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Building Partially Destroyed

A frame dwelling located at 263 14th Ave. E., owned by Mr. Miller and occupied by Mr. J. P. McKenzie, was partially damaged by fire on the afternoon of the 18th inst., caused by an overheated stove. Damage to the extent of about $350 was done, covered by insurance.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and Sunday School

Special prayer services, started New Year's Day, are still holding the spiritual interest of many true believers, and under the spiritual leadership of our devoted pastor, they will be continued until there is a spiritual revival amongst our own people. Anyone in earnest for the salvation of lost humanity will find a warm corner in these prayer services.

Our Sunday School will hold their annual tea and social on Saturday afternoon for the little folks of the Primary Department. We hope to see all the beginners and primary children out in force.

We were greatly helped last Monday evening in our B.Y.P.U. by the timely message given by Rev. Mr. McLaurin, superintendent of Home Missions for Alberta. We welcome all young people to join us on Monday evnings in our service. It is just a home for any one who wishes to hear the young who are starting out on the journey of christian citizenship.

An interesting wedding was solemnized in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church last Saturday evening when Rev. A. E. Mitchell, pastor of the church, united in marriage Jean Stuart, daughter of Mr. James Penman, Kingsley, Man., and Private John A. Johnson, C Company, 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, Hastings Park. The bride, who wore her travelling suit of navy blue serge with fur trimmings and black velvet hat, entered the church with her uncle, Mr. J. S. Lochead, and was attended by her sister, Miss Marion Penman. The groom wore his uniform and was supported by Private William Paterson, C Company, 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, who was also in uniform. Mr. L. R. Bridgman presided at the organ and played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin as the bridal party entered the church, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March at the conclusion of the ceremony. The choir, of which the bride has been a member for some time, decorated the church for the occasion with flags and flowers. Large flags were artistically draped about the choir rail and back of the altar was a magnificent Scottish Standard and on either side of it Union Jacks. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lincoln McCulloch, at which only the immediate relatives were present. The rooms were decorated with flags, bunting and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left on the night boat for Victoria, where they will spend a short honeymoon.

Guests of Mrs. Munro

Mrs. Nellie L. McClung and daughter, Florence, are guests of Mrs. A. S. Munro, Shaughnessy Heights, while in the city. Mrs. McClung will address a meeting of the Metropolitan Methodist church Guild in Victoria tonight.

A raffle of two handsome goose down pillows will take place soon at the store of A. Hilker & Son, Main street, in aid of the material fund of the Central South Vancouver Red Cross Society.

At the meeting of the Women's Guild of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon, it was decided, on account of the small attendance, to hold all business over for the next regular meeting, February 3rd.

Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting

The regular meeting of the above society was held Monday evening, and was in charge of Messrs. Stewart and Kent. Mr. Stewart gave a very interesting paper on "How to Work With Others," and aroused much enthusiasm among the members. The attendance was very good and quite a number took part in the discussion. Miss Wallace favored the members with a solo which was much enjoyed by all.

The meeting next Monday night will be in charge of Misses M. Story and R. Mitchell, the topic being, "Amusement That is Worth While."

Conservative Association

The meeting of Ward V. Conservative Association on Monday night partook partly of a social nature. The chief feature of the evening was an address by Dr. A. G. McGuire, M.P.P., who discussed the question of granting further aid to railways.

In the course of his remarks Dr. McGuire favored the appointment of an independent commission before any further aid was given, and urged a thorough investigation before anything further should be done in this direction.

"I think we should know where every dollar which has been advanced to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has gone before any further aid is granted," he said.

Mr. C. E. Smitheringale reported on the conference of the mining committee with Hon. Lorne Campbell, Hon. C. E. Tisdall and other government officials here last Wednesday.

Following the addresses by Dr. McGuire, Mr. Fred Welsh, chairman of the school board, Mr. T. Duke, of the license commission, and others a splendid programme of musical numbers was given. Members of the Alpha Quartette, composed of Messrs. Ainsley, McGregor, Smitheringale and McPherson, gave several fine selections. Each member of the quartette also rendered a solo. Another notable feature of the program was the music furnished by the Mandolin Quintette, Messrs. Dunlop, Pappas, McIntosh, Donald and Morris.

Several new members were added to the association. President McKim, the recently elected school trustee presided, and Mr. T. S. Baxter made a strong appeal for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

At the next social meeting, held in February, a prominent leader of the Woman's Suffrage movement will address the association.

Jitney Drivers Fined

Two jitney drivers were fined $1.50 each in the police court this week for allowing passengers to ride on the doors.

Social Whist Drive

A whist drive and dance was held last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters, Terminal Temple No. 15, in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Refreshments were served and fifteen card tables set. The first prize for ladies was captured by Mrs. R. W. Cameron; the consolation prize by Miss Addis. The gentleman's first was won by Mr. H. A. Neitzel, and the consolation by Mr. H. Shiplo.

Residents complain of a serious shortage of coal, owing to the fact that the down-town coal merchants cannot fill their orders fast enough.

Mrs. H. Wilson and daughters, of 54 10th Ave. West, who have been spending the past two months in San Francisco, arrived home on Wednesday.

Hollister Review No. 9 Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees will hold a social dance in the K. P. Hall on Friday evening, January 28th. Dancing 9 to 12.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church was held on Wednesday evening. Reports for the past year were presented from a number of the organizations. Those read showed a very favorable year despite the heavy financial burden under which the community is operating. The church has an active membership of 1028. The Board of Managers reported a favorable year, and the discussion on the budget for this year proved that the interest of the membership is very keen. Since the induction of Rev. A. E. Mitchell as pastor of this congregation in August last, the work of the church has prospered exceedingy, and the future seems a bright one indeed for this church. The new managers appointed to the 1916 board are Messrs. H. Hilker, John Ridington, G. W. Ledingham, Robert Watson, R. McMillan, J. Abernethy and Dr. W. D. Murray.

Owing to the vast amount of business still to be transacted in connection with the work of the church, and the additional reports still to be heard, the meeting was adjourned for two weeks.

Scottish Concert

The Y.P.S.C.E. of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church announce a grand Scottish Concert for Tuesday evening next, January 25th (Burns' Night) in the school room of the church. A most interesting program has been prepared and a large audience is looked for. The following program will be rendered: "The Star of Robbie Burns" and "McGregor's Gathering" by Mr. H. Duncan; "My Ain Folk" and another selected item by Miss M. McLennan; "O' a' the Airts" and "Mary" by Private Hall; "The Old Countree" and "The Auld Scotch Sangs" by Miss C. Craigen; "The Spinning Wheel" and "Caller Herrin'" by Miss G. Lawrence; violin selections by Mr. A. F. Lawson, and selected readings by Mr. J. Crann. The programme starts at 8 o'clock sharp.

Discuss Enlistment

The members of the local bar and law students association held a meeting on Monday afternoon in the barristers' room at the Court House, to discuss enlistment for overseas service. Mr. A. H. McNeill, K.C., acted as chairman.

Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garbutt, 666 Tenth avenue west, received this week from the Adjutant-General at Ottawa news of the death of their son, Willington S. Garbutt, better known as Stanley Garbutt. He was killed in action on December 30th.

Grandview

Fire Does Damage

A one-story frame dwelling located at 2745 Yale street, near Hastings Park, owned and occupied by Mr. C. Trey, was slightly damaged by fire on Monday night. Damage to the extent of about $270 was done, with no insurance.

Presentations Are Made at Reception

Under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary a reception was held in the church hall of St. Saviour's church on Friday evening last in honor of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fea. The hall was prettily decorated and was well filled. After a pleasant hour in social intercourse, Mr. Hutchinson, the people's warden, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Fea to the parish, Mrs. Manning, president of the Auxiliary, presenting Mrs. Fea with a bouquet and welcoming her on behalf of the Auxiliary. Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. G. H. Wilson, rector of St. Michael's church, Mt. Pleasant, and Rev. H. Gillies, rector of St. Nicholas.

Mr. Hutchinson, on behalf of the parish, presented Rev. C. Lord, who has been in charge of the parish for some months, with a fountain pen as a slight token of regard and appreciation.

Although the Lord Nelson school has had no organized Red Cross Society, considerable Red Cross work has been done. The children in all classes were taught to knit and fifty-three face cloths were handed in by the smaller children. A number of mufflers have been knitted, two of which were handed in to the society, the others being sent to brothers or fathers at the front. In the intermediate grade sewing classes, eye-pads and khaki handkerchiefs were sewn for the Grandview branch. Several pairs of sox were also knitted in these classes. For these the material was given by the children. In order to work on a larger scale, however, the need of a society in the school itself was felt, and a meeting was held to organize it on January 7. At this meeting, to which all the girls of the five upper classes were invited, Miss R. Rines was elected honorary president, Miss Rita Oakley, president, and Miss Mary Larsen, secretary-treasurer.

It was decided to give an at home in the school on Friday evening for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of materials. The school society is, of course, only an auxiliary to the Grandview branch of the Red Cross Society.

Rev. Dr. Seager will preach in All Saints' Anglican church on Sunday evening.

School Children "Doing Their Bit"

Since last September, the Grandview school has made the following contributions to the Red Cross Fund: Receipts from garden work, $10; proceeds of tea, $70.35; drawing for doll, $36.45; collection, 30c; total, $117.10.

In addition 132 face cloths, 12 pairs socks and 5 dozen handkerchiefs have been contributed. The Grandview school ranks highest among Vancouver schools for its Red Cross work.

The monthly service of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held at All Saints' Anglican church, Victoria Drive, last evening.

A most enjoyable card party and dance was given on Tuesday evening at Belvedere Court, Main street, in aid of the Ward V. Red Cross Society.

Capt. A. G. Spencer, 1st B. C. regiment, who has recently returned wounded from the front, will speak in All Saints' Parish Hall, corner of Victoria Drive and Pandora street next Tuesday evening, describing his experiences in the trenches. A military band will be in attendance, and there will be other speakers. The meeting is free and open to all.

Patriotism is a natural feeling like love, and the man who is without it is not quite a man.

Fairview

Cadet Corps Concert

A grand patriotic concert will be given by the King Edward High School Cadet Corps in the auditorium on Friday, January 28, at 8 p.m. The corps will be aided by the High School orchestra and by students from Lord Tennyson school.

Cecil Rhodes School News

The cold weather has brought out some excellent hockey players, the school having been successful in defeating the Tennyson school in two games. The score of the first game was 5-1, while that of the second was 13-3. The boys intend to play more games and are now negotiating with the Lord Roberts school for a game at the Arena.

The rifle team has been unfortunate in losing three of its reliable shots since Christmas, two having transferred to other schools and one having left for Seattle. The team has been very successful in its shooting so far. Its scores for the fall term were as follows: 240, 207, 225, 236 and 227, thus giving the team an average of 227.

The pupils and staff of the school regret very much the loss of Miss Anstie, who having been teaching in the Cecil Rhodes school for three years with marked success, left at Christmas to be married. They are glad to welcome in Miss Anstie's place Miss Currie, formerly of the Fairview school.

Grippe and measles are responsible for a considerable drop in the attendance, especially in the junior classes. Even the staff is not immune. Miss Perkins, teacher of Division III., was absent for a few days suffering from grippe, but is now able to be back at work.

Burnaby

Reeve Fully Explained Serial Bond By-Law

Reeve Hugh Fraser, who was not called upon by the Burnaby electors to contest the reeveship this year, addressed Vancouver holders of Burnaby property in the Labor Temple last week prior to the elections. In a lengthy address Reeve Fraser advocated the passing of the Burnaby Treasury Redemption By-law, and the electors by a handsome majority followed his advice on Saturday last.

It is now possible that the bonded indebtedness of Burnaby can be reduced from $3,003,000 to $2,287,000, and the per capita debt from $212 to $156 if the contention of Reeve Fraser is correct. He dealt in a lucid manner with the proposal to cancel the whole of the unsold Burnaby 40-year sinking fund.

