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REMEDY FAILS TO REMOVE EVIL LIEN GRANTED ON HOLE IN GROUND LITTLE USE

House Discusses Protection of Workers—Railway Bills Through
Legislative Press-Gallery, March 4.
This afternoon the House discussed the Mechanic's Lien Act, especially as regards the safeguarding of the wages of miners on works held under option. This section is being added to the act to give effect to the proposals of legislation which the member for Alberni has been making for two years. In addition the act is being consolidated generally.
Mr. Brewster's proposition was, that to avoid the great loss to miners on options caused by the option-holders skipping out, the holder should be compelled to deposit in a bank sufficient funds to pay wages due to the next pay day. The attorney-general's section gives a lien as against both the option-holder and the owner of the property.
It was pointed out by the member for Alberni that the attorney-general had not seized the situation, else he would not be trying in this way to protect these men. The facts were that individuals or companies from the States and elsewhere took options on mineral prospects, put on a gang of men while they were trying to sell stock or dispose of the mine, and skipped out when the ore pinched out, leaving the men unpaid. All there was to put a lien on was a hole in the ground and a few tools or a portable forge. If there was any tangible property to place a lien on there would never have been trouble on Tescada Island or elsewhere and no need for the legislation he had been pressing for, as the Act already provided for the placing of a lien on something that the work of the men had produced.
Hon. Mr. Bowser admitted that there was a great deal to be said in favor of Mr. Brewster's view, but he did not know how more could be done to protect these workers than was proposed here. To insist that a man should not come in unless he had a certain definite amount of credit in the bank would discourage development and keep out men who might come in and work mineral propositions. To go as far as Mr. Brewster desired would be treating miners as men without brains, who had to be protected instead of looking after themselves.
J. H. Hawthornthwaite said that a weekly pay-day was the remedy. He and the member for the Island (A. E. McPhillips) had a verbal set-over agreement by the latter that miners who went on working on an option where they saw the investing public was only being fooled were dishonest. Mr. Hawthornthwaite declared that most miners did not know what was in the ground, nor did they care. If they did they would probably be earning large sums as prospectors.
The bill was reported from committee and stands for further stages.
An act to amend the Woodman's Lien for Wages Act was read a second time. This is simply adding to the act several sections which properly belong there but which have been in the Mechanic's Lien Act.
The Railway Bills.
The first business taken up in the afternoon was the consideration in committee of the bill ratifying the agreement with the C. N. R. This went through without change and with little or no discussion.
Parker Williams proposed to add to the section empowering the company to let contracts for construction a proviso that a minimum wage of \$2.50 be paid.
The premier declined to adopt the amendment, and assured the House that the government proposed to see that nothing was left undone to secure to workers on the new line a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.
The bill was reported.
The Kettle-River-Valley bill was put through committee, reported and read a third time.
L. W. Shatford (Similkameen), suggested that the company should be called upon to build fifty miles this year instead of twenty-five.
The premier stated that he had had conversation with Mr. Warren, president of the company, and was assured that the matter spoken of by Mr. Shatford as well as others, would be substantially lived up to. The premier acknowledged assistance in regard to this bill from members for Similkameen and Grand Forks and others.
H. C. Brewster called the attention of the premier to the fact that he was running counter to his colleague, the attorney-general. Last night, Mr. Brewster had found fault with him for wanting the C. N. R. to be compelled to build a certain number of miles per year, saying the proper way was to require the expenditure of the equivalent cost of so many miles. Now the premier tells the House that the Kettle River Valley Company must build so many miles each year.
Not a Repair Shop.
The attorney-general, moving the second reading of a bill to validate By-law No. 204 of the city of Nelson, told the House a little secret of the executive council chamber. When the matter was before council, he said, the president (Hon. Carter-Cotton) very aptly remarked that some people seemed to look upon the legislature as a sort of repair shop for municipal mistakes and defects in by-laws. The government proposed to make this positive statement as to the future, that they did not intend to bring down any more legislation to validate by-laws in which mistakes had been made by the municipal councils. Private bills would have to be introduced and the fees paid.
Hon. Mr. Taylor secured second reading for an act respecting the construction of sewers in unorganized districts. This, he explained to the House, was found necessary owing to conditions which existed in Esquimalt, Merritt and some other places. It was practi-

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ally a re-enactment of the Dredging and Irrigating Act of 1894. Repairing Land Grants.
The premier explained the design of the act to authorize the repurchase by the crown of railway subsidy lands in moving the second reading of the bill. Some years ago, he said, land grants of approximately 5,150,958 acres had been made to the Columbia and Western and the British Columbia Southern companies. In the years since thousands of acres had been alienated by these companies from these grants, but several million acres remained unalienated. In connection with the administration of the crown lands in the districts where these were situated many complex questions arose as between the government, the pre-emptor, who was there first, and the railway company. In the Similkameen, Osoyoos and Kootenay districts there were questions of title outstanding, involving scores, that promised a great deal of trouble before they were adjusted. The then chief commissioner had made an arrangement with the C. P. R. to purchase at 25c an acre and provision was made in 1899 for legislation, but the defeat of the government of the day ended negotiations. These would be resumed and it was by enacting this act that was introduced. No purchases would be effective until approved by the legislature.
Parker Williams said he had often wondered what the railways would do with the lands they had not disposed of when these became taxable. Evidently the government was helping them out, and endeavoring to buy back the whole of the land grant?
Premier McBride replied that there was no intention of repurchasing any particular lands. The government, when empowered, if it thought fit to reopen negotiations for any particular lands, would take steps to fix a fair value and endeavor to arrive at an understanding with the company.
The bill was given its second reading.
Third Readings.
Bills read a third time to-day were:
An act to amend the Midway & Vernon Aid Act of 1902, this being the grant which is being turned over to the Kettle River Valley.
An act providing for the inspection of premises, works, wires and appliances generating, transmitting or supplying electrical energy.
An act extending the provisions of the Fire Inquiry Act to fires in standing or cut timber.
An act to amend the Supreme Court Act by providing for two civil assize sittings at Cranbrook each year, and repealing a section dealing with the new default full court.
An act to amend the County Court Act by providing for the summoning of witnesses when the jury panel summoned is short.
An act repealing the Commercial Travellers' Licenses Act, the provisions of which are included in the new liquor license act.
The Supply Bill.
Hon. Price Ellison moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Bush Fire Act, as to the setting out of fire and took occasion to give some particulars of the work of the fire rangers last year, which was very successful. Ontario spends \$140,000 a year for fire protection, he said, although receiving but half the revenue of British Columbia. The government was looking forward to the time when the license holders would pay a share of the cost of protection of their timber. It was understood this would be recommended by the timber commission, as the timber men were perfectly willing to bear their proportion.
The House rose at 4:30 on Monday morning.

