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SLOW ADVANCE OF ALLIES CONTINUES

JAPAN'S HELP NOT SOUGHT IN EUROPE

France and Russia May Favor Proposal but Britain is Silent

DIFFICULT POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED

Partisans in Tokio Support Plan and Ask Assistance of Count Okuma

Tokio, Dec. 31.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement: "Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."

It is learned from other sources here that France and probably Russia are favorable to the project of sending Japanese troops to Europe, but that Great Britain hesitates to ask for Japan's help. The financial phase of the matter, it is stated, could be arranged but the economic and political questions involved are difficult.

Meantime frequent meetings are called in Tokio by partisans of the project to awaken public enthusiasm in this direction and there is an active discussion in the newspapers supporting the plan to dispatch volunteers. It is stated that the assistance of Count Okuma, the premier, has been solicited by supporters of the project.

Paris, Dec. 30.—In its regular nightly review of the diplomatic situation, the Temps writes of the Japanese question. Beginning its editorial with a quotation from the Russky Slovo to the effect that the allies can win without the aid of the Japanese, it says: "To end the struggle more quickly we ought to be deterred by no false armistice proposal or chimerical hope from utilizing every available weapon."

The Temps reports from the Lokal Anzeiger—the response of the German army chiefstains to the journal's reference to this sentiment, and says that French opinion is practically unanimously in favor of the Japanese proposal.

The writer concludes with an appeal to the allied diplomatists to consider the question immediately in order to settle details, so that the Japanese, if invited to send troops, might do so before this assistance is superfluous.

The majority, in plous hope, appeal to the Teutonic deity, but General von Kluck and the crown prince telegraphed the words: "Stick to it."

The Temps comments briefly: "The note of modest piety and the exhortations to endurance are in marked contrast to the exultant echo of Blicher's war cry, 'Forward!'"

M. Stephen Pichon, formerly foreign minister, who is a strong advocate of bringing Japanese troops to the west, accepts the estimate of Col. Repington, "The military critic of the London Times, that Germany is able to put forward no additional men in the field."

"There must be no illusion," he says, "Germany will pay the last man and the last coin to escape the fate to which she must succumb. She will not capitulate before she is absolutely obliged to do so. No one can forecast the length of the war, and it would be the height of imprudence to allow the country and the armies to believe that it will terminate soon."

Mr. Pichon uses this as a further argument in favor of Japanese cooperation.

M. Clemenceau in his paper L'Humanite, devotes two columns to proving the fitness of Japanese troops for this purpose.

SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION TO BE OPENED TO-NIGHT
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Panama-California exposition, San Diego's twelve-month celebration of the completion of the Panama canal, will be opened at midnight to-night, when President Wilson, in Washington, will press an electric button that will turn on the lights in the buildings and grounds.

Preceding the formal opening will be the dedication of a music pavilion and mammoth pipe organ presented to the exposition and city by John D. Spreckels.

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, will represent President Wilson in to-night's ceremonies. Count Del Valle de Salazar will represent the king of Spain.

STAMP TAX EXCEPTED.
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A stamp tax, it is expected, will be contained in the war budget to be presented when parliament meets.

Austria Decides to Leave Serbia Alone Has Her Own Troubles to Take Care Of

Rome, Dec. 30.—General Konrad von Hotzendorff, Austrian chief of the general staff, and Archduke Frederick, have declared that no further operations will be undertaken against the Servians, so as not to divert forces from the north, despite the demands of the clerical Austrian press for revenge.

Up to the end of November Austria-Hungary operated at first three and then eight full army corps against Serbia, comprising with cavalry, first 150,000 and then 400,000 men. Serbia has been able to muster at one time no more than 200,000 men.

Not An Austrian Remains in Serbia.

About December 1 Austria transferred five corps to aid in the German-Austrian campaign in Poland and the Austrian campaign in Galicia. From that time on the success of the Servians was constant and overwhelming, until not an Austrian remained at large in Serbia, and King Peter on December 16 re-entered in triumph the former capital, Belgrade, while a Serbian army still remained in force in Bosnia.

ALEXANDER OF SERBIA TELLS OF VICTORIES

Crown Prince Proudly Announces Enemy is Driven Over the Border

Paris, Dec. 31.—An address delivered by Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, commander-in-chief of the Serbian army, to his troops, is given in a dispatch to the Havas agency.

"Five months have passed since the enemy attacked our beloved country," said the crown prince. "Although we had been tried by two glorious but difficult wars, we awaited the attack manfully and heroically. After having defeated the enemy once at Tser and Jadar, we have by bloody and glorious combats delivered a blow harder than any they have inflicted on us up to the present. Thousands of prisoners, hundreds of cannon and immense amounts of booty which we have captured, bear witness to the enemy's defeat and our glory."

"Soldiers, I am proud to announce that no one of the enemy is now on Serbian soil. We have expelled him and put him to flight. In this solemn moment when upon our proud Belgrade the flag of Serbia flies, I desire before all to give recognition to your valor."

The prince then eulogized his men, comparing them with the ancient heroes who brought glory to Serbian arms.

"The end of this gigantic combat is now in sight, although not yet achieved," he continued. "Then will come a peace worthy crowned with victories for our grand Serbia. Our country will be greater, more powerful and happier than ever. For that my heroes, Serbia will be grateful to you."

FRANCIS JOSEPH SAYS WAR FORCED UPON HIM

Issues New Year's Rescript to Austro-Hungarian Army and Navy.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph has issued a new year's rescript addressed to the Austro-Hungarian army and navy, which reads as follows: "During five months of the departing year the monarchy has faced numerous and powerful enemies in a war which was forced upon us and our faithful allies."

"The proven steadfastness of the fighting qualities and the heroic bravery of my army and navy gives me confidence that in the new year of the war Austro-Hungarian warriors on land and sea will emerge with honor from the very severe trials which, for the welfare of the fatherland the war may impose on their military qualities."

"In grateful gratitude I remember those who, on the blood-drenched battlefields have sacrificed their lives for our just cause. With the sincerest prayer that with God's help the new year may see them led to victory, I salute all my brave men."

CANADIAN PRIVATE DEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The militia department reports the death of Private George Basil Ewens, 5th battalion, at Bulford Manor hospital, of bronchial pneumonia. J. M. Ewens, of Bethany, Manitoba, is next of kin.

WESTERN ADVANCE WAITS NEW ARMY

Observers Believe Allies Do Not Intend Determined Forward Movement Yet

CAPTURE OF LABASSE IS FIRST NECESSARY

Other States Expected Soon to Join in the Fight

London, Dec. 31.—There are increasing indications, in the opinion of British observers, of events on the continent, that a direct allied advance against the whole German line in the western arena of the war will be postponed until such time as larger contingents of Lord Kitchener's new army take the field. The losses of the allies sustained up to the present time in the tentative thrusts here and there have been heavy in proportion to the gains achieved, and it is understood that the various leaders unite in the opinion that the sacrifices entailed by a general advance at this time would be too great.

The turn of events in the eastern theatre of hostilities, where Russian forces have to be more than holding their own, necessitates nevertheless continued hard pressure against the German lines in the west to prevent them from moving any more of their troops to the eastern field.

To the west, the town of Labasse, still held by the Germans, is proving to be one of the hardest problems the allied forces have to solve. The invaders have thrown up, exceptionally strong earthworks around Labasse, and have two army corps quartered in the city. To take this stronghold by direct assault would mean a terrible loss of life, but its taking is essential to any concerted move forward in order to afford protection to the communications of the allies.

All the news reaching London from the eastern field leads to confirm the rout of the forces of Austria, which now appear to be endeavoring to make their way laboriously back over the Carpathians.

There are indications in London that the continental political situation which involves Greece, Italy, Rumania and Portugal, is developing day by day. Even the participation in the war of at least some of these states soon will become a reality, according to the view of certain of the British commentators on the situation. Among the factors contributing to the situation is Italy's occupation of Avlona, and the reported racial unrest in Austria-Hungary, where the Roumanian subjects of Emperor Francis Joseph are said to be on the point of rebellion as well as Germany's continued aggression in Anglia, the Portuguese possession in Western Africa.

The German air raid on the channel port of Dunkirk in France gives basis for the belief that visits of this kind will be more frequent from now on.

It would appear that the British raid on Cuxhaven aroused in the Germans a spirit of retaliation. England, judging from the expressions appearing in the papers, is just as anxious to deliver blow for blow in this respect.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE BOMBARDING POLA

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—A private dispatch received here from Berlin says more than thirty French and British warships are at present engaged in bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Rouigno, about fifteen miles away.

There is reason to expect naval aggression on the part of the allies at Pola. Recent reports have indicated activity in this field. Several days ago a French submarine went into the harbor of Pola, but did not return. A dispatch received in London last night described how another submarine had been successful in torpedoing the Austrian Dreadnaught Viribus Unitis, and other messages have indicated that an Anglo-French attack would not come as a surprise.

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French Are Preparing For Attack in Alsace-Lorraine Vital German Spot Menaced

Paris, Dec. 30.—The most intense interest is felt here over the development of the French invasion of Lorraine and Alsace. It is neither permissible nor ethical to reveal all that is known of the operations in the provinces so ardently desired by the people of France. All that can be said is that great events are imminent. Unwilling to publish a single phrase which might mislead or disappoint the people, the government has taken an ultra-conservative view of the steady advance of the French troops toward the Rhine. There is no doubt, however, that great expectations are on the verge of being realized. Germany is menaced in a vital spot. Relaxation of activities in the west has resulted in great advantages to the advance in the east.

Germans Aware of Danger Threatening.

The German official report on Tuesday contained a plain hint that the French are massing troops for a great effort in Upper Alsace. Apparently there is news of a similar import in Paris, but this cannot pass the censors. It seems probable that General Joffre has diverted large forces from Flanders and Northern France for the purpose of striking a hard blow on the east.

UNITED STATES WALKS ON DELICATE GROUND

Towner Thinks So, and Wants Power to Stop War Exports Given President

Washington, Dec. 31.—Congressional action to vest the president with power to prohibit export of war supplies was urged before the house foreign affairs committee to-day by Representative Towner of Iowa.

"The question of neutrality is not the only question involved here," he said. "The question of self-defence is the paramount one. It can no longer be held that there is no possibility of this country going to war or being involved in European entanglements. It can no longer be said, since the proclamation or ultimatum or whatever it may be called by Great Britain, that we are not on delicate ground. No man can say when, after this congress adjourns on March 4, not to convene again until next December, the president may find it necessary to prevent the exportation of arms in order that war supplies from this country may not fall into the hands of an enemy or a potential enemy."

Representative Towner proposed a general bill to empower the president to forbid export of arms and munitions to countries at war, or where civil war is rife.

RELATIVES DESIRE MORE SEARCHING INQUIRY

Verdict at Fort Erie Inquest Not Acceptable and Called Ridiculous.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Relatives of Walter Smith, killed by Canadian militiamen at Fort Erie, are not satisfied with the coroner's jury verdict of accidental shooting and through their attorney have taken steps to bring about a more thorough investigation through the state department. Further evidence, it was announced, will be taken before Vice-Consul Curtis at Fort Erie within a day or two, and this report will be filed with state department officials at Washington.

The following telegram was sent to-day to Congressman Charles H. Smith by the attorneys for the Smith family: "The testimony of witnesses Smith-Dorsch matter yesterday, shows that civil officer neither called, signalled or attempted arrest before calling upon soldiers; that repeated volleys were fired after men had thrown up their hands and told the officer they were coming to shore; that soldiers fired the shots that killed after civil officers had told them to cease, and in no event to hit; that on account of repeated volleys from soldiers in the face of the offer to surrender, men endeavored to get out of range, but were immediately shot, one fatally and the other possibly so. Soldiers admit firing without taking aim or sighting gun."

"Verdict of coroner's jury of accidental shooting ridiculous. Have no hesitancy in crowding case. It was reckless, inhuman and outright manslaughter. We will take witnesses before American consul in a day or so and forward further evidence to you."

Although the verdict released the three militiamen as civilians, they are still detained awaiting the official release from the military authorities.

ARTILLERY BATTLES FURTHER ADVANCES

Battlefield Was Comparatively Calm Yesterday From Sea to the Aisne

SECOND DEFENCE LINE POSITIONS ARE TAKEN

French Take Half Village of Steinbach and Get Montmart Trenches

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon relates a continuance of artillery exchanges with the enemy and further advances, measured by yards of French soldiers at various points on the line of battle. Counter attacks of the enemy were driven back, and in Alsace a certain village is held half by German and half by French troops. The fighting here has been from house to house and it continues to-day.

The text of the communication follows: "From the sea as far as the Aisne, yesterday passed with relative calm. There were artillery exchanges at some points of the front. In Champagne, to the west of the Aiger farm, which is north of Sillery, in the sector of Rheims, the enemy during the night blew up two of our trenches and then delivered against these positions an attack which our men repulsed."

"To the north of Meuil-les-Hurles, we occupied certain positions on the enemy's second line of defence, in this region, at a point to the north of the farm of Beausjour we also occupied some trenches. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but he was driven back. We then resumed the offensive and we were successful in gaining some more ground."

"In this zone and farther to the east, certain German forces which were advancing to deliver a counter attack against us, were brought under the fire of our artillery and dispersed."

"In the Argonne, in the vicinity of Fontaine Madama, we exploded a mine and occupied the resultant excavation. This gave us a slight advance."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, in the region of the forest of Montmart, about 150 yards of German trenches fell into our hands."

"In Upper Alsace French troops have entered the village of Steinbach and have occupied, with house-to-house fighting, one-half of the community."

German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon read as follows: "In the western arena of the war yesterday passed comparatively quietly on the coast. The enemy directed his fire on Westende and destroyed parts of certain houses there, but without causing any military damage."

"South of Rheims strong French attacks north of Camp Chaumont were everywhere repulsed."

"In the Western Argonne region we gained considerable ground, capturing several trenches and taking 250 prisoners. French attempts to attack in the region of Flirey, north of Toul, failed."

"In Upper Alsace, in the region to the west of Sennheim, all the French attacks broke down under the fire of our artillery."

"The enemy's artillery systematically destroyed houses after house in the village of Steinbach (Alsace), which is in our possession. Our losses are slight."

"It is reported from the eastern war arena that the situation in East Prussia and Poland, to the north of the Vistula river, remains unchanged."

"East of Bzura river the battles continue. In the Rawka district our offensive has made progress. On the eastern bank of the Pilica the situation remains unchanged."

BRITISH FLAG FLIES OVER BOURGAINVILLE

Melbourne, Dec. 31.—British force have occupied Bourgainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands. It was announced here to-day that the British flag had been hoisted over the island on December 9.

The Solomon Islands lie to the southeast of the Bismarck archipelago. On September 11, the British Pacific fleet occupied Herbertshohe, the seat of government of Bismarck archipelago and of those members of the Solomon group under German control, including Bourgainville. Several of the Solomon Islands are British possessions, but Bourgainville since 1899 has been held by Germany. This island is nearly 140 miles long.

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

HAD CHRISTMAS TRUCE TALKED WITH GERMANS

News of Remarkable Incident Sent by Officer of Queen's Westminsters

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News publishes a letter from an officer in the Queen's Westminsters describing the extraordinary Christmas truce.

"I really must tell you about the funniest and most amusing Christmas I ever spent," says the officer. "As you know, the official armistice did not come off, but the men made one of their own.

"I told you that our section was billeted on fatigue duty. Well, on Christmas Eve we carried wood up to the firing line from dark until 1 o'clock in the morning. All the time there was singing, cheering and trumpet calls on both lines, and the Germans had lights all along their front. We were walking with our wood in the bright moonlight, but not a shot was fired at us all the time.

"Next day would have made a good chapter in Dickens' Christmas Carols. It was indeed a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. Many of our men walked out and met the Germans between the lines. I went over in the afternoon, and was photographed in a group of English and Germans mixed. We exchanged souvenirs. I got a German ribbon and a photograph of the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The Germans' positions were awfully decent. 'Tut-tut,' says the officer, 'respectable-looking men. I had quite a decent talk with three or four, and have two names and addresses in my notebook.

"It was the strangest scene you could imagine, going out unarmed to meet our enemy, also unarmed. After our talk, I really think a lot of our newspaper reports must be horribly exaggerated. Of course, these men were Saxons—not Prussians."

ADVANCES ONLY SHORT BUT POSITION SECURE

Recital From Paris Bureau Tells of Army Movements in France

Paris, Dec. 30.—Referring to events of the war in France during the nine days, December 16 to 24, an official recital continues:

"On four occasions we blew up some German mines, demolished machine guns and concealed shelters, and captured side ammunition and other material. Ours was the moral superiority, incontestably. Many advances, notable to the defensive than the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the artillery of the enemy.

"On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 18th and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th and one blown up; a battery damaged on the 22nd to the northeast of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Bethincourt.

"Infantry attacks developed, especially in the region of Bourguilleux and Vauquois, near Oulisy, in the woods of Forges, and in the woods of Comteville. At Bourguilleux the terrain was warmly disputed. We entered the village, were obliged to abandon it and then retook it. On the outskirts of Vauquois we progressed first 100 metres, then 400. We advanced likewise into the woods of Malancourt on the 20th and made progress on the 21st in the region of Bethincourt, and on the 22nd of Forges (December 21, 22, 23) with a gain of from 200 to 300 metres in these days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Comteville, where, in spite of a violent bombardment and of counter-attacks, we maintained the conquered position.

"In the woods of Chevrières, finally, we gained 100 metres and took some prisoners; remarkable for their sordid dirtiness. They were covered from head to foot with a mass of vermin.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the action has been less keen than upon the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont and in the woods of Preire. We succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woevre district and in the forest of Apremont on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 21st and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station at Arneville on the 18th and 22nd.

"In the Vosges we gained 250 metres in the Le Ban de Sapt, and maintained at every point our gains of the preceding week. Near Creux our advance posts have been established within 1,500 metres of the city.

"In aerial warfare, in spite of extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the letters on the night of the 11th dropped fifteen bombs upon the railroad station at Sarrebourg, six upon that of Bettleich, five shells and a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station at Heining. The damage done was important, and was accounted by German newspapers.

"On several occasions, on the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, our aviators engaged in chase to some German machines, obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to earth. On another occasion, near Arras, an aviator was put to flight by twenty carbine shots.

"On another occasion, one of our officers was wounded by an airplane which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German aeroplane was badly damaged by a fusillade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere some of our aviators on the 18th successfully dropped bombs and arrows upon the enemy's trenches; upon a concentration of troops on the 18th and 19th; upon railroad stations and trains on the 20th and 21st; upon a capital battery on the 21st; upon the port of Strasbourg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot at Dieuse on the 22nd.

"Prince Alexander of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated upon the Belgian coast with the British aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battleships and in surveying the sea for the enemy's submarines."

SALANDRA DECORATED BY VICTOR EMMANUEL

Rome, Dec. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel has decorated Prince Salandra with the order of the announced, the highest Italian decoration which entitles the bearer to call himself a cousin of the king.

The king decorated the premier during the ceremony of baptism of the newly-born Princess Maria. He spoke warmly of the services rendered to the state by the premier.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENT.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The appointment of Grant Hall as vice-president and general manager at Winnipeg of C. P. R. lines west of Fort Arthur, reporting to George Bury, who has been elected vice-president of the company with headquarters at Montreal, was announced to-day by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

BRITISH AND FRENCH PRUSSIAN BEATEN BY

Story of Desperate Battle Near Ypres; Germans Lost Six Regiments

London, Dec. 30.—From a British officer at the battle-front comes the thrilling story of a desperate battle near Ypres, where British and French almost annihilated six regiments of Germans. He says:

"Bearing a message from our commander to the general leading the troops in the region of Ypres, I reached his headquarters at noon. The headquarters are in the open in a beet field between two enormous stacks of straw. One hundred feet away a tottering farmhouse wall serves as shelter to my car. Accompanied by an officer of the Royal Service Corps, I crawl on all fours to another strawstack 300 yards off, from which I am told the impending battle can be seen.

"On top of the stack an English battery commander, speaking trumpet and glasses in hand, is directing the service of six field pieces. The trumpet is a necessity, for shells are bursting 200 yards from the battery and the noise is deafening.

"The Germans are slowly groping for the range, and in a few moments we shall have to seek another shelter and the captain will be forced to move his battery.

"High in the air three of the enemy's air scouts are circling directly over the battery, watching the effect of the shells. One suddenly rushes off toward the east.

"That fellow has gone off to tell his friends that they are about 200 yards off the range," my companion says.

"Better move," the battery captain has also guessed the air scout's errand. In an instant the horses spring forward, are hitched, and the six cannon are moved 300 yards to the left.

We follow. The manoeuvre executed with clocklike precision, has taken six minutes. Six more and the guns are firing again.

"A belch of flame far on our right, a peal of thunder, and the stack, our former shelter, is scattered to the four winds. The Germans have found the range, but ten minutes too late. My companion smiles: 'What'd I tell you?'

"A long valley stretches out before us. The little rise on which we stand—about fifty feet above the plain—commands it, so that the British guns are aimed almost horizontally at the German infantry trudging through the mud 2,000 yards away.

