

## MOUNT PLEASANT

The secretaries of all Clubs and Associations (whether social, religious or political) as well as private individuals, are invited to send in any items of general interest each week for publication in these columns. Copy may be sent by mail or phoned in, and should reach this office not later than Thursday noon to ensure publication.

**The Women's Missionary Committee** of St. Michael's Parish elected at the recent vestry meeting held their first regular meeting on Thursday night and arranged their work for the coming year.

**The Western Star Circle** of Ward V. branch of the Red Cross Society met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Corbman, 855 11th avenue east.

**The delegates from Ward V.** of the prohibition movement met in the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church last night.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Pearson**, of 876 16th avenue east, have received news of the death of their only son, Thomas Rogers Pearson, who was killed in action in Belgium on Jan. 11. Pte. Pearson enlisted with the Sixth Field Company, Canadian Engineers, but was later transferred to the Fourth Company, Sappers. He was a Vancouver High School boy.

**Rev. F. G. Shepherd** delivered an interesting address on the necessity of missionary activity during the war, to the parish chapter of the King's Daughters at their regular meeting Monday evening.

**The three branches of the Women's Auxiliary** have resumed their weekly meeting at St. Michael's church after the Christmas vacation.

**The Mount Pleasant Baptist church** reports an old time spirit of revival during the past week of prayer. On Wednesday evening Rev. B. H. West, of Jackson Avenue church, gave a soul-stirring address on "The New Testament Church." He pictured the church not as a popular people, but as a peculiar people, called out of the world rather than the world called into the church.

Next Sunday Rev. A. F. Baker will preach in the morning on "What Shall the Church do to be saved?"; and in the evening on "What Shall I do to be Saved?" A special welcome is extended to the Baraca Class every Sunday afternoon.

Special evangelistic services will begin on February 6th, continuing for several weeks.

**Alexander Review No. 7, Women's Benefit Association** of the Macabees, met in the K. P. Hall on Wednesday evening. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Coville. There were a number of visitors including Mrs. Flayton, Lady Commander of Hollister Review, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ismah. The Helping Hand committee was called for a meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson, 54 Tenth avenue west, on Thursday afternoon, February 3rd.

**Despite the heavy fall of snow** on Wednesday morning, there was little delay to the traffic on the B. C. Electric Railway, and by 1 o'clock all cars were on time and the service was regularly maintained through the day. Most of the jitneys failed to appear and the cars, therefore, had the traffic pretty much to themselves. Locomotive plows and sweepers were called into requisition on the suburban and interurban lines.

**The Rainbow Circle of King's Daughters** are meeting at 2.30 this afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Clements, 231 18th avenue west.

**"Women and Social Progress"** was the subject of an address given on Monday afternoon in the Mount Pleasant Methodist church by Rev. Hugh Dobson, B. A., field secretary of the social service department of the Methodist church. Mr. Dobson gave an account of the rise and progress of the women's movement, touching upon the question of the integration of family and the rise of the suffrage movement as an expression of democratic life. He said the trouble in family life in these days is due to the fact that so often the members of the family do not respect one another. He said the Christian ideals of marriage were common ideals, mutual purpose and mutual respect, and these were the only things that would keep families together.

Some questions were asked regarding women's power to prevent cigarette smoking among boys, assistance in the management of playgrounds, keeping watch over the picture shows and various other things and whether Mr. Dobson thought they could do anything in the way of these reforms without the ballot. Mr. Dobson thought the ballot would be of very little assistance in these matters. Women had much opportunity for airing their views on these subjects and of calling attention to them in their meetings and through the press, but he was glad to know that women in the three western provinces, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan would soon be in the same status as men in regard to all electoral privileges.

**Under the auspices of the Silver Cross Circle** of the King's Daughters, Mrs. E. H. Murphy, and Mrs. McNamee will be joint hostesses at a tea at the home of Mrs. McNamee, 315 13th Avenue west, February 3rd, from 3 to 6 p.m. A good musical program is being arranged and it is hoped all ladies interested will accept this press invitation.

**The funeral of the late Mrs. Ethel R. Young** was held from St. Michael's church on Tuesday afternoon.

**Miss Lily Coles, daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. Coles, 60 Broadway West, who is pursuing her musical studies in London at the Royal College of Music, is singing a good deal in the hospitals for wounded soldiers. She sang in the Christmas oratorio at the college, and just before was singing in Dr. Allan's Bach choir.

**On Tuesday morning** the new operating rooms of the Vancouver General Hospital came into use. These rooms have been prepared at a cost of \$90,000, but it was only on Saturday that the remaining two tons of furnishings arrived. These rooms are now fully equipped with the most modern equipment and furnishings, and compare favorably with anything to be seen anywhere on the continent.

**The death of Mr. John Bengel** occurred on Saturday morning at the family residence, Ivanhoe Apartments, Seventh Avenue E. Mr. Bengel came to Canada from Sussex, England, in 1888, and has lived on the coast for nine years. He was a very active member of the Sons of England. He leaves, besides a wife, two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Turley, and Mrs. E. Harris, of Vancouver, and two sons, James P., of Winnipeg, and A. H., of Seattle. Interment took place Monday afternoon from Centre and Hanna's chapel, Rev. A. F. Baker officiating.

**A very interesting event** took place on Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carros, 179 6th avenue west, when about 50 guests assembled to witness the christening of their little daughter, Angeline. The ceremony was performed by the Greek priest, Rev. Mr. Anagnostopolus, wearing Greek vestments. After the ceremony a christening dinner was served to the guests. The godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenelis.

**Messrs. Arthur Ainsley, S. McPherson and W. McGregor**, the popular vocal trio of this community, are appearing in the Westminster Opera House, this week. It is reported they are talking of going into vaudeville shortly.

**The regular monthly meeting** of the Ward V. Red Cross Society was held on Tuesday evening in the Red Cross Home, 315-317 Lee Building. Mr. A. P. Black was in the chair.

**Twenty-seven members** of the General Hospital staff, including Dr. Cloud, the admitting officer, are ill with la grippe and unable to attend to their duties.

**The car tracks** furnished the only available sidewalk for hundreds of citizens on Wednesday and Thursday mornings owing to the heavy fall of snow.

**There is a marked shortage** in the supply of cut flowers reported by local florists owing to the continued cold weather. Daffodils especially, usually plentiful at this time of year, are at a premium just now.

**At 1241 Fourteenth Avenue E.**, the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dickie, a merry party of about thirty of their friends gave them a surprise party. A happy time was spent with cards, games and music. After refreshments were served, dancing was engaged in, and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Excellent music was supplied by Mrs. King, Mr. E. King, Mr. R. King and Mr. Chandler. Musical numbers were also contributed by Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Dickie, Master J. Mitchell and Mr. Hadden.

**No. 11 Lodge Mount Pleasant Knights of Pythias** entertained the Pythian Sisters and their friends at a complimentary dance on Monday night.

**Hollister Review No. 9 Women's Benefit Association** of the Macabees are giving a social dance in the K. P. Hall tonight, dancing from 8 to 12.

**Mrs. S. Conway, 260 Seventeenth avenue east**, has been ill in St. Paul's hospital for the past two weeks.

**Mr. Charles Macdonald**, formerly of the Yukon, gave a very interesting lecture on Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's Church Hall, on "Reminiscences of Early Days in the Yukon." Miss Grace Robertson, Scottish dancer, Mr. Arthur Ainsley and the male quartette assisted in the program. A short address was given by Mayor McBeath. Mr. Justice Murphy presided. The proceeds went to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

## Burnaby

**The Burnaby school board** attended a meeting of the finance committee of the municipal council on Monday night at which municipal finances were discussed. The outcome of the discussion was that the chairman of the school board assured the committee that there would be little or no extraordinary expenditure this year as the board was keeping to the minimum. He did not think that the board would call on the council to provide for more ordinary expenditures than last year, and stated that the only way left to economize would be to cut teachers' salaries, a course which he thought a mistake.

According to the instructions of the finance committee at its last meeting the municipal treasurer brought down an estimate of the money required to finance the municipality for the next six months, which he placed at \$150,000. Reeve Fraser drew attention to the fact that the borrowing power of the municipality was limited to \$100,000, and expressed the opinion that there was a doubt whether money could be secured at all. The chairman of the finance committee, Councillor McDonald and Councillor Coldicutt, were appointed a committee to arrange a loan with the bank. The reeve gave notice that at the next meeting of the committee he would recommend a tax sale of these properties on which taxes for the years 1911 and 1912 had not been paid.

**The home of Mr. M. G. Smith**, Union street, North Burnaby, was destroyed by fire and damage caused to the homes of Mr. J. M. Young, Pender street, North Burnaby, and Mr. Clifford, Linden Avenue, Edmonds. The Vancouver fire department responded to the calls in North Burnaby.

**The Young Folks Club** of the Gordon Presbyterian Church, at its meeting on "Burns Night" this week, was treated to an illustrated lecture on "The Coronation of King George, Scotland, the Land of Burns and Ireland."

## Fairview

**The Cadet Corps of the King Edward High School**, assisted by the Lord Tennyson School, are giving a concert in the King Edward Auditorium this (Friday) evening at 8 p.m. Following is the program: Selection, March, The Cadet Band; Flower Dance, Pupils of Tennyson School; Trio, Instrumental, Messrs. Armstrong, Hall and Rowan; Cantata, "The Briar Rose," pupils of Tennyson School; Dance, Spanish, Constance Devlin; Folk Dance, Pupils of Tennyson School; Song, "Tis I," Reatha Reid; Cantata "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," pupils of Tennyson School; instrumental, Selected, Orchestra of K. E. H. S.; Patriotic March and Song, Pupils of Tennyson School; recitation, Viola Dill; Roman Dance, Girl Students of K. E. H. S.; duet, "Hunting Tower," Elsie Chandler and Viola Dill; chorus, "Three Little Maids" (Mikado), Pupils of Tennyson School; instrumental, selected, Orchestra of K. E. H. S.; recitation, "The Fireman's Wedding," Ingram Parke; Camp Scene, Tennyson School Cadets.

