

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

CONSTANTINOPLE NOW IN STATE OF PANIC

Forcing of Dardanelles by Allied Fleet is Expected at Any Time

London, Jan. 2.—The correspondent of the Express in Athens reports that a state of panic exists in Constantinople, and that the Turks have abandoned all idea of taking the offensive.

"Adriatic has been partly evacuated, and the heavy guns there removed to the capital. Pressed entrenching is in progress along the shores of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus and heavy preparations are being made to resist the passage of a hostile fleet."

"The attack on Egypt has been definitely abandoned, and the troops have been recalled to defend the Asiatic side of the Straits and Brusa."

"Everything points to Constantinople being the place of action."

It is generally anticipated that the allied fleet will shortly force the Dardanelles.

The German and Austrian embassies have made every preparation to move into Asia Minor.

Foreigners, it is stated, are also prepared to quit the capital for the interior.

It is reported that Turkish preparations for an Egyptian campaign are proceeding actively. Nevertheless the conditions and morale of the troops are unsatisfactory, and it is doubtful whether the Bedouins will fight.

Three hundred French and forty Russian monks and nuns have arrived at Piraeus from Palestine.

KAISER'S ADDRESS TO GERMANS AT NEW YEAR

Germany Being Defended Against Outrageous Invasion, Says Wilhelm

Berlin, via London, Jan. 1.—Emperor William in a New Year's message to the army and navy asks them to face the New Year unflinchingly, and to look forward to new deeds and new victories for the beloved fatherland.

"The message which was made public at main headquarters is as follows: 'After five long months of heavy and hot fighting we enter the new year, and great successes have been gained, and great successes will be gained in the territory of the enemy, while repeated attempts of our opponents to swarm on German territory have failed.'

"My ships have covered themselves with glory on every sea, and the crew have proved not only that they know how to fight victoriously, but to die like heroes when overwhelmed by superior forces."

"Behind the army and fleet the entire nation stands in unexampled harmony, prepared to sacrifice its heart's blood for the sacred democratic right which we are defending against outrageous invasion."

"Much has come to pass in the old year, but the enemies are still firmly kept low. Always fresh heroes are rolling up against our army and the army of our faithful allies, but their numbers do not frighten us."

Although times may be serious and the year before us a heavy one, we look forward into the future with the firmest confidence."

"Next to God's wise guidance I trust to the matchless bravery of the army and navy and know myself to be as one with the entire German nation."

Therefore let us face the new year unflinchingly looking forward to new deeds and new victories for our beloved fatherland!"

(Signed) WILHELM.

UNDERWRITERS VIEWS ON SHIPPING DISPUTE

Proposal to Withhold Marine Insurance Has Met With Strong Opposition

London, Jan. 1.—A proposal to withhold marine insurance from vessels carrying contraband to neutral ports is being generally discussed among underwriters here. The plan has not passed the tentative stage, however, and already has met with the strongest opposition.

A member of a large firm of underwriters said: "Underwriters as a whole are as patriotic as bankers or any other business men, but we are not convinced that we would be justified in withholding insurance from neutral bottoms carrying contraband to neutral ports. There is nothing immoral in business of this nature and in the past our shippers have engaged in it to their great profit. It is like certain social sins which are wrong only when you are caught."

"Withdrawal of insurance at this time by British companies might also result in the permanent loss of a great and profitable business, if so attractive a nature that new companies might soon be formed to take it over. A sense of gratitude on the part of the shippers might lead them to continue to give their business to such companies after the war."

Underwriters are inclined to believe that the American note concerning the detention of American vessels by British warships was inspired largely by the unreasonable policy on the part of the admiralty in examining suspected ships which have been detained. Ship chasers and shippers here are highly interested, said that one neutral ship was detained fifteen days before the examination was started and that it subsequently was released because there was absolutely no ground for holding it. Complaint is also made that the examinations are slow and that payments for seized cargoes are delayed and when made are at the lowest possible rate.

Opposition among underwriters to the proposal to withhold insurance from vessels carrying contraband is so strong that there is little likelihood that the initiative came from them. They feel that the government should come to some understanding with the United States whereby the present vexatious delays will be eliminated.

OLD YEAR PASSES IN BERLIN VERY QUIETLY

Customary Noise Missing and German Capital Closed Down by One O'Clock.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Berlin last night at the passing of the old year showed strikingly for the first time since the outbreak of the war that the life of the city is not proceeding in its normal channels. The customary celebrations which welcome the advent of the new year were almost entirely lacking.

Where 12 months ago hundreds of persons had congregated to take part in the festivities, this year's manifestations could be counted by tens—and the merry throngs which formerly crowded the main thoroughfares of Berlin on New Year's Eve were replaced last night by a limited gathering of citizens whose seriousness of mien gave the occasion a distinctly solemn aspect. No horns were blown and no bells were rung nor could any other noise making contrivance be heard. Even the customary "Prosit Neujahr" was missing.

All the amusement places in Berlin even those with all night dances were closed at 1 o'clock.

FIERCE ENCOUNTERS CLOSE TO SARIKAMYSH

Petrograd, Jan. 1.—The following statement from the general staff of the army of the Caucasus, was given out here to-night: "Fierce encounters have taken place around Sarikamysh in the Caucasus, as near southwest of Kars."

"We have stopped the Turkish offensive toward the 16 miles west of Kars. In the region of Ardahan (a fortified town 45 miles northwest of Kars) the situation is unchanged, and it is not modified on the other fronts."

KAISER'S CONDITION IS REPORTED WORSE

London, Jan. 2.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Express says he learns that the condition of Emperor William of Germany, who recently was reported as having recovered from an illness, is worse than is generally supposed. The correspondent says he is informed that sooner or later the emperor must return to Berlin for an operation on his throat, but is deferring the trip because he is anxious to return only after having secured a crushing victory.

CLERKS KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION NEAR LONDON

London, January 1.—Ten persons were killed, and many others injured in a train collision this morning on the Great Eastern railway near Ilford, five miles from London. Some of the railroad cars were reduced to splinters. The victims of the accident are mostly city clerks.

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MORGAN READY TO SELL RAILROAD IN ALASKA

Washington, Jan. 1.—J. P. Morgan, in a brief interview with Secretary Lane yesterday, submitted verbally his proposed proposal to sell the Cogger River & Northwestern railway in Alaska to the government. He, according to the secretary, offered the

road at its appraised valuation, but the secretary says the matter has not yet been discussed as to whose valuation is to be used.

INSPECTS POST OFFICE.
Toronto, Dec. 31.—Hon. T. Chase Casrain is here to-day to look into re-arrangement of the local postal service.

DUNKIRK BOMBARDED.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Dunkirk, on the northern coast of France, was again bombarded by four German aeroplanes Thursday, according to reports which reached Paris during the night.

WAR AGAINST WAR SAYS LIEBKNECHT, GERMAN SOCIALIST

London, Jan. 1.—Carl Liebknecht, Socialist member of the German Reichstag, who attracted attention early in December by being the only member of the Reichstag who voted against a new war credit, has sent a New Year's message to British Socialists in which he calls upon the workers of the world to unite in a war against the war.

SIX ARMIES CREATED IN BRITAIN'S FORCES

Reorganization Follows Absorption of Lord Kitchener's Army in Regulars.

London, Jan. 1.—An army order issued to-night announces that the present organization of the army will be further developed by the creation of six armies, each of which will consist generally of three army corps. The first army will be commanded by Lieut.-General Sir Douglas Haig, who headed the first army corps of the expeditionary forces; the second by Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien; the third by Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Hunter; the fourth by General Sir Ian Hamilton; the fifth by General Sir Leslie Rundle; and the sixth by Gen. Sir Bruce M. Hamilton.

IMPRESSIVE OPENING OF NEW YEAR IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 1.—A unique way of celebrating the entry of the new year took place here to-day. Usually the event has been celebrated by the explosion of fire works and the firing of guns but this was prohibited this year, the people generally agreed to appear at open windows, glass in hand and cried "Viva Italy." This was done and the effect was most impressive.

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP DOCKED BADLY DAMAGED

Rome, Jan. 1.—It is known that the Austrian battleship Radetzky has been docked at Pola badly damaged.

