Babbino; Poland—Giviazka (little star); Scandinavia—Kriptine; Bohemia—Jericek; Denmark—Julenissen; Ireland—Niamb Nicklause.

WARD II

To the Electors of Ward II:—

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for aldermanic Honors in the above Ward.

ALEX. CLELAND

[illegible] ready to hand? There are many who [illegible] gaining the end in view by education and political control. Their object is to educate the public to a clearer perception of the state of economic confusion and inequality now existing throughout the civilized world, and to urge upon and influence the educated public to seek reform by means of a wise and equitable legislation. Of these men, one would readily say they are on the right line of action, and it is to be hoped success will come to them in their work. But they must learn to be patient, wise, broadminded and just to all classes.

Then there are many who aim at the above method and ideal, but on their journey towards that goal, they favor that most senseless thing known as a "strike." Only in very extreme cases should the "strike" be used. And at the best its results are largely hurtful to all classes of the community. By this time the working classes are pretty well convinced of this fact.

Then there are a goodly number, and their voice is legion, who claim to be revolutionary Socialists of the anarchial type. This class, be it ever so honest, is dangerous to the public, but more hurtful to the working people who honestly desire to arrive at a sane and permanent solution.

Another way of making a division of the Socialist camp is this:

Many try to solve the present problems on a purely intellectual and material basis, forgetting that in every son of man there is something of an order quite different from both, and superior thereto. They overlook the fact that all sane men are spiritual as well as material and intellectual beings.

Then there is a large division of Socialistic laborers, holding to the universal belief of an Over-Lordship of a just, wise, loving, merciful and helpful Being whom most men call by the name of "Father."

Lastly there is another class who say, "We do not care about these matters. We only know that we are hungry, and want bread for ourselves and our families."

Now this brings to us the crux of the great labor problem, the cause of all pressing and menacing economic unrest.

Too many are starving today, or are close to the ragged edge of starvation. These are

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WARD IV

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for

C. C. DELBRIDGE

As Aldermanic Candidate for Ward Four.

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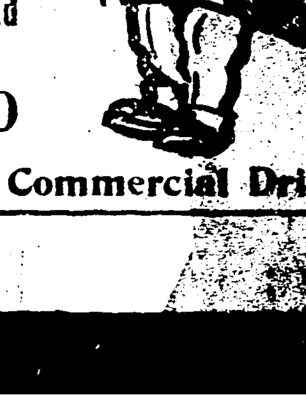

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Edited by D. R. PIERCE
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Note—News meant for this column should be mailed or phoned to the editor early to insure insertion.

Mr. A. Goodland has moved into his new home on the corner of Napier and Lily.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKenzie are leaving on the tenth of January for California to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. J. Goodland and her young son have left for Scotland where they expect to remain for about a year.

Mr. Naffzinger is planning to erect a building on Commercial drive and Eleventh. The Building will accommodate three stores.

Mrs. George S. Grant, Tenth avenue east, has announced the engagement Miss Lillian St. Clair to Mr. C. Edmund Strong. The wedding will take place in February.

Captain Copp has announced his candidacy for park commissioner. Capt Copp has spent much of his life in travelling over the world and is familiar with parks in different cities.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McShane, 3511 Commercial drive announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Edna to Mr. W. P. Crowley, the marriage to take place December 31 in St. James church, Cedar Cottage.

Grandview Likely to Have Depot.

If the north portal of the tunnel to the east or south of False Creek, to be constructed by the C. N. R. in connection with the development of that site for railway purposes, is situated more than three-quarters of a mile from the terminal, the company will construct a station for the use of people residing in that neighborhood, and no matter what the length of the tunnel may be there will be a station at the eastern or southern end. This was one of the most interesting and important de[redacted]ved at during the confer[redacted]he bridges and rai[redacted]h City Solicitor [redacted] A. Ritchie in [redacted] Canadian [redacted] Company.

Success[redacted]randview

Probably [redacted]essful concert ever hel[redacted] took place last week in [redacted]hurch. The concert was [redacted] choir and choral society. The Christ Church Male quartette assisted.

Madame Clara Gilbert sang several selections. She has a powerful voice of extensive range and a sympathetic interpretation. Her "Night of Stars," by Offenbach, was particularly well received. Miss Euro Leeson sang "Love's Coronation" very well. She has a sweet, flexible voice. Capt. R. D. Thomas rendered several fine selections. Mr. B. H. Carlor was heard in several acceptable solos.

Miss Dorothy von Weinthoff appeared in a recital number. Miss von Weinthoff has a remarkable voice for that kind of work and she uses it surprisingly well. She received many compliments on her entertaining qualities. Mrs. L. von Weinthoff was well received in a monologue.

Fashionable Gamblers Arrested in London.

London, Dec. 19.—Fifty detectives, together with dozens of uniformed police, raided a gambling house in Belgrade Square last night, and arrested eighteen men and women of considerable social prominence. The mansion was the largest gambling establishment ever tackled in London, the raid being the result of a determined effort on the part of the authorities to crush the increasing gambling tendency.

The counters which were seized ranged in value from $5 to $500. A total of $4,065 was seized, while the croupier held counters valued at $49,900.

Those who were arrested were engaged in playing chemin de fer, and frantic endeavors were made to escape when the officers burst open the doors.

Taft to Take Chair at Yale.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft has decide to accept the proffer of the Kent professorship of law at Yale, and probably will take up his duties at New Haven in the spring.

The president was said last night to have determined upon accepting the Yale professorship for several reasons. He will not be restricted merely to lectures to Yale students, but will be permitted to lecture, if he desires, in other law schools or upon the platform, or to engage in any other occupation which he may see fit.

Bay City, Ore., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Maggie Adams, widow of the famous Indian chief, Adams, is dead at Garibaldi. She was reputed to be 118 years of age.

A COMPETENT CANDIDATE

C. E. Mahon, aldermanic candidate for Ward V., was born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ont., which place is well known by many citizens of Vancouver. Six years ago he came to this city, a

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young man of high and worthy ambitions. Being possessed of an active temperament, business ability, intellectual acumen, quick perception and good judgment, he has been selected on many occasions to organize and lead moral, municipal and political bodies. His success along these lines is now a matter of local history. Nature lavished on him the gifts of ready wit, overflowing humor and a good working vocabulary—all of which have been modified and disciplined by education and experience.

Today he is in the prime of life, full of physical vigor, mental aptitude and moral equilibrium—a man in every way qualified to fill any office in Vancouver. The electors of Ward V., and the people of this city are to be congratulated in that Mr. Mahon, the busy real estate dealer, has yielded to numerous solicitations and consented to be a candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward V. In the event of his election the personnel of the city council will be well sustained and the interests of Vancouver will be safeguarded by one who has proven himself at once competent and in every way trustworthy.