**The general hospital continues** to be filled to capacity. Dr. McEachern is confined to his bed with an infected eye, but is reported improving.

**This year the young men** of the Normal School, instead of devoting so much time to sports, have organized a cadet officers' training corps. Sergt. Wallace, physical instructor of the school, has had charge of the drill.

A committee appointed by the students has drawn up the following schedule: Tuesday, lecture, 5 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, drill, 4 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, drill, 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock.

The young men hope to receive official recognition from the Dominion authorities.

**Mrs. Hugh Findley, of Victoria**, died last Saturday afternoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. B. McIntyre, 2833 Oak street.

**Graham A. Laing, M.A.**, director of the prevocational and night school classes of the city schools, lectured on Friday evening last in the King Edward High School on "The Modern Novel."

The speaker called attention to that primal instinct of mankind, the desire to report and circulate conversational matter. He said that if we were to regard the folk-lore of a country as literature, then our folk-lore must be regarded as the origin of the novel. The novel was a modern development of the story telling art. The plot meant everything. There was a distinction between the modern novel and the drama of the past—this was chiefly a difference of motive.

"To write a modern novel," continued Mr. Laing, "requires not merely the faculty of story-telling. The knowledge of life necessary must be gained by observation and by introspection, by study of institutions as well as people. All great writers tell the story of their own lives in their novels. They have to embody their own experience in what they write."

Mr. Laing's third lecture of the series was given last evening on the subject, "History and the Historical Novel."

## Grandview

**A two storey frame dwelling** owned and occupied by Mrs. A. C. Thompson, 1517 Parker St., was damaged by fire on Friday evening last. The cause of the fire was a defective register in the den. Damage was done to the extent of \$200 fully covered by insurance.

**A lecture was given by Prof. Odium** at the Soldier's Home, 1146 Commercial Drive, on Saturday evening last, on "Great Britain in Relation to the War." A number of musical selections were also given.

**Rev. F. Kennedy will preach** in All Saints' Anglican church next Sunday evening on the subject, "Missionary Work in Japan." He will also lecture in the Parish Hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, giving a synopsis of the results of his years of labor in the Japanese empire. This lecture will be illustrated by 100 colored views.

## S. Vancouver

**In the hall of St. Mary's church**, South Hill, the annual masquerade ball will be held this evening. The proceeds will be handed to the Belgian Relief Fund committee. An excellent band is engaged and a dainty supper will be served during the evening. Dancing begins at eight o'clock.

**A sentence of six months' imprisonment** was imposed on William H. Stubbins by Judge McInnes last Saturday, on a charge of having stolen goods in his possession knowing them to have been stolen. Stubbins also faced a charge of breaking and entering the store of Mr. A. Fredericksen, 4152 Main street, the place from which the goods were stolen. On this charge he was acquitted.

According to the story told on the witness stand by Stubbins the goods, which consisted of 27 dozen eggs, several pots of jam, sacks of flour and sugar, tobacco, cocoa and numerous other kinds of provisions were brought to the house where he lived by a man named Marks, who has since disappeared. Marks told him that he had traded some beds for the provisions.

The discovery of the stolen goods was made by Sergeant Winters, of the South Vancouver police force, who visited the Marks' house on Twenty-eighth avenue, armed with a search warrant. In the possession of the accused Sergeant Winters found a key which fitted the back door of the store which was robbed, but the prisoner explained to the court that he had found the key lying on the ground near the basement of the Marks' home.

## Canvassers Wanted

**Wanted at Once—Several young ladies of good address to work for the WESTERN CALL.** Any young lady can earn from two to four dollars a day. Exclusive territory given. Apply in person at 203 Kingsway.



## Canadian's Impression of Australia

There could scarcely be a trip in all the world more entertaining, more instructive or more healthful than the trip from Vancouver to New Zealand and Australia in winter. Escaping, as you do, the cold and rain, and sailing for whole weeks together over seas as blue as sapphire, with bright sunny skies overhead, you visit the beautiful islands of Hawaii and Fiji, and are thus prepared gradually for the charm and novelty of the land of the Maori and the land of the kangaroo—a charm and a novelty that they say takes years to wear away.

### The Country Itself

To the average Canadian or American traveler the rural districts of Australia appear anything but prepossessing when viewed from the window of a railway coach. There is a striking monotony of vegetation and landscape throughout pretty much of the Commonwealth, although in the tropical districts of Queensland the growth of sugarcane and tropical fruits makes a pleasing variety. In the farming districts about Ballarat and Melbourne, also, there is about the same variety as you would find in Central Ontario or New York state. To see the best

of the sheep ranching country, however, it is necessary to get back some miles from the railways, as is also the case if you would see the kangaroo and the black aborigine, the two distinctive products of this country.

### Cities of Commonwealth

But Australia's cities more than compensate for any monotony of her country. The commercial metropolis, Sydney, which is about the size of San Francisco, possesses the world's finest natural harbor, and like most of the Australian cities is spread out over an enormous territory, the residential section comprising over nine-tenths of its entire area. It is this fact, so peculiar to the cities of Australia, that enables such a large percentage of Australians to own their own homes and to avoid that bane of American cities—overcrowding.

Sydney is a strange combination of the artistic and the commercial. The miles upon miles of waterfront humming with the activities of oceanic commerce, the up-to-date ferry steamers that would do credit to New York itself, the solidity and elegance of the store and office buildings, would argue that the city is actively and distinctively commercial. But you have only to

go through the really fine art galleries, zoological gardens, museums and parks to realize that there is a keen appreciation of the beautiful and the artistic interwoven with their commercialism. Many of the older suburban districts of Sydney remind you of the pictures of old London and Paris. The botanical gardens are certainly among the most beautiful in the world, and are worth a trip to Australia to see.

Melbourne, the second city of Australia, is laid out on a still more open scale than Sydney, the streets being wider, and more level, and excellently paved. The residential sections are situated in many cases miles away from the business district, being quickly reached by steam railways. Adelaide is the hottest and driest of all Australian cities, and of late years is losing out as a seaport. Within a few hours' ride from here, however, you can reach a very fine orange and grape growing district producing some of the finest wines and brandies outside of France. Ballarat is the "beauty spot" of Australia, but is vastly changed since the early days of the gold fever. Its streets are the widest and the best paved, its parks the most elaborately cultivated and its marble statuary the most beautiful of any city south of the equator.

### The People

The Australians are a sunny dispositioned and easy going people, taking life much easier than we do, both as to the duration of business hours and as to the manner of doing business. There is a national habit that all strangers are compelled to adopt before they are long in the country. This is the four o'clock tea habit. Business is never too engrossing to retire to a nearby cafe or hotel and indulge in a cup of tea and a half hour's gossip—and the longer you stay in Australia the more delightful and the more necessary this habit becomes. With all this easy going manner the Australian is exceedingly strict in matters of business etiquette, keeps his appointments to the minute and regards his verbal promise as a bond. The average Australian is a famous patron of the theatre; and it is a regrettable fact that they do not get a better class of theatrical amusements than the second hand vaudeville and movies sent out from England and America. The reason for this so a prominent theatrical manager told me, is that it costs too much to bring the best companies so far away from home, there being but four cities capable of supporting such expensive attractions. Of sport, cricket and racing lead, with surfing a strong bidder for popularity. Sydney's six ocean beaches are unexcelled anywhere in the Pacific.

### Business Conditions

The average Australian is accustomed to take life pretty much as he finds it. What with a warm sunny climate, an extensive and productive agricultural territory, a world-wide commerce—and possibly a labor government—poverty is not very likely to overtake the Australian, nor, if it did, would it have the terrors for him it would have in our northern latitude. What was far more dreaded than war at the time I was in Australia was the severe drought from which the greater part of the Commonwealth was suffering. Were it not for these periodical droughts, which are likely to occur every few years, the Australians could easily adopt for their permanent motto, "Business as Usual."

The enormous crowds of holiday shoppers in Sydney and Melbourne, the excellent volume of business reported by retailers everywhere, the record attendance at the big racing and cricket meets, the large number of ex-

pensive automobiles operated—all this would seem to indicate anything but a shortage of ready cash. The decrease in imports and exports for 1915 as compared with 1914 was only about nine per cent. From this I take it that as soon as the drought has passed over the country returns pretty much to normal. The Australians have given their men and money pretty freely in the present war, but as long as the avenues of trade with England and America are open they see little reason why business should not go along about the same at home.

### Opportunities for Settlers

Many people have asked me as to the best opportunities for those emigrating to Australia. I would say the man who can take along a few agencies for import goods such as printing paper, boots and shoes, chemicals, beer, rubber goods, manufactures of steel, mining machinery, advertising novelties, etc., should do well. The other opportunities lie mostly along the line of sheep and cattle raising, fruit farming and mining, and in all these lines considerable capital is required to make anything like a success. The policy of the government, however, seems to favor the working man rather than the capitalist.

### Impressions of New Zealand

You get your first impressions of the land of the Maori on your way out to Australia—thirty hours in Auckland, a pretty little city of pretty little homes, situated on some 62 extinct volcano craters from the highest of which, Mount Eden, you can get a view of the entire city and the ocean on either side of North Island.

New Zealand has a population of only a million people, but they stoutly assure you the country can support ten times that number. I found the New Zealanders a somewhat different type of people from those in Australia. There seemed to be a little more of the hustle and bustle of America—more of intensive than extensive industry—and perhaps a little less of the old conservatism than in Australia.