SINGER SERIOUSLY ILL.

New York, Dec. 31.—Madame Gertrude Ross, formerly leading contralto of the Manhattan opera house and the wife of George Ross, was to-day reported to be seriously ill. It was said that an operation of blood transfusion had been performed in hope of saving her life.

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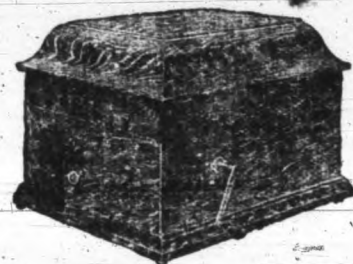
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AGGREGATE BORROWING BY CANADA WAS LESS

United States in Last Months of Year Took Dominion's Financial Offerings

Toronto, Jan. 1.—The aggregate of borrowings abroad last year was less by almost one hundred million dollars than in 1913. The total government, railway, public utility and municipal issues were \$252,550,000, as against \$351,408,629 in 1913. This is the estimate made to-day in the annual financial survey of the Globe, which indicates a strained position is being relieved by the ease with which Canadian borrowers of quality are financing their requirements in the United States.

That the country has come through the war period with so few important business casualties and with the national credit actually improved, is said to be due to the long process of liquidation which began in July of 1912, and proceeded without interruption until the war broke out. The greatest achievement of the year is regarded as the increase in the productive capacity of the country and the most immediate problem, the bringing into profitable operation the new railroad mileage. It is recognized that there can be no great revival in construction for a considerable period by the transportation industry is expected to receive some impulse from the movement of the crops next year if the present indications of a greatly increased output are confirmed.

CHURCH ELECTED TO TORONTO MAYORALTY

Graham in London, Walters at Hamilton, and Hett for Berlin

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Municipal elections were held in four Ontario cities to-day. Toronto, London, Hamilton and Berlin. In Toronto Thomas Langton Church, controller for five years, was elected mayor over Jesse O. McCarthy, controller for the past three years, by a majority of 6,402.

The following are the results: Mayoralty—T. L. Church, 26,942; J. O. McCarthy, 19,573; Majority, 6,469. Board of Control—John O'Neill, 20,791; Thomas Foster, 18,698; F. S. Spence, 17,203; J. E. Thompson, 16,595. Aldermen—W. L. Robinson, A. E. Walton, H. H. Hiltz, S. M. Wickett, C. Risk, H. H. Ball, C. A. McGillivray, S. McBride, J. G. Ramsden, R. H. Cameron, L. M. Singer, J. A. Cowan, John Dunn, J. M. Warren, W. W. Meredith, D. Spence, T. Rodden, J. J. Gibbons, S. Ryding and W. H. Weir.

At London M. B. Graham, mayor of London for the past three years, and candidate for a fourth term, was defeated at the polls of Dr. H. A. Stevenson, running with the endorsement of the trades and labor council, by a majority of 412. The commission for 1915 will consist of Philip Pocock, chairman, T. G. Mitchell, T. W. McFarland and J. H. Chapman. Mitchell and McFarland are the new members.

At Hamilton Charles S. Walters was elected mayor, defeating Controller Gardner by over 1,800. Controllers Morris, Cooper and Jutten were all re-elected to the board of control. The new man elected to the board is Alderman Robson, who was chairman of the civic investigating committee.

The following were elected aldermen: Tyrell, Peables, Aldermen Wright and McQuestion, Aldermen Roy and Carson, F. B. Metley, McIntosh, Dore, Nicol, Alderman Hopkins and E. J. Shepard, Aldermen Newlands, Gleadow, Plunkett and J. Hodson.

At Berlin Dr. J. E. Hett was elected mayor, defeating A. L. Briethaupt by a majority of 749. In the alderman race, W. E. Gallagher, president of the trades and labor council, headed the ticket. Others elected were Hahn, Cross, Maester, Schwartz, Bucher, Guenhergard, Hasenauer, Roddell, Walters, Dunke, Frank, Claghorn, McCutcheon and Hallman.

The by-law to amalgamate the water and light commissions and sewers commission was defeated. According to a return recently issued by the board of trade the following were the numbers of passengers carried on the railways of the United Kingdom last year: First-class, 26,025,089; second-class, 12,883,229; third-class, 92,198,000; workmen, 54,200,000.

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HONORS OF NEW YEAR INCLUDE VICTORIAN

Captain Clive Phillipps-Wolley Created Knight Bachelor by His Majesty

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honours list contains no new peers. The Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and formerly governor-general of Canada, is raised to the rank of a marquess, and Viscount St. Aldwyn (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach) is elevated to an earldom.

The Order of the Garter is conferred on the Earl of Derby and the Earl of Chesterfield, while the Order of the Thistle is bestowed on Baron Lovat. Arthur Henderson, labor leader and member of parliament for the Barnard Castle Division of Durham, is appointed a privy councillor.

Hamar Greenwood, Liberal member of parliament for Sunderland, is among the three new baronets, while sixteen persons receive the honor of knighthood. Among those knighted are Henry John Newbold, barrister and author, and Frank Watson Dyson, astronomer royal since 1910.

His majesty has been pleased to give directions for the following promotions and appointments: The list including eight Canadians, two of whom have been honored with a K. C. M. G., and four with K. B., thus taking the prefix 'Sir'.

To be Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: The Hon. George H. Perley, acting high commissioner for Canada.

The Hon. Clifford Sifton, K. C., Wilfrid Collett, C. M. G., governor and commander-in-chief of British Honduras.

George Basil Hadden Smith, C.M.G., governor and commander-in-chief of the Windward Islands.

To be Knight Bachelor: Hon. Francois Xavier Lesieur, acting chief justice of the superior court of the province of Quebec.

Herbert Samuel Holt, of Montreal, president of the Royal Bank, Captain Clive Phillipps-Wolley, of Victoria, B. C.

William Price, Quebec. William Kellman Chandler, LL.D., C. M. G., master in chancery and judge of the associated court of appeal; Barbados.

Robert Stuart Johnstone, late chief justice of Granada. To be commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: George J. Desbarats, deputy minister and controller of naval service, Canada.

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SUIT AGAINST EARL GREY NOT CONTINUED

London, Jan. 1.—In the early part of this year while Earl Grey was touring in Australia and New Zealand, advertisements were inserted in certain London newspapers asking for his address, although it was well known that he was travelling. Shortly afterwards, without waiting for his return, an action was started against him, claiming damages in connection with the Dominion's house and the Aldwych site. Earl Grey naturally did not regard the action seriously, but the sequel is interesting, for since his defence to the claim was delivered on his return home no further proceedings have been taken on behalf of the plaintiffs and the court has now ordered the action to be dismissed for want of prosecution, the plaintiffs to pay the costs.

BULGARIAN CABINET HAS REACHED CRISIS

London, Jan. 2.—The Sofia, Bulgaria, correspondent of the Times sends the following: "The demand of the anti-Russian party for admission of their chief, M. Guenadieff, former minister of foreign affairs, into the cabinet as foreign minister, has brought about a certain crisis. The premier is willing to give M. Guenadieff a portfolio, but not that of foreign minister." Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

VANCOUVER CURLERS HAVE REORGANIZED

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Vancouver curlers will journey to New Westminster to indulge in their favorite sport this season. At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Curling club it was decided to visit the Royal City on Mondays and Tuesdays, the days which have been reserved for the local curlers. Between forty and fifty members are expected to attend on these days. Mr. F. G. Crisp was re-elected president of the Vancouver club, while Mr. Thos. Atkins succeeds Mr. P. M. Ray as secretary-treasurer. Mr. M. H. Whalen was re-elected vice-president.



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THE WAR

The prophets who predicted that the war would be over by the end of March are commencing to revise their schedules. Yet they may find themselves not nearly as wide of the mark as those who insist that the struggle will last until 1916.

The German higher command probably would be disposed to continue the struggle as long as the people were prepared to furnish food for powder, but as was the case with Napoleon after Waterloo, which was not fought in France, the people will not respond to appeals to fill the ranks of a beaten army.