"I count easily five regiments together, but further to the right a sixth one evidently wards off a flank attack on the part of the French colonial troops, which I left this morning camped twelve miles back.

"The lone regiment is the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard, the Emperor's Own, the elite of the kaiser's army, 2,500 of the bravest, most disciplined men in the world. It is now 1 o'clock. In one hour only 300 of these men will leave the field.

"A gust of wind brings to our ears the sound of music. The Guards' band is encouraging the men. At the foot of the small hill on which we stand are twenty lines of trenches filled with Scotch and English infantry. The men are silently awaiting the attack. Not a rifle is being fired. The trenches are the Germans' goal; these and the British batteries once taken, the road into Ypres is clear.

"Behind me there is the thunder of hoofs. Three more English batteries are joining us. The horses are unhitched and the caissons unlimbered, and five minutes have not elapsed before the newcomers have begun firing twenty-four mouths now belching flames and steel.

"In the valley the Germans halt. The range is only 1,500 yards now, and every shot is telling. The effects are appalling. The grey masses move onward more, seem to hesitate, but sharp bugle blasts launch them forward again, and on the run they come for the trenches.

"At 1,000 yards our batteries again stop them. Firing twenty-four shells a minute at that distance, whole rows are mowed down, vast spaces appearing between the ranks. The companies intermingled, then the regiments themselves seem to amalgamate and melt into one another. Officers are seen galloping along the sides, evidently trying to bring order out of chaos.

"The artillerymen work silently, the perspiration streaming down their cheeks, and continue sending on their messages of death.

"The Second Regiment of the Guard alone, off to the right, seems untouched, and on it comes. Suddenly the sound of a hornpipe is heard. The Scots are awake. From the trenches an avalanche rushes forward towards the disordered Germans.

"At the double quick Scots and English, a few feet apart, yelling like demons, pounce on the attackers. Rifles are silent. It is cold steel alone. Our battery captains cry 'Stop firing.' There is a risk of shelling our own men now. We become spectators.

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 Cars every 10 minutes to Willows between the hours of 11:55 a. m. to 3:55 p. m.

GORGE ROUTE—
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 First car leaves City to Gorge 5:55 a. m.
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 First car leaves City to Outer Wharf 5:55 a. m.
 Last car leaves City to Outer Wharf 11:40 p. m.
 First car leaves Outer Wharf to City 6:07½ a. m.
 Last car leaves Outer Wharf to City 11:52½ p. m.
 First car leaves City to Cloverdale 6:02½ a. m.
 Last car leaves City to Cloverdale 11:47½ p. m.
 First car leaves Cloverdale to City 6:15 a. m.
 Last car leaves Cloverdale to City 12:00 mid.

BEACON HILL ROUTE—
 15-minute service.
 First car leaves City to Beacon Hill 6:02½ a. m.
 Last car leaves City to Beacon Hill 11:47½ p. m.
 First car leaves Beacon Hill to City 6:15 a. m.
 Last car leaves Beacon Hill to City 12:00 mid.
 First car leaves City to Spring Ridge 5:55 a. m.
 Last car leaves City to Spring Ridge 11:40 p. m.
 First car leaves Spring Ridge to City 6:02½ a. m.
 Last car leaves Spring Ridge to City 11:52½ p. m.

FOWL BAY ROUTE—
 15-minute service.
 First car leaves City to Fowl Bay 5:55 a. m.
 Last car leaves City to Fowl Bay 11:37½ p. m.
 First car leaves Fowl Bay to City 6:15 a. m.
 Last car leaves Fowl Bay to City 12:00 mid.

On Sundays cars commence running at 9:00 a. m. and continue to run as on week days, but last cars leave one hour earlier from all terminals.

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charged, and ten times was thrown back, first against the French and then against the British. Crying 'Comrades, comrades,' hundreds began throwing their guns aside.

"At 2 o'clock it was over. Only 300 prisoners remained of the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard.

"Far over the plain covered with dead, at the end of the valley, a few straggling bands of Bavarians fled pursued, while gathered around the batteries on the crest of the hill, under a fine rain which began falling, the Zouave band-played 'God Save the King,' which was also a hymn of deliverance."

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Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—S. W. Carroll, M. P. for South Cape Breton, and George W. Kyte, M. P. for Richmond, were chosen to-day to stand for the Liberal interests in the dual riding of South Cape Breton and Richmond at the forthcoming federal election.

KAISER HAS RELAPSE IS RUMOR BY CABLE

New York, Dec. 31.—A special cable to the Tribune from Rome says: "It is rumored that the kaiser has had a relapse and that his condition is serious. It is impossible to obtain confirmation of this report."

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail, now held by me in respect of the Victoria Hotel, situated at No. 1108 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, from myself to Joseph Balagou.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1914.
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Court of Revision of Voters' List.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, January 4, 1915, at 8 p.m.

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REPRIMANDED BUT WON THE VICTORIA CROSS

Bombardier Sent to Hospital Returns to Firing-Line is Thrice Wounded

London, Dec. 31.—Bombardier—now Sergeant—Ernest George Harlock was reprimanded for the very acts which won him the Victoria Cross. He got the greatest mark of distinction Britain can offer her soldiers as the Gazette related: "For conspicuous gallantry when his battery was in action under a heavy shell fire, in that, although twice wounded, he persisted on each occasion in returning to lay his gun after his wounds had been dressed."

The story, as told by a comrade of the hero, adds much to the precise official phrases.

"Bombardier Harlock, as he then was, had rotten luck. We were in action in an open field and it was hot. I can tell you—Jack Johnson's burst in the ground there was a shrapnel shell burst right overhead simultaneously, and they kept on coming."

"Then one burst right under Harlock's gun and cut the trail in two, clean, and killed the No. 1. Harlock got splinters in his right thigh, not very severe, you know, just enough to keep him in hospital by rights, for two or three weeks, perhaps. So he went to the dressing station and the doctor dressed him and told him to get into the ambulance and go to the hospital."

"Well, Harlock got outside, but he doesn't look for any ambulance, but comes back to the battery. Hang me, he hadn't been there five minutes before he got it in the back. Down he walked once more to the dressing station and the doctor wanted to know why he hadn't gone to the hospital."

"Harlock says he couldn't see the ambulance, so when he was dressed the doctor puts him in charge of an orderlies, and says that as he was able to walk to the battery he can do—well walk to the hospital."

"So the pair set out, but Harlock said to the orderlies that the doctor seemed a bit 'narked,' and that the orderlies were plenty more men who wanted the orderlies' attention more than he did, and if the orderlies went back to the dressing station he (Harlock) could find his way all right."

"The orderlies agreed about it, but says to Harlock, 'No jokes, mind, or you'll get me into trouble.' You go straight to the hospital," Harlock said, "Good morning," and then changed the doctor's words around and thought that if he could do—well walk to the hospital, he could just as well walk back to the old 113th."

"So back he came again, and he hadn't been with us another five minutes before he got some splinters in an arm. It was rotten luck and he was afraid to go back to the doctor, so he just lay there till we went out of action in the evening."

"Some of our officers saw the doctor that night and told him about Harlock, and then they had him down and reprimanded him. But I think they had their tongues in their cheeks when they did it. Anyhow he's promoted sergeant and got the V. C."

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AEROPLANES ATTACK DUNKIRK AND FURNES

Fifteen Persons Killed and Thirty-Two Wounded; Several Buildings Struck

London, Dec. 30.—News reached Dover last night that a squadron of seven aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday (Wednesday) and dropped bombs. Two bombs also were dropped on Furnes.

The attack on Furnes was evidently an effort to wipe out the Belgian headquarters, where King Albert is at present. No damage was done there. Dunkirk, which is on the eastern side of the English channel, almost opposite Dover, has been the target of German aviators for a long time. It is probable that the attack was made to discover British troops on their way from England to the battlefield. Dunkirk is one of the chief ports used for disembarking reinforcements.

Dunkirk, Dec. 30.—In answer to the British aeroplane attack on Cuthbert, German aviators today raided Dunkirk, and for more than half an hour were dropping bombs all over the town.

According to the official returns already in, fifteen persons were killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs threw up great clouds of smoke. One was dropped in the Rue Caumartin, one in the kitchen of the military hospital, one near the town hall, others in the Rue Pierre and the Rue Nieupport, and one near the arsenal.

Two fell in the suburbs of Rosendaal, on a factory. The streets of Coudekerque and Furnes also suffered, and many were wounded. One child had an arm blown off, while another, with an old woman, was killed outright, being dreadfully disfigured.

The bombs were filled with shrapnel, which pitted the walls and buildings. A horse in the Rue Nieupport, close to the spot where a bomb fell, was mutilated.

British ambulances carried the wounded to the hospitals. Some were dead on their arrival. A fifth German aeroplane was stationed as a sentry outside the town, taking no part in the raid, but holding itself in readiness to attack any of the allies, according to the official reports.

Soldiers in the streets fired on the invading fleet, and one Taube seemed to be hit, but all got away safely.

HOW ST. GEORGES WAS TAKEN FROM GERMANS

Six French Bluejackets Poled Gun on Bunt Along Canal Under Fire

Paris, Dec. 31.—How the heroic self-sacrifice of six French bluejackets made possible the capture of St. Georges, a town less than two miles from Nieuport is described by the Matin's war correspondent in Flanders. He says: "The attack had driven the Germans from the advance trenches, but taking refuge in the houses of the village, the Germans soon placed their assailants in a difficult position. The situation of a force of Belgians isolated on a strip of land surrounded by a flood became critical, and the artillery alone was able to effect anything against the enemy. The bluejackets, however, were in the front, but their shells burst over the French."

"Six bluejackets then loaded a three-inch gun on a large punt, and poled along the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of the German rifles. As on was hit another took the pole, and continued until he in turn fell, as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank where the French advance squad was waiting."

"The gun was quickly loaded, and a few shots at 300 yards brought the houses on top of the Germans, who retreated into the arms of a battalion of Belgians. The latter completed the enemy's rout."

"Meanwhile the French column triumphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges, and before night the engineers had established a bridge head, enabling the allies' artillery to debouch on the right bank of the Yser."

MISSING LINK FOUND HAS AN UNUSUAL NAME

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31.—That the earth is about one hundred million years old is one of the deductions of George F. Becker, of the United States Geological Survey, presented in a paper read at a meeting of the Geological Society of America, meeting here in connection with the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The missing link between man and his ape-like ancestors has been identified in the pithecanthropus erectus, where skulls found in Java showed all the characteristic intermediate between man and ape, according to James H. McGregor, as the professor of zoology at Columbia, who presented a series of restorations of skulls and reconstructions of the appearance of primitive man. Henry F. Osborne, also of Columbia, delivered an address on the migration of human types during the old stone age in Europe, and traced several distinct species of men, which he said, had disappeared entirely from the earth.

MINISTER OF MILITIA COMES WEST NEXT WEEK

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Major-General Hughes, minister of militia, expects to leave at the beginning of next week for the west to inspect the troops concentrated at points from Winnipeg to Victoria. The trip will occupy ten days or a fortnight. It is expected that immediately on his return the minister will arrange for the transport of the second Canadian contingent across the Atlantic.

They will be conveyed across the Atlantic by a squadron of British cruisers, as was the first contingent. Halifax will be the port of departure.

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SERVIANS HAVE AMPLE AMMUNITION SUPPLY

Paris, Dec. 31.—"The Servians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Vespitch, the Serbian minister to France, according to a statement by him published here. "They will penetrate either to Symba, the westernmost country of Slavonia; Hungary, by way of Semlin or Banat, a region of Southern Hungary, by way of Panosova."

"The invasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina populated by Slavs, and which are destined to become Servian, would leave the Hungarians indifferent. An invasion of Hungary, however, especially if made by way of the region north of the Danube would greatly increase the apprehension now reigning in that country."

"The Servian troops are now amply provided with ammunition and supplies."

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WOOD STORES GUARDED FROM ATTACK BY AIR

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Three large wood stores in Goch, a German industrial town of about 5,000 population in the Rhine province of Prussia, but a few minutes' ride from the border of Holland, have been placed under constant surveillance in fear of British aeroplane attack, according to a dispatch to the Telegraf. It is reported that two aviators have recently been seen over the town, although whether they were defenders watching for British machines or were scouting British aviators is not known.

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NO PAPER NEW YEAR'S DAY.

As to-morrow will be a statutory holiday throughout Canada, and all the agencies for the collection of news suspended for the day, the Times will not be published in the afternoon. If any bulletins of importance arrive from the war front they will be posted in the windows of the business office.

THE WAR.

At the end of five months Germany is farther than ever from the goal she set out to reach last August. The plans upon which her general staff had been engaged for ten years and upon which her whole military preparation was based have been thrown into the discard. No longer is Paris the objective, no longer is there the intention of crushing the French and Russian armies and walking over the "contemptible little force" of General French. Germany is fighting to hold what she has taken, fighting for a foundation for peace terms, while Austria and Turkey are fighting for their lives.

What is the situation at the end of 1914? On both fronts Germany's hands are tied, while shattering blows are being dealt at her Austrian ally, the vulnerable spot in the Teutonic armor. This is the immediate objective of Russian strategy and explains the relative indifference of Petrograd to the fortunes of the campaign before Warsaw. When Austria-Hungary begins to stagger new factors will enter into the fray. Roumania, Italy and Greece will complete the destruction begun in Galicia and Serbia. This politico-military course can be pursued by the allies only by keeping the formidable hosts of Germany employed on both fronts. Therefore she is unable to send the assistance Hungary is furiously demanding.

Thus we find Russia satisfied to keep in check the enemy in east Prussia, and northwest, west and southwest of Warsaw, while her armies work their will with the Austrian troops in western Galicia and in the Carpathians. Germany has sacrificed a quarter of a million men to run up against a wall of bayonets along the Bzura, Rawka, Pilica and Nida. What would Austria not give for those 250,000 troops at this juncture? Her own shattered armies are in full retreat towards the Carpathian passes and towards Cracow. They no longer constitute a part of the main Austro-German front. She has been compelled to announce her inability to pursue her Serbian campaign, and in fact to participate in any further offensive operations. She must now fight solely on the defensive and an isolated defensive which presages her ruin. This announcement, by the way, is one of the most significant communications that have been issued since the war began. It is equivalent to a notification to Berlin that Austria henceforth intends to fight her own battles in her own way. There is a growing rift in the Germanic bloc which will broaden into a definite separation.

When Germany began this war she held all the cards. She was ready a month before hostilities opened. Her mobilization instructions were six weeks old when the fighting started. Her railroad system on both fronts gave to every single army corps the actual value of two corps. She was superior in numbers, in heavy artillery and in transport. Yet she could not maintain a successful offensive movement beyond a month. Her armies were soundly beaten on the Marne and she has lost ground steadily since then. She has lost one general of more than average ability, von Hindenburg, and even his operations, during though they have been, have failed decisively in every case. This is his third invasion of Russia and it is on the verge of defeat. We read a great deal of the "most formidable army in the world"

from eulogists who mistake an imposing panoply and a fancy goose-step for evidence of fighting ability and good leadership, but the fact is that the German army is no better nor worse than the Prussian army was when it served under Blucher. It was outmanoeuvred and outfought by the French with heart-breaking frequency.

OLD YEAR AND NEW.

In accordance with our system of measuring time and marking the progress of human events, we have reached the end of another year. To-night we close the records of the past, and look forward into the future. In some respects 1914 has proved a year of gloom, although the prospects were, if not precisely rosy, at least reassuring, a short twelve months ago. The unexpected happened in Europe, and the anticipations of business on this continent have not been fully realized. There has been a falling off in activity here as elsewhere; but there is a silver lining to the cloud of depression. With characteristic western faith in the future, we are adjusting our circumstances to the new conditions, trimming our sails to ride out the gale and looking forward hopefully to serene waters and smooth sailing after the flurry has passed over our heads. There are peaceful waters ahead just as certainly as the sun has passed the ultimate point of his annual southern pilgrimage, and is returning to lengthen the days and warm our old earth into new life and productivity.

The experience we are passing through as a community will prove a blessing, although its beneficence may be disguised for a time. It will restore us to a fitting sense of proportion and remove much that was proving detrimental to progress. Permanent prosperity cannot be based upon inflation and high prices. In these latter days, with rapid means of communication by land and sea, the world is too closely knit together for one community to make real progress under exceptional conditions. Owing to her situation Victoria to be permanently prosperous and sustainedly progressive must be in a position to offer special inducements to people seeking to establish themselves in places where the climatic conditions are desirable. But other things must be added—other things which of late have been disregarded. At the beginning of the year 1915 we think we observe signs of a restoration of the normal. We believe we are leaving the abnormal behind, and entering upon the normal again. That is why we think there are abundant reasons for thankfulness and optimism as we enter the year 1915, and that it should be welcomed with just as great enthusiasm and exuberance as ever.

Of one thing we are sure, the Times has greatly extended the list of its friends during the old year. It is confident that it will make many more during the year upon which we all are entering, and it wishes everybody happiness and prosperity.

1914 AND THE WAR.

The end of the year 1914 finds people asking themselves if all the sacrifices of civilization have been in vain, if the world has relapsed into barbarism. In Europe men are being slaughtered in millions, primitive passions are unloosed and racial hatred has reached a violence never known before. The most sombre pages of history are being written in passages which posterity will not read without shuddering. But behind this awful pain lies the promise of a brighter day for the world. The war is letting out the poisons which were insidiously destroying the whole body politic. It is the discharge from the sore which has been festering for years, formed of the hatred and suspicion inherited from past wrongs. Without this conflict the animosities of centuries never would have been removed. They would have been nursed in dark places until every avenue of human society had been tainted and the world would have sunk into an abysmal of lawlessness and bloody violence.

Despite the progress of the peace propagandists, humanity had not reached a stage of development where swords might be turned into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks. As long as the light of pan-Germanism existed peace could be exemplified only by a figure in shining armor. Slavery is not one of the attributes of civilization. On the contrary, it represents deterioration and degradation. Yet the condition of the greater part of the world would have been practical bondage were it not for the fearful carnage now staining the fertile plains of Europe. Getting for the moment groupings of alliances and ententes, boundary lines and ancient international grievances, we can see that the forces of the only progress consonant with Christianity are fighting to the finish a system whose triumph would be the triumph of a gross materialism which would rear an empire upon the corpse of freedom. Serfdom on this continent was abolished by a war whose horrors were not less than those of this upheaval. An even worse slavery will be averted in consequence of the conflict raging in the old world. What, indeed,

could be worse for civilization than the predominance of three powers like Germany, Austria and Turkey, whose ideals are so common that an alliance between them was a logical and natural development?

The world will be better for this war. The lowering clouds, after having broken and discharged their thunderbolts, will pass away. The sun will shine upon the graves of the brave men through whose sacrifice an era of peace will be ushered in. Racial unties, parted for centuries, will be restored. The forces of reaction will be interred in the ditch in which they are making their last stand. The claim of the weak to protection from the brutal strong will be respected. This conclusion has arisen at a psychological moment, when the world was at the parting of the ways.

NOTHING PERSONAL.

British and Germans in Belgium and French and Germans along the Meuse exchanged greetings on Christmas Day. In some instances they visited one another's trenches under flags of truce and for the time being forgot the war and its issues. This interchange of goodwill, of course, was wholly unofficial, but it shows that the clouds which lower over Europe have not obscured altogether the sunlight. There is nothing personal in the attitude of the average soldier in one trench towards the soldier opposite him. They are merely cogs in the gigantic machines which are crashing against each other. We imagine that this is true of the great majority of the German soldiers in spite of the brutality of the system they are endeavoring to uphold. For the origin of their methods we must look to the caste which is nourished in the atmosphere of Potsdam composed of the men who have absorbed the doctrines of von Bernhardi and Treitschke. They are the bullies and the brutes at whose door rests the responsibility for the outrages in Belgium; they are the men who must be exterminated before this war is ended.

When the warmakers have been wiped out, the hatred and suspicion which they have inculcated in the German people soon will pass away. The public will learn more about those against whom they fought. They will realize that no people have any designs upon the heritage that rightfully belongs to them; that nobody desires to enslave them, but that, on the contrary, they can look across the Rhine and the North Sea for goodwill, friendly counsel and assistance in their pursuit of peaceful progress. The French and British viewed one another with suspicion and un concealed animosity for centuries. All that is past, and for ten years they have worked together to a common goal. We predict that one of the consequences of this war will be a similar revolution of sentiment between the German people and their present foes, for the apostles of force as the only agency of progress will have become extinct. German militarism is a curse to the world, but a German democracy would be an instrument of great good.

THE ALLIES AND NEUTRALS.

There is little doubt that the difficulty which has arisen between Great Britain and France and the United States relative to the interruption of American commerce owing to the necessities of the situation which confronts the allies will be amicably adjusted. The Washington government concedes to the belligerents the right of search, but protests against the detention of cargoes except upon direct evidence that they are destined for Germany, Austria or Turkey. But in spite of the vigilance of the American authorities there is no question that large quantities of contraband war material are being imported by Germany through neutral countries, and it is quite conceivable that the necessity of checking this, which for their own good Great Britain and France cannot avoid, work considerable hardship on American industry.

