

Allies May Waive Strict Fulfilment of Versailles Pact

Payment of One Hundred Billion Marks in Gold As Indemnity Is Basis Upon Which Brussels Financial Conference Is Working.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—The second financial conference adjourned at noon to-day until January 10. The Allied experts told the German delegates there was good prospect of reaching an agreement on the concessions asked by Germany, and indicated that with continued goodwill on both sides a solution of the reparations problem would be in sight during the January session.

Basis of Negotiations.
Payment by Germany of one hundred billion marks in gold remains the basis upon which experts and delegates to the second financial conference in session here are working. This amount, although far below what was authorized by the Treaty of Versailles, is considered by them collectible only on condition that Germany is helped along the lines suggested by the German delegates.

Allied experts in secret individual reports the substance of which has come to light, recognize Germany's real necessities, and the delegates generally are impressed by arguments that Germany is an insolvent creditor who must be maintained as a going concern. The extent to which strict fulfillment of the Versailles Treaty may be waived, however, depends upon the Allied governments before which recommendations have been made by the various delegations.

To Resume January 10.
To-day's meeting was really in preparation for the recess which will be taken until January 10. Allied delegates planned to meet apart this afternoon for the purpose of exchanging views and reaching a common accord which will be reflected in reports to their governments.

German delegates are still working on the list of questions submitted by the Allies which reached the conference. It is inferred from some of them that the Allied experts believe that indirect taxation in Germany is not high enough, the Germans being asked if their taxes on alcohol, beer, tobacco and sugar are as high as those on the same products as in France and Great Britain. Other questions concern the German financial policy regarding taxation of wealthy citizens and possible tax increases within a year or two.

**POLE ENTERPRISE
IN QUEBEC PROVINCE**

Paper Manufacturing Firm Capitalized at \$20,000,000

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 22.—Letters patent have just been issued by the Quebec Government to the "Canadian International Paper Company" of Three Rivers, with a capital of \$20,000,000. The new company possesses huge buildings in Three Rivers, where it began yesterday to manufacture sulphite. The manufacture of paper will begin next summer. The company has lumber limits in the St. Maurice district sufficient for all needs during the next hundreds of years. The temporary directors are Philip T. Deig, president of the International Paper Company, of New York; Robert F. Grant, manager of the St. Maurice Lumber Company, Three Rivers; Hon. Jacques Bureau, K.C., M.P.; Phil Beique, K.C., and Hon. Wilfred Gariepy, K.C., of Three Rivers.

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Inquiry Into Railway Rates Opens in March

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is not thought likely here that there will be any appeal against the judgment by the Board of Railway Commissioners refusing the application of the Governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan for suspension of the railway rate increases granted on September 9. The Board's ruling was generally expected, especially as arrangements already had been made for a general inquiry into rates. The general inquiry is to open in March.

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**TO START RELIEF
WORK NEXT MONDAY**

City to Finance Start on Paving Scheme Itself

Will Employ More Men If Government Assists

Financing the project itself, the city will commence work on the Esquimalt Road paving plan next Monday in an effort to afford some measure of relief in the present unemployment situation, it was announced at the City Hall to-day. Decision to proceed with at least a part of the paving scheme was reached at a conference in Mayor Porter's office this morning between His Worship, Alderman Sargent, Chairman of the Civic Finance Committee and Alderman Sangster, Chairman of the Civic Streets Committee. When the conference adjourned, Alderman Sangster prepared to get the actual work under way, while Alderman Sargent made the necessary financial arrangements with the city's bank.

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Public Buildings Seized By Unemployed in London; Premier Lloyd George Hints At Emigration Within the Empire As Solution.

London, Dec. 22.—The agitation of the unemployed is gathering momentum. More public buildings have been seized recently in London and the local authorities generally are coming to a peaceful arrangement with the men for the use of these buildings for the stipulated hours.

The Council of Action is taking a hand now. The officers of the trade unions represented on the Council met representatives of the central London unemployment committee yesterday to discuss the crisis and resolved to call an executive meeting of the Council of Action Thursday to consider the Government's schemes and decide whether it would be advisable to resort to direct action in order to expedite the conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia.

**ALLIED PREMIERS
TO MEET IN FRANCE
AFTER HOLIDAYS**

Paris, Dec. 22.—The conference of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, Premier Lyautey of France and Premier Giolitti of Italy will commence about December 28, and will be held in Nice or Cannes, it was announced officially to-day. Possible revision of the Peace Treaty with Turkey will be one of the most important subjects under discussion.

**IRISH PRESS ON
HOME RULE BILL**

Doubt Expressed That Measure Will Be Operated

Dublin, Dec. 22.—Passage of the Irish Home Rule Bill by the British Parliament is not viewed as especially important by newspapers here. It is recognized that the Bill probably will not be accepted by either Ulster or the rest of Ireland and that the British Government may never decide to put its provisions into operation.

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Antiques Were Plundered by Baltic Raiders

Libau, Latvia, Dec. 22.—The appearance of the shop windows here indicate that the Libau tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the various armies that have swept over the Baltic States. They are piled high with antique furniture from country estates. Statuary, silver and bronze ornaments, silverware and jewelry also abound in the commission houses.

English dealers in antiques overran the Baltic States after they first freed themselves of the Bolshevik regime and picked up much of the valuable furniture and the jewels, Oriental rugs and old silver. Consequently the shops now offer fewer rare pieces than they did a year ago.

Besides the war loot, the shops carry an amazing lot of second-hand wares, which were the property of persons impoverished by war who must now convert them into money. Luxuries went first but now furs, fur coats and all sorts of wearing apparel are being sold in the shops. These stores look like American rummage sales.

It is common for prosperous-looking strangers who are inspecting shop windows to be approached by owners of rare old furniture or works of art who desire to offer their precious possessions at private sale without the humiliation of placing them on sale where their friends will recognize them.

The shops of Libau are much the same as those in Riga, Windau and the Cities of Estonia and Lithuania. Conditions were the same in Moscow and Petrograd until the Soviet Government closed all the private shops, seized their stocks and forbade trade which was not conducted by the Government.

BARRACKS TO SHELTER VANCOUVER UNEMPLOYED

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Unemployed single men will be given shelter in the military barracks on Cambie St. final arrangements to this end being made by a joint committee of the City Council, parks board and military authorities. The men will be provided with suitable accommodation and will receive plain but substantial meals until the city and governmental programme of work opens up on the scale planned.

RETURN OF LIQUOR ORDERED BY COURT

Edmonton, Dec. 22.—Mr. Justice Hyndman quashed Magistrate McLeod's conviction in the Nat Bell liquor case here yesterday and ordered the return of the \$50,000 worth of liquor seized and declared forfeited to the Crown.

BELGIAN EMIGRANTS.

Antwerp, Belgium, Dec. 22.—More than 13,000 emigrants left Antwerp during the months of July, August and September. The greatest number, 3,125, were emigrating to the United States, 2,754 went to Canada, the balance being distributed between South American republics, Australia and Great Britain. Some went to Mexico and quite a large number to the Belgian Congo.

Poland was the nation supplying the greatest number of these emigrants with 4,808, Belgium next with 2,223.

Russians to Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—Sixty thousand Russian refugees from the Crimea are expected in Mexico within the next few months, according to a report recently made to the Department of Agriculture by one of its agents who has just returned from the Near East. The agent declared that many of the Russians will embark for Mexico within a few weeks. The Government has signified a willingness to receive them.

VALUABLE HAPSBURG TAPESTRIES PAWNED

Superb Collection to Be Disposed of to Buy Flour

Vienna, Dec. 22.—When by purchase, gift and inheritance the House of Hapsburg acquired the 900 or more tapestries comprising the most superb collection in the world its members hardly foresaw that some day they would be pawned to buy bread for a succeeding republic.

The Reparations Commission having given its consent, the government is now trying to raise enough money on these tapestries to purchase 50,000 tons of flour against the imminent exhaustion of the supply on hand. The bread ration had been reduced to 20 per cent. wheat flour content, with 50 per cent. corn meal and 30 per cent. rye. The best that can be said of the resulting bread is that a very hungry person can eat a little of it.

It is understood that a movement is on foot for the organization of an international syndicate to advance the required amount of cash. The plan contemplates that the tapestries pledged will be carefully selected from the various schools represented in the collection and these in part or in whole will be put on exhibition in the great cities of Europe and America.

For some months the finest of these weaves have been on exhibition in the Belvedere Palace here, exposed for the first time to the public. Always they have been kept either in the Hofburg or Schoenbrunn palaces, brought out on rare state occasions in the days of the monarchy to decorate the great salons. The largest of them barely find space on the side walls of the vast apartments in the Belvedere, where daily hundreds of persons pay the small admission fee to feast on the wealth of color, which every room artist at easels copy them.

BODY VESTED WITH SWEEPING POWERS

Metropolitan Commission to Be Established at Montreal

Montreal, Dec. 22.—An important advance in the project of establishing a Metropolitan Commission was reached yesterday in the committee's report which was unanimously adopted by the joint committee of the charter commission.

"The metropolitan shall have the power to regulate plans for the opening and construction of all roads, streets and drains, so that the roads and drains of each municipality may properly connect with the other and also all other public improvements which may affect more than one municipality and no municipality shall permit such works without having previously obtained the approval of the committee."

"The Metropolitan Commission shall cause a survey of the island of Montreal to be made by experts and a plan to be prepared indicating the time and direction along which trunk highways should be constructed and when required by future urban development. This plan after having been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall be binding on all authorities making subdivision of territories into building lots.

"No municipality may grant or renew franchises, privileges or exemptions of property from taxation without the approval of the Metropolitan Commission."

TELEPHONE INVENTOR VISITS OLD HOME

A. Graham Bell Pays Farewell to Native City, Edinburgh

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, is paying "a farewell visit," as he puts it, to his native city, Edinburgh, Scotland. Born here on March 3, 1847, and educated at the Royal High School and Edinburgh University, he went to Canada in 1870 at the age of twenty-three and the year following to Massachusetts, becoming professor of vocal psychology in Boston University. He first exhibited his apparatus for the transmission of sound in 1876, obtaining a patent that year.

Now, in his seventy-fourth year, without any fuss, he has quietly come back to the scene of the researches and experiments of his youth.

He attended the latest meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council. Responding to a generous tribute from the Lord Provost, he recalled some of his early memories and said:

"Although I have spent most of my life in the United States and have been an American citizen fifty years, I am glad to be at home once again. There is a great deal in Sir Walter Scott's lines beginning:

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!"

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Fifty Women's and Misses Winter Coats On Sale Thursday At \$25.00

The extraordinary offering for Thursday's selling of fifty smart Winter Coats, selected from our regular stock and greatly reduced for a quick clearance Thursday at \$25.00

Open To-night, Thursday and Friday Until Nine o'Clock

1-3 Off Beaded Bags

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On Sale Thursday at \$25.00

Christmas Gift Suggestions—Much That Is Giveable Yet Moderately Priced



Why Not a Wool or Silk Scarf

Any member of the fair sex would be delighted with a gift of a beautiful Silk or Wool Scarf. Present stocks afford a fine opportunity to make selection, and the values are indeed remarkable. All are very interestingly priced. On display in the Neckwear Section.

Beautiful Silk Petticoats

Very Special at \$12.00

Beautiful Two-Tone Taffeta Silk Petticoats with neat pleated flounce in various colorings, have been specially priced for Thursday and Friday's selling; a splendid gift suggestion. At \$12.00

Give Her a Silk Petticoat

Silk Petticoats, gaily beruffled, and fashioned of fine quality Jersey silk or taffeta, are the kind of remembrances that would please intimate friends. The showing is now at its best, and the prices and qualities are most favorable for advantageous selection.



Gift Gloves At Reduced Prices!