THE WELLAND CANAL
Ottawa, March 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday was waited upon by a deputation of leading men from Toronto and Montreal who urged on behalf of 40,000 petitioners that the Dominion government deepen the Welland canal. It was pointed out that in addition to being a benefit to navigation the deepening of the canal would provide work for a large number of men.
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RAILWAY LOSSES EXCEED TWO MILLIONS
Disaster at Wellington and Destruction of Limited Swell Winter's Record

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—Culminating in the disaster at Wellington the past ten days, through weather conditions, has cost the various railway companies in wreck, loss of equipment, destruction to their roadbed and loss of traffic, a total of \$2,500,000, according to official estimates.
The Great Northern is the heaviest loser. Its line through the Cascades has been tied up since a week ago Wednesday. Its line to Vancouver has been closed twice by slides. The Northern Pacific has been blocked for periods up to two days by snow and on the route to Portland by a rock slide at Castle Rock.
The loss of equipment and damage to right-of-way of the Great Northern through the avalanche at Wellington is placed by an estimate at \$1,500,000, of which the equipment, consisting of fourteen coaches, baggage cars, mail and express cars and the engines of two trains, Nos. 25, the Spokane passenger, and the Post Mail, No. 27, a rotary plough and two motors, four engines swept down in their sheds, O'Neil's private car and engine, is valued at approximately \$800,000.
The value of the Oriental Limited, which met disaster at Millan, is placed by officials at \$160,000.
The rock slide at Castle Rock cost the Northern Pacific about \$2,000 to clean up and in delayed trains.
The Milwaukee is a heavy sufferer through loss of business, its line having been tied up for four days through snow.
Bridges Swept Away.
Ogden, Utah, March 5.—The main line of the Southern Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco will not be open for

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A DANIEL ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT.

A teacher hath been raised up in the person of Mr. G. Moore, Craigflower road, to instruct "an esteemed correspondent" of the Times and the Economist in the rudiments of British politics; for truly, as the learned political pundit puts it, in regard thereto we all at present know "damped little".

Mr. Moore objects to the statement which appeared in last night's Times purporting to show the relative strength of the parties in England and particularly pointing out the strength of the Liberal party in the north of England, in Wales and in Scotland.

Of course we are obliged to admit the force of Mr. Moore's argument when he says, "cut out the Scotch and the Welsh, and where would they have been?" That is just it. That is precisely the clipping argument of many a Tory.

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It is satisfactory to note that the extraordinary outburst of the member for Vancouver was publicly received with condemnation and privately with execration. Not a member of the House had a word to say in condemnation of his remarks, far less in support of them.

SOME LIGHT ON FIRE INSURANCE

PROCEEDINGS AT THIS MORNING'S SESSION

Mr. Bodwell Makes Disclosure Respecting System Prevailing at Lloyds

At this morning's session of the insurance commission, Mr. Shallicross put in writing, the request for data which he had preferred yesterday.

Mr. Shallicross, manager of Chalmers & Mitchell, was called by Mr. Shallicross. He said that for a long time he had been manager for Chalmers & Mitchell. They required "blanket" insurance from the time goods were shipped and after they were in the store.

Mr. Bodwell expressed a desire to see one of the old policies. Continuing, Mr. Wilkerson said the "blanket" business was not handled by Canadian companies. To Mr. Shallicross, he said Messrs. Chalmers & Mitchell did not anticipate any loss of local business.

PRUDENTIAL CO.'S REPORT.

The condition of business in British Columbia is, undoubtedly accurately reflected in the healthy statements of the rapidly increasing number of its financial institutions. We have had occasion of late to comment upon the gratifying annual reports of the various banks and loan and investment companies doing business within our boundaries.

Mr. Thomas T. Langlois, the president, reviewing the business of the year, pointed out that the assets of the company have been increased from \$35,122.22 to \$601,328.94; the subscribed capital from \$156,000 to \$322,500; the paid-up capital from \$68,735 to \$250,128.45; and reserve fund from \$5,000 to \$50,000; in addition to which \$25,160.89 has been carried to contingent fund, \$2,994.37 to profit and loss account, while dividend and bonus amounting to 12 per cent, has been paid for the year 1909.

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The chairman asked if there was any other evidence he wished to present? Mr. Shallicross said no; if the board companies wished to frame regulations for their own guidance they could do so, as long as the public was allowed to purchase their insurance where they pleased.

It was decided to subpoena Mr. Short, manager of Chalmers & Mitchell, to give evidence. Hon. E. G. Prior was the next witness. He carried a good deal of insurance with outside companies. These were non-board companies. The Indemnity Exchange gave a very low rate. He had had no fire losses. He was confident he could collect for any loss. He did not know if the premises were inspected by these outside companies.

Mr. Shallicross read from the blue book to show that the Mount Royal was a thoroughly reliable company. The chairman assured Mr. Shallicross that the commissioners would look into the question very thoroughly. Mr. Shallicross asked Mr. Bodwell to prove his statement that Lloyds represented a board company on every policy in British Columbia.

