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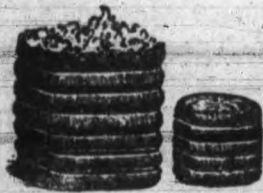
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RADICAL CHANGES IN TAXATION

BRITAIN FACES ANOTHER GRAVE QUESTION

Review of Legislation Passed Last Session—Parliament Prorogues.

London, Dec. 21.—The first session of parliament under the premiership of Herbert H. Asquith came to an end on Saturday. The two Houses will meet again on Monday, but only to receive the King's assent to bills already passed, after which they will be prorogued until February 16th.

Many minor laws were enacted during the year, but of the ten important measures foreshadowed in the King's speech, only five find a place in the statute books. These are the Old Age Pension Bill, the Irish Universities Bill, to which assent was given before adjournment for the summer vacation, and measures taxing the summer vacation, and measures taxing the summer vacation, and measures taxing the summer vacation.

Among those considered of lesser importance, the government passed an act empowering the judges to give habitual criminals indeterminate sentences for the two-fold purpose of reforming their habits and protecting society, and a bill imposing penalties for attempts to break up public meetings.

The session widened the breach between the Liberals and the House of Lords. The rejection of the licensing bill, for which the Liberals claimed they had received a mandate at the election of 1906, augmented the bad feeling resulting last year from the rejection or mutilation by the Lords of the education, plural voting and Scottish land valuation bills.

There is still talk of the dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country against the action of the Lords, but it is more likely that Premier Asquith will try another session, the main feature of which will be the budget, introducing radical changes in taxation. The changes include the reform of the income tax, a high license for saloons, and taxation of land values, which would chiefly affect brewers, land owners and the wealthy classes, and which the Liberal leaders believe would prove popular with the masses.

One difficulty arises in the fact that the bonds uniting the various factions of the Liberal party are not so close under Mr. Asquith as under Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and the Liberals would not present such a united front as they did in the last election.

Dispersing Fog by Means of Electricity

Sir Oliver Lodge to Put His Discovery to the Test.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the great electrical scientist, believes that he will be able shortly to rid the British Isles of one of the worst enemies of their prosperity—that variety of fog which from time to time lies up the entire activity of whole communities. The matter is of such great commercial importance, leaving out other considerations, that the highways committee of the Westminster city council has decided to give the scientist every chance to prove the value of his discovery.

Nothing works so nicely as Nerviline taken real hot. It sends glowing warmth all through the body in two minutes. When rubbed on the throat and chest Nerviline at once relieves tightness, coughing and hoarseness. Nerviline goes right to work on coughs and colds, and prevents little ones from getting big. No other remedy has one quarter the power of Nerviline. Its enormous sale proves how satisfactory it must be. Guaranteed, and sold in large 25c bottles everywhere; try Nerviline on your next cold.

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Also see our All-at-one-price Tables.

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CAMPBELL'S UMBRELLAS at ordinary prices make beautiful and useful Christmas presents, but at the extraordinary reductions we have made for special Christmas selling you can give almost twice as charming a gift as you had originally intended. Every umbrella we offer you is suitable for a gift:

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"THE GREAT DIVIDE"

Christmas Matinee Will Be Given as Well as Two Night Performances.

Discriminating playgoers will welcome the announcement that the Victoria theatre has secured "The Great Divide" for Christmas day and Saturday, December 26th. A matinee will be given on Christmas Day, and a performance at night. Henry Miller, America's foremost actor-manager, has presented the play for two seasons in New York, where it won instant recognition as the greatest American play ever written. Aside from the unanimous extravagant praise of the critical reviewers of the Metropolis, the box office stamp of emphatic approval is undeniable, as this masterpiece of American playwriting has broken all records in point of financial returns, having played over 500 nights to capacity business. Two hundred and fifty-eight presentations were given at Henry Miller's princess theatre to standing room only last season. Last season Mr. Miller secured Daly's theatre, a considerably larger house, and inaugurated the second year of "The Great Divide" on Broadway with the result that the receipts were limited only by the seating capacity of this historic playhouse, which is one of the largest theatres in New York. The entire production, with the superb scenic effects and accessories, will be given here precisely as presented during the phenomenally metropolitan run of Mr. William Vaughn Moody's really great American play.