Trefousse Fine Quality Glace Kid Gloves, in black, white, tan and mode. Regular \$4.75. Sale Price, per pair \$3.90

Gauntlet Cape Kid Gloves, splendid quality. Regular to \$8.50 per pair. Sale Price .. \$5.00

Rip-Proof Cape Kid Gloves, one dome clasp; in brown, tan and grey. Regular \$5.00 per pair. Sale Price \$3.75

Trefousse Suede Gloves, very fine quality; two domes; in white, grey, brown and mode. Regular \$4.50 per pair. Sale Price \$3.90

White Washable Chamois Gloves, one dome clasp, black points and black stitching. Very special at, per pair \$2.50

Natural Chamois Gloves, with black points and black stitching. Very special at, per pair \$2.50

Ferrin's Extra Quality Pique Sewn Kid Gloves, with heavy black points; in white and yellow. Regular \$6.00 per pair. Sale Price \$4.90

Italian Lambskin Gloves; in white, black, tan, beaver, slate and brown; all sizes at, per pair, Thursday only ... \$1.95

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Eiderdown Bath Robes—

Thread Stockings

A Most Sensible Gift

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at \$8.50 to \$19.50

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EMIGRATION WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

During the course of the discussion on unemployment in the British House of Commons yesterday, Sir John Norton Griffiths appealed for an immediate scheme of state-aided emigration to the Dominions. He took his text from the suggestion of the Prime Minister that one way to a solution of the difficulty at home might be found in a larger measure of emigration within the Empire.

Germany's reactionary press would welcome any sort of international diversion if it could see a way of fanning national ambition into a demand for the return of Junkerdom and Kaiserdom as a consequence. It very naturally refuses to accept the suggestion that the League of Nations eventually will prescribe all future treatment for such active disputes as may crop up between those states whose national sentiment is not ready to look upon peace as humanity's demand.

But it is often the case that those who look upon emigration as the remedy for unemployment in the more congested countries lose sight of the fact that the emigrant is the individual who actually gets the least consideration. The panacea for Great Britain's ailment ultimately may be emigration within the Empire. But a state-aided policy to provide Canada with fifty or sixty thousand new settlers at this stage would convert at least ninety per cent. of the number into dissatisfied citizens who would see neither good in their new surroundings nor in their "benefactors" at home.

Every industrial centre is groaning under its handicaps. Unemployment is becoming increasingly serious. Governments do not seem inclined to test the benefits that might result from a policy of land clearing as a means of shortening the period between settlement and production. The psychological value of a contented settler early in the game is slow in penetrating the official mind.

be imposed upon it in the "digging in" process. Mr. Calder would do well also to direct a few inquiries on his own account in an endeavor to discover the identity of some persons who are using prominent Old Country journals to ensnare unwitting emigrants to Canada by glowing pictures of golden opportunities and employment aplenty.

SAFETY FIRST

By accepting a slight reduction in wages one thousand employees at the Anxox copper mines and smelter have insured themselves against unemployment and the Granby company will be able to continue operations under the handicap of a falling market.

WISH FATHER TO THOUGHT

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DUAL CODE OF LAWS.

Scarcely any country in the world escapes the charge that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. In many cases there are ample examples of its truth. But it does not often follow that those who dispense the law will impart such publicity to its glaring anomalies as Judge Landis of Chicago. This particular jurist positively refused to sentence six men who had been charged with selling sugar because President Wilson had pardoned a prisoner known as the "millionaire cattle king" who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for selling several thousand head of tubercular cattle by the use of falsified papers which had described them as government-tested and healthy.

NOTE AND COMMENT

If Abe Mitchell is as good a husband as he is a golfer his recent marriage ought to be well blessed.

Two hours were consumed by a Cabinet session at Ottawa yesterday; but the proceedings were not made public. Could it be that the drydock was the topic of discussion?

In a letter from a Winnipeg visitor to the Victoria and Island Development Association there is that oft repeated expression of view that this city needs another golf links. The Chamber of Commerce is not likely to forget this little matter.

Nineteenth century England was a going concern; post-war England is a gone concern, says the gloomy Dean of St. Pauls. But he will find before he shakes off his mortal coils that the Motherland is still able to do business at the old stand.

WHERE IT STARTED

Porcelain originated in China. Some Chinese writers give the date of its origin as far back as the Han dynasty 206 B.C.-220 A.D. but this is not generally believed. The real beginning of the art is probably the Ming dynasty in the 14th century A.D. The manufacture of porcelain was introduced into Europe in 1709 by J. F. Bottger, at Meissen, near Dresden.

HOROSCOPE

Wednesday, December 22, 1920
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WHY IS TO-DAY KNOWN AS "FORE-FATHERS' DAY?"

Celebrated by New England and by New England Societies all over America as the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, Mass., "Forefathers' Day" takes on a new significance this year, for it is precisely three hundred years ago that the expedition is reputed to have set foot upon what is now Massachusetts soil.

Although there are evil omens for many human activities, selling is today subject to the kindly power of Jupiter. Merchants and manufacturers will profit greatly.

Leather Gifts from England

They exhibit craftsmanship of the very highest order; they reflect the good taste of the giver of such a dainty present. Lucille Bags, from each \$4.00. Canteen Bags, from each \$5.00. Vanity Cases, from each \$9.75. Writing Cases, from each \$1.75.



the frivolities of the young and will be more liberal than usual in bestowing favors. Real estate is well expected at this time and he who deals in it should profit.

Honors for an aged statesman are prognosticated. Respect for men in high place is indicated, for the stars do not forecast criticism or harsh judgment as in recent months.

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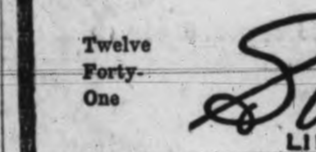
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of the landing of the Mayflower and the beginning of the settlement of Plymouth. History, however, states that the final debarkation did not take place until January 4, 1621, and that, though a landing was effected on December 22, 1620, it was only for purposes of exploration.

WEILER BROS LIMITED



Final Clearance of Toys Begins To-day

This entire stock of Toys is now marked at final clearance prices—everything is reduced so that it will find a new owner on the morning of the 25th. If you have not yet completed your toy purchases, come to Toytown to-day and benefit by these reduced prices.

This is a splendid opportunity for churches and other institutions to purchase tree decorations and toys at exceedingly low prices.

- 'iss' Stuffed Animal Toys
Gilbert Toys and Erector Sets
Kindergarten Furniture
Cabinet, glass front with three shelves and mirror. Regular \$10.00, now \$7.00.
Dressers, with or without mirror back: Reg. \$18.50, now \$14.00.
Reg. \$12.50, now \$9.00.
Reg. \$7.50, now \$5.50.
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Reg. \$2.75, now \$2.00.
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Reg. \$2.00, now \$1.25.
Dolls' Beds, white enamel wood: Reg. \$5.00, now \$3.75.
Reg. \$3.75, now \$2.75.
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Chairs, reg. \$2.00, now \$1.50.
Tea Wagons, regular \$12.50, now \$9.00.
Cradles, reg. \$4.00, now \$3.00.
Dolls' Carriages
Reg. \$9.00 values, now \$6.00.
Reg. \$11.00 values, now \$7.50.
Reg. \$12.75 values, now \$9.75.
Reg. \$15.50 values, now \$10.00.

This Store Will Be Open To-night, Thursday Night and Friday Night Until 9 o'Clock

Hundreds of Acceptable Gifts Are Presented on These Tables

Our Pottery, China, Glassware and Brass Goods sections have each contributed their finest values for these tables of gift suggestions.

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At \$1.00 Regular Values to \$2.00.
At 75c Values to \$1.50.
At \$1.50 Regular Values to \$2.50.
At \$2.00 Regular Values to \$3.50.
At \$3.00 Regular Values to \$7.50.

You Choose Wisely When You Select a "HOOVER"

Women know that the "Hoover" is the finest electric suction sweeper on the market. They know that the "Hoover" will give many, many years of service, and will prove a convenience in the home every day in the week. Baby Hoover \$65.00 Hoover Special \$77.50 Extra Attachments, \$17.50

A Casserole Special

Brown Guernsey Ware Casseroles, in oval shape and convenient size, with pleated frame container. Regular at \$7.50. Special at \$5.90.

Axminster and Wilton Carpet Specials

English Seamless Axminster Rugs, size 9 x 12, in a variety of beautiful Oriental patterns and colors. Regular at \$150.00. Pre-Christmas Special \$110.50. Seamless Wilton Rugs, in a collection of choice patterns and colors. Regular \$175.00 to \$200.00. Pre-Christmas Special \$157.50.

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Handsome Wool Sweaters of British make, in fine botany wool, designed with shawl collar, pocket and sash girdle, and trimmed with self-covered buttons. Sweaters in pretty stripe color combinations; shades of slate, sage, rose and grey. The very newest and moderately priced at **\$22.50**

Slip-On Style Sweaters, imported, made from soft wool, the skirt, collar and turnback cuffs trimmed in stripes of contrasting shades. One of these pretty sweaters will make a most acceptable gift. At **\$15.00**

Imported "Lovat" Jersey Cloth Sweaters, made coat style, with neat fitting roll collar, string girdle and pockets. This model is trimmed with self-covered buttons and is excellent value at **\$17.50**

All-Wool Slip-On Sweaters, in fancy weave, with collarless "V" neck and finished with cord and tassel. Shades of Nile and apricot. A neat sweater at **\$2.50**

Slip-On Sweaters, in plain and fancy knit; sweaters with square and shawl collars and shown in shades of lavender, rose, coralette, turquoise, Nile and American Beauty. Special at **\$3.75**

A Pair of Slippers for a Woman or Girl

You make no mistake when you choose slippers, as a gift for the lady you wish to remember—at the Yuletide.—We have a wonderful display for you to select from—all qualities and styles.

Women's Felt Slippers, all colors, with Elk soles, at **\$1.45**
Women's Suede Leather, Boudoir Slippers, excellent quality at **\$1.95**
Women's English Plaid Slippers and Women's Felt Slippers, with turn-down collar in pretty shades of rose, pink and blue at a pair **\$1.95**

Women's Felt Juliet Slippers, in all colors. At **\$2.75**
Girl's Felt, Strap Slipper, red or blue with Elk soles, size 11 to 2 at, a pair **\$1.35**
Child's Felt Juliet Slippers, in shades of red and blue, sizes 4 to 7, at a pair, **\$1.35**
 —Womens Slippers, First Floor

Gift Opportunities in the Whitewear Dept.

Camisoles in high grade silk, with yoke of filet lace, and finished with straps of lace and ribbon—At **\$1.45**
Camisoles, of silk and satin, neatly trimmed with wide lace, ribbons and fancy stitching—Very pretty and excellent values at **\$1.90**
Camisoles in Creue de Chine and Satin, Fancy Net and Silk—Shown in a large assortment and Priced Moderately at **\$2.45**
Envelope Combinations, of silk, satin and crepe de Chine, developed in many dainty styles—and priced at **\$3.45, \$4.45 and \$5.45**
Nightgowns, of excellent quality silk, in white and fresh shades, gowns neatly made with wide, hemstitched bands—A bargain value at **\$6.90**
Silk Pajamas, 2 piece style, neatly trimmed with lace and ribbon rosettes—A choice gift for a woman, at a suit **\$9.75**
 Many other exquisites in the whitewear department, at equally low prices.
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What Will You Give Baby?