Many parts of the North Island closely resemble the best mixed farming districts of Western Ontario and Michigan. Cheese and butter making, hog raising and beekeeping are extremely profitable industries, while in the South Island the climate is cooler and sheep grazing is carried on more extensively. The woolen mills of Kaipo and Mosgiel produce absolutely the finest traveling rugs in the world.

It would seem difficult for a young man who likes country life and has average determination and ability, to fail in a land like this, where the government does everything in its power to finance and assist even the small farmer. There was one instance brought to my notice in New Zealand which I understood to be a fair representation of the average. This man had come out here when eighteen years old with only \$300 and by hard work, careful management, and most of all the assistance of the government in growing and marketing his produce, had been able to retire with a fair sized independent fortune at thirty-two years of age—not a bad record, and there were others like him. To "put it over" like this man, of course, required a liking for country life. The cities offer very little, if any more inducement than they do in British Columbia.

I might say in conclusion I found in both New Zealand and Australia a very strong prejudice in favor of Canadian goods and the Canadian people.—E.W.S.

Norway has added sardines to the list of articles the exportation of which is prohibited.

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### LARGE EXPENDITURES ON TRUNK SEWERS

The Greater Vancouver Joint Sewerage Board issued their annual statement at a special meeting held last week. The statement shows that \$787,595 was spent in trunk sewer construction by the board in 1915, being considerably in excess of the expenditure during 1914.

The capital receipts of the board for the year were \$1,711,668, there having been a balance on hand at the beginning of 1915 of \$1,541,444, part of the proceeds of the first bond sale. Besides the sewer accounts, amounting to \$787,595, \$109,499 was paid out for interest on stock, \$17,583 for sinking fund, and there was a balance of \$792,664 in the hands of the minister of finance of British Columbia to the extent of the first bond sale. The sewer account is made up of these items: dit of the Board. The sewer account: Brunette River improvement, \$17,640; Balaclava trunk sewer, \$19,449; Bridge Street sewer, \$40,750; Central Park sewer, \$565; China and Canoe Creek sewer, \$69,297; China Creek extension, \$187,886; Clark Drive sewer, \$212,304; Clark Drive sewer No. 2, \$56,038; Hastings Park sewer, \$66,987; Kaye Road sewer, \$126; general plant and stores, \$578; investigation charges, \$5968.

The expenditure in 1914 was \$722,105, but over \$300,000 of this was paid to the city and Pt. Grey for sewers constructed by them before the board came into existence. The amount spent in that year on actual construction, therefore, amounted to about \$400,000.

The woman who tells you she is a lady generally feels doubtful whether you'll find it out.

### DISTINGUISHED ORDERS COVETED BY WOMEN

It is not generally known that there are several decorations that may be won by women. There is, for instance, the Imperial Service Order, founded by the late King Edward to commemorate his Coronation, for bestowal upon women for very conspicuous bravery. This is one of the most coveted and honorable decorations that a woman can wear.

The Order of the Royal Red Cross, which was founded on St. George's Day, 1883, is another decoration reserved for women only. It is given for merit and valor displayed in nursing, particularly Army and Navy nursing. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem—a little Maltese cross, bearing the words, "For service in the cause of humanity," attached to a black ribbon, can also be won by women. Another order founded by King Edward is the greatly coveted Order of Merit, which is bestowed upon men and women who have gained distinction in literature, art, science or any of the peaceful, as distinguished from the fighting services. But up to the present it has been conferred upon only one woman—the incomparable Florence Nightingale.

The French Cross of the Legion of Honor has been bestowed on the greatest number of women. There is only one Russian decoration for women—the Order of St. Catherine; while there are two Spanish decorations—the Order of St. James and the Order of St. Maria of Spain; an order similar to the British Order of the Royal Red Cross, conferred for distinguished services in nursing.



## British Near Garden of Eden

From the Balkans the war scene has suddenly shifted to the ancient land of Mesopotamia, where at Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris River, a British army in traditional style, is besieged by Turkish forces, while another British detachment is fighting its way to the rescue over hot desert sands. English history records many similar situations, though perhaps their setting was not quite so romantic, for Mesopotamia possesses one of the oldest civilizations, and here flourished the Garden of Eden, now peopled only by Arab tribes, who fight first for the Turks, then for the British, but are always out for loot, if we are to believe Tommy Atkins and his officers.

In the widest sense Mesopotamia includes all of the country between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, from Armenia to the Persian Gulf. In early times, when a good irrigation system was maintained, the land was fertile, prosperous, and the home of a people who were advancing rapidly along the high road of civilization. It is still one of the virgin tracts of the world, awaiting the hand of irrigation engineers, who had already begun their work of reclamation under Sir William Willcocks

when the war intervened. Some day, it is believed, a new Garden of Eden will arise in lower Mesopotamia; whether its keepers are to be Germans or Britishers is an issue that will probably be settled by the war.

Soon after Turkey entered the conflict, a British, or rather an Indian army—for the operations are conducted largely by Indian troops—landed on the shores of the Persian Gulf, seized Basra, where the dates come from, and began its tedious advance toward Bagdad, the former capital of Haroun-al-Raschid, whose adventures, as every one knows, are recorded in the Arabian Nights.

Bagdad is about 400 miles distant from Basra, and one of the important cities on the line of the German-built Bagdad Railway, which will eventually reach the Gulf of Persia. Naturally, if Great Britain could conquer the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates and extend her influence over the greater part of Mesopotamia, she would not only open a new land to British enterprise, but would have a large voice in the management of the railway. Moreover, the Bagdad Railway when completed, will open a new road to India, which

the Germans might find it convenient to use some day in the future for a Turco-German army of invasion. Hence there were good reasons for the Mesopotamia campaign.

British officers say that never has a campaign been fought under such diverse conditions. Terrible heat, floods, mosquitos, fever, and cholera have taken heavy toll of the invading force, and Indian troops have been affected by the heat quite as much as the white soldiers.

Mesopotamia boasts a record variation of temperature during the year. Bitter cold and damp weather in winter and intense and malarious heat in summer have added enormously to the difficulties of the operations. In comparison with Mesopotamia, India, even in the hot weather, is a health resort, and indeed has been used as such by a greater number of sick than we can care to think about.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of the country, a part of the British army under General Townsend succeeded last November in reaching the ruins of Ctesiphon, eighteen miles southeast of Bagdad, where it met an overwhelming force of Turks, and was forced to retire to Kut-el-Amara. Thus ended the first attempt to take Bagdad. Now Kut is besieged, and General Sir John Nixon, commander in chief of the expedition, has been relieved of his command on account of "sickness," the official statement says.

Although the British Tommy is told that Kurna is the scene of the Garden of Eden, its exact position has not been fixed to the satisfaction of many scholars. There is a theory that two Gardens of Eden existed; one, Semitic, that of the Sons of God, the other Babylonian, or Sumerian, that of the Sons of Men.

It seems clear from the controversy that there was a Garden of Eden other than the Biblical one and that it was in the Tigris-Euphrates region, near Nasrie, which is some distance west of Kurna. That was the Garden of the Sons of Men, traced in the writings of Sumer and Akkad, known as the Babylonian tablets of creation, and dealing with the ancient gods and shrines of Babylonia. This Garden of Eden was at the ancient junction of the Tigris and Euphrates, where the ruins of the cities of Eridu and Uruk have been found.

Those who contend that the Biblical Garden of Eden was a separate place believe that it was situated on the Euphrates between Hit and Anah, far above the other garden. The leading authority in this contention has been Sir William Willcocks, who, as engineer of Public Works in Constantinople, studied the geography and history of Mesopotamia thoroughly after he undertook several years ago the great irrigation project mentioned above.

Nearly seven years ago Sir William, in lecturing before the Royal Geographical Society in London, declared that the Biblical Garden of Eden must have been in the neighborhood of Hit and Anah. He lectured in 1912 again before the same society on the other Garden of Eden, that of the Sons of Men, and he gave these reasons for believing that the Biblical Garden of Eden was separate and distinct from that of the Sons of Men:

"In my first lecture I had stated that the Garden of Eden of the Semites must have been near an outcrop of hard rock as we see it at Anah upstream of Hit, where water could be led off from above a rapid and utilized for irrigating, with free flow, gardens situated a little downstream and above the reach of the highest floods below Hit, no place could be found for a garden without lifting apparatus or protecting dikes; because, otherwise,

any garden irrigated in the time of low supply would be inundated in flood, and if irrigated in flood would be left high and dry in the time of low supply. Since then I have studied on the spot the scriptures of Sumer and Akkad, and see that their earliest settlements were made inside the level plain perennially under water, where well-protected dikes kept out the floods which are there never more than three feet above ground level, and where free from wild beasts and desert Arabs, they could build their cities and temples and cultivate their lands, which could be irrigated by free flow through openings in the dikes. It was in the marshes surrounding their settlements that they encountered the giant brood of Tiamat mentioned in the first tablet of creation."

"Now, where was the original home of these interesting people, to whom we all owe so much? For reasons given, it must have been in some country of oases surrounded by deserts, and Arabia is such a country, and at their very doors. The oases of Arabia are close at hand to both the Nile and the Euphrates, and the natural overflow of the surplus population would be Egypt and Babylonia.

The Arabs of today are descendants of the Semites who overflowed into the desert oases from the north and overcame the ancestors of Sumer and Akkad. Still they mingled their blood, drank in the spirit of the deserts, and became the children of the soil. In the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates today, with the uncontrolled floods of the rivers and irrigation without any system, the present inhabitants must have many characteristics of the first people who strayed into the plain of Shinar, and who were probably forced to take to agriculture by stress of numbers."

### ARCHBISHOP AIDS RECRUITING

Mgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, has spoken out in no uncertain terms in an address to a large audience recently, reminding his hearers that Great Britain has entered the struggle to avenge the sacred rights which Germany had trampled upon.