"BABES IN TOYLAND"

This Interesting Production Will Be Given Here To-Night.

The enormous vogue attained by Victor Herbert and Glen MacDonough's phenomenally successful musical extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland," which is to be given at the Victoria theatre to-night, is due to the same vital elements that gave a lasting popularity to the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. "Babes in Toyland" like the "Mikado," was written, composed and produced, without the hampered limitations which encompass and encumber the modern so-called comic opera, which is really little more than a mere-made-to-measure makeshift, "cut to fit" the "personality" or limited ability of some one particular "star."

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POOR GRADE SOCCER AND FEW SPECTATORS

Three Leading Teams Win League Games From Tail-enders.

Soccer Clubs' Standing table with columns for Club, W, L, D, Pts.

The local soccer league schedule was advanced three games Saturday when Victoria West beat Cedar Hill 6-0.

The Victoria West-Cedar Hill and Bay-Garrison matches were played at Oak Bay, where there were but a handful of spectators present to take a lukewarm interest in the poor display given by the teams.

There are yet five games to be played before the list closes and the spectators who pay good money for the privilege of entering Oak Bay park are, as well as the men who play the game, entitled to see the playing area in proper shape.

Victoria West vs. Cedar Hill.

The Victoria West win was expected by all except those who backed the men from Mt. Tommie to win. The score, 6-0, is a true indication of the play.

Garrison vs. Bays.

The Garrison started off against the Bays by netting two straight goals from the foot of the speedy and clever Buxton.

The Bays finished the game with ten men. The Garrison held the winners down in the second period.



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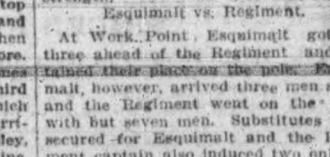
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The ball and the field were greasy and the play was consequently erratic. Esquimalt got three in the first half.

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT.

Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. meet for the first time at the Assembly rink at 9 p. m. in the senior league.

HURRICANE WIN FOR LOCAL Y. M. C. A. FIVE

Seattle Defeated in Close Basketball Game by Two Points.

The Victoria Y. M. C. A. basketball team, with a hurricane finish at the Assembly rink on Saturday night, sent the Seattle five home with defeat for their share of the game.

The first half Seattle had the best of the game by five points, which should have been considerably more and given them victory had they been able to convert the many fouls awarded them.

The scorer's tally card showed the following statistics: Seattle, first half—Dechese, seven field goals, two fouls and one referee point; total 15; Babcock, one field goal.

The teams were as follows: Seattle—Forwards, Dechese, Rigby; centre, Babcock; guards, Ravel and Hears.

BASEBALL VICTORIA CLUB FORMED.

The Victoria Baseball Club was organized formally yesterday morning at a meeting held at 1133 Government street.

VICTORIA RUGBY TEAM BEATEN AT VANCOUVER

Local Men Did Not Play Up to Form in McKechnie Cup Match.

Victoria's three-quarters fell down in the second half against Vancouver in the second game of the McKechnie Rugby cup series, played at Vancouver Saturday.

The ground was wet and slippery and the Victoria players were particularly at a disadvantage on the ground.

W. Moresby, manager of the team, in conversation this morning said the best team was because they played better and more scientific rugby football.

The local team showed decided improvement on Saturday night on its game against Bellingham last month.

Association Football League Meeting Tuesday. The executive of the Victoria and District Association Football League will meet to-morrow night at the Victoria West hall.

WRESTLING.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Yusuf Mahmout, the wrestler, on Saturday night defeated Leo Pardella, announced as the champion of Italy.

BASKETBALL.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the City Basketball League held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow evening.

ARMY PROMOTION.

Canadian Graduates of Kingston College Win Posts in Service. The following ex-cadets, Royal Military College of Canada, have recently been promoted captains.

KING EDWARD.

Edith Eleanor, Belle Herbert, New York; J. D. Sturman, Nelson Rigby, Harry Drill, N. Noffley and family, Vancouver.

VICTORIA.

Miss Nellie Williams, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Portland; Raymond C. Godfrey, Andrew Bilcon, Vancouver; Geo. Bryant, ship Halcyon, A. Brown, Vancouver.