There is nothing awe-inspiring in the German army. In spite of its magnificent equipment, thorough organization and the perfect railway system behind it, its achievements have not been remarkable. It has given an exhibition of organized bravery, that is, bravery in the mass, but it is an army which is not led by its officers, but is driven by them.

There is every indication that the German are preparing to retreat on the Dnieper, Dniester and Dniepr, along the Alsace and the Oise in France. This, however, cannot be done as effectively in Poland as it was done in France. An exhausted German front in Poland can always be attacked on the flank and if the Russians have made the progress credited to them in southern Poland, no matter how formidable, must soon become untenable.

In the west the main item of the Paris bulletins is the advance of the French in Alsace, the principal scene of combat being Steinbach, where hopes to house fighting is in progress. At the other end of the line the allies still hold St. Georges, southeast of Niernport, but there are no important changes in the situation elsewhere. Apparently with

the exception of the movements on both wings the allies' operations are confined to artillery fire with the object of tearing asunder the defensive works prepared by the invaders as a prelude to the main advance when Kitchener's new army is sufficiently initiated to justify its participation.

THE NEW YEAR'S HONORS.

The list of Canadians who figured in the New Year's honors is not large, but, generally speaking, it is well selected. It is entirely fitting that the valued services rendered by Sir George Perley as acting High Commissioner in this crucial period of the empire's history should be conspicuously recognized.

The elevation of Sir George Perley to knight hood suggests that his appointment as High Commissioner is to be made permanent. This is not to say that the possession of a title is the main qualification for the post, but rather that the recipient of the honor has performed his onerous duties so capably that it would not be easy for the government to select from its own ranks a more fitting incumbent.

ALL MUST SUFFER.

The world has become too small for a war to be waged by any considerable part of it without inflicting grave disabilities on the whole. No neutral nation need expect to profit from such a catastrophe. It must suffer economic loss of all proportion to the value of the extra business it may do in certain lines with the belligerents.

But for the origin of it all we must look to Germany. Germany, after keeping the world in a state of apprehension for years, suddenly began to strike in all directions. She aimed at world power or downfall regardless of treaties and the rights of other powers.

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THE DOMINION TRUST.

The Attorney-General is reported to have stated that he advised his colleagues that the bill passed by the legislature in 1913 empowering the Dominion Trust to do many things contrary to the federal act was unconstitutional.

Mr. Bowser did not desire to take any steps to protect the depositors and investors in the company because all his colleagues favored the bill and he did not wish to cause a party split which might involve the defeat of the government.

THE GUNHILL.

Mr. Camsusa contributed a letter to our correspondence columns on Thursday indignantly objecting to the implication that there was anything wrong in the transaction through which the boat, Gunhill, passed into the hands of the government.

In the House of Commons on April 30, 1914, Mr. Sinclair, member for Guyana, made some inquiries of the Minister of Public Works relative to the transaction, and was informed that the Gunhill, a vessel of 18 tons built at Quartermaster Harbor in 1906, had been acquired from W. H. Price of Victoria for \$12,000 for the quarantine service.

The initial cost of the boat has nothing to do with the case. She was not worth the amount paid for her as far as the government service was concerned. Nor could the vendors have sold her to anybody else for what she cost the government.

We are not altogether pleased with His Majesty's distribution of New Year's honors. Perhaps that is because a first glance at the list of the names of the new knights created hopes that were dashed on more careful examination of the list.

Athens reports that His Sublimity the Sultan has decided to take time by the forelock and flit to a more comfortable place than Constantinople. The rumor may not be true, but in any event the flitting cannot long be delayed; and when the Turkish chief goes he never will come back, and that will be one blessing Europe and civilization will receive during the new year.

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OUR LETTER BOX

DAY OF INTERCESSION.

To the Editor:—Would you be good enough to allow me, as a minister of the gospel, to make a most earnest and urgent appeal through the columns of your valuable paper: First, to my own congregation; second, to all the church people of the city, and third, to those who may not be in the habit of attending any church regularly.

I make this prayerful appeal because it does seem to me that this is a suitable time to arouse the conscience over the religious imagination of the people of the empire and the city.

We are not altogether pleased with His Majesty's distribution of New Year's honors. Perhaps that is because a first glance at the list of the names of the new knights created hopes that were dashed on more careful examination of the list.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN BERLIN.

The Kaiser has promised his son to "advance" from being a princeling to king of all France.

The Kaiser has promised his people to add to Germany, Belgium. He wants it so bad that he'll give it to them.

THE AUSTRIANS fired the shot which set Europe aflame, and the consequences have been most serious for them. All the nations engaged have suffered, but affliction has been unequalled upon the heads of the Austrians.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Monday's Offerings From David Spencer's, Ltd. 37th Annual January Sale

Every Novelty and Tailored Suit To Be Cleared at the January Sale

Absolutely no reserves. Every Costume included and not one single Suit must be left over. The strict policy of this store to start each season, with an entirely new stock demands it.

Those women who were unable to visit us to-day should not fail to take an early opportunity of doing so on Monday for these values are worthy of the earliest investigation of every woman who has yet her winter Suit to buy.

SUITS 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.

SUITS AT \$25.00

This offering includes all our high-priced imported Novelty Costumes that were selling throughout the season from \$75.00 to \$100. 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.

The January Sale Offers Very Special Prices on La Camille Front Lace Corsets

The "Ventilo" back is an exclusive feature with "La Camille" Corsets. It is the only RIGID ventilated back that is made, and probably the only back which permits a real air circulation.



We have included two special models in our January Sale for Monday's selling. One model has low bust and is double boned throughout, free hip, 6-hose supporters, all set grip and neatly trimmed with embroidery. Very special January Sale price \$2.00.

Manufacturer's Stock of Choice Silks

Clearing at, Yard, \$1.50. Regular Values \$2.50 to \$4.75

A sale of Silks that has aroused the enthusiasm of hundreds of Victoria women, and no wonder, for the values are extraordinary to say the least. Women who anticipate the make-up of new Dresses, Waists and other garments in silks, should not hesitate to buy now and make their selection from this special purchase.

Ladies' Beautiful Silk Waists Marked at Great Reductions

Some of the best values ever offered in Ladies' Silk Waists are being cleared at this January Sale. There are Waists in various styles and qualities and a beautiful assortment in choice from which the materials include Silk Crepe De Chine, Silk Brocade, Silk Crepes, Nims and Messalines, also Fancy Silks in stripes and figured designs.

Regular \$2.50 to \$5.75 values clearing at \$2.90. Regular \$3.50 to \$4.00 values clearing at \$1.90.

Two January Specials in Ladies' Gloves

Regular \$2.50 Gauntlet Gloves Monday, Per Pair \$1.25. A beautiful quality Glove, especially suitable for driving, motor and for all sports wear.

White Glace Kid Gloves, Regular \$2.50 grade, for Pair, \$1.50. 12-button length, and a beautiful soft quality suitable for evening wear. All sizes.

January Crockery and Hardware Specials for Monday

Crockery Values to 65c To Clear Monday at 25c. A big clearing away of nearly decorated and covered Vegetable Dishes, Platters, Decorated Milk Jugs in various sizes, Glass Waists, Fancy Cakes and Bread Plates, also Fruit Baskets.

Double Boilers, Regular \$1.00 size, Monday 45c. These are made with good steel bodies, well finished in grey enamel, suitable for boiling rice, milk and mush.

10-quart Tin Water Pails Monday, each 15c. A very handy Pail to have about the home, useful for many purposes. These are particularly good value for the price.

"Tipperaryland" Containing 14 of the popular English War Songs, arranged as a Piano Selection—Words and Music. Special, per copy, 25c. Music—First Floor.

Men's and Boys' Pyjamas and Nightshirts at Rare Bargain Prices

These are the garments you need for night comfort, and the following offerings are all in splendid qualities. At these prices every article should quickly sell.

Men's Fancy Stripe Ceylon Flannel Night Shirts, full size in body, imported brand, and there are all sizes. Regular \$2.50 value, January Sale price, \$1.50. Men's Imported Flannel Pyjamas, heavy weight, in light and dark fancy stripes, Regular values to \$4.50, January Sale price, \$2.50. Boys' Striped Flannelette Pyjamas, with frog finished fronts and belt bottoms. Small sizes only. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, January Sale price, per suit, 50c.