Skating at Burnaby Lake

Skating has been the order of the day at Burnaby Lake for the past week. The B. C. Electric report unusually heavy traffic from both Vancouver and New Westminster on Saturday afternoon last. The moonlight nights have added to the delight of the skaters.

Burnaby Council Has Taken Office

The council of 1915 concluded the year's business on Monday last and the new council were duly sworn in by Magistrate Beatty. In his address of welcome Reeve Fraser laid special stress on the financial situation, saying it was necessary to authorize only such expenditures for which money is available.

The splendid majority secured for the financial by-law is regarded as a personal triumph for Reeve Fraser.

The Woman's Forum of Burnaby held its usual January meeting on Friday last in Moreton Hall, Edmonds, the president, Mrs. J. Stuart Jamieson, in the chair. A nominating committee was appointed to report at the annual meeting on the third Tuesday in February. It was decided to have an address on laws for women in British Columbia given on that occasion. Mrs. Watson read several interesting letters from boys at the front, thanking the Christmas committee for the boxes sent.

South Vancouver

High School Notes

The South Vancouver high school is starting one teacher short this year, as Miss Taylor, who was in charge of the preliminary classes, resigned at Christmas.

Owing to la grippe the attendance is exceedingly poor. On account of the snow the school has been unable to organize any outdoor games. It is a source of much disappointment that there is no accommodation for indoor basketball.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Parish gave another of their delightful dances last night in the Parish Hall, 50th and George streets. Dancing was indulged in from 9 to 12 and an unusually fine orchestra added to the delights of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Election Results on the Mainland

It has been many years since the city of Vancouver witnessed a more hard fought election than that of last week, when Alderman McBeath was chosen by the electors from a field of five candidates to represent them as the chief magistrate for 1916. The campaign was bitterly fought out and many factions worked unceasingly for their respective candidates from early morning until the poll closed.

The result of the election of the mayoral candidates, while it occasioned some disappointment in a few quarters, was not on the whole a surprise. The newly elected mayor had the support of the Woman's Forum and other representative moral reform bodies, and he received a strong prohibition vote owing to his stand against the liquor interests which he used throughout his campaign. The people apparently figured that as chairman of the finance committee in 1915, he was better fitted to handle the reins of mayor during the coming year.

Mr. McBeath's majority, considering the large field of candidates, is a decisive one.

Almost equally bitter as the fight for the mayoralty, but lacking the mud slinging episodes, were the aldermanic contests in several of the wards. Perhaps the keenest battle was that waged in Ward IV, where Dr. J. W. McIntosh defeated Ald. Joseph Hoskins. Alderman C. E. Mahon, in Ward V, was forced to call on his last reserves to win from Ald. C. N. James, while in Ward VI Ald. Gale succeeded, with the strong support of the Woman's Forum, to win from Ex-Ald. Elliott. One of the surprises of the day was the majority Ald. Kirk received over Mr. J. D. Byrne in Ward I.

Ex.-Ald. Geo. Cottrell made an unsuccessful attempt to win over Ald. Hamilton in Ward II.

The results of the mayoralty vote are as follows.

McBeath, 3,122; Kirkpatrick, 2,488; Martin, 1,908; Hepburn, 1,502; McNeill, 1234.

The vote for Aldermen resulted as follows:

Ward 1.—T. Kork, 1128; J. D. Byrne, 748.

Ward 11. — W. R. Hamilton, 684; G. H. Cottrell, 656.

Ward III. — W. C. Marshall, 302; P. C. Gibbone, 196; H. B. Bird, 155; A. L. Griffiths, 38.

Ward IV.—Dr. J. W. McIntosh, 836; Jos. Hoskins, 685; C. A. McDowell, 142.

Ward V.—C. E. Mahon, 1002; C. N. James, 866.

Ward VI.—R. H. Gale, 1430; S. C. Elliott, 947.

Ward VII.—Frank Woodside, 638; M. Scribbens, 447.

Ward VIII.—F. P. Rogers, 532; D. W. F. McDonald, 177.

License Commissioners

The total vote for license commissioners was as follows: Mr. Thomas Duke, 4907; Mr. Walter Leek, 4523; Dr. T. G. Moody, 3597; Mr. J. T. Little, 3082.

School Trustees

The total votes for School Trustees were as follows: Dr. W. H. Lang, 4847; Mr. F. W. Welsh, 4522; Mr. H. N. C. McKim, 4415; Mr. J. R. Seymour, 4261; Mr. W. Davis, 3002.

South Vancouver

On Saturday evening at seven o'clock, when Municipal Clerk Jas. B. Springford, acting as returning officer, closed the polls at South Vancouver municipal hall, it was found that Reeve Gold's opponent, Mr. William Winram, had been elected reeve of the municipality of South Vancouver by a majority of 483. From the first, intense interest had been aroused in the elections, as during the past year events had been of an exceedingly stirring nature in the municipal chamber. The result of the election was, for that reason, not entirely a surprise.

Only two of last year's representatives on the council were re-elected—Councillor Russell in Ward two, and Councillor Rowling in Ward six.

The Social Service Council is said to have been responsible for the election of Mr. Winram and Coun. Grimmett in Ward four. Those elected on the Gold ticket were Mr. Pollock in Ward three, Mr. James in Ward five, and Mr. Mengel in Ward seven

Messrs. Neelands, Robertson and Stevens were elected school trustees, the former being returned to the board for the third term. There were 234 spoilt ballots.

The details of the votes polled for each candidate are as follows:

Reeve—William Winram, 1686; Edward Gold, 1203; spoilt ballots, 52; majority for Winram, 483.

Councillors—Ward 1—Matthew Henderson Low, 247; A. E. Almas, 122; T. B. Bamber, 177. Majority for Lowe, 125.

Ward 2—Wm. Brown Russell, 311; W. E. Simons, 131. Majority for Russell, 180.

Ward 3.—Robt. Thomas Pollock, 361; F. W. Welsh, 187. Majority for Pollock, 164.

Ward 4—D. W. Grimmett, 175; Cosmo Bruce, 159. Majority for Grimmett, 16.

Ward 5.—James Gubbs James, 240; James Campbell, 138. Majority for James, 102.

Ward 6.—James William Rowling, 112; Robert McBride, 95; J. W. Russell, 57; H. A. Beaumont, 29. Majority for Rowling, 17.

Ward 7.—Oscar ohn Mengal, 160; G. S. Webb, 120; John Robinson, 93. Majority for Mengel, 40.

School Trustees—J. W. Parker, 743; Edwin Bennett, 844; B. E. Rigby, 886; Robert Henry Neelands, 1,142; William Wedderburn Robertson, 1,129; and Geo. Alfred Stevens, 1,099; the last three being elected.

Mr. Winram, following his election, thanked the electors for the honor shown him and urged the large number of young voters to join the colors and do their bit at the front.

After the official return, Mr. Gold briefly addressed the meeting saying, among other things, that he considered the reports for the past year had been grossly misleading, and that he had never seen a municipality thrive where ministers ruled. The church and the press were prominent among the causes of his defeat. His intentions had been good, he said, but he had probably taken the burden of office too seriously. He wished the new council every success.

Point Grey Elections

In Point Grey the chief feature of the election was the large majority of Mr. Ben A. Cunliffe as reeve, he being returned with a majority over Mr. Locklin of 324 votes.

The results of the elections in full are as follows:

Reeve—Cunliffe, 835; Locklin, 511. Majority, 324.

Councillors—Ward 1, W. C. Atherton, 100; J. E. Wilton, 69.

Ward 2, F. T. DeWolfe, 155; A. F. Arnold, 91.

Ward 3, W. H. Lembke, 106; J. B. Sutherland, 51.

Ward 4, R. E. Clugston, 175; E. W. Sexsmith, 47.

Ward 6, M. T. Robson, 120; W. T. Styles, 114.

School Trustees—D. M. Stewart, 740; Frank Burnett, 722; Donald Smith, 548; W. J. Twiss, 425; W. J. Baratt-Leonard, 397. The first three elected.

Burnaby Elections

In Burnaby the by-law for $1,000,000 6 per cent. 20-year serial bonds was passed by a majority of 685 and must later on be ratified by the provincial government.

The details of the Burnaby election follow:

Reeve—Hugh M. Fraser (acclamation).

Councillors—Ward 1, William Bevan, 73; H. C. Senay, 55; majority for Bevan, 18.

Ward 2, C. D. Coldicutt 131; Harold Disney 117, J. C. Allen 48; majority for Coldicutt, 14.

Ward 3, George Green 35, Col. James Ward 34; majority for Green, 1.

Ward 4, W. J. Holden 48, F. W. FauVel, 42; majority for Holden 6.

Ward 5, A. Macdonald 129; B. Gibbs 102; majority for Macdonald, 27.

Ward 6, J. Murray 79, A. A. Brookhouse 54, Geo. Rumble 50, Walliam Coulter 22, Robert Williams 6; plurality for Murray 25.

School Trustees—J. M. Murray, Franklin Russell and Willard Robertson.

WHAT THE WAR COSTS US

The Canadian war expenditure is mounting with the increase in the size of the army. It has now reached a total of almost $150,000,000, increasing the national debt from $332,000,000 to $515,000,00. The expenditure of war for the month of December exceeds that for the month of November by about $6,000,000, the total for December being $19,233,943. This is at the rate of nearly $240,000,000 per year, and it is probable that during the coming fiscal year the monthly disbursements for war will exceed each other by almost as much as the December outlay exceeded the November.

For the nine months of the fiscal year ending December 31st last, the expenditure for war amounted to $85,748,898. The expenditure for the first eight months of the war amounted to about $61,000,000, the total so far thus being about $146,000,000. The national debt now stands at $515,844,910, an increase of $13,475,851 over the preceding month.

The revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year shows a very satisfactory increase. The total for that period was $122,000,000, as against $99,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1914. This represents a total increase of about $23,000,000. Of this increase, customs was responsible for $13,000,000, excise for $149,000, postoffice for about $3,500,000 and miscellaneous for about $395,000, while increased traffic earnings on the government railways have been responsible for about $6,000,000 of the increase.

There has been a retrenchment during the nine months of about $11,000,000 in expenditures on the consolidated fund account. On the capital account, including railway subsidies, there has been a retrenchment of about $5,000,000. This makes a total retrenchment during the nine months of about $16,000,000. Part of this, of course, is due to the turning over to the war appropriation funds of militia estimates totalling about $8,000,000, while there is a difference of over $2,000,000 in subsidies to railways. There is a surplus over all expenditures exclusive of war of $21,000,000.

THE CONSUMERS' LEAGUE

It is a matter of genuine gratification to observe that the British Columbia Consumers' League, organized only ten months ago, has passed the 8000 mark in membership. All its members are pledged to give preference to goods manufactured in this province. When one considers that over 80 per cent. of the real purchasers are women and that women are in the majority in this League, there is good reason to expect that some of the forty-five million dollars sent out of this province last year for imported articles will be retained in British Columbia.

One of the latest objects of the League is to discourage and prevent the employment of German labor in the province, either by taxing employers who employ Germans, or by creating so strong a public sentiment against such practices that it will prove a poor policy for any firm to follow. The League is presided over by Mrs. J. C. Kemp, 23 Broadway West, who is prominent in Mount Pleasant social circles.

RUSSIANS DETERMINED

Nicholas Riabouchinsky, newspaper editor, capitalist and broker, of Moscow, Russia, who is in America as representative of several Russian capitalists who are preparing to build big munition factories in the land of the Czar, gives his views as to what will happen when the present war is over. "The war," he says, "will be fought to a finish as far as Russia is concerned. From the upper classes down to the common people, the sentiment is for war until German militarism is forever crushed. Germany has said Russia wants to make a peace privately with Germany. Such reports are without foundation."