PACIFIC & HUDSON BAY RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Pacific & Hudson Bay Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its present session for an Act extending the time within which it may commence construction of and complete its line of railway from a point near Kimsquit at the head of Dean Channel or Bella Coola on the North Bentinck Arm along the route hereinafter described, and authorizing the construction of the line of railway of the Company from a point near Kimsquit at the head of Dean Channel or Bella Coola on the North Bentinck Arm, thence in a northeasterly direction to a point at or near Eleatcho Lake, thence in the same direction by the Valley of the Upper and Lower Nechaco Rivers and Carp Lake; to a point at or near Fort McLeod or by Bella Coola Valley in an easterly direction to Puntze Lake, thence in a northeasterly direction by the Nazco River, Blackwater and Mud River Valleys to a point on the Nechaco River at or near Fort George, thence in a northerly direction to a point at or near Fort McLeod; also a branch line from either of the above lines by the most feasible route to a point at or near Fort George, thence in a northeasterly direction from Fort McLeod by the Misinchinca River to Pine River Pass, thence in an easterly direction by the most feasible route to a point near Dunvegan; thence in a northeasterly direction the most feasible route to a point on the Athabaska River near Fort McMurray, and amending Section 8 of the Act of Incorporation of the Company, being Chapter 126 of the Statutes of Canada 1-2 George V., to comply with the said route, and increasing the capital stock of the said Company to twenty-five million dollars, and authorizing the Company to carry on a general express business, and to enter into agreements with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway Company, and the British Columbia and Dawson Railway Company.

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Almond Paste	lb. 60c
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" Almonds	lb. 45c
" " Jordan	lb. [illegible]
Dromedary Dates	pkg. 15c
Fard Dates	lb. 15c
Golden Dates	lb. 10c
Sweet Cider	quart 20c
Boiled Cider	bottle 35c
Turkish Figs	lb. 15c and 20c
Black Figs	lb. 15[illegible]
China Preserved Ginger	jar [illegible]
Young Stem Ginger	jar 40[illegible]
Pin Money Pickles	bottle 35c and 60[illegible]
Mince Meat, Heinz	2 lbs. 45[illegible]
" Local	2 lbs. 25[illegible]
Xmas Plum Pudding	jar 40[illegible]
Xmas Cakes	lb. 30c and 60[illegible]
Sardines, Royans a la Vatel	tin 2[illegible]
" " a la Bordelaise	tin 2[illegible]
" Des Sportsmen	tin 25[illegible]
" Yacht Club, Boneless	tin 25[illegible]
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PROVINCIAL

Indian Falls over Precipice at Lillooet.

David Bell, an Indian, aged about 25, was killed last week while riding from Lillooet to the Bridge river rancherie.

He was riding his horse on the old wagon road and had taken a short cut to get on the new road and it is thought the animal lost its footing on account of the ice that is on the hillside and both rider and horse went over a bluff, breaking the rider's neck.

The horse had to be killed.

Fishing Industry has Big Increase.

Leading all the other provinces in the Dominion in fisheries, and beating her old rival, Nova Scotia, by more than $4,000,000, British Columbia has made a record for herself for the year ending March 31, 1912.

The Blue Book containing the figures for the year has just been received from Ottawa and shows British Columbia to have a lead of more than $4,000,000 over Nova Scotia. This province's increase for the year was $4,513,890, while Nova Scotia decreased $751,693; British Columbia's total was practically two-fifths of the grand total of Canada.

Giant of Grade Shot to Death.

Mile Twenty-Nine, Dec. 19.—What is said to be a feud of long standing over a woman resulted in the slaying of a man known along the G. T. P. grade as "Big Julia," the strongest and biggest man on the grade, recently. Frank Taft, a barber at Mile Twenty-nine, is charged with the killing.

Taft, it is alleged, fired one shot from a 38-calibre revelover at the laborer's heart. The bullet failed to take effect and as "Big Julia" turned and ran, Taft is said to have fired at the abdomen, killing the man instantly. Only one man was an eye-witness of the affair. His name is Taylor and he refuses to divulge any information as to the cause of the fracas.

Secure Sanction for Lulu Island Branch.

Victoria, Dec. 19—While the C. N. Railway Company has not yet asked the provincial railway commission for any approval of its route beyond Port Mann and Vancouver, apparently pending settlement of the False Creek differences, the company has secured the approval of the minister of railways for a branch designated as the Lulu Island branch. This shows a line starting from Port Mann, crossing the bridge over the Fraser into New Westminster, following the waterfront in that city as closely as possible to the west as far as a point opposite section 10, in Richmond, where the line will cross the arm of the river to Lulu Island. Thence it takes a directly southern course to the southern shore of the island, and proceeds as far as the Phoenix cannery, where it apparently ends. No description is given of th lands required within the municipality of New Westminster, but it is presumed that these details have, in connection with the Railway Ace, been filed in the registry office at New Westminster.

DOMINION

Mr. Sinclair Will Get Reward

In reference to the capture of Wilson, the alleged C.P.R. bandit, Mr. F. W. Peters stated that if he is found guilty, the reward of $500 will be paid to the man who has been responsible for his capture.

Arrest Edmonton Man.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 20.—Clifford Mitchell, wanted in Edmonton on charges of false pretenses involving several thousand dollars and who left the city on August 22 last, has been arrested in Oakland, Cal.

Republic of China is Now Established.

Vancouver will have a new Chinese consul shortly after the first of the year. Dr. Kang-yen Chang, the present incumbent of the office, will return to China immediately after the arrival of his successor, Mr. Lin Shih Yuen, who is expected by the steamship Monteagle on January 5.

Dr. Chang says that the new Chinese republic is now firmly established, armed resistance to its authority has ceased, and a majority of the people are well satisfied with the government.

Canada's Rights are Pointed Out.

Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper, K. C., in an address to the University Club at luncheon last week gave a few suggestions in the line of Imperial consolidation, and peculiarly enough pointed out to the plenary power given to Canada as the cause of the present bonds of interest with the old country.

The luncheon, which was the first of a series planned by the university club, was presided over by Mr. W. F. Carter, the chief officer, who moved a vote of thanks to Sir Charles for his address, at the close of the luncheon.

The suggestions of Sir Charles took the form of an appeal for remedies to a few outstanding troubles between Canada and Great Britain. They were the naturalizing of persons in Canada, the regulation of merchant shipping by Canada, and several others.

Products of Mines Throughout Canada Slightly Decreased.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The falling off in Canadian production indicated by the statistics covering the iron and steel industry is shown by a general summary of the whole mineral production of the Dominion during last year, just issued by the department of mines. According to the report, the total value of mineral production last year was $103,220,994, which is $3,602,629 less than that of the previous year. The annual output per capita was $14.42.