Ladies' Collars, Scarves and Ribbons at January Clearance Prices

Muslin and Lace Collars—New styles; regular values to \$1.00, January Sale price, each, 25c. Muslin and Lace Collars, also Yokes—Regular values to \$1.50, January Sale price, each, 50c. Fancy and Plain Ribbons, 6 in. wide, all colors, values to 35c. for per yard, 15c.

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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT
Buy ALL your eatables at Kirkham's Cash Branch: QUALITY and low cash prices is the combination that has made our name a household word amongst all careful shoppers.
Flour, Golden Loaf, per 49-lb. sack \$1.72
Tapioca, 6 lbs. for 27c
Sago, 6 lbs. for 27c
Corn Flakes, per 5c
Shredded Wheat, per 5c
B. C. Sugar, 20 lbs., \$1.35
H. O. KIRKHAM & CO. LIMITED
CASH BRANCH
Next to corner of Government and Fort Streets.

THE GIFT CENTRE
Wishing You One and All A Happy New Year
We also wish to extend to all our patrons our sincere thanks for their support, and hope the confidence in our goods will continue to merit your patronage.
Commencing Monday and until stock taking we will give one-third off regular prices on all stock in our store, including Diamond Jewelry, Watches, Sterling Flatwear, etc.
This will continue for a very short time.
SHORTT, HILL & DUNCAN, LTD.
Diamond Merchants, Goldsmiths and Silversmiths
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Store Hours: 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays Included
January Sale
Remarkable Reductions in Household Cottons and Bedding During Whitewear Sale
Note the Following Price Reductions
Full Bleached Sheet, superior quality and free from filling.
Width 72 inches. Regular 50c, for 32 1/2c
Width 80 inches. Regular 60c, for 37 1/2c
Width 90 inches. Regular 65c, for 40c
50 pairs Full Bleached Sheets, ready for service. Regular \$2.00, for \$1.35 per pair.
50 Dozen Pillow Cases, hemmed and hemstitched styles, ready for service. Extra special, 25c per pair.
White Marseilles Bedspreads, size 72x84. Special \$1.35.
White Marseilles Bedspreads, size 72x90. Special \$1.50.
White Flannelette Sheets, pink or blue borders. Size 114. Special \$1.65 per pair.
Size 12-4. Special \$1.85 per pair.
500 yards White Gold Seal Cambric. Regular 25c, for 15c yard.
300 yards White Crash Toweling. Special, 9 yards for \$1.00.
1,000 yards White Flannelette. Regular 12 1/2c, for 5c per yard
1,000 yards White Flannelette. Regular 17 1/2c, for 10c per yard
500 yards Stripe Flannelette. Regular 15c, for 10c per yard

ROYAL VICTORIA ONE NIGHT, MON. JAN. 4
ROWLAND CLIFFORDS and BIG COMPANY of 50 DANCERS & SINGERS
IN THE WHIRLY GIRLY TANGO HIT!
SEPTEMBER MORN
MUSIC BY HUBERT STAFFIER
TANGOS BY VIRGIL BENNETT
LYRICS BY ARTHUR GILLESPIE
STAGED BY FRANK TRAMMELL
GREAT TANGOESQUE CARNIVAL
COSTUMES A RIOT IN COLORS
SCENIC ENVIRONMENTS SUPERBLY DESIGNED.
PRICES: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Seats on Sale Now. Curtain 8.30

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.
F. W. Bird is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
Madame Choisy has removed her studio to 1946 View street.
Mrs. C. W. Peck is registered at the Empress hotel from Prince Rupert.
Ray W. Jones is here from Seattle, and is staying at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Bird are staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
F. C. Riley is in the city from Myrtle Point, and is staying at the Empress hotel.
E. E. Plutz is here from Prince George, and is staying at the Empress hotel.
W. A. Lawson is in the city from Vancouver, and is staying at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Worsnop are among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.
Miss M. Ward has arrived in the city, and is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.
Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper registered at the Empress hotel this morning from Vancouver.
Mrs. H. S. Clements, wife of the member for Comox-Atlin, was one of yesterday's arrivals in the city.
Sanford S. Light, general manager of the British Columbia Life Assurance Co., is visiting in the city.
Captain and Mrs. Brand of London, Eng., spent New Year's Day in the city. They registered at the Empress hotel.
Frederick C. Liven, of Seattle, is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Liven.
Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Masterman, of West Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday and are staying at the Empress hotel.
Mrs. P. A. Babington, of "Alwyn," 1135 McClure street, will not receive on Tuesday, January 5, nor again until further notice.

The January Sale of Fine Muslin Undergarments Commences Monday
Offerings of Exceptional Note for Those Who Desire to Economize
The preparation that has been made for this sale assures its success. Better assortments or values have not been presented heretofore. The most reliable markets have contributed to this display. Critical judgment of values has resulted in the assembling of the very finest garments and has been responsible for the lowest prices ever quoted for equal quality.
We present this sale fully appreciating that we are giving you the best value possible. Your interest and consideration is asked on the merits of the numerous lines offered. Supply your needs now.
Details of These Lines Will Appear in To-morrow's Colonist.
End-of-Season Sale Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments
EVENING DRESSES AND RECEPTION GOWNS AT HALF PRICE
These high-grade models are developed in nylon, chiffon, crepe, de chine, net, tulle, silk, or charmeuse 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
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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
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Three shows Saturday evening beginning at 6.30.
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A Singing and Dancing Revue.
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A Story of the British Forces in India.
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A Great Victorian Comedy.
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A Burlesque Fantasy.
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A Beauty for the Children.
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Royal Victoria Theatre
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st, 2nd.
Matinee each day at 2.
Two Evening Performances, 7.30 and 9.00.
A Powerful Revival of the World's Greatest Drama
EAST LYNNE
Prices: Matinee, 10c. Evening, 15c, 25c.

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Special Holiday Attractions
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
HOWARD AND DAY
In Their Great Singing, Talking and Musical Act.
SAM NEWSBAUM
The Russian Instrumentalist.
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Singing and Dancing Act.
In Addition to the REGULAR VAUDEVILLE ACTS AND PICTURES
There will be shown that famous Serial Film "ZUDORA"
The one great big attraction that knows no other opposition or competition; standing alone in a class by itself.
This picture will be shown the last half of every week till the series end.
PRICES AS USUAL.
Subscribe to the Victoria Patriotic Fund.

SEPTEMBER MORN
Original Company of Fifty.
The Season's Greatest MUSICAL COMEDY HIT
Prices: 50c to \$1.50. Seat sale opens Friday.

GRAY HAIR
Dr. Tremain's Natural Hair Restorative used as directed is guaranteed to restore gray hair to natural color, or money refunded. Positively not a dye, and non-injurious. On sale at Deard & Hiscocks' drug store, Yates and Broad streets, Victoria. Price \$1.00 (postpaid). Write, Tremain Supply Co., Dept. "V.T.," Toronto.

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ANNUAL PROGRAMME
Semple's Hall Crowded on New Year's Eve for Entertainment by St. Paul's Sunday School.
The annual Sunday school entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria, West, was held in Semple's hall on New Year's Eve. Not only did the seating capacity prove inadequate, but even standing-room was at a premium, many late-comers being unable to get into the hall. The children from the Esquimalt branch Sunday school were present with their teachers. At 5.30 tea was served to the children, and later, to the older folks. At 7.30 the chairman, Rev. Dr. H. N. Maclean, introduced Piper Wishart, who responded to songs after encore. It was an excellent programme, including the following numbers:
Piano solo, Miss Erna Lorenz; chorus by primary department; recitations by Margaret McKenzie, Willie Stewart, Violet Fotheringham, Donald Maclean, Robin Miller, Miss Roberta Peatt, Mary Clements, Kenneth Miller, Bessie Gibson, Lionel Lorenz, Alexander Semple and Margaret Murray. The soloists were Gordon Mackay, Miss Alma Peatt, Irene Maclean and Maggie Sturrock, and duets were supplied by Miss Miller and Mr. McMillan, Miss Dorothy Maclean and William Stewart provided an interesting dialogue and the Sunday School orchestra gave a selection. The choir sang the patriotic anthem, "O Canada," and "Street Singers" greatly amused the children. Rev. Dr. Maclean gave a congratulatory address; and a "Christmas Cantata" performed under the direction of James Stewart, was an unqualified success. The choruses were well sung and different parts well taken.
The superintendent, W. J. Robertson, presented fifty-seven Robert Baikes' diplomas for a perfect record during the year, two diplomas being given for memorization of the shorter catechism. Proceedings concluded with an expression of appreciation and gratitude from the choir to the Sunday school superintendent, staff and other helpers who had assisted in preparing the programme. Imagination is the eye of the soul.
Every man and woman in the land ought to prize above almost every other quality the capacity for self-help; and yet every man and woman in the land will at some time or other be sorely in need of the help of others, and at some time or other will find that he or she can in turn give help—even to the strongest.—Roosevelt.