Mr. Bodwell said Lloyds wanted a "substantial" company. Replying to the chairman, Mr. Bodwell said the Mount Royal company was not in the insurance business, but was only used as a factor in getting business for Lloyds. There was a considerable "stirring up" at Lloyds over the matter, the speculators responsible for this practice being hauled over the coals very severely. He agreed that the insurer would be protected by Lloyds, but the system was one which enabled rate-cutting, which was

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The funeral of the late Miss Esther May Hall takes place on Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, 3028 Douglas street, at 2.30 o'clock.

The March number of the Camosun, the publication issued by the students of Victoria College, contains many interesting numbers.

WANTED—A man to attend store; must be able to handle heavy hardware, brass goods, etc.

Down She Goes! Beats the Eastern Prices (Freight Added).

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, Quantity. Includes Statements, Letterheads, Billheads, Noteheads, Envelopes, Business Cards, Show Bills, Window Cards.

Victoria Printing & Pub. Co. Cor. Yates and Government Streets.

DISASTER NEAR ROGER'S PASS. STATEMENT ISSUED BY C.P.R. GENERAL MANAGER. Believes Number of Men Buried by Slide May Be Saved.

ACCEPTS OFFER OF COAL COMPANY. Dominion Steel Concern Will Receive \$800,000 in Settlement of Claims.

RAILWAY CHARTERS. Toronto, March 5.—The Ontario government proposes to check railway charter mongering by incorporating a clause in all charter and charter extension bills.

COMPANY WILL APPEAL. Montreal, March 5.—Judge Weir yesterday dismissed the action for \$25,000 damages brought by the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company against ex-Alderman Clerique.

IN SEARCH OF HEALTH. Report That Czarina is Taking Sea Voyage on Imperial Yacht.

RIVERS FALLING. Lewiston, Idaho, March 5.—The Snake and Clearwater rivers both fell during the night and it is believed the great of the flood has passed.

NEW CEMENT WORKS. Halifax, March 5.—The representative of the English cement manufacturing concern is in the province examining and reporting upon limestone quarries.

WRECKED BY SNOWSLIDE. Winnipeg, March 5.—The Wilcox and Ymir mines at Ymir have been badly damaged by a snowslide.

LOCAL MEN ON SITUATION. William Newman, road superintendent of the E. & N., was for nineteen years stationed at Roger's Pass in charge of the road at that point.

GATHERINGS OF STRIKERS PROHIBITED. Philadelphia Police Have Orders to Prevent Street Meetings.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE. Honolulu, March 5.—The 400 Russians recently brought here by the territorial board of immigration to work on the sugar plantations.

ROLLER WINS. Denver, Col., March 5.—Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, is today hailed as the conqueror of Raoul de Rouen, the French heavy weight wrestler.

MAY BUILD SUBWAY LINES. Toronto, March 5.—The private legislative committee of the provincial legislature has given the city of Toronto power to construct and operate underground subway lines.

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MORE BODIES ARE RECOVERED. TWELVE FOUND IN SNOW IN MOUNTAINS. (Times Leased Wire.) Wellington, Wash., March 5.—It is a strange cortege which to-day is bearing the victims of Tuesday's disaster over the dangerous trails skirting the perilous chasms to the Scenic Hot Springs.

LOCAL MARKETS. Prairie's Coal Oil, 1.75. Bacon (B. C.), per lb., 22.

NATIONAL LABOR ALLIANCE FORMED. Will Endeavor to Drive American Federation From Politics.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. Washington, D. C., March 5.—The senate committee of the District of Columbia will demand more light on the plans of the John D. Rockefeller Foundation before it will take action on the bill for incorporation of the philanthropic organization.

SHOOTS WOMAN. Pittsburg, Pa., March 5.—Edward C. Miller, who claims to be a cousin of the late President McKinley, is in jail here to-day awaiting the result of a bullet he fired into the neck of Mrs. Alexandra Wright, of Zwickley, Pa.

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A JAMES BAY SUBDIVISION. Desirable building sites "over the Bay" are now so scarce that some of the prices asked look rather high. \$5,500. \$2,000 cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years at 6 per cent.

Island Investment Co. LIMITED. Bank of Montreal Chambers. Telephone 1494.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Prairie's Coal Oil, Bacon (B. C.), Ham (American), Beef, Pork, Mutton, Lamb, Veal, Suet, Butter, Lard, Purify, Three Star Patent, O.K. Flour, O.K. Four Star, O.K. Knead, Drifted Snow, Grain.

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A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED. DRAFTS AND MONEY ORDERS ISSUED. Highest Current Rate of Interest Paid on Deposits in the Savings Bank Department.

BITTEN BY MAD DOG. St. Thomas, Ont., March 5.—A mad dog broke out of a stable here yesterday and bit Thomas Fenton and several others before it was killed.

IRONY OF AVIATOR'S FATE. Rushing at sixty miles an hour to compete at an aviation meeting, M. Johannsen, director of the Autotaxi Company, was killed in a motor-car accident near Langon, in the vicinity of Bordeaux, France.

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WHERE WARSHIPS ARE SCRAPPED

SHIPBREAKER'S YARDS STILL SEEN IN LONDON

Reminiscent of the Scene Where "Quill" Reigned Supreme

In these days of Dreadnoughts and super-Dreadnoughts we hear much of the "scrapping" of the obsolete ships of His Majesty's navy; but comparatively few have seen the operation in practice, and probably fewer still know that in London itself there exist yards devoted to the purpose of ship-breaking.

If the explorer walks along the southern bank of the Thames—now unfortunately far less picturesque than it was even twenty years ago—he will find at the lower end of the queerly-named Budgey's beach, just above Woolwich and facing the river, a little riverside inn rejoicing in the nautical sign of the Anchor and Hope. The house itself is new and the old low-ceilinged bar has gone, but a little covered shelter in front still contains the seats and tables where the watermen and lightermen and other nondescript "waterside characters" sit and take their pipe and pot, looking out over the river. It is low water, and on your left is a long causeway running down to the muddy river's edge, while to the right a protruding snout shows the last berth of what was once one of our finest ironclads.