Smuggling Chinese is Profitable Game.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 19.—That there are from six to fifteen Chinese smuggled across the river from Windsor to Detroit nearly every dark night, was declared by a Windsor man convicted recently of smuggling Orientals.

Kennedy Baker, a youth now awaiting sentence in Detroit for trying to bring Chinese across on the guard rail of a ferry, in agreeing adds: "The game is too profitable to be abandoned by those who make an easy living from it. Any Chinese anxious to get into the United States will give from $100 to $500 to be smuggled across. The work is easy in most cases, and all a smuggler needs is nerve."

French Feudal Lords Want Land.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Seigneurial Court of Canada being the direct lineal descendants of the original French Feudal Lords of the country today, through Forsythe De Fronsac, Viscomte et Marechal De Flazon, presented to the state department a petition begging the United States to intervene to oblige Britain to submit to the arbitration of The Hague the claim of the seigneurs of their vast properties and estates in the New World, which they assert they were unlawfully dispossessed of by swarms of English peasantry which overran Canada [illegible] cession of that country by F[illegible] in 1763.

Declaring that [illegible]rejection upon the part of the British government was in direct violation of the treaty, the petitioners beg the government of the United States to take up their cause and insist that it be arbitrated before the Panama Canal tolls question is laid before the Hague Tribunal. The state department will give the petition the usual consideration.

FOREIGN

American Officer Killed by Moro.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Captain John Watson, of the Eighth Cavalry, stationed at Augur Barracks, Jolo, was killed last night by a Moro, who sneaked within the lines of the detachment encamped at Seit Lake, according to reports received from Jolo this morning. Hearing the cries of officers, Captain Wells dashed into the tent and killed the Moro.

Droves of Italians Enter the States.

Rome, Dec. 19.—According to figures published recently it appears that from January to September last, inclusive, 190,113 Italian emigrants left Italy. Of this number, 161,826 went to the United States; 33,208 to South America; and 1,079 to other countries. The figures above quoted are in excess of those for the same period for 1911, which was 171,153.

Taft Favors Adoption of British Plan.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Declaring that his view of the trust question was to let well enough alone—that under the Sherman law the problem would solve itself—and advocating a change in the American governmental system to bring into conformity with British usage, President Taft submitted to congress today his third message for this session.

The message also dealt with the affairs of the interior, agriculture, post-office and commerce and labor departments.

He desires that Cabinet members have seats on floor of Congress as in England.

Cremation Wins in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—After a long and bitter fight, in which the Protestant and Catholic clergy took a strong stand against it, cremation has finally been inaugurated in Berlin. The first body was cremated this week. It costs $12.50 to cremate a corpse. A niche in the crematorium for an urn can be rented 20 years for 25 cents a year, or $5 for the period.

Miss Moisant Will Aviate no More.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Heeding the pleas of her relatives, Miss Matilda Moisant, sister of the late John Moisant, and herself a daring aviator, has forsaken aviation, according to word brought here today by the steam San Jose from Panama. Miss Moisant was a passenger from Panama to Acajutla aboard the San Jose, and is at present visiting her brothers in Salvador.

It was the tragic death of Miss Harriet Quimby that decided Miss Moisant to abandon flying.

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Help to make these pages as interesting as possible by writing or telephoning all local news each week before Wednesday noon.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Rev. A. F. Baker solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sidney Stauffer, of Seattle, and Miss Jessie Shaw, of Vancouver.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. A. F. Baker, on Tuesday, December 17, the marriage took place of Mr. Austin C. Shaw and Miss Ada A. Rowlett, both of Vancouver.

Perhaps the most artistic apartment house recently erected on Mount Pleasant is that which is nearing completion at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Ontario Street. It adds grace to an already attractive locality.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fallis, of Victoria, are spending the holidays with Mr. Vernon Shilvock, of the firm of Shilvock Bros., whose residence is at 390 Eighteenth West. Mrs. Fallis and Mrs. Shilvock are sisters.

Christmas trade was the larg[illegible] the history of Vancouver. We were especially pleased with the fine display of our leading stores on Mount Pleasant. Several new stores are entering on business, and others have opened in new and more attractive quarters.

Our New Brick Firm.

The new brick manufacturing firm, Mosher & McGill, 142 Dufferin West, is laying the foundation for a bright future. During the few months since they entered upon their career as a Mount Pleasant industry they have turned out thousands of bricks of a [illegible] variety in color and finish. [illegible] is a class in every [illegible] both natural color, sanitary and beautiful. For mantels it is charming. For artistic residences or public buildings nothing better could be desired. Several large concerns are considering the use of these brick in important structures soon to be erected. The city building inspector is about to test their crushing qualities. The firm claims that they will stand a pressure of between three and four thousand pounds per square inch. This insures their stability for the heaviest construction.

They have recently installed a dry kiln with large capacity. They have adopted the best method of curing extant, that of steam drying. The same method has been adopted by the U.S. Government after exhaustive experimenting. Their product is manufactured at about half the cost of similar face brick.

THIRD TERM CANDIDATE.

Alderman George King, who has served the Fourth Ward for two years, is now a candidate for a third term.

Mr. King was born in Stratford-on-Avon, birthplace of the immortal poet, Shakespeare. He came to America in 1878 and to Vancouver in 1903, since which time he has done a very successful business in real estate. For many years he has been interested in civic affairs, twenty years as Clerk and Coun-

cilman in Fort William, Ont., and for the last two years in Vancouver. During the current year he has been chairman of the Market and Industrial Committee, serving with ability and success. As Alderman of Fourth Ward he has used his influence to bring about many improvements, such as more and better paved and lighted streets for the East End; the Georgia-Harris bridge; East end viaducts; the C.N. Entry into False Creek; Prior Street paved and connected with Venables car line, and has worked for the general good of the city.

Baxter for Mayor

The Naval Bill

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I suggested at one time that they intended to bring over Admiral Togo and his men, and from the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite that apparently was the course they intended to pursue. I should like to explain the effect that this policy has had on our coast. In the first place, the Japanese who are doing the fishing on the Pacific at the present time have chartered every foot of our coast. They have more complete charts of the Pacific coast of British Columbia than have the Admiralty. They have chartered every harbour, every inlet and every foot of the coast. They have some of their leading naval reservists, officers and men, constantly doing this work, all under the protection of the policy introduced by hon. gentlemen opposite in connection with the Japanese. From Alaska to Cape Horn every strategic point of value along the Pacific coast is now occupied by Japanese. This is true in the Queen Charlotte islands, the Aleutian islands, the Hawaiian islands, Mexico, Chili and Peru, wherever there is a strategic point of value it is held by Japanese, largely aided and abetted by the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite. Our coast on the Pacific is exposed. The intention of this amendment is to suggest to the people of British Columbia that the Opposition are offering greater protection."