DIRECTIONS TO MAKE EFFECTIVE RHEUMATISM MEDICINE AT HOME

Thousands of men and women who have felt the sting and torture of this dread disease, which is no respecter of age, persons, sex, color or rank.

The following simple prescription is said to relieve the worst cases of rheumatism because of its direct action upon the blood and kidneys.

RESULTS IN ENGLISH SOCCER LEAGUES

London, Dec. 21.—League football results on Saturday as follows: First Division. Manchester City 1, Aston Villa 0.

Second Division. Birmingham 1, Glosop 2; Bolton Wanderers 2, Clapton Orient 2.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DOMINION. Miss Ollie Walters, Saanich; O. Gustafson, Chemainus; J. Fisher, Nanaimo.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 21.—5 a. m.—The pressure is still abnormally high over the Pacific states.

FOR ALDERMAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD ONE. I beg to inform you that on the solicitation of a number of friends I am presenting myself as a candidate for election as Alderman for Ward 1.

LAVITZ NURSERY B.C. Headquarters for Choice Nursery Stock. Practically all the fruit for which first-class prizes were awarded at the recent Victoria Exhibition was grown on trees obtained from this Nursery.

WINNING NUMBER 160 WON BY TIM KEE. E. Payne, 704 Vancouver St., did the drawing. T. Oliver, Royal Arm Hotel, witness. TIM KEE.

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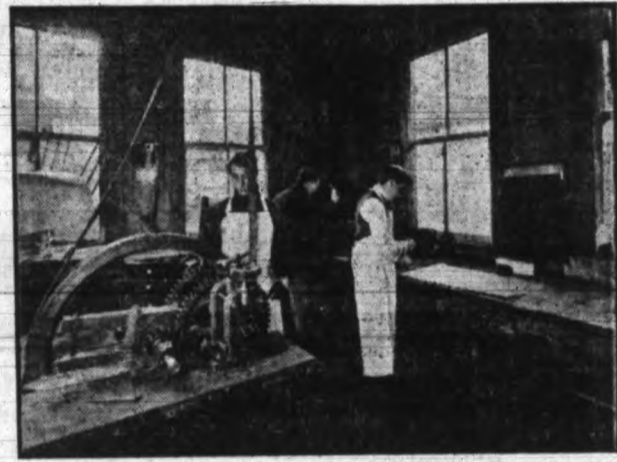


Interior of Store

We have lately made considerable alterations and enlargements in our store, finding it necessary to do so in order to handle our increasing business.

A Corner of Our Workshop

Where we make up a large part of our stock. This department in charge of skilled craftsmen, is also devoted to remodelling and repairing jewelry, silverware, etc.



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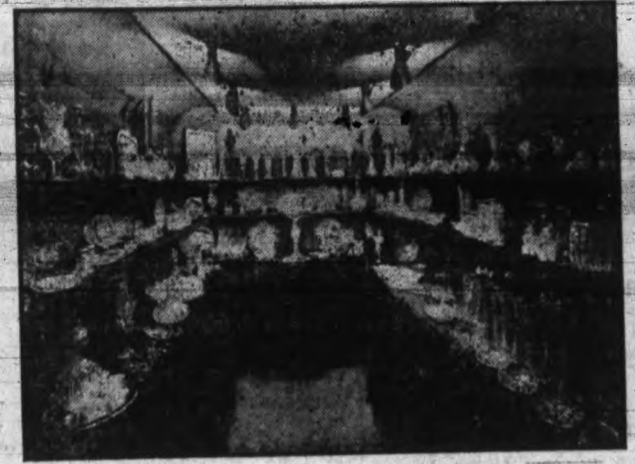
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THAT SPOT

By Jack London

Author of "The Call of the Wild," "The Sea Wolf," etc.

I don't think much of Stephen Mackaye any more, though I used to swear by him. I know that in those days I loved him more than my own brother.

He figured it all out and decided that a licking now and again and no work was a whole lot better than work all the time and no-licking.

We started for the Klondike in the late fall of 1897, and we started too late to get over Chilcoot Pass before the freeze up.

I told you I sensed something big in that brute's eyes; there was a message there, but I wasn't big enough myself to catch it.