French Canadians, said the Archbishop, had suffered much pain and sorrow at the defeat of the armies of France in 1871, but today, although France was fighting the same enemy as then, there were other great powers on her side—Russia, Italy, Belgium, but above all, powerful Britain. The decision of Britain to throw in her power on the side of justice, he said, placed upon Canada the solemn obligation of taking part in the struggle.

"This," declared the Archbishop, "is a bounden duty which we owe the country that has given us liberty and that is now seeking to overthrow the nation that threatens the liberty of the world. Great Britain was unprepared for the war, and this one fact is abundant proof that she had no thought of provoking a war. Unprepared as she was, she yet sprang at once to the aid of France and Belgium. For us, as French Canadians, the proudest duty is to co-operate to the maximum of men and money and see that Great Britain comes out of the war with her power untarnished and her world influence for good greater than ever.

"It is the solemn duty of every Canadian citizen, to the utmost limit of his force, to stand side by side with the motherland in her heroic effort to crush the tyrant who wishes to trample small nations and states beneath his iron heel. What fate would be ours if the Germans obtained a foothold here? Were Great Britain defeated, Germany would secure domination on the St. Lawrence."

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### NEW B. C. E. R. SUNDAY SERVICE

The B. C. Electric announces a new schedule of Sunday car service on its Vancouver city lines, beginning January 23. The new Sunday service is changed in many respects from the old Sunday service. It has been found necessary to make adjustments in line with the travel that exists during the different hours of the day on the various lines, and it will be observed that while the interval between certain cars is lengthened on account of lack of travel during the morning, the service on a large number of lines is supplemented later in the day, and it is hoped that the new service will, as a whole, more generally meet the needs and requirements of the travelling public than did the old one. A special feature of the new service is that it is designed with a view to the addition of special cars when occasion requires.

### BANTAMS ARE GOOD FIGHTERS

There are 46 Bantams in Vancouver who have sworn to handle the foe as roughly as the rules of war allow, for King and country. At present time, while awaiting the completion of quarters for their accommodation in Victoria, they are quartered at the Cambie street drill hall. Every day they can be seen at work on the Cambie street grounds.

They weigh probably about 125 lbs. each, and no one of them overtops the five foot two inch mark set as the standard of height for the regular or "ordinary" battalions, as the Bantams might say.

They are hard at work mastering their drill, there are none more earnest, the officers say. None of them have uniforms as yet because up to a little while

ago uniforms were not made so small, except for buglers, trumpeters and drummers. But when they get into their suits of the peculiar gray-green color affected by the department of military affairs, with shining brass buttons and gleaming bayonets they will make an impression that will last and maybe, by their example, put many a bigger man in a great rush to get to the nearest recruiting office.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

In a bulletin of the American Red Cross Society, just issued from the national headquarters in Washington, ex-President William H. Taft, the new chairman of the Central Committee of the national organization, announces that more than \$10,000,000 has been contributed by the American people to the relief of the war sufferers of Europe since the war began. This is exclusive of several millions contributed to the Commission for Relief in Belgium and the more than \$1,000,000 raised by the American Jewish Relief Committee in the past two weeks.

### GAELIC SOCIETY MEETS

The bi-monthly meeting of the Gaelic Society, held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., was well attended, notwithstanding the absence of so many members at the front, and in training.

Chief Iachlan MacLean presided. President A. McRae, of the United Scottish Societies, briefly addressed the meeting. Special stress was laid on the fact that the next meeting would be the eighth annual concert and supper of the society, an event looked forward to by the Celts of the city and their friends. Dancing, under the supervision of Mr. J. M. Ross, will be provided on that occasion.



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## MR. STEVENS AND PROHIBITION

By introducing his prohibition resolution into parliament, Mr. H. H. Stevens has laid one more claim to the confidence of his constituents in Vancouver. Even those who are opposed to prohibition must admit that in taking his stand, Mr. Stevens is showing high courage and consistency with his spoken record on this question. He has proven that he has the courage in parliament of his convictions in private.

In sponsoring a measure on which there is division of opinion in all parties, a member of the house runs the risk of alienating some of his own political supporters, but Mr. Stevens cares nothing for that so long as he knows he is right.

He will not likely lose much support in Vancouver by his stand because even those of his political supporters who are opposed to prohibition, must admit that Mr. Stevens has done what he conceives to be his duty, and a man who does that will not lose any valuable friends.

By boldly fathering this measure, Mr. Stevens has become one of the outstanding figures in parliament. If he accomplishes nothing more he will have compelled the members of the house to declare themselves on the question in any event.

## WHAT OF THE JITNEYS?

Present weather conditions have demonstrated what an utterly useless utility the jitney would be if we had to depend upon it alone for street transportation. Wednesday's snow storm put them completely out of business and everyone was relieved to find the B. C. Electric cars doing business as usual on all the old routes.

Is it not time the citizens gave a serious thought to this question? Everyone knows, or should know, that the jitneys have eliminated the profits on practically the only paying street railway routes in the city. It should also be known that there are many street railway routes which are not paying, but which have been operated practically on the profits of the routes which do pay. If we make the paying routes unprofitable, what is to happen to the system? No law in the world can compel a company to do business at a loss, and if the B. C. Electric Company loses money we can only expect that some lines will be curtailed and some cut off entirely. This was fore-shadowed by a statement by Mr. Horne-Payne to an evening paper last week.

The jitneys have no claim upon the public in any sense. There is no capital investment in a jitney. In nine cases out of ten the owners are operating them as five cent busses only to realize a little cash out of them before sending them to the junk-pile. The city has no control over them whatever. They cannot be made to run on given routes, nor on schedule. They are simply parasitical free lances feeding upon the lifeblood of a concern that Vancouver must depend upon for an efficient street transportation service.

The city council must face this question and do it soon. We owe it to the English investors, to protect their interests, and we owe it to ourselves as a city to

protect the interests of the citizens.

Unless the jitneys are suppressed Vancouver cannot expect any extensions of the street railway system for the company will be unable to get the money with which to make extensions. No investor is going to put money into a concern whose profits may be opened to attack by an irresponsible and uncontrollable competition such as the B. C. Electric has in jitneys.

## THE REVOLT OF GERMANY'S WOMEN

It was the Kaiser himself who declared that the children, the Church, and the kitchen, constituted woman's realm, and that she should stick to it. It was the Kaiser's ambition that forced the women of Germany out into the workaday world to take the place of the young men who have been sacrificed in hundreds of thousands to the god of war. If the Kaiser and his crew of military autocrats are pulled down from their places of power as a result of the war, the women of Germany will have no small part in bringing about that result.

An Amsterdam press correspondent says: "It is the testimony of everybody who has visited Germany lately that the women are responsible for the symptoms of unrest. There is something like a general revolt among the housewives, who know best of all, from practical experience, where the economic shoe pinches. Said one observer: 'The women have led the disturbances everywhere, and their criticisms of the state of affairs are very bitter and outspoken. One reason for this is the remarkable change in the status of the German woman that has come about since the war. Before, in no country in the world did the axiom apply so strongly that the place of the woman is the home. Now the government has had to call in the women to help keep things going, and the result is a remarkable awakening. With their new-found national importance, the women of Germany, hitherto among the most docile in the world, are claiming their right to discuss and to criticize the policy of their country.'"

The revolting German women are not contenting themselves with discussing and criticizing the policy of their country. They are beginning to riot in the streets in protest against the continually increasing prices of food-stuffs. Prof. Kroeber, of San Francisco, who has recently returned from Berlin, says in The Outlook that women started the food riots in Berlin. "There were two. In each case a housewife started it. She walked into a shop to buy her slab of butter, was outraged at the price—outrage is a frequent sentiment—spoke her mind to the shopkeeper, who replied in kind. The bystanders joined in, somebody used her hand, the provisions began to be wrecked, people crowded in from the street, and the police arrived."

The march of the women of Paris to Versailles with their chant of "Bread, bread," may yet have its counterpart in a German revolution against autocracy. The rising discontent of the women of Germany is a significant sign of the times.

"How is recruiting going in Canada?" is the anxious inquiry of Canadians in the trenches. "Now's the day, and now's the hour."

Last week the Central Recruiting Depot recruited more men than for any previous week since its opening last July. At this rate it is hoped British Columbia will be able to furnish a goodly share of the needed 250,000 by fall.

Canada has promised 500,000 men to the mother country as her share in the present conflict. The sole aim of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is to adequately care for the families of these soldier boys. The duty of stay-at-home Canadians is to contribute to this fund.

The following is the weekly synopsis of weather conditions in Greater Vancouver for the week ending January 25th, according to Weatherman Shearman:

Rain: 2.93 in.  
Snow: 3.90 in.  
Total precipitation, 3.32 in.  
Highest temperature, 44 degree on January 22.  
Lowest temperature, 16 degrees on January 24th.  
The lowest temperature on Thursday morning of this week was 17 degrees.

## PROHIBITION IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

The Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press has the following about Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., and the prohibition question:

**Prohibition Question**  
The prohibition question is coming before parliament in two different phases. H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver, acting for the Dominion Alliance and Citizens' League, which are organizing the Dominion-wide prohibition movement, will move the resolution endorsed by the two bodies providing for a federal measure prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes "at this time when the empire is at war." J. J. Hughes, Liberal member for King's, P. E. I., has also given notice of a resolution declaring that legislation should be brought in by the government this session to secure an amendment to the British North America Act so as to empower any provincial legislature to prohibit the importation of any intoxicating liquor into such province and the manufacture of liquor within the province.