Baby Bonnets in white and silk poplin, trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. At, each, **\$1.25**
Bonnets of knitted and crocheted wool, in white trimmed with pale blue, and pink satin ribbons. At **\$1.50 to \$2.25**
Bonnets of satin and embroidered silk, in many pretty styles, trimmed with lace and ribbon rosettes. Special, each, **\$2.50**
Babies' Short Dresses of lawn and organdie, in a great many pretty styles. At prices ranging from **\$1.25 to \$1.90**
Short Dresses of fine lawn and all-over embroidery, very pretty. Splendid value at, each, **\$2.90** and **\$3.90**
Mitts for baby, all white only. At a pair, **50¢ to \$1.25**

Hand-Made Dresses, beautifully hand-embroidered in many designs. On sale at, each, **\$3.75 to \$7.50**
Babies' Hand-Made Booties in large variety. At, a pair, **50¢ to \$1.50**
Babies' All-Wool Fancy Shoes at **\$1.25 and \$1.50**
Plain and Fancy Kid Shoes in white and tan. Special at, a pair **\$1.00**
All-Wool Jackets, hand-made in many styles. At, each, **\$1.75 to \$2.50**
Pull-Over Drawers with feet. At **\$1.75 to \$3.75**
Pull-Over Drawers without feet. At **\$1.00 to \$2.50**
 —Infants', First Floor

Dainty Gifts in the Jewelry Department

Novelty Bags in all colors. Splendid values at up from **\$4.50**
The New Jazz Fan, a neat gift for a lady friend. Up from **\$8.00**
Pretty Gem-Set Rings in good assortment. At up from **\$11.00**
Beads in all colors, very fashionable. From **\$2.25**
Bar Pins set with brilliants; dainty gifts. At **\$1.10**
Men's Signet Rings in 10-karat and 14-karat gold. Priced at up from, each **\$7.00**
Gold-Filled Pocket Knives, a neat gift for a man or woman. Priced at up from **\$2.25**
Gold-Filled Watch Chains, neat patterns. Priced at up from **\$3.00**
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Women's Blanket Cloth Bathrobes, at \$7.50

One of these Blanket Cloth Bathrobes will make a choice gift for mother or wife. They are of excellent grade, well made and shown in attractive color designs. The gowns are finished with waist cord and are indeed bargains at, each, **\$7.50**
 —Mantles, First Floor

A Pair of Quality Gloves A Premier Gift for a Woman

A new shipment of the best grade Gloves allows us to offer you the best qualities at lowest prices.
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Perrin's Superfine Quality Kid Gloves, black with heavy white points, white with black points and made with black points. Excellent values, **\$6.75**
Gauntlet Gloves, in shades of tan, grey and mastic. They have wrist strap and contrasting gusset. A high-grade gauntlet. At **\$7.50**
Kayser Chamoisette Gloves, regular values **\$1.75**. On sale at, a pair **\$1.25**
 —Gloves, Main Floor

Statuesque Electric Lamps, Special at \$14.75

Statuesque Lamps, electrically fitted, beautiful models in art that will make most desirable gifts. Complete. Values to **\$29.75** at, each **\$14.75**
 —Hardware, Lower Main Floor

AN OVERCOAT For Your Boy's Christmas

An Excellent Quality at \$7.50 and \$9.50

Why worry about what you should buy for your boy when such values in Overcoats are placed within your reach. Here are fine all-wool tweed overcoats for small boys, in stylish belter models, with button up collars and either single or double breasted. **Coats**, regular to **\$12.50**, selling at **\$7.50**
Coats, regular to **\$16.50**, selling at **\$9.50**
 Don't miss these splendid values this Christmas.



Boys' Suits at \$13.50

Fashionable Worsted and Tweed Suits, in belter styles, in plain shades and neat patterns, all new, full models the boys like so well. Values to **\$20.00** at **\$13.50**
 —Boys' Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets At Greatly Reduced Prices

Dressing Gowns of excellent grade materials, in attractive colorings. **Regular \$12.95** values reduced to **\$7.50**
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A Hat or Cap for a Man's Christmas Gift

You will choose well if you decide on a hat or cap for a gentleman you wish to remember.—We have anything in these two lines you may desire.
Men's Hats in best grade felt, the new Fedora styles in whatever shade you have in mind—Values to **\$7.00** offered to you at, each **\$5.00**
Men's caps, in fine tweeds and worsteds, a large selection to choose from at **\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25** and **\$3.75**
 —Mens Clothing, Main Floor—Phone 2820

A CASH AND CARRY SALE IN TOYLAND

We have enlarged our Toy Department and allotted space for many tables of Toys, all marked at Prices that will clear them out quickly—We will dispose of all toys possible before Saturday and any contemplated Reductions will be made before Christmas—

On-the-Sale Tables the Price of Toys will range as follows—**10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00**—Each price represents extraordinary value—

In addition to the Bargain Table of Toys, we offer the following Bargain—

Artillery Cars at Special Prices		Army Service Cars at Special Prices	
No. 70, Artillery Car, with rubber tires. Regular \$8.25, on sale at \$6.00	No. 79, with rubber tires, Regular \$6.00, on sale at \$4.25	No. 72, Artillery Car, with rubber tires. Regular \$8.95, on sale at \$6.25	No. 80, Rubber tires, Regular \$6.50, on sale at \$4.50
No. 74, Artillery car, with rubber tires. Regular \$9.75, on sale at \$6.50	No. 81, Army Service Car, with rubber tires, Regular \$7.25, on sale at \$4.75	No. 70, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$5.50, on sale at \$3.90	No. 79 Army Service Car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.35 on sale at \$2.25
No. 72, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$6.00, on sale at \$4.25	No. 80 Army Service Car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.50 on sale at \$2.50	No. 74, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$6.50, on sale at \$4.50	No. 81 Army Service car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.95, on sale at \$2.75

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Quaker Corn, per tin 19¢	Almonds, per lb. 29¢
Quaker Peas, per tin 19¢	Brazils, per lb. 43¢
Quaker Beans, per tin 19¢	Filberts, per lb. 29¢
Wagstaff's Ready-Cut Mixed Peel, 44¢	Fresh Roasted Peanuts, per lb. 30¢
Boiled Cider for Mince-meat, bottle, 29¢	Walnuts, 3 lbs. for 45¢
Almond Paste, finest quality, 1/2-lb. 40¢	Liptons Jellies, per package 11¢
Popping Corn, 2 lbs. for 25¢	Peck Fresh Biscuits, per package 30¢
Crisco, per tin 31¢	Libby's Mince-meat, per jar 55¢
Spencer's Christmas Pudding, 75¢	Table Raisins, per package 42¢
\$1.30 and \$1.65	Fancy Wines, 65¢ bottles 46¢
Cherries, Red, per bottle 22¢	Fancy Californian Redwood Gift Boxes, \$2.35, \$3.39, \$3.44, \$5.25
Libby's Asparagus Tips, per tin 49¢	and \$6.25
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The guests were received by Mrs. Neil, president of the Association and in a brief address, she explained the purpose of the club.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Denyers were the conveners of the affair and they left no stone unturned to make the dinner a success.

Christmas gifts were presented to those present, the donors being J. Unit Chapter, L. O. D. E. Daughters of England, L. O. E. Princes, Rockside Poultry Farm, P. Burns & Co.

At the conclusion of the dinner the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in by the ladies.

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SOCIAL PERSONAL

The Countess of Minto, who is coming to Canada to attend the marriage of her son, the Earl of Minto and Miss Marion Cook, sailed from England on the Empress of France and will spend Christmas in Montreal, the guest of Lady Allan, at Ravenscrag.

Mrs. David Spencer, Sr., with her daughter, Miss Sarah Spencer, left on this afternoon's boat for Seattle en route for Portland, Oregon, where they will spend the Christmas with relatives.

The Misses Clay, daughters of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Clay, were the hostesses at an informal dance at their home last evening.

Mrs. H. H. Beck entertained a large number of guests at a delightful tea at her residence, 825 Fowl Bay Road, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Macara, of Winnipeg, are among the arrivals at the Empress Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Baldwin, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chester, of Ottawa, are arrivals at the Empress Hotel.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Bote, of Vernon, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dobson, of Nanaimo, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Major and Mrs. M. G. McGuire, of Ottawa, are arrivals at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Wible: "I shall never forget, dear, how idiotic you looked when you proposed to me."

Special Attractions Arranged by Empress Hotel For Yuletide Season

In accordance with the usual custom, the management of the Empress Hotel has made special plans for the entertainment of guests during the festive season.

The rotunda, palm court and beautiful dining-room at the hotel will present an exceptionally inviting appearance this year, quantities of scarlet-berried holly, greenery, flaming poinsettias and other seasonable flowers being used with charming effect.

Professor Lou Turner's orchestra will contribute an unusually attractive programme of appropriate music throughout the dinner and during the remainder of the evening.

The passing of 1920 and the welcoming of 1921 will be observed with due fitting ceremonial at the hotel on New Year's Eve.

Former Princess Metchersky, of Russia, is now working as a house decorator.

Miss Anna L. Fisher, of New York city, formerly a Red Cross worker in France, and later a Near East relief worker in Syria, is now a full fledged captain in the Arabian army of Prince Feisal at Damascus.

Polo played by women's fours, a distinct novelty in this country, though an established competition in England, is contemplated as a special feature of the interclub polo contests at the Fall meeting of the Boston Fair Association at Headville.

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PROPOSES PLAN FOR FREE SITES FOR INDUSTRIES

Would Use Reverted Land for This Purpose

Believing that more industry is Victoria's paramount need, Alderman Robert Dinsdale is about to propose to the City Council that it reserve as industrial sites all vacant land in the northern section of the city taken over at recent city tax sales. Alderman Dinsdale will bring this plan before his colleagues when the reverted land question is considered by the Council next Monday.

"We must have more industries here and the city authorities must do all in their power to bring them here," Alderman Dinsdale asserted when outlining his scheme to-day. "We must be prepared to offer desirable industrial enterprises reasonable concessions that will bring them here, and I think that giving them free sites will be one of the most attractive moves we could make. The great value of this plan is the fact that we can afford to give free sites now—we have more land on our hands than we know what to do with. Indeed, we are having a hard time to get rid of it and the question of disposing of the land which reverts to the city at recent tax sales is one of the most difficult with which we have to grapple at present. As a matter of fact, there is no general solution because there is no clean and for land, and it is generally recognized, I believe, that an auction sale would not dispose of the land."

His proposal briefly is that we reserve all suitable vacant lots lying between Hillside Avenue and north to the city boundary and from Douglas Street eastward. This is the area in which the brickyards are located and is a logical centre of industry. We should keep these lots ready and when a bona fide industry is considering locating in Victoria we should offer it one of these lots free. If the industry settled here we should make the land revenue-producing again, in itself a valuable achievement, and we should add another industry to our payroll. Of course, the character of the industry would have to be investigated before this concession was granted, so that the city would be safeguarded, but this plan, I believe, would go a long way towards increasing our industry, which must be the foundation of our future prosperity.

"I am in favor, too, of granting other concessions such as cheap water to industries. It may be argued that our tax rate cannot stand us giving away land. But if we get industries and people here the taxes will look after themselves."

Robert Paton of Lincoln, Neb., was sentenced to ten days in jail at Concordia, Kas., making the thirtieth prison he has visited officially by court orders since January 1 last.

Probably Will Be Closed December 31

CRAIGDARROCH MILITARY HOSPITAL

Following the recent investigation here into the matter by Major N. F. Parkinson, Deputy Minister of the Federal Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, it is understood by local officials of the Department that the Craigdarroch Military Hospital will be closed at the end of this month. The patients, about sixty in number, will be transferred to Esquimalt Military Hospital which, it is understood, will continue in use.

Major Parkinson, local B. C. R. officials state, has recommended the closing of the Craigdarroch Hospital to the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and it is presumed that this plan will be adopted. Arrangements are being made accordingly. It is understood, and new patients henceforth will be treated at Esquimalt.