We never could make out his breed. He wasn't husky, nor Malamut, nor Hudson Bay; he looked all of them and he didn't look like any of them.

Why, I tried to kill that Spot once, he was no good for anything—and I fell down on it. I led him out into the brush, and he came along slow and unwilling.

threw down the gun, and ran back to camp with the fear of God in his heart. Steve laughed at me. But I noticed that Steve led Spot into the woods a week later for the same purpose, and that Steve came back alone.

I told Steve he was brutal with the animal, and we had some words—the first we'd ever had. He threw the whip down in the snow and walked away mad.

There was no getting any work out of that Spot, and to make up for it he was the biggest pig-glutton of a dog I ever saw.

He could fight, too, that Spot. He never pulled a pound, but he was boss of the whole team. The way he made those dogs stand around was an education.

"looker," so at the end of the first week we sold him for seventy-five dollars to the Mounted Police.

"I saw him steal a chunk of moose-meat from Major Dinwiddie's cache, so heavy that he could just keep one jump ahead of Mrs. Dinwiddie's squaw cook who was after him with an axe."

I am only telling what I saw with my own eyes. And now I'll tell you something else. I saw that Spot fall through a water-hole.

Three weeks later, one morning, Steve and I were standing on the river bank at Dawson. A small boat was just arriving from Lake Bennett.

say something that was not nice and that was not under his breath. Then I looked, and there, in the bow of the boat, with ears pricked up, sat Spot.

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river. We took the dogs along, all except Spot; we figured we'd been feeding him long enough. He'd cost us more time and trouble and money and grub than we'd got by selling him on the Chilcoot.

I told you about Spot breaking into our meat-cache. It was nearly the death of us. There wasn't any more meat to live on.

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we'd stop and hug each other, we were that boisterous, for we saw Spot's finish. He didn't have a chance in a million.

The more I think of that Spot, the more I am convinced that there are things in this world that go beyond science. On scientific grounds can that Spot be explained?

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Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—Cleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

WIRELESS FOR C. P. R. STEAMERS

SKAGWAY BOATS TO BE EQUIPPED FIRST

Captain Troup Returns From Winnipeg, Where He Attended Conference.

The C. P. R. will commence early in the new year to install wireless apparatus on its coasting steamers. That was the announcement made this morning by Captain Troup, who has just arrived from Winnipeg, where he has been conferring with William Whyte and other officials of the company. The gathering is an annual one held just before the close of each year for the purpose of submitting estimates for the coming twelve months and making recommendations for increased equipment.

of improvement out here. Mr. Whyte will take all the recommendations from the different departments down to Montreal and there they will be considered by the executive and it is from there that we shall get the first news as to what is likely to be done.

WHITE STAR AND CANADIAN TRADE

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—It is rumored here that the Allan line will withdraw from the North Atlantic coast of the White Star line, which is expected to be placed in the Canadian service next year.

NEW SEALING STEAMER

Vessel of Exceptional Strength For Forcing Its Way Through the Ice. Messrs. David and William Henderson & Co., Ltd., Portlock, have launched a screw steamer, which they have built to the order of the Bellaventure Steamship Company, Ltd., through their managing owners, Messrs. A. Harvey & Co., St. John's, Newfoundland.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE EXPECTED ON 29th

Left Callao on 14th and Making Only Thirteen Knots.

The latest news of the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte is that she will not arrive here until the 29th inst. The distance from Callao to this port is 5,773 miles, and the steamer is making about 13 knots, that being the speed limit put on her by the officials. She left the Peruvian port on the 14th, so that she cannot arrive before the date mentioned unless she exceeds the speed allowed her.

VADISO CHARTERED.

Boscovitz Steamer Will Take Cargo of Fertilizer to California. Steamer Vadiso has been chartered by the Pacific Whaling Company to carry fertilizer to California. Arrangements had been made by the Boscovitz Steamship Company to have the Vadiso continue on the northern run while the Venture underwent repairs.

TORONTO MAN TALKS OF VANCOUVER FOG

Says Its Got London "Beaten a Mile"—Was in Charming Collision.