A tone of playfulness pervaded his speech as he pointedly referred to our present navy, the Rainbow and Niobe:

"The other day the right hon. the leader of the Opposition stated that if the Empire were attacked, under the Opposition policy Canada would have a powerful fleet scouting the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. I ask members of this House to consider what terror it would strike into the hearts of the Japanese to see the Rainbow shooting out from the harbour of Esquimalt to meet them on the high seas. Their policy could not have been completed until 1917, but, if it had been completed at the present time, what a laughing stock it would have been to the nations of the world as a protection for our coasts."

"Now, I want to draw attention to some interesting facts in connection with the Niobe and the Rainbow. The full complement of the Niobe was 701 men, and the average was about 400 men on board during the last eighteen months; the full complement of the Rainbow was 253 men and the lowest number she had was 125, the average running at about 175 men on board each month. It will therefore be seen that for the two or three years the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been in force as far as it was in force, he and his Government were unable to man the two little toy ships we have on our coasts."

Alluding to the armament of Germany and its cause, he gave utterance to his views thus:—

"Incidentally, I wish to say that I believe the Monroe Doctrine of the United States has had more to do with the armament of Germany than has had the policy of Great Britain. If the United States were to throw overboard that absurd Monroe Doctrine and give an opportunity to the European nations to expand in South America and settle it up with a race who would be like ourselves in temperament, it would be a happy day for this North American continent. The effect of the Monroe doctrine is that while keeping European races out of South America it is allowing it to be settled with Asiatics, and the time is not far distant when we will have an Asiatic question in South America."

His peroration would do honor to much older and more experienced members. It is a fitting example of the style of the entire address, small fragments of which we have here presented in a somewhat disconnected form. Loyalty to Great Britain and imperial unity is the key to his debate and the heart of his impressive conclusion:—

"To conclude, I just want to say this. So far as our opponent's policy is concerned, they say: Let us have a Canadian navy, and by that they mean a Canadian navy which will not participate in Imperial wars, if there are any, until directed by the Government to do so. Those are the words of the right hon. the leader of the Opposition. We say an Imperial navy, an entirely distinct proposition. They say we should not fight until Parliament determines whether we should take part in a war or not. I am quoting their exact words. We say: 'Our ships shall be a part of the Royal navy ready at all times to fight in every battle, and for Britain to demand its assistance at any time and in any place.' They say to Britain, 'You think of armaments; we of railways and canals.' We say to Britain, 'You have borne the burden of Imperial defence alone long enough. We want to help you. Here are our dreadnoughts at your disposal, until we can definitely adjust our policy upon a permanent basis.' They say: 'Shall we enter this mad race, or shall we continue to settle our differences by arbitration?' We say: 'Britain has for a hundred years supported and protected Canadian trade without one cent of charge; now we wish to enter into and partake of our responsibilities with Great Britain in this matter.' They say: 'The British Empire can best be maintained by increasing Canadian independence or autonomy.' We say: 'Imperial unity is essential to Imperial existence.' And I want to lay that down particularly, that Imperial unity is essential to Imperial existence, and we will do our part in cementing the various overseas dominions into one whole. They say: 'A separate Canadian navy.' We say: 'One king, one flag and one navy.'"

Church Notices

Alert Adult Bible Class of Mountain View Methodist Church meets at 2.30 every Sunday. Visitors will be made welcome. S. Johnston, president.

HYDE PARK METHODIST

Last Friday evening, Hyde Park Methodist Sunday School gave a Christmas Concert and Festival, the program being contributed by the children. Master Thos. Benstead was chairman. At the close of the program each child received a present and a bag of candy and nuts from Santa Claus in person. The schoolroom was crowded; a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

A few Brethern have engaged the Grandview Hall, 1424 Commercial Drive and will have some special meetings January 1st, 11 a. m., 3 and 7.30 p. m., January 2nd, 7th, 9th, 16th, at 8 p. m. Also regular meetings every Sunday. Bible Study 10.15 a.m. Ministry of the Word 7 p.m. Thursday, Bible Study or Preaching 8 p.m.

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Much might be said of John R. Jacobs, the strong candidate for Aldermanic honors in Ward Four. To start with, he has good rich Irish blood, both his father and mother having been born in the Emerald Isle. His ancestors came to Ireland from Holland with William of Orange. Candidate Jacobs was born in Brockville, Ont., where he was educated in the common schools. He graduated from the Brockville Collegiate Institute in 1894 when a mere youth.

After serving apprenticeship as a butcher he came to Vancouver in 1897, and soon engaged in the poultry business on Main Street, near Horn Road. In 1902 he sold out and started the Pacific Fuel Co. on Main Street. About this time he purchased water frontage on False Creek to operate a shingle mill. This project did not materialize, but the False Creek frontage proved a good investment.

For several years he lived in Washington and Oregon, during which time

he was general manager of the Singer Sewing Machine interests. In 1906 he returned to Vancouver, where he has been successful as a real estate dealer.

Mr. J. R. Jacobs is a young man of pleasing personality, a clear, vigorous thinker, a good speaker, a man who impresses his auditors favorably, and wins by virtue of his true ability.

He is President of the West End Fourth Ward Ratepayers' Association, Second Vice-president of the Conservative Association of the city, and Honorary President of the Fourth Ward Conservative Association.

With his wife and eight year old daughter he lives at 738 Harris Street.

Mr. Buzza is a thorough Canadian from away back, notwithstanding his name "Buzza." He was born in Owen Sound, Ont., and educated for a school teacher. He is thoroughly in touch with the working classes, being himself a steam-fitter by trade. His long and official relation to the Christian Endeavour Association is a guarantee of moral stability, and evidences his sympathy with men in their struggles against evil while seeking temporal success and true respectability.

Candidate Buzza is in the full strength of manhood, and has high ideals of life and public duty. He has been closely identified with civic affairs, and shows an aptitude in such matters.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The last meeting of Lodge Grandview for the year was held on Wednesday last, December 18th, at which there was a good attendance. Many members complained of the inefficient mail service in South Vancouver, and a resolution was passed instructing the Secretary to write the Post Office Inspector calling his attention to the large number of communications addressed to Janes Road Post Office which never reached those addressed.

Walter R. Hamilton, the Candidate of Practical Ideas

Interviewed, Mr. Walter R. Hamilton, aldermanic candidate in Ward Four, said:

"In all matters of local improvements aldermen should encourage the ratepayers and take the initiative rather than hinder and discourage in the matter of building up the ward and city.