Speaking of the probable outcome of the war, Mr. Riabouchinsky says, "no matter who gets Constantinople, Roumania is excluded. Even if the Germans get it, Roumania will have no port at all. I am positive that Russia will offer, if she has not already done so, Bessarabia, on the Black Sea, to Roumania. She is willing to do this to punish Bulgaria. Unless Belgium and Poland are returned in good order England will keep the seas closed to Germany. If ten years—or forever, it will be the same. England says Germany can fight on land all she wants, but the sea will be closed to her as long as she keeps Poland and Belgium. Russia, for her part, will fight until she gets into Germany and gets back Poland—there is no doubt of this. When the war is over you will find Serbia will get Macedonia and a part of Bulgaria, also her own independence. Russia wants Constantinople and she is going to get it. The end of the war will see the end of the Turk in Europe. Bulgaria will probably be made to pay a large contribution to Serbia, but will get Adrianople. Italy will take a great part from Austria. Montenegro will get Scutari. The principle of the allies is to see that the map of Europe is altered no more than necessary from what it was before the war. I do not approve of any peace until German militarism is crushed. Germany is otherwise a danger to the world. She is like an alcoholic. She might swear off for a while, but she would reel again toward the same poison.

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Civil Servants to Join the Colors

Who, more than the civil servants, under the provincial government of this province, have shown the same self-denial in going to the country's aid during these trying times? The "Life" jobs of the government employees did not count for much, when the call to arms came.

British Columbia should be proud of the civil service in this province, for as a body they have shown themselves to be not laggard in taking up their burden of defending their freedom.

The list of civil servants who have already enlisted is a long one, and comprises names of men holding high departmental positions, and of elevator men and janitors. Today these men are fighting side by side.

The following list is an incomplete one, and one which will doubtless be greatly augmented before peace is declared.

Here are the civil servants who have rallied to the colors, and what department they represented:

Premier's Office—George V. Buckett, clerk.

Provincial Secretary's Office—Paschal de Noe Walker, chief clerk; Horace J. S. Paul, clerk; William H. Cochrane, messenger.

Provincial Board of Health — Walter Bapty, bact. and epid.; Reginald A. Meakin, clerk.

Provincial Home, Kamloops — H. W. Sutton, orderly; Harry Finch, night watchman.

Printing Office—Frank Davey, clerk; Stephen Court (killed in action), packer; Robert White, linotype operator; William M. Fatt, compositor; George S. Carr, paper-ruler; Valentine S. Hitchcock, forwarder; Wilfrid J. Clarke, clerk; Arthur Halstead ,helper.

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Free Text Book Branch—Bernard G. Walker, assistant officer in charge.

Inspection of Schools — Norman Winsby, inspector of schools.

Department of Mines—Harold Nation, clerk.

Treasury—Thomas G. Williams, clerk; Walter H. Kentinge, clerk; Rupert Howard, clerk.

Assessor's Office—William J. Gibbon, junior clerk; C. S. McKilligan, clerk to surveyor of taxes.

Bureau of Information—Frederick J. Fleury, clerk; Camuel Bond, clerk; John Leslie Ward, junior clerk.

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Lands Branch—Reginald Frederick Child, clerk to minister of lands; John Franklin Tait (returned), clerk; Robert Ernest Burns, clerk; Raymond Alfred James Frederick McInnes, junior clerk; Edgar Cameron Dudley, clerk; Thomas Paton Forrester, junior clerk.

Forest Branch—Henry King Robinson, assistant forester; Leonard R. Andrews, district forester; John D. Mitchell, deputy district forester; Eric G. MacDougall, forest assistant and cruiser; Frederick McVivkar, forest assistant and cruiser; James Russell Chamberlain, forest assistant and cruiser; Arthur Harold Black, assistant cruiser; James Milroy, check scaler; Herbert William Eades, clerk; George Vernon K. Wood, clerk; John Robert Ainsworth Ball, clerk; Shelton Asson, clerk; Edwin A. Ketteringham, clerk; Victor E. E. Welde, clerk; James A. R. Eddie, clerk; Clarence Ferris, messenger; George aHrold Llewellyn, draughtsman; C. I. Mackenzie, draughtsman; Francis Thomas Murray, draughtsman; William Black, ranger; Merrill Vincent Wynne Heath, ranger; Thomas H. Brewer, ranger; James Turnbull, ranger; Edward E. Frast, ranger; Chas. S. Cowan, ranger; Owen Sangar, ranger; Frank B. Edwards, ranger.

Surveyor-General's Branch — Henry de M. Mellin, draughtsman; Chas. Caesar, draughtsman; Robt. H. Watt, draughtsman; A. W. Geltson, draughtsman; Herman G. Sherwood, draughtsman; Archibald A. Watt, clerk; Arthur D. Anderson, draughtsman; John McEwan, draughtsman; Hugh C. Smith, draughtsman; William G. Firth, draughtsman; Nicholas P. Blandy, clerk; Hugh F. Skelton, clerk; Eric D. Bellby, junior clerk; George A. Titken, chief geographer; Edgar Browne.

Water Rights Branch—K. R. F. Dennison, clerk; A. Long, R. H. Lowry, W. T. Taylor, H. A. T. Jones, clerk; A. J. Hudson, W. G. A. Shadwell, clerk; C. R. Scharff, clerk; J. R. Lewin, clerk; R. H. Columbine, W. B. Evans, J. M. Case, draughtsman.

Public Works Department — Arthur E. Hodgins, assistant engineer; Edmund George Baxter, assistant engineer; Edgar Vincent Turner, junior clerk; Norman R. Ballantine, junior clerk; George M. Duncan.

Parliament Building Attendants—Douglas H. Sherwood, janitor; Chas. Costello, fireman.

Steam Boiler Inspection—Frederick Bath, boiler inspector.

Department of Railways—Herbert C. Badger, chief clerk; Louis C. Diespecker, junior clerk.

Attorney General's Department—Armand L. Poudrier, junior clerk; Robt. B. Rippon, clerk; Wm. M. Baker, junior clerk.

Legislative Library — Gregory T. Yorke, junior clerk.

Land Registry Office, Kamloops—Walter M. Macfarlane, clerk; Robt. T. Thorburn, clerk; S. W. Hodgkinson, G. Hughey, Arthur D. Allen, R. H. Louis, H. C. Francis, clerks.

Land Registry Office, New Westminster—Charles W. Friend, E. T. Dunford, Edward Richards, clerks.

Land Registry Offive, Vancouver—John McGill, Wm. L. Hunt, clerks.

Land Registry Office, Victoria—F. C. Belson, W. A. R. Hadley, J. H. O'Keefe, John Riddell Connorton, R. McBrady, L. W. Proctor, A. W. Idens, clerks.

Supreme Court, Vancouver — A. Hemming, A. L. Rodway, R. S. Sears, Harold Tripp, Jas. H. Graham, clerks.

Supreme and County Court, Victoria, H. B. Ward, clerk.

Fisheries Department—Geo. H. Miles, junior clerk.

Telegraph Department—F. G. Eaton, messenger.

Moving Picture Dept.—Harold B. Kelly, clerk.

Game Department—Gerald H. Jennings, clerk; Robt. O'B. Fitzgerald, deputy game warden; H. G. Packer, deputy game warden.

Industrial School for Girls — A. O. Allen, engineer and janitor.

Government Agency, Prince George—Sidney C. Burt, clerk.

Government Agency, Quesnel—Chester F. Boyd, Hugh Mehaffey, Harold F. Shaw, Jercy J. Foot, clerks.

Government Agency, Cranbrook—Ernest Malcolm, clerk.

Govt. Agency, Fernie — Aubrey Fisher, clerk; And. Black, clerk.

Govt. Agency, Grand Forks — Ernest Harrison, clerk.

Government Agency, Hazelton —Stanley Geary, clerk.

Government Agency, Lillooet—Ernest W. Corbett, clerk.

Government Agency, Kaslo — Allan W. Anderson, clerk.

Government Agency, Prince Rupert—W. A. Pettigrew, clerk.

Government Agency, Nelson—Wilfrid R. Williamson, John B. Acland, Vernon B. Montgomery, clerks.

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MANY PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES FORMED

A report outlining work which has been accomplished during the past month in British Columbia by the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission has been forwarded to Mr. R. H. Scammel, secretary of the Military Hospitals Commission at Ottawa, by Mr. Jas. H. Hill, secretary of the British Columbia branch of the Aid Commission.

Notices of the formation of a provincial organization have been sent to the mayors, reeves and government agents throughout the province outlining the duties to be undertaken by the commission and calling for the organization of local employment committees to work in conjunction.

Several replies to this appeal have been received and already seventeen places have formed local employment committees as follows:

Alberni, Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Duncan, Kamloops, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, Rossland, Vancouver, Victoria, Burnaby, Oak Bay, Ashcroft and Hazelton. In the following places the Patriotic Fund organization are acting: Fraser Mills, Langley and Penticton.

With regard to the matters referred at the inter-provincial conference held at Ottawa last October, the British Columbia commission has appointed special committees to prepare plans under which technical and agricultural training will be provided for those men desiring to avail themselves of the same. The committee dealing with agricultural training is also to formulate a plan for placing the men on the land. The committees are to submit their reports before the end of the present month, when their recommendations will be forwarded to Ottawa.

Mr. Hill says in his report that the matter of dealing with the men on their arrival from Quebec has been complicated by delays in receipt of men's pay cheques, "a circumstance which has occasioned a great deal of unnecessary trouble and hardship among the men and one which calls for remedy with as little delay as possible.

It is proposed that each soldier be interviewed at Quebec by a representative of the fund and a confidential report sent by the latter to the patriotic committee of the town to which the soldier is going. This serves the two-fold purpose of protecting the fund against the greedy or unscrupulous and of giving the local committee information that is helpful in finding employment for the deserving. Not every man who returns to Canada wearing His Majesty's uniform is included in the latter category, but the great majority have done their duty in the fullest degree. To the latter it has been the privilege of the fund to present a small badge bearing the words, "For service at the Front." The men who are wearing these badges are the worthiest citizens that we can acknowledge. Like charity, that badge should be allowed to cover a multitude of sins.

The work that the Canadian Patriotic Fund can do for returned soldiers, however, is limited by act of parliament, and it has been specifically enacted that no assistance can be given by the fund to "any person who is in receipt of any gratuity, pension or allowance paid by His Majesty or by any foreign government in consequence of incapacity or Partly on this account and largely because the pensions and gratuities paid to incapacitated men are oft-times admittedly inadequate, it has been necessary to establish a Hospitals Commission and Disablement Fund. The officials of the latter, in their report to the Federal Government, recommended among other measures, that provincial commissions be formed for the purpose of supplementing these pensions either by monetary grants or by free training in various trades.

Weary Sergeant (after a long lecture): "Now, how do you charge?"

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AMBULANCE SOCIETY DOING GOOD WORK

By attending the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association classes, anyone wishing to prepare for the front absolutely fit to take up the ambulance work that will be expected of them there, can do so, and in the short period of from six to eight weeks. While the association has not been much in the public limelight, it is making rapid strides to the front. While only organized last October, it has turned out several classes, and on January 14 last another class with an enrolment of 61 members commenced.

That the organization was not founded as a money-making scheme can be gathered from the fact that all that is necessary to take up the entire course is the tuition fee of one dollar. The idea of the organization was simply to show the public how many lives might be saved each year if one only knew the simple things that should be done at the precise moment, according to the kind of accident which happened.

An accident, such as the loss of a limb can be attended to in a moment and very little blood lost. The same thing applies to an arm or a hand, or practically to any part of the body.

The association was formed by Captain Downie, who acquired much of his experience in Scottish shipyards. Dr. J. S. Shurie, of this city is also deeply interested and took an active part in the meeting held last week in addressing the class on fractures and dislocations of the lower jaw, etc.