RESTORATION TO DENMARK.

When peace is made most Englishmen would be much disappointed if it failed to include the restoration by Germany of Danish Schleswig, the victim of an act of spoliation, which to this day, 69 years after the event, has continued to send Danish representatives to the Reichstag to protest against its wrong.

IT SEEMS HARDLY ENOUGH.

If Germany has paid the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg \$2,200 for the privilege of invading its territory on the way to France, how much would have been considered a fair price in the case of Belgium if the latter country had adopted a policy of non-resistance? Probably the Kaiser would be willing to pay the United States as high as \$50,000 for the privilege of using our northern frontier in an attack on Canada.

THE "FREEDOM" OF GERMANY.

The sin of Germany is that it is enslaved, not to another nation, but to its own desire for victory, and not through misfortune, but by its own choice. And a nation which is so enslaved cannot cast itself free, however strong it may seem; and will cease to call itself free as soon as it discovers that its slavery is not even profitable.

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come convinced that the collapse of Germany's powers of offence is imminent.

A CHANGE OF HEART.

On the second page of the annual report of the Canadian Naval Department appears this statement: "Owing to the decision of the government not to continue H. M. C. ships Niobe and Rainbow in full commission, the course of exercises and training for these ships has been discontinued, and they are at present manned by nucleus crews."

The report is dated July 1, 1914. Needless to say, in regard to the Rainbow the government did not have an opportunity to carry out its intention. As to the Niobe, however, it made considerable progress towards that end. That vessel, more formidable than many of the cruisers which have been guarding British and Japanese commerce, was permitted to be uncommissioned for some weeks after the outbreak, to the great irritation of masters of merchant ships requiring protection. Finally she was placed in commission, manned very considerably by men trained in Newfoundland.

"REFLECTIONS."

When I pass beyond the border, Will God let me then reflect, On my selfish aims and wishes, My unkindness and neglect? That a burden I'd have lightened Had I only lent a hand, Had I heeded the pains and smartings, On my way to gloryland? Had I smiled along life's journey, With a winning, winsome smile, 'Twould have helped some fellow traveler 'O'er many a weary mile. If my eyes had only sparkled With a light from my soul, 'Twould have made his task seem lighter As he struggled to the goal. As he stumbled and he plodded On the great highway of life, With my shoulder 'neath his burden I'd have helped him in the strife; I'd have helped him if I'd only Had the sense to stop and think Of the dangers lurking round him. I'd have drawn him from their brink, But this life is haste and hustle, -And to self I bow the knee, Tell me—When I've crossed the Jordan, What will men say to me? 84 View St. W. CALVEY.

WHAT SEA POWER BRINGS.

In the opening months of the New Year we shall possess a larger army than we have ever had before—owing to the sea power. Our enemies, though they, no doubt, have resources of men still available, must be seriously handicapped in fitting them for the field, because they have lost their maritime communications, and it is impossible for them to obtain reinforcements if necessary for the creation of institutions of war must be obtained.

RESTORATION TO DENMARK.

When peace is made most Englishmen would be much disappointed if it failed to include the restoration by Germany of Danish Schleswig, the victim of an act of spoliation, which to this day, 69 years after the event, has continued to send Danish representatives to the Reichstag to protest against its wrong.

IT SEEMS HARDLY ENOUGH.

If Germany has paid the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg \$2,200 for the privilege of invading its territory on the way to France, how much would have been considered a fair price in the case of Belgium if the latter country had adopted a policy of non-resistance? Probably the Kaiser would be willing to pay the United States as high as \$50,000 for the privilege of using our northern frontier in an attack on Canada.

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DAVID SPENCER'S LTD. 37th Annual Sale STARTS SATURDAY See Window Displays and Our Full Announcement on Page 9

Offerings Crowded Out of Page 9 as Follows.

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University School FOR BOYS. SCHOLARSHIPS are available—one for boys under twelve years of age, and one for boys under fifteen years attending the school. Easter Term commences Monday, January 11, 1915. Warden R. V. Harvey, Esq., M. A., (Cantab) Headmaster—J. C. Barnacle, Esq., (London University). For particulars and prospectus apply to the Headmaster. Mount Tolmie, Victoria, B.C.

CATLIN TREATMENT FOR LIQUOR HABIT. A 1915 Resolution! "I'll Cut Out Fozze!" Can easily be done before New Year's Day if you come to-day to private sanitarium for CATLIN TREATMENT. The only effective, safe remedy. Talk it over with us. Catlin Institute OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 1485 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 5466.

DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Edward Patterson and Oswald Henry Dorman, trading at 581 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C. (as Patterson & Dorman, Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers), is dissolved by mutual consent on the 15th day of December, 1914. Oswald H. Dorman will receive all moneys due the firm and pay all legal debts of the same up to the above date. EDWARD PATTERSON, OSWALD HENRY DORMAN. To the educated and reader QUALITY OF GOODS is of first importance—price-concessions secondary.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor shop, Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas streets. Ohlson's Roses are the best. The B. C. Funeral Co.—Always open. Private parlors and large chapel. Reasonable charges for all services, 724 Broughton street. For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office. Montrose Rooms—Blanshard street, are exceptionally well ventilated and heated. If looking for a bright cosy room for the winter months it will pay you to examine these. Special, low rates are being asked.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c. Toot, Toot, Make a Noise—New Year's Eve loud sounding horns, 10c at R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas Street. Sands Funeral Furnishing Co., Ltd. Lady in attendance; charges reasonable. Phone 3308, day or night. Office and chapel, 1515 Quadra Street. The Key Shop, 610 Pandora. Hanna & Thomson, Undertakers, 827-Pandora Avenue. Phone 498. Open day and night. Motor Hearse in connection. Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c. The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St. Taxi Service—Far the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 185. White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas. Of Course You Will continue to get in the New Year your Merchants' Lunch, 25c, at the Blanshard Inn next Public Library.

Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507K. This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground. Maude Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post. If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanahoe and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd. General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C. After Christmas have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street. Going to Entertain New Year's Day?—Wine glasses, \$1.50 dozen; tumblers, 50c dozen; soda glasses, 75c dozen; decanters, 50c each; turkey platters, 50c; dinner plates \$1.25 dozen. R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas Street. Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, New Year's Day and Sunday, 50c. Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

The Best Resolution for 1915 is to daily get your lunch at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library. Dry Fir Cordwood, \$5.00 per cord, \$2.50 half cord, delivered. Phone 2545. Christmas Entertainment.—The Sunday school of the First Congregational church held its annual Christmas entertainment in the church social-room last evening, when a supper was served to the members. Following the supper were games and a concert. The feature of the evening was the arrangement that each pupil should bring a present instead of receiving one. The articles thus obtained are to be given to the poor of the city. Rev. Mr. Lumsden spoke on "The Culture of the Youth-mind" and stated that the Sunday school played a great part in the future lives of those attending. Many prizes in books were distributed for good attendance, several of the scholars not having missed one Sunday throughout the year.

Committees Busy.—This morning the immigration committee of the board of trade met to discuss several matters, the nature of which was not disclosed, preparatory to formulating a report on the subject to be presented to the council some time next week. Yesterday the committee on trade, commerce and transportation held a joint session with the lumber committee with the purpose of drafting a special memorial to Sir Richard McBride, which was to be presented at a conference with committees from the Vancouver and Victoria boards of trade, regarding the appointment of a trade commissioner to South America. The wording of the memorial and the document was then sent to Vancouver for the signature of that body. Oak Bay Theatre.—The popularity of the Avenue theatre at Oak Bay is rapidly rising and when one sees the splendid programmes presented by the new management this is not surprising. Crowded houses have been the order of the past week. A bumper house is expected to-night to hear the amateurs and to witness the fine picture production, "To-night: The Heart of the Hills" will be shown for the last time. A special matinee will be held to-morrow afternoon, New Year's day, commencing at 3 and the usual prize matinee will be given on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday afternoon matinees at the Oak Bay theatre are an immense success and are eagerly looked forward to by the kiddies. Free candy is given to all and the instructive pictures are greatly appreciated. Harry Collins, in thanking his patrons for their support through 1914, wishes them all a prosperous new year. Soldiers.—All "Jitneys" and Willows cars stop at the Skene Lows Studio, corner Yates and Douglas. Headquarters for Seals.

Express Appreciation.—The Sister Superior and the sisters of St. Joseph's hospital wish to offer sincere and grateful thanks to the many kind friends who sent Christmas donations, and to the newspapers for numerous courtesies. Fire Insurance Rates.—To-morrow the new premium rates on mercantile risks becomes effective. The additional reduction of 4.3 per cent. promised by the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' association recently to the city council in return for an undertaking that certain improvements would be made, particularly in the fire alarm system, will be included in the revised rates which are to be issued. Another Letter Returned.—Letters which have been recovered by divers from the lost Empress of Ireland still continue to arrive in the city. The latest has been received by Mrs. Taylor, wife of Joshua Taylor, of the Empress Hotel staff. The epistle had been addressed to her sister in England and when the letter was returned the contents were still intact. Connaught Library.—Work on the Connaught Library, addition to the parliament buildings is being rushed on to completion. Attention is being given to the interior finishing of the building, and the fittings will be installed just as soon as this is done. Tenders for the furnishing of the library are before the department of public works and contracts will be awarded immediately. Not Pantages Show.—The 14-act benefit concert to be given in Pantages theatre at midnight this evening is not the regular Pantages show, nor does it include any act of the Pantages programme. The concert is made up of local amateur and professional talent, but the regular Pantages show can be seen only at the three usual performances as given every day of the week. The freshness and crispness of Salada tea is due to the enormous sale which ensures its reaching you within a few weeks after being plucked. Had Sent Resignation.—In a letter to the press, Hon. W. J. Macdonald states that although the practice is for the clerk of the senate to announce at the opening of a session that a member has vacated his seat by absence for the two previous consecutive sessions he has not waited for that formality, but forwarded a letter of resignation to the premier of Canada four months ago, informing Sir Robert Borden that he did so for the purpose of enabling him to fill the vacancy as soon as he wished to do so. The retiring senator for Victoria wishes success to his successor.

"If you get it at PLIMLEY'S it's all right." Holiday Prices On Automobile Tires at Plimley's. Special Ford Tires 30x3 1/2. Plain, \$14.75; Non-skid, \$19.85; Tube, \$3.25. Special Overland Tires Size 32x3 1/2. Plain, \$16.50; Non-skid, \$23.10; Tubes, \$3.50. Size 33x4. Plain, \$24.50; Non-skid, \$33.10; Tubes, \$4.60. ALL FIRST GRADE GUARANTEED TIRES. 727-735 Johnson St. THOMAS PLIMLEY Phone 697-8

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY. Victoria Times, December 31, 1889. A party who have been exploring the northern end of Vancouver Island and Queen Charlotte Islands under Mr. A. L. Poudrier, C. E. returned on the Sardonny. They were working for coal and other minerals and being engaged for private parties, no information is forthcoming. At 12 o'clock to-night, just as the old year of 1889 is dying away and the new year of 1890 is coming on, the bell which for twenty years past has done duty on the hook and ladder house, will ring its last farewell at the old quarry. After the new year the present wooden structure is to be pulled down, the Hudson's Bay Company having decided to erect on the site a fine brick building. The ball will be moved to the Deluge engine house. J. Roscowitz and Sons have taken premises at No. 19, Fort street and will carry on a general trade there as fur dealers and as general brokers. Mr. Roscowitz has been engaged in the sealing business for many years.

LIST COMPLETED. Mr. Baker Temporarily in Charge of Oaklands School; Mr. Marr Declines. The assignment of teachers in the Victoria schools was completed by Inspector Paul to-day. In accordance with the decision of the school board, no appointment is made to the principalship of the Oaklands school, R. S. Baker being temporarily appointed acting principal. Mr. Marr has declined the position of Latin instructor at the high school, as his trustees at Chilliwack will not release him at this time from the position he holds with the high school there. Mr. Hope, who had been appointed inspector, has consented to continue to act till the new board has an opportunity to make another selection. Some of the transfers of teachers effective on Monday, when the schools reopen, are: Miss M. E. Watson, from Burnside to South Park school. Miss Charlotte Stoddart, from George Jay to Protestant Orphanage. Miss A. E. Andrews, from Boys' Central to Girls' Central. Miss E. McArthur, from King's Road to Sir James Douglas. Miss Gertrude Field, from Victoria West to Margaret Jenkins. Miss Olive Hayes, from Margaret Jenkins to Victoria West. Miss Mildred Chrow, from Girls' Central to King's Road.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CONCERT. Christmas Entertainment Draws Big Crowd to Sempie's Hall; Presentation to Rector. The Christmas entertainment of St. Saviour's Sunday school was held last night in Sempie's hall and was a great success. The hall was filled with parents and friends of the young people, and one of the features of the evening was the presentation to Rev. Rector Connell by the teachers and children of the Sunday school of a beautiful vase, which was set given as a token of their esteem and affection. The recipient, who was completely taken by surprise, replied briefly expressing his thanks and appreciation of the affection and loyalty of teachers and children. After the distribution of the prizes for the year, the numerous gifts of toys for the primary classes and books for the others, at the singing of the National Anthem. Among the features of the entertainment was a song by the primary class; a playlet called "Santa Claus Junior"; an Indian drill, song by H. A. Barnett with chorus by Indian boys; Scottish dance by Miss Sarah McIntyre; playlet, "Spirit of Order and Disorder"; rose song by girls; historical play, "Burgundy of Cahins"; song, "When You Hear the Bugle Sound"; "When You Hear the Bugle Sound"; by boys; playlet, "Elinor Band."

Is Not German Spy.—The man Strussel, suspected of being a German spy, who was caught stowed away on the Niagara, is now found to be a Russian from the shores of the Baltic. A local subject of the czar, who has been acting as interpreter, had an interview with the prisoner this morning at the instance of the immigration authorities and it is expected that his release will be granted this afternoon. Strussel has been in jail for several days. He was found in the engine room of the Niagara, and had evidently got secretly aboard at Vancouver. Rock Bay Bridge.—Fearing that the city council may after all be compelled by an order of the Dominion government to put a swing span in the Rock Bay bridge when it comes to be repaired, Alderman Todd has given notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the city council that provision be made in the works estimates for 1915 for such a movable span, should it be required. The by-law voted in August did not divert sufficient funds for this course to be adopted; in fact at that time it was never contemplated that the city would be forced to put in a swing span till there was a bridge of a permanent character erected.

GOOD-BYE TO THE TROUBLES OF 1914. The bells of New Year's eve will ring out a peck of troubles. But, after all, 1914 was not as bad a year as some of us feared. It has taught us many valuable lessons. It has made us more self-reliant. We are in better shape to welcome 1915. What will the New Year be? It will be just as good as we make it and as bad as we make it. Begin planning to-day. Look to the future with courage. Be aggressive. Advertise. Let the world know you intend to make 1915 your biggest business year.

Over Five Hundred Participate in Enjoyable Function at Alexandra Hall. The old year, despite some of the unpleasant things which it has brought with it, is not being shouldered off too rudely. It would be impossible to imagine a gayer celebration of some of the closing hours than that which took place last evening at the Alexandra hall when more than five hundred people, apparently as light-hearted as in any time gone by, danced to blithe dance measures at the first annual ball of the sergeants' mess of the Gordon Highlanders. The most admirable of hosts, nothing lacked to a thorough enjoyment of the occasion, and it was with a genuine expression of regret that the guests departed in the wee sma' hours of the morning for their homes. Gay as the scene would have been in itself, with the bright frocks of the ladies, offset by the even more brilliant red doublets and plaids of the Gordon Highlanders, the decorations were of a character to enhance the colorful effect. These were the result of the combined energies of the sergeants' committee, headed by Sergeant-Major Stewart, and of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., headed by Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Coy and Mrs. Bullen. At the far end of the hall, which was occupied by Miss Thain's seven-piece orchestra, the Union Jack, flanked on either side by the Irish and Scotch standards, lent splendid color to the walls, while added dignity was given by the regimental crest high over all in purple and gold, "Raidh Na Bhaig," "Victory or Death," facing it from the other end of the hall being the other motto, "Byland," "Stand Fast." Along the walls were wreaths of the hero's emblem, laurel, studded with tiny flags of the empire and overseas dominions, the brilliant colors here and there arresting the eye with their pleasing effect. In the supper-room, where Mr. Campbell was the presiding genius for the evening, another very effective scheme of decoration had been carried out, the mantel-piece, representing a snow scene, showing the figures of the British flag, the lion rampant, and a tiny soldier on guard. The tables were bright beneath their crimson lights, while poinsettias and laurel gave added color. The supper was altogether excellent, four sets of supper-tickets having to be issued to accommodate the big crush of guests. The Grand March, with which the ball opened at 8.30, was led off by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Barnard and Mrs. Coy, Lieut.-Col. Coy and Mrs. Barnard, Major Riddell and Mrs. Bullen, and Captain Forsythe and Mrs. Riddell. A guard of honor, consisting of six men of the 50th Highlanders' Regiment, met His Honor and Mrs. Barnard at the entrance, accompanying the Lieutenant-Governor being J. S. Maskett and Capt. B. H. T. Drake, Hon. A. D. C. Others who headed the grand march included Lieutenant-Colonel Bott and Mrs. Bott, Major Barclay and Mrs. Barclay, and Major Hodgins and Mrs. Hodgins.

Songs You Ought to Know. A Few of the New Successful Selections Lately Arrived. Daily we receive requests for lists of the new songs, and here we give a fairly comprehensive summary of the titles of selections just received. With one or two exceptions these songs are brand new and each is noteworthy in its own class. The demand for the now famous woman's recruiting song, "Your King and Country Want You," as sung by Maggie Teyte, has increased steadily. The returns from the sale of this song go to the Patriotic Fund. In the list given below is cited "The Song of Songs," one of the daintiest little songs of the year, a translation from the French, which has set New York music-lovers agog this winter. It is sure to be popular here. Besides the songs listed below we also stock Schirmer's, Augener's, and Peters' editions; the latest song cycles by Woodford-Finden, Liza Lehmann, Herman Lohr, Montague Phillips and many others; musical catechisms and dictionaries; treatises on harmony and counterpoint.

Glance at This List and Order Some To-day. "At Benediction" "Girl on the Film" "The Hills of Donegal" "Waltzes" "Mavis" "My Garden" "Lead Thou Me On" "The Angel's Ladder" "Little Playmates" "When-as-a Lad" "After the Girl Waltzes" "The Song of Songs" "Golden Dawn" "Pearl Girl Waltzes" Four of the Very Latest Patriotic Songs. "Your King and Country" "England's Call" "Want You" "The Rally Call" "Boys-of-the-King"

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PRESENTED WITH GLOVES. Time-Honored Ceremony Observed at Police Court This Morning; Clean Charge Sheet. For the first time in many months Magistrate Jay was this morning at the city police court presented with a pair of white gloves, there being not a single name on the charge sheet nor a summons case of any description. In making the presentation, City Prosecutor Harrison commented on the fact that it was many months ago that the time-honored little ceremony had last been observed. The police department was one of the hardest working in the city, and he thought that the occasion was a very appropriate one, being the last day of the year 1914. In reply Magistrate Jay stated that he hoped such a happy condition of affairs would long continue. He wished all present a Happy New Year. The clerk then declared the court adjourned until next year.

Australian Mail.—The out-going Australian mail, by way of San Francisco, leaves at the post office here to-morrow at 4.30 p. m. Disowned at Quarries.—The men at the Albert Head quarries of the Sir John Jackson (Canada) company deny that Samuel Newton, who is awaiting trial in the county court on Tuesday on a serious charge, has anything to do with that place. Centennial Entertainment.—The schoolroom of Centennial church was crowded with young people last evening on the occasion of the annual supper to the boys and girls of the intermediate department of the Sunday school. The teachers of the respective classes waited on the tables, which were pretty with flowers and dainty glass and china. Everything was put on one side, however, at the close of the feast, and all the people took seats in the hall and followed with keen interest the very mystifying and fascinating entertainment furnished by Mr. Moore, the well known ventriloquist. The chairman was Mr. Holt, superintendent of the Sunday school, and the audience included about three hundred of the Sunday school pupils and their friends. This evening there is to be a watch night service in the church parlor at 11 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.
F. P. Higgins, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress hotel.
F. C. Riley, of Myrtle Point, is staying at the Empress hotel.
W. A. Sutton is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
James McCormack is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
R. C. Farrow is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
R. Tudor Epton, of Nelson, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.
S. Lucas, of Estevan, is in the city, a guest at the Strathcona hotel.
H. J. Chard, of Glasgow, Scotland, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
R. Hall is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
W. J. Mangan, M. P., is registered at the Empress hotel from Mission.
H. Smith, of Vancouver, is a newly-arrived guest at the Strathcona hotel.
T. L. Jones is here from Brantford, Ont., and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.
C. Baldwin, of Vancouver, is among the mainstay guests at the Strathcona hotel.
E. L. Padden, of Mayne Island, is in the city, and is at the Strathcona hotel.
J. P. Jackson, of Nanaimo, is a guest at Mount Pleasant; also Mr. Millen, of Banfield.
W. M. Halliday, government agent at Alert Bay, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Armitage, of Crystal City, Man., are at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Padden are San Francisco guests at the Strathcona hotel.
L. E. Skinner, a London commercial man well known in this city, arrived this morning.
F. B. Dudley arrived here yesterday from Portland, and is stopping at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wade, from Brandon, Man., are staying at the Dominion hotel.
H. Porritt, from the cable station at Banfield creek, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. H. J. Ruscombe Poole, of Duncan, is here, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDonald, of Patricia Bay, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chase and son compose a party at the Strathcona hotel from Seattle.
Thomas Jamieson has just come down from the Peace river, and is at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCurdy have returned to their home on Esquimalt road for the winter.
Robert Allen is a visitor in the capital from Chemalau, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.
Mrs. Alsworth arrived in the city yesterday from Vancouver, and is stopping at the Empress hotel.
President Westbrook, of the British Columbia university, left the city yesterday to return to Vancouver.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Will Be Performed January 7; Proceeds for the S. P. C. A.
Under the capable leadership of Napier Moore a performance of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be given at the Methodist church, Moss street (near Fairfields) on the evening of January 7 at 8 o'clock.
The proceeds of the performance, which it is hoped will be attended by a big audience, will go to the work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and will in addition bear witness to the evergreen memory of Dickens and the cause of kindness to animals which was so dear to him.
It is a beautiful and blessed world we live in, and whilst that life lasts, to lose the enjoyment of it is a sin—Chambers.