"Statutes and by-laws affecting the well-being, health and protection of the citizens should be strictly enforced, and every opportunity should be grasped to secure to the city franchises such as telephones, light, power and tram lines. United efforts should immediately be commenced to secure to the city ample dockage and Federal expenditure on our harbor to provide for and attract the enormous shipping interests that should be diverted to this port upon opening of the Panama Canal.

"Interurban tram traffic should be removed from all leading thoroughfares. Nanaimo street carline should be extended to Strathcona road at once.

"First street should be extended to Main street and Venables street should be properly connected with Prior street so as to afford fire protection to

Grandview and to give better travelling conditions east and west in the city.

"A comparison of civic conditions in the several city wards reveals lacked business ability, thoroughness and general efficiency on part of the aldermen of Ward Four. They have not given attention to conditions in their ward in the matter of streets, lanes, sidewalks, sewers, etc. The men who represent the ward should secure larger improvements and make war on the needless waste of money caused by constant tearing up of new work and many needless changes.

"All poles and high tension wires should be removed from the city and placed in conduits and placed underground."

Mr. Hamilton is an admirer of wide awake public servants of any party and is greatly pleased with Vancouver's representative, H. H. Stevens, whose work he follows closely. He hails from Grace county, Ont., spent twelve years in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon. He has been in Vancouver five years and is a prominent business man and has always taken a live interest in civic matters and public affairs. He is a man of ideas and knows what he believes

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Alderman McSpadden used his office, his influence and ability to bring about these changes and thus make the "wilderness bud and blossom as the rose."

He has served on almost every committee in the council. He was chairman of the bridge committee when the Granville and Westminster Avenue bridges were built. He was one year chairman of the water committee and is now the chairman of the annexation committee. Previous to his election to the Council he was for six years building inspector and assessor. Eight years ago he built his beautiful residence at 1237 Commercial Drive, where he and his family and the respect of their many acquaintances.

Edward Adair the Versatile Candidate

In an interview with Edward Adair, aldermanic candidate for honors in Ward Four, our reporter gathered the following facts:

Mr. Adair was born in London, Ont., where he was educated and for twelve years was manager of a large lumber company. Twenty-nine years ago he, as timber expert and boss, came to British Columbia in company with Mr. MacKenzie (now Sir Wm.) who was then engaged in building the C.P.R. At that time Mr. Adair got large experience in bridge and road construction and

afterwards built many miles of roads and mountain trails for the Provincial Government. Later he conducted an extensive business in lumber, and acquired a practical knowledge of mining and farming.

In 1904 he came to Vancouver, but has been touring the continent and Great Britain as a lecturer. During this time he managed a private immigration bureau and was the means of bringing thousands of settlers to British Columbia from the United States and the old countries. This he did without any compensation for the good of the country.

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Mr. Black, who was born in Nova Scotia, came west in 1887 full of youthful vim and ambition. In 1888 he came to Yale to take over for the C. P. R. all the material left by the Government contractors upon the completion of their work, under what was known as the Onderdonk contract. His duty was to value the mills, machinery, supplies, etc., and turn it over to the company. When this was adjusted he came to Vancouver in the spring of 1887.

A new position of trust came to him at this time. For twelve years he was in the mail service—five in British Columbia and seven in Eastern Canada. In 1907 he returned to Vancouver, and was two years assistant assessment commissioner, since which time he has successfully conducted a private business, in which, as everywhere, he has demonstrated his ability and shown himself a man worthy of confidence.

Mr. Black has well defined views as to an Alderman's duties in everything that concerns the moral, social, educational and financial development of the city. A splendid physique, a trained mind and ready tongue, distinguish him and qualify him to be a leader of men.

D. E. BUZZA

Aldermanic Candidate Ward Seven

Is a resident of the district, has been president of the Ratepayers Association for two years.

In the city Mr. Buzza has been and is in very close connection with the Christian Endeavor Association, giving a very creditable account of himself wherever placed.

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Mr. A. P. Black is a candidate for aldermanic honors in the Fifth Ward. Knowing him personally, we feel sure that, with his personality and executive ability, he will make a very appreciable addition to the Aldermanic Board. Your vote and influence will be well placed if used to elect Mr. Black.

"WHY cannot we have a Christmas dinner, just as everyone else has?" Mrs. Tilbury asked her husband as they sat at breakfast together the morning before Christmas.

From the way she asked the question it was obvious that Mrs. Tilbury was angry. She tossed her pretty head, and the way her nose rose in the air was a defiance in itself.

Tom Tilbury, her husband, sat at the opposite side of the table. He was eating a frugal breakfast, in his usual very particular manner. That is, he toyed with a glass of milk, two wholemeal biscuits, and a very small apple.

Tilbury was a man of spare habit, with a long nose, long lines down the side of his mouth, a slight tendency to baldness, a somewhat weak eye, and a very subdued manner.

"What is the good of it?" he asked mildly; "and where is the sense of it? Half the people in the world eat too much and make themselves ill over it."

"Yes—and the other half don't eat enough. Some—poor devils—because they cannot get it, and a few like you, because they are afraid of enjoying themselves or seeing any one else do so. You look as if you were eating money at every meal, and that every mouthful was part of a brick out of your next row of houses. Sensible saving, I can understand, but parsimony is horrid, and I'm just sick to death of it."

"My dear Kate," replied Mr. Tilbury mildly, and crunching his meal biscuit like a squirrel with a nut, "everything you eat is money, and one is no worse off for knowing it. The careful man saves the most."

"My dear Tom," she replied, mimicking his mild manner, "if you ate more you would be stronger, and would work better. You'd make more money in less time, and perhaps, then, I shouldn't be reduced to a rag of a dress which is only fit for the marine store."

"I think it is very nice," he answered, "and becoming."

"You think anything is nice and becoming that is cheap and the less it costs, the nicer and more becoming it is, in your eye."

There was a silence, in which both thought their own thoughts.

Mrs. Tilbury had been married just three months.

"Tom is all right," said his sister, one of Kate's best friends, the day before the wedding, "but he's mean—that's what he is. It's in his blood, like a disease, and you cannot shake it out of it."

Kate had indignantly repudiated this accusation levelled against her future lord. She had been engaged to him for two years, and had noticed no signs of such a failing. Careful, of course, he was, that she had noticed. But was it not a compliment to her that he should hoard his resources? Did it not prove his devotion and his desire to make the marriage possible as quickly as he could? Still, even in her courtship, she would have liked a little more than the customary presents. She would have appreciated the extra little gifts of flowers, or chocolates, or theatre tickets which did not come her way. This seeming neglect she had overlooked—poor Tom was anxious, perhaps over-anxious, to provide for their future. She ought to be the last one to blame him for that, and she was.