Many soldiers now in ambulance corps in this city are attending the classes, while six nurses are also in attendance and are confident they will soon be fit to qualify for the front.

The quarters for the class are situated at 1186 Seymour St.

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SOUTH VANCOUVER ELECTIONS

House-cleaning in January is a novelty. One generally associates the chirping of the robins or the warm zephyrs of April with such an act. The electors of South Vancouver do not always play according to Hoyle. They believe in cleaning up on the first opportunity offered them. Last Saturday was cleaning-up day at the Municipal Hall, and their work was well, and, we may add, timely accomplished.

It was in no uncertain manner that the electors showed their disapproval of the actions of the 1915 council. Not only did they turn out in force to defeat Reeve Gold, but throughout the municipality his council found public sentiment against them, with the result that only two members of last year's council were returned. Messrs. Russell and Rowlings were the two councillors who weathered the storm. One reeve and six councillors is considered a fairly good bag.

It was an unenviable reputation that had been imparted to the municipality through the actions of Reeve Gold and his council of last year. We do not care to enter into any discussion as to who were responsible. One thing we do know, and that is the various embroilments tended to make the municipality a laughing stock throughout the country at large; it grieviously impaired its financial credit, and generally hindered its flight toward prosperity.

The electors made certain of a clean slate for this year. To Ex-Councillor Winram was given a handsome majority of nearly 500 votes, while in addition they elected a council who, no doubt, will do all in their power to work harmoniously, one of the first essentials to a successful administration.

It is reported that ex-Reeve Gold blamed his defeat to the influences of the Social Service Council, the Woman's Forum and the church. If such is the case, then the best influences in South Vancouver are to be congratulated for their efforts in ousting Mr. Gold from the chief magistracy of the municipality and electing in his place a man of the type of Reeve Winram.

The "Western Call" will follow with interest the progress of the South Vancouver council during the months to come.

Notes

Richard Harding Davis says Athens is busy discussing the situation. Athens has been doing that for almost three thousand years, but while debate has been in progress on Mars Hill less voluble peoples have been doing theirs.

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American obstructionists explain the disappearance of shipping on the ground that it was caused by the substitution of steel for wood in shipbuilding. They might as well attribute it to the substitution of the floating for the pivoted compass.

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German labor leaders seem inclined to modify the old ballad of the French peasant and have those who make the quarrel be the only ones to pay.

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The Turkish officer who frames the official bulletins must be a humorist of repute. It is officially reported from Constantinople that: "In the course of our pursuit the remainder of the enemy who refused to surrender and fled in the direction of the landing places were annihilated." When an enemy is "annihilated" there is no necessity to produce the body. That is why the Turkish despatch writer annihilated on Monday an army which got away on Sunday morning with but one man wounded—Toronto Globe.

MAYOR M. McBEATH NAMES COMMITTEES

On Monday at noon the municipal government of Vancouver passed into the hands of Mayor McBeath and the new council, the oath of office being administered by City Clerk McQueen.

In his inaugural address, Mayor McBeath reminded the citizens that this year's business was to be conducted by half the former number of aldermen. He foreshadowed an economic regime but suggested that there was such a thing as carrying economy too far.

"It will be the duty of the council," he said, "to take such steps as will ensure the fulfilment of the terms and conditions entered into between the city and other corporations."

The chairman of standing committees were named as follows:

Finance, including claims, Ald. Kirk; board of works, Ald. Woodside; bridges and railways, Ald. Gale; fire and police, Ald. Mahon; water, Ald. Rogers; health, including building, Ald. McIntosh; industrial and employment, including relief, Ald. Hamilton; market and exhibition, Ald. Marshall. The council as a whole will be members of all standing committees.

SPENCER ROBINSON SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Evidence in the preliminary hearing of the case of Spencer Robinson, charged with perjury in connection with an affidavit which he is alleged to have sworn to in connection with South Vancouver public affairs, was heard by Magistrate Shaw in the police court yesterday morning and the accused was committed for trial. The witnesses called for the prosecution, which was conducted by City Prosecutor Maitland and J. H. Senkler, K. C., were Mr. Stuart Campbell, South Vancouver representative of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage Commission, who is instigating the prosecution; Mr. Griffiths Jones, commissioner for taking affidavits, and Messrs. Campbell, Stanley, Allan and Welsh, councillors at the time the affiidavit was made.

The following is a copy of the affidavit:

"I, Spencer Robinson, of the Municipality of South Vancouver, British Columbia, do make oath and say:

"That I was hired and paid for attending a meeting of the South Vancouver council when the question of the contract to the Pacific Lock Joint Pipe Company for sewer pipes was about to be decided.

"My instructions were to see how Councillors Stanley, Campbell, Allan and Welsh voted, as the party who hired and paid me stated that these councillors were to receive certain monies if the contract was let to the Pacific Lock Joint Pipe Company.

"The man who hired and paid me was Commissioner Stuart Campbell ,the South Vancouver representative of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage Board, whose firm was acting as agents for the said Pacific Lock Joint Pipe Company. I duly reported that the councillors above named voted and acted as agreed upon.

"Dated this 5th day of January, 1916."

At the conclusion of the hearing his worship formally committed the accused, the defence being reserved.

BETTER TRAM SERVICE

On account of the protest recently sent to the railway commissioners by the residents in this district, the railway board has ruled that a one-hour service must be maintained between 5.30 and 9.30 a.m. and between 4.30 and 7.30 p.m., the two-hour schedule being allowed at all other times, with the exception of an additional car from New Westminster to Vancouver at 10.30 p. m.

Canadian Authoress Delights Audiences

A large and delighted audience greeted Mrs. Nellie L. McClung, the well known Canadian authoress and speaker, at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church on Tuesday evening, it being her first appearance on the second visit she has made to the coast.

Mrs. McClung's entertainment consisted of three choice selections from her own writings, all dealing with life among the people of the Canadian prairies.

"The Runaway Grandmother" portrays the domestic trials and tribulations of George Shaw, bachelor, a Souris valley farmer who, despairing of ever getting a reliable housekeeper, resorts to a want advertisement. His answer comes in the person of a most garrulous but motherly lady well past middle age who preceeds to appropriate both George and his belongings to herself for his own ultimate benefit, and introduces her granddaughter, Maude, at the critical moment of the story. As George by this time absolutely refuses to part with the grandmother, while Maude insists that she had always intended to keep house some day and "let her grandmother do all the work," George sees but one way out of the difficulty, and down by the river in the glowing sunset, gives Maude her chance to guess what that may be. Needless to say, Maude is a good guesser.

In "The Return Ticket," Mrs. McClung gives a glimpse of the darker and sadder side of life, and of the miseries that can be brought into the home by a drunkard husband.

"The Way of the West," taking the first, fourth and twelfth of July celebrations as a background, pictures the gradual amalgamation of races and creeds in the Souris valley until even the little priest and "King William of Orange" can march along side by side singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Mrs. McClung's pleasing presence and delivery added greatly to the enjoyment of her recitals.

A feature of the evening was the vocal music rendered by Mr. C. E. Smitheringale, Miss Ruby Sacret and Miss Muriel Foster, with accompaniment by Professor Ainsley.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. McClung gave some excerpts from her first and perhaps her greatest book, "Sowing Seeds in Danny," a dramatic story of a Manitoba farm. By way of variety she recited some of her poems of western prairie life, bringing the breeze, breadth and ozone of the Canadian prairies vividly before her audience.

A recent vote taken in regard to the union of the Presbyterian church with the Methodist and Congregational bodies, showed in British Columbia, a majority for the union of 2950, taking the sessions, communicants, adherents and mission fields. The proposal however, has been held in abeyance for the time being by the General Assembly, and no further move in the direction of union will be taken by the Assembly's committee until a later date.

"Doing Their Bit" Against Us

THERE are two members of valid standing in the British House of Lords who are "doing their bit" in the effort of Germany to destroy Great Britain; the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and the Duke of Cumberland and Teviotdale. Each of these men is closely related to King George V., the former being a nephew, and the latter a cousin of the late Edward VII.

The fourth son of Queen Victoria, the late Prince Leopold, who died in 1884, was the Duke of Albany in the British Peerage. When the Saxe-Coburg dukedom became vacant in 1900, through the death of King George's uncle, formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh, the position was hereditarily open to the Duke of Connaught and his son, Prince Arthur, who both declined it. The dukedom then passed to the line of Prince Leopold, whose son, the present Duke, is British by birth and German only by naturalization. The remark made by Mr. Asquith, when the suggestion was made that the Duke should be expelled from the House of Lords, which is virtually the same thing as his removal from the Peerage, seems to indicate that he had been informing himself on the subject, for without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, he said the procedure would be slow, and would involve legislation which the government was not prepared to initiate at present.

The first Duke of Cumberland of this line was the fifth son of George III., and was, therefore, a brother of the Duke of Kent and an uncle of Queen Victoria. He succeded to the Throne of Hanover in 1837, when Queen Victoria was under the Salic law, excluded from the Hanoverian succession. The present Duke is his grandson, who is now past seventy. Apparently, as a consequence of the absorbing character of the war, the final solution of this curious problem will be deferred, but it is not unlikely that there will in the end be compliance with the demand that as these two scions of British Royalty have chosen to adhere to the German cause for the sake of their German status they will have to forfeit their British standing as a penalty. It is quite likely that German marriages for British Princes and Princesses will after the war be too unpopular to be risked. For reasons quite apart from this great struggle, the change, if it comes, will be welcomed by the British people.

No More German Imports

According to a recent bulletin of the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, the German imports into this country show the following decline:

1913	$15,640,438
1914	9,927,765
1915	196,458

These figures will carry their own suggestion to Canadian business men. No doubt their impertance has been noted a long time ago, and the fullest provision made to ensure that they shall never again reach their former level. The figures for 1913 have, however, several disquieting features to which it may be well to draw attention, unflattering as they may be to the pride both of the home manufacturers and dealers and their customers. It is stated in the bulletin in question that in practically all the British Dominions Germany supplies or rather did supply the tools for the staple industries, as well as manufactured goods of various kinds. It is further stated that this is especially noticeable in the case of Canada, which prior to the war bought most of her cutlery and forestry implements from German manufacturers.

This country exports something like $50,000,000 worth of forest products annually, and this is a mere fraction of the likely developments of the business. It will, therefore, be realized that the purchase of forestry implements, comparatvely small as it may be at present, will assume really important proportions within the next few years.

What are the Canadian manufacturers of these articles doing in the matter? It is stated that the Germans offer their goods in some cases at prices that prevent competition. As to that, it is well-known that labor in Germany is underpaid, and in a case of that kind the government may be expected to meet that exigency. It has indeed been suggested that all German goods should be barred from the Canadian markets, but the home manufacturers while naturally accepting any aid in that direction, should not omit to overhaul their own organizations to ensure that they are in a position to supply their own people with the $15,000,000 worth of goods formerly imported from Germany.

The Little Nations

The little nations, or small dependencies, of the British Empire have rallied nobly to the defence of the Empire. Two armored gun biplanes of 100 horsepower are to be added to the seven aeroplanes already contributed from Malay, which are to act as scouts. This will make the Malayan air squadron an efficient fighting unit. Each of the new machines is to cost £2,251. One of them has been presented by Manassed Meyer of Singapore, and the other is being provided for by Alma Baker of Batu Gajah, Kinta, Perak, who up to October 30 still required about £580 to complete the purchase.