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NEEDS OF EMPIRE THEMES FOR PRAYER

List of Topics Drawn Up for Those Taking Part in Intercessory Week

During the Universal Week of Prayer, which will be observed in the city from to-morrow until Sunday week, the needs of the empire at this critical time in its history will make themes for special intercession. The meetings will for the most part take place in the Sabbath schoolroom of the Metropolitan church. On Thursday evening each congregation will hold its own prayer meeting in its own place of worship.

The following topics have been drawn up as a guide to those who take part in the meetings:

- Thanksgiving:
 - For the allaying of political and party strife.
 - For the ready response of the empire to the call of king and country.
 - For the health of our army and navy, especially of those engaged in the operations of war.
 - For the Christian influence of commanders on sea and land.
 - For the readiness of many of those under training to hear and receive the Gospel.
 - For the absence of serious unemployment.
 - For the courage and endurance of our troops at the front.
 - For the wide realization of the duty of self-sacrifice.
 - For our continued freedom from invasion and for the safety of the sea-lane trade routes.
- Confession:
 - Of widespread unreadiness to obey the commandments of God and unwillingness to subordinate our wills to His.
 - Of general confidence in material means only, instead of reliance upon God.
 - Of the neglect by multitudes of the means of grace and the observance of Christian duty.
- Prayer:
 - That the bonds of love uniting Christians as members of the One Body may be maintained unbroken, and that breaches already made may be healed.
 - That the interests of the World's Evangelical Alliance may be sustained and extended.
 - For our army and navy, especially those engaged in hazardous operations.
 - For doctors and nurses engaged in Red Cross work, and for all those who seek to bring spiritual consolation to the dying.
 - For the wounded, the bereaved, and those who mourn the "missing."
 - For prisoners and captives.
 - For refugees, especially those in our own country, that they may stay among us may lead them to vital knowledge of the Saviour.
 - For our enemies, that God may turn their hearts.
 - For our fellow-Christians, residents in the countries of our enemies.
 - For our allies, and the success of the allied armies.
 - For such decisive victory as shall lead to a lasting and honorable peace.
 - For those who have been brought to poverty or distress through the war.
 - For the assuaging of hatred and malice, and for the manifestation of a Christian spirit.
 - For the coming of the King and the establishment of His rule in response to the prayer of the kingdom come.
 - It is earnestly hoped that a very large number of the people may hear this new prayer to the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, that a great prayer may be addressed to Him for the salvation of the world to the ends of the earth and the establishment of peace in righteousness throughout the world.
- The offering for the intercessory evening will be devoted to defraying the expenses of these meetings.

FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

Patriotic Entertainment Given at St. Luke's Hall Attracts Large Audience to Cedar Hill.

A patriotic entertainment, the very satisfactory proceeds of which are to be given to one of the funds devoted to the assistance of the wives and children of the front or are on military duty elsewhere, was given on Tuesday evening at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, and drew a capacity audience. Rev. H. A. Morrison was chairman, the entertainment having been arranged principally by Messrs. E. Hodson and H. C. Hole. The hall was seasonally decorated with evergreens and flags, and a particularly effective scheme of lighting was arranged which threw into bold relief the figures of the actors on the stage. The following programme, each number in which was most artistically performed, was given during the evening: Introduction, Miss J. Harvey; "Songs of the Sea," Mr. Brown; recitation, "Kaiser Bill," F. Harrington; song, "Powder Monkey," Miss N. Lugin; dance in costume, Miss Du Bois; chorus, "Tenting To-night," Messrs. D. Pickard, Floyd, Croxford, Pickard, Smith and Wenman; recitation, "Ben Battie," S. Williams; song, "Your King and Country Need You," Miss Offerhaus; recitation, "The Municipal One," Mrs. F. de Sully; song, "My Curly Headed Baby," Miss Lucerin; tableaux and song, "Britanna," Miss Offerhaus; "France," Miss Thurburn; "Russia," Miss du Bois; "Japan," Miss A. Bradshaw; "Belgium," Miss H. Bradshaw; "Servia," Miss M. Bradshaw; "Canada," Miss Durand; "India," H. Hodson; "Australia," C. Appleton; "New Zealand," A. Williams; "South Africa," G. May. A very amusing playette entitled "Billy Doo" was given by a talented cast of amateurs, R. Hodson taking the title role as Billy, the bill sticker of Sarnich, while other parts were taken by Miss Hole, H. G. Hole and H. Thurburn.

CHINESE MISSION

Interesting Entertainment Held: Big Audience Present and Gifts Distributed.

The annual entertainment of the Chinese Presbyterian mission was held on Wednesday evening. The hall was crowded with friends and teachers, among those present being Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. Joseph McCoy, Rev. J. S. Inkster, Rev. Mr. MacRae and Rev. R. A. MacConnell. A very acceptable programme was rendered, the audience giving every evidence of appreciation. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and streamers. After presentations of Christmas gifts to teachers and others, refreshments were served by the members to their guests. The programme consisted of the following: Chorus, The First Presbyterian Church mission band; Solo, Wong Wa; Violin Solo, Benjamin Wong; Piano Duet, Misses Emerald and Florence Hing Kee; Solo and Encore, Walter Lee; Dialogue, by Christian-Young Men Club Swinging First Presbyterian Church mission band; Chorus in Chinese, Young Men of Mission; Chinese Juggling, Lee Fat; Solo, Mr. Kwan, Methodist Missionary Quartette, Messrs. Walter Lee, David, Chu, Samuel Chu and McChan; Solo, Mrs. A. Lacey; Chorus, Mr. Kwan, Mr. Leung Mull, Fing and Daniel Kwan.

MEN FOR THE FRONT

Personnel of Victoria Reinforcements for Princess Patricia Regiment Now in France.