OBITUARY RECORD

The remains of the late Mrs. Laura Dimma Travis were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon. An impressive service was conducted at the R. C. Funeral Chapel at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. G. A. Wells, of St. Luke's Church. The flag of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. No. 1, of which she had been a prominent and active member, covered the coffin during and after the service, while practically all the members of this branch of the Daughters of the Empire, and also of the Voluntary Service Corps, which she organized and directed so ably during the whole period of the war, were present to pay a last tribute to a loved co-worker. Many beautiful floral tributes from a host of friends as well as associates of the various patriotic organizations were mute evidence of the esteem with which she was held. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Jephcott, T. Bamford, R. White, T. A. Johnston, Gordon Smith and H. W. Wilders. The committal service at the graveside was conducted by Mr. Wells, many friends also going out to the cemetery to attend the last rites.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Blake Messon, who passed away at her home at Vancouver on December 13, took place this morning, December 19, at the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:50 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father D. A. MacDonald. There was an unusually large attendance of relatives and friends present at the service and the casket was hidden beneath a profusion of beautiful flowers, betokening the high esteem of respect in which the

young lady was held. The pallbearers were: B. C. Pettinelli, H. D. Reid, L. D. Fulton, C. Abner, H. McIntyre and F. G. Fugate. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Cpl. William Frederick Frost, whose death took place on Monday at Esquimalt Military Hospital, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel with full military honors. Mr. Frost was 43 years of age and born in England and is survived by his widow, two small children, residing at 2544 Beach Drive, Oak Bay. Rev. Canon Hinchliffe will officiate, and interment will take place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Pailiner, whose death took place last Saturday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Many friends were present. Mr. T. Habershon officiated, and the pallbearers were: T. Hynes, R. B. Baxter, G. Gaetz, R. Chidam, A. Cresch and A. Harper. The hymns sung were "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Abide With Me." Interment took place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday at the residence, 2511 Ross Street, of Florence Isabella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jeeves, at the age of 23 years. The late Miss Jeeves was born in this city, and was well-known by the large circle of friends. She is survived by her parents, also two sisters, Mrs. V. Johnston, and Miss Thelma Jeeves; also five brothers, Allen, Frank, Ernest, Edmund and Percy Jeeves. The funeral will be held from the B. C. Funeral Chapel on Friday, December 24, at 3:15. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

ALL MEN POSSIBLE AT WORK OR IN RESERVE

But Steps Taken to Get Full Value For Money

To get the Songhees Reserve opened up and ready for activities below the building, the Johnson Street Bridge and at the same time relieve unemployment distress, 125 men are being employed on road cutting and rock work by the Provincial Government.

Because of the numbers of out-of-work men the policy has been adopted of employing every man possible on the work. Recently the total number of men at work reached 150. But when the first preparatory work was over and the gangs got down to rock cutting and work on limited areas, it was found that the large number of men could not be efficiently employed. Fifty-five of the least efficient men had to be let out as they could not be used. To keep them around would only mean extravagance in the cost of the work, it was stated.

No men are being laid off now that the work is on an efficient basis, and not over-staffed.

The opening of the Reserve area is being carried out according to the plan prepared last June for the opening and grading of roads and cutting through rock.

Appeals to the Privy Council—Should They be Abolished?

From The Manitoba Free Press

To the discussion of the propriety of continuing Dominion appeals to the Privy Council, Prof. Berrisdale, Keith of Edinburgh University, has now made a contribution, and he adds the weight of his great authority to the view that the justification for the exercise of this supervisory power by a British court is passing or has passed. In this he agrees with H. Duncan Hall, the student and historian of the evolution of the British Commonwealth.

The view that the time has come to at least limit these appeals has been expressed by Canadian public men of eminence. In the Imperial War Conference of 1918 there was a discussion over the proposal to replace the judicial committee by a formally constituted Imperial Court of Appeals, and the tenor of the opinions voiced by overseas representatives was undoubtedly against not only this suggestion, but also the continuance of the present system of appeals.

Mr. Robt. Borden, late Canadian Prime Minister, observed: "I think the tendency in our country will be to restrict appeals to the privy council rather than to increase them." Mr. Rowell, another representative of Canada, gave it his view. "There is a growing opinion that our own courts should be the final authority." "The present system of appeals," said Mr. Hughes, the premier of Australia, "is not regarded by the Dominions as satisfactory."

Lord Cava, in his original statement as published in The Times, made use of the time-honored reference to the "right of any British subject, in any part of the Empire, who has a grievance, to carry that grievance to the foot of the throne." If an appeal to the judicial committee is equivalent to an appeal to the foot of the throne, British subjects in any part of the Empire, threatened with loss of life or personal liberty, ought to be able to take advantage of it. Criminals longer live by reason both of the court's procedure and, in the case of Canada, because of a formal prohibition by a formal prohibition.

It is therefore only with respect to civil rights, matters of property, that the "foot of the throne" can be compared to the questions with which the judicial committee is least fitted to deal, since the true interpretation of contracts or Dominion commercial contracts involves the amount of cash received up to the required total. The case was taken to the courts. Citations from the parliamentary discussion when the contract was entered into made it clear beyond question that the Government's intention was as set forth in the Government's reply to the claim; and the Supreme Court found that the contract expressed this intention. The judicial decision in 1911 reversed this decision and imposed upon the people of Canada a liability for ten million dollars that it had never been the intention of Parliament to assume.

The Canadian Parliament was good enough to make a contract with a railway corporation surely the Canadian courts created by this parliament should have been equal to the task of interpreting the contract. That was a case where the appeal to the Privy Council cost the people of Canada ten million dollars.

But, of course, this talk about the appeal being equivalent to taking a grievance to the foot of the throne is just plain nonsense. The King has nothing to do with the judicial committee of the Privy Council. It is just a court created by the British authorities which claims and exercises by prescriptive right a supervisory power over the courts of the Dominions. The appeal is not a "bond of Empire," as we are soothsayers assured. Prof. Keith correctly describes it as "a relic of imperial supremacy."

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Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 6 in a box for \$1.50

Fine Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box for \$1.25

Men's Braces, in boxes, \$2.00, \$1.25 and \$1.00

Extra Long Braces, for big men, \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00

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ENGINEERS DISCUSS HIGHWAY FAILURES

New York, Dec. 22.—With highways failing was taken up by engineers, highway officials and scientific men in leading universities, at a meeting of the Subgrade Committee of the Federal Highway Council, held at Wilmington, Del., under the Chairmanship of Gen. T. Coleman du Pont of New York.

Among the scientific men attending were Prof. J. Hughes, dean Harvard Engineering School, Cambridge, Mass.; A. T. Goldbeck, consulting engineer, Bureau of Public Roads,

Washington, D. C.; Prof. F. H. Eno, chair of engineering, Ohio State University; H. E. Hills of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, H. G. Shirley of the Federal Highway Council and Irs B. Mullis, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C.

Reports were made by problem committees working under a main committee. During the discussion which followed the presentation of these reports, the statement was made by W. P. Blair of Cleveland, O., that 20,000,000 people had been added to the population of the United States, practically without one inch being added to the transportation facilities of the country, and that out of this increased population was asserted, had been to break down roads through no fault of construction, but because traffic growth had not been taken into full account.

Analogy of Railways

The development of railway engineering was used as an example to show why heavier type highways must be built, since the same law of

tonnage growth applies to both the railway and the highway. In the case of railways, Mr. Blair asserted, the laying of heavier rails, enlarging tunnels and reducing grades, has been going on constantly during the past thirty or forty years, and yet the highway, without a comparable development, had been called upon within the last ten years to sustain a traffic growth unequalled in any like period in the history of the country. The situation this created, it was pointed out, called for a determined effort to build better road foundation in order that breaks in the surface may be eliminated.

Gen. du Pont followed Mr. Blair with the statement that the problem of the subgrade, or road foundation, was the most important duty before highway engineers and officials to-day. It was his belief, as a result of experience in highway development, that the foundation problem must be solved and solved speedily, otherwise the movement to round out a complete system of county, State, and interstate highway transportation will be retarded to the great detriment of the American public.

C. M. Upham, State Highway Engineer of Delaware, explained how his department was making field tests to

determine the bearing power of various kinds of soil and what methods to pursue in order to increase that sustaining power and thus prevent the breaking down of the road surface.

On the point of road failures, Mr. Shirley, former State Highway Engineer of Maryland, called attention to the fact that roads are sometimes charged with having failed, despite the fact that in actual service they may have saved their cost many times over before reaching the point where reconstruction becomes necessary. He hoped, he said, that the public would take this fact into account in their future discussions relating to road building.

S. M. Williams, Chairman of the Federal Highway Council, addressed the committee briefly upon the importance of conducting the subgrade research work as rapidly as possible, in order that road building upon a greater scale than ever before may go forward without wasteful expenditure of funds upon roads that soon prove unequal to the burden thrust upon them, through a lack of proper understanding of the soil upon which the subgrade rests.

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Princess Mary will unveil the King's Lynn, Norfolk, War Memorial, a cross, towards the end of January.

Made for Queen Charlotte (wife of George III.) in 1764 by Jacob Kirkham, a harpsichord was sold for £319 at Sotheby's.

A portrait of the late Sir Hubert Parry has been presented by his family to Eton, and has been placed in the College Gallery.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd George, is visiting Birmingham on February 5 to receive the honorary freedom of the city.

At Hull, John Cunningham, V.C. formerly of the East Yorkshires, who was wearing his decoration, was summoned for deserting his wife and ordered to pay £1 a week towards her

maintenance. The defendant was wounded in both legs and a lung, and is receiving £2 a week pension.

A well-known North of England solicitor, Albert Edward Forbes, who was severely gassed during military service, has died, aged 33.

While engaged in felling trees at Ryde Robert William Guy Mitchell, aged 38, was killed by slipping off a big trunk, which rolled over on to him.

"There will be no peace until you bury the hatchet."—The Willesden magistrate to a woman who stated that she confronted a quarrelsome neighbor with a hatchet.

In the 34 years during which he has acted as postman in the Vale of Glamorgan, Edward Wilson claims to have walked a distance equal to about six times round the world.

For posing as a wounded Australian officer and obtaining food by false pretences from the Liverpool Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, Leopold Straub Young, of German parentage,

was sentenced to twenty-eight days imprisonment in the second division.

Two men who were found by Brixton police to be in possession of "enough morphine to kill 20,000 people" were sent to prison for twenty-one days by the Lambeth magistrate.

Sentenced to death at the Liverpool Assizes for the murder of Mary Meakin, his sweetheart, and recommended to mercy by the jury, John Fitzgerald, 43, a laborer, has been reprieved.

George Robson, an ex-soldier, who served in the Dardanelles and Palestine and won the D.C.M., is an inmate of Hull workhouse. Efforts are to be made to secure a pension for him.

Following the decision of the Army Council in the case of officers, the Treasury has decided that adverse reports, hitherto strictly confidential, must be communicated to the individual concerned.

A laborer sentenced to nine months imprisonment at the London Sessions for attempted burglary was said to have been convicted twelve times previously under the names of North, West, and East.

The late W. McAdam Stewart's fine collection of postage stamps realized £2,500 at Puttick and Simpson's. A very rare Newfoundland 1857 6d. brought £95, and a Switzerland, 1849, Vaudeville, £40.

The Nobel prize in literature for 1920 has been awarded to M. Hamann, a Norwegian, and the prize in physics to M. Charles Guillaume, manager of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures.

Refusing to give any account of himself, because he did not want relatives to know of his downfall, a smartly dressed man calling himself James Benjamin Maurice, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to nine months imprisonment for stealing a

punt which he had hired at Richmond, Surrey.

Walter Gibbons, parish clerk of St. Mary Bourne, Andover, who has retired after 40 years' service, succeeded his father, who also served for 40 years, and the new clerk is Arthur Gibbons, a grandson.

The remarkable collection of old costumes, British and foreign, dating chiefly from the early part of the last century, formed by the late Miss Kathleen Dawson, of Cheyne Walk, realized £472 at Puttick and Simpson's.

William Storey, 2, employee of the Winge Urban Council, whose earnings were said to average over £5 a week, was sentenced at Bromley (Kent) to two months imprisonment for falsely representing his weekly earnings so as to continue his old age pension.

Premier Drury of Ontario

Character Sketch by a Correspondent in The Manitoba Free Press.

E. C. Drury, the former prime minister of Ontario, has three legs in his favor at the very beginning; he has poise, perfect coolness, and the face of a man who is sure of himself. He would be hard to alarm and excitable, but in the front of a battle; he has the bearing and the countenance of a leader; like Orlando, he looks successfully.

Mr. Drury is a deep-chested, strong-minded man, solid in his gait and sparing of movement before an audience; he watches his audience with the keen eye of a fencer and his stolid, unimpassive face shows his little emotion as he talks. He puts his left hand in his trousers pocket and keeps it there for twenty minutes. He can make his points, expounds the genesis of the movement, he leads without the aid of gesture. Occasionally he smiles, but it is only a concession to his hearers, and smile is gone in an instant. He seems an "shoot man"; he leaves the impression that if he seeks to explain himself it is because his advice has been asked; he is serious-minded to a degree, his humorous passages are not spontaneous; he is a humorist at home in his new position to carry its burdens lightly.

