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TORY HUMORISTS.

The province of Ontario is one of the most religiously devout regions on the North American continent. It is said when the people who have arrived at maturity—and they reach the adolescent stage early in that prolific province—are not attending church or "protracted" meeting they are discussing politics.

In any case, there have been more scandals in connection with the political life of Ontario in late years than have been developed within the same time in the most fashionable congregations of the great cities of the great continent to which we belong.

Mr. Green, being constructed on a less magnificent scale, only consumed goods to the value of \$812.25.

The Premier was satisfied with \$627.50. Mr. McPhillips's bill was insignificant, \$557.

The Finance Minister greatly mystifies the public by claiming a pattry \$50 as his share of the spoil.

Mr. Tatlow is evidently determined to live up to his reputation as the one conscientious member of the administration.

But the universal experience is that environment has an important influence upon disposition and nature.

The Tatlow leaven may be very potent, but if it succeeds in leavening the different lumps with which it is associated we in British Columbia will assuredly witness a twentieth century miracle.

TURNING ON THE LIGHT.

There were some significant remarks made on the floor of the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon.

Something sensational was expected from the member for Nelson. Mr. Houston delivered an interesting address, boiling with the sardonic humor that always characterizes and strongly flavors his deliveries.

Mr. Houston's speech was not by any means the most interesting contribution to yesterday's proceedings.

The members who call themselves Socialists, the nominal representatives of important constituencies, were the gentlemen who contributed the piquancy to a bill of fare which had lost some of its original attractiveness from the attention it had received.

It is unusual for representatives of the people in constitutionally governed countries, in countries over which the British flag flies, to stand up in their places in Parliament and proclaim their conviction that their constituencies are not particularly interested in the manner in which taxes are raised, or applied after they are raised, so long as the burdens are not laid too heavily upon the class assumed to be represented.

This is a new and original doctrine, worthy of its source and of the causes which inspire it.

We do not think it is necessary to enter into the question of the reasons for the extraordinary attitude of the leaders who point the way to a new and more desirable economic system.

The causes are pretty well known in the places from which the gentlemen hail and which they announce they will so obstinately misrepresent. But the facts indicate that even altruistic souled Socialists are subject to poor human weaknesses, that they entertain thoughts unworthy of men imbued with such holy aims and unselfish, impersonal ambitions.

But our concern is not with the thwarted purposes or ultimate objects of any set of men. It is with the majority in constituencies whose representatives hold such perverted views of their duties.

IDEAL CONDITIONS.

Canadian manufacturers and Conservative newspapers aver that the industries of the country are doomed, that they must surely die, unless "adequate protection" be afforded them.

Adequate protection means protection as efficient or effective as that given by the United States to its weaklings.

PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS. A most acceptable Xmas Gift is a piece of jewelry or silverware, it being, if good, both useful and lasting.

Walter S. Fraser & Co., Ltd. General Hardware, IRON, STEEL, PIPE AND FITTINGS, ETC. FULL LINE OF AMMUNITION, LANTERNS AND AIR-TIGHT HEATERS.

Choice Bananas, per dozen - 25c. Choice Jap Oranges, per box - 40c. Good Cooking Apples, per box, 75c. Hardress Clarke, 88 DOUGLAS STREET.

Don't Be Tempted. With low priced goods. The best are the best. Deaville, Sons & Co., GROCERS, ETC., Sell the best. Remember our motto: Best Value at Lowest Cost. Christmas Goods. Arriving Daily. Hillside Ave. and First St.

One thing we are quite sure of. The average workman, the average mechanic, the average farmer, the average merchant, the average professional man, even the average newspaper man, would gladly exchange places with the average manufacturer in these times of abounding prosperity and industrial activity.

DUAL CAPACITY.

To the Editor:—I notice a letter in last night's Times with reference to Ald. Cameron to be one of the most level-headed aldermen we have, and one who is thoroughly conversant with municipal matters, and who should know what the city requires from the local parliament.

It must be an advantage for this city to have such an alderman over the "Bays," and I for one as a voter in South Ward sincerely hope that the alderman will offer himself again for re-election.

Mr. Gardie as mayor of Vancouver was an M. P., and surely if he could leave his own city to attend to his duties over here Ald. Cameron can do his duty in his dual capacity.

Victoria city will need every friend it has at the parliament buildings this year very badly, and Ald. Cameron will be doing his duty to the citizens best by staying with the city council.