Walk down the slimy causeway, taking care not to slip between the timbers, and look up at the towering hull, remember she is not a big ship for these days, and her tonnage is less than half that of the Dreadnought, but looming up overhead high and dry on the slipway she seems a veritable Leviathan, an impression which is accentuated by the insignificance of the barges and small boats which cluster round her on the strand.

Exposure to the weather has removed much of the paint from her hull, and although the original gray and red is still visible it is broken up everywhere with patches of yellow and green and orange, while the water line shows a mark of green wood from stem to stern. Her funnels have gone; one giant lower mast still stands, its fighting top aloft, and a few strands of wire rigging whipping out now and then in the keen easterly wind. The forward turret is still there, and the muzzles of a pair of great 10-inch guns peer out over the forecastle as they have done any time this last thirty-odd years. Soon their fragments will go to swell the scrap heap, for like the ship herself they are obsolete.

The empty davits still surround the superstructure, and as you stand under the ram and look up, the great haavo holes, with the light shining through them from above have a strangely pathetic resemblance to the pleading eyes of some huge sea monster in distress. As the wind increases and some drops of rain angrily sting your face you go ashore again, and seeking the shelter of the inn, you are sure to hear from the landlady or some of the amphibious company in the bar tales of some of the great ships which have come to their end just outside—how, for example, they broke up the old Erebus, one of the hideous square floating batteries built during the Crimean war, an one of our earliest ironclad vessels. These you will hear of many of the veterans of "eighteen hundred and war time" which dragged out a lingering existence to recent years, finally to be torn asunder. Such are the Mars, the Leader, once a smart frigate which did good work in the Mediterranean in 1867; the Monmouth, the Boacawan, and the Duke of Wellington, which last brings to your mind that sunny March morning, fifty-three years ago, when Sir Roger's fleet sailed out of Spithead on their useless Baltic expedition. Steam was then only just coming into general use in the royal navy, and we can imagine the great ships one after another setting their canvas, getting their anchors and wearing round with the southwesterly breeze.

Three years ago there came up one of the handsomest three-deckers afloat—the Colborne—her three masts still standing, her black sides with triple tiers of ports shining in the sun, and a streak of greenish yellow where the copper remained on her bottom, Grand she looked as she lay there, glorious in decay, with the memories of close on a hundred years of service clustering round her; for, then being named the Impregnable, as a ninety-eight gun ship she bore the proudest part at the battle of the Nile. When the Colborne was the first of two shore batteries at once she lost fifty of her men killed and 160 wounded, while her hull was riddled with shot. Think of her in all her glory on that August day ninety-four years ago, and compare her as the writer saw her one bitter winter's morning, heeling over to starboard, her towering stern and galleries all cut away, one tier only remaining, the ribs forking up at intervals like the uncoversed bones of a skeleton, and the port side white with the snow which had drifted on to her during the night—truly a melancholy sight and one long to be remembered!

To many the great ship had a disappointing appearance on deck, for to our eyes she was short and stumpy, giving no idea of the might and majesty which had been, but to go down through the hatches to the uncovered decks was to feel the naval traditions of England at their best. For here were the great beams, so low that even the man of average stature had to stoop, the square ports and, although the guns were gone, their runners and even the rings for the breaching and launching; one seemed to be far away in the early days of the nineteenth century—the decks crowded with young men, each with a coat of Col. Swoppe, the sister-in-law of Col. Swoppe, each of whom was given 141,600. Mrs. Frances Hyde, wife of Dr. E. C. Hyde, was given 127,000.

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When we will place on sale 50 dozen colored Neglige Shirts, made of the best French Zephyrs, English Oxfords and Chambrays, in sizes 15½, 16, 16½, 17 and 17½. Worth from \$2.00 to \$3.50.

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fell, the flickering light of the battle lanterns. It all seemed to live again, and as we went ashore the sorrowful feeling was uppermost that never again shall these stately ships float, and that, as year by year their numbers decrease, so will it be hard even to find men who can say that they have seen giant fabrics of the types which during the centuries have built up the sea power of the mighty empire.

BILIOUS HEADACHE Comes From Liver Derangements Which Are Thoroughly Overcome by DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

Headache is said to be the most useful pain in the world. It is a sort of fire alarm that warns you of something wrong with some organ of the body. Most frequently the trouble is indigestion and torpid liver and the pain arises from the poisoned blood passing through the arteries of the brain and head.

There is no cure for bilious headache, torpid liver and indigestion that can be compared to Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills, for prompt and certain results. This has been proven by so many thousands of letters published from time to time that everybody should know it by this time. Mr. Fred Hinz, Bradbury, Perth Co., Ont., writes: "I don't like to have my name in the papers, but feel out of justice to suffering humanity I should tell of the good I obtained from Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills and Ointment. "For years I was troubled a great deal with sick headaches and was often so bad that I could not work. Being advised to try Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills I did so and can say they have brought about a complete cure. From the first I found that one pill cured my headache quickly every time. I was also a victim of itching piles and found Dr. Chase's Ointment the most satisfactory treatment I ever used. It brought relief almost instantly. "You won't be satisfied with mere temporary relief when you know your headache can be completely cured by using Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers; or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

OREGON LAND CASES. Special Prosecutor Henry Will Confer With Attorney-General of United States.

San Francisco, Cal., March 5.—The subject of further procedure in the Oregon land-fraud cases will be discussed by Attorney-General Wickersham and Francis J. Heney, in the near future.

Heney has a communication from the attorney-general which directs him to go to Washington for a conference on the government cases. Heney intends to leave here next Monday. He does not know how long he will be detained in Washington, but does not expect to stay there more than a few weeks. After the prosecutor will return to San Francisco. Discussing the Hermann case, Heney said: "Since the trial of Binger Hermann on a charge of conspiring to defraud the United States, it has become necessary for me to consult with the attorney-general as to the future action to be taken by the federal government in these cases. It has been decided that Binger Hermann will be connected with the case which necessitate a personal discussion with the attorney-general. Colonel A. S. Wraythling, attorney for Hermann, will be in Washington at the same time as I am and the probabilities are that before I leave we will have arranged a date for the new trial."