Aerial Defence of London

SIR Percy Scott has been entrusted with the task of organizing the defences of London, and it is said that upon armored biplanes his defence is based. He has probably one of the most difficult tasks of the war, for London is technically an undefended city, and offers a mark that could not be completely missed by the most drunken of a Zeppelin crew. In some parts the city is twenty miles across. The Zeppelins have been painted grey, and some say that another color has been devised that makes the ships invisible at comparatively short range. As a rule the Zeppelins time their voyage so that they will reach England after dusk has fallen. Flying at a height of from three to six miles, they are beyond the reach of all but the most powerful searchlights, and though they are slower than biplanes, they are fast enough, considering the height which their pursuers would have to climb before successfully attacking them, to get beyond reach of the searchlights and disappear in the night before they can be grappled with.

As far as anti-aircraft guns are concerned, they cannot be employed against the Zeppelins once the balloons succeed in getting over the heart of London, for the shells that might be hurled at them would certainly descend upon the defenders. If, however, they can be detected when on the outskirts of the city, the guns can be pointed so that the spent shells parations for meeting the Zeppelins, will fall in the open country. The pretherefore, will be made upon the outskirts of London. Here it is expected that squadrons of the great new biplanes will be stationed, ready to attack the Zeppelins as soon as they are sighted, and able to come to close quarters with them before they can get fairly over the heart of the city. A small aeroplane, such as that which carried Warneford on his immortal exploit, is fast enough, and can carry explosives enough to destroy the largest Zeppelin once it can get in the right position to do so. That position is on top, and to secure this point of vantage something more than mere speed is needed.

There are automobiles which are remarkably fast upon the level road that are poor hill climbers, and so there are aeroplanes that have tremendous speed that cannot climb rapidly. Before the war began the importance of the ability to mount rapidly was not appreciated. The new planes will be equipped, moreover, with the Sperry stabilizer, which will enable the pilot to take his hands from the steering wheel and man a gun or drop bombs at will; and since it is planned that they shall attack Zeppeline in fleets, the chances of the balloons getting away from them the first time they meet in a fair fight would appear to be slim.

Battle Cry of Black Watch

The Edinburgh Scotsman tells from the lips of one of the Black Watch, how that famous regiment went into the battle of Loos. He says:

"We were over the parapet when the order came, yelling like fiends, and into the Germans almast before they knew what was up. We had no time to wait to polish off the Germans in the first line. There were other bayonets coming behind ours. We spent just a little more time at the second line, but we heard the roaring lines of our chaps coming up and we plunged again. The third line kept us busy. The Germans were steadier there but we made a good job of that line, and raced for the fourth. Then I got my sick leave. The work in the third trench was slaughter. We did the slaughtering. We were out for trenches,, not prisoners, and trenches we got, too,"

"It was just my little 'crowded hour,'" said another Highlander. "I never knew that in less than five minutes a crowd of sober respectable Scotties could be transformed in a perfect torrent of howling fiends. The extraordinary thing about the charge was its beastly methodicalness. We were for the time being just line upon line of white savages run ampck, and yet, sub-consciously if you like, the training held and guided us in our madness. From one rushing group I heard among the strange noises, and the panting, a magnificent yell of "On the ball, Dundee!' Another fellow was gulping as he ran, 'five, five, five.' I wonder if he made it six at the next trench.

"In case there should be any dispute as to the Black Watch being the finest regiment in the world, I think the matter should be referred to the Germans. The Seaforths and the Gordons and the Camerons and the Argylls might be as good. We'll settle the matter in Berlin. But the Black Watch made a charge on September 26th which is going to take some beating."

Four battalions 4000 men, went into the charge, and hardly 500 answered the roll call afterwards.

The Serbian Field Marshal

Field Marshal M. Putnik, chief of the general staff of the brave little Serbian army, has written a memorable page of history with his troops, outnumbered tremendously, in fearlessly offering resistance to the detachment of the German-Austrians under Field Marshal Von Mackensen, as well as to the whole Bulgarian army.

Putnik is going through his sixth campaign at sixty-eight years. A semi-invald from asthma, he is compelled to spend the greater part of the day in an overheated room and never in the midst of his troops. He is the son of a schoolmaster who left the Banat of Hungary and the Serbians there and emigrated to Belgrade. The son, the Field Marshal, has been a soldier all his life. His ability was early recognized by the Russian agents at Belgrade, and they arranged for his education at the Military Academy at Petrograd, where Grand Duke Nicholas obtained histraining. From the Russian capital Putnik went to France to study at the Polytechnic and at St. Cyr, this last full of memories of the great Napoleon.

As soon as his education was completed and he returned to his native land he was intrusted with the reorganization of the Serbian army. It is the product of his labors. He got his baptism of fire in 1876 in fighting side by side with the Russians against the Turks. In 1877 again he was campaigning against the Sultan's soldiers. In 1885 he fought with the Serbs against the Bulgars. In 1912 he was fighting the Turks with the Bulgars as allies in the first Balkan war, and at Kumanovo his gallant Serb army astonished Western Europe, unacquainted with its ancient history or its modern prowess. The Turks were completely routed at Kumanovo, the Serbs, under their Crown Prince Alexander and General Bozovitch, captured nearly 200 guns of different kinds.

In 1912 Putnik directed the Serbian army which fought with the Greeks as allies against the Bulgars in the second Balkan war, and 1915 finds him struggling without hope of success for the existence of his nation against the Bulgars, aided by the soldiers of the two great Teutonic empires.

This war opened with what might have been the greatest personal disaster Putnik ever met. He was spending the summer at a Hungarian watering place, seeking relief from ill-health, when Austria and Serbia went to war, and some overly zealous soldiers of Francis Joseph instantly took possession of the person of the Serbian commander-in-chief, placing him under arrest. Francis Joseph himself ordered the release, glad of an opportunity of making known the claims which Field Marshal Putnik had to consideration and respect even from his enemies. The Slav subjects of the Dual Monarchy would have been deeply incensed of the Emperor had kept Putnik in captivity.

His headquarters when the enemy began its last advance against Serbia were at Krakouyevats, where the arsenal was situated, nd which has, of course, been evacuated. There he occupied one room as an office, furnished with three tables covered with maps, a bureau, some chairs, and two telephones. There he sat all day in a blue uniform which had seen much service, his only decoration, a medal for bravery, pinned on his breast. A gray-bearded, slender little man, fragile and pale, and bearing some resemblance to General Grant, he made no imposing appearance as he rose to receive the foreign visitors from London and Paris who journeyed to ese him. But his luminous, blue-grey eyes marked him out for distinction, and his splendid intelligence was soon manifest.

Curious Poker Game

Winnipeg Free Press: Flushed with recent success around the convivial poker table, Pat Malone, trader and trapper in the vicinity of Reindeer lake up in Northwest Manitoba, much farther north that The Pas, was in Winnipeg a short time ago and told of a most remarkable game of poker held about Christmas time. Malone has with him the spoils of the poker board consisting of about $100 worth of furs, which will sell for $5,000 in the larger markets.

Four traders sat in the game, according to Malone. It was a jack-pot game,a nd the opening play was made on ten muskrat skins. Toward the end of the night's play, a raise of ten otters and a fisher promised something sensational. The raise was met with 150 rats, followed by 20 red foxes.

The third man got cold feet and dropped out, after sticking along for ten cross foxes and a few beaver. The dealer met the raise with a boost in beaver, and the player under the gun came across with a silver fox.

At this juncture another player dropped out, and the remaining men debated for some time upon the understanding made previous to the starting of the game—that cash was valueless and only furs should be used as stakes. The silver fox ante could be met only with another silver fox and as there were no silver foxes in the possession of the other man, the game was concluded and Malone took all the furs in the shack.

It Was Worse

She: "It's dreadfully unpleasant to be eating an apple and find a worm in it." He: "Oh, there are more unpleasant things than that." She: "What, for instance?" He: "Eating an apple and finding half a worm in it."

First Co-ed—I've lost a diminutive, argenteous, truncated cone, convex on its summit, and semi-perforated with symmetrical indentations.

Second Co-ed—Here's your thimble. —Medicine Man.

SPORTING COMMENT

The champions are showing the ay to the other teams in the ague at present, and it will ke some beating to prevent em from copping the honors for second season. A few short eeks ago they looked a pretty oor aggregation, but when the eterans rounded into shape they ommenced to look mighty foridable. Today they have won ve games in a row and look ood to keep up their winning treak long enough to win the onors. On Tuesday night they emonstrated to a large crowd f fans that they can play real ockey when in condition, and y trimming Portland 4 goals to following their defeat of the ame team on Friday evening of last week, they stepped up the ladder to within striking distance of the top rung. The visitors are playing a great game just now, and it took every ounce of strength that Vancouver possessed to defeat them. The score up to the middle of the third period was 1 to 0 in favor of the Rosebuds, but after Mackay had evened up the visiting players slipped just enough to lose their bearings, and three more counters sagged the nets behind Tommy Murray, and the game was over. On the night's play there was really little to choose between the two teams, and it was simply the marvellous condition of the locals that won for them. It was ding dong hockey all the way, with beautiful combination, clever stickhandling and well engineered plays by the opposing forward lines. The defences of both teams were splendid and were as a stonewall. Time and again the opposing forwards were turned back, and goals were prevented only by skilful playing. Neither defence had anything on the other until the last quarter when the visitors weakened just a little. The game was anybody's right up until the break, but when Captain Griffis moved Cook up to the line and brought Duncan back to point, the problem was solved. Cook just added sufficient speed to the line to muddle the Portland defence. It was a splendid piece of hockey strategy, and Captain Griffis deserves all the praise coming his way. It takes some headwork to play as he plays, and study the opposing team at the same time. And by the way, the old veteran is just now at the top of his form. The whole Vancouver team are now in the pink of condition, and should not suffer another defeat this season.

For the visitors every man played great hockey. They are a well balanced seven, they know each other's play, and they depend on each other always. They are still serious contenders forthe honors, and with a full game lead on the other teams of the league will take a great deal of beating before they are down and out.

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Oatman scored the first goal about half way through the first period when he took a long shot at Lehman that had the speed of a machine gun behind it. The local goaler didn't seem to see the rubber at all until it landed in the cage behind him.

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Some idea of the terrific pace which the champions set for the Rosebuds on Tuesday night may be gauged from the fact that Oatman and Tobin were forced to retire during the remaining minutes of the play. They were hopelessly "all in," and wisely retired when they saw the honors had gone to the Millionaires.

Suddie Gilmour, a former member of the Ottawas, is out again with the Senators and is holding down a wing position.

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Vancouver have now won five and lost four, Portland have won six and lost three, while Seattle and Victoria follow in order. On present form it looks like the pennant for Vancouver, but the teams on the circuit are all of such high class that they are liable to break into the win column at any time, and there are still a goodly number of games in the schedule.

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Wanderers put a firm hand on the eastern honors by defeating Ottawa 7 to 3 in the capital on Monday night and giving another drubbing to the Torontos in Montrea on Wednesday night.

Frank Patrick

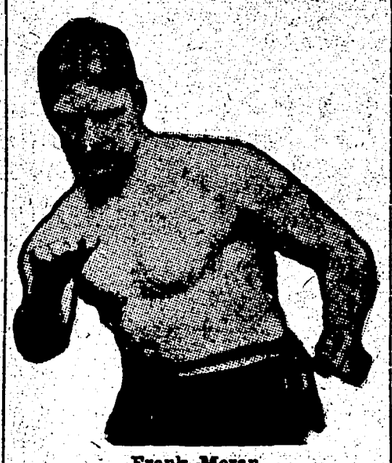
Manager of the Millionaires, who are making such a bid for the League leadership. Frank at present is on the hospital list through an attack of la grippe.

Seattle slipped one over on the Victoria Aristocrats on Tuesday evening, thus putting the Capitals in the cellar. However, with the hockey wisdom which is possessed by Lester Patrick, we look for the Capitals to take a spurt within the next couple of weeks. Perhaps they will take that winning streak by the horns on Friday night and give Portland another trimming. From a Vancouver standpoint, let us hope

Bobby Genge

Husky Defence Player of the Victoria Aristocrats, who has been doing the bulk of the heavy work this season, owing to Lester Patrick's illness.