Although called from his plough to be prime minister, Drury is no mere superior type of rustic intelligence. He is intimately familiar with Canadian politics and politicians. Rather bald references to earlier British politics show him to be seeking a historical parallel and basis for his own movement. His ideal is high; it is to strike a new note in politics, the note of nationality and enlarged Liberalism, and with such strength that Canada will vibrate to it from end to end; he thinks the Farmers' Movement a new birth in our national life; a living organism, animated by a springing and consuming purpose; he hopes it may spread throughout the land for the benefit of the plain people who love sincerity and only want "justice"; he would not be surprised if it consumed old Canadian Liberalism. The new national movement is the child of the modern time spirit; the feeling of old Whiggism comes to his mind; and he sees the new movement taking the place of the Liberal party, as in England, long ago, "the Liberals supplanted the Tories, just as the Whites in the earlier day had supplanted the Roundheads."

Mr. Drury brings the pith and marrow of "the Farmers' movement" up to the highest level of the cause at the moment; steady-eyed farmer the "reality" of the situation is perceived. His statement is void of special pleading or artifice. It would be absurd to call him a modern Cincinnatus, but his doctrine that he brings to the cities took its shape far enough away from cities. On the open prairies, in wheatfields and orchards, where easy-moving, slow-spoken sillers of the soil chew over the problems that bear close or heavy on their social and economic conditions, the "farmers' movement" has its roots in the political discussions around the stove in the farm houses on the winter nights; the wayside conversations when two neighbors draw up their teams and discuss the market; the declamation at meetings in the district schoolhouse against the "trickery" of professional politicians—all this and more has taken shape and formed itself into a movement which is both articulate and emphatic. When Mr. Drury looks calmly out over the sea of city faces his background is the rural life of Canada; he is explaining the ideas and the aims of the most powerful and the most enduring section of the Canadian community. It is no wonder he carries himself with confidence; it is not surprising that, fully conscious of the newness and "in-experience" of his party he faces the future confidently and in excellent heart.

He has a self-assurance on the platform that never falters. His head is full of his scheme, and his voice continues to pour out, or his intonation. This is no knife-edge intellect; no political adept or "orator." This is the plain man of good natural parts engaged in the mission of protecting the many, more his neighbors from the knife-edged intellects, and the adepts in politics and oratory. He does not claim wisdom or impeccability for himself or his colleagues. He admits mistakes made. But he looks steadily at his audience and says that sincerity and honesty make up for many errors. Every party makes mistakes; he is no more immune than others; but because the people know that honesty and the good of the nation are the rocks on which the new movement is founded. He is applauded to the echo.

This is the strength of the new party, and it is confirmed thoroughly by Mr. Drury's appearance and manner. He has personality and he seems determined to the point of doggedness. Looking at this man, with his arched chest, his massive limbs, his commanding features, he appears the incarnation of the agrarian political evolution. To the eye of reaction a truly formidable incarnation of a formidable evolution.

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The Army of to-morrow fraternizing with the Army of yesterday, was seen last night at Craigdarroch Hospital, when the Boy Scouts of Victoria gave a jamboree for the returned men. Patrols from Oak Bay Park and Troup, St. Mary's Park and 3rd Victoria Troup, under Scout Master Cherry, of St. Mary's, and Assistant Scout Master

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

"To the Editor,—Nothing doing" is very much to the front when cash is most needed. I fully believe if the money spent on the shipbuilding programme had been spent on permanent work, roads, swimming bath and beautifying our city, the result would have been to greater advantage, for before very long the ships being built will be of very little marketable value and freights will be down to a very unprofitable margin, whereas if we had roads, baths and so many other things vitally needed, the benefits would be permanent. If money is now to be spent to help the unemployment situation cannot something on these lines be done? A few thousands spent around the Outer Wharf and in fact all over the city would help. Empty lots used for dumping grounds, if cleared up, manured and properly cultivated would give some result.

WALTER J. DANDRIDGE,
Fell Street.

VANCOUVER ISLAND NEWS

Well-known Resident Dead
Port Alberni, B. C.—The death of Adamson Ramsay occurred at the family residence on Eighth Avenue, on Thursday last. Mr. Ramsay was a native of New Haven, Scotland—a fishing village on the Firth of Forth—and he came to Canada about nine years ago and has spent the last three years in Port Alberni.

He was a man who was always very highly respected, and in the three years he has lived in the city had made many friends. He was fifty-four years old. He leaves to mourn-

in charge of the British Columbia office of the Geological Survey, is looking after the important matters of attendance and programming; Dean K. Robinson and A. J. C. Nettell; Brock is in charge of the popular lecture to be given on Wednesday evening, February 9; S. J. Schofield and P. W. Racey are in charge of entertainment, and have associated with them G. Middleton, B. W. Heyer, K. Robinson and A. J. C. Nettell; Nicol Thompson is attending to finance; F. E. Payson to publicity and E. A. Haggren to excursions.



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PROVE OF VALUE

Ward Seven Ratepayers Hear Outline of Substitute For Sewerage

Some twenty Ward Seven Saanich ratepayers gathered at the Tillicum School last night to discuss public affairs in Saanich.

It was originally intended to give much attention to the need of school accommodation, but owing to the absence of Trustee Digson the matter was laid over to a later meeting when Chairman Coates and others will also be invited.

Stephen Levings suggested that an economical substitute for the individual septic tanks now serving residences in the inner wards would be the construction of a series of common cesspools, with a service of tank wagons to haul the accumulations to farm lands for use as fertilizer.

He claimed that the installation of such a scheme would obviate the need of a sewerage system. He argued that one of the main deterrents to additional population in Saanich would be the imposition of additional tax burdens.

D. Devans demurred, after considerable experience he was convinced a proper sewerage system must be installed within a very short time. Pointing to the beautiful homes in the district, he asked how people could be expected to live in such a district if it was nightly polluted by sewerage tanks, polluting the air and causing epidemics.

Partially Workable. Peter McCalman disagreed with some of Mr. Levings' strictures on septic tanks, but thought in several of the higher districts such a community cesspool system would be workable where the population was not too heavy.

He pointed out that Saanich was liable to Victoria City for the North-west Sewer, and considered preparations should be made to redeem that liability and extend a sewerage system to the more congested areas.

Sewerage Not Costly. Councillor Dooley pointed out that the cost of a sewerage system would only amount to \$1.25 per month, and recalled that, when he first came to Victoria thirty years ago, the residents of the city paid \$1.25 monthly to scavengers and still had no sewerage, after paying for years.

Chairman F. Simpson pointed out that the ground in some parts of the district was so waterlogged in Winter time that it was impossible to dig two feet deep and doubted the value of a cesspool scheme.

W. Tomes said he agreed, in part, with all the other speakers, and disagreed with every one of them. He warmly denied a statement by Mr. Devans, that there was much infectious disease in Saanich, due to a lack of sewerage, and maintained that the installation of a sewerage system would not necessarily be a protection from disease. It would only be a means to health.

Mr. Tomes maintained that sewerage is a benefit, but will have to be assessed on property as to make the next generation pay a portion of the cost.

Make Lands Salable. Mrs. A. E. Humphries said the installation of a sewerage system will help to sell the vacant lots to prairie people, who demand at least sanitary conveniences before they will settle here.

Ernest Orr stated that the people in Saanich who own large areas of lands are making all the disturbance over the cost of sewers. He alleged he knew of one prominent resident who had installed a septic tank with the aid of a packing case. Councillor Dooley warmly protested that the officials of Saanich are most anxious for information of such infractions, but cannot be expected to discover such cases without some aid from the ratepayers.

Advised Delay. R. E. Collis pointed out that prices in primary markets are now falling and claimed that shortly thereafter ordinary people will feel the effect in lower costs and lower wages. Under these conditions he maintained it would be unwise to commence the construction of sewerage systems while the cost of labor is still so high.

Mr. Collis declared he was in favor of a sewerage system when the cost of construction is brought down, and maybe, the payment of our debt to Victoria and possibly the commencement of a small sewerage area. Mr. Collis considered that the general use of a boiling hot dishcloth would do more than any sewerage scheme to prevent disease in Saanich.

Councillor Dooley suggested that a later meeting be called, when he would present carefully prepared data as to the sewerage scheme.

A Sudden Flare. R. E. Collis asked why Mr. Dooley had not brought the figures mentioned, "when he had been specially invited." Councillor Dooley retorted, "That is a lie, I was not invited," and as the argument waxed warm the stormy waters by suggesting the street was the place for such terms.

Mr. Taylor said he was in favor of a sewerage system, but if everyone would keep their septic tanks in proper condition there would be a great improvement in the public health.

Trouble With Cattle. In leading a discussion on roaming cattle, W. Tomes said pound by-laws were greatly needed in Wards Two and Seven. Referring to loss he had incurred from the raids of roaming cattle he said: "And to add to my exasperation, these cows came back the next day to clear up what was left from their first visitation."

He cited the misfortune of an out of work returned soldier on Wascana Street, who last week lost a fine crop from a cattle raid.

Within a few hundred yards of this building there are people who keep cows, and it is a nuisance all through this district.

"It is for these reasons that we maintain the Council should take some action. Recently the owner of some lots was protesting against the effect of the new water rates, but while he was indignant that the surplus earnings were not used to his immediate benefit, he didn't have a word of protest, while his cows were

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He maintained there was practically no effort to impound such animals, as it was obvious that, by the time the poundkeeper could arrive from Royal Oak, the cows were satisfied and had passed on.

He also referred to the perils of tether chains to pedestrians, claiming that it was a frequent experience to find cows tethered to fences with the chains spread over the roadways.

Pound Made Money. Ernest Orr told of his experiences some years ago, when it was a paying business putting roaming cattle in the pound, and it was one of his duties, and told of selling horses and cattle for the pound fees. He maintained that in his own backyard it is a common experience to find cattle of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Humphries said Constable Hastings was efficient, but was unable under the present law to impound any cattle bearing either a tether or head-rope. Mr. Collis said he understood the constable only impounded cattle complained of, and people had a natural reluctance against complaining of their neighbors.

Mr. Taylor commented on the danger of tether chains on animals, having noted the perils to children on several occasions. He believed the Council should frown on the practice.

The meeting unanimously endorsed a resolution moved by A. E. Hall, Jr., asking the Council to more closely enforce the pound-by-law and prohibit the ranning of cattle on the streets with dragging tether chains.

Not Only Authority. A. E. Hall, Jr., suggested that an early meeting should be held in order that a programme of school improvement may be formulated and laid before candidates for Council or School Board.

W. Thoms protested that the Ratepayers' Association would be going beyond their rights, as they only represented a portion of the electorate of the Ward.

Councillor Dooley added that he wished to make clear his stand. "If I do not approve of any recommendation by the Ratepayers' Association, I shall absolutely refuse to accept it. My basic reason is that the Ratepayers' Association only represents a portion of the electorate of the ward."

German Writers Decide Royalties Have Not Kept Pace With Rising Living Costs.

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Albert's Butter, pound, 60¢; 2 pounds	\$1.15
New Zealand Butter, two pounds for	\$1.25

German Authors decided at its latest convention to reorganize along the lines of labor unions in order to protect the interests of authors. Royalties have not kept pace with the rapid increase in cost of living, even widely known writers earning less than a skilled mechanic.

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS. Langford district held its annual Christmas children's party on Friday evening at the Assembly Hall, the proceedings opening with a well-coming address by Eileen Ellis, and being followed by songs, dances and sketches by the school children. The heavily laden Christmas tree proved to be the great item of interest and the distribution of the many gifts by Father Christmas (Mr. Strang) being the occasion of intense excitement among the children. The evening closed with a dance for the many adults who attended the entertainment.

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OPPOSITION TO WATER BYLAW WITHDRAWN

Ward Five Saanich Ratepayers Endorse Gordon Head Irrigation

Extension of the Saanich water system to Gordon Head was unanimously endorsed in a resolution passed by Ward Five Ratepayers Association at Royal Oak Hall last night. Ward Three endorsed the water bylaw last week.

Reeve Watson threw light on the matter in which parties circulating reports of a yearly loss of over \$22,000 on the waterworks system had misinterpreted certain portion of Municipal Inspector Baird's report covering this phase of the Municipality's affairs.