But when they were married she found his sister's warning took on more serious import. He was mean. Though he had an income of $1500 a year, he begrudged her a servant. More still, he had in property and cash close on $5000, and much of it he had possessed long before he proposed. His parsimonious courtship was after all unnecessary, and by no means a compliment to her. He could have married her at any moment during the engagement without burdening himself, and all the time have been more generous with the little attentions a woman loves from the man who intends to make her his wife.

And now he had taken his last turn—he begrudged the cost of their food. The first week he grumbled at the household bills. The next week he cut them down. The week after he announced his intention of becoming a vegetarian. He had an idea that by doing so he would have the weekly bills at one stroke, and to a certain extent he had.

This is the point where they had stuck. Kate was rather fond of the good things of life, and had hospitable instincts. He was increasingly meagre as the week passed on.

"Perhaps," she said, breaking the silence, "you will tell me what your idea of a Christmas dinner is?"

He munched his biscuit slowly.

"Myself, I don't see why we should make a special effort to eat a lot just because it happens to be Christmas. I shall go on as I am doing. I want no turkey, no plum pudding. A vegetable soup, some of those lentil steaks I got from the vegetarian restaurant, and a rice pudding will make a dinner quite as good as we ought to afford, and nourishing enough for a meal, whether it be for Christmas or any other day."

"But I do want turkey and plum pudding!" Kate answered. "I want to cook a good dinner, and eat it, too. I want to see you enjoy it, and not sitting there like a rabbit nibbling sawdust. I want to be jolly, and make the meal jolly, to get some of the spirit of Christmas into the house, to be happy without considering in a cold-blooded way whether I am quite sensible."

He looked up in his mild, short-sighted manner and smiled.

"Are you not happy, Kate?" he asked.

"Happy—with a man who wants lentil steak for his Christmas dinner—no! You are a dear, good chap in many ways, Tom, but you are mean, mean to the point of being unbearable; and you get worse."

There was a little explosion of tears, angry, rebellious tears, after this expression of opinion.

He walked into the little hall and took down his hat and coat. As he slowly applied the hat brush before departing, he turned back to the breakfast-room.

"I'm very sorry, Kate," he said. "I do want you to be happy. If you have set your heart on being festive, get a chop for yourself or some cutlets, and cook a few potatoes. I think I might eat a potato, too, as it's Christmas."

"Chops and a few potatoes!" she said, and then laughed almost hysterically until she was exhausted.

"I know what it is," she said to herself. "The man isn't mean; he has really no imagination. He hasn't got a sense of honour. But it's time I stopped enduring this and started to cure it. I'll revolt, and give him the shock of a lifetime."

When Tom came home that Christmas Eve he was in a very good temper. Something of the bustling, genial spirit of the world outside had touched him with its festive note. After all, it was Christmas, he had thought, as he passed along the lighted thoroughfares and noted the cheerful shops.

So touched had he been by the spirit of Christmas in the air that he had become generous. He had passed into a confectioner's shop and bought a sultana cake. He himself would contribute a little to the home festivities outside the ordinary routine of his wife's shopping. He would show her that he, too, could be generous. He did not notice he had picked out the smallest sultana cake in the shop, nor that it was a very little cake indeed. It was, as he noted it, a nice sized cake for two.

Once the spirit of generosity had seized him it seemed to grow within his being as if it were a strange new influence flowering there. Passing a greengrocer's shop, he bought a little bunch of mistletoe. Kate would like that, and, as he desired to be jolly rather than sensible, perhaps he might kiss her under the green leaves and the pearly shining berries as he had read of young people doing in those absurd Christmas numbers. Yes, and to make their festivities more complete, he went into his newsagent's and purchased an illustrated Christmas number, with a very red cover, and a very purple-faced Father Christmas printed on it.

"I might read it aloud," he said; "there's sure to be something foolish about Christmas in it—what Kate will call the festive spirit," he thought.

So laden, he reached his little home. Kate was there to greet him, the Kate he had known and always admired, the woman he had loved. Was it Christmas and the atmosphere of festivity which made his love seem a more real thing to him to-night as he crossed his own threshold and looked on the laughing face of his wife? After all, he was glad he had bought the little presents he had collected, and when he handed them to her, for the first he noticed the cake was small, and that the mistletoe was but a tiny bunch, and poor in berries at that. Still, the Christmas number was large enough, and its red cover did look warm and cheerful, and gave off the right festive note.

Kate received his gifts cheerfully, even with an unexpected show of gratitude. He thought perhaps she was too grateful, and, looking at her closely, saw something in her manner, a sort of suppressed excitement, which he did not quite understand or like. But she was in great spirits when she joined him at their simple evening meal, and seemed to have forgotten their little disagreement of the morning. After the meal she seemed busy. "She was cleaning down the kitchen," she explained, and dared him to put his nose into it the whole evening.

The evening wore away, and he went to rest at his usual hour. It was an hour later when his wife retired—that cleaning process seemed to be a long one. At their early breakfast next morning he was very quiet, and she was in unexpectedly high spirits. She served the simple meal he professed to like, and then hurried him into the little room he called his study, and told him not to move about the house, as she was going to have a busy morning, and he would only be in the way. He sat in the little study before the fire, turned over his Christmas number, and idly began to read a story.

It was a typical Christmas story of the old type, full of port wine and plum pudding, turkey, and stuffing, crackers, and happy, genial frolics after dinner. There was kissing under the mistletoe in it, romping games, such as postman's knock, blind man's buff, and hunt the slipper. It was a story of a jolly Christmas, with much sentiment in it, and a good deal of real kindly feeling.

When he came to the end of the story he put the number down on the table very quietly, and stared long and thoughtfully into the fire.

"That was a jolly Christmas," he thought, and then an unusual impulse stirred him.

"I wish we were having a Christmas dinner more like the one in the Christmas story," he said half-aloud. For a moment he was inclined to go to his wife and express his opinion, but he remembered the scene of the day before, and pride was strong within him.

Instead, he decided to put on his hat and coat and walk the rest of the hours away before their mid-day meal was due. Outside of the house, he passed rapidly through the suburban streets, and set off on a brisk spin round the spacious park. The air was clear and fine, but a trifle frosty. The

CITY

Ald. Baxter Before Ward VI.

Friday evening of last week Alderman Baxter addressed the ratepayers of Ward Six on the platform on which he will go to the electorate.

At the outset of his address Alderman Baxter spoke of an instance in which he had been instrumental in saving the city an unnecessary expenditure of $300,000 on the 1911 viaduct bylaw. He had been the only ward representative to oppose this piece of proposed legislation which provided for an outlay of $450,000 when it was first submitted, and as a result it was defeated. Now the B.C. Electric and Great Northern Railway companies would have to bear $300,000 of the expense, the balance of $150,000 being the amount the citizens would be called upon to pay instead of the former stupendous sum.