**Hope for Government Action**  
While both resolutions are in the names of private members, the prohibitionist forces hope that the matter will be taken up by the government, and with this object in view the committee on federal prohibition will wait upon Premier Borden and members of the government next Thursday. It is practically certain, however, that no definite reply will be given as to the government's attitude, but that the deputation will be told that the discussion of the resolution of Messrs. Stevens and Hughes will be facilitated in the house, and at least one full day will be set aside by the government to enable the members on both sides of the house to express their views before any government pronouncement is made.

## CHILDREN OVER SIX MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

All children who are six years of age, or who will be by March 31, are expected to begin attending school for the first time on February 1. Municipal Inspector Gordon announced on Tuesday morning that it was imperative that parents should send their children on the first day in order that they might begin work with their classes and lose no time.

## Save the Tissue Papers

A small pad of tissue paper sprinkled with methylated spirits will give a brilliant polish to mirrors, pictures, glasses, and crystal; it will also remove paint splashes from window panes. The pad used without spirits is excellent for burnishing steel, rubbing grease spots off furniture, or polishing silver.

## BRITISH FREEDOM

The British people are showing, in this world crisis, a devotion to the principles of freedom that grows out of a glorious history. It is no sudden or modern development, this instinctive love of political liberty and the rights of mankind, but the fruit of an ages-old striving for justice, into which has been put the full strength of all who have lived under the British flag.

Some events in history which have indicated the national passion for justice and right are the familiar inspirations of the British of today, but there are also isolated cases no less worthy of record and no less significant than those kept green in the memory of succeeding generations by monument, song and story.

One of these isolated cases, in which the lightning flash of opportunity revealed the sturdy nature of the British character, is referred to in a speech by Hon. W. R. Riddell, reported in the Canadian Law Times, Volume 34, 1914. Page 123, as follows:

During the war of 1812 a number of slaves had run away, chiefly from Maryland and South Carolina, although from other states as well, to the British men-of-war. The man-of-war of a nation is part of a nation's soil.

Slaves cannot breathe in England; if their lungs

Receive our air, that moment they are free,

They touch our country, and their shackles fall.

The moment they put their feet upon a British man-of-war they were in England, and being in England they were free. Most of them were taken to Halifax, although the Halifaxians did not much approve of it.

In the treaty of 1814 it was provided that all property taken by either power from the other should be handed back. The American masters demanded their slaves. The British refused to give up free men; and so it stood. That being the block, that Britain would not give up free men to enter slavery again, it was decided to leave to arbitration whether Britain refusing to give up the slaves should not pay their value; and that matter was left to the Emperor of Russia. He, by his award of 1823, decided that Britain should pay. It was left in 1824 to a board of four persons to determine the average amount to be paid for the slaves. Langdon Cheeves, afterwards Judge in South Carolina, Henry Seawell, who had been a Judge in North Carolina, Sir George Jackson, who was a diplomat, and John McTavish otherwise unknown to fame. They determined the average value of the slaves, but when it came to determine the number of slaves to be paid for, they came to a deadlock and they lost their temper—they lost their judicial temperament, and the governments got tired of waiting for them to give their award; accordingly in 1826 Britain agreed to pay something like a million and a quarter for these slaves. We Britons have been, perhaps not unduly, but certainly very proud of that circumstance, that Britain preferred to pay a million and a quarter (as she paid many millions later on for the emancipation of the slaves) rather than give up these slaves whose feet had touched her soil.

It is incidents like this, gems with which British history is studded in generous proportion, that entitle the British people to wear the badge of altruism in this war for the emancipation of the little nations and make a war in which the destiny of Great Britain is involved a concern of the world at large. — Montreal Mail.

To the Editor, Western Call:

Will you please give me a little space in your paper to call attention to the habit of some Mount Pleasant people of doing all their shopping in the city?

There is undoubtedly a firm conviction in the minds of these shoppers who persist in rushing down town every Saturday that they are getting big bargains in the downtown stores—prices and goods, too, perhaps that they could not get here in Mt. Pleasant.

I wonder if they ever stop to figure out where they are getting off. Let me quote one particular instance. A friend of mine paid \$1.15 at a downtown store a couple of weeks ago for a sack of sugar, buying 3 pounds of tea for \$1 at the same time—this being the condition attached. The tea was acknowledged afterwards by the salesman in the store—a neighbor of hers—to be the store's regular 25 cent line. The woman thus paid the price of the tea and paid \$1.40 for her sugar besides. She could have bought it for that, or less, in Mt. Pleasant any day in the week.

Another shopper recently paid \$1 for 3 pounds of butter, and found on arriving home that it weighed just 2 pounds 10 ounces by her Mt. Pleasant grocer's inspection scale. She was paying over 38 cents a pound for her butter.

Another man bought a pound of cheese in the city on his way home Saturday night—the cheese was marked plainly 20 cents a pound in the window—and found it weighed 12 ounces on the grocer's own scales. This made the cheese really 27 cents a pound—not a bad price when cheese is wholesaling at 21 cents.

When are people going to learn that they usually get just about what they pay for—that when real New Zealand butter is wholesaling at 42 cents a pound, no grocer anywhere can sell it for 40 cents unless he makes you buy other groceries at a high price to make up for it? Short weight on cheese at 20 cents a pound or on butter at 34 cents is not good buying judgment on the housewife's part, and surely this sort of treatment is not going to continue to be a bait to Mt. Pleasant shoppers very much longer.

Surely we are saving off the limb we sit on when we go past our own merchants to get treated this way in the city! The downtown rents are much higher and the merchants there simply cannot sell their goods cheaper than they do here on the hill.

I trust for this reason that people will think twice before they pass up our local business houses. We need the money on the hill. And if we keep it here our property will go on increasing in value. If we buy our goods down town it simply means that in a few years business property on Main street and Broadway will be worth little or nothing.

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Forms of tender may be obtained at the office of A. F. Mitchell, Esq., Acting District Engineer, Victoria, B. C., at the office of C. C. Worsfold, Esq., District Engineer, New Westminster, B. C., and at the office of the undersigned, 614-18 Birks Building, Vancouver, B. C.

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## SPORTING COMMENT

The Vancouver hockey team is "going some." They have annexed six consecutive victories, and look good to keep it up for the balance of the season. On Tuesday night at Seattle they won out by the close score of 3 to 2 over the Seattle team. The game is said to have been one of the most spectacular games in the history of the Coast League. Indeed all the games this season have been of the spectacular kind. Not a dull game has been staged. The affair on Tuesday night was anybody's game. In the first two periods the champions got a goal in each session, while Seattle failed to register. Shortly after the opening of the third period, however, the Mets got two in a row, and evened the score, and then there was some hustling, until old Fred Taylor took a lone rush the full length of the rink and scored. The Millionaires had won, and had kept close on the trail of the Portland team, league leaders. The game was clean all the way, only one or two minor fouls being committed during the contest.



Fred Harris who is doing yeoman service for the Rosebuds this season.

Portland rests this week-end until Tuesday, when Seattle go to meet them on their own ice. Seattle are just about in shape to win too.

The Rosebuds of Portland are striving desperately to hold their lead in the race, and so far have been successful. They are due for a slump presently, however, and while this is going on the Millionaires will romp home with the flag again. However, there's many a slip, etc.

Next Tuesday night Vancouver goes the Victoria. The Capitals are sure to give the champions a very hard game, and it will take all the hockey science that the that the Millionaires have in their systems to pull out on top. Here's a hope that we win, we need it.

Seattle comes to Vancouver tomorrow night (Saturday) for a league game. The Mets are going very strong just now, and are out to win every time. Vancouver can be depended to uncork her best stuff tomorrow night, and fans are bound to see a great game. Come out and give the boys the encouragement they deserve.

Frank Patrick is out after another championship, and by the way the Millionaires are shaping up just now he is going to land it. Six wins in a row and another tomorrow night is surely going some, no matter what the most adverse critic may say. The coast league is certainly producing splendid hockey this year, and the Vancouver team deserves all the encouragement possible from the fans. The best way to show your appreciation of a high class team and conscientious work is by being at the game tomorrow night. Come out, you Mt. Pleasant fans, and give the lads a boost in their try for the cup.



Ed Carpenter  
Clever defence player of the Mets, who play here Saturday night.

Lester Patrick is hoeing a mighty hard row this year, but he is building up a team that will take some beating for the honors next year. It takes time to build up a new team. Portland and Vancouver managers know that. The Millionaires waited four years for the honors, but they intend to hold it at least for two years.

Poulin is playing like an also-ran in the east. Four games in a row he has failed to catch on with the Canadiens, while Walter Smail is playing the utility role for the Red Bands. Bert Lindsay is said to be performing in fine style in goal for the Wanderers.

The Wanderers of Montreal have met two reverses this past week which has helped the other teams in the N. H. A. in the league standing. Quebec bumped the Red Bands, and the Flying Frenchmen took another fall out of them on Wednesday night. While this was going on, Ottawa bumped Quebec right in Quebec, and all these upsets have tightened up the race in the eastern league. Even Toronto broke into the win column within the past ten days, since Livingstone gave the team a thorough shakeup.

Portland kept out in front by a hard-earned victory over Victoria at Portland, the score being 7-5. The Rosebuds had to go the limit to win, but they had the edge on Victoria. Just now all four teams in the league are playing a brilliant brand of hockey, and with the elimination of the rough stuff the game is flourishing on the coast and gaining friends rapidly.

Smoky Harris did the grand for the Rosebuds in Portland on Tuesday night. The visiting Victoria team were one goal to the good in the middle of the third period, when Harris broke up their prospects with two goals in rapid succession. And Dunderdale got the third. It was a grand rally and it came just in time.

Skene Ronan, now of the Canadian team, was in the Toronto police court this week charged with assault against Skinner, of Torontos last Saturday night. Skene Ronan is one of the fastest players in the game in Canada, but he has a temper like a tiger, and is continually running into trouble on the ice. If he would only learn to behave himself he would be a useful man to any team.