THE SWOPE ESTATE. Kansas City, Mo., March 5.—Col. Thos. H. Swope owned property valued at \$1,443,700, according to his will which was probated yesterday. The largest bequests were made to the unmarried children of Mrs. Logan Swope, sister-in-law of Col. Swope, each of whom was given 141,600. Mrs. Frances Hyde, wife of Dr. E. C. Hyde, was given 127,000.

1910 Spring Millinery Opening 1910

SAURDAY, MARCH 5. To the Ladies of Victoria: You are cordially invited to attend our display of Spring Millinery, which includes all the latest creations from the best fashion centres of London, Paris and New York and excels any former showing.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Providence, R. I., March 5.—President Mallin of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and President Hays of the G. T. R., have been invited to attend a hearing on the application of the G. T. R. for a charter permitting the Canadian system to enter this state. The hearing will be held at the state house on March 11th.

PRISONER ATTACKS JAILER.

Spokane, Wash., March 5.—Becoming suddenly insane, Zachris Gyard, prisoner in the city jail, nearly choked Jailer Robert Wilson to death yesterday. In spite of the fact that several prisoners went to Wilson's assistance, they were not able to overpower the maniac until Officer Willis arrived on the scene and floored him with a terrific blow on the head.

MAGISTRATE SENTENCED.

New York, March 5.—Convicted of bribery, former City Magistrate Fur-long stood before the rail in the Supreme court yesterday and heard Judge Kapper sentence him to Sing Sing for an indeterminate time, the maximum of which is two years and a month and the minimum one year.

How to get a pure white loaf

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CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, having determined that it is desirable:

- 1. To grade Cook street between Pakington street and May street, and to pave said street with asphalt (according to the City Engineer's specification), and to construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides thereof, with curbs, gutters and boulevards (including maintenance), also including coat of sewer and surface drainage laterals. 2. To pave St. Charles street, from Fort street to Rockland avenue, with asphalt.

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the council, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the council,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the council may by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 2nd, 1910.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hutchison Bros. & Co., Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of areas plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part between the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway bridge and the Point Ellice bridge, being on the lands situated, lying and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered and described as Lot number thirteen (13), Black L. Harbor Estate, and that the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the making of the said declaration will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

Dated this third day of March, A.D. 1910. HUTCHISON BROS. & CO., LIMITED, Per J. H. MacEachern, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

The following is the result of butter-fat tests made by the Civic Inspector during the months of January and February, 1910, from samples of milk taken from various of the different vendors from business in the City of Victoria:

Table with columns: Name, Result. Includes entries for J. Rogers, J. S. Knowles, Finnelly & Sons, Geo. Rogers, Coaker, T. Smith, E. J. H. MacEachern, W. S. Wortwell, S. E. Palmer, Blackburn, G. Haldane, Humphries, Davis, G. Willard.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader. Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 60 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. In certain districts in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$10. per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres and erect house worth \$200.00.

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Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co.

CLEARED LANDS. The cleared lots at Qualicum Beach, Newcastle District are now on the market in tracts of from thirty to forty acres. For plans and prices apply to L. H. ROLLY, Land Agent, Victoria, or L. E. ALLEN, Local Agent, Parksville.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1909, AND THE UNDERSTANDING HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned hereby give notice that the one month term from date hereof, I will apply to F. R. Hetherington, Superintendent of provincial police, at Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors in the premises known as the "Globe Hotel," situated in Esquimalt District.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1910. W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

COMMISSION ON FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDINGS AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION

Much Opposition Has Developed to the Proposed Legislation

At yesterday afternoon's session of the insurance commission Mr. Shallcross again outlined what documentary evidence he would require from Mr. Bodwell.

Mr. Bodwell produced the by-laws of the "Underwriters' Association, while other documents asked for, he said, would be provided in due course. He explained that on his side it was not hoped that the commission would adopt all their recommendations. He could not produce a list of all the risks in Victoria as this would unnecessarily disclose the private business of individual companies. They could, however, get in the blue books the amount of insurance carried throughout the province.

The chairman said all that was required was information which would be "useful" to the commission. At the same time, this commission wanted to be fair to all parties.

Replying to the chairman Mr. Shallcross explained how necessary it was that the information be asked for should be forthcoming. There was an impression that Victorians had been paying an excessive rate. He insisted that as the bill was aiming at ridding all companies of a big license fee, it was only fair, that there should be an inquiry into the risks and losses of each company in British Columbia, so as to see if there was a guarantee of sufficient security. The least they could ask the commission to do was to find out what each company carried in the various cities throughout the province. If each company had securities sufficient to cover the maximum risks in the three largest cities, it might be assumed that they were sound in other parts of the province.

Mr. Bodwell thought Mr. Shallcross' inquiry was to be limited as to whether any change in the law was necessary as to getting better security for the insured. He claimed that if the act proposed was made into law the policy holder would be amply protected. Mr. Bodwell explained the proposal for the \$30,000 deposit. The very inquiry proposed by Mr. Shallcross was to be provided for by the act which was applied for.

Mr. Shallcross said the point he wanted to know was what guarantee was there for reinsurance after a great conflagration.

Chairman Lenzie thought the inquiry should be somewhat more limited than was indicated by arguments thus far. He read the instructions to the commission, and, continuing, said it was clear that they were to investigate the subject which had been before the government at the time the commission was issued. The inquiry could hardly be prolonged while companies were asked to supply information which it would take a long time to get.