Coquitlam football team has resigned from the Mainland league. They were good sports in Coquitlam when the boys were winning, but now that they have to rebuild a strong team, they are quitting. Poor sportsmanship that, and not what we expected of the Ranchers. They were once able to win all the honors that were going, but now that they have lost some of their best men they are setting a poor example to the other teams in the league by dropping out.



Frank Moran

Who will meet Jess Willard for the title in a ten-round bout at New York some time in April. Moran established his right to a chance at the title when he scored two knockouts over Jim Coffee recently.

Percy Lesuer has been made captain of the Toronto team.

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Canadiens have apparently ditched Poulin. In the past three games he has not figured on the lineup. Lalonde, Laviolette and Pitre are doing the forward line work and are performing like a trio of has-beens.

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Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul middleweight, stopped Ahearn, the young English aspirant, in the first round of a ten-round bout in New York on Tuesday night. Yankee sport writers will no doubt see any good points about the young Ahearn. We venture to say, however, that it was nothing short of a lucky punch, and that if another battle is arranged in the course of a month Mike Gibbons will come out of the ring a very badly whipped youngster.

The Padre as a Sportsman

'E's a sportsman is our Padre,
Of that there ain't a doubt.
'E don't chuck religion at yer,
An' preach at yer an' spout;
An' if 'e 'ears yer cussin',
As yer fillin' up ther bags,
'E jest ses, "Fumigate your throat,"
An' 'ands yer out some fags.

'E don't take all fer granted
That yer murderers an' thieves,
An' always tell yer, now's ther time
Fer turnin' over leaves.
'E'll wander round their trenches,
Jest to pass ther time o' day,
An' there ain't a bloke as doesn't feel
A man 'as passed that way.

I remember once, near Wipers,
When things was pretty 'ot,
An' yer 'ad ter keep yer nut down
If yer didn't want it shot;
While they was fairly plasterin'
As fast as they could load,
'E came ridin'—mark yer, ridin'—
All down ther Menin Road.

'E was dossin' in a "staminay,"
Pyjamas all complete,
When a 'igh-explosive carried
'Arf the 'ouse into the street,
While other blokes was runnin' wild,
An' kiskin' up a row,
'E calmly arts, "Pray, what is the
Correct procedure now?"

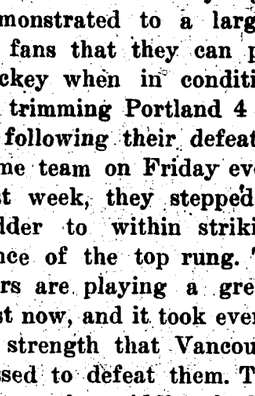
They tells 'im as 'e'd better
Do a bunk for all 'e's worth,
As 'is bloomin' "staminay" is not
Ther safest spot on earth.
But 'e 'as a look around 'im,
An' wags 's bally 'ead;
Sas 'e, "It seems quite restful now,"
An' back 'e goes to bed.

But 'e fairly put ther lid on
When we made ther last attack;
If 'is lads was goin' ter cop it,
'E weren't fer 'angin' back.
So 'e 'ops out of ther trenches
Level with ther foremost 'ound.
An' natural like 'e stope one
An' gets a little wound.

'E's a sportsman is our Padre,
Of that there ain't a doubt,
'E don't chuck religion at yer
An' preach at yer an' spout,
Etill, 'e'll show ther way ter 'Eaven
That's if anybody can—
But we'd follow 'im to 'ell; 'cos why?
Our Padre 'e's a man.

—Songs From the Trenches.

Captain Blackall, from whose little book of verse the rhymes above are taken, says his production makes no claims to literary merit, but is an endeavor to portray life in and around the trenches during months of personal observation. Rejoining, as he says, his old regiment after several years in the theatrical profession, and coming, as it were, from the artificial to the real, he was enabled to realize more fully than ever the wonderful pluck, endurance and unfailing cheerfulness of our men. The incidents, he adds, are either facts or founded on fact, and some unfortunately are written around those no longer with us.



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Indian Team Beaten

Captain K. O. Goldie, the Sussex cricketer, scored 104 for an England eleven, which, says Reuter's cable, included ten county players, against an All Indian team in a match at Bombay last month in aid of Lady Willingdon's War Relief Fund. Lord Willingdon led the Englishmen and the Maharajah of Patiala the Indian side, who were dismissed for 110. At the close of the first day's play the English team had scored 220 for the loss of two wickets.

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Open-Air Curling

It has been grand fun, the adherents of the roarin' game have been enjoying the past week at Burnaby Lake. Thanks to the efforts of our old friend, "Jeems" McIntyre, the curlers of both Vancouver and New Westminster were treated to some rare sport. Three rinks of ice were laid out and several matches were played. In the opening game of the week, Hendry's rink of New Westminster, defeated Jimmy McIntyre's rink by a score of 12 to 8. Ex-Alderman Crowe and City Clerk McQueen gathered together a rink from the City Hall and enjoyed the sport also.

The city skaters have been forsaking the Arena lately and every afternoon and evening have wended their way to either Trout or Burnaby Lake. The bright moonlight nights have added to the pleasures of the skaters.

As Seen in Australia

"What is an optimist, Dad?" asked Tommy of his father the night after the Williamstown Cup.

"A bookmaker, my lad," replied Dad, as he relit his pipe.

Tommy's face clearly showed that the reply had not enlightened him.

"You see, Tommy," continued Dad, after a long draw at his pipe, "a bookmaker is an optimist because he thinks every horse in the race has a good chance of winning and that's why he gives short odds."

'And what's a pesimist?" asked Tommy.

"Me," replied Dad, in a tone that put an end to any further questioning.—Melbourn Argus.

HOME TABLE HINTS

A function of the meals at home is to give color to all the home life. The daily menu published this week, and which may be continued, is by one of the best known and valued editors of this department, of several leading dailies in the United States. We feel fortunate in being able to offer to the ladies of this city that which is purchased at a high price by such dailies there. These Cards have been especially written for this paper.

Saturday, January 22

"He that holds fast the golden mean,
And lives contentedly between
The little and the great,
Feels not the wants that pinch the poor,
Nor plagues that haunt the rich man's door
Embittering all his state."

Breakfast—Oranges. Frizzled Beef. Rice Cakes. Coffee.

DinnerScotch Broth. Broiled Ham. Baked Potatoes. Succotash. Pickled Red Cabbage. Apple Snow. Coffee.

Supper—Turkish Pilaff. Beaten Biscuits. Stewed Prunes. Cake. Tea.

Turkish Pilaff

Cook one cupful of rice until tender in two cupfuls of stock and one cupful of tomato pulp and season with one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of paprika and one teaspoonful of curry powder. Saute in four tablespoonfuls of butter and serve with a garnish of toast points.

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Sunday, January 23

If you have a mind to adorn your city by consecrated monuments, first consecrate in yourself the most beautiful monument—of gentleness, justice and benevolence.
—Epictetus.

Breakfast—Grapefruit. Ham Omelet. Creamed Potatoes. Biscuits. Coffee.

DinnerTapioca Soup. Sirloin Steak. French Fried Potatoes. Onions with Pimentoes. Endive Salad. Maple Mousse. Wafers. Coffee.

Lunch—Asparagus Tips on Toast. Pineapple and Banana Salad. Charlotte Russe. Tea.

Onions with Pimentoes

Peel the onions, boil in salted water until tender but not broken and change the water three times during the cooking. Drain, remove the hearts and fill the space with chopped pimentoes. Place the onions in a buttered baking dish, pour in a thin white sauce and bake about twenty-five minutes, basting occasionally with butter.

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Monday, January 24

Live in the active voice, intent on the progress you can make and the work you can accomplish, and you will acquire the art of optimism, and be happy forevermore.
—William De Witt Hyde.

Breakfast — Cereal with Cream. Bacon. French Toast with Marmalade. Coffee.

DinnerOnion Soup. Roast Shoulder of Young Pig. Baked Bananas. Currant Jelly Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Browned Parsnips. Evaporated Peach Pie. Coffee.

Supper—Egs in Cheese Sauce. Celery. Rye Bread and Butter. Baked Apples. Cream Cookies. Tea.

Evaporated Peach Pie

Wash the peaches thoroughly, cover with cold water, let soak over night, then cook very slowly for about two hours or until the liquid has nearly evaporated. Remove from the fire, sweeten to taste and add one tablespoonful of melted butter. Line a deep pie plate with paste, fill with the peaches, put narrow twisted strips of paste over the top in lattice fashion and bake in a moderate oven.

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Tuesday, January 25th

Don't make too much of the faults and failings of those around you—even be good to yourself, and don't harry your soul over your own blunders and mistakes.
—Ada C| Sweet.

Breakfast — Bananas. Cereal with Cream. Pork and Potato Hash. Griddle Cakes. Coffee.

Dinner—Mock Bisque Soup. Oyster Pie. Stuffed Potatoes. Creamed Carrots. Lettuce and Roquefort Salad. Prune Pudding. Coffee.

Supper—Stewed Lima Beans. Cucumber Pickles. Raised Biscuits. Plum Preserves. Cookies. Tea.

Oyster Pie

Remove all bits of shell from a quart of oysters, drain off the liquor, let boil one minute, skim and strain. Cook two tablespoonfuls of flour in t wotablespoonfuls of butter, add gradually one-half cupful of cream, season with one-half teaspoonful of salt and a dash each of cayenne and nutmeg, then add the oyster liquor and stir and cook until smooth. Iine a buttered baking with pastry, put an inverted cup in the centre, fill with alternate layers of oysters and sauce, cover with pastry, brush with white of egg and bake about half an hour.

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Wednesday, January 26

"The comfortable and comforting people are those who look upon the bright side of life, gathering roses and sunshine and making the worst that happens seem the best."

Breakfast—Stewed Fruit. Cerea. Sausage Cakes. Fried Mush. Biscuits. Coffee.

Dinner—Carrot Soup. Braised Beef. Potatoes. Buttered Turnips. Picked Beets. Rice Croquettes with Strawberry Preserves. Coffee.

Supper—Mayonnaise of Appes and Dates. Nut Muffins. Orange Cup Cakes. Tea.

Rice Croquettes

Cook one cupful of parboiled rice in three cupfuls of milk until tender and dry. Add one-half teaspoonful of salt, the beaten yolks of three eggs, two tablesponfuls of butter, one-third of a cupful of finely cut candied orange peel and one-quarter of a cupful of heavy cream beaten until solid. Cool, shape into cones, dip in beaten egg, roll in fine crumbs, fry in deep hot fat and serve with strawberry preserves.

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Thursday, January 27

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.
—James A. Garfield.

Breakfast—Oranges. Cereal with Cream. Bacon and Eggs. Toast. Coffee.

Dinner—Clear Soup. Beef Ragout. Mashed Potoaes. Baked Squash. String Bean Salad. Baked Indian Pudding. Coffee.

Supper—Macaroni and Cheese Croquettes. Cheese Sauce. Sally Lunns. Figs with Marshmallow Cream. Wafers. Coffee.

Baked Indian Pudding

Scald one quart of milk in a double boiler, stir in gradually five tablespoonfuls of granulated Indian meal and cook twenty minutes. Add three tablespoonfuls of butter, one cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of salt, one and one-half teaspoonful of ginger and two beaten eggs. Turn into a buttered dish, pour one cupful of cold milk over the top and bake about one hour.

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Friday, January 28

Go searching deep for treasuresrare,
If things of worth you'd find;
The best of Earth is hidden,
So Nature has designed.
—Herma Beauchamp.

Breakfast—Stewed Apricots. Cereal with Cream. Fried Smelts. Rice Gems. Coffee.