Harry Holmes  
Clever goal custodian of the Seattle Mets, who will play the Millionaires here on Saturday evening.

Frank Patrick took a rest on Tuesday night, and Cook replaced him at point. Mackay was in centre ice and was in rare form. He bumped into another accident, however, and is carrying a lame ankle as a result. He will not be in the game on Saturday night, it is said, but Cook will move up on the line and Patrick will play defense.

It is reported that Johnny Griffiths shaded Freddie Welsh in a 12-round contest, which makes Griffiths' claim to the first crack at the champion's crown a good one. Perhaps Freddie would not like to go over a route with Griffiths?

It just took Cully Wilson two minutes to notch a couple of goals in the last period on Tuesday night, tying up the game. Cully scored as many in two minutes as the Vancouvers did in fifty-one minutes, but it doesn't matter for they always pay out at the finish.



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# 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 29

Nothing is denied to well directed labor; nothing is ever to be attained without it.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Breakfast—Cereal with Raisins and Cream. Kidneys en Brochette. Potato Cakes. Popovers. Coffee.

Dinner—Cream of Cauliflower. Veal Loaf. Baked Potatoes. Peas. Beet and Egg Salad. Rice Pudding. Coffee.

Supper—Creamed Celery in Cheese Shell. Currant Buns. Prune Shortcake. Tea.

## Beet and Egg Salad

Cut six boiled beets into dice, marinate with French dressing, and let stand one or more hours. Cook four eggs twenty minutes in water just below the boiling point, then cover with cold water, let remain ten minutes, strip off the shells, chop the whites and press the yolks through a sieve. Arrange the beets in a mound, surround with alternate rows of the whites and yolks and garnish with mayonnaise and sprigs of parsley.

## Sunday, January 30

"Give me not scenes more charming,  
Give me eyes  
To see the beauty that around me lies;  
To see the shine of souls, see angels shy  
Among the faces of the passersby."

Breakfast—White Grapes. Cereal with Cream. Poached Eggs on Fish Balls. Brown Bread. Coffee.

Dinner—Bouillon. Fricasseed Chicken. Biscuit Dumplings. Boiled Rice. Spinach. Pineapple Salad. Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce. Wafers. Coffee.

Lunch—Tomato Rarebit. Toast. Celery. Olive Sandwiches. Nougat Cake. Tea.

## Nougat Cake

Cream one-half cupful of butter, add one cupful of sugar and beat until very light. Sift two cupfuls of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and add alternately with one-half cupful of milk. Flavor with two teaspoonfuls of vanilla, beat thoroughly, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs and bake half an hour in a shallow tin. Cool and spread with Nougat Frosting.

## Nougat Frosting

Chop one cupful of almonds and brown them in the oven. Melt one-third of a cupful of sugar to a caramel, add the almonds, cool and pound to a powder. Boil one cupful of sugar and one-quarter of a cupful of water until the syrup will thread, add the almond powder, pour slowly into the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs and beat until stiff enough to spread.

## Monday, January 31

"Let us walk straightly, friend,  
Forget the crooked paths behind us now,  
Press on with steadier purpose on our brow,  
To better deeds, O friend."

Breakfast—Bananas. Cereal with Cream. Bacon. Corn Oysters. Buttered Toast. Coffee.

Dinner—Barley Soup. Beef Balls. Olive Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Scalloped Cabbage. Apple Charlotte. Coffee.

Supper—Creamed Chicken with Peas. Spinach Salad. Baking Powder Biscuits. Cake. Tea.

## Creamed Chicken With Peas

Sprinkle one teaspoonful of lemon juice, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one teaspoonful of salt and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper over two cupfuls of diced cooked chicken, one cupful of cooked peas and one-quarter of a cupful of diced pimiento; mix thoroughly and let stand an hour or more. Cook four tablespoonfuls of flour in an equal quantity of butter; when bubbling, stir in slowly one cupful each of chicken stock and milk and stir and cook until smooth. Add the chicken mixture, cook five minutes longer and serve with a garnish of watercress or parsley.

## Tuesday, February 1

Winter walks on his wind-swept stair;  
All the world is a gloomy aisle,  
Footsteps creak in the angry air,  
Barren snow covers flag and tile,  
Warring clouds, in grim ranks, defile  
Down the slopes of the sodden skies.

—James Owen Tryon.

Breakfast—Prunes. Baked Smelts. Browned Potatoes. Corn Muffins. Coffee.

Dinner—Clear Soup. Broiled Steak. Mashed Potatoes. Baked Squash. String Bean Salad. Cheese Wafers. Apple Rice Pudding. Coffee.

Supper—Scalloped Tomatoes with Cheese. Celery. Rye Biscuits. Jelly Roll. Tea.

## Apple Rice Pudding

Boil one-half cupful of well washed rice for five minutes, drain and cook in a double boiler with one pint of milk and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt until tender. Remove from the fire, add immediately the beaten whites of four eggs, one-half cupful of sugar, the grated rind of one lemon and beat thoroughly. Pare and core six tart apples, steam until tender but not broken, place in a serving dish, cover with the rice and serve very cold with a soft custard sauce made of one pint of milk, the yolks of the eggs, one-third of a cupful of sugar, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of vanilla.

## Wednesday, February 2

And lo, a visionary blush  
Stole warmly o'er the voiceless wild,  
And in her rapt and wintry hush  
The lonely face of Nature smiled.

—George Parsons Lathrop.

Breakfast—Oranges. Hash with Green Peppers. Buttered Toast. Coffee.

Dinner—Vermicelli Soup. Baked Sausages. Potato Puffs. Creamed Turnips. Beets with French Dressing. Prune Pie. Coffee.

Supper—Mayonnaise of Apples. Celery and Nuts. Baking Powder Biscuits. Mocha Cake. Tea.

## Mocha Cake

Beat the yolks of three eggs until very light, add one and one-half cupfuls of sifted granulated sugar and beat five minutes. Mix two cupfuls of flour with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of salt, then sift three times and add to the egg mixture alternately with one-half cupful of cold water. Flavor with the juice and grated rind of one lemon, fold in the stiffly beaten whites and bake about forty minutes. Cover with Mocha frosting when cool.

## Mocha Frosting

Cream one cupful of butter, gradually beat in two cupfuls of sifted powdered sugar and flavor with one teaspoonful of coffee extract.

## Thursday, February 3

If all the world were music  
Our hearts would often long  
For one sweet strain of silence  
To break the endless song.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Breakfast—Stewed Apricots. Cereal with Cream. Omelet. Warm Biscuits. Coffee.

Dinner—Vegetable Soup. Broiled Crops. French Fried Potatoes. Peas. Chickory Salad. Cranberry Pudding with Foamy Sauce. Coffee.

Supper—Creole Lima Beans. Rusks. Baked Apples. Gingerbread. Tea.

## Creole Lima Beans

Soak one cupful of dried Lima beans over night, drain, cover with cold water, bring to the boiling point and let simmer until tender and the water evaporated. This will take about four hours and care must be used at the last to prevent burning. Remove the seeds from half a sweet green pepper and cut it into shreds, then cook about three minutes in two tablespoonfuls of butter. Add three quarters of a cupful of tomato puree, one teaspoonful of grated horseradish, one tablespoonful of grated coconut and one teaspoonful of salt. Heat thoroughly, pour over the beans, stir lightly with a fork until well mixed and simmer ten minutes before serving.

## Friday, February 4

When shall we learn that he who multieth possessions multieth troubles, and that the single use of things which we call our own is that they may be his who hath need of them?—Tom Hughes.

Breakfast—Cereal with Sliced Bananas. Eggs Baked in Cream. Popovers. Coffee.

Dinner—Black Bean Soup. Baked Flounders. Stuffed Potatoes. Succotash. Tomato Jelly Salad. Toasted Crackers. Fruit Tapioca. Coffee.

Supper—Fricasse of Oysters. Tea Biscuits. Cold Slaw. Currant Cup Cakes. Tea.

## PROHIBITION RESOLUTION

Mr. H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver, has given notice of a resolution in the House of Commons, declaring that a federal law should be enacted, prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors during the war.

## FRENCH FIGHTERS NOT VINDICTIVE

Writing from the French front near Rheims, G. H. Perris, correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, says that the conditions of life are such that one is forced to marvel at the powers of endurance the French soldiers have discovered and developed. The nearest town is twenty miles away and very rarely reached. Companionship or amusement can only be of the most rudimentary kind.

## Little Hatred in the Trenches

"I do not think," he says, "that they feel toward the enemy exactly as certain leader-writers would have them feel. Their abomination of the invader and his attempts at wholesale, scientific terrorism is, of course, deep and unanimous. It is the clearness of the moral issues of the war that makes their invincible strength. But it would take a great many years of suffering to reconcile the chivalry and the sense of justice which are in the French blood with a cult of cold, wholesale, systematic hatred."

## Merciless to German Masters

Many of the experiences of the battlefield are against it. There is much more human nature there than in some editorial offices of the allied capitals. When the French soldier is burying the German dead, taking German prisoners to the base, or German wounded to the ambulance, he may rejoice in the terrible efficacy of his famous "75s," but he does not gloat over their routine victims, like a Sioux at the scalp dance. They have at least suffered, even more than he has himself. To the masters who launched the disaster, and have not suffered, he would be merciless. To the high mightiness who ordered massacre and devastation, to the imperial chemists who invented the poison gas against which he must daily and nightly carry the imperfect protection of an odious mask, he may feel something like personal hatred. But I doubt very much whether warfare—especially the impersonal, mechanical warfare of today—produces, as between the opposed masses of common soldiers, anything that can be properly so called.