Mr. Bodwell wanted to know what Mr. Shallcross proposed to do when he got the information he was asking for. Mr. Shallcross replied at some length. The question of security was of vital importance to the policy-holder, and until it was known what were the sur-

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plus assets of each company, no opinion could be formed as to what would be adequate securities. Mr. Bodwell said the one point to be considered was what security was necessary for the companies doing business in the province to have. The chairman said if Mr. Shallcross would give him the names of the agents he would have them subpoenaed. It was finally decided that Mr. Shallcross should put in a requisition of what he wanted. Chris Spencer was next called by Mr. Shallcross. He said he at one time carried a great deal with local companies, about \$50,000. At the time of the fire at their stores there had a little difficulty in adjusting the loss; but there was no difficulty in getting the amount awarded by the adjusters. Some of the companies cancelled their policies after the fire. They got their necessary insurance from Lloyd's. Had it not been for Lloyd's they would probably not have had any insurance. They got \$75,000 worth of insurance from Lloyd's. Referring to the Nanaimo store, Mr. Spencer said the insurance was carried by local companies at Vancouver the policies were scattered around. They gave some business to the mutual companies. The maximum rate paid in Victoria was much less than the board companies. Mr. Spencer explained at some length how the system of interim insurance worked. Asked if he had difficulty with foreign companies as a result of the late Vancouver fire he answered in the affirmative and explained that amounts carried by four companies had not yet been paid. He did not know if these companies were licensed to do business in Canada. If these companies had been represented by an adjuster he believed there would have been no trouble. He had not lost faith in foreign companies. He was not in favor of shutting out foreign companies, and claimed his business would suffer if such were done. To Mr. Bodwell Mr. Spencer said he had not yet collected the amounts due from these companies—about \$5,000. Legal proceedings had been instituted. An amount to Victoria the loss had been adjusted as quickly as possible, though he knew of cases where less time had been occupied. If the rates were satisfactory they could get all their insurance from board companies, but they got better rates now owing to the competition from outside companies. Mr. Shallcross Mr. Spencer said after the fire in Victoria they got all the insurance they required from Lloyd's. Had they been confined to licensed companies they could not, he believed, have got any insurance to any large amount. Mr. Bodwell explained that the proposed act did stipulate that a firm could not go outside the province for insurance if the local companies did not wish to take the risk. Col. Hall, of the Victoria Chemical works, was next examined. He was opposed to the proposed bill, which in his opinion aimed at making a monopoly. He wanted to do his business as he wished, especially where he was prepared to assume the risk. He was against special privileges to any particular line of business. Col. Hall cited his experience with board companies and foreign companies. He corroborated the views of other witnesses that better rates could be obtained from outside companies. He had found Lloyd's a very satisfied customer. He claimed the board companies, if not a monopoly, were aiming at establishing a monopoly. He cited at length his company's experience with the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters. The commission sits again this morning. At Seattle, Eng., a woman whose name appeared on the parliamentary register by mistake was allowed to record a vote for the Conservative candidate. A Liberal objection was lodged.

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FIGHTING FOR PRINCE'S FORTUNE

STRANGE STORY COMES FROM BERLIN

Tribulations of a Prince in Life and Dispute Following His Death

(H. A. White, Berlin correspondent of the United Press.)
Berlin, March 5.—The whole of Western Europe is excited over the fight for the fortune of Prince Oginsky which will shortly be fought out in the courts of law.
Prince Oginsky was a millionaire and the last of his line. In addition to his great fortune he owned huge estates both in Germany and Russia. He was married to the daughter of Count Potulitsky, a Russian nobleman.
His marriage was extremely un-

ARE TO ORDER STREET LAMPS

CITY COUNCIL TO CALL FOR TENDERS

Acting City Engineer Bryson Estimates Street Expenditure for the Year

Prior to regular business at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the council the board was waited on by a deputation of property-owners on Douglas and Yates streets, who desired some information as to when the work of improving those thoroughfares would be undertaken.
Capt. A. C. MacCallum was spokesman for those from Douglas street and Sylvester Bros. those on Yates street. It was explained to the committee that the last council had authorized the work of paving and the erection of

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20 MENZIE STREET, splendid dwelling of 6 rooms, modern, close to cars and Dallas Rd.\$40
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With the object of getting some photographs showing how great has been the damage done to the foreshore

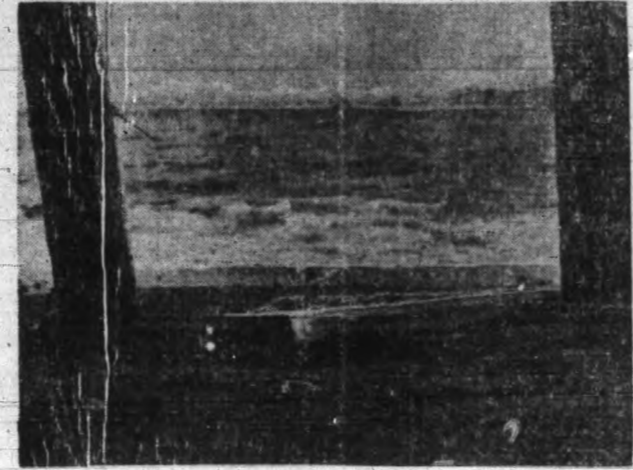
the city council in an effort to find a remedy. A couple of years ago a wooden barrier was erected, but it is now almost entirely destroyed and the sea has free play against the bank, which is rapidly being eaten away.

A few weeks ago G. H. Bryson, acting city engineer, proposed to the city council that another attempt be made to erect a barrier; and an appropriation was made for the purpose, but owing to the prevalence of bad weather it has been impossible to go ahead with the work. The situation is now so very serious, however, that some heroic measures will have to be adopted unless Victoria is to experience one of the most painful and shameful occurrences conceivable.

Those familiar with the situation feel that inasmuch as bad weather may be expected to prevail for some weeks yet, as it is customary to have heavy winds during the spring months, the best thing that can be done is to



RAVAGES OF SEA AT ROSS BAY.