BOOK CIRCULATION WAS ALMOST 200,000

Splendid Record of Victoria Public Library During Year

A library is one of the most popular of public institutions. People do not go there under compulsion, necessity or coercion, but only of their own free will. And the Victoria public library becomes more popular every year of its existence.
To-day it has a total membership of about 15,000, and during the year just closed has circulated nearly 200,000 books from a library of approximately 20,000 volumes, exclusive of reference books, which number 800. On the whole approximately 200 more books have been lent each day in the year than in any day in 1913 and it is estimated by the officials that each book in the library has been lent, on the average, sixteen times in the course of the twelvemonth.
The total addition of books to the shelves during the year was, roughly estimated, 5,417, inclusive of children's books and reference books, fiction, not unexpectedly, having a circulation nearly two and a half times as great as works on philosophy, which come second in the list in point of popularity. Perhaps a larger demand than usual has been found for works on travel and history, owing to the widespread interest in the war and its immediate and ancient causes.
The reference department was opened only early in September but is in almost constant use, and Miss Steinberger, who has charge of this section, has, on the average, about ten reference questions daily.
The juvenile department has registered about one thousand more subscribers during the last year, bringing the total membership well over 48,000. There are approximately two thousand books on the borrowers' catalogue, and Miss Hughes, who took over charge of the department on the promotion of Miss Steinberger to the reference department, has also added something in the neighborhood of four hundred reference books suitable for teachers; of whom there are 140 registered in connection with this branch.
The reading rooms command more of the librarian's thought, as between seven and eight hundred people make use of these daily. A very varied supply of reading matter is supplied, including no less than 24 dailies, three semi-weeklies, 33 weeklies and, in the magazine section, 47 weekly magazines, one fortnightly, 85 monthly and five quarterly. Several of these publications are the gifts of the publishers and are not subscribed for. At the beginning of the New Year the Pigeon, the well known Paris publication, will find a place regularly among the newspapers in this department.
The magazine section, which is also interesting to note, thirteen monthly magazines were subscribed for and put on the shelves of the circulating library. They have been in surprising demand, the 156 (12 a month for 12 months) having had a circulation of 1,977.
In connection with the Students' Library-training course, at the end of last year, Miss Stewart reports, only one had completed the course. Since that time, however, four students have graduated, one having gone to the provincial library, one remaining at the public library, one having gone to Pittsburg to pursue the training further, and one being at home. There are at present two other students taking the training, which, open only to those who have matriculated, is an eight months' course here followed by three months in some other library. Miss Doris Holmes has been added as catalogue assistant and Edward Rigby has succeeded Clement Sears as page.

Gordon S. Spence LIMITED
Store Hours: 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays Included.

End-of-Season Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments

Extraordinary Inducements in Practically All Our Lines
This is to be our Semi-Annual clearance, an opportunity that is presented at the end of each selling season.
Only our regular stock is included in these offerings; nothing has been secured for special sale purposes. The following is our list. You will do well to take particular note of the extraordinary inducements presented here.

- EVENING DRESSES AND RECEPTION GOWNS AT HALF-PRICE
These high-grade models are developed in nylon, chiffon, crepe de chine, net, taffeta silk or charmeuse satin in delicate colors, and in the newest style effects. Priced as follows:
Reg. \$20.00, for \$10.00
Reg. \$25.00, for \$12.50
Reg. \$29.50, for \$14.75
Reg. \$35.00, for \$17.50
Reg. \$39.50, for \$19.75
Reg. \$45.00, for \$22.50
Reg. \$50.00, for \$25.00
Reg. \$59.50, for \$29.75
Reg. \$65.00, for \$32.50
Reg. \$80.00, for \$40.00
Reg. \$100.00, for \$50.00
STREET DRESSES AT HALF-PRICE
In wool crepe, fine serge and chiffon broadcloth. These practical frocks come on simple lines and many styles are suitable for afternoon wear.
Reg. \$8.50, for \$4.25
Reg. \$10.50, for \$5.00
Reg. \$13.50, for \$6.75
Reg. \$15.00, for \$7.50
Reg. \$20.00, for \$10.00
Reg. \$22.50, for \$11.25
Reg. \$29.50, for \$14.75
SILK DRESSES
Handsome Model Dresses for street or afternoon wear in taffeta silk, combination of silk and cloth, charmeuse, soft satin or crepe de chine, in medium or dark colors.
Reg. \$25.00, for \$12.50
Reg. \$28.50, for \$14.25
Reg. \$35.00, for \$17.50
Reg. \$39.50, for \$19.75
Reg. \$45.00, for \$22.50
Reg. \$50.00, for \$25.00
Reg. \$55.00, for \$27.50
HIGH-GRADE SUITS AT HALF-PRICE
Comprising an immense variety of suits, many being models of an exclusive order and design by experts of high reputation in all the latest fabrics decreed by fashion. Note the prices:
Reg. \$17.50, for \$8.75
Reg. \$19.50, for \$9.75
Reg. \$25.00, for \$12.50
Reg. \$29.50, for \$14.75
Reg. \$35.00, for \$17.50
Reg. \$39.50, for \$19.75
Reg. \$45.00, for \$22.50
Reg. \$50.00, for \$25.00
Reg. \$55.00, for \$27.50
WINTER COATS AT HALF-PRICE
The stock of coats embraces all the latest fashion styles in three-quarter, seven-eighth and full lengths, in both medium and heavy weights.
Reg. \$15.00, for \$7.50
Reg. \$20.00, for \$10.00
Reg. \$22.50, for \$11.25
Reg. \$25.00, for \$12.50
Reg. \$29.50, for \$14.75
Reg. \$35.00, for \$17.50
Reg. \$39.50, for \$19.75
Reg. \$45.00, for \$22.50

Trimmed Hats on Sale at \$1.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00

The whole of our stock of Model Hats, including many of exclusive design, several of which have only recently arrived from New York, will be offered to-day at values which have never before been presented. An early visit is advised while the selection is at its best. Note the new prices:
\$1.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00
50 Untrimmed Hats to cost at 25c.

755 Yates Street, Victoria. Phone 1878
575 Granville Street, Vancouver

AT THE THEATRES

"THE WOMAN"

The great American political play entitled "The Woman," to be put on by the Allen Players at the Princess theatre next week, created, when first produced, a sensation rivaling that of "Within the Law." The clever way in which it reveals the merciless systems of grafting adopted by some unscrupulous American politicians, and how they were thwarted by a little telephone girl makes a deeply interesting story.
There is plenty of the comedy and love element in the play, while at times the situations are very exciting. The scene in which the little telephone girl is surrounded by a group of powerful politicians, who are trying to force from her the number of a certain telephone call which they need to further a great grafting scheme they have on hand, is one of the great scenes. The brilliant wit and far-sightedness displayed by the girl as she baffles her tormentors give a scene which lingers in one's memory.
On Friday this week there is to be a special New Year matinee performance of "The College Widow," for which seats may be booked now. Also, seats for next week's play may be reserved now.

PLAY FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

For the first time in the history of motion pictures the complete play of "East Lynne" has been photographed. It will be shown at the Royal Victoria theatre to-night, Friday and Saturday with a matinee each day. This wonderful drama has been played to more people than any other piece of its kind. There are a few others that might rank with it, such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Rip Van Winkle," but there never has been a play written that has sustained the human interest as "East Lynne" has done. The book was written by Mrs. Henry Wood, and the play is in five acts and takes over 7,000 feet of film to produce complete. The story is well known to almost everybody. It depicts the love and devotion of a mother who has done wrong to her only child. She has been enticed away by a base man of fashion who in the end fails to keep his promise

and make her his wife and around this thread of the play the whole story of "East Lynne" is written. It is a picture well worth seeing, by even those who have seen the play before, and by those who have not it should not be missed.

"SEPTEMBER MORN."

One of the season's biggest hits, the musical comedy sensation, "September Morn," which enjoyed an immensely successful run at the LaSalle theatre, Chicago, comes to the Royal Victoria theatre for an engagement of one night, Monday, January 4. The cast includes Julian Rubell, Grace Childers, Russell Price, and an unusually pretty chorus of dancing and singing girls; charmingly gowned, who fit into the scenic framing beautifully. Rowland & Clifford have given this their greatest musical effort, an expensive and elaborate production, resulting in a triumph complete. The "X-ray" picture, "Sweet and other Tango" ideas in sensational dancing are among the lively and joyous Turkey-Trot effects.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia
In the Matter of the Estate of John G. Spry, Deceased
and
In the Matter of the "Administration Act."

Notice is hereby given that under an Order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory dated the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1914, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said Estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 26th day of January, A. D. 1915, and all parties indebted to the said Estate are requested to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.
WILLIAM MONTGOMERY,
Official Administrator.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1914.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

COURT OF REVISION VOTERS' LIST.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Royal Oak Hall, Royal Oak, on Monday, January 4, 1915, at 11.30 a. m.
HECTOR S. COWPER,
C. M. C.



MISS CORA SIMPSON
Miss Simpson's clever work in the comedy sketch, "We Want Our Rights," has tended to make that act one of the most popular in this week's strong programme at Pantages theatre. An extra performance will be given on the holiday evening and such splendid patronage has been enjoyed by the show so far that the holiday should prove one of the biggest days in many weeks.

**RAINFALL OF YEAR
BELOW THE AVERAGE**

Summer Was an Unusually Dry One; Winter Months Free From Storms

From the following summary of the weather during the past year at Victoria it will be seen that January was an abnormally mild and wet month, while December has been colder than the average and, owing to the unusual prevalence of high barometric pressure over this province, this last month of the old year has been unusually fine, dry and free from storms.

The summer was, with the exception of June, abnormally dry, and forest fires were at all times prevalent even on this island.

The total precipitation for the year was one and one-half inches below the average, yet it is over two inches above the amount recorded in 1913. In 1910, which was an abnormally wet year, the total precipitation was over four inches more than during 1914.

During the year the handsome observatory on the top of Gonzales Heights was completed, and the instruments of the meteorological service are now housed in a thoroughly adequate building. The observatory has been specially adapted to the uses of a meteorological station, and as situated with respect to a unique position on this coast, F. Napier-Pollard, in charge of the observatory generally, has made a name for himself by his studies of meteorological conditions, and with the modern equipment which the station is planned for he will be able to carry these on to advantage. The observatory is now a familiar landmark from both land and sea.

The summary of the temperature and precipitation for the year, by months, is as follows:

Month	Temp. Mean	Difference
Jan.	42.1	3.7 above
Feb.	42.0	1.8 above
March	46.9	2.9 above
April	50.5	2.3 above
May	55.9	2.4 above
June	55.9	1.4 below
July	59.7	1.1 below
August	59.3	0.4 below
September	53.6	2.5 below
October	52.7	2.2 above
November	45.0	0.1 below
December	39.3	2.4 below
Year	50.2	0.5 above

Month	Rain. In.	Snow. In.	Total. In.	Difference
Jan.	5.11	4.60	8.47	4.35 above
Feb.	1.53	39	1.56	1.59 below
March	2.04	39	2.06	1.14 below
April	4.94	39	4.94	2.12 below
May	1.18	39	1.18	3.25 below
June	1.67	39	1.67	3.23 above
July	Trace	39	Trace	4.0 below
August	1.18	39	1.18	3.25 below
September	1.38	39	1.38	2.9 above
October	2.58	39	2.58	1.1 below
November	5.83	39	5.83	3.91 above
December	5.55	39	5.55	2.64 below
Year	29.99	4.10	26.19	1.51 below

Each inch of snow is equal to 10 inch of water.

Month	High	Date	Low	Date
1914	58	Aug. 1	21	Jan. 19
1913	56	July 17	24	Jan. 1
1912	50	July 16	14	Nov. 11
1911	52	July 19	19	Feb. 27
1910	51	Sept. 1	19	Jan. 2
1909	51	Aug. 18	23	Feb. 2

DISCUSS TRAVEL

Hotel Proprietors Meet and Consider Ways of Attracting Tourists Here.

At a meeting of the hotel proprietors of the city, held by invitation of the Victoria and Island Development Association at the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon, Stephen Jones, a member of the executive being voted to the chair, various methods of securing winter travel were discussed. Mr. Jones explained the great importance of this winter tourist business to the city and the necessity of securing a larger share of it than had been the case recently. He called on Commissioner Cuthbert to speak. The commissioner dealt with the situation as he had ascertained it to be during his recent tour and advised advertising in the prairie journals to draw attention to the advantages of wintering in Victoria. He suggested that the proprietors should specialize in the provision of entertainment for people here, as for instance in securing winter sports facilities, to which the visitors were accustomed. Alderman Todd also spoke.

It was mentioned that arrangements are being made for the use of the Aegon for curling during certain portions of the day.

A committee was struck to take up the suggestion of the commissioner and to draft a resolution for submission to the city council with regard to the grant to the Development Association by the city council. The committee will be composed of T. B. Jackson, Miss McCluskey, Messrs. Wolfenden, Bonner, T. Stephenson, Horner, Fort and A. Hesse.

There will be a meeting of the owners and occupiers of apartment houses next Wednesday at the board of trade building to consider the same matter.

The sun gives six hundred thousand times the light that a full moon does.

The joys that are bought with money are worth nothing compared with the joys that, though sweet and gentle and unassuming, are yet deep, enduring and quieting; the joys that enlarge the heart instead of diminishing it, and which we too often pass by. —Salisbury

**B. C. E. RAILWAY SPENT
LARGE SUMS IN 1914**

Almost Million Dollars Went on Construction of Third Unit; Other Expenditures

At a time when most people were talking retrenchment the B. C. Electric railway spent large sums of money during 1914 in building new plant and in laying down permanent tracks throughout the city.

In October last was completed at Jordan river the magnificent new third unit from which the city is now deriving its electrical supply. This was put into commission immediately on its completion, and is now working with commendable smoothness and efficiency.

The work on this new plant occupied altogether nearly two years, and cost the company close on one million dollars. For the gathering together of the waters of Jordan river it was necessary to build one of the largest concrete dams in the country, which alone cost \$565,000. Then to satisfy the unit the construction of pipe lines was indispensable, together with the enlarging of six miles of flume for carrying the water to the plant.

The third unit, which is being exclusively used while the first and second are undergoing some needed repairs, develops 15,500 horse power.

In addition to this huge outlay, the company has found it necessary from time to time during 1914 to lay down permanent tracks where the city has laid paving. The two chief locations of these were on Fort street and Pandora avenue, each of which cost the company about \$20,000. Altogether \$39,000 has been expended in this fashion, while another \$12,000 has gone in the maintenance of the existing tracks.

While the large plant at Jordan River was in course of being extended, alterations costing about \$50,000 had to be made at the Brentwood Bay stream plant of the company. This was spent partly in the purchase of electrical apparatus for the Saanich Interurban and partly for the control of turbine generators.

New rolling stock has also played a somewhat important part this year in the list of the company's expenditures. Somewhat early in the year ten new Preston cars were purchased at a net cost of \$7,500, while a combination baggage express and passenger car for the interurban line cost a further \$5,000.

**BANK CLEARINGS SHOW
A HEALTHY CONDITION**

Business, While Not So Great as in Recent Years, is on a Much Firmer Basis

In despite of the unsettled business conditions of the past twelve months the bank clearings of Victoria are of a volume to prove the soundness of the industrial and mercantile institutions of the capital, and to inspire the most hopeful outlook for the future just as soon as the stringency is relieved, which does not seem to be far away now, in view of the optimism felt in the east.

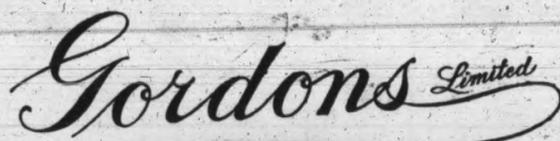
It has to be remembered, too, that the previous two or three years here were an era of great activity in real estate, and that there was a large amount of banking transactions going on, so much so that the clearings shown on the Victoria Clearing House association's annual statements were very greatly in excess of those for the years immediately preceding the boom. By contrast the figures now appear as if there had been a larger falling-off than there has actually been on the basis of normal conditions.

As a matter of fact there has been a very steady progress along the lines of regular business, and the turn-over of money, although it has so fallen off from the inflated conditions of the former annual aggregates, is one which demonstrates that the present conditions are of such a character that when the improvement comes it will manifest here much earlier and in a much fuller degree than in other places where things are not so firm a basis.

Month	1914	1913
January	\$11,633,478	\$15,987,507
February	10,088,192	12,950,100
March	11,045,187	15,333,494
April	10,987,372	15,234,512
May	11,185,971	16,555,539
June	10,915,871	15,489,989
July	11,981,279	15,478,329
August	9,824,821	14,132,520
September	9,214,871	15,832,414
October	9,012,340	15,227,309
November	8,368,812	12,772,790
December	8,909,939	12,590,125
Year	\$122,064,880	\$177,277,674

It is estimated that New York adds about 140,000 to its population every year.

Ready-to-Wear
Week



Ready-to-Wear
Week

Gordon's January Sales

This Semi-Annual Sale Will Eclipse All Previous Sales For Genuine Bargains In Thoroughly Reliable Merchandise

The first week of the sale will be devoted entirely to the sale of Ladies' READY-TO-WEAR

During which time every Suit, Coat, Dress, Skirt and Hat MUST BE SOLD. In order to carry this out to the letter, prices have been cut in such a manner that even this store has rarely, if ever, seen its equal. Every reduction is genuine, the regular prices quoted being the honest values at which the goods were originally marked.

WHEN YOU HAVE SEEN THE ASTONISHING VALUES OFFERED IN READY-TO-WEAR, YOU WILL NATURALLY WANT TO WAIT FOR THE GREAT SALES WHICH WILL FOLLOW THIS ONE, IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED: BEDDING, WHITEWEAR, HOUSE-FURNISHINGS, DRESS GOODS AND GENERAL DRY GOODS. SAVE MONEY BY SAVING IT FOR THIS SERIES OF SALES



These Suits Must Go—and Quickly Too

The regular prices of these Suits has been completely lost sight of in an effort to re-mark them at prices that will guarantee every Suit to be sold during this seven days' sale of Ready-to-Wear.

These are all this season's goods and our entire stock is included in this sale, not a single suit being reserved. Whether you purchase the lowest priced or the highest priced suit in the store you will be obtaining an extraordinary bargain. You can choose from Novelty and Plain Tailored Suits in many smart styles, and in a variety of good colors. For convenience we have divided them into five groups as follows:

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4	LOT 5
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	Remaining few of best Imported Model Suits
\$5.75	\$8.75	\$14.75	\$16.75	Half-Price

An Exceptionally Fine Range of Ladies' Coats To Go At Astonishingly Small Prices

That such smart Coats as these should have to be sold at such ridiculously low figures seems a great pity, but it must be done in order to give us greater buying power for Spring.

All smartly cut in favorite styles. The workmanship in every case is the best. The season's most popular coatings is represented in many plain, two-toned and mixed effects. We have only a few in some of the prices, so you had better be early on Saturday morning and get the best selection.

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4	LOT 5
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	Sale price \$15.75.
\$4.75	\$6.75	\$9.75	\$13.75	Lot 6. Sale price
\$4.75	\$6.75	\$9.75	\$13.75	\$19.75

These Distinctive Looking Shirts Will Make a Quick Clearance at This Price

You can select from several good styles. They are all well-tailored and the materials include whipcord, serges and broads in a variety of good colors. January Sale price **\$3.90**

Cloth Dresses at Genuine Bargain Prices

Most of these Dresses are made of serge with various trimmings of silk and lace. The tunic effect is strongly represented, as are other favorite novelties of the present fashions. A good assortment of colors are here including navy, black, sea green, saxe and brown.