He showed that the difference between the cash received for water sales and other revenue in the last four years as follows: 1916, \$29,735; 1917, \$26,377; 1918, \$23,622; and 1919, \$22,565.

These yearly deficits had been approximately made up by the water frontage tax charged against the properties benefited by the water service, and were in no sense a charge against the general revenues of the Municipality, and he read a letter from Municipal Inspector Baird showing this fact in the clearest terms.

All Objections Withdrawn. He also showed that there the amount raised by the water frontage tax has been progressively less as the years have passed, the deficits existing each year in the past have never been more than small banking overdrafts, last year's totalling but \$1,200 with every probability that the end of this year will show a balance and next year's operation should show a profit, in spite of the assessment of a lower frontage tax than was contemplated when the system was originally installed.

Mr. Kingwell, who had brought the matter forward at a recent meeting of the Ward Seven ratepayers, considered the explanation provoked excitement, but they were afterwards denied.

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VICTORIA MAY BE REPRESENTED AT EMPIRE MEETING

Veterans Would Send Delegate to South Africa

Victoria veterans will be represented at a gathering of returned men from all over the Empire in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1922, if plans now under way come to a successful conclusion. Officers of the local Great War Veterans' Association are considering the possibility of financing the expense of a delegate to this Empire conference, and are about to make representations on the subject to the Provincial Government, the Victoria and Island Development Association and to business men generally.

The Veterans consider that Victoria should be represented at the Cape Town meeting, not only in the interest of returned men, but also to advertise Victoria and British Columbia in South Africa, and thus help to solidify the relations between the different nations composing the Empire. Similar results would be accomplished in Australia as the delegates would touch at Australian ports on their way to Africa.

For these reasons the Veterans feel that they are justified in calling upon Victoria business men to help them finance the expenses of a delegate to the conference. A limited subscription list will be opened and, as a number of promises of assistance already have been received, it is hoped that the necessary money—about \$2,000—will be raised. People who wish to help the movement should get in touch with the headquarters of the G.W.V.A. here.

It will be recalled that Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Forces, strongly urged all returned soldier organizations to send representatives to the Cape Town conference, which will formulate a broad policy for the veterans of the Empire on important questions like that of repatriation and kindred subjects.

There are too many men in the world who are not content with wasting their own time.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 22—5 a. m.—The barometer is rising slowly on the Coast and fair, colder weather may become general in this Province. Rain has fallen from this to California and zero temperature extend from Cariboo to Manitoba.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, .10; weather, raining.

Cranbrook—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; wind, calm; rain, .16; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 25; wind, calm; rain, .12; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 14 miles E.; rain, .36; weather, raining.

Grand Forks—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; snow, 9 in.

	Max.	Min.
Portland, Ore.	48	36
Seattle	42	32
San Francisco	48	44
Nelson	38	28
Kaslo	35	25
Calgary	—	—
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SAYS ESQUIMALT TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE

Major Mulcahy Alleges School Board Favors Outsiders

Forty members of the Esquimalt Property Owners' Protective Association gathered last night at the Kent's Hall, Esquimalt, to complete the slate of candidates favored for municipal honors at the coming election, the meeting being most orderly under the chairmanship of Rev. Father J. F. Silver.

Nominations of the Association for the School Board will be Mrs. Gordon Hardie, W. T. Phillips and Neil Fraser, while W. J. Worden was named as choice for Police Commissioner.

The Board of School Trustees came under a strong fire when Major Mulcahy declared that, when making appointments to the school staff, the Board ignored the claims of teachers resident in the municipality and filled vacancies with outsiders.

He maintained that at the present time there are a number of well-qualified teachers residing in Esquimalt who have nothing to do other than walk around the streets, and he moved that the Association go on record as

TURK EASY-GOING, FINE FELLOW, SAYS TURKISH RESIDENT

Dr. Frew Speaks Highly of the "Unspeakable" Turk

An interesting description of Turkish life and Turkish characteristics formed part of the address delivered before the Canadian Club yesterday by Rev. Dr. Frew who, for twenty years, has been the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Constantinople.

Dr. Frew painted the Turk in colors much less black, perhaps, than his auditors had expected, and described him as an easy-going, lazy, but rather nice individual, who knew how to enjoy life.

"You never know what's going to happen in Turkey," Dr. Frew commented. "This gives a spice to life and, indeed, Turkey teems with interest, for you can't go a half day's journey without seeing the remains of what was once greatness. The remains of these great cities, too, can teach us, advanced as is our civilization, a great deal. Their cities show us town planning that has not been bettered since," the speaker went on, as he described conditions which pre-

viously destroyed by fire yesterday. The mill is located on the Canadian National Railway at the junction of Sooke River. It is understood that the loss is only partially covered by insurance. The mill was operated on the co-operative scheme, the employees being shareholders in the company.

Nearly all of the employees were married men and the loss means that they will be put out of work. It has not been announced whether or not the mill will be rebuilt. The local volunteer fire brigade under Chief Watson attended shortly after the outbreak and fought valiantly against the flames, succeeding in saving adjoining property. The origin of the fire is unknown, and Provincial Constable Bruce Irving will hold an investigation.

No Labor Troubles

"They're not worried — there are no labor troubles there. One wonders what European civilization could give them—indeed, if ignorance is bliss, is it folly to be wise? They don't want electric cars and taxis—they see no point in these improvements.

"I like the Turks—they're stupid, but they're nice; even when they do nasty things they do it nicely. They have something that we seem to have lost, something that God gave us—Time. They have time and they take their pleasure without haste and trouble. It works well.

"In business, too, their viewpoint is different to ours, too. Everything, indeed, is done the other way!"

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VARIETY TO-DAY

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VARIETY

Gaston Glass, who plays the role of "Alex Valentine," the Broadway "rounder" in "Open Your Eyes," the flaming photoplay now at the Variety Theatre, has had a meteoric rise to fame.

"UNDER COVER" AT PRINCESS TO-NIGHT

Mildred Page Players Will Have Attractive Holiday Offering

At the Princess Theatre to-night the Mildred Page Players will present the well-known comedy drama "Under Cover." It is filled with thrills and mystery, an abundance of light frothy comedy...

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PRINCESS PACKED FOR VAUDEVILLE

Christmas Tree Fund Swelled by \$200 at Last Night's Entertainment

Some 600 people attended the vaudeville entertainment staged by the members of the G.W.V.A. at the Princess Theatre last night, filling the house to capacity.

For this worthy object the Veterans received cordial support; being arranged the use of the theatre, and several artists by the Mildred Page Players, and having much of their preparations and printing executed without charge by other well-wishers of the organization.

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songs and dances, Miss Dooley being presented with a beautiful bouquet. Miss McIntyre, Miss B. Ruddock and Miss E. Ruddock rendered several dances that were fully appreciated.

The big thing, however, is that Victoria is to get "The Maid of the Mountains" at the height of its popularity with the big London cast and chorus.

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ly-punctuated by applause and was voted to be the finest exhibition of the kind ever seen in the district. The principal characters of the play were: Cinderella, Margaret Peatt (9 yrs. old), Fairy Godmother, Elsie Croft, Cressatch, Barbara McTavish, Froudie, Agnes Murray, The Sisters, Louise Maastricht, Prince Charming, Alex Murray, Sir Hector, John Veness, Sir Holiday, Fred Newham, Prince's Friends.

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With the Prince on Two Tours

Why I Preferred the Canadian Tour
By Ernest Brooks, the King's Photographer

"Which of the two tours accomplished by the Prince of Wales was the best from your point of view?" On many occasions since my return to England, this question has been asked me, and always in reply I have said "My point of view is that of a press photographer, and speaking as such I have no hesitation in saying that the three months' tour in Canada was decidedly the best." My answer has evoked no small amount of surprise, and has invariably resulted in another query being put—"Why?"

To that query I have replied "Because in Canada I had excellent facilities for doing the work I went to accomplish. Thanks to these facilities I obtained far better pictures than I was able to obtain on the last tour with the Prince of Wales."

Comparisons are, I know, odious, and if in the following brief statement of facts I draw comparisons between events which happened in Canada on the last tour, I trust that my friends who so nobly assisted me in Australia and New Zealand will not take offence. Facilities to the press photographer are everything, rob the camera man of the facilities for taking his picture, or the facilities for developing his negatives, or printing from his developed plates, and of dispatching immediately his finished prints to the hundreds of newspapers and magazines who are clamoring to reproduce the pictures, and you have robbed him of his all. Give him facilities for taking the pictures, and leave it at that, you have crippled him, and handicapped him terribly. So, I am afraid, was handicapped in Australia and other parts of the Empire which I visited on the last Royal Tour. I do not say that I was intentionally handicapped, but I believe that those responsible for the arrangements in Australia and New Zealand were as anxious to help in the work of obtaining permanent records in picture form of the incidents of the tour as were those whom I met in Canada. What I say is that largely owing to lack of experience, many details which by the "outsider" were regarded as purely minor details were overlooked, and owing to a variety of circumstances, I found myself working under very considerable handicap.

As a press photographer it is my aim to produce the best possible results, to give to the public and to hand down to future generations "speaking" picture records of the incidents of the historic world journey "Our Young Man." With the picture results of the Canadian tour, thanks to the splendid facilities I was afforded by the C. P. R., and the Dominion officials, I am satisfied, and the public too, I believe, was satisfied. But, with regard to the results achieved on the last Royal Tour, I cannot speak with such confidence. Frankly I am disappointed, but I have this consolation, I know the pictures obtained were the best under the circumstances, very difficult circumstances. During the three months' tour with the Prince of Wales in Canada, I worked under positively ideal conditions. The C. P. R. Royal Train contained a splendidly equipped dark room, and everything was so arranged that at times

small undertaking when we got "into the wilds."

During the tour we seldom remained more than a couple of days in or near the smaller towns, and very naturally during our stay all business was suspended and every moment given up to a whole-hearted "joy-making." Since it was essential that I should ever have my camera ready it was obvious that I could not shut myself up in a dark room for hours, and since every other man was "joy-making" it was hardly to be conceived that the local photographer would readily forego his pleasures for the sake of developing my plates. So it came about there was endless delay in getting my pictures to the press. Often during the Australian tour I would work all day with the camera, and spend all the night shut up in the dark room of a local photographer, professional or amateur, pushing my best to make up for lost time. And these long nights thus spent were nights when I regarded myself as having a substitute in securing the use of a dark room.

Another difficulty which I had to overcome during the long railway journeys was that of refilling my carriers. Obviously a dark room is a necessity for this task, but since no dark room was often available I had to invent a substitute. By darkening my sleeping compartment as much as possible and pushing my head and shoulders beneath the bed clothes I was able to take the exposed plates from the carriers and replace them with fresh ones. True, the work was slow, and often unsatisfactory, but I managed to keep my carriers filled during the journey. I was very nearly caught "napping" at Bridgetown when we met with the accident. We had only just left the station, the train moving at not more than ten miles an hour when the accident happened. Happily at Bridgetown I had not exposed all my plates, and I was sitting down resting before going to my sleeping compartment to change some plates when I heard a curious smashing, grinding noise. Then an attendant came running into the carriage shouting "My God, the Prince's coach is overturned." I jumped up and to my horror saw that the train was moving at a rapid pace, and the coach in which the Prince of Wales was riding was lying on its side. By this time the train had stopped and officials were rushing to the rear where the overturned coaches lay. To my intense joy, I heard the well-known voice of Lord Louis Mountbatten, shouting "Where's Brooks?" He must get a picture of this. I ran along with my camera and in time to get a snap of His Lordship crawling through the window of one of the overturned coaches. In the excitement of the moment I did a most unheroic thing. I actually exposed one plate twice and did not discover my mistake for some time afterwards.