TOGETHER THAN ANN. To the Editor:—A letter appears in yesterday's issue over the signature of "Progress." I am another believer in progress, and would like "Progress" to say what he means.

MARY. Life. Mary had a wealthy dad, A lord found out somehow, Mary's foolish heart is glad, She has a title now.

The population of the United Kingdom up to the end of June was estimated at 42,872,350 persons.

SPENCER'S WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE.

News of Stirring Economy Gathered From Top to Bottom of the SPENCER STORE. The Christmas Sale increasing in interest every day. The strongest bargains that the combined enthusiasm of this store could contribute are ready for Friday and Saturday.

SALE OF FURS. A sample lot of Furs, also 38 pieces picked from our regular stock on sale Friday.

Collarettes Very Much Reduced. Alaska Sable Collarettes, regular \$50.00; Friday \$25.00.

RUFFS. Sable, regular \$9.00; Friday \$4.00. Sable, regular \$12.00; Friday 7.00.

UTRIA RUFFS. \$13.50 Quality; Friday 7.00. \$15.00 Quality, different shapes; Friday 7.00.

Remarkable Sale of Men's Suits at \$7.50. Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 Qualities. That's the whole story in a nutshell.

Tams for Boys and Girls. 300 Tams, regular 50c. and 75c.; Friday, each 25c.

Outside Skirts, Friday, for \$6.50. A sample lot of Skirts, forty-two in number, to be offered much under price on Friday.

New To-day, Carlsbad China, Vases, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Jars, etc., see Silverware Department.

Work Boxes for Friday. 15 in number, prices \$1.00 and \$1.50, slightly rubbed; Friday 75c.

Pocket Knives. 15 Dozen in this lot, Pearl and Bone Handles, values 25c. and 35c.; Friday 15c.

Fine Neckwear for Men. Most men like to add a new necktie to the collection, particularly when they have "bone up" for the holidays.

Bargains in the Millinery Department. \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. Trimmed Hats for Girls, on Sale Friday at \$1.50 each.

\$2.50 Cloths for \$1.25. 54-inch White Cloth for children's coats; regular \$2.50. Friday \$1.25.

\$1.00 Serge for 65c. 2 1/2 yards Black Serge, heavy weight, suitable for short walking skirts; regular \$1.00. Friday 65c.

The Ribbon Sale. Continues to Interest Many People. 1,000 yards of our Staple Black and White double-faced Satin Ribbons go on sale Friday.

65c Underwear for 50c. A mixed lot of Men's Wool Underwear; regular 65c. Friday 50c.

Reliable Hosiery. There's a satisfaction in making good investments in Stockings and Socks such as these sorts.

Silk Department. A few December Sale Specials to be seen on our counter Friday morning.

XMAS GIFTS. Cut Glass. Bon Bons, Cream and Sugar, Berry Dishes, Water Bowls, Fruit Dishes, Cruets, etc.

Plated Ware. Bon Bons, Fruit, Celery, Cream and Sugar.

Carlsbad China. Berry, Celery, Chocolate Sets and Plates of all kinds.

Sterling Silver. Manicure Sets in cases, two to twelve pieces in set; Salad Sets, Cream and Sugar, Pencils and Penholders, Cologne Bottles and hundreds more useful gifts.

Coat and Deer Skin Hearth Rugs. Good value at \$3.75. Friday \$1.75 each.

The Upholstered Chairs and Lounges. At \$12.50 each are well worth a visit to the third floor to see.

SPORTING

WHIST. REGULAR TOURNAY. This evening the regular whist tournament in connection with the J. B. A. A. will take place at the club rooms.

BASKETBALL. GAME TONIGHT. At the P. Y. M. C. hall this evening the first of the intermediate series of games will take place between the Y. M. C. A. and Fernwood teams.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. VICTORIA V. NANAIMO. Victoria meets Nanaimo on local grounds on Saturday afternoon. It will be the Hornets' first league game this season.



The Girl's Secret, OR THE RIGHT MESSAGE.

By V. Mott.

It's an awful thing to do, but I simply couldn't help it, said Nora. "My feelings ran away with my judgment. But I must go back and start from the beginning. That summer I became engaged to Tom I was the happiest mortal alive.

Womanly health may be retained or regained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. 1; GRAFTON, 0. Yesterday afternoon the Y. M. C. A. and H. M. S. Grafton teams played on the Beacon Hill grounds, the game resulting in a victory for the Y. M. C. A. boys by a score of 1 goal to nil.