The list of the officers and men who are going from the 20th Battalion, in camp at the Willows, as reinforcements for the Princess Patricia Regiment, now fighting in the trenches in northern France, is now available. The detachment goes from here to an eastern seaport, probably Halifax, and will then join the other detachments from various parts of Canada. The men from Victoria will be under the command of Captain C. A. Moorhead, with Lieut. J. S. Harvey and Lieut. Carey Martin as subalterns. The commissioned officers and men who are going are the following: Colour Sergeant Herbert Brown, Sergeant George Hector Archdale, Sergeant Albert Frederick Chambers, Sergeant Robert Gordon Roe, Sergeant James Smith, Corporal Ernest William Dodson, Corporal Alarcon Venables Phunkett, Corporal Edgar Champion Rossier, Corporal David Reginald Leslie, Corporal Henry MacKays, Lance Corporal Frank Townsend Gallifrey, Lance Corporal William Hyvet, Lance Corporal John James Small, Lance Corporal Enoch Francis, Lance Corporal Francis Morris, Bugly Arthur Bomery Davidson, Private George Avery, Fred Russell Andrew, John Andrew Armstrong, Arthur Percy Adlard, Walter Joseph Woodley Ahern, John Joseph Anderson, George Blake Herbert Steiner Beaton, Herbert Brazier, Thomas Bradley, John MeLeod Beaton, James Brewster, Edward Clanton Haddley, Charles Henry Brown, Richard Brunsdon, William Brian Roland Arthur Baxley, Herbert Old Crow, Frank Baillie, Ernest Cooper, John Christie, William Christie, Perceval Cary, Thomas Dill, Frederick Bradshaw, Turner, Edgar Street, Leonard Claude Henry Dodwell, Ernest Dayley, Herbert Alfred Downiss, Gerald Frank Fenn, William Furter, Samuel Fullerton, James Kenneth Forbes, Carl Frederickson, Vernon Francis Gerhard Gamble, Charles Grundy, George Alexander Hill, Arthur Hastidge, Frank Daynport Holland, Arthur Charles Hayward, William John Hutcheson, William Holmes, John Standley Hill, William Horman, Alfred Hunt, Alan Eisey-Josson, Arnold Howard Johnson, Hugh Molynoux Johnston, Joseph Harry Jenking, Arthur Emil Jones, John Jamieson, Michael Kelly, Herman Kaisereruklek Josiah Chancellor Kennedy, Edward Leewellyn, John Robert Longmate, Norman MacIvor, Clarence Reginald Mundy, Andrew Muncur, William Matteson, Leonard Walter Makin, John Muller, William Callender, James McDonald, Donald McLeod, Neil McNeven, William McGregor, John Henry Mason, William Houston Massey, Javins Maus, James McDermott, Thomas Pagan McDonald, Joseph Neller, Arthur Chiffort Naton, George Nolan, William Chiff, Francis Herbert Palmer, John James, Walter Powell, Reginald, Walter Partridge, Arthur William Richardson, David Redpath, George Royston, Lewis Howell Rogers, William Robinson, William Thomas Robertson, Walter Ernest Robinson, Harold Reekie, Christopher Stafford, Everett Stackpole, Archibald Smith, Arthur Stook, Samuel Shields, William Stewart, James Turnbull, Charles Thomas, Claude Harold Taylor, Livingston Norman Thompson, George Thompson, Arthur Duclume, Douglas Kerr, Scott Vickers, Paul Watkins, Alfred Woodcroft, Edward Logan White, Alfred William Worthington, George William Wilton, Charles James Wilson, William George Wilson.

Ready-to-Wear Week

Gordons Limited

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	Lot 6. Sale price
\$4.75	\$6.75	\$9.75	\$13.75	\$19.75

These Distinctive Looking Skirts 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 brocade 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

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OUR LETTER BOX FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor: Most heartily do I endorse Mr. H. E. Levy's suggestions...

FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor: I think it must be highly gratifying to the members of the Civic Retrenchment association...

The estimates for 1914 were in round figures \$2,500,000, but as a matter of fact only \$2,187,479 was expended...

Now the estimates submitted on Monday total \$2,126,678, a reduction of only \$188,801, or 9 per cent. It may, however, be fair to make the comparison with those figures which are susceptible of being reduced by the city council...

new estimates and, quoted above, is \$188,801, or only about 12 per cent., so that the proposed cut is only half of that suggested by the Civic Retrenchment association and promised by Alderman McNeill.

A reference to many of the items shows little or no reduction, notably in two of the heaviest departments, schools and fire. My object in calling attention to these points is that the public may understand clearly that the council is yet far from realizing the necessities of the case, and has not proposed any such reduction as present financial conditions demand.

FLOWERS IN THE MARKET.

To the Editor: Last Monday at the second reading of the public market by-law the city council, upon the suggestion of Alderman Todd, decided to eliminate the sale of flowers and plants and passed an amendment limiting the class of produce to be sold in the market of 'food-products' of the garden, dairy, greenhouse, nursery or farm.

While no definite explanation can be given for this restriction, it apparently originates from one or two reasons, namely, that the production of flowers for being essential to the welfare of the community should not be encouraged, and if encouraged might cause friction with the florists in the city.

Flowers certainly are luxuries to some people, but why discriminate between floral luxuries and those which are pleasing to the palate? The strong, healthy man might easily deprive himself of many edible luxuries, but why deny the home of a few flowers which give so much pleasure to the average housewife and in the sick room? A plant that will flower in the house throughout the winter may be obtained for 25 cents. Can this be classed as a luxury?

Cut flowers in the winter are necessarily rather high priced, owing to a cost of production, but surely their presence in the market will not be detrimental to the welfare of the community. The average patron of the market is not so weak minded that their presence will compel them to buy flowers if they cannot afford them.

On the last market day very general dissatisfaction was expressed by purchasers and non-purchasers at the prospect of being unable to obtain flowers in the market. Their presence alone greatly relieving the monotony of the market. Others were of the opinion that if the restrictions were too severe the market would undoubtedly lose many of its patrons.

The only point that now remains is the suggestion that the florists of Victoria have objected, or may object, to the sale of flowers in the market, because the nurserymen, on a previous occasion lodged a protest against the

city for giving away nursery stock, free of any charge whatever, which is obviously detrimental to the trade of the local nurserymen, and is entirely a different question.

The meagre sales of flowers in the public market could scarcely affect the florists trade—in any case, to a very small amount compared with that of city butchers, who are not even considered by the council in the same light at all.

However, I understand that there is a very general feeling among the public interested in this matter that the city florists must have objected, and that it is this cause alone which has resulted in the council taking these steps. On this point I can assure your readers that the producing florists have not objected, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude for the attitude the producing florists have taken.

Personally before making my original application for a stall in the market I consulted several members of the trade and no objection was raised. Furthermore, it is only just to the florists to make public the fact that the six leading producing florists if the city have signed a statement that they have no objections to any bona fide producer selling flowers and plants, at reasonable prices, in the city market, and request that the regulations regarding same remain as heretofore. This statement has been forwarded to the city council.

This action is admirable, and it is hoped that, if the council should reconsider their resolution, the stall holders in the market will not abuse this attitude by flooding the market with daffodils and tulips in the spring at unreasonably low prices.

If the council with the explanation given do not see their way to include products of the garden, dairy, greenhouse, nursery or farm, other than 'food products,' it will entirely exclude or materially affect at least six of the present stall holders, exclusive of any producers of goods made by hand, and these growers will be compelled to look for an outlet elsewhere, which is no easy matter under present conditions.

It is on behalf of the growers of so termed 'luxuries' which do not appeal to the stomach that I make this appeal through the medium of your columns.

DOUGLAS FOXWELL, Royal Oak, Jan. 1.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

To the Editor: Unless we are prepared to accept and abide by the judgment of Almighty God, which may or may not accord with our views, as to the conditions and terms desirable for peace, it is a mockery and an insult to ask His intervention in this cause.

Already the allied nations have definitely argued not to consider peace until their plans and intentions have been accomplished, to the entire satisfaction of each one concerned. What then are our prayers for peace but prayers for the success of our ambitions? No prayer can be acceptable to God

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worthy of His consideration, except the petitioner be prepared to abide by His decision, and accept any terms that may be demanded.

AT THE THEATRES

A HOLIDAY SHOW. A holiday show in every sense of the word is being offered on the screen at the Majestic theatre to-day and the laughter caused by the selected comedies may be heard out on the street.

"SEPTEMBER MORN."

"September Morn," almost direct from the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago, where it received its premier and became the vogue during a run of 256 consecutive performances.

was staged by the clever Frank-Tannahill, Jr., and the dances and ballet were arranged and directed by Virgil Bennett, a maitre d'balet of unquestioned ability.

"THE WOMAN"

To-night will be the last appearance of "The College Widow" at the Princess theatre. The success of this play during the week has been remarkable.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Such far-off lands as Russia and Australia contribute noted artists to the new bill which the management of the Columbia theatre presents for the last half of this week.

IN THE LODGEROOM

Vancover Encampment, No. 1. The officers of the encampment will be installed next Tuesday evening by D. D. G. P. D. Demar, who will be assisted by several of the grand encampment officers who reside in the city.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2. The Christmas tree and entertainment held by this lodge last Tuesday evening proved a most enjoyable event for old and young.

Santa Claus distributed the presents from the tree, and took part in the games played by the children, who appeared to appreciate the presence of their idol.

There was dancing in the small hall, and a large number took advantage of the opportunity to trip the light fantastic. Excellent music was furnished by Bro. Dresser for this part of the entertainment.