Among those who, over the parapets, watch the stars through the long night hours there must even be many who would indorse the immortal words of Edith Cavell: "Facing eternity, I must hate no man."

That shooting is a most popular sport among the foreign residents of Shanghai is shown by the fact that, out of a total foreign population of about 15,000, there are seven shooting clubs with 754 members.

Women are to be employed as tramcar conductors in Bradford, England. Wages and hours will be the same as for men. In the city of Sheffield, England, it is reported that there are already 250 women car conductors out of a total of 520 employed.

Swedish business men are apparently working hard to take advantage of war conditions for establishing themselves firmly in Russia. A Swedish chamber of commerce and a newspaper printed in Swedish will be started soon in Petrograd.

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## All in a Twinkling

A lady who had just received an interesting bit of news said to her little daughter: "Marjorie, dear, auntie has a new baby, and now mamma is the baby's aunt, papa is the baby's uncle, and you are her little cousin."

"Well," said Marjorie, wondering, "wasn't that arranged quick?"—Boston Transcript.



## Gautemala, A Land of Opportunity

Gautemala is often spoken of as the land of eternal spring. But few who have not had the privilege of travelling in this fair land realize that it stands today as the land of opportunity as well.

Here, on all sides, you see mountains, verdure-clad the year round, and in harmonious alignment the peaks of volcanoes reaching up into the clouds. Skies are always blue. In the highlands wheat grows abundantly, and in the great plains below nature has provided fodder for thousands upon thousands of cattle.

### The Land of the Future

In the northern part of the country there is a province which is one vast plain, covering an area of more than 14,700 square miles, traversed by a river which could easily be made navigable, and covered entirely with the densest forest of mahogany and chicle trees and all kinds of precious woods. To the south of it lies Izabal, with a lagoon that is connected with the sea by a broad river. This lagoon, with a multitude of natural harbors, can be made into a bay as large and as safe as that of San Francisco or of New York. From there a railway could easily be constructed to tap an area of those forests of precious woods. The Rio Dulce—the river by which the lagoon of Izabal empties into the Atlantic—is of wonderful beauty, placid and fantastic like the dream of "A Thousand and One Nights."

In the center of the country is Lake Panajache, the site of the ancient capital of one of the prehistoric and historic realms of natives whose towns were built upon those narrow promontories that extend far out into the lake. This lake lies at the foot of enormous mountains which surround it on all sides, suddenly raised, it would seem, by volcanic action; thirteen villages cluster around it and four majestic volcanoes look down into its waters. The panorama which this lake

affords, especially toward sunset, has been pronounced by tourists one of the grandest vistas to be seen anywhere on the globe.

### Antigua the Beautiful

Antigua, the former capital of Guatemala, the site of which was chosen by the Spanish conquerors for its natural beauties, lies at the foot of the two volcanoes. It is a paradise of trees and flowers, with a glorious climate, neither hot nor cold, where the northern tourist would find whatever his heart desired and where he could escape the trying summer months as well as the hard winters of his native land.

Throughout the country, from the hot lowlands to the tempered highlands and up to the frigid altitudes, there grows a great variety of fruits, the range of which is hard to realize, even for Californians. There are oranges, peaches, apples, apricots, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, coconuts, mangoes and pineapples, and many other fruits known under their picturesque native names, and a hundred more—all brilliant in coloring and exquisite in flavor—which turn the whole country into an immense Garden of Eden.

### Gold and Silver Mines

The subsoil contains precious metals. There are gold and silver mines which in colonial times were a source of great revenue to Spain, the mother country, but which ceased to be worked when laws were passed enforcing the humane treatment of the Indians, who had constituted the principal equipment of the mining industry. There are also copper and lead mines, marble quarries, lignite deposits, and, according to the surveys just completed, petroleum deposits. A number of rivers contain alluvial gold, and placer mining is at present carried on.

The country, which has only an area of 45,000 square miles and 2,200,000 inhabitants, is traversed by 496 miles of railroads, in-

cluding a line from ocean to ocean, and by more than 3,000 miles of telegraph lines.

### 2,000 Public Schools

There are some 2,000 public schools, a university for the study of the liberal professions, an academy of aviation and a magnificent wireless telegraph station. The country has ports on both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Its native population is industrious and peaceable and honest, and its white population hard working and progressive, while the society of its cities and towns and that scattered throughout the country on the large estates is distinguished by European culture and refinement, as well as by its Latin ideals, a strong attachment to their native land and an equally strong faith in the future of this land.

### Many Staple Crops

Among the principal products of this wonderful country whose resources are so prodigious there are several of fundamental necessity for human existence—wheat, which was introduced from Europe, grows to perfection, and corn, which, according to native tradition, was first cultivated by the founders of that Maya civilization, the most advanced in the Americas prior to the discovery of the continent, and which had its principal seat in the territory of Gautemala, from Copan to Palenque, in Chiapas and Yucatan, covering most of the area of the modern Republic of Gautemala, and whose ruins, found in Peten, Quirigua and Chacala, bear the stamp of all the grandeur to which civilization had risen. Other products are sugar cane, which is cultivated over an area of about 80 square miles, beans, of which there are 1,235,000 plants, potatoes and rice. To these products, grown on a large scale, there is to be added the banana, that delicious tropical fruit of which Gautemala possesses 35,000,000 plants, and, further, as products eminently peculiar to Gautemala, with a quality distinctively belonging to that wonderful country, cocoa, of universal fame, of which more than 18,000,000 trees are now under cultivation, and coffee, with more than 300,000,000 trees.

### Best Coffee in the World

Gautemala's coffee has been awarded at the San Francisco Exposition the appellation of the "Premier Coffee of the World," while both its cocoa and bananas were awarded the Grand Prix. Such are the general outlines of the nature of this country, which is only distant three days' steaming from New Orleans. Who will say after this description, that they are not right in claiming that it not only deserves the name of the "Land of Eternal Spring," which has been given it, but, above all, that of the "Land of the Future?"

### His Gratitude

There is a certain little fellow into whose heart his mother has been for some time striving to instill the sentiment of generosity which, to her regret, did not appear to be naturally present. The son of a poor family of the neighborhood she had particularly commended to her boy's consideration. The other day he came in with a beaming face.

"You know Tom, that poor boy?" he said eagerly. "Well, I gave him half that box of candy you gave me!"

"You are mamma's own sweet little man!" the fond mother approved. "Was he grateful?"

"Oh, he 'preciated it all right," the little fellow assured her. "He let me lick him when two other kids could see, and tomorrow he's goin' to come round by the school and let me lick him right in front of everybody. For the other half of the box!"

## SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMITTEES

The regular monthly meeting of the Social Service Council of Vancouver was held on Thursday evening last in the parish hall, Richards street, the president, Rev. R. F. Stillman, in the chair. It was decided to divide the work of the council into departments, a committee to be placed in charge of each department and to submit a written report to the board at least every three months.

The departments are as follows: Legislation and law enforcement; immigration, employment and relief; housing, health and sanitation; liquor traffic; recreation and amusement; gambling and social evil; child welfare; education and literature; membership and finance. The selection of a police court and prison committee was referred to the nominating committee to report on at the next meeting which will be held on Thursday evening, February 10th.

## CONSIDERS IRISH BRILLIANT RACE

Professor Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, in his "Old World in the New," indulges in the following observations on the Irish characteristics and their contributions to the social life of the New World. Along with their courage and their loyalty, the Irish did not bring the economic virtues. Charity visitors know that the Irish are often as openhanded and improvident as the Bedouins. They are free givers, and no people are more ready to take into the family the orphans of their relatives. The Irish are near the foot in the list of crime.

### Loyalty to Family Ties

No immigrant is more loyal to wife and child than the Irishman. As compared with their immigrant fathers, the proportion of laborers among the sons of Irishmen is halved, while that of professional men and salesmen is doubled, and that of clerks, copyists and book-keepers is trebled. There is no drift into agriculture or into mercantile pursuits.

### Make Good Executives

So far the strength of the Irish has been in personal relations. They shine in the forum in executive work, in public guardianship, and in public transportation, but not in the more monotonous branches of manufacture. In the colleges it has been noted that the students of Irish blood are strong for theology and the law, but show little taste for medicine, engineering, or technology. No doubt the peaks of Celtic superiority are poetry and eloquence. Their gifts of emotion and imagination give the Irish the key to human hearts. The Irish give us good salesmen and successful traveling men. Then, too, they know how to manage people. The Irish contractor is a great figure in construction work. The Irish mine "boss" or section foreman has the knack of handling men.

The Irish are well to the fore in organizing labor and in leading athletics. Whatever is in the Irish mind is available on the instant. The Irishman rarely attains the thorough knowledge of the German physician; but he makes his mark as a surgeon, because he is quick to perceive and to decide when the knife discloses a grave unsuspected condition. As a soldier he is better in charge than defense, and if held back he frets himself to exhaustion. The lodge meeting of a delicacy of feeling. The word "Hibernian" benevolent association is a revelation of kindness and "brilliant" is oftener used for the Irish than for any other aliens among us save the Hebrews.

The Kaiser's villa in Corfu is to be used by Serbian convalescents.

## Too Changeable

First Recruit: "What do you think of the Major, Bill?"

Second Recruit: "He's a changeable kind o' bloke. Last night I says to 'im: 'Oo goes there?' And he says: 'Friend!' An' to-day 'e 'ardly knows me."

## Why He Disliked War

Mrs. Kowler—I'm glad to hear you say you wish the war was over, Bobby. It's a very cruel business.

Bobby—'Tain't that. War makes history, and there's more of that already than I can ever learn.—Boston Transcript.

## Handsome as Handsome Does

First Girl—So you have decided to take French instead of German. Is that on account of war prejudice?

Second Girl—Oh, no! Our French professor is much handsomer than our German professor.