R. W. Breadner, manager of the C. M. A. tariff department, has returned from a trip out west says the Toronto Star. He reports that the west never looked better, everybody is optimistic with money loosening up.

CAPTAIN TAKES HOLIDAY.

Steamer Tees Brought Few Passengers From West Coast and Leaves To-night. Steamer Tees arrived down from the West Coast on Saturday evening with a number of passengers and very little freight. She had rather an uneventful trip except for the big gale which struck this coast a little more than a week ago and which the Tees just met as she got outside the straits.

PURITAN BRINGING TAR

Will Be Used in the Manufacture of Briquettes. British ship Puritan, which sailed from Boston on September 14th, bound for Vancouver, is carrying a cargo of coal tar to be used in the manufacture of briquettes from the coal dust at the mines. This consignment is to be unloaded at Vancouver and taken to one of the new mines in the neighborhood of Banff.

CARRYING ORE.

Cargo for Tye Smelter From Sidney Inlet and Ikeda Bay. Steamer Thorild, under charter to the Mackenzie Brothers, of Vancouver, called at Sidney Inlet mines on the 12th and took on 700 tons of ore. Previously she had gone to Ikeda Bay in the Queen Charlottes and picked up 1,000 tons, going direct from that place to the West Coast.

SHIPPING REPORT

Tatoosh, Dec. 21, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind east, 25; barometer, 30.03; temperature, 42. Passed in two-masted schooner at 5.19 a. m. Estevan, Dec. 21, 8 a. m.—Rain; light southeast wind; barometer, 30; temperature, 44. Sea moderate.

B. C. COAST SERVICE

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SHIPPING GUIDE.

Table with columns: Vessel, From, To, Date, Time. Includes entries for Iyo Maru, Aorangi, Georgia, Titan, and others.

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TIDE TABLE.

Tide table for Victoria, B. C., December, 1903. Columns: Date, Time, Height (ft.), Time (h. m. ft. h. m. ft. h. m. ft.).

The time used is Pacific Standard. For the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

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from the Ottoman Empire to the Austro-Hungarian conglomeration. Secondly, that the annexation be regarded as non-avenue, until it has received the sanction of all the signatory powers; and thirdly, that as a security against a further aggression Serbia should be allowed to join hands with Montenegro and given access to the sea."
"But what about the Dardanelles?"
"Nothing about the Dardanelles," Mme. Novikoff retorted. "On the suggestion being mentioned in the papers by my brother, General Alexander Kireeff, I did not at present sit writing and publishing an emphatic protest against the monstrous supposition that Russia was willing to sell the Southern Slavs for a bribe. Russia wants nothing for herself. She is the elder brother of the Slavs of the Balkans. Her role is marked out by tradition and by history. Never will she abandon that arduous but heroic position in maintaining an inexhaustible supply of food, and not infrequently the material from which he fashions his scant supply of clothing. If tropical man were to imitate the bad example of his brother in other climes and lay waste the forests, he would want not only for food but in many instances for the necessities of daily life, says the Chicago Evening Post.
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The Bananas of the Tropics.
Better known in this part of the world, at least, than either the date palm or the breadfruit is the banana tree. Yet travellers returning from the tropics will declare that the people of temperate regions do not know the banana at all; that the fruit as sold in this country is a base label on the retail article, and compared to the general at least, not fit to eat. But the banana tree has other purposes than satisfying man's appetite. From the stalk of its immense leaves a white flax is made which is woven into the most delicate muslin. Moreover, the Philippine variety of the banana tree yields manila hemp. In recent years the banana meal industry has grown remarkably. The fruit is picked green and then ground into flour, from which cakes are made which are declared to be not only delicious, but nutritious as well.
The plantain is another native of the tropics which helps to keep man's larger filled. The plantain is credited with having grown in the Garden of Eden alongside the tree from which Eve plucked the apple. Its fruit is used much as are bananas, and its "cabbage" is esteemed a great delicacy. The jack fruit is another native of the tropics which lends variety to man's table d'hôte. Its fruit weighs from twenty to sixty pounds, and a peculiarity of the tree is that some of the fruit grows directly from the trunk a few feet from the ground. Still another is the tamarind, from which are secured citric and tartaric acid, sugar and potash. The papaya, which is sometimes called the pawpaw, produces a fruit much like the pumpkin in taste and looks, and containing a large amount of pepsin. The tree has one peculiarity, and that is that though meat wrapped in its leaves for a few hours will become as tender as the best beef.
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CHAPTER XXIV. (Continued.) And when, after the brief formalities of spectacular justice, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the prisoner's plea, and the Judge put on the black cap and cleared his throat, a large proportion of the public were so inconvenienced by their emotions that they would have given something considerable to quit the chamber of retribution. But they could not. It was as difficult to leave the court as it had been to get into it.