The second degree was conferred by the lodge last Wednesday evening, and the third degree will be conferred next Wednesday evening, when it is hoped that all members of the team will be present.

Bro. Francis Hay, Here. Bro. Francis Hay, of Columbia lodge, No. 2, who met with a serious accident some months ago at Cork, Alta., has arrived in the city, and is staying with his brother, J. Hay, 645 Dallas road.

Joint Installation. The officers of the three subordinate lodges will be installed next Thursday evening by Bro. A. J. Cleary, D. D. G. M., who will be assisted by Bro. P. W. Deimpster, D. G. M., and other grand lodge officers.

Dough and Dynamite. Danny Simmons, the military hobnob, is the comic hit of the show and keeps the audience in a perpetual titter with his quaint humor.

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- Fowl Bay Rd., 8 rooms, per month \$40.00
1719 Barclay Ave., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
Madison St., 6 rooms, per month \$25.00

FOUND DEAD WITH REVOLVER IN HAND

George Jobbins Had Evidently Fired Twice Before Life Terminated

George Jobbins, a laborer, who has been living for some time in a shack at the rear of 2184 Katherine street, Oak Bay, was not seen about a couple of days past, and early yesterday John S. Le Grosley, who lives at that address, telephoned to Chief Syme, of the Oak Bay police, to that effect, and asked the police to investigate.

NEW YEAR'S COMING ROYALLY HERALDED

Empress Ball Occasion for Loyal Demonstration to King and Empire.

Never has a more congenial gathering watched the passing of the Old and the coming of the New Year than that which assembled in the big dining-room at the Empress hotel at midnight on New Year's Eve.

A Happy New Year

We wish all our Customers a happy New Year. They are sure to be happy so long as they use our famous WELLINGTON COAL.

LETTER FROM JUDGE ON PUBLICITY WORK

SIR CLIVE WOLLEY HAS HAD ACTIVE LIFE

To the numerous opinions which have been expressed about the publicity campaign of the Victoria and Island Development Association, Mr. Justice Martin has added his. It is expressed in a letter sent to the mayor and aldermen, which will be read in council on Monday.

HAD INTERESTING CAREER ON COAST

John Stevens Came Here in Fifties; Owned Much Land

John Stevens, who died on December 27 at Paso Robles, Cal., where, as was his custom, he had gone about ten days previously for the winter, was the son of Philip Stevens of His Majesty's revenue service, England, and was born in Kent.

DESCRIBES EVILS OF MAIL-ORDER BUYING

Manager of Weiler Bros., Ltd., Adduces Reasons for Buying in Victoria

The one thing that should induce people to buy in Victoria, in the opinion of Edward A. Waterman, managing director of Weiler Bros., Ltd., is that civic patriotism which ought to be a part and parcel of every citizen.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS

Many Representative Citizens and Military and Naval Men Paid Formal Calls Yesterday

Three largely-attended receptions which are annual institutions in the city government, the Mayor and His Worship the Bishop of Columbia, great numbers of representative men were present at each of these receptions in the city yesterday.

CARNIVAL IN STREETS

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SENT GREETINGS

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught Shows Interest in Boy Scouts of Coast

On New Year's Day Rev. the Hon. T. R. Henage, honorary secretary of the British Columbia Boy Scouts' association, received the following telegram from H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught.

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- WANTED TO RENT BY A YOUNG couple, 4 or 5 room modern bungalow, Fairly clean, suitable for family, etc.
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- LOST - On New Year's Eve, Locket with emblem of Old Fellows, also name and by whom presented engraved on outside and pictures inside. Return to Times Office.
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For Hamper Fund - The first concert in the New Year by the Victoria concert orchestra, under the direction of Benedict Bantly, will be held in the Princess theatre to-morrow evening, commencing at 8:15. The total proceeds of the collection fund, which is being organized by the affiliated Friends Societies' association, will be Miss Gertrude Burgess and W. G. M. Gilbert, violin solos by Willie Balgiano, and a specially interesting group of orchestral numbers.

Gas Company Charged

A charge against the Victoria Gas company was read in the police court this morning, and on the request of a representative of the company, an adjournment until Wednesday next was granted. The charge is that the company "being dealers in fuel and having given a driver of a load of fuel for delivery to a purchaser thereof in the city a ticket specifying the name and address of the purchaser and the net weight of such fuel, did unlawfully and falsely state in such ticket the quantity of fuel sold."

Will Speak To-night

At a meeting of the Gordon Road Fruitgrowers' association to-night, J. Forsyth Smith, of Calgary, market commissioner for the department of agriculture, will speak on handling of produce. He will also address the British Columbia Fruitgrowers' association at the annual convention on January 26.

Four Assessment By-laws

Alderman McNeill will introduce four assessment by-laws at the council meeting on Monday evening.

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Financial News

RAMBLER QUOTATION STOCKS IN NEW YORK

REDEEMED FROM LOW SHOWING BETTERMENT

Bullish Disposition of Buyers in Standard Lead and Issue Holds Advance London Stock Market to Re-open Monday; Influences Bullish

It was a naturally quiet session for the local stock exchange this morning and the attendance of members was at a minimum. As to prices, Rambler did better and the weakness noted in this issue earlier in the week was swept away.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and various stock symbols like Blackbird Syndicate, B. C. Refining Co., etc.

WHEAT OPTION VALUES STILL TENDING UPWARD

Table with columns: Date, Price, and various wheat option symbols.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: Date, Price, and various cotton market symbols.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

Table with columns: Item, Amount, and various bank statement symbols.

4% Be Careful-- Be Thrifty-- Be Saving-- Savings Count When Necessity Comes. The Great West Permanent Loan Company.

DEPARTURE OF MEN DELAYED FOR WEEK

Reinforcements for Princess Patricia Regt. Will Not Leave Till End of Next Week

The detachment of men from the 29th Battalion which is going to the front as part of the reinforcements for the Princess Patricia regiment did not leave this afternoon, as was at first expected.

It is understood here that the whole force of reinforcements will sail from an Atlantic port on or about January 17, so that it is likely that the Victoria men will leave the city this day, week or the day after.

The preparation of the uniforms for the members of the Victoria Volunteer Reserves is now well under way, and it is hoped that they will all be issued shortly.

NO FORMAL OPENING

Event at Normal School on Monday Will Be Quiet One; City Schools.

The Normal school will be opened very quietly at 9 a. m. on Monday, the formal proceedings being postponed for the present.

PEACE BY END OF YEAR SAYS FRENCH PRESIDENT

Turning Point of War Will Come at the Beginning of This Year Says M. Poincare.

DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT TO UCLEUET RESIDENT

Ucleuet, Dec. 30.—E. C. Williams died at the West Coast Hospital, Fort Alberni, on Saturday, December 26.

GERMANS ARE DECEIVED ON STRENGTH OF ALLIES

London, Jan. 2.—While some of the German prisoners appear gloomy and criticize their leaders, there is no fair indication of the sentiments of their fighting troops.

EXPLOSION AT COAL CREEK THIS MORNING

All Men Believed to Have Escaped; Mine Inspector Overcome by Gas.

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—An explosion occurred this morning in a mine at Coal Creek, near Fernie in the Crow's Nest Pass district. The workmen had sufficient notice of trouble, and it is believed that all got safely out.

MAN FOUND DEAD; HIS INITIALS ONLY CLUE

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Mixing four small bottles of chloroform with two bottles of stout, an unidentified man last night sat down beside the Brockton Point driveway in Stanley Park and drank the mixture.

UPRISING IN PARAGUAY PRESIDENT IMPRISONED

Buenos Aires, Jan. 2.—Further dispatches received here from Paraguay where a revolutionary movement has broken out, set forth that the leader of the uprising is Col. Escobar.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Scottish League. Raith Rovers, 2; Aberdeen, 2; Motherwell, 4; Aberdeen, 2.

FROM MANY POINTS

Numerous Witnesses Have Been Called to Testify in Waterworks Suit.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

Election of School Trustees. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich, that I require the presence of the said electors at the Municipal Council Chamber, on Monday, the Eleventh day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two Trustees for a 2-year term, and 1 person for a 1-year term, as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two electors of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 7 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened at 8 o'clock on the day of the election.