PIERS OF SEA WALL SHOWING PLANKING ALL GONE.—HEAD STONE IS SHOWN LYING ON SAND.

happy. The pair never agreed and finally, two years before the count's death, his wife, in conjunction with the count's brother-in-law, Count Potulitsky, and a Count Salusky, had the count certified insane and placed in a foreign asylum.

During all his unhappy marital disputes Prince Oginsky had a great friend in General Vonlanjarsky. The general strongly resented the attempt to put the prince away, and went so far as to denounce the princess, her brother and Count Salusky as conspirators against the unfortunate nobleman.

Almost simultaneously with the incarceration of the prince in the asylum, General Vonlanjarsky was murdered at Warsaw.

The next action of the drama was a letter addressed by the prince in the asylum to the nephew of the murdered general, Captain Vonlanjarsky. The prince wrote that he had previously designated the murdered general's property to the greater part of his property, and that this property would now pass to Captain Vonlanjarsky.

The captain received this letter, but subsequently it was stolen from him in a mysterious manner.

A little later Prince Oginsky was removed from the asylum to his estate at Ratovo, Russia. He wrote to the captain asking him to visit him there at once. The captain immediately left St. Petersburg for Ratovo, but on arrival at the railway station he received a telegram informing him that the prince had just died.

Nevertheless he went on with his journey and at Wilna was met by Count Potulitsky, who detained him there for several hours. He was just about to step on the train for Ratovo when he received another wire to the effect that Prince Oginsky had been interred in the family vault at Ratovo and his widow could receive no visitors.

Captain Vonlanjarsky proceeded to obtain a copy of the death certificate. The doctors had certified that the prince had died from acute inflammation of the intestines. The captain now suggests that the doctors were bribed to conceal the real causes of death.

A Roman Catholic priest, Father Dombrowsky, had care of Prince Oginsky's will, wherein Captain Vonlanjarsky was made heir to the greater part of his estates and fortune, and also containing a codicil asking the captain to assume the now extinct title of Prince Oginsky.

Captain Vonlanjarsky gave the will to the proper authorities in St. Petersburg and obtained the permission of the czar to use the title of Prince Oginsky.

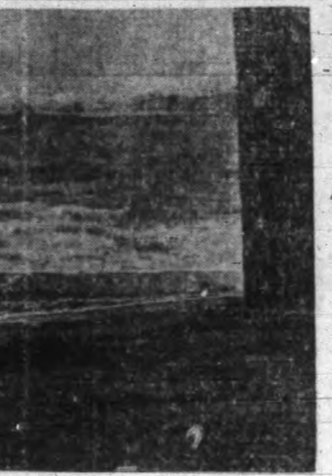
Then came a fresh sensation. Count Salusky produced another will whereby he was made heir to Prince Oginsky. Neither of the wills contained any provision for the widow, but Prince Oginsky left documents denouncing her as the cause of all the unhappiness. The fight between the rival claimants will shortly commence in the courts, and it is expected that all the mysterious circumstances attending the case will be cleared up.

SAVINGS BANK BILL

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The Cummins amendment to the postal savings bank bill was defeated in the Senate today by a vote of 49 to 18. The amendment sought to prevent the removal of money from the banks for the purchase of government bonds except in the event of war.

An amendment offered by Senator Borah, providing that these funds of the banks should not be invested in state bonds or other securities paying less than 2½ per cent. interest, was carried. Under this amendment it will be impossible to invest in the two-per cent. government bonds. The vote on the Borah amendment was 44 ayes to 11 noes.

Flowers can now be kept by freezing. They are picked in the bud, and preserved by refrigerator while being transported. When unpacked and placed in water they slowly awaken and come into full bloom.



PIERS OF SEA WALL SHOWING PLANKING ALL GONE.—HEAD STONE IS SHOWN LYING ON SAND.

rows of ornamental lamps, and they urged that it was desirable to have the work taken in hand at once.

Capt. MacCallum submitted a number of tenders which had been received for the lighting system. The prices quoted were as follows: Victoria Machinery Depot, \$69 each; Marine Iron Works, \$55.50; E. A. Earl & Co., London, \$47.75 without globes or wiring, or \$58.45 complete; Hutchinson Bros., \$73.50; Findlay, Durham & Brodie, \$72.50; wiring and globes not included, \$33 complete; Hayward & D'Orda, \$78, with globes of larger size, \$86 and \$98.

The figures are based on the production of but sixty lights. After some discussion, on motion of Mayor Morley, it was decided to call for tenders for 200 pillars and lamp attachments, his worship pointing out that inasmuch as other of the leading thoroughfares of the city would be similarly improved it would be better to place a larger order than would serve immediate requirements. Then again, by ordering in large quantities it would possibly perhaps to get a lower quotation. It was decided that the bids be confined to local firms.

Acting City Engineer Bryson sub-

mitted his estimate of the sum required for street maintenance for the present year—\$47,500. Last year the amount appropriated was \$50,000, but not all of that sum was used for the purpose for which it was voted. The report was laid over for further consideration. The estimates for the year for all departments are now in and will be presented to the City Council on Monday evening.

Ald. Ross urged the opening up of the crossing over the old Esquimalt road, but objected to it being done on the local improvement plan. After some discussion it was decided to get further information on the matter which will be helpful to the committee.

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of Ross Bay cemetery, owing to the inroads of the sea, a Times man visited the scene on Thursday last. A shocking sight met his gaze, and the relation of the mere facts ought to rouse the civil authorities to immediate action to remedy a situation which is as disgraceful as it is intolerable.

The shore line for a considerable distance in front of the cemetery is strewn with portions of coffins—head boards, parts of skeletons. There were

have the bodies close to the shore line removed to a safe distance. It is said that the large number of coffins containing bodies are in danger of falling down on the beach at any moment. The matter should engage the attention of the city council at its meeting on Monday evening.

The conditions existing are not described in detail in this article as they are simply disgraceful. The council should not delay a single day in righting affairs there.