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price
\$4.90	\$7.90	\$10.90

Our Entire Stock of Beautiful Afternoon Dresses to be Cleared Out at

33 1-3% DISCOUNT

Millinery at Tremendous Reductions

Velvet, Velour and Felt Shapes. January Sale

Half-Price and Less

All Children's Hats HALF-PRICE

Special line of Ready-to-wear Hats Regular values to \$12.00. January Sale

\$2.90

Two Extraordinary Values in Silk Dresses

These Dresses are made of fine messaline silk. The styles show excellent taste; some are made with dropped shoulders and tunic effect on the skirt; others have a yest, collar and cuffs of dainty shadow lace. One of the prettiest is made of navy messaline silk, trimmed with white organdie collar and cuffs, with neatly hemstitched edges and a crush girde of Roman stripe corded silk. This Dress is also made with a pretty vest effect and tunic skirt. Colors you can choose are pretty shades of bottle green, saxe blue, navy and purple. January Sale price **\$9.90**

This is a rare collection of Dresses of many pretty styles, and each one represents an extraordinary bargain. Materials to be found among them are satin, messaline silk and silk crepe. Some of the prominent features are trimmings of shadow lace, Raglan sleeves, dropped shoulders and tunic skirts. Colors include forest green, navy, black and brown. Each one of these Dresses represents an extraordinary saving. January Sale price **\$14.90**

Sale Starts Saturday Morning



SCHOOL BOARD'S WORK DURING YEAR 1914

Trustees Look Back on Twelve Months of Usefulness; New Buildings

The most important event of the year in the work of the Victoria school board was the opening of the Victoria High School at Fernwood on May 1 by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Patterson. The Quadra street school has been opened for primary classes, the full measure of its usefulness not having yet been achieved on account of the desire to avoid undue increase in the number of school divisions. The Beacon Hill school, facing the park, has been opened for primary classes, and relieves the pressure at Kingston street school. The Margaret Jenkins school at Hollywood is rapidly approaching completion. Pending its opening a temporary school for the district has been opened in the manual training building there.

A new school on the King's road site has been planned to replace the old frame building and designs have been prepared, but no work has been started yet on account of the financial conditions. A joint manual training and domestic science department at South Park school, for which a contract has been awarded, completes the board's programme so far as construction is concerned. A temporary school has been opened on the site secured at Fernwood, where a school will eventually be built.

The enrollment at Victoria schools is now above 5,000 pupils, an increase of 100 or twelve months ago. There are over 300 students in the night schools, now all held at the High school, and the board has accepted an invitation to take over in the new year as part of the art course, the school of handicraft carried on hitherto by a private organization.

A school for defective children at present in a modest way, has been commenced under an expert, and as time goes on will develop its usefulness very rapidly. At the George Jay school, under the retiring principal, H. E. MacLean, the school garden movement has been started and it promises to develop as funds are provided and the children learn the advantages of nature study.

Several changes are to take place in the board in January. Dr. Hall and Trustee-Andrews are to retire. Dr. Donald, who joined the first Canadian overseas contingent, has left another vacancy. The place of Mr. Hayward, taken in March last by Mrs. Justin Gilbert, brought a new lady member to the board.

Principal Charlesworth has been promoted to the charge of the George Jay school, leaving a vacancy at Oaklands set to be filled. In Esquimalt the Lampton street school, after being rebuilt, was reopened and a fine new school has been added at Monterey avenue, in the Oak Bay district. In Saanich a new school has been opened at Prospect Lake and a temporary school at Tillicum road, which became necessary on account of the defeat of a by-law submitted to the electors in September last, was opened recently. Remarkable as was the building programme of 1912 in Saanich, it has been found that in some of the popular districts around the city boundary the schools then built are inadequate for the school population, which exceeds 1,100 at present.

VICTORIA'S CLAIMS LAID BEFORE MANY

Making Known Attractions of City is Work of Development Association

An advertising plan on behalf of Victoria has been started. The secretary of the Vancouver Island Development league retired in the spring, on appointment as secretary of the Bureau of Provincial Information, and it was decided to reorganize the league as the Victoria and Island Development association. Out of a number of applicants the joint committee appointed ex-Alderman Cuthbert as commissioner, with directions to specialize on manufactures as well as conduct general publicity work for Victoria. He took office in July.

The organization of a vacant lands committee to induce cultivation of acreage outside the city and town not occupied by buildings, followed, and as a natural sequence the weekly produce market was revived, opening on September 18. This has proved an undoubted success, but is still in a somewhat experimental stage. The old market building has been fitted up with stalls for the accommodation of primary producers, to whose produce the market is limited. There came the organization of a manufacturers' exhibit at the drill hall in October, which proved an enormous success and opened the eyes of the public to the many Victoria-made articles of all classes which can be secured here. The event also led to an active interest in the movement to support home industry. All classes of the citizens have been invited to support the movement, and it has taken more than a merely sentimental hold on public sympathy. An effort has also been made to influence the movement of the Panama-Pacific passenger traffic northward next year, and a vast amount of literature has been sent out to the bodies holding conventions in San Francisco next year. These pamphlets all point out the advantages of visiting Victoria. The organization has issued new literature about Victoria. Attraction

REAL ESTATE QUIET BUT OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Exchange Active During Year in Matters Affecting Welfare of the Capital

MUCH GOOD WORK DONE BY BOARD OF TRADE

Special Committees Have Investigated Needs of City and Province

While there have been no sensational sales or real estate transactions on a large scale during 1914 it must not be thought that there has been little doing in that line. The cessation of the real estate boom has meant less publicity for what is doing, but there has been a steady business of a sound and normal character going on all through the year, and the long-established volume of trade has been satisfactory when the conditions of the money market are taken into consideration. There are no sales or extensive movements of realty to note, but there has been a great deal of activity on the part of the real estate men during the year in directions which tend to the general betterment of the city. Through the Real Estate exchange, which is now solidly established, and with a membership which is entirely composed of reliable men, they have made themselves felt. Some of the actions taken by the body have been for the general benefit of the public, such as the improvements in the administration of the Land Registry Act.

The work of the exchange during the year has been very satisfactory to the officers, and the results they have attained have been of the best, according to them, especially as arising out of interviews held with the provincial government and the city council. The members have manifested a continued interest in the business of the exchange, and all the meetings have been well attended. It is felt that the office of the exchange should be in a more central situation, and the secretary is at present engaged in "moving house," and after the first of the year will be found in comfortable offices on the fourth floor of the Say-Ward building. New associate members enrolled in 1914 included Hon. Edgar Dewdney, William Blackmore, and R. W. Perry.

Chief among the accomplishments of the year, in the opinion of the officers, is that relating to the work in the land registry offices. The committee of the exchange which was dealing with the matter interviewed the attorney-general and H. C. Huntington, inspector of legal offices, and secured some changes in the way the act is administered. The results are satisfying to the real estate men.

The premier was seen by a committee in relation to the opening of the old reserve for industrial sites, a matter in which the exchange has taken an active interest. The city council was interviewed on several matters, some by request of that body, and the exchange was instrumental in having a license fee imposed on transient real estate agents.

During the year there have been some excellent addresses delivered to the members of the exchange. Captain W. H. Logan spoke on the future of the port of Victoria and the outlook for a great increase in its shipping through the opening of the Panama canal and the construction of harbor works here. J. J. Shaillors, while president of the board of trade, addressed the members on the subject of city planning, and in view of the expansion of the city in the next few years strongly urged the attention of all citizens to such plans as shall prevent the creation of slum conditions. William Blackmore talked on the prospects for the growth of the iron and steel industry on Vancouver Island and what that meant to this city. E. G. P. Baker went into the Land Registry Act and the Torrens system very thoroughly in an address which was very instructive and helpful. The hon. Mr. Sturges had promised and prepared an address on forestry, but his lamented death took place before the date set for its delivery.

Two luncheons were held during the year, the first in the Merchants' club, at which the mayor and aldermen were the guests of the exchange, and the question of the appointment of an industrial commissioner was discussed, and the other at the Westholme, by ex-Mayor Peter McCarra, of Regina; Hon. Edgar Dewdney and the industrial commissioner were the speakers. An excursion to Brentwood was enjoyed during the summer. There have been numerous meetings of the executive, and the efficient secretary of the exchange, Charles J. Wright, has been kept busy through the year. Connected in a sense with the work of the exchange is that of the Victoria District Home-Relief association, a branch of the Imperial Home-Relief association, which has headquarters in Winnipeg. H. W. Douglas is president of the branch and C. J. Wright the secretary. The object of this association is to assist men who have come out here to make a home for their families, leaving wife and children in the old lands, to bring them out, thus reuniting the family and incidentally benefiting the community. The amounts required for fares and expenses are advanced and are repayable in instalments. In the eighteen months the Victoria branch has been in existence there have been fifteen applications to assist families from the old country. Of these six were rejected and three have not yet been dealt with. The number of people assisted to come here was thirty-six, at a cost of \$2,088.97. The guarantee which the association holds in case of any default in repayment amounts to \$150,000. Fifty-seven citizens, C. A. Solly in charge of the transportation work of the association, and so far of its financing as well as he has made all the advances required up to the present personally.

being made for the use of brackets on the west side of Government street to carry the wires in a quiet way-the department under City Electrician Hutchison has done much useful work.

OVER TWO MILLIONS SPENT IN BUILDINGS

Construction Work Includes Public Buildings, Churches and Stores

Building construction in Victoria has assumed a normal gait after the extreme activity of a few years ago. Among the principal buildings under construction are many of considerable importance to the future of the city. The Dominion government is building a fine drill hall and also extending the west wing of the provincial government has almost reached the limit of its present plans for the extension of the parliament buildings, and the city is building a new jail and court rooms. The largest private enterprise is the departmental store for the Hudson's Bay company, work on which is going ahead expeditiously.

Among church buildings under construction is the First Presbyterian church on Quadra street. The same denomination this year built a handsome church to house the congregation of St. Columba, Oak Bay. The construction of office buildings is now practically at an end, the office space being sufficient for the present needs of the city.

The most important permits issued at the building inspector's office during the year were those for the Hudson's Bay block, \$500,000, and the drill hall, two permits of \$250,000 and \$40,000 respectively. The post office additions represent \$150,000. Other large permits of the year were: City jail, \$80,000; Quadra school, \$54,500; Chandler avenue school (Margaret Jenkins), \$60,000; First Presbyterian church, \$55,000, and the first part of the new Royal Jubilee hospital, \$22,000.

The public works adjacent to tidal water are not included in the list, as over them the city authorities have no jurisdiction. These include the break-water and piers for the deep-sea harbor and the government wharf on the old Songhees Indian reserve. These figures would, of course, greatly increase the total expenditure in the city.

No large buildings have been added in Esquimalt and Oak Bay but in the municipality of Saanich the Wilkinson road jail has been opened. The permit for it was issued in 1913. The Normal school, also in Saanich, is to be opened next week.

The accompanying figures for the months of 1914 should be added \$50,000 for repairs, that being the figure which the building inspector proposes to add.

RAPIDLY APPROACHING COMPLETION OF WORK

Facts About Waterworks; Progress on Northwest Trunk Sewer

Two works, Sooke waterworks and the northwest sewer, have been the foremost features of civic construction during 1914. Both are proceeding well and will be finished next summer. There has been little paving work done on account of the difficulty of selling debentures. One other civic work of importance was recently started, for which the financial arrangements were made when the market was easier—the long-delayed city jail.

Some 15 miles of concrete flow line and over 7 miles of the pressure line for the waterworks have been laid; the pipe is manufactured for the balance of the pressure line and the balance of pipe for the flow line will be made in the course of the next six months. The dams at Hambleck and Sooke Lake have been receiving finishing touches and the whole system will be open next July, the necessary financial arrangements for the remainder of the work having been made this month. Part of the northwest sewer is already in use at the temporary outfall and the tunnel work is proceeding at several points in Victoria West, the section outside the city boundary being practically finished. The low-level tank on the north of the Gorge has been completed for some months past and the various sections now open should be tied up by June next. The trunk sewer, when completed will embrace parts of the city, Saanich and Esquimalt.

IN LABOR CIRCLES

Falling Off in Construction Has Had Effect During the Year

Labor circles during the year 1914 have been disturbed by the condition of finances, and the check to construction, forcing the return to other parts of a large floating population which came here in the boom time. The uncertainty of conditions improving rapidly has also had its effects. Much attention was given locally in the early months of the year to the cause of the miners on Vancouver Island, imprisoned for disturbances in August, 1913. The Miners' Liberation league, formed to secure their release, carried on a determined campaign.

When this cause had been secured, the war came to the world as a bolt from the blue and the state of the unemployed led to the organization of several meetings. One body was formed and worked with increasing energy, but when it had been found that it could do little with the government and the city, it was relieved of its duties. Another of a more radical turn was then elected by the unemployed. The latter body, after continued agitation, has secured the establishment of a central employment and relief organization composed of representatives of the city, the friendly organizations, labor and the various relief societies. The measure of its success, time alone will show.

Three local labor men are prominent members of the B. C. Federation of Labor, and union men are looking to the deliberations of the provincial body next month for an indication of the course which should be pursued under existing circumstances. The year has passed without any serious labor trouble here, and the general feeling is that the unions will assume a more normal condition now that their unnatural size has been reduced to include only those who have a stake in the community, and that they will not hurry into advanced courses without calculating the effects of their actions.

In the manufacture of soaps and polishing powders quartz is preferred to silica sand on account of its whiteness and angularity. Quartz crushed and graded to various sizes is used in the manufacture of sandpaper and sand-balls, as a scouring agent, for "frothing" glass with sand-blast apparatus, etc. Blocks of massive quartz and quartzite are used in the chemical industry as a filter for acid towers and as a flux in copper smelting circumstances. It is also used in filters and in tooth-powders and by dentists as a detergent.

Attention! Victoria's Thrifty Shoppers

READ DETAILS OF OUR WONDERFUL FIRST DAY BARGAINS SATURDAY AT SEABROOK YOUNG'S Great SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

Never before have the women of Victoria had such an opportunity to restore their wardrobes without depleting their purses. Our regular customers are already aware of the fact that we are in a position to give values even at normal prices. The savings that will be made by those who shop here during this sale will positively exceed anything before offered in Victoria.

- GIRLS' SKIRTS: With the overskirt effect, these come in navy and sage, trimmed in red; reg. values \$6.50. Sale price \$4.25. GIRLS' NEW BALKAN STYLE SWEATERS: Styles to fit up to 12 years; reg. values to \$2.50. Sale price \$2.00. Smaller sizes \$1.75. BOYS' TWO-PIECE KNITTED SWEATER SUITS: The very thing to keep out the cold; these stand numerous washings; reg. value \$2.50. Sale price \$1.75. ODD LINE OF SMALL BOYS' JERSEYS: These have the button shoulder, you can't beat them! At Sale price to clear at \$1.00. SMALL BOYS' SWEATER COATS: In navy and red, grey and red, to clear at Sale price \$1.75. GIRLS' SCHOOL DRESSES: Navy serge, trimmed with fancy red buttons and serge collars, in sizes to fit 8 to 14 years; reg. value \$4.00. Sale price \$2.00. Black and white checks, trimmed with red collars and cuffs; sizes to fit 6 to 14 years. Sale price \$1.00. Navy serge, sage and brown trimmed with white lace collars; sizes to fit 5 to 14 years; reg. values to \$5.50. \$2.75. Navy serges trimmed with colored collars; sizes to fit 4 to 14 years; reg. values to \$4.00. \$3.25. Velvet dresses, 6-year-old sizes; reg. values to \$7.50. Sale price \$4.50. 12 to 14 years; reg. \$7.75. \$5.50.

bally road yards ready for use early in the new year. The mileage laid this year, is as follows: Surface drains, 2.54; sanitary sewers, 6.19; sidewalks, 5.91; boulevards, 1.65; paving, 5.92; water mains, 2.3. The total mileage laid: Paved streets, 59 1/2 (asphalt 53); sewers, 135; surface drains, 5 1/2; sidewalks, 129; boulevard, 5 1/2; water mains (exclusive of Victoria West), 130 1-2.

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Grand Midnight Matinee 14 14 Vaudeville Acts Professional and Amateur THEATRE Thursday, December 31 Doors open 11.45 p.m. Curtain 12.15. PRICES: Unreserved 25c Reserved, Lower Floor 35c Boxes and Loges 50c Reserved Seats now on Sale at Box Office. "THE FIRST SHOW OF THE NEW YEAR"

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

David Spencer's, Ltd., 37th. January Sale Starts Saturday

OUR 37th January Clearance Sale will be held under conditions unique in the history of this store. The continuance of the great European war, which started right at the opening of the Fall season, has had a tremendous influence in business throughout the season, with the result that stocks are much heavier than usual. This fact accounts for many of the startling price reductions being made, especially in the ready-to-wear sections.

Balance of Fall and Winter Millinery to Go at Sweeping Reductions

Every trimmed and untrimmed shape in the Millinery department must be cleared out during this January Sale. If sweeping price reductions will do it, then we predict a very busy time in this department on Saturday when the sale opens. Note carefully these prices and then see the samples displayed in the windows.

- Children's Bonnets, Caps and Toques, in all colors. January Clearance price, each. **25c**
- Children's Felt Hats, all shapes. Regular values to \$2.50. January Clearance price, each. **50c**
- Children's Trimmed Hats in velvet and plush, various shapes. Regular values to \$5.00. January Clearance price. **\$1.00**
- Children's Bonnets in silk, wool and fur. Regular values to \$4.50. January Clearance Sale each. **\$1.00**
- Flowers and Foliage in a big assortment. January Clearance, per bunch. **10c**
- Wings, in all shades, to clear, each. **25c**
- Ladies' Black Velvet Shapes in beautiful qualities. Regular values to \$10.00. January Clearance price, each. **\$2.50**
- Ladies' Trimmed Hats, in a big variety and very smart styles. To clear at \$2.50 and **\$1.00**
- Ladies' Trimmed Hats, including all our exclusive Pattern Hats. To clear at. **\$5.00**

—Second Floor

A Complete Clearance of Women's Winter Coats

Regular Values From \$7.50 to \$75.00, Grouped Into Four Prices—

\$2.75, \$6.75, \$10.00 and \$16.75

The exceptionally heavy stock of Women's Winter Coats to be cleared out during this sale is accounted for by the addition of 100 Coats just received from our own tailors at Vancouver. A manufacturer of Winter Cloakings sold us the balance of his winter stock at a tremendous price reduction rather than carry the goods over for another season. This fine lot of materials, which included curl cloths, cheichillas, plaids and novelty weaves, we had made up into the very latest of this season's style, by our own tailors at Vancouver. All these Coats are now grouped in the following offerings.

AT \$2.75

These Coats were originally priced at \$7.50 and are ridiculously priced for the January Clearance sale. Your price from plain and fancy weaves in cape effects and Raglan styles.

AT \$10.00

We have a very big assortment of Coats, and their previous values ranged from \$17.50 to \$27.50. There are Coats in curl cloths, fancy checks, plaids and novelty weaves as well as the plainer materials and the assortment of styles is very wide. Every woman in need of a Winter Coat should not miss this offering.

AT \$6.75

Coats in this offering are worth from \$14.75 to \$17.50, and therefore, being cleared at less than half-price. The styles include Balmacaan, cape effects and fancy novelties, and a good assortment of fabrics and colorings.

AT \$16.75

Not a single Coat in this offering worth less than \$30.00, and practically all are values over that figure and as high as \$75.00. The balance of our best novelties are all included and you can choose from military and cape effects, Balmacaan and various other novelty styles. Very smart materials; also a line of handsome black cloth Coats included.

—First Floor

January Clearance of Men's Suits and Overcoats Means Extraordinary Savings to You

We've gone to the utmost limit in value-giving on our entire stock of Men's Suits and Overcoats. The tremendous reductions in price means extraordinary savings to the man who needs a new Suit or Overcoat. Our Men's Clothing stock is well known to the men of Victoria and district, and with the samples displayed in the View street windows, a detailed description here is quite unnecessary. These prices speak for themselves.

Men's Overcoats

- Regular \$12.50 values. **\$6.75**
- January Sale price. **\$6.75**
- Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 values. **\$9.75**
- January Sale price. **\$9.75**
- Regular \$20.00 to \$22.50 values. **\$13.75**
- January Sale price. **\$13.75**
- Regular \$25.00 to \$50.00 values. **\$19.75**
- January Sale price. **\$19.75**

Men's Suits

- Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 values. **\$6.75**
- January Sale price. **\$6.75**
- Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 values. **\$9.75**
- January Sale price. **\$9.75**
- Regular \$20.00 to \$22.50 values. **\$13.75**
- January Sale price. **\$13.75**
- Regular \$25.00 to \$32.50 values. **\$19.75**
- January Sale price. **\$19.75**

—Main Floor

January Clearance of Children's Velvet Dresses

\$3.50 to \$4.50 Values for \$2.50
\$2.75 Values for \$1.50

Most serviceable Dresses for little girls from 2 to 7 years. There are various styles and the principle colors are sage blue, brown and tan. These prices are lower than you could buy the materials for, and every Dress should be quickly sold out.