Dinner—Bean Soup. Baked Fish. Bechamel Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Cauliflower au Gratin. Endive Salad. Jam Tarts. Coffee.

Supper — Fried Scallops. Cold Slaw. Rusks. Sliced Oranges. Black Cake. Tea.

Bechamel Sauce

Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter, blend in three tablespoonfuls of flour mixed with one-half teaspoonful each of salt and paprika, then add gradually three-quarters of a cupful each of fish stock and thin cream, one tablespoonful of diced carrot, a branch of parsley and one slice of onion and stir and cook until smooth and thick. Strain before serving.

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A most interesting meeting of the Woman's Forum of Ward V. was held on Wednesday afternoon in the K. P. Hall. A splendid attendance of the women voters of the ward was registered. All ladies interested in equal pay for equal work for women, as well as in a clean city government, are urged to attend these meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday in each month.

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Officials at the Vancouver post office report that the sales of the new three cent stamps have not been as large as expected. Judging from the number of people who express a desire for the old two and one in preference to the innovation the establishing of the new in general use will take some time. The complaint with the new stamp seems to be that it is so nearly similar to the ordinary two cent stamp that there is a danger of confusion.

The new three cent war stamp is very similar to the ordinary two cent stamp, the only difference being that the centre of the base bears in vacant relief the large letter "T" with a small "I" on its left and a small "C" on its right, meaning 1 cent tax. It was first placed in use throughout the Dominion on Tuesday of last week.

GERMANY'S DIGNITY

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety." —Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Dignity, did you say, Herr Doctor? And what, pray, is the nature of Germany's dignity? Dignity is:

"The state of being worthy, honorable. Elevation of charac ter or mind; true worth; excellence; elevation; grandeur; quality suitable to inspire respect."

Dignity and delicacy are from a common root, and are, in common expressions of the same virtue. From the same root word comes the verb to "deign," to esteem worthy, and also "decency" and "decorum."

When, since July, 1914, Herr Doctor, has the Kaiser who is, for purposes of considering means of arriving at peace, "Germany," given evidence of dignity? And was it dignity, delicacy, elevation of character or mind, true worth, or any quality suitable to inspire respect, that caused you, in your capacity of Imperial Chancellor, to declare the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium a scrap of paper?

Was it delicacy or decency that led the German hordes across the border to trample Belgian fields, to murder Belgian civilians, to assault Belgian women, to smash the skulls of Belgian children, to bombard Belgian cathedrals, to "fine" unarmed Belgian cities as Attila fined communities to refill his coffers? Was it dignity, in any measure of the term, that dictated the murder of Miss Cavell, the sinking of the Lusitania and a score of other defenceless passenger vessels carrying defenceless women and children? Are decorum and delicacy and decency ilustrated by arson and other exploits conducted in America through the diplomatic and assassination and bribery and consular offices of Germany in the United States? Did dignity conceive the aliance with the unspeakable Turk and the preaching of a holy war in countries occupied chiefly by unlettered Moslems? Would any other professedly Christian power deign to consider such proceedings?

The safety of Germany never was threatened. The dignity of the German masses never was assailed or questioned. The Kaiser's compaign for everybody's place in the sun lacks the dignity of the rampage of a rabid dog. For the dog has at least the melancholy dignity of dread affliction and not merely a hoggish disposition.

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Red Cross Society Has New Scheme

A scheme whereby the purchasing materials for the Red Cross Society can be more centrally and economically conducted was divulged by Mrs. Edward Mahon, chairman of the purchasing committee of the society, at a meeting of the executive last week. The idea met with the unanimous approval of the committee, and the scheme will doubtless be followed. Mrs. Mahon's report, which follows, is self-explanatory:

"Owing to the fact that the Vancouver branch of the Red Cross Society has grown into a large business, handling large sums of money, and large quantities of material, it is felt that some seheme should be adopted by which the purchasing of the society can be more centrally and economically conducted; not only to add to the efficiency of the organization and thereby increase the output of supplies for the soldiers, but in justice to the public which gives so generously to the Red Cross funds. No large orgnization can, with profit to itself, allow its purchasing to be done by a lot of different units, of different capacity, with different facilities for conducting business.

A Large Business

All large firms are centrally conducted. The Vancouver branch handles well over $15,000 a year and an average in recent months of over $2,000 a month. The proposed duties of the new purchasing committee are the centralizing and control of the purchasing and expenditures, and its work since the first meeting has been with that view in mind. The voucher system was discussed, as a means of centralizing the buying without interfering with the method of work at present in vogue in the ward branches.

The system, which follows, as submitted to the purchasing committee at its last meeting on December 8, and approved by, and recommended to the executive by the administration and finance committees, is not presented as final, but merely to show how simple a form the proposed scheme would take.

Each ward, as at the present time, sends in its cheque to head office, but instead of receiving a cheque back will simply have a credit for this amount in head office books. When a ward wishes to expend any part of this credit, its representative goes to head office where there will be an official constantly available for this purpose, and asks for an order slip for the amount of goods she requires, directed to the particular store she designates. The official on ascertaining that the ward has credit to cover the amount, fills out the order slip and stub and hands it to the representative. The order slip is then handed to the store and exchanged for the goods. The store sends in the order slip with the bill to the secretary-treasurer.

The shops with which the Red Cross Society will do business, together with the materials and their prices, will be posted in each ward and auxiliary.

Prices and samples have already been obtained and the firms and goods settled on. That much towards uniformity of quality and price has been accomplished.

In proposing the change no reflection is cast on the excellent work done in the past, but it is felt that it has assumed such proportions that it is necessary and desirable that it should be conducted on more satisfactory business principles. The branches would still use unfettered discretion in choosing the materials suited to their needs, and would come in the same personal contact with the shops. The interest in collecting money and keeping up the ward credit in the central books would be as keen as before.

Notwithstanding the fact of the formation of a purchasing committee, the branches not only retain complete control over their own expenditures, but also the policy of the purchasing committee, as the purchasing committee is composed of the chairman of each branch; its duties being to facilitate and organize the purchasing.

Some of the advantages of the scheme are:

Large amounts of money will be saved by a central control of the prices which fluctuate rapidly.

The outside branches have not the same facilities as the city branches to keep in touch with this rapid fluctuation.

As an example of what the committee will be able to do, and on a larger scale if occasion arises, the following incident may be cited:

On December 8 a large firm telephoned to the central depot and stated that they had on hand three and one-half bales non-absorbent cotton at $11.00 a bale, and that the price was rising rapidly, but they were willing to let us have it at the lowest quotation of the day if a representative of the purchasing committee would come and sign for it.

A representative of the committee went to this firm and procured a written statement that the firm would keep on hand for delivery in bale lots at our convenience the three and one-half bales at $11.00. By night the price had risen to $12.50 a bale.

A big city branch would be able to do the same thing, but it can readily be seen the saving affected for the smaller city branches and all the outside branches.

The fact that the society contemplates purchasing in a more central manner has already stimulated the interest of the local firms who are now much more willing to meet our wishes as to price.

It was found that the quality of gauze used by the society could be procured cut and at a good price from Montreal, and a month's supply has been ordered. Since then three local firms who had been indifferent as to our needs, have approached the committee and are eager for our orders.

Points of Advantage

(a) A central body can keep in touch not only with the prices, but with local and eastern firms as well.

(b) It creates a uniformity in quality and prices of the materials.

(c) It dispenses with a great deal of the book-keeping of the ward branches, as they would have no expenditures to enter in their books except for petty cash.

(d) One of the greatest advantages will be the saving effected by arranging the prices for the immediate and ultimate purchase of much larger quantities of particular kinds of material with particular firms than is at present possible by individual branches.."

Upon the suggestion of Mr. A. P. Black the following committee was appointed to work out the details in connection with the new scheme: Messrs. H. H. Morris, A. P. Black, J. W. McFarland, Mesdames Mills and Graveley.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that contributions to the society during the month of December had been most generous, about $9,000 having been collected while the expenses in connection with the Central Depot had been comparatively light.

Encouraging reports were sent in by the chairman of the administration and finance committees outlining the work carried on by these two departments. Of special interest is the report of Mrs. Mills, chairman of the property committee. This report showed that 288 cases, containing 71,000 garments of hospital and field supplies had been shipped to the front. All work was of high standard, the socks being well-knitted and washed.

HOSPITAL WORK IS PROGRESSING

The annual meeting of the governors of the General Hospital will be held at the hospital on the evening of February 9th, at 8.15. It is hoped that any of the citizens, especially of this vicinity, who are interested in the welfare of the hospital, will make it a point of being present, as the full reports of the work for 1915 will be gone into and many immediate improvements discussed. The new eye, ear, nose and throat department, furnished by the Woman's Auxiliary, has recently been opened and is now in use. A new operating suite of five rooms is also open, and it is expected the Cavell memorial ward will soon be in operation. One of the new wards has been furnished by Dr. Wilson Herald, of 3838 Selkirk Avenue, in memory of his son, who was killed in France. The hospital reports all wards well filled up at present.

MORE PAY FOR COUNTY JUDGES

A resolution advocating a larger remuneration for County Court judges in British Columbia to meet the higher cost of living above that of the eastern provinces was passed at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Bar Association held last week. The resolution urged a substantial increase of salary for British Columbia County Court judges, and has already been forwarded to the Minister of Justice.

At present the County Court judges throughout Canada are paid $3,000 a year, with $500 extra for senior judges. In addition to the higher cost of living in British Columbia and the fewer oportunities for extra fees for commissions and arbitration work it is pointed out that the jurisdiction of the County Court judges in this province is five times as high as in most of the eastern provinces, while in mining and water right, mechanics' lien cases, etc., the jurisdiction is unlimited.

The Bar Association decided to fall in with the scheme of the Patriotic Fund Committee, and arranged to conduct a canvass among the entire legal fraternity in the city and district. A committee composed of Messrs. R. S. Lennie, K.C., H. S. Wood, F. P. T. Lucas, W. H. D. Ladner, E. M. N. Woods, W. C. Brown, J. S. Jamieson, R. L. Maitland and A. C. Macintosh will get to work and interview all members of the profession in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

Officers for 1916 were elected as follows: Messrs. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., president; Sir Chas. H. Tupper, vice-president; E. A. Lucas, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Senkler, K. C., S. S. Taylor, K. C., R. Cassidy, K. C., R. R. Maitland, W. E. Burns, A. Whealier, M. A. Macdonald, Douglas Armour, H. S. Wood, Charles Macdonald, W. H. D. Ladner, Cecil Killam, executive committee.

The B. C. Electric Railway will put on the following additional service beginning January 19th: Main St. South line—A 16 minute rush hour service will be given instead on an 18-minute service as previously announced.

Nanaimo Street Line—A 24-minute service will be operated, which is timed to connect with every other Hastings street east car throughout the day.

Georgia Street East—A 20-minute service between Victoria Road and Main street instead of to Stanley Park as heretofore.

This service is in addition to the schedule which went into force last week and which was published in these columns.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Irish Association of British Columbia was held at the Eagle's Hall on the 13th inst. at 8 p.m., Mr. A. F. R. Mackintosh, the president, in the chair.

The secretary and treasurer's report showed that the Association was in a prosperous condition.

The president in his address to the sociation, referred to the successful year which the association had, and also referred to the success of the recruiting demonstration by which the 121st Western Irish received upwards of 300 recruits.

Mr. S. J. Halpin then took the chair, and the election of office bearers for the incoming year was was proceeded with. The honorary president, Mr. Thomas Matthews, was re-elected, and the following officers were elected: President, A. F. R. Mackintosh; 1st vice-president, A. V. Gardner; 2nd vice-president, C. O. Love; 3rd vice-president, S. J. Halpin; hon. secretary, James L. Armstrong; hon. treasurer, S. J. Rutherford; executive committee, M. J. Crehan, M. B. O'Dell, W. Mc. Moore, O. H. Oughton and D. Robson; entertainment committee, A. V. Gardner, convenor; M. B. O'Dell, C. D. O. Love, Jas. L. Armstrong and H. Gracey; auditor, W. S. Martin; organizer, S. J. Rutherford.