CHAPTER XXV. No. 16 Downing Street. No house in London—one may go further, and say no house in Bagdad—has more of the astonishing qualities of a surprise-packet than No. 16 Downing street. It is an incomprehensible house, incomprehensible to those who live in it, and equally incomprehensible to those who do not. It is a mystery surrounded by mysteries.

CHAPTER XXVI. (Continued.) The success with which he accomplished his role was due to a pretty taste in cushions, endtees, tea-blossoms, knick-knacks, footmen, fire-grates, cosy corners, and that. In refurnishing his own portions of No. 16, he realized at one stroke the ideals of a house-mistress and the ideals of a man of wide culture. The renowned portrait of Walpole over the drawing room mantelpiece was well displayed against a Morris wallpaper, while beneath the latest pattern of well grate held the cleanest Walpole coal. The rare Persian carpet was absolutely free from dust or wrinkles. The grand piano in the corner near the Corinthian pillar was a Steinway, and as to the cushions, it may be stated that there were thirty-nine in the drawing-room.

perfectly well. We have to resume our lives, you know, Lord Doncaste. "You are very sensible, if I may say so," he concurred, with sudden admiration in his mild and winning voice. "When I think of all that you must have suffered during the—"

"During the trial," Lord Doncaste proceeded firmly. "I can't find words to express the keenness with which sympathy with you all, I should have written to you but—"

"I will," he agreed. "I'll send it this morning without fail." "Will you please send it now?" Millicent pursued. "Poor mother imagines herself to be worse than she really is," said Millicent, calmly. "I told her this morning that she must get up and come down stairs and behave as though she was

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UNIVERSITY SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

Principal Bolton Refers to the Good Record of Institution.

The great progress made during the year by University school was manifested in the reports presented on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes, which took place on Friday afternoon. It was the last gathering in the old school quarters, as the school will begin next term in the splendid new building at Mount Tolmie.

The warden, Rev. W. W. Bolton, spoke of the advance made by all school departments and the progress of the boys in matter, manliness and manners. In their ordinary school studies progress was very evident in the examination. Manliness was gained in games and drill. When the boys returned to their homes throughout the province they should be proud to wear the school caps and feel that it obliged them to show by their manners what it meant to be a university school boy.

R. V. Harvey and J. C. Barnacle, the principals, made their report as follows: "Satisfactory progress has been made

In the work of the McGill university matriculations and R. M. C. entrance examinations: In Latin, Price and Matthews were first, only separated by one mark; in French, while all the papers were good. Price was easily first with 92 per cent. In English, the best paper on the 'Merchant of Venice' was done by K. Corsan, who obtained 87 per cent.; while Bowser's essay on 'Obstinacy' was perhaps the best that has ever been produced at the school. The standard of all essays was very satisfactory. The mathematical work, with the exception of Algebra, was well done. The Euclid (books III. and IV.) was particularly pleasing; R. Bell-Irving's work in mathematics in the examination was excellent; in Euclid he obtained 99 per cent., in arithmetic 90 per cent., in trigonometry 71 per cent and in Algebra 85 per cent., being first in each of these subjects. In chemistry, the examination work of half the class was quite satisfactory; however, the other half was not good. In drawing a very high standard was attained, Matthews being the top boy with 98 per cent.

"In the fourth form Latin, Shildrick and Gribble are not far short of the fifth form standard, while the same may be said of Spencer in French. In the lower divisions Sutherland did well in both Latin and French, while the most marked progress was made by Rand. The fourth form essay prize was won by G. E. Ambery, for a vivid and imaginative pen-picture of the scenery of Victoria; Shildrick was a good second in this subject, but only about half the class reached 50 per cent. of the total marks.