—First Floor

Substantial Savings on Infants' Winter Coats

Regular \$2.00 to \$2.75 Values to Clear at \$1.50

Regular \$3.50 to \$7.50 Values to Clear at \$2.50

Parents who need Coats for little children from 1 to 3 years should be here on Saturday morning to buy from this offering. Good serviceable garments in Teddy Bear cloth, serges and velvet and the colors include red, sage, green, brown and navy. Single and double-breasted styles and some are smartly touched up with silk braids and cord.

—First Floor

A Big Clearance of Fancy and Tailored Waists at Great Price Reductions

THE extraordinary values in Women's Waists will be fully appreciated. Space forbids our giving a full-detailed description of each offering, but we draw your attention to the samples displayed in the View Street windows. From these you will realize that there are some astonishing values to be had.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Waists For **50c**

Crepes, Voiles, Ceylon Flannel and Linonette are the chief materials in this offering, but the styles are much wider. There are white Waists with the new flare collar and vestee effects. Shirtwrists with plain and tucked fronts; also striped Waists with polo collar, and a splendid range of tailored Waists with tucked and embroidered fronts.

\$1.75 to \$3.00 Waists For **\$1.25**

This offering includes the entire balance of our French Delaine Shirtwrists in striped effects, also a big range of Lingerie Waists in fancy ratine, voiles, marquisette; very pretty styles, and some have the new flare and organdie collars in white pique; fancy fronts, also vestee effects.

\$4.50 to \$5.75 Silk Waists For **\$2.90**

A very smart range of pretty Waists in crepe de Chine, silk-brocade, silk crepes, ninons and white. Jap silk, plain and fancy colors; also Waists in taffetas, messalines and shot silks. Practically every shade and all the leading styles.

\$3.50 to \$4.00 Silk Waists For **\$1.90**

A beautiful range of Waists, and every one a real bargain at this price. There are Waists in Shadow Lace, Silk Crepe, Messaline, in plain and fancy stripes and light and dark colors; also Silk Crepe De Chine, in all colors, including white and black.

—First Floor

January Clearance of Afternoon and Evening Dresses at Extraordinarily Low Prices

Regular \$10.00 to \$100.00 Values To Go at

\$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00

These prices should clear every Dress in each offering in a very short space of time. To say the least the prices are extraordinarily low and will create a big demand. For full details we draw your special attention to the samples displayed in the View street windows.

AT \$5.00

You have your choice from fancy net, plain silks, also serges in blues, brown and black. Dresses that sell in the regular way to **\$17.50**

AT \$10.00

Dresses in this offering include both afternoon and semi-evening styles, and the materials are crepe de chine, fancy silks, chiffons and satins.

AT \$15.00

There are Evening and Afternoon Dresses in similar materials to the \$10.00 offering, but in better grades. A very wide range of styles and absolutely no two alike.

—First Floor

The January Sale of Silks Includes a Manufacturer's Stock of 4,098 Yards Bought at a Tremendous Sacrifice

Values \$2.50 to \$4.75 to Sell **\$1.50** at, Yard

ONE of the best silk buys we've effected for some considerable time. The manufacturer needed ready cash, and to raise it quickly he sold us this beautiful lot of silks at a tremendous sacrifice. We believe that every lady in Victoria will be interested in this sale, and will not only appreciate the extraordinary savings that it offers, but that very piece in the lot is a full 100-yard length; thus, any required length in each pattern and quality can be purchased. The offering includes 40 in. moire velours, colored satin, charmeuse, Oriental satins and satin grenadines; and in colors pale blue, pink, paddy green, mauve, purple, old rose, tope, royal, brown, ivory, black and white. \$2.50 to \$4.75 values for, per yard **\$1.50**

100 Pieces Pale Blue Pongee Silk. Regular 50c grade. January Sale price, per yard **35c**

Taffeta Silks, in colors brown, green, navy and fawn; slightly imperfect. Usually sold at 50c. January Sale price, per yard **15c**

Roman Figured and Striped Silks. Regular 75c grade. January Sale price, yard **25c**

Fancy Figured Ninons. Regular value \$1.50. January Sale price, yard **25c**

Scotch Plaid Silks, 40 ins. wide. Regular price \$2.50. January Sale price, yard **\$1.50**

Chiffon Velvets, beautiful soft finish. Regular \$1.50 to \$2.00 values. Special clearing for the January Sale, per yard **75c**

Black Brocaded Velvets. Regularly sold at \$4.75. Clearing January Sale at, per yard **\$2.50**

Cordurey and Velveteens. Usually sold at 75c to \$1.00. Clearing January Sale at, per yard **55c**

—Main Floor

Men's Underwear at Great Reductions

Men's Heavy Lambwool and Fleeced-Lined Shirts—Oddments only; regular values, \$1.00. Clearing at January Sale, each **25c**

Men's Elastic Rib Shirts—Penman's brand; regular 75c value. January Sale, each **50c**

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, imported brand, odd sizes only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Heavy Cream Wool Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, oddments only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Fancy Stripe Fleeced-Lined Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only; regular value, 75c. January Sale price **50c**

Men's Natural Lambwool Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, odd sizes only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Heavy All-Wool Elastic Rib Cream Color Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only—regular value \$1.25. January Sale price, each **75c**

Men's Imported Heavy Lambwool Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only; regular \$1.25 values. January Sale price, each **75c**

Men's Imported Natural Wool and Grey Cashmere Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only; regular values to \$2.50. Clearing January Sale, each **\$1.00**

—Main Floor

Remarkable Savings on Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

Greater economies than ever before are being offered at this January sale in Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes. All these offerings are our regular stock goods, and can be thoroughly relied on to give the best of satisfaction in wear.

Men's \$6.00 High Top Boots to Sell At **\$4.85**

In brown and olive chrome leather, 10 and 12 ins. high; invaluable to teamsters, loggers and hunters.

Men's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Dress Boots, January Sale Price, **\$3.85**

The latest and best styles in men's "Quite Right" and other good makes. Your choice from gun-metal and tan calf, steel kid and patent leathers. Blucher and button styles, in suitable weights for early Spring wear.

Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair **\$2.85**

Dress Boots in box calf and gun-metal, in Blucher and button styles and various lasts. Also good quality Work Boots, made to stand the wet and hardest wear.

Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair **\$1.95**

Button and Lace Boots, in box calf, gun-metal and tan calf. All good styles and splendid wearing qualities. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

GIRLS' BOOTS—In gun-metal and patent leathers, and in both button and lace styles. Good, serviceable School Boots; sizes 11 to 2. Per pair, \$1.85. Sizes 3 to 10 1/2. Per pair **\$1.45**

—First Floor

Women's \$6.00 to \$7.00 Queen Quality Boots, January Sale **\$4.85**

Here's an extraordinary opportunity for women to save on high quality shoes. Some of our best grades included in this offering. There are Satin Button Boots, Velvet Button Boots and Patent Tanso Sandals; also a big variety of Patent Button Boots with cloth or kid tops.

Women's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boots, January Sale Price, **\$3.65**

Included are Patent Button Boots, cloth tops and all styles; Gun-metal Calf, Tan Calf, Chocolate and Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Boots, including also many "Queen Quality" makes.

Women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, **\$2.95**

Good, serviceable qualities in Button and Lace Boots in all leathers and styles. Patent, gun-metal, tan calf, glazed kid and other leathers. Every pair in this offering was a first-class value at the regular price. They are exceptional bargains at the reduced price, and will sell quickly.

Entire Stock of Ladies' Costumes

Grouped Into Three Prices for the January Sale

\$6.75, \$14.75 and \$25.00

Regular Values \$15.00 to \$100.00

FOLLOWING the usual custom of this store, every Costume must be cleared during our January sale. To accomplish our object this year, we have reduced prices to a ridiculously low figure, in fact considerably lower than at any previous sale, and we believe that extraordinary quick selling will result.

AT \$6.75 your choice from fancy Novelty Suits in a splendid variety, also from plain tailored styles in tweed mixtures and plain serges.

AT \$14.75 there's a very large assortment of Costumes in both fancy novelty styles and plain tailored. At this price we have also included all our better grade Tailored Suits, usually sold from \$35.00 to \$40.00. These are in blue and black serges with best Skinner satin linings.

AT \$25.00—This offering includes all our high-priced imported Novelty Costumes that were selling throughout the season from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Absolutely no two styles alike, and some models are beautifully trimmed with fur. Not one Costume in this lot worth less than \$75.00, and most are worth considerably more. These are most extraordinary bargains even for a January sale.

—First Floor

All Children's Coats Will Be Cleared Out at \$2.50 and \$4.50

Regular Prices \$4.50 to \$15.00

THESE two pieces include every child's Coat in the department, and the values that they represent should make a complete clearance the first day of sale. The sizes range from 4 to 14 years, and you can choose from a big range of styles in checks, fancy tweeds, curl cloths, and novelty weaves. All parents who have girls needing Winter Coats should investigate this offering at once, as these prices are bound to create a big demand. See windows for samples.

—First Floor

January Sale Offers Vig Values in Men's Working Shirts at 50c and \$1.00

THIS January Sale brings good news to the working man who needs a good, serviceable shirt. Here are details of some of the best values ever offered in this class of goods.

Men's Tweed Working Shirts, in dark brown, grey and khaki, with turned-down collars attached and one pocket. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Dark Brown Working Shirts, with collars attached; one pocket. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Blue Serge Shirts, with turned-down collar, reinforced front and two pockets. Regular value \$1.50. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Union Flannel Working Shirts, in light stripes, with the new double collar attached; one pocket, buttoned down. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Hunting or Working Shirts, with turned-down collar attached; two pockets with flaps and trimmed with brass buttons; in brown serge and fancy tweed mixtures. Regular \$2.00 value. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Navy Serge Working or Hunting Shirts, with turned-down collar attached and two pockets. Regular \$2.00 value. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Stripe Flannel Shirts, with turned-down, reversible collars attached. January Sale price **50c**

Men's Grey Stripe Gingham Shirts, with turned-down collars attached. Special for the January Sale, each **50c**

—Second Floor

Extraordinary Reductions on Men's and Boys' Sweaters

Every garment a good reliable article that will give the best of satisfaction in wear. The January Sale prices are exceptionally low for this class of goods.

BOYS' SWEATERS—All wool, in fine ribbed finish and made to fasten on shoulder. Colors—Wedgwood blue, cardinal, brown, navy and other shades. Sizes, 18, 20 and 22 only. Values to \$1.25. To clear at, each **75c**

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS—With vest shape neck, in colors navy and cardinal, grey and navy, slate and tan, and maroon and grey. Men's sizes only. Special at **\$1.00**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—In wool mixtures, fine rib, and colors khaki with grey, green, khaki with brown, navy with cardinal, and grey and navy. These **\$1.00**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—With turn-down roll collars, in colors green and maroon only. Reg. values \$4.00. January sale price **\$2.75**

MEN'S WOOL SWEATER COATS—Vest shape, in colors royal and white combination only. Reg. \$3.75 value. January sale price **\$2.75**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—With roll collar, in heavy ribbed wool, grey and white only. Reg. \$4.75 value. January sale price **\$2.75**

—Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

SPORTING NEWS

INTER-CITY SOCCER FOR HOLIDAY

WESTS EXPECT TO BEAT JACKSONS

Vancouver and Victoria Meet To-morrow; Crucial Games in V. F. A. on Saturday

Victoria is a strong favorite in the betting to win over the Vancouver All-Star soccer eleven that will meet the local representative team at the Royal Athletic park. The selection committee of the V. F. A. have chosen a team that shapes up as the strongest that ever participated in Inter-City events. The Thistles and Jacksons supply a majority of the players and there is a noticeable absence of Native Sons in the team. The Old Country stars being given preference at Monday's meeting. Referee Allen has been instructed to keep the game clean and the local team will take the field as follows: Goal, Shrimpton (Thistles); backs,

Whyte (West), and Taylor (Thistles); halves, Nixon (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles), Allen (Jacksons), forwards, Kerley (Jacksons), Nichol (Jacksons), Pickering (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), Clarkson (Jacksons), Reserves: Sheriff (Jacksons), Blendall (Jacksons), and Inglis (Thistles). Referee, Allen.

Jack Youson is claiming two victories on Saturday when his Intermediate and Senior teams go into games that mean either the championship or second place with the Green Shirts. The seniors will clash with the Jacksons at Royal Athletic park and Youson confidently expects to win this fixture. He says that the addition of Hine and Pilkington has given him a pair of forwards that no other club can approach. Jacksons are also claiming the honors so that it will be seen that a red hot game is due on the baseball grounds. The teams will oppose each other as follows:

West—Robertson, Whyte, Bolton,

Prevost, Petticrew, Okell, Sherratt, Watson, Hine, Pilkington and Baker. Sir John Jackson—Thoburn, Sherriff, Tunnycliffe, Blendall, Green, Nixon, (Capt.), Kerley, Nichol, Hill, Douglas and Clarkson. Reserves, J. Allen and G. Allen.

It is announced by A. Purser, secretary of the Sir John Jackson club, that the trophy which this club is donating to the V. F. A. is a gift of the club and not the firm, as has been generally supposed. The club is composed of the staff and employees of Sir John Jackson, at Albert Head.

A nominal charge of ten cents will be made for the Jackson-West game, Saturday afternoon, this including the grand stand.

The following team will represent the Civic Service Athletic association vs. Fairfield, on Saturday, January 2, 1915, at 2:30 sharp. Beacon Hill lower grounds: Bosson, Bridges, McTigue, A. Martin, Haines, Maxwell, Bartholomew, Swan, Bridges, Thomas, Shearer. Reserves, Erskine, Thompson.

Only one goal has been scored against the Sir John Jackson defence in the six games, or approximately nine hours of play. This is a remarkable record for a division club.

The following games are scheduled for Saturday: Sir John Jacksons vs.

Victoria Wests, at Royal Athletic park; referee Dougan. High School vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill. Wests vs. Impres; referee, Allen.

Fairfield Football club and Civic Service F. C. have arranged to play their postponed league match, on Saturday, January 2. The game is to take place at Beacon Hill park (lower ground) at 2:45 p. m. The following is the Fairfield line-up: Gibson, Donaldson, Church, A. Lea, R. J. Ferris, R. Clegg, Richards, Clowes, Sellars, R. Lea and Erickson. Reserve: Payne.

Players are requested to be on hand at least fifteen minutes prior to the kick-off. Referee H. A. Goward.

Empress team for Saturday.—Davis, Castle, Ditch, Davis, Baker, Donald, Elliott, Smith, Steele, Cummings, Smith and Cummings.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—An all-star mainland football team will journey to Victoria to-morrow to play the pick of the Victoria league in the first inter-league game of the season on New Year's Day. Messrs. Russell and Wilson will manage the trip. The local team follows: Goal, Train (B. C. E. R.); McNaughton (Coquitlam); Miller (New Westminster); half-backs, Lawson (V. A. C.); Bruce (New Westminster); Melkiejohn (New Westminster); forwards, Elbin (Coquitlam); McKinnon (St. Andrews); Forgie (St. Andrews); Grant (B. C. E. R.); Dool (B. C. E. R.); reserves, Marshall (Coquitlam); Butchart (B. C. E. R.).

Wife—"Do you think there is a man who could conscientiously say to his wife, 'You the only woman I ever loved'?" Hubby—"Only one that I can think of." Wife—"Who? You, dear?" Hubby—"Oh, no, Adam!"

UPPER CUT HICKS NOW IN THE NAVY

Victoria Boxers Are Stationed at Halifax; McKay and Davies for Vancouver

Frank Hicks, better known to the fight fans of the capital as Upper Cut Hicks, is one of several Victoria boys now serving on H. M. C. S. Diana, stationed with the Atlantic squadron at Halifax. In a letter to the sporting editor, Hicks states that he along with Seaman Wright, Stoker Mallen and Young Kirkham are enjoying themselves on the other side of the continent, though they took a keen interest in the naval affairs on the Pacific.

Hicks states that he will shortly break into the professional game, and he expects to make good with a rush in the moneyed ranks. He is waiting for the war to clear over to secure his discharge from the navy and don the padded mitta. Hicks has a coming lightweight under his wing in young Kirkham, whom he thinks is good enough to take a crack at some of the big fellows in the 133 lb. division. Seaman Wright is booked to meet Physical Instructor Kinch, R. M., for the heavyweight championship of Nova Scotia early next month, and the

local boys are pulling strongly for Wright to win this title.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Russ Leighton is arranging a big card for the next tourney of the Commercial Athletic club, which will be held in the Dominion hall on the night of Thursday, January 7. Four Victoria boxers will be over for the tourney, giving the local manager a quartette of head-lights. Scotty McKay and Al Davies will be two of the boys on hand for the show. The other two Victoria boxers to make the trip are yet to be selected.

Scotty McKay will likely be matched with Howard Freeman of this city, though this bout is open to change. Al Davies will tackle George Ross once more under more favorable weight conditions, however. Davies will have the privilege of weighing in at 138 pounds ring-side, which will give him a three-pound advantage over his last bout with the Vancouver boy in the capital a few nights ago. This bout will undoubtedly be one of the best of the night.

Heavyweight battles galore are scheduled for early in the new year. Jim Coffey, the "Dulain Giant," and Carl Morris, the "Oklahoma Tower," should provide the most interesting combat. These huskies lock horns on January 12 in New York city. Coffey will rule a favorite over the southern giant, and should win decisively. Coffey made a monkey out of Gunboat Smith, and should do likewise with Gigantic Carl.

Milwaukee boxing fans will not be given a chance to see the pair of dusky twins, "Tham" Langford and "Tham" McVey in action. This pair of darkies were scheduled to box ten

rounds in the "Beer-Town" next month, but the authorities refused to grant the promoters a permit to stage bouts in which negroes participated.

It is probable that this pair will journey to New Orleans and meet over a 20-round bout. A week ago McVey made a big hit with the New Orleans crowd outpointing Harry Willis, their home-brew, in 20 rounds, and as Langford also whipped Willis, the two conquerors would draw a packed house. Johnny Dundee, who recently added the top-piece of Jose Rivers to his rare collection of big game trophies, has planned a programme of ring activities that recalls the halcyon days of John L. Sullivan. Early in January Dundee plans to do battle with six different boxers, in six different dates, on six consecutive nights.

ADAMS CASE RIVALS THAT OF CHAMPION

New York, Dec. 31.—The charge against Platt Adams would make his case somewhat similar to that of James Thorpe, who, after he had been proved to be a professional, was forced to return his Olympic prizes. In its story the Evening Mail calls upon Adams to produce all the medals and trophies he has won since his connection with the New York Athletic club.

At the headquarters of the Amateur Athletic union it was said that nothing was known as to the charges except what was printed to-day. In 1912 Adams and his brother-in-law were members of the American team which was sent to Sweden to compete in the Olympic games. Last year's records show that Adams holds the record for the standing high jump of 5 feet 4 inches.

The Need for Money Will Make Our 9th. Live Wire Sale Of the Finest Clothing, Furnishings and Hats The Most Startling Event We Have Ever Held

Our "Live Wire" Semi-Annual Sales have long been noteworthy events among Victorian men and young men. But this year the event will outdo itself in value-giving. Conditions are such that we are face to face with an absolute necessity. We MUST turn the bulk of our big new stock into cash to clear the way for Spring activity. You know that there are items of wardrobe that you need. You

do not want to spend much money on them, however. This "Live Wire" Sale is your opportunity. We have gone through our entire stock marking prices, that were already reduced, down to still lower margins. Everything that a man needs, saving Shoes, can be found here at extra sale prices. Many of the items are marked now at prices below manufacturing cost. And you benefit!

Opens Saturday, January 2nd.--Many Items Below Cost

<p>75 MEN'S TWEED AND WORSTED SUITS Worth \$22.50 and \$25.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$11.25</p>	<p>25 DOZEN MEN'S HATS In newest shapes and colors; sizes 6½ to 7. Values up to \$5.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.75</p>	<p>TEN YOUNG MEN'S OVERCOATS Made in the short, snappy styles, with patch pockets. Regular \$27.50 LIVE WIRE SALE, \$15.75</p>
<p>SUITS IN FINEST IMPORTED SCOTCH TWEEDS And West of England Worsteds. Worth \$35.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$18.75</p>	<p>20 DOZEN MEN'S HARD HATS In sizes 6½ to 7. Worth up to \$5.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.75</p>	<p>DRESS SUITS All sizes in stock and the best values in the city. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$25.00</p>
<p>75 BLUE SERGE SUITS In Single and Double-breasted styles. Worth \$25.00 and \$27.50. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$15.00</p>	<p>BLUE FLANNEL SHIRTS Newest things, in sizes 14½, 16, 16½ and 17. Worth \$1.75 each. LIVE WIRE SALE, 50c</p>	<p>DRESS SHIRTS The best makes, and most correct styles. Values up to \$2.50. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.25</p>
<p>25 BLUE SERGE SUITS Sizes 38 to 42. Worth \$18.00 and \$20.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$10.75</p>	<p>TEN DOZEN SHIRTS Made with soft cuffs and collar to match, in sizes 16, 16½ and 17. Values up to \$5.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.50</p>	<p>COMBINATION UNDERWEAR All sizes, in best quality. Worth up to \$6.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$2.75</p>
<p>42 MEN'S SUITS In sizes 35, 36, 37, 38 and 40. Worth up to \$20.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$9.25</p>	<p>23 GREY CHESTERFIELD COATS In sizes 36 to 40. Values to \$30.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$18.75</p>	<p>BAR VESTS Marcus Reiben's make. Worth up to \$2.25. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.00</p>
<p>15 ONLY SHEPHERD'S PLAID SUITS Sizes 35 to 39. Regular value \$25.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$12.50</p>	<p>SEVEN ONLY Light weight Coats, made to button close at neck, and 50 inches long. Regular \$30.00. LIVE WIRE SALE \$13.75</p>	<p>RAINCOATS All sizes, in guaranteed garments. Worth to \$16.00. LIVE WIRE SALE, \$10.00</p>

Sale Begins Saturday, January 2nd. With Every Item at Extra Sale Values

"You'll Like Our Clothes" Reg.