In referring to the need for better land and water transportation, Alderman Baxter pointed out that the civic government had done absolutely nothing in regard to the preparation of Vancouver for the traffic which must come from the prairies once the Panama Canal was completed.

Vancouver was the only port in British Columbia the ships of other nations could look to as the natural outlet for the wealth of the Middle West and the natural products of the interior districts west of the Rockies.

"But it is not only to the improvement of roads by sea that we must look," proceeded the alderman, "for ocean routes play only a small part in the national question of commercial development. We must pay more attention to road building in British Columbia. We must open up a system of roads first to within forty or fifty miles of the city to make the adjacent municipalities tributary, and to unfetter them from the bonds imposed by years of transportation difficulties. This has been a potent factor in augmenting the already high cost of living in Vancouver, and while we have the market for all the goods that British Columbia can produce from agricultural lands, we must have the facilities of conveying those products to the consumer to make them of practical utility and an asset."

Mayoral candidate Rogers and several others also spoke.

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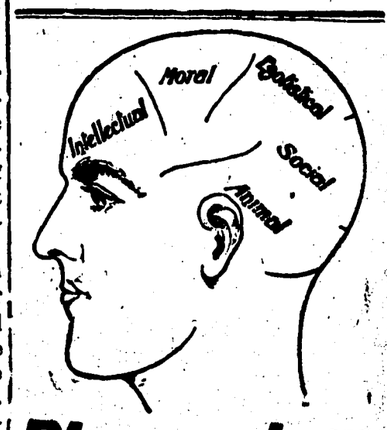

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LAND NOTICES

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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 Kle-na-Klene River; thence north eithy chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east 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:—

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JOHN A. CATTERALL.
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:—

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SAMUEL C. CORNWALL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 16th, 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:—

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FRANK R. CORNWALL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 16th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, Alfred Williams, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about [illegible] miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot [illegible]ber thirty-nine (39), and on the east [illegible] of the Kle-na-Klene River; thence [illegible]h eighty chains; thence west eighty [illegible]ns; thence north eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

ALFRED WILLIAMS.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, James McCreath, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation mercantile agent, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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JAMES McCREATH.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 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:—

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DAVID CHESSMAN.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 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 Kle-na-Klene River; thence eighty chains north; thence eighty chains west; thence eighty chains south; thence eighty chains east te the point of commencement.

JOHN N. O'DRISCOLL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 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:—

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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 Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, Frank Buckley, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation —Clerk intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, James T. Lee, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation surveyor, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, Thomas M. Carter, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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THOMAS M. CARTER.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C., LAND DISTRICT.
District of Coast Range, No. 2.

Take notice that I, Joseph Clarke, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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JOSEPH CLARKE.
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HERMAN W. VANCE.
Date, 9th December, 1912.

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT
District of Coast Range 2

TAKE NOTICE that William H. Wooley, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 13, and being W. H. W.'s N. E. corner post, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence nor h 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Date 17th September, 1912
WILLIAM H. WOOLEY.
Oct. 25th to Dec. 26th, 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. 4207c for an undivided half interest in the above mentioned property, issued in the name of Law A. Yeon, has been filed in this office, notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof issue a duplicate of such Certificate of Title unless in the meantime valid objection be made to me in writing.

Dated at the Land Registry Office at Vancouver this 18th day of December, A.D. 1912.

ARTHUR G. SMITH,
District Registrar.
Dec. 20, 1912, to Jan. 17, 1913.

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Keen air stung his face, and soon his rapid walk had suffused him with a fine and vigorous glow. His exertion not only cleared his brain, but set his mind working freely. The physical glow became a mental state. And as he went, he caught the signs of Christmas in the air. Outside the park he noted a group of children were carrying new dolls, obviously Christmas presents. At a cottage door a stout little boy imitated John Horner by sitting on the step of the door eating Christmas pie. He passed a church, and from within came the music of a Christmas carol. As he walked down the narrower streets they were filled with odours, the wonderful odours which come from cooking turkeys or geese, great rounds of beef, and sausages, such as the clown waves in a pantomime. At first he had a mild contempt for these signs of festive preparation, but as he walked further an unfamiliar sensation stirred within him, a wistful sense of something lacking, which turned to clamouring want. It was the return of his appetite, and from mild prompting it passed to that acute stage which is the imperative demand. Mr. Tilbury was downright hungry.

It was just one-thirty when he reached home, and he was thinking rather sadly of the dinner he might have had, the dinner he had scorned the day before.

His wife hurried into the hall to meet him.

"You have returned to the right minute," she said. "Dinner has just been laid."

He noticed her eyes were bright, and her round face was rosy red. She had that cheerful air of bustle and supressed excitement which had irritated him the day before. She had also dressed very carefully. Her hair was done a new way. She wore her brightest blouse, and proudly displayed the one or two little presents he had given her.

They walked together into the dining-room, and as he noted it familiar scents of cooked savoury things which he had noticed emanating from other people's houses greeted him from the interior of his own.

Inside the dining-room a wonderful change had been made. The table was a sight to see. It bore a fine assortment of floral chrysanthemums and evergreens in the flower stand. The linen gleamed white beneath all their silver and plate. The table groaned under his best dinner service, and a heap of unaccustomed good things. Near his wife's usual seat a plump turkey was steaming. It was nicely browned without. Tom did not doubt but that it was full of prime stuffing within, and around it fat, brown sausages made a sort of tangible halo. Near it were tureens containing potatoes and a fresh white cauliflower, and a great boat was swimming with rich brown gravy. A bottle of red wine stood near his wife's plate, and one of his best wineglasses, sparkling with its cheerful polish, gleamed invitingly by the side of the promising bottle.

Kate took the seat opposite the turkey, and he went to the vacant chair at the other side of the table which he always used. And then he had a shock, a shock which dashed his spirits with the coldness of an icy douche.

He noticed for the first time a peculiar design about the laying of the table. All the signs of festivity, the flowers, the silver, the polished glass, the wine, the dessert, and the typical Christmas fare were laid on her half of the table. His end of the table looked very bleak indeed. For him there were no flowers but the long bunch of mistletoe. In the exact centre of the table was the small sultana cake. In front of him was a dish of thin and watery soup, and behind it a plate containing two slabs of brown substance which he recognised as his favourite dish—lentil steak.

It took him some time to grasp the situation. When he did, he found his wife had cut off two thick, juicy portions from the breast of the turkey, and was eating calmly with barely a glance in his direction.

"There is some mistake," he said faintly, but he knew there was no mistake in his heart. The spartan fare was for him, the Christmas dinner for his wife.