At times during the match both sides played well, and on numerous occasions both teams seemed to lose all idea of combination among the forwards.

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Woman's Wisdom.

Experience is our best teacher, and it is only through experience that women generally gain a knowledge of themselves—from maidenhood to womanhood.

to imitate the antics thrashing in the bushes. These contrivances sometimes attract the attention of a bull who is close at hand, and bring him out into the open.

X Rays Not Helpful in Cancer Cases

EXPERIMENTS SHOW THAT THEY DESTROY THE VITALITY OF THE HEALTHY TISSUE. Many eminent Scientists and Surgeons have experiments with the X Rays as a means of treating cancers and tumors.

MOOSE CALLING. In the Ottawa district moose calling, while practiced, is not apt to be successful, and in the western mountains it is practically unknown.

IONA FOSTER PALMISTRY

The first Registered Palmist ever in Victoria. Iona Foster, the clairvoyant and palmist, holds the key to the engine of your life; her prophetic revelations make plain your pathway.

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MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1903," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid, or the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs, etc.

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "I," and "L" mean Land and Improvements.

Dated this 27th day of November, A.D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C. CHARLES KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the Continental Hospitals by KROEMER, BOSTON, JOHST, VILPESAN, and others, combines all the desiderata to be sought in a medicine of the kind.

THERAPION No. 1. For suppression of the urinary organs, catarrhs, blennorrhoea, gonorrhoea, etc.

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NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Equilmont and Nanaimo Railway Company...

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I, Harry Thomas Cole, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners...

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Office, 33 Blanchard street. Phone, B518 and B710.

W. JONES, Dominion Government Auctioneer

Has been instructed to sell at Salerooms, 58 Broad Street, 2 p. m., Friday, Dec. 4

COSTLY FURNITURE

Art Sideboard and Ex. Dining Table, Antique Mah. Sofa, Fine Old Bedroom Suite, New Ash Bedroom Suite, Cherry and Walnut Parlor Suite, Couch, Lounger, Settee, E. P. Arm Chairs, Good Carpets, Engravings, Tables, Chairs, Beds, Springs, Lamps, Crochery, Glassware, Cook Stoves, Cradles, Crib, etc., etc.

BIG AUCTION AT SALEROOMS, 77-79 DOUGLAS ST.

Friday, Dec. 4th, at 2 p.m. Desirable Furniture ORGAN, ETC.

Hardaker AUCTIONEER

CHURCH BAZAAR In Progress at Philharmonic Hall—Dairy Maids' Festival in Evening.

The annual sale under the auspices of the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church opened this afternoon in the Philharmonic hall.

TRADES AND LABOR. Subjects Dealt With at the Meeting of the Council Last Evening.

E. J. WALL. Fish, Fish, Fish

Just received Newfoundland Cod, Behring Sea Cod, Haddies and a full line of all Salt Fishes.

Windsor Grocery Company

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE, GOVERNMENT ST. NOW OPEN, The Palace Barber Shop 34 Government Street, OPPOSITE WELLS BROS.

POOR RESULTS OF FIRING CONTEST

GRAFTON'S BAD LUCK ON A RECENT TEST

Poor Performance Comes in for Adverse Comment—Target Was Not Struck.

H. M. S. Grafton in her recent long distance firing contest up at Union made a record, not for the number of hits made, but for the particularly poor luck of the gunners.

"During the past week a full return of the gunnery performances of all ships has been issued to officers. So much do the admiralty fear the publication of the first page a reminder of the penalties which are incurred by any infringement of the Official Secrets Act, a perfectly absurd proceeding, seeing that nearly all the figures in the return have already been published, and that the official return itself is in the hands of almost every foreign attaché.

"Some of the more recent returns, however, are anything but satisfactory. The gunnery in the channel fleet is not so good as it was two years ago, and in a recent test, the Grafton, flagship of the Pacific station, failed to hit the target at all—a very unpleasant wind-up this for Rear-Admiral Bickford, who has tried very hard to bring the ships under his command up to the Pacific station to a high state of efficiency."

From those aboard the Grafton there does not appear to be any specific explanation forthcoming for the failure of the gunners to make a better showing. No complaint is made either of the weather in which the shooting was done or of the condition of the guns or to bad luck; they could not hit the target, and that is all there is about it. Such seems to be the only explanation that can be offered. The gunnery test in question is a most exacting one. The target when used is fired at a distance which looms up perpendicularly out of the water like a dim uncertain line. For a gunner to hit it at all requires only the most minute calculation and scientific training. In the Straits, off Victoria, the Grafton made a much better showing, but the range then was shorter and the conditions were all that could be desired.