FITZPATRICK & O'CONNELL

The House of a Thousand Bargains

SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

N. H. A. CLUB AFTER LOCAL STAR BIG CROWDS AT EASTERN GAMES

Champions Prepare to Bolster Up Team; McKay and Oatman Lead in Goal-Getting

"I am not prepared to state just how far my plans for strengthening the Victoria Hockey club have gone, but the fans may rest assured that if the present team is incapable of holding up Victoria's good name in the P. C. H. A. they will be replaced by men who will," was Lester Patrick's encouraging statement this morning to the Times. There was a rumor current this morning that one of the Victoria players would go east shortly to an N. H. A. team that has been after him. The local management said that the eastern league would have to dicker with the P. C. H. A. before discussing terms with any players on the coast.

Coast Leaders.

Player	Goals	Assists
McKay, Van	4	7
Oatman, Port	4	7
Malten, Van	4	4
Harris, Port	4	4
Throp, Port	4	4
Nighbor, Van	4	3
Cook, Van	4	3
Taylor, Van	4	3
Kerr, Vic	4	3
Tobin, Port	4	3
Dunderdale, Vic	4	2
Howe, Vic	4	2
Morris, Vic	4	2
McDonald, Port	4	2
L. Patrick, Vic	4	2
Mate, Van	1	1
Small, Vic	1	1
Johnson, Port	1	1

N. H. A. Results.

Team	Score
Ottawa, 4; Ontario, 1	
Wanderers, 5; Toronto, 2	
Quebec, 8; Canadiens, 7	

Standing.

Team	Won	Lost
Ottawa	2	0
Wanderers	2	0
Quebec	1	1
Toronto	1	1
Ontario	0	2
Canadiens	0	2

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Wanderers won decisively from the Toronto, N. H. A. champions, by 5 to 2. The victory of the Montrealers, the second on their

opponents' ice, gives Wanderers the call on the championship. The visitors held the lead at all times, but it was not until the last period that they took a commanding lead. The first period was more or less a test. Both teams played warily and the consequence was that neither was seen at its best. In the second, however, both straightened out and mid-season hockey was displayed. The last period was all Wanderers.

Not for a long time has such fine defensive play been shown on local ice as that displayed by Progers and S. Cleghorn. To Harry Holmes, the locals can give thanks that they were not beaten worse. The local net guardian never gave a better exhibition than his work of last night. The Toronto forward line was away below form. The teams lined up as follows:

Wanderers—McCarthy, Progers, S. Cleghorn, Hyland, Roberts, O. Cleghorn.
Toronto—Holmes, Marshall, Cameron, Foyston, Walker, Wilson.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Five thousand people turned out last night to witness the local opening of the National Hockey association. The Ottawa and Ontario teams formed the attraction and after a sensational match the Wanderers won first place in the championship race. It was thrilling hockey at all times, although it grew rough toward the finish.

Duford and Howard McNamara had a little argument on the ice in the third period, and a big crowd jumped over the rail, but order was restored without mishap. The lineup:

Ottawa—Benedict, Merrill, Short, Gerard, Broadbent, Darragh.
Ontario—Lescur, J. McNamara, H. McNamara, Roman, Skinner, Smith.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Showing a surprising burst of speed half way through the second period of last night's N. H. A. fixture, Quebec overcame a three-goal lead and maintaining this pace in the final period assumed a lead which they held to the finish, winning over the Canadiens by a score of 8 to 7. A crowd of about 2,500 witnessed the game. The lineup:

Canadiens—Veina, Dubeau, Yaviolette, Smith, Berthoinette, Filtre, Quebec—Moran, Mummery, Hall, Malone, Ritchie, Crawford.

Jack Walker, the stick-wizard of the champion Toronto, and his uncanny reach, made the poke-check famous. But no one, scarcely, has ever heard of the "Tud" Sorel. He's only the guy who invented the poke check.

Sorel, who has turned out with the Canadiens, is a Port Arthur boy, the same as Walker and Harry Scott, and it is the latter who declares that Sorel was the man who showed Walker the poke check which broke the heart of many an N. H. A. forward last winter. Walker, of course, is well equipped naturally for the use of the long poke in which the entire length of stick and arms is brought into play. Walker is phenomenally long-armed, and when he catches his stick by the tip adds to his natural length of arm, and stretches his body out parallel to the ice, mightily few puck carriers stand a chance of getting by with the rubber.

Sorel, however, is the party who showed Walker how to do it. And outside of this, Sorel is a pretty fair forward, with speed to burn.

HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION.

The following team has been selected from the High school to oppose Victoria West Juniors at Beacon Hill Saturday afternoon: Goal, Lumsden; backs, Scrimman and Poylitt; halves, Bendroit, Post and Ledingham; forwards, H. Copas, C. Sivertz, Jackson, S. Copas and Jones; Reserves, Sivertz, McIlvride and Hunter.

ROSEBUDS WANT STAR



TOMMY SMITH.

Portland, Dec. 30.—Word was received here that the Portland hockey team will get Tommy Smith, the Ontario hockey star, who was awarded to the Pacific Coast association through draft. "We lost out on Roman," said Manager Muldoon of the Rosebuds, "but as Vancouver and Victoria both have more men than we have, and by rights we should have one more player, there is no doubt that Smith will report here, if he consents to come west. If he doesn't, he will be kept from playing organized hockey. Smith is a centre man and led the N. H. A. in scoring last season. He would make a valuable addition to our team, especially as Rochon, who was expected to report soon, has written that his injured knee will not stand the strain, and he will be out of the game for the season."

COLORED TEAM TO PLAY LOCAL CLUB

Bob Brown Trying to Send Veterans to Western League; Baseball Gossip

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—A deal with a Western League club involving Shortstop Harry Schanberg and Pitcher Jimmy Clark is being arranged by Manager Bob Brown of the Vancouver ball club, and it looks like it will go through. Bob tried to make a trade with Portland for Bobby Coltrin, but could not induce McCradie to see it that way. There was a chance that Schanberg might land the job as manager of the Spokane Indians, but nothing came of this, and President Brown fancied that the Spokane club proposes to bring an entirely new team to this league to boss the Indians next year.

The Beaver leader is even now planning for the exhibition games next training season. The Chicago Colored Giants will probably play in Vancouver on April 8 and 9. Under tentative plans the colored players plan to go to Victoria for a two-game series March 31, April 1, returning to Seattle for Saturday and Sunday games, April 5 and 6. They will appear again in Seattle April 10 and 11, and will conclude the tour with games at Spokane April 15 and 17.

New York, Dec. 31.—The closing of the proposed deal for the transfer of the New York Americans to Col. Jacob Ruppert and Captain E. L. Huston, was believed last night to have been effected, and it was stated unofficially that a definite announcement of the sale would be made this morning. It was said that James C. Price, a state boxing commissioner and former sporting editor of the New York Press, would be connected with the new ownership, probably as business manager.

Portland, Dec. 31.—The Cedar Rapids club of the Central association is after Chick Haworth, the young catcher who tried out with the Beavers last spring and finished the season with the Portland Colts, afterward transferred to Ballard.

This is the club from which Roy Brown, the pitcher, was drafted, and to which he returned after leaving the Colts, to whom he had been turned over by the Beavers.

An offer has been made the McGreaves for Haworth, who is on the

reserve list of the Beavers, but it is likely that Haworth will be turned over to one of the Northwestern League clubs, as several are said to be after him. Victoria would like to secure Haworth as he is a grand, bitter and steady pegging backstop.

GOLFERS TO COMPETE AT OAK BAY LINKS

Calcutta Foursomes Start Tomorrow; Outmet Again Heads American Stars

Thirty-six golfers will start out tomorrow at the Oak Bay golf links, when the annual Calcutta handicap foursomes will be played. Interest is keen in this event, and with any kind of weather the golfers look for an exceedingly close competition. Players will arrange with their opponents for start of matches, and the draw has been announced as follows:

- No. 1—Watson and McIntyre handicap.
- No. 2—H. G. Wilson and E. V. Bodwell.
- No. 3—Walroth and C. E. Thomas.
- No. 4—Col. Peters and H. W. R. Moore.
- No. 5—P. Criddle and J. P. Babcock.
- No. 6—B. Tye and A. Stuart Robertson.
- No. 7 (bye)—G. H. Barnard and Mr. Justice Martin.
- No. 8—A. Shaw and H. Ross.
- No. 9—W. Cattle and J. Barnacle.
- No. 10—F. M. Beade and J. Rattenbury.
- No. 11—C. E. Wilson and J. Pinkham.
- No. 12 (bye)—J. W. Ambury and A. C. Plimmer.
- No. 13—C. A. Holland and R. J. Horton.
- No. 14—J. A. Sayward and G. Greenhill.
- No. 15—J. E. Wilson and G. Raymond.
- No. 16—H. Patterson and William C. Todd.
- No. 17—W. H. Ricardo and A. Coles.
- No. 18—H. G. Garrett and Colonel Jones.

The winners of couples Nos. 8 and 9 play No. 7 couple.

The winners of couples Nos. 10 and 11 play No. 12 couple.

Francis Outmet, of the Woodland Gold club, Boston, again heads the list of the 16 best golfers in the United States. Most of Outmet's successes this season were scored over difficult links. Besides holding the national amateur title, he is champion of his own state for the second year in succession and also won several minor honors. How they stand:

- 1—Francis Outmet, Woodland.
- 2—Charles Evans, Jr., Edgewater.
- 3—Jerome D. Travers, Upper Montclair.
- 4—W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont.
- 5—Walter J. Travis, Garden City.
- 6—Warren K. Wood, Homewood.
- 7—John F. Neville, Claremont.
- 8—H. Chandler Egan, Medford.
- 9—Frederick Herreshoff, Garden City.
- 10—John G. Anderson, Brae Burn.
- 11—Eben M. Byers, Allegheny.
- 12—Oswald Kirby, Englewood.
- 13—D. E. Sawyer, Wheaton.
- 14—Ray E. Gorton, Brae Burn.
- 15—Maxwell R. Marston, Baltusrol.
- 16—Edward P. Allis 3d, Milwaukee.

SQUASH CHAMPION.

New York, Dec. 31.—Walter Kinsella, former squash tennis champion of England, yesterday won the professional title in that sport by defeating Stephen J. Faron, the American champion, in the third and last match of their series here. The scores in yesterday's games, played at the Princeton club were 15-15, 15-7, 15-8.

HOLIDAY RACE.

Midwinter regatta. Crews for New Year's Day are as follows: Willows—R. E. Scott (stroke), Matt Scott (3), C. Baylis (2), H. Sinclair (bow). J. B. A.—Billie Kennedy (stroke), R. Travis (2), W. Day (2), O. Summers (bow). Time, 11 a.m.; over harbor course. A big crowd from Willows will be down.

Parents of Boys Will Find Sam M. Scott's AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE SALE A Great Saving Event

At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, January 2, we will place on sale a large part of our high-grade stock of Boys' Clothing and Furnishings at prices so much below regular as to make this a really important event for everyone who has boys' things to buy. The goods offered at sale prices are all regular stock and the purpose of the sale is only to lighten up parts of our stock that are too heavy for this late stage of the season. Those who are regular patrons of ours need not be told that our goods are all of the best quality, that we have special purchasing power in boys' goods, and that our regular prices are strictly reasonable. Therefore the savings offered to those who boys need any of the things now going at sale values will certainly be worth coming for.

- SPECIAL FEATURES**
- Fine Tweed Suits with one and two pairs of bloomers. Regular prices \$10.50 to \$15.00. **ON SALE AT \$7.50**
 - High-Grade Overcoats. Regular Prices \$10.50 to \$15.00. **ON SALE AT \$7.50**

- Note These Price Reductions**
- Overcoats, regular price \$7.50 to \$11. **Sale Price \$6.00**
 - Felt and Stitched Cloth Hats, regular \$2.00. **Sale Price \$1.35**
 - Boys' Shirts, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50. **Sale Price \$1.00**
 - New Buster Suits, regular \$5.50 to \$7.50. **Sale Price \$4.50**
 - Serviceable Raincoats, regular \$6.00 to \$7.00. **Sale Price \$4.50**
 - Smart Norfolk Suits, regular \$5.50 to \$7.50. **Sale Price \$4.50**
 - Norfolk and Double-Breasted Suits, regular to \$15. **Sale Price \$7.50**
 - Close-Buttoned Overcoats, regular to \$7.50. **Sale Price \$4.75**
 - Durable Tweed Pants, regular to \$1.35. **Sale Price 60c**
 - Honeycomb Knit Sweaters, regular to \$1.35. **Sale Price 75c**
 - Boys' Slicker Coats, regular to \$4.75. **Sale Price \$3.00**
 - Flannelette Nightshirts. **Sale Price, each 55c**
 - Cashmere Hose, regular to 60c. **Sale Prices 25c to 35c**
 - Sweater Coats, roll collar. Regular to \$3.50. **Sale Price \$2.25**

Don't Forget the Date—Saturday, January 2nd

SAM M. SCOTT

Boys' Clothes Specialist. 736 Yates Street.

Y. M. C. A. PROGRAMME FOR THE HOLIDAY

An excellent programme has been arranged for to-morrow by Secretary Witham, of the Y. M. C. A., of sports, concerts and receptions. This is the introducing of such a programme, and if a success, such meets will be held more frequent.

The following programme has been arranged:

- 9 a.m.—Basketball games.
- 10 a.m.—Relay race for Juniors starting at the Willows and finishing at the Y. M. C. A. building.
- 11 a.m.—Road race for soldiers and senior "Y" members, from Willows to Y. M. C. A. Referee H. G. Beall, Major Bapty.
- 11 a.m.—Patriotic band concert by Fifth Regiment in lobby.
- 2 p.m.—Reception; open house.
- 3 p.m.—Gymnasium programme of sports.
- 5 p.m.—Aquatic competitions in the tank.
- 7:15 p.m.—Informal reception.
- 7:30 p.m.—"Bombardment of Zeppelins" in tank.
- 8:30 p.m.—Military programme in gymnasium. Lecture by Major Beale.
- Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening performances by the ladies' committee.

Quite a surprise, Jim Corbett buying stock in the Tacoma club.

SOREL TOUTED INVENTOR OF THE "POKE-CHECK"

Jack Walker, the stick-wizard of the champion Toronto, and his uncanny reach, made the poke-check famous. But no one, scarcely, has ever heard of the "Tud" Sorel. He's only the guy who invented the poke check.

Sorel, who has turned out with the Canadiens, is a Port Arthur boy, the same as Walker and Harry Scott, and it is the latter who declares that Sorel was the man who showed Walker the poke check which broke the heart of many an N. H. A. forward last winter. Walker, of course, is well equipped naturally for the use of the long poke in which the entire length of stick and arms is brought into play. Walker is phenomenally long-armed, and when he catches his stick by the tip adds to his natural length of arm, and stretches his body out parallel to the ice, mightily few puck carriers stand a chance of getting by with the rubber.

Sorel, however, is the party who showed Walker how to do it. And outside of this, Sorel is a pretty fair forward, with speed to burn.

HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION.

The following team has been selected from the High school to oppose Victoria West Juniors at Beacon Hill Saturday afternoon: Goal, Lumsden; backs, Scrimman and Poylitt; halves, Bendroit, Post and Ledingham; forwards, H. Copas, C. Sivertz, Jackson, S. Copas and Jones; Reserves, Sivertz, McIlvride and Hunter.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Class of Soccer Improving Locally.

While there are not as many senior clubs this season as in the past, the class of soccer supplied the local fans is gradually improving. One of the real lovers of rugby in the Capital made the remark the other day that soccer was improving in Victoria at a faster rate than rugby. This may or may not be so, for Victorians hold the British Columbia championships at both sports. One thing is certain, however, that being the greater combination shown in recent soccer matches over those of a few years ago. Team work is getting to be the big factor in winning matches and this means hard practice. The dribbling and shooting will naturally be developed by the constant practice, and the general result is that Victoria teams are rapidly forging to the front as first class soccer teams. The fewer the teams the natural gathering together of the good players into stronger combinations, the spectators reaping the benefit.

Ottawa is an Incubator for Hockey Stars.

The city of Ottawa is furnishing no less than seventeen players to the big professional hockey leagues in the east and west this winter, and every one is a native son. The prestige this old town has held for producing ice experts in the past seems to be in the ascendancy as time goes on. Fifteen players now registered in the National Hockey association, or one-third of the whole league, are Ottawa boys who learned the game in that city. In baseball, there is an old saying a man cannot make good in his own town. This does not hold good in hockey for eight members of the Ottawas are local bred and born. This list will show the importance Ottawa bears to the great winter sport. Kendall, Roberts and McCarthy of Ottawa; Hebert, T. Smith and Lowery of Ontario; Westwick of Quebec; Throp of Portland; Dunderdale of Victoria; Gerard, Darragh, Graham, Broadbent, Duford, Benedict, Shore and Roman of Ottawa.

Walter Johnson was out of organized ball for two weeks, the same length of time Art Ross will be missing from organized hockey.

"A bullet through the head is not always fatal," writes a surgeon from the front, indicating that he has been treating Raymond Cazeau, or some other wrestler.

Hockey is getting to be as cosmopolitan a sport as baseball. A few years ago a Chinaman in Aymer, Que., developed into a pretty fair stick handler. A junior league in Montreal has a club composed exclusively of Italians. There are plenty of Germans playing the game, though this should be a hard winter for them. No Hungarians or Turks have yet shown an inclination to take up the sport.

Boots, Shoes and Slippers at Half-Price

At Our Gigantic Stock Reducing Sale

<p>\$2.50 Ladies' Felt Juliets 95c</p> <p>All the popular Shoes, with high or low heels. No reserve. All must go.</p> <p>95c</p>	<p>\$7 "Dr Special" \$4.95</p> <p>The Best Shoe made in Canada. We are overstocked, hence this big reduction. While they last—</p> <p>\$4.95</p>	<p>\$5 Men's Patent Pumps \$2.90</p> <p>Made from the finest French patent, with non-slip heels protection. A Bargain at</p> <p>\$2.90</p>	<p>\$6 Ladies' Boots \$3.65</p> <p>Ladies' Patent Leather, with long receding toes and Kidney, French and Cuban heels; cloth, brocaded and kid top. A classy shoe. Biggest Bargain in Canada.</p> <p>\$3.65</p>
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Goods exchanged or money refunded if not satisfied.

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It's on Yates Street Near Broad Street

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

Cozy modern four room bungalow on full sized lot \$2,800

On terms without interest, purchaser to assume mortgage of \$1110.00.

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THE HOMEBEAKER'S IDEAL

Modern 9-room dwelling and corner lot, 48 x 114; beautifully situated in the Oak Bay district.

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Lake District—10 acres of land, all cleared and fenced, together with a well-built house containing 6 rooms.

South Saanich—25 acres of land, all cleared and fenced, electric station on property.

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J. STUART YATES 416 Central Building.

FOR SALE Two valuable water lots with 2 large wholesale warehouses and wharf.

TO RENT Three-storey warehouse, Wharf street. For particulars apply to J. Stuart Yates, 416 Central Building.

BAIRD & M'KEON 1210 Douglas Street.

New 5-Roomed Dwelling and Sunroom, hardwood floors, beamed and paneled; elaborate electric fixtures.

TO RENT 1224 Johnson St.—6 rooms, \$15.00 1113 Yates St.—4-room suite, \$12.00

Houses Built at \$16 per Month and Upwards

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

THREE VILE STORMS TAMBOV HERE AFTER BRITISH LINES ARE BATTERED YOKOHAMA TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE ADDING TO SERVICES

Ship Was Plunging Heavily on Christmas Day but Passengers Enjoyed Themselves

Despite the fact that the ship was held in the grip of a violent southerly storm and was tossed about in peculiar ways by a nasty beam sea, the passengers on board the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Kamatsubara, spent a most enjoyable time on Christmas day.