In the accident, the Prince of Wales was the coolest of anyone. He remained until the last inside the overturned coach and when he crawled out he was hugging a thermos flask and gripping an old and favorite brier pipe. His first question was to know whether anyone had been hurt, and on being assured that none had and even sustained a scratch he laughed and went back to the wrecked coach to sort out his belongings while I took "snaps" to my heart's content. There was one thing both in Australia and New Zealand about the tour which to me was most noticeable and that was the extraordinary "free and easy" manner of the people. They surged round the Prince and in many places literally mobbed him, so enthusiastic were they in their welcome. In New Zealand particularly, I remember the Royal train was "inspected" time and time again. No permits to approach

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the train were necessary, nor were permits necessary to gain entrance to the railway stations as was the case in Canada. Some thirty or forty press photographers "commandered" the Royal Special at Auckland and boarding the train travelled with us as far as Rotura where we were held up for the strike. Then when it was decided that the train could be worked back to Auckland as the photographers could not travel by it and as there was no likelihood of another leaving for the city they sent their undeveloped negatives back in charge of one of the attendants. While we were at Rotura there was a little incident which I do not think has been reported. A big country fair was being held, and the Prince one evening entered into the "fun of the fair" riding on the roundabouts, shooting at bobbing eggs, and flinging balls at coconuts. Both at the shooting ranges and coconut shies, the Prince created something of a sensation. A splendid shot with the rifle, H.R.H. wrought havoc amongst the bobbing eggs, and the "raining deer." At one of the coconut shies, after H.R.H. had floored three nuts with three balls and decided to try his luck again, the proprietor of shies, not recognizing his Royal patron, observed, "Ore you, think you're popping bombs at Jerry again. These are real honest coconuts, not square heads." That evening the Prince returned to the Royal train well laden with coconuts and tawdry charms and prizes from the various shooting ranges and side shows at the fair.

Nowhere in the Empire have I witnessed such boisterous whole-hearted loyalty as that of Australia and New Zealand. The people gave vent to their feelings in every way, and there was not the least sign of restraint. We all had a great time, but I cannot say that the freedom and lack of restraint aided me in my task of obtaining picture records of the scenes. Nevertheless, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I am confident that every member of the suite was as genuinely sorry as the Prince him-

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Included in that number are 29,812 camels out of 120,000 in the British service. The death rate of camels was very much higher than of the horses, although the latter were exposed to enemy fire to a greater extent. On the other hand, it must be kept in mind that camels were used exclusively in theatres of war, without modern transportation facilities and were recklessly overworked on account of the extreme difficulty of taking supplies to the front. In Mesopotamia, for instance, 84.5 per cent of all camels employed during the last year of the war perished.

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The Shield is to be competed for annually at the Provincial Camp of the Boys' Naval Brigade, but will now be turned over to the local division of the Boys' Naval Brigade to hold until the next competition in the annual camp. It is a beautifully executed shield.

The judges of the competition an-

nually will be the Senior Naval Officer of the Pacific Station, and the Board of Trade examiner of Master and Mate Certificates, who will be guided by the highest efficiency on the following points: Knowledge of knots and hitches; splices and whipping; compass; navigation lights and rules; types and construction of ships; first aid and Shafar's method of artificial resuscitation of the drowning; lead lines and cables, and other points of nautical knowledge.

At the presentation ceremony on Thursday evening there will be a full turn out of the local division of the Boys' Naval Brigade and band, and a large attendance of the British Campaigners' Association.

During the trial of a man on a serious charge of theft the evidence was so palpably insufficient that the judge stopped the case and directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not guilty." A well-known lawyer, however, who wished to do something for the fee he had received for the defence, claimed the privilege of addressing the Court. "We'll hear you with the greatest pleasure," said the judge, "but, prevent accident, we'll first acquit the prisoner!"

CHINA HOPELESS OF SMASHING MILITARIST GRIP

Army Cliques Succeed One Another; New Revolution Feared

Peking, Dec. 22.—China moves from one nasty militarist to another. Each leaves it deeper sunk than the one before.

The hopes raised by the overthrow of the pro-Japanese Anfu clique in July, timid as they were, have faded already. The slim chance that there would be a breaking of the militarist hold on the country, that there would be at least some disbandment of troops, the restoration of a semblance of legal government and a clearing of the tangled nests of official parasites has glimmered already.

A Hsu Shucheng has given place to a Chang Tso-in, that is all. Both are arrogant swashbucklers, both are contemptuous of any governmental restrictions, both brazen in their use of large armies for their own purposes, though supported by public revenues, and both unhesitating in using the threat of their military power to build a political organization that will make them dictators.

The course of government since July has been a series of manipulations for the choice of provincial governors, and officials in other strategic posts, with a command over the country and its revenue. The new organization built up, while not yet enmeshed with the Japanese and not so closely integrated as that of the Anfuites, is no less obstructive to reform, no less despoiling of public funds and no less menacing.

Chang Tso-in Powerful.

When Chang Tso-in desires to move troops he seizes a sufficient number of railway cars and moves them whither he will. When he desires airplanes to round out his strength he sends officials to Peking, pays the planes on cars and moves them to his stronghold in Mukden, without so much as by-your-leave. When he needs money to recruit more troops for himself, without authorization, or for investment in some new business enterprise, he sends a telegram to the government in Peking, and gets it.

Elois mandates were issued after the change in government promising disbandment of troops. The troops that have been disbanded were those commanded by political opponents of the few generals in power. It was promised that the system of plural office holding whereby relatives of high officials hold five or six posts concurrently, being seen at each only on pay day, would be reformed, and it has been in the sense that relatives of those who were defeated have been forced out. There has been a new distribution of plums.

The Tsuchun system, the system of independent military satrapies over the country, has been retained in all its autocratic offensiveness, though there has been concentration in fewer hands. The talk of a people's

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convention to draft a new constitution and a redistribution of political power between governing and governed has vanished into thin air. All is exactly as it was, with a few names changed.

Government Insolvent.
The government goes deeper in bankruptcy with every month. There is little pretense of solvency. The monthly deficit is considerably greater than the receipts, official machinery cannot be maintained, the Ministry of Education scurries about for small, private loans to keep the schools open, the army and navy pay from month to month, and the terror of mutiny hovers over the country. If another year can pass without a serious outbreak and the spring of innocent blood it will be a grateful surprise both to the government and the people.

In the meantime a terrible famine sits on a large part of the country; there are uncounted deaths for hundreds of thousands, death by disease for as many more. The government takes cognizance by making new offices for old favorites. An organized relief organization, a new intrigue is started for control of these organizations and the donated funds they will have at their disposal. Moving pleas are made to the richer powers for loans to provide relief funds, with a margin of 50 per cent or more of those who will handle the funds. For the loans the government is more than ready to offer customs revenues, railway revenues, on any other resource for any indefinite stretch in the future, leaving those of the future to worry themselves while those of the present wax fat.

Dictatorship Near Fall.
The one element of encouragement is that a new light is inevitable. This dictatorship probably will not last so long as the one before. Opposition to Chang Tso-in is already being manifested by his jealous opponents. Second in strength to Chang Tso-in is Tsao-Kun, Governor of the capital province. For every addition to the post Chang Tso-in gets, Tsao-Kun gets another. For every million of which Chang Tso-in bleeds the government Tsao-Kun demands another.

Chang Tso-in seizes the planes at Peking, Tsao-Kun seizes those in Tientsin. Little cliques are growing up, moving out their lines, hoarding the slices of war and preparing for the test of strength.

In the unreconstructed south another little war is in progress, of which even participants scarcely know what it is about. The one-time rebels of Young China, so-called, with Sun Yat Sen and Tang Shao-yi as their leaders, now professional insurgents of full Central American complexion, sit comfortably but garrulously at Shanghai hurling manifestos, creating new titles and decrying new opportunities for provisional governments consisting of offices, titles, salaries, but no location and no duties.

Faction Controls Canton.
Another faction of rebels has taken Canton, center and treasury of rump rebellion, wherefore the present war. It is a unique jurisdictional field. There has been no more pathetic disenchantment in China than that of the degenerating of Young China, "inspired" and "inspired" by the republic, now a disgruntled and highly vocal cabal of professional "revolutionaries." They still sing the old tunes of democracy and liberty that so entrance the innocent American, but China is deaf to the siren.

In Peking an extra complication has risen in the resurrection of what was known as the Old Chiao-tung clique, the clever but corrupt group that built up a machine based on the banks and railways under Yuan Shih-k'ai, and wrecked both banks and railways to provide Yuan with the funds to realize his ambitions.

The Old Chiao-tung is squirming its way into power again, led by its old chief, Liang Shih-yi, popularly known as the "God of Wealth."

An oily an cunning Cantonese, it was he who wrecked the government banks for Yuan, by the simple process of helping himself to the silver reserve and issuing new notes to get more.

Chiao-tung Building Machine.
He financed Yuan and emerged himself one of the richest men in China. Now he is building up his machine again by well placed politico-financial-industrial enterprises. His latest stroke of genius is his seizure of the famine relief organization, with all the opportunities it affords for the placing of his lieutenants throughout the country and the acquiring of means for financing them. All that comes to the Chinese political mill—even the starving.

Over them all sits the president, Hsu Shih-chang, a typical mandarin of former days, spineless but cunning, intriguing with all factions, playing one off against another, subtly obstructing progressive measures, interested in bottom only, in keeping himself in that high honorific office, and perhaps most of all, in the eventual restoration of the monarchy, with his family united to the reigning Manchu house by the marriage of his daughter with the boy Emperor.

What will come out of the chaos it is impossible even to guess, but there is little hope of expecting anything but a gradual improvement spread over a long period of time, with possibly one bloody national outburst before settling. China must get worse before it gets better, and as it is getting worse steadily there is ground for optimism as to the end.

An old Scotswoman had, at considerable personal inconvenience, gone a good way to visit a friend, who was ill. "An' hoo are ye the day, Mrs. Macpherson?" she enquired in breathless anxiety. "Oh, I'm nearly well, noo, thank ye, Mrs. McNeish." "Nearly well!" exclaimed the visitor. "After me coming aae far to see ye, too!"

Heart-to-Heart Talks on Petroleum in General and Home Oil in Particular

THE subject of Petroleum has become a topic of such vital interest in British Columbia that I am continually asked to explain by what methods we have established the fact that an extensive oil field exists in the Fraser Valley at Abbotsford.

While this is a somewhat difficult matter to explain to the layman, I will do my best to describe some of the local geological characteristics, which differ from any other part of the Puget Basin. I will endeavor to keep this as clear as possible of technical phrases, although, of course, it will be understood that this cannot be done entirely, because geological terms have not their equivalents in the work-a-day vocabulary of the layman.

To go into the origin of oil is to go back to the beginnings of all things physical and to tell the wonderful story of the making of the world. However, I will attempt to give you a simple story at an early date. In the meantime I will explain something of the geological conditions at Abbotsford in a way to cover as nearly as possible a number of questions that have been asked of me by correspondents in Victoria.

Oil Found in the Deltas

THE great deltas and estuaries of the world's rivers have and are the attraction of all oil geologists. It is in the deltas of the ancient rivers that the oil fields have been found. Therefore the great watershed of Central British Columbia has in no less a manner been the source of much attention for some time as a probable oil-producing field.

Dawson, Redwood, and subsequently Cunningham Craig and other noted British geologists, have reported favorably on this field, the Fraser Delta. The chief factor in eliminating waste, fruitless effort and expense in the first search for oil is first to determine where earth movement has operated on the sedimentaries and brought about anticlinal foldings, in no matter how small a degree. For it is only in arched or upwardly inclined strata where oil in commercial quantity is likely to be found.

Petroleum is found in sedimentary rocks of all ages from the Devonian to the Tertiary periods.

At Abbotsford there is a true and well-defined anticline more extensive than any of those of the great fields of California. The large properties of the Home Oil Company occupy the apex and fold of this anticline for several miles.

These leases cover approximately 20,000 acres, well blocked. The value of these holdings and assets of the company stand at upwards of \$300,000, or practically a third of the capitalization.

Pacific Geography Has Been Changed

THE Puget Sound Basin is a very old basin of sedimentary rocks and only a last remnant of what was once a spacious Pacific Sea, dotted here and there with islands of igneous origin, and extending far out to the north and east.

Its subsequent history has been one war of elements. In Triassic times the uplift of the Coast Range on the one side and in subsequent Tertiary times the intrusion of the Cascade Range on the other, robbed the wide peaceful Saline Sea, of earlier times, of the greater part of its domain.