QUEEN CITY RETURNS. No schooner arrived in tow of the steamer Queen City from the West Coast this morning. The Penelope, which it was thought might be brought home by the steamer, is using her own sails for the purpose. The Queen City delivered the mast sent down to Krynquut for the sealer, and this being placed in position the schooner started on the voyage alone. As for the C. D. Rand, she is in about 90 feet of water at high tide, and Capt. Townsend believes that she will prove a complete wreck. The Queen City was delayed on the trip by stormy weather. She brought in passengers Mrs. Goldsmith, T. M. Baird, J. J. Baird, Mrs. J. J. Baird, L. B. Joseph, Vandell and ten loggers, Port Renfrew; Messrs. Largson and Peterson, and Miss Jorgeson, from Cape Scott; Messrs. Linklater, Jno. Campbell and T. Tregear, from Quatsino; J. Searpe and Capt. Heater, from Krynquut; Mr. Lind, from H. B. Quoi; J. W. Jones, from Sidney; Isabel, Wm. Spittal and Mr. Norratt, from Claydon; Dr. McLean, from Uclulet, and Miss Smith, from Alberni.

JEANIE SAHLS. Steamer Jeanie has proceeded from here on her way to Portage Bay, where she will discharge her passengers and cargo. From there the former will proceed overland to Harrington Bay. The distance between the two points is very short by land, but it is several hundred miles by water. The Jeanie, according to original plans, was to have proceeded direct to the point of destination, but

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Municipal Elections To the Electors of North Ward.

Madam and Gentlemen: In response to the request of a representative delegation of the electors of North Ward, I announce myself as a candidate for the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming municipal election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Consignee's Notice. MR. SHIP "Pass of Killiecrankie" VINT, Master. FROM LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE. B.C. Pioneer Society's 33rd Annual Dinner AT HOTEL VICTORIA, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 8 P. M.

Did You Ever CAN YASSY? Would you like to if I can pay you \$15.00

The Mikado Bazaar Christmas Goods Just Arrived

W. H. PENNOCK Has Removed to 74 Yates St.

Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. THE 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT Will be continued until the end of the year.

LEE & FRASER TO LET

102 Menzies St., 10 rooms \$25.00 Craigflower road, 6 rooms \$4.00 Hillside Ave., 7 rooms 15.00 Oak Bay, 10 rooms 20.00 Cedar Hill road, 4 rooms 5.00 130 Quadra St., furnished 17.00 15 South road, 8 rooms 15.00 Alpha St., 5 rooms 5.50 87 Chatham St., 5 rooms 12.00 65 Fourth St., 4 rooms 5.00 50 Quebec St., 10 rooms 22.50 121 Montreal St., 8 rooms 14.00

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For Lumber, Sash, Doors, And All Kinds of Building Material, Go to THE TAYLOR MILL CO., LIMITED LIABILITY.

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STOVE DEPT. TELEPHONE, 708 Having opened a showroom at 81 Douglas street, have now on view a large and varied assortment of Ranges, Stoves, Heaters, Grates, etc.

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And Evening Entertainment with Musical Operetta entitled "Dairymaids' Festival," to be held in the Philharmonic Hall, Thursday and Friday Evenings

ARMY CONTRACTS.

Tenders will be received for stations in Cape Colony by the General Officer Commanding Cape Colony, Capetown, for stations in Natal by the General Officer Commanding Natal District, Pietermaritzburg, and for stations in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony by the Director of Supplies, Artillery Barracks, Pretoria, until 12 noon on Tuesday, 5th January, 1904.

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Hot Water Jugs. A few suggestions in China and Earthenware—Hot Water Jugs, nicely mounted and decorated in pretty patterns on the latest shapes, at 50c. to \$3.50 each.

DECORATIVE WHITE CHINA. Fern Pots (Rustic), 25c. each. Horse Shoe Vases, 30c. each. Cornucopias, 25c. each. Swans, 55c., 60c. each. Fisher Boy Shells, 75c. each. Stock Vases, \$1.50 each. Cupid Fern Pots, \$2.00 each. Boat Centre Piece, \$2.25.

Complete House Furnishers. WEILER BROS. Victoria, B. C.