## Easy Enough

There were twin boys in the Murphy family. At six months of age they were as much alike as two peas. Neighbors often wondered how Mrs. Murphy knew them apart. One day Mrs. O'Flaherty said to her: "Fine pair of boys you've got, Mrs. Murphy; but how do you ever tell them apart?"

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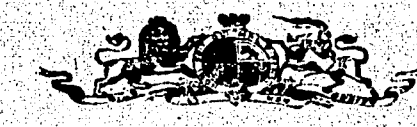
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Dated July 24th, 1915.

AGNES L. CLARK,  
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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.

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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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## SOUTH VANCOUVER

Queen Mary Review, No. 22 Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees will hold a whist drive in the Oddfellows' Hall, 30th and Main streets, on February 2 at 8 p. m.

A Valentine dance by the different reviews of the Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees throughout the city will be held in the new Eagles' Hall on February 14th, dancing from 9 to 12.

The Maple Leaf Charter, Order of Eastern Star, held a whist drive and dance in the Oddfellows' Hall, Thirtieth and Main Street, on Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday afternoon the Rev. G. F. C. Caffin and Mrs. Caffin, of St. Peter's church, were "at home" to members and friends of the church at their residence, 178 39th avenue west.

An important meeting of the Central South Vancouver Red Cross Society will be held in the rooms of the society at the corner of Thirty-fifth avenue and Victoria Drive this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Speeches will be delivered by Mrs. Ralph Smith and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and it is expected that some returned soldiers will be present to relate their experiences. It is also expected that a number of solos will be rendered by soldiers. The object of the meeting is to arouse interest in the Red Cross work as more helpers are required to carry on the work.

After being "tied up" on the orders of the last council for the past five weeks the municipal automobile is again to be put to use.

The home of Mr. Edward Jackson, 145 62nd avenue west, a pretty five-room bungalow, was considerably damaged by fire on Monday night, the cause being an overheated stove. Stations 3 and 5 were called out and prevented the complete destruction of the home. The damage will be about \$200.

In striking contrast to any of last year's council meetings the business of the municipal council was concluded in such an expeditious manner that the motion to adjourn was passed before 9.30 o'clock, about two hours earlier than any of the meetings under the last council. There was quite a large attendance of ratepayers, but no disturbance occurred.

The following recruiting letter was publicly read as requested by the writer at the council meeting on Tuesday evening: "There are 150 situations vacant and it is desired by the employer that these situations be filled at once. The conditions are as follows: Wages, \$1.10 per day and if married \$20 per month extra. Free board and lodgings will be provided, clothing, doctor's and dentist's bills will be paid and free transportation to Europe and possibly Egypt and Palestine, will be guaranteed. Applicants must not be less than five feet two inches in height and be physically fit. Fur-

ther information may be obtained at the Conservative Club, Cedar Cottage; Mr. Lewington's office, Fraser street and Forty-seventh avenue, and at the 121st Battalion recruiting office, Twenty-Fifth Avenue and Main St. The letter was signed by Sergt. F. Sumpter.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of ex-Councillor Allen on Friday last, when the staff of the sewer construction force gathered to express their appreciation of Mr. Allen's work as chairman of the sewer board since the inception of that work. The ex-councillor was the recipient of a beautiful diamond stick pin.

In making the presentation on behalf of the staff, Councillor Russell showed that despite all the criticisms to which the chairman of the sewer board had been subjected, the general opinion was that his services were much appreciated and that he deserved the heartiest thanks of the ratepayers of South Vancouver. Mr. Allen replied with an appropriate speech expressing his appreciation of the thoughtfulness. Among those present were Mr. Cosmo Bruce, Engineer Bennet, Engineer Whittaker, and Messrs. McGibbin, Clark, Morley and Thompson.

Pte. Palmer, late captain of No. 5 fire station in South Vancouver, now in Hounslow Camp, London, writes to Chief Lester, acknowledging the receipt of gifts from his old team mates on the force. He was pleased with the gift, but especially pleased to be remembered. He says in part: "We put in a good Christmas, but missed the old home and friends in Canada—the best old land of all. We are drilling hard. No pioneer work, but the hardest kind of work, with bayonet exercise as a feature. I think they imagine we are too husky a bunch to put building railroads. I can't see the people here are any ahead of us. And say, if they think they have anything on the South Vancouver fire department they ought to forget it. If London was wooden, like Vancouver, she'd be burned up once a week. They haven't got the speed. London is full of wounded, many of them Australians, a fine bunch of boys. The people here are good to we Canucks. We miss Canada and the dear ones, but when we remember the cause and the need of the Empire for men, we are glad we are in khaki.

Suggesting that the heavy bill for street lighting might be reduced by having the lights turned out at midnight instead of 1 a.m., a communication from Mr. E. M. Toon, secretary of the Central Ratepayers' Executive, was read at the meeting of the Fire and Light Committee on Friday last. Clerk Springford explained, however, that the municipality had a contract with the B. C. Electric Company and he did not think that a change could be made at present.

Councillor James halted the business of the sewer committee on Friday afternoon to utter a strong protest against the board of works and the sewer committee being under one chairman, Councillor Russell. Coun. James claimed that he was just as capable as Coun. Russell of handling the business of either committee, and said he felt he had a real grievance at being appointed chairman of the parks committee, which he declared to be a "sinecure."

Engineer Bennett reported to the water committee on Friday last that a considerable increase in the water consumption had been noted during the last two weeks.

The guile of a Chinaman was revealed to the health committee on Friday when the story of a teamster's bill to the garbage department for \$5 was told. It appears that the police had occasion to destroy a horse belonging to a Chinaman who was told to have the carcass removed to the incinerator. The Chinaman contracted with a teamster to haul the carcass for \$3.50, but on arrival at the incinerator a fee for \$3.40 was demanded for the destruction of the animal. The money was paid by the teamster, leaving him only 10 cents for his hauling contract. The Chinaman's refusal to pay the fee caused the teamster to send in a bill to the municipal garbage department. The health committee, however, refused to consider the claim and left it to the teamster to screw the amount out of "John."

Miss Mabel Balfour, of East Collingwood, is able to be about again after her month's illness.

The Collingwood and Central Park branch of the Red Cross Society held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Johnston, Royal Oak, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. They are arranging for a lecture to be given on Thursday, February 3, in Carleton Hall, Collingwood E. The illustrated subject, "Tropical Life in Central Africa," is being given by Mr. Herbert Lister, F. R. G. S.

West Collingwood people will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Atkins, wife of Sergt. W. Atkins, who is at present serving with the troops overseas. Mrs. Atkins died suddenly while on a visit to some friends in New Westminster. The deceased lady was very popular in the Collingwood district and was a prominent member of the Daughters of the Empire. Her husband previous to enlisting was employed at the city hall getting out the assessment roll of Hastings Townsite.

The death occurred on Sunday evening of Mr. Robert Barker, of Collingwood East. He was a native of Lancashire, England, coming to the United States in 1881, and to Vancouver in 1886.

Old-timers remember him as one of the principal contracting plasterers in early days, having done the work on the St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Congregational churches at the corner of Georgia and Richards streets, and the B. C. Permanent building on Pender street.

He was a staunch Liberal and took a lively interest in public questions, having been a school trustee in South Vancouver for several terms, and was one of the original office bearers in the Congregational church.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, two sons, Chas. H. Barker, who is now in England, F. L. Barker, of Kitsilano, and three daughters, Mrs. J. D. Turnbull, Mount Pleasant, Mrs. H. W. Harper, of Cardero street, and Mrs. L. Christie of Cloverdale.

The funeral was held from Armstrong & Hotson's undertaking parlors, Dunlevy avenue, to Mountain View Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Unsworth officiating.

Round Collingwood there is profound regret for the death of Mr. Barker. His conduct as school trustee was marked by absolute rectitude. His heart was in the work, his interest in all good movements was keen and his beautiful garden with tall poplars and his home replete with simple comforts, was an evidence of his taste and his constant industry. He was 74 years of age and his whole life had been one of earnest endeavor.

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At the exercises in Mackenzie school last week, Principal Clark read a short history of Beethoven and his work. This was illustrated with selections of the author's music played by Dorothea Bennett, in excellent style.

## Mt. Pleasant

### Scottish Concert on Tuesday

One of the best concerts held for a long time was that given in Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian school room on Tuesday night, in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Robbie Burns, Scotland's favorite poet. The school hall was filled with a most appreciative audience, and the various numbers were so thoroughly enjoyed that repeat orders were demanded. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, the popular pastor, occupied the chair, and injected some of his original Irish humor into the proceedings between the numbers. His efforts to put the audience in good humour were certainly most successful. The various items were as follows:

Solo, "There's a Land," Mr. Fitzgerald; solo, "The Blue Bells of Scotland," Miss M. McLennan; solo, "O' a' the Airts," Private Hall; reading, selected, Miss J. M. Robertson; solo, "The Old Countree," Miss Craigen; violin selections (Scottish) Mr. A. F. Lawson; solo, "The Spinning Wheel," Miss G. Lawrence; song, "The Wee Hoose 'Mang the Heather," Pte. W. C. Paterson; solo, "The Auld Scotch Sings," Miss Craigen; solo, selected, Mr. Fitzgerald; song, "Sister Susie, Pte. Paterson; song, "The Hundred Pipers," Miss McLennan; reading, selected, Mr. Wm. Crann; solo, "Mary," Pte. Hall; violin selections, Mr. Lawson; solo, "Angus McDonald," Miss G. Lawrence. The entertainment closed with Auld Lang Syne, and was voted one of the best heard on the hill for some time. Much of the success of the entertainment is due to the untiring efforts of Miss Robertson, the new president of the Young People's Society, under whose auspices the entertainment was held.