The sediments which were being built on its bed are now to be seen in fragments on the roofs of the Coast Range or flanking the igneous sides of the Cascades.

Look in the Window

IN our window at 1106 Douglas Street you may see the specimens from our holdings on the Abbotsford anticline. Particularly interesting are the oil bearing rocks which readily burn when lit. See also the oil glo-bubble which has been soaking for centuries in petroleum; the Devonian marine fossils, millions of years old; Nature's own sculpture executed before the human race began, showing foliage and tropical flora of rare beauty. And don't forget to see the seashell lovers who died in the toils of Dan Cupid aeons before Adam.

The courses of rivers have been re-organized, and the whole geography of the Pacific shoreline has been changed. Still through all these violent transformations, there still remains a section, which has persisted in building up the floor of the old mother sea, and it is in this section only where drilling for oil is likely to meet with success.

Therefore I shall deal specifically with the anticlinal structure at Abbotsford.

Perfect Anticline at Abbotsford

HERE we not only have a perfect anticline but specimens of the various strata in the structure, from the Devonian age to the Tertiary effusives, including the marine fossils of the Post Cretaceous age, organic specimens of the Tertiary age, sedimentary and stratified rocks as well as the pink chocolate shales which are rare and found only in extensive fields of paraffine base, and Cherts and live oil-bearing sand rocks from which we have actually extracted oil of a high-grade paraffine base.

These specimens, including the oil, together with its certified chemical analysis, are to be seen in our offices on Douglas Street, and I shall be glad to go into a detailed explanation of any or all matters pertaining to the field and its geology.

Particularly interesting to the layman will be the live oil-bearing sand rock, which can be lit with a match.

The President of the Home Oil Company, Mr. B. O. Pinder, is in Victoria and will remain here several days. He will be pleased to meet those who are interested in the development of British Columbia's oil resources.

KIFF'S KOLUM

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. E. P.—We profit by the mistakes of others. The "gap" of the drilling operations of the company you mention has saved us time and expense, because it has demonstrated the character of the formations.

P. L.—The drilling site of that company was located, I understand, by one of those extraordinary people who claim to find oil by means of a "divining rod."

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D. E. R.—Pitt Meadows has so far been consistently unfortunate. Let us hope that they will reach oil with the diamond drill.

C. E. W.—Yes. We are informed that they have struck oil at McClips, Wash., near Grays Harbor, at 3,870 feet depth. Oil was brought in on Friday morning last and the well has been capped awaiting tankage. We will be in a position to give you further information within the next twenty-four hours. Watch our window bulletins.

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TO START RELIEF WORK NEXT MONDAY

While many schemes to relieve unemployment have been suggested, nothing very tangible or feasible has been brought before the City Council yet...

City Can Borrow Itself

According to statements made by its most influential members this morning, the Council takes the stand that the Government's offer to lend money to the municipalities out of its \$250,000 unemployment appropriation is of little use...

Government Would Be Safe

The Government would be fully safe-guarded in this matter, Alderman Sargent declared this morning when outlining the plan, which was discussed at his conference with the Mayor...

WORKLESS AGITATION GATHERS MOMENTUM IN UNITED KINGDOM

pay the Government's loan until Saanich paid. With the money that the Government loaned to the city, with the Saanich payment as a security, the city could proceed to start work to relieve the unemployment situation.

What is the matter, Miss Jones? exclaimed the proprietor of the bakery establishment, as he bustled to the side of his assistant, who was engaged in a heated altercation with a customer. "What is the matter?"

A boarding schoolboy wrote to his uncle for financial aid, and then, feeling rather nervous about the impression his letter would make, added this postscript: "P.S.—Dear Uncle, I am so ashamed to have to ask you for this money that I have run after the postman a long way to get it back but I could not catch him. My only wish is that you will never get the letter now—Your loving nephew."

London, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George's warning to the House of Commons last night, according to The Daily News, startled the House. In the course of his speech, the Premier

WORKERS MAY WAIVE STRICT FULFILMENT OF VERSAILLES PACT

The country, some of these critics insist, is already overtaxed to an intolerable extent and cannot afford such relief measures as were outlined by the Premier.

Workers do not escape criticism for their share in existing conditions, it being contended that many strikes, especially the one called recently by the miners had a large part in creating trouble. The action of the Builders' Union in refusing to co-operate with non-unionists in the construction of buildings is sharply scored, while workers are attacked in some quarters for adhering to what is declared to be a false economic notion that the full labor programme must be carried out to give any relief.

The German delegates said they could not make public any statement but it was learned from other quarters that Carl N. Bergman, head of the German delegation, at the concluding session, expressed to the Conference the appreciation of the businesslike methods followed which had resulted in excellent results.

Further information. Adjournment of the Conference until January 10 was taken to enable the Germans to get further information on the questions submitted by the Allies and facilitate an investigation of payment of the German debt abroad and other matters.

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said the matter would be discussed with Dominion Premiers at the Imperial Conference next year. Canada's Winter. "When you meet Canadians," continued the Premier, "they are very angry if you refer to Canada's hard Winter. They say their Winter is the most cheerful time of relaxation and leisure. There will be Winters and Summers in trade and employment whatever we do, but it would be a great thing if we were able to have our Winters as the Canadians do, and to see at any rate it was not a Winter in which honest men who had done their best to serve their country were thrown with their families into the cold to starve."

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A business man who spent his holiday in the village, tells a rather amusing incident. One day he and his brother hitched up an old wagon piled a lot of hay into the bottom for warmth, and started off visiting. A spark from one of their cigars fell on the hay in the rear of the wagon, smouldered awhile, and then burst into a roaring flame. A farmer who had been driving along behind them helped them to put the fire out, and remarked, "I'd been watching the smoke for some time. Then why didn't you give us warning?" enquired the holiday maker. "Why," responded the old farmer, "there's so many new-fangled notions nowadays, I thought you were goin' by steam."

His fellow clerks gathered round him when the news became public property and extended congratulations. "But," said one man, "I understand the girl you are engaged to is a twin. How do you tell the difference between her and her sister?" "Well, it's a jolly nice family," said the lucky man, "so I don't bother very much."

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TOOK POISON IN MISTAKE FOR MEDICINE. Coroner's Jury Ascribes Miss Jeeves' Death to Accident. The menace to life in the practice of keeping deadly poisons in medicine cupboards, was strongly brought to notice this morning at the inquiry held at the B. C. Funeral premises by Dr. E. C. Hart, the Coroner, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Florence Isabella Jeeves, who died yesterday morning as a result of inadvertently drinking carboric acid from a bottle similar in appearance to one customarily used for ready mixed doses of medicine for hoarse use.

EDMONTON RENTS ARE NOW LOWEST. New York Space Is By Far Highest Prices. New York, Dec. 22.—It cost a good deal more to do business in New York than in any other city in the country. First and principal item in this cost is rent. A well-located office costs a heap of money these days.

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LABOR CANDIDATES SECURE ELECTION

London, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Associated Press)—In the by-election in Aberlilly, George Barker, Labor, polled 15,986 votes, and G. Hay Morgan, Coalition-Liberal, 7,842. The seat was rendered vacant by the resignation of W. Bruce, the well-known Labor leader, who accepted a position with the Government.

MOTOR INDUSTRY MAKES READY FOR EARLY CHANGE

Date of Improvement Set From New Year's to March
New York, Dec. 22.—American makers have many thousands of cars in storage. This large volume of cars is well distributed throughout America. When buying starts every automobile now unsold will be absorbed within a short time. It must be recalled that replacement orders alone will run far over 1,250,000 automobiles and that there are countless buyers waiting for the time to provide themselves with their first car.

Still Talk Shortage
There is a reason for this prediction of a shortage. The makers will require at least ninety days to reach anything like normal production when business picks up. They are not preparing at the present time, in spite of the fact that there is a very decided improvement noted in many sections of America, including the two coasts, the Atlantic and the Pacific, in particular. All statements from California and many from the far Northwest are now optimistic. Many statements from New York's great "Automobile Row" are likewise optimistic. Sales are being recorded generally there.

News of Markets and Finance

C. P. R. STOCKS MAKES NEW LOW

New York, Dec. 22.—Wall Street stocks showed weakness again to-day and further slightly better than the close of yesterday, but resumed liquidation, set in drifting down to new low levels. C. P. R. sold at 105 1/2, a new low since 1911 when it touched 87. No further news was recorded to-day other than the selling was by bear raiders and open stop orders being filled.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

(Burdick Bros. Limited.)
New York funds, 18 1/2 cent.
New York sterling, \$3.53.
Canadian sterling, \$4.13.

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GRAINS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO TO-DAY

(By Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
Chicago, Dec. 22.—The grain market was steady with a variation of four to five cents, closing figures being nearly yesterday's levels. No special news.

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS

(By F. W. Stevenson.)
Athabasca Oil Bld. Asked.
B.C. Refining Co. 35
B.C. Power, Ltd. 15.50
Boundary Bay Oil 1.15
Canada Copper 16.00
Empire Oil 10.50
Graham Lumber 10
Great West Perm. 48.90
Hwy. Bond 100.00
International Coal 35
McGillivray 58.12
Nugget 11.11
Phil Meadows 18.11
Rambler-Cariboo 18.11
Silver Smith 29.25
Silver Crest 11.11
Spartan Oil 11.11
Standard Lead 18.11
Sunbuck Mines 47.50
Stewart Land Co. 10.11
Troy Oil 67 1/2 68 1/2

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The wording of the folder is attractively printed, and contains a very concise expression of all that lends charm to Canada dressed in her winter garb, of snow and ice. It is not a cold and dismal picture that is here seen portrayed, but a merry and frolicsome one of laughing bands tobogganing, skiing and curling in the dry snows of the mountains, and in the East.

Side by side with snow scenes in the East are several of Victoria in winter garb—dressed with a December

display of roses in full bloom, and a brilliant sunshine that amply bears out the claims of this city and island to be the winter resort of the Dominion. Altogether the new C.P.R. folder is a distinctive addition to its previous attractive efforts in this direction, and should occasion widespread and favorable comment.

TELLS OF PROGRESS IN ORGANIZING FARMER STRENGTH

J. H. Humphrey, of Malakwa, Provincial Organizer for the United Farmers of British Columbia, was yesterday in Victoria on a short visit to J. L. Fritcham, the first vice-president of the U. F. B. C. Mr. Humphrey declared to The Times that there is a great amount of interest being shown throughout the farmer districts, and the farmers are apparently convinced that only by close organization and co-operation can they secure better financial and social conditions.

To point his statement, Mr. Humphrey said he had organized six branches of the United Farmers at various mainland centres during the past week, and that the forty branches in existence at the time the annual convention was held here last February have now expanded to 148 branches in all portions of the Province.

In this connection it is expected that the annual convention to be held in Vancouver of February 22, 23 and 24 will be attended by from 400 to 500 delegates.

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 - Black Taffeta Dress** in size 16; regular \$63.50. Sale, **\$25.00**
 - Handsome Navy Satin Dress** in size 36; regular \$42.50. Sale **\$25.00**
 - Black Satin Dress** in size 16; regular \$52.50. Sale, **\$25.00**
 - Smart Gowns** in combinations of tricotee and Georgette; sizes 16 and 18; regular \$57.50 and \$65.00. Sale price **\$25.00**
 - Handsome Dress** in satin and Georgette; size 19; regular \$62.50. Sale **\$25.00**
 - Jersey Dresses**, handsomely embroidered; size 36; regular \$47.50. Sale .. **\$25.00**
 - Smart Tricotee Dresses** in black, navy and sand; sizes 16, 40, 42 and 44; regular \$49.50 to \$57.50. Sale price is **\$25.00**
 - Serge Dresses** of finest quality, in navy, taupe, brown, reindeer and black; braided and embroidered; sizes 16, 18, 36, 38 and 42; regular \$37.50, \$45.00, \$49.50, \$52.50, \$57.50 and \$65.00. Sale, **\$25.00**

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- Marabou and Ostrich Ruffs**, in natural, black and white, finished with tassel or ribbon bow. Splendid values at, **\$6.75, \$9.50 and \$15.00**
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