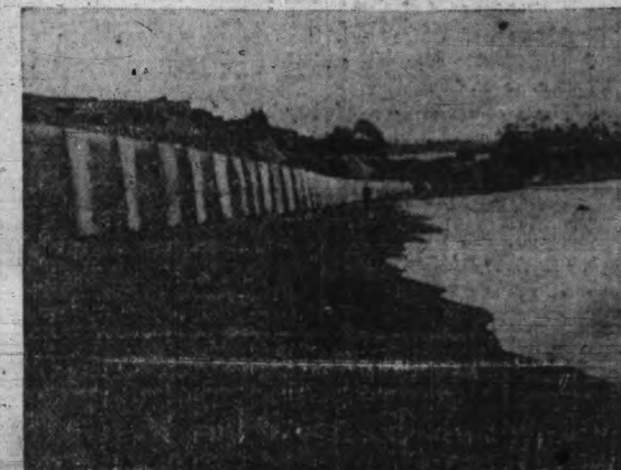
LOOKING UP AT WASTING CLIFF OF CEMETERY.

a number of children on the beach at the time of his visit and they were handling bones which form part of the human anatomy. Grave stones have fallen from the bank above and are lying on the beach.

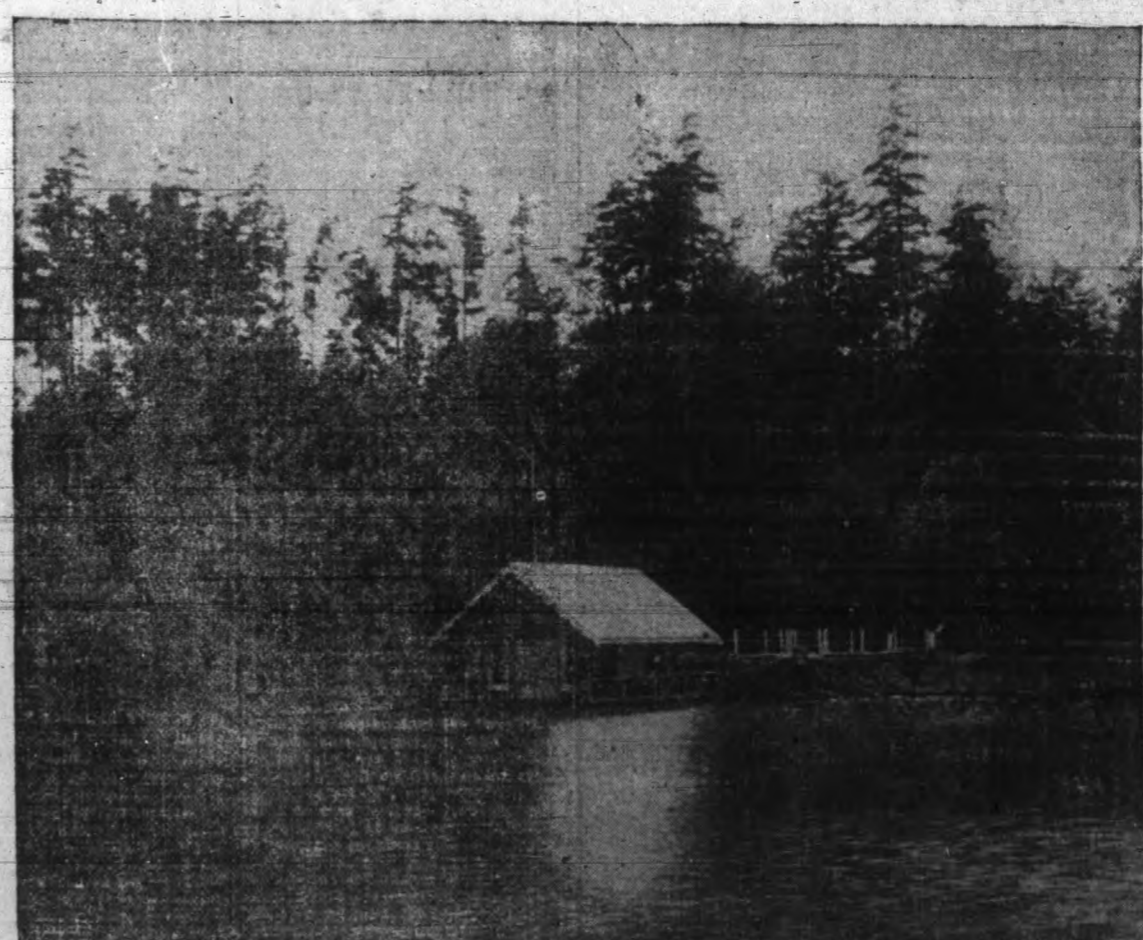
During each winter for several years past there have been reports in circulation as to the tremendous damage that has been done to the foreshore at Ross Bay, owing to the waves dashing with violence against the city, and some puny efforts have been made by

CRETAN DIFFICULTY

Rome, March 5.—Crown Prince Constantine of Greece arrived here yesterday in the strictest incognito, and asked for an audience with King Victor Emmanuel. He wished to admit to his majesty the situation in Greece and to request the assistance of Italy's influence in the solution of the Cretan question, upon which may depend the peace of Greece and the stability of the monarchy.



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ANGLICAN

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdette avenue. Order of services:

Morning.
Organ-Postlude..... Gullmant
Venite..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum..... Benedictus..... Langdon
Anthem..... Pauline, 4
Kyrle.....
Hymns..... 494, 26 and 342
Evensong.

Organ-Andante..... Hatiste
Psalm-As set..... Cathedral Psalter
Nunc Dimittis..... Felton
Anthem..... 115, 46 and 497
Vesper-8..... Gover
Organ-Postlude..... Gullmant

St. James', Quebec street, corner of St. John's. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

Morning service at 11 a. m. celebration of the holy communion at 12 children's service at 4 p. m. evening service at 7. The music follows:

Morning.
Organ Voluntary..... Cathedral Psalter