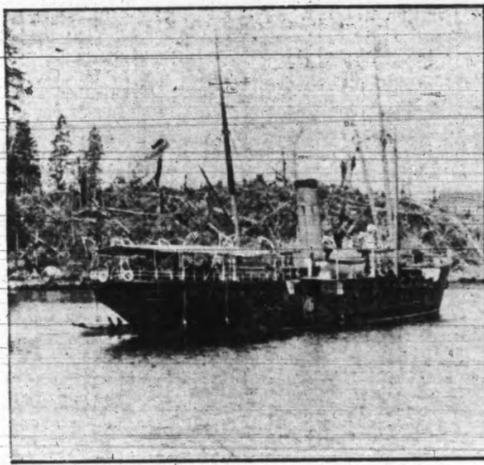
Russian Volunteer Vessel Reports Series of S. E. Gales; Replaced Kiev

Reporting continuous gales from the time of clearing from Yokohama seven days ago until Cape Flattery was passed yesterday afternoon, the steamship Tambov, Capt. L. Alexyeff, of the Russian volunteer fleet, arrived at William Head last night shortly before 11 o'clock.

German Commerce Has Been Destroyed to the Benefit of John Bull's Trade

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Two British shipping corporations, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Harrison Direct line, yesterday announced increased steamship service between ports in the United Kingdom and Puget Sound.

ONE OF LIGHTHOUSE TENDERS HERE FOR HOLIDAYS



S. S. QUADRA

As soon as the holidays are over the Quadra will load for a trip to the lighthouses in the inside passage.

Although she has been sailing the seas for the past twenty years, she is a fine-looking vessel, having a clipper bow and very fine lines.

She is being preceded to the coast by the Royal Mail liners Glenroy, Glenochy and Glenrye.

Much Cargo Landed Here

The Yokohama Maru is discharging 810 tons of cargo at Victoria and will not clear for Seattle until the evening.

GATE LEAVES TO-DAY

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian full-rigged ship Gate, Captain Anderson, will sail to-day for Port Natal and Delagoa Bay with 1,600,000 feet of lumber.

REPLACING THE BRITISH STEAMSHIP HISTORIAN

The Tambov will not call in at Victoria, her orders being to proceed direct to Vancouver.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HARRISON DIRECT LINE STEAMERS CROWN OF SEVILLE AND CROWN OF TOLEDO ARE TO BE DISPATCHED FOR SEATTLE AND THE NORTH PACIFIC

The Harrison Direct line steamers Crown of Seville and Crown of Toledo are to be dispatched for Seattle and the North Pacific.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Includes sections for Deep Sea Arrivals, Deep-Sea Departures, Sailing Coming, and Ferry Services.

CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR PAST YEAR ARE SMALL

Little Activity in Building Results in Small Importations; Fewer Ships

Owing to a decrease in building and also the withdrawal of a great many steamships from the trans-Pacific trade during the last half of the year, the customs returns for the port of Victoria for the year 1914 have fallen considerably behind the figures of the preceding two or three years.

When the building trade stopped, the cargoes from the United Kingdom found their way to the United States also caused the duties to fall off remarkably.

Table showing Customs Returns for the Port of Victoria for the year 1914, with columns for Month, Value, and Percentage.

GROWTH OF WIRELESS SYSTEM IN DOMINION

Revenue of Stations Here is Almost Equal to the Cost of Running

The development of the radiotelegraph system of the Dominion government which was begun under the late Liberal government, is such as to amply demonstrate the wisdom of the policy adopted by the former ministry.

The latest report of the department of the naval service, in the charge of which this service now is, bears this statement out.

There was an increase of forty-six in the number of stations being operated, the total being 183, made up of one government commercial station, forty-two coast stations, twenty-one government ship stations, fifty licensed ship stations, eight licensed commercial stations and forty-seven licensed amateur and experimental stations.

Many Amateurs Here

In this province there were three licensed commercial stations in the year under review, these being at Powell River, Ocean Falls and Bowen Island, Howe Sound.

On the whole, these latter stations have reasonably observed the regulations issued for their control, but there still remain a large number of them in both Toronto and Montreal operated without a license, and complaints reach from time to time that the Montreal coast station is being interfered with.

Under the revised regulations, every possible facility, compatible with the regular and coast station service, is given to the operation of amateur stations.

The coast stations in B. C. are at Gonzales Hill, Victoria; Point Grey, Vancouver; Cape Lazo, Pachenota Point, Estevan Point, Triangle Island, Ikeda Head, Morisy Island, Dead Tree Point, Graham Island, Digby Island, Prince Rupert and Albert Bay.

The Knickerbocker will discharge here over New Year's Day.

VANGUARD OF FLEET OF EIGHT SAILERS ARRIVES

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Vanguard of a fleet of eight sailing craft will load on the North Pacific, the British barque Juteopola, fifty-nine days from Victoria, reached Seattle yesterday.

Other sailing craft on their way to the North Pacific include the British barque Juteopola, fifty-nine days from Victoria, reached Seattle yesterday.

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ON FIRE IN ATLANTIC

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Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES

Tickets for the above holiday will be sold at single fare and one-fifth for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: To points on Courtenay Branch, on sale December 31st.

Transatlantic Sailings for England

Table listing Transatlantic Sailings for England with columns for Ship Name, From, and Date.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW and secure good accommodation. E. E. BLACKWOOD, General Agent Northern Pacific Railway and All Atlantic Steamship Lines.

Union Steamship Company of B. C. Limited

Table listing Regular Sailings to various ports including Prince Rupert, Bella Coola, Port Hardy, Skeena River, Nanaimo, Green Point Rapids, Butte Inlet, Granby Bay, Alert Bay, Powell River, Naas River, Union Bay, Surge Narrows, River's Inlet, Campbell River, Van Anda, Calvert Island, Comox, Kingcome Inlet, and Jervis Inlet.

Morning Steamer for Seattle

S. S. "Sol Duc" Leaves Victoria daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m. from C. P. Dock for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle.

KNICKERBOCKER BRINGS IN RECORD CATCH OF FISH

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The fine schooner Knickerbocker, Captain John Koseth, operating from Vancouver for the New England Fish company, arrived last night with flags flying and a triumphant crew.

The Knickerbocker has 200,000 pounds of halibut and her decks are loaded with the fish she got this record catch away off Cape St. Elias, Alaska.

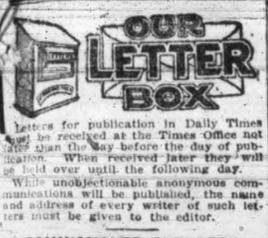
The New England Fish company now holds the record for halibut catches in steam and sail for the steamer Manhattan, a few years ago, brought in 320,000 pounds, and the Flamingo has often landed about 300,000 pounds.

MURCHIE STILL ON BARQUE

Portland, Dec. 31.—Although he formerly ran out of Portland regularly as master of the full-rigged British ship Peterborough, Captain Murchie in command of the Kinross-shire, arriving on Tuesday at the Linton ballast dock from Hamburg via Honolulu, is here on his first trip in more than a quarter of a century.

When Captain Murchie was directing the movements of the Peterborough she carried cargo out from New York and Philadelphia to Japan, coming across the Pacific to Portland to load grain for the United Kingdom.

Capt. Murchie was master of the Kinross-shire when she loaded a full cargo of lumber at the Canadian Puget Sound mills for the United Kingdom about two and a half years ago.



Letters for publication in Daily Times... To the Editor:—There is no question that a past mismanagement has brought the city into its present difficulty...

COMMISSIONER CUTHBERT. To the Editor:—In times of peace and when we have with us never-ceasing pleasure on the part of workers for wages for shorter hours and higher wages...

FRILLS. To the Editor:—In the report of the meeting of the city council in your issue of Tuesday, Ald. Okell is reported as stating that he does not understand the tax on the Victoria Island association...

RETRENCHMENT. To the Editor:—The expert on civic construction, Mr. Adams, in his address referred to slams the result of unemployment as a thing to be avoided...

THE GUNHILD. To the Editor: Statements and criticisms of the public press when given in a fair and truthful manner and not biased by prejudice to either faction are of indisputable value...

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Open Tomorrow. The from at 10 Victoria public will be open from 1 to 2 p.m.

Only New Year's Warning.—Do strain your eyes and bring on a strain. Have Mr. Frankton look at your eyes and tell their exact condition.

Success Service.—A slight re-arrangement of the programme for afternoon of the public inter-ference to be held in the Victoria theatre has been made.

Large Board.—Apparently response to Alderman Todd's plan of the work of the parks tree on Tuesday, Alderman Dil-ly has passed a motion calling upon a building inspector to provide a notice board for the city hall.

Contract Holders in Vic-toria.—A petition asking for a ratification of the agreement between the Vancouver and Victoria contract holders to appoint the "Trust Company" of Winnipeg permanent liquidators of the company.

McAdams Announces Him-self as a Candidate for Of-fice of Reeve.

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Financial News

GENERAL MEETING NEXT CONSISTENT STRENGTH FOR CORONATION MARKS STOCK PRICES

Lead Keeps Ad-Other Stocks Show Restraint To-day Floor Traders Covered Lines and Evening Up of Accounts Was General

Lead held its advance of yesterday. Some restraint was manifest in the market today. There was a general covering of the market.

Consistent strength was shown in the market today. The floor element was covering their shares.

Bank of Montreal's general meeting will be held on January 7, 1915, at 2:30 p.m. in the bank's headquarters.

Stock prices were generally firm today. The market showed a tendency to cover.

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BIRKBECK BANK CASE AND TRUST COMPANY UNDERGROUND WARFARE IN FRANCE DESCRIBED

Depositors Unable Yet to Obtain Funds for Counsel or to Visit Victoria Wounded Are Carried Out of Trenches on Shoulders of Their Companions

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Now that the permanent liquidator has been appointed to settle the affairs of the Dominion Trust company, the question of the status of the depositors and of various classes of disputed creditors will probably be prepared for submission to the courts.

Monte Saint Eloi, Department of Pas de Calais, France, Dec. 30.—German artillery to-day again bombarded at long range the double-towered church and the Fifteenth Century abbey here, but without doing any damage.

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New Year's Eve at Finch's Bankrupt Sale

Ribbons at Cost and Less Assorted Shades On Sale in the Neckwear Section

Lot No. 1.—In taffetas and Duchess satin. Regular to 65c per yard, for 25c

Lot No. 2.—In taffetas, Duchess satins, moire effects and silk corded Ribbons; many shades. Regular to \$1.00 per yard, for 40c

Lot No. 3.—In taffetas, Duchess satins. Regular to 75c per yard, for 35c

Lot No. 4.—In moire; corded silk, taffetas and Duchess. Regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard, for 65c

Corsage Bouquets at Less Than Cost This Lot comprises some beautiful French foliage and flowers in a great variety.

20c lines for 10c 35c lines for 15c 50c lines for 20c 75c lines for 35c \$1.00 lines for 40c

The above are also on sale in the Neckwear Section.

A Few Untrimmed Felt Hats to \$2.50, for 25c In black and colors. Regular 25c

Kiddies' Hats at 25c Kiddies' Hats, about two dozen; velvets, felt and silk. Regular to \$2.75, for 25c

Fur Hats to \$45, for \$1.95 Ladies' Fur Hats, in black bear, seal, grey squirrel and sable. Regular to \$45.00, for \$1.95

\$12.50 New Coats for \$2.50 15 only, New Fall Coats, in scroll effects; brown, cream, grey and purple. Regular price \$12.50. While they last \$2.50

\$5.50 Dressing Sacques for \$1.90 Padded Silk Dressing Sacques, in colors of mauve, sky, red and navy; cut in Japanese style. Regular \$5.50, for \$1.90

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UNDERGROUND WARFARE IN FRANCE DESCRIBED

Wounded Are Carried Out of Trenches on Shoulders of Their Companions

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LONDON COMMENT ON MILITARY CIRCLES QUESTION OF DEFENCE HAD STIRRING YEAR

Significance Found in Speeches of Premiers of Canada and Australia Three Regiments Fully Up to Strength; Presence of Contingents Lends Martial Air

London, Dec. 31.—The Times editorially to-day draws attention to the significance of the fact that both Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, and Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher, premier of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the same day made speeches which looked forward to the end of the war and estimated the effect on the status of the empire.

Premier Fisher said that the day had already come when self-respect should persuade Australia and New Zealand to abandon their policy of reliance on the British taxpayer and bear at least their full share in their own defence.

The Times agrees with Premier Borden that the problem of developing our relationship one to another, though complex, is such that no one need despair of a satisfactory solution.

We are bound to face the problem involved in the adolescence of the Dominion peoples. We have put it off quite long enough," says the Times, which proceeds to argue that it ought not to be assumed too lightly that the imperial conference should not meet as arranged next year because of the war.

The speeches of Sir Robert Borden and Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher show that the premiers of Canada and Australia are willing to come to the surface difficulties and to overcome the present difficulties and to overcome the present difficulties and to overcome the present difficulties.

The old Fifth Regiment, British Columbia regiment of garrison artillery, the pioneer militia organization of coast, under the command of Col. W. N. White, is being re-organized.

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While the youngest of the city corps, the 56th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada, is fully up to the standard set by the older ones, and it has as fine a body of officers and men as any of the Scottish regiments of the imperial army its commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. A. W. Currie, also is with the Canadian troops, having left with the first contingent in his absence the regiment is under the command of Captain Forsythe. Like the other infantry battalion its members have been doing a great deal of duty during the war, and have done it well. In the picturesque uniform of a Highland regiment the well set-up and well-drilled corps makes a splendid appearance on parade. Its full quota has been given to both contingents.

At first the troops mobilized at the outbreak of the war were distributed at the Esquimalt navy yard and dry dock, on Macaulay Plain and at the Whilows, but it was found that this was inconvenient, and the fair grounds now present all the aspects of an armed camp, with over two thousand men there permanently for months.

There are two bodies of home guards, the Victoria Volunteer Guard, which has headquarters in the Strathcona hotel block, and with which is incorporated the Victoria companies of the Royal National Reserve of Canada and Company No. 24 of the Imperial Veterans of Canada, and the Victoria Volunteer Reserve, which has its armory in the drill hall.

During the earlier months of the year the Victoria regiments were still doing duty in the coal mining strike area. There has recently been formed in Nanaimo an independent company of infantry.

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OBITUARY RECORD

Death took place yesterday at Westminster of Mrs. Anna, wife of the late Mr. James Smith, at the age of 65 years. She was the wife of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by a family of several sons resident at different points on the continent. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at the Victoria Undertaking parlors, and to be in the family plot at Mt. Esquimalt.

Funeral of Fred White, which occurred on December 28, took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the Sands Funeral Home, at 2:30 o'clock, under the direction of the bereaved family.

The Rev. F. H. Fatt officiated. The hymn sung was "Nearer My God to Thee." The pallbearers were Messrs. E. H. Evey, J. Meltram, W. H. Berryman, T. Fisher and Carroll.

Funeral Service.—To-night, the body of the Old Year several days will be baptized into the Baptist church. The rite will be with the usual beautiful used in connection with the ceremony.

School Rally.—The Methodist schools of the Victoria will hold their annual school rally in the Metropolitan on January 1, 1915, at 10:30 a.m. The schools will be of the English, Chinese and Japanese. Each school will answer and make a school response, assisted by the Belmont Avenue school orchestra. Rev. S. J. Jones and Joseph Patrick will be the gathering. A bright and interesting programme is in preparation, and the patrons of the annual New Year's morning, P. H. many will attend.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Jan. 1. 7.57-59 March 7.81 7.85 7.88 7.90-91 May 7.96 8.02 7.93 7.95-96 July 8.05 8.11 8.12 8.15-16 Oct. 8.29 8.32 8.36 8.39-40

METAL MARKETS

New York, Dec. 31.—Lead quiet, \$3.75 per 100 lbs. Copper daily, electrolytic, \$12.75 per 100 lbs. Cast, \$12.50-13-14.

FRENCH GAVE BELGIANS SEVEN MILLION FRANCS

Paris, Dec. 31.—The people of France have given the Belgian refugees with- in the republic Christmas presents to the value of 7,000,000 francs, according to estimates prepared to-day. This includes 2,000,000 francs in cash de- rived from the sale last Sunday of in- numerable little Belgian flags.

MARCONI IS SENATOR

Rome, Dec. 31.—Giuseppe Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame, has been appointed a member of the Italian senate by King Victor Emmanuel. His- ty signed the decree to this effect.

SWITZERLAND HAS TO MEET LARGE DEFICIT

Berne, Dec. 31.—The heavy military expense thrust upon Switzerland by her being obliged to support 200,000 foreign troops, and to meet the large deficit, is such that no one need despair of a satisfactory solution.

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TORONTO HAS HOTTEST ELECTION IN HIST

Toronto, Dec. 31.—To-night will be the close of the hottest municipal election in Toronto's history. The fight for the mayoralty chair will be a close one between Controllers Church and McCarthy. The feature of the campaign has been the fight between Alderman Sam McBride, Socialist candidate, for the board of

KAISER SENDS NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Emperor William has sent from the army headquarters a message to President Wilson conveying his wishes for a happy New Year. The emperor expresses his wishes for the welfare of the United States.

Wishing You All a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Dixi H. Ross & Company

Phones: Grocery, 59, 51, 52. The Home of Quality Foods. 137 Government St. Liquors, 51.

VICTORIA FEED CO. Hay, Grain, Flour, Potatoes and Poultry Foods

THE EXCHANGE Books for the Holidays and Long Winter Evenings, 10c to 50c.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE WORK IS POPULAR

Many Secure Certificates as Result of Education in First Aid

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 31-5 a.m.—The barometer is again falling along the coast, and unsettled, mild weather is becoming general.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Winds: mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled, and mild, with rain.

Forecast: Lower Mainland—Winds: mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled, with rain.

Reports: Victoria—Barometer, 30.11; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 33; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .14; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 33; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .14; weather, cloudy.

Rainbow—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 23; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Esquimalt—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 23; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .03; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 22; wind, rain, rain, 2; weather, clear.

Temperature: Max. Min. Port Huron, 31, 21; Detroit, 31, 21; Chicago, 31, 21; St. Louis, 31, 21; New York, 31, 21; Philadelphia, 31, 21; Boston, 31, 21; Washington, 31, 21; San Francisco, 31, 21; Los Angeles, 31, 21; Portland, 31, 21; Seattle, 31, 21; San Diego, 31, 21; Honolulu, 31, 21.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT. Victoria, (Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914.)

MUTRIE & SON

We take this opportunity of thanking every one of our many customers for past favors, and of extending to one and all our best wishes for a most happy and prosperous 1915.

WHEN YOU WANT WIRE ROPE

Let us tell you the merits of "CRADDOCK" Steel and Iron Wire Ropes of every description for every purpose. Made in the "Dark Sea Born City" of Glasgow.

POULTRY MUST HAVE GRIT

Keeps the egg shell hard, builds up the birds and makes them lay. We have three kinds.

Clam Shell, per 100 lbs. \$1.25. Mica Grit, per 100 lbs. \$1.50. Ground Bone, per 100 lbs. \$2.50.

Begin the New Year Right

Buy your Hardware at DRAKE'S—you get BETTER QUALITY BETTER VALUE BETTER SERVICE

How Coal Might Be Got Free

New Wellington Coal CASH \$6.50 PER TON DELIVERED IN CITY LIMITS

PREPARES A SHEAF OF ECONOMY MOTIONS

Ald. Todd Stands Sponsor Proposes Cut in Civic Salaries on Graded Scale

number of motor vehicles used by the city, the make, condition, capacity, etc., of each, the work on which each machine is used, name of chauffeurs and amount of salary paid to each.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Hon. J. M. Turner and Mrs. Turner Express Their Good Wishes for British Columbians.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS



THE HOME-MAKER STORE

Extends Hearty Thanks to All Its Friends for the Many Kindnesses Received During 1914, and Trusts That One and All May Enjoy a Very

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Brilliance and Beauty of Cut Glass

Adds an indescribable charm to even the most unpretentious dinner table. Cut glass is something every woman instinctively covets.

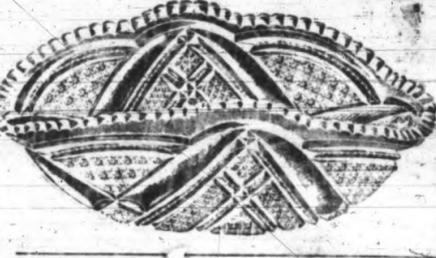


New Year's Requisites

Will you receive this year? If so, your sideboard will probably need a few replenishings in glassware.

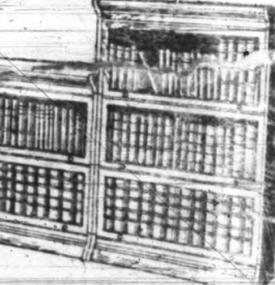
- Decanters, Claret Jugs, Goblets, Champagnes, Claret, Sherries, Wines, Punch Cups, Lemonades.

Cash Prices 90c to \$40.00



FOR THE BOOK LOVER

A Sectional Book Case will afford his books the necessary protection. They will not be exposed to dust and the little accidents incidental to daily life.



An Acceptable Gift

For New Year's. It will help the members of the family to keep their New Year's resolution of answering their correspondence more promptly.

Trim, Neat Shades

Are essential to the good appearance of your home. We cordially invite you to consult our "BLINDS"



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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. PUBLIC NOTICE. Various small notices and advertisements.

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