"No mistake, dear," his wife answered. "I've cooked your dinner just as you say you like it, and I have cooked my Christmas dinner just like I have dreamed our first Christmas dinner together would be. One must make the best of things," she added, smiling bravely; "and if one must have a husband who won't be jolly on a Christmas Day then a sensible woman must learn how to be jolly herself. I have bought my share of the dinner out of my own purse, and yours will go into the housekeeping book as usual."

He looked very grim for perhaps five minutes, and when he tried to eat little pieces of the lentil fare they stuck in his throat. The scent of the turkey tempted him strongly, and the sight of his wife trying to enjoy herself alone was a stern reproof in itself.

A thoroughly decent fellow at heart, he did not take long to come to a decision.

With the ease and quickness of a waiter, he cleared the things laid for him and set them on the sideboard. With equal quickness he rearranged the table setting so that there was a clear space for him near his wife at her end of the table. From the sideboard he brought a wineglass, and polished it carefuly. Then he went to the head of the table, and kissed his smiling wife, and there was no trace of bitterness in her action.

"A merry Christmas," he said heartily, and with some emotion, and though he knew, in the face of what he had said, he was looking more than a little ridiculous, he pushed his plate towards her.

"Give me a big slice of the turkey," he said, "and a double helping of the stuffing. I'll be your guest to-day and do justice to your splendid cooking. Tomorrow, in a husband who has learnt his lesson, you will find a more generous host."

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COMMENTS ON SOCIALISM

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so pressed that they have no time for the slow process of educating the public to a clearer view of the needs of reformation, or to seek redress in political change and legislation looking to their amelioration.

Now, what is this "Great Labour Problem?" If we are able to put it clearly before the readed and student of economics, then we should be in sight of the solution, or near thereto. In general terms the present unrest, trouble, and problem-solution seeking spring out of our fierce competitive system. The intensity of this system can be perceived only by observation of facts and the finding of both the cause and the result.

I see frequent condemnations of economic competition, but have never yet seen a wise and practicable cure therefor. Competition is everywhere, and universal. It belongs to all organic beings in relation to beings of similar and different classes. Let me illustrate, thereby making clear my meaning.

Watch cattle feeding at a straw stack in winter, or swine at a trough. Each animal strives to get the food it craves. But the stronger drive the weaker to the wall, and get more than what might be called a "fair share."

The cattle and hogs in turn, and in their spheres, may compete for food, but unless there be more than enough for all the weaker will be forced to do with an amount below what is required for proper feeding. Hence, though they may not starve to death, they, by comparison fall behind in the struggle for existence, and see their competitors push far beyond their reach. These weaker animals may grunt and bellow, but the stronger are not moved to sympathy or an attempt at reform.

Now let us look at different classes: Cattle and sheep are put into a common pasture field of limited area. The result is a competition for food and life. While the cattle in a brute fight could kill the sheep, the contest is not waged in that manner. Soon it is seen that the cattle are beaten in the competition, and unless their owner come to their rescue they must go down and out, in the presence of a competition they are unable to meet.

And be it seen here, as well as in my first illustration of the cattle at the straw stack, and the pigs at the trough, that the contest is carried on without intent or plan. The sheep simply eat in such a manner that the cattle are unable to gather food, and in this innocent, but one-sided manner, the sheep secure food while the cattle must die if not rescued.

Now the wide-awake farmer knows just what to do in the above recited cases. And without much ado he solves the food problem of his cattle, swine and sheep. But I must go further in my quest. Look at the song birds. Let a lover of Nature gaze around and fix his attention on the everlasting contest in the fields, forests and air. He will see that the song bird has its enemies seeking the very food it is in search of, or worse, still, they are in search of itself. The crow will, in its struggles for food, destroy the eggs of the warbler. The robin seeking for worms for itself and its young is simply taking the food from other worm-eating birds. The barnyard chicken is brought into a fierce competition with the chicken-eating hawk, a competition in speed and cunning like that between the fox and the hound.

The oak, or other large tree, strives for life and squeezes to death multitudes of other plants less able for the strife. The poplar in search of its continuance as a living organic unit drives to the wall the oak. The Canadian thistle, in its competition for ground-room and food, pushes to death or weakens the much-desired wheat. And so it goes. There is no spot on earth, on the wing, in the water or elsewhere at which competition is not found. In fact, I venture to assert that in nature there are very few birds, animals, reptiles, fishes, worms or aught else, that die a natural death. Mostly all are killed by their enemies, or are forced to starvation in the end.

The above I have given in a hurried manner to make plain the fact that the competitive system, the fierce struggle for life, is not confined to the working man, and others of the human family who are supposed by many not to be among the workers.

Now for a look at the "competitive system" among men and women:

To get a clear view of this problem one must make clear the fact that in general terms it is safe to say that the contest is at its fiercest between capital and labour. In fact from the commercial, economic and industrial view this is the exact field or arena of conflict.

And strangely enough just here is the spot at which too many workers get into mazes of impatience, bad temper, vengeance and deepest darkness. The capitalists are to such persons, nothing but merciless thieves, liars and human monsters, worthy of robbing and death. This is a sad error and those who so feel, and who would so act if a chance were given, are on the highway to their own undoing. And here again is the spot at which too many in their dilemma and impatience find fault with not only the government and the church, but with the all wise Creator who has prepared a much better way than that in use, or even in sight. And it is at this point that the church and the Anarchic socialist come into collision. Here is where the Roman Catholic church condemns the Socialist in outspoken terms, and justly so.

In my next I shall follow up the question of "Capital and Labour;" show the cause of the fierce competition; the failure of looking to the state to legislate the public into permanent peace and restfulness; try to prove that there is only one economic solution, and that solution has not been given to the world by any of the socialistic or other economic writers.

There are multitudes who would gladly put forward a plan to help the many starving, or on the edge of starvation, toward a sufficiency of shelter, food and clothing. But competition will never pass from man or from the rest of the organic world, whether bird, beast or plant.

In the meantime I would suggest to my friends who are honestly seeking a solution, to fail not in developing the whole manhood which God has given each human being as a sacred trust. And that being is material, intellectual and spiritual. These three elements must enter into the solution of any and all problems touching upon the best interests of mankind.

Many of you read Karl Marx and others of a similar type. Do not forget to read an account of the "Man of Nazareth." He talked to, with, and for the poor, and for the hard-pressed labourer. He fed them and healed them. And because He did so His enemies hated, persecuted and murdered Him. Read His life, words and teachings, and you will find much to help your hungry hearts, and cheer your lives in the midst of the stern struggle for existence. I shall call on you next week in connection with profit, wealth, competition, co-operation and the Bread Hunger so close to tens of thousands of workers and non-workers: non-workers not of choice but per force.

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