It was announced that Mr. W. Porteous Jack would address the association on the 10th February. Subject, "Celtic Coronation Chairs." As this address is bound to be a very interesting one, the association decided that the meeting will be open to the ublic at 8.30 on that evening.

Proceedings terminated with the singing of the national anthem.

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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-west Territories and in a portion of the province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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THE WESTERN CALL

LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

South Vancouver

(Continued from Page One)

Mr. F. L. Vosper, recruiting officer for the South Vancouver battalion, is ill with bronchitis.

A fancy dress masquerade ball will be held on Friday evening, January 28th, in the St. Mary's Parish Hall, South Hill, the proceeds to go to the Belgian Relief Fund.

There will be a special business meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Mothers and Wives Red Cross Association of South Vancouver at 2.30 this afternoon.

Milk Inspector Eccleston wishes to notify all milk vendors in this municipality that their licenses are now due for payment, which should be made at his office in the municipal hall.

The first regular meetings of the municipal committees and board of works will be held this (Friday) evening. The finance committee and the council will meet on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

Acknowledges Hamper

Fire Chief Lester has just received a letter from Thomas Barber, formerly of the department, who is now at the front a member of the First Canadian contingent, in which he thanks his old chums for their Christmas hamper. The members of the fire department sent a hamper to every old member of the department at the front.

Assessor Thomson returned his assessment roll to the council on Tuesday, and February 29th was set as the date of the Court of Revision, the reeve and Councillors James, Pollock, Mengel and Grimmett sitting as court.

Capt. Lewington, of the 121st Western Irish battalion, reported fifteen recruits the first day the new recruiting booth was opened. Inside the week they will be in their new barracks. Wilson Park will be used as a drill ground and the old municipal hall at 43rd street and Fraser avenue, will be fitted up for barracks purposes.

Councillor Welsh has offered his services to the Western Irish battalion.

Councillor Street, at the final meeting of the old council, referring to the indemnity of the reeve and councillors, said there was too great a contrast betwen $2,000 for the reeve and $300 for the councillors to secure the best men for the latter position.

The municipal employees have received notice that their services will not be required after the end of the month. The new council at its Tuesday meeting resolved that in order to facilitate the reorganization of the different departments without favor to any person or employee, this step would be necessary. All former employees will, of course, have the privilege of applying for their old positions or any other position they may feel capable of occupying.

Fire damaged the home of Mr. W. Trindell at noon Tuesday. It was caused by a defective chimney. Stations 3, 4 and 5 responded to the call.

An auto driven by Captain Westmorland along Main street Monday became unmanageable and crashed into an empty store window at the corner of Eighteenth avenue. The window was completely smashed and the front of the auto badly damaged. No one was hurt.

Queen Mary Review, No. 32 Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees held a most enjoyable meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall, 30th and Main street, on Wednesday evening, Lady Commander, Mrs. Layley, presiding. There was a good attendance of ladies from the other Reviews and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served. It was decided to hold a whist drive in the same hall on February 2nd.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morritt, 4235 Inverness St., South Vancouver, when forty young people met to celebrate the coming of age of their oldest son, Herbert, who enlisted on the same day with the South Vancouver company of the West Irish Fusiliers. A feature of the evening was a musical romance competition. The rest of the time was spent in music and games. The hostess was assisted at supper by Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Pearson.

Committees Announced by Reeve Winram

Reeve Winram has announced the personnel of his committees for the year as follows:

Finance — Councillor Grimmett (chairman) and full council.

Board of Works and Sewerage—Councillor Russell (chairman) and full council.

Fire and Light—Coun. Mangel (chairman) and full council.

Health and Relief — Councillor Pollock (chairman) and full council.

Water — Councillor Lowe (chairman) and full council.

Parks—Councillor James (chairman) and full council.

Police Commissioner — Councillor Rowling recommended for appointment by government.

Licence Commissioner, Councillor Rowling recommended. The committees will meet every alternate Friday, commencing on January 21st. The health committee will meet at 9.30, followed by the fire and light committee. At 2 o'clock the board of works will meet, followed by the water committee. The finance committee will meet on Tuesday morning at 9.30 and the council members will sit as council at 7.30 the same evening.

United Mission Meetings

The South Vancouver Ministerial Association, taking in the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Anglican bodies, began their United mission meetings in the east section of South Vancouver last Sunday.

These meetings will last three weeks, and will then be changed to the western section of the municipality. The meetings this week are being held in the following centres: Collingwood and Beaconsfield districts, Knox Presbyterian church, corner of Joyce and School roads; Cedar Cottage district, Cedar Cottage Presbyterian church, corner 23rd avenue and Victoria Drive; Wilson Heights District,, Wilson Heights Methodist church, corner 43rd avenue and Fleming road, and St. Thomas' Anglican church, 42nd avenue and Dumfries Street.

The meetings are strictly interdenominational, with special hymns, choirs and good addresses.

Ex-Reeve Gold, of South Vancouver, is reported confined to his house with la grippe.

Mrs. W. Brock, of 2347 St. Catherine street, who has been seriously ill at the general hospital, is reported to be improving.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Mothers and Wives Red Cross Association have moved into their new quarters on Chester street. Mrs. McDonald, the president, had planned a number of entertainments to raise funds for the association, but finds a piano will be ncessary. She would be glad to hear from anyone who would be willing to loan an instrument to the association.

The morning services of St. David's Presbyterian church, Bodwell Road and Windsor street, were conducted last Sunday by Lieut. Rev. H. D. Henry, who acts as recruiting officer for So. Vancouver for the 158th battalion.

The annual congregational meeting was held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the church hall. Refreshments were served, the reports of the past year's business read and discussed, and the new year's business taken up.

Pioneer Passes Away

The death took place last week of Mr. John Armstrong, who for the past few years has held the position of postmaster at the North Arm Postoffice, Fraser avenue and River road. Mr. Armstrong, who was 58 years of age, came to Canada twenty-eight years ago from Sheffield, England. He owned considerable property in South Vancouver, and particularly in the neighborhood of the North Fraser, and took an active interest in municipal affairs. Mr. Armstrong was a member of the council in 1909, and was an active member of the Board of Trade from its inception. He was particularly interested in the development of the North Fraser and served on the joint committee which was instrumental in securing the appointment of a harbor commission for the North Arm of the Fraser. He leaves a widow and five chidren, two of whom are married, Mrs. L. C. Miles and Mrs. J. L. Gordon.

The school board announces a credit balance of $21,974.44. Their expenditures during the year were as follows: High school, $19,237.63; General Brock School, $9684.23; Carleton School, $18,955.55; Champlain School, $1174.64; Connaught School, $2,072.85; Mackenzie School, $17,642.15; McBride School, $12,873.94; Moberly School and Annex, $11,798.73; Norquay School, $7,657.88; Secord School, 4340.30; Selkirk School, $25,263.64; Sexsmith School, $6036.48; Tecumseh School, $18,704.52; Van Horne School, $8484.95; General Wolfe School, $15,285.85; manual training, $10,610.68; domestic science, $6393.80; night school, $2042.42; added salaries, $1236.50; stock, $3639.75; office salaries, $14,326.81; made up as follows: Municipal Inspector, $3,774.15; secretary, $2390.50; health inspector, $4145; telephone operator, $549.20; building superintendent, $1,428; attendance officers, $2,040; office supplies, $904.85; general expenss, $4,310.24, making the total of $222,698.39.

The total grant received from the government during the year was as follows: Day School teachers, $82,018.60; night school teachers, $1268.40; agricultural teachers, $383.84; municipal inspector, $725.10; sundry rentals and refunds amounting to $270.63 plus the government grant brings the total revenue of the board for 1915 to $246,279.44.

Chairman Mengel, of the fire and light committee, made an inspection tour of the six fire stations in the municipality yesterday, accompanied by Councillors Pollock and James, and conducted by Fire Chief Lester. The motor equipment was found in good working order and everything in connection with the department quite satisfactory.

St. Peter's church, the following officers were elected for 1916: Rector's warden, Mr. W. K. Woodcock; people's warden, Mr. J. C. Hocking; committee, Messrs. Barringen, J. Brown, Balmer, A. M. Clark, Goodman, Moody, Newton, Saltaire; delegates to synod, Msssrs. Woodcock, Hocking, W. G. Walker; substitutes, Messrs. Moody, Barringer, Balmer. Thirty-six members of St. Peter's church are serving with the overseas forces. Rev. G. F. C. Caffin, M.A., is the rector.

A wedding took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cameron, parents of the bride, 4424 James street, South Vancouver, last Saturday evening, when their eldest daughter, Jessie Anabel, was joined in marriage to Mr. Gordon Brown, accountant of the Bank of Commerce, Vermillion, Alta. The ceremony was prformed by the Rev. J. H. Cameron, the bride's father, in the presence of a small company of friends. Miss Ada Cameron was bridesmaid, and Mr. Charles A. Cameron acted as groomsman. The bride was the recipient of a large number of handsome gifts from friends in Winnipeg and Vancouver. After refreshments were served the bridal pair took the night boat for Victoria. They will return in a few days to make their home in Vermillion.

Building Inspector Hubbard reports having seen a large cougar on Victoria Drive near 61st ave. on Wednesday morning as he was catching his car. The animal jumped into the road about 30 feet ahead of him and bounded across into the underbrush on the west side of the street.

Mr. T. B. Bamber, candidate for the council for Ward 1, had the misfortune to be run down by a horse and rig on Thursday evening of last week at the corner of Kingsway and School road, his face being badly cut and his thumb dislocated. It possibly interfered with his election chances.

At a meeting of the School Board on Tuesday night, Trustee Harry Neelands was appointed chairman for the year 1916. Mrs. Woods was appointed chairman of the finance committee, Mrs. McPhie chairman of the management committee, Trustee Stevens chairman of the building committee, and Trustee Robertson, chairman of the technical committee. Th regular meeting of the board will be held on the evening of the second and fourth Friday in each month.

There will be no police at the council meetings this year, declares Reeve Winram, the new reeve of South Vancouver. He states he will try to work in harmony with the members of the council and thus obviate the necessity of police protection. If any member of the audience creates a disturbance he will be given two warnings. If this does not suffice, he will go to the cells and be charged before the magistrate with a breach of the peace.

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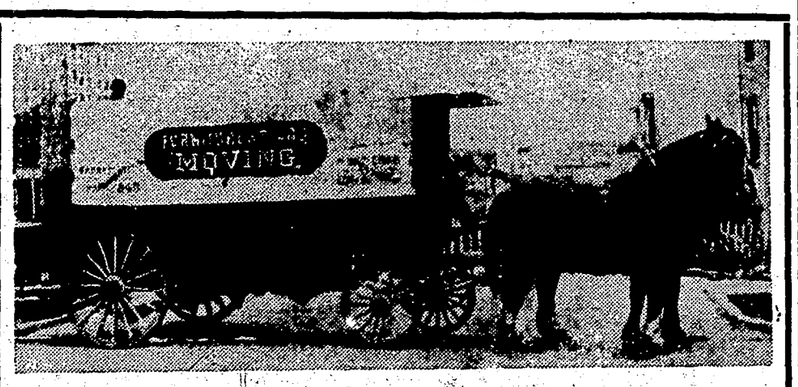

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always bakes good bread for Mother. She can always count on it, always depend upon it year in and year out. It is always pure, and clean and wholesome. And it bakes delicious, substantial loaves—the kind little Johnny and Father and little sister like. Try your next batch of bread with ROYAL STANDARD FLOUR. At all grocers.

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