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Saanich Municipal Election

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the electors of the Municipality of Saanich that I require the presence of the said electors at the Royal Oak Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 7 p. m. of the day of the election.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS COURT OF REVISION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay has graded, drained, macadamized and constructed sidewalks, curbs, gutters, sewer, surface drains and water laterals on Newport Avenue from Saratoga Avenue to Beach Drive.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Table with columns: Name, Age, and Total Cost for various students at St. Andrew's College.

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VICTORIA VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Regimental orders by Captain W. H. Langley, R. O., commanding. Victoria, B. C., January 2, 1915. Uniforms—These are now well under way and it is hoped will be issued shortly.

BOARD REPORTS PROGRESS

Saanich School Trustees' Work in 1914: Attendance is Now 1157.

The year 1914 has been one of satisfactory progress in connection with educational matters in the municipality of Saanich, and the educational needs of the district have been met so far as could be done in the absence of any extra pecuniary grant from the education department during the year.

As compared with the end of 1913 the number of pupils on the books of the several schools, now numbering fifteen, has risen from 995 to 1157, and the number of teachers engaged from 31 to 29. To provide for this growth additional accommodation has been provided at Tomlie school, Boleskins road, by utilizing again the old school house of two rooms, which were vacated on the occupation of the new building at West Saanich.

A new temporary building has been erected at Tillicum road to accommodate forty pupils of the junior grades for the purpose of providing for the wants of that growing district, and to relieve the pressure of Tomlie school, which had reached the limit of capacity. A new two-roomed school has been opened at Prospect to replace the old structure on the west road, condemned by the medical officer. At Strawberry Vale a new two-roomed school has been occupied in place of the old single room building.

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DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR ALLIED SUCCESS

Public Service Will Be Held in Royal Victoria Theatre Tomorrow; Other Services

To-morrow has been appointed by proclamation as a day of humble prayer and intercession throughout the Dominion on behalf of the cause undertaken by the empire and its allies.

There will be special prayers in every place of worship in Canada, in observance of the day. The text of the proclamation, published in the Canada Gazette, is as follows: "Whereas our empire has been forced to take up arms in defence of rights and liberties unjustly attacked, and to fulfill pledges solemnly given, we, therefore, believing it to be fitting that our people should be enabled to make a public and solemn avowal of duty to Almighty God and of need of guidance, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council for Canada, to appoint Sunday, the third day of January next, to be, throughout the Dominion of Canada, a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by our empire and our allies."

A public service of intercession is to be held in the Royal Victoria theatre to-morrow afternoon, commencing at half-past three o'clock, at which Mayor Stewart will preside and in which clergymen of all denominations will take part. A slight alteration has been made in the order of the service from that already given, and the service now will be taken as follows: Invocation, Rev. W. L. Clay, D. D. Hymn, "Oh God of Bethel." Lesson, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Prayer, Very Rev. Dean Doull. Hymn, "God, the All Terrible." Reading of his majesty's proclamation, his worship the mayor. Address, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria. Prayer, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Solo, "Recessional," Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahy. Responsive Reading, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B. A. Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." Prayer, Rev. J. B. Wagnier, B. A. Hymn, "Oft God, Our Help in Ages Past." Benediction, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Columbia. God Save the King. Members of the various church choirs in the city are asked to unite

in leading the singing at the service. Copies of the hymns which will be used, which are common to every church and well-known, will be provided. All members of Lodge Primrose 32, Daughters and Maids of England, are requested to meet at St. John's church to-morrow morning (Intercession Day) at 10.45, to attend divine service with the Sons of England. The Sons of England lodge has extended an invitation to Princess Alexandra Lodge No. 15, Daughters of England, to join in the services to be conducted at St. John's church to-morrow morning at 11. All members are requested to meet at the corner of Mason and Quadra streets at 10.45 a. m.

CHILDREN HAVE TEA

Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School Pupils Entertained at Pleasant Event.

Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school held its annual Christmas celebration on Wednesday with conspicuous success. There were more children present than last year, and the parents showed their interest in the work by being present also and crowding the building to its utmost capacity. Tea was served at 6 o'clock after which the little folks indulged in games, the programme commencing at 7.30 when the pastor, Rev. Dr. Cameron, called on all to join in the Doxology; Miss Grace Hoyle presided at the organ. B. E. G. Denys, the school secretary, was chairman, and the following interesting programme was carried through in the most creditable manner: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by the whole school under the direction of Mrs. D. O. Brown; recitation, "Who Came From Heaven" by the primary class; school song, "Ring the Bells"; recitation, "The Wise Men," J. D. Fraser; recitation, "Santa Claus," L. Dommanle; song by school, "Hallelujah"; recitation, "Hurray for Christmas"; Stephen, Bartlett; recitation, "Tommy," by Bertie Lane; school song, "Once in David's Royal City"; distribution of Robert Baker's diplomas, by Mrs. Cameron and A. Hoyle; recitation, "The Man Who Broke the News," Miss Olive MacLean; recitation, "Dolly," Gwendoline Winsby; recitation from junior and primary classes; school song, "Ring, Ring, Ring"; recitation, "The Christmas Star," by Rowland Savage; recitation, by Theima Lindsay; recitation by Rowena Horsey. The presents were distributed by Mrs. Wm. MacLean, and in a brief speech later in the proceedings reference was made by the pastor to the splendid programme arranged by Mr. Denys, the Misses Hoyle, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bagshaw, Mrs. Hawkrig and Mrs. Brown.

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WRITES FROM FRONT

Brother of Local Resident Tells Story of Desperate Conditions in the Trenches.

The following letter has been sent to a friend by H. R. Deakin, of the East Lancs. Regiment, with the British Expeditionary force in France, and a brother of George Deakin, North Hampshire road, Oak Bay: "It is awful in the trenches, as the weather is so very cold and awfully wet, but we are getting quite seasoned to it now, and we are all happy amongst ourselves, especially when the German shells pass over our trenches and burst in the rear of us, where they are doing no harm, only to the buildings, which have all been deserted. You will, no doubt, have heard that I received a slight wound in the right arm on October 4; being sent into hospital at St. Mairaz, where I remained only a few days, after which I rejoined my regiment fit for duty. I expect you will have seen the long list of casualties of the 1st East Lancs, which I am sorry to say, is far heavier than any other regiment of this division. "Although we are having many hardships to endure at the present time I do not think that we should have to experience anything worse than August 25, when we lost about 200 officers and men in a very short time. This was during the retirement from Lisians, when the retirement, other small engagements on the retirement, but nothing of a serious nature. After the tables were turned on the Germans we started advancing and our next battle took place

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"A Most Valuable Food"

At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is giving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod-liver oil are being frantically brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter—easily taken first place for nutritive value, and when combined with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced.

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COUNTY ORANGE LODGE

New Organization is Formed Here and Officers Are Elected.

There was a meeting of representatives of the various Orange lodges in the Victoria district on Wednesday evening in the Orange hall, "ates street, the object of the gathering being to form a county Orange lodge. M. W. Bro. J. W. Whiteley, grand organizer of the Orange for British Columbia, being present, proceeded to organize a county lodge to have jurisdiction over that portion of the island and the adjacent islands lying south of the 49th parallel. The following were duly elected and installed as the officers of the lodge: County deputy master, Bro. B. E. Le-fevre; county chaplain, Bro. H. Pearce; county recording secretary, Bro. O. J. B. Lane; county financial secretary, Bro. A. J. Warren; county treasurer, Bro. Daniel Smith; county lecturer, Bro. William McClare; county deputy lecturers, Bro. Foster and Bro. J. H. White; county director of ceremonies, Bro. J. F. Bligh. After the business was completed M. W. Bro. Whiteley gave an interesting address, after which he took the midnight steamer for Vancouver, in order to be home for the celebration of his wedding anniversary on Thursday. He was the recipient of many congratulations from the members of the order here.

NOTICE

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. 1288 Government street, in the City of Victoria, from myself to Joseph Balagna. Dated this 11th day of December, 1914. A. E. BROOKE.

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