"The arithmetic examinations in this form was poor and disappointing; the Algebra was better, but with the exception of two papers the result is not satisfactory. In Euclid, Gribble, Spencer, Ambery and Shildrick did excellent papers; the rest was only fair. The Algebra of the second division in this form was good, Sutherland getting 94 per cent. The chemistry work was decidedly good, Ambery getting 82 per cent. for a very good paper. In English subjects the work on the whole was satisfactory, geography being the best subject.

"With regard to the third form work, the principals are quite pleased with the progress made under Mr. Yates. The arithmetic, English subjects and French examination papers were well done. The work in Euclid and Algebra was good as far as it goes, but more time must be given, and more must be attempted.

"J. Tatlow's examination work deserves special mention, and D. Bell-Irving's English composition was excellent.

"The work of the lower school under Mr. Bolton and Mr. Sparkes, has been conscientiously done, and a good foundation is being laid."

Mr. Harvey described the new building, which will have accommodation in classrooms and dormitories such as no other school in British Columbia possesses, with a fifteen-acre playground. The nucleus of a school museum had been secured through the donation of a fine collection of minerals by W. Finet Robertson.

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What Other People Think

LIFE-SAVING SERVICE.

To the Editor:—The quiet little burg of Alberni will certainly receive due consideration from the outside world so long as its little two by twice four-page weekly called the Pioneer News continues its issues. Claycoquet, peacefully resting between its mountains and the sea, has been treated of late to several brilliant displays of the aurora, which spread its halo over the crest of Bear River peaks, due to certain prominent spots on old Sol. Now our people have learned another cause, and we hasten to pay homage to those meteoric flashes of literary genius radiating from the pen of the Alberni Pioneer News, as it hurls its wrathful criticism on the actions of our member for the Commons, Mr. Sloan. Claycoquet tenders its sincere apology to the News in that we were so dull to perceive until one of his articles very strongly convinced us we were a mark, though it must be admitted the aim was rather wide, for it must be held the article in its issue of December 5th last, in which are the terms "political manipulation," "political grifters," "transporting voters," "patronage game," etc. has not the first semblance of the truth.

As for Mr. Sloan himself being affected by such cases of criticism the public have no fear, for its perfect confidence in him was quite manifest in his being returned to his seat at Ottawa by acclamation, despite the call to arms from the clarion of the Pioneer News; but to arouse a peaceful community from its clam beds and accuse its people of "jealousy of each other," and dubbing them as an "arrogant political body" and political grifters really leads us to venture we are of some note in this world. With this admission of Mr. Sloan's transparency, Mr. Editor, we cannot allow to pass this privilege of ascertaining through the columns of your paper

that no life boat on this coast or on the eastern shore of our continent can be manned by a stronger and braver crew than can be chosen from among the rugged settlers of Claycoquet Sound.

We do not ask the News to "naturally regard" us as heroes; we simply ask him to prove his insinuating charge of "found wanting" when the "call to action" is given.

The Liberal Association of Claycoquet has naturally—I thank the News for that word—resolved itself into a Citizens' Association, since the membership of our body allows but two possible Conservatives within our district. This may be encouraging news for the Conservative organ of Alberni. It is therefore pronounced this body should be most capable to judge as to the required personnel of the life boat crew, and this without reactions from the editor of the News through its garbled statements.

But we do agree with him that a most thorough exposure of any political manipulation should have its desired effect, and in this regard the News may see fit to lay open the mysterious method followed by the provincial government in the expenditure of its read appropriations more particularly with reference to the Claycoquet-Cloulet trail. The data we can furnish may expedite matters for the News to call for an investigation.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, should the Alberni editor desire more of the truth of the situation obtaining at Claycoquet it is his for the asking, providing you should furnish us space in your estimable paper. CLAYCOQUET CLAM CLEARER.

The Sunday school Christmas entertainment of First Presbyterian church will be held on Tuesday evening, commencing with tea for the children at 6:30. There will follow a programme carried out by the school, and concluding with a new feature introduced from the United States, "The Ark." It takes the place of the Christmas tree, and carries a cargo of birds of the air, fish of the sea, and beasts of the field, not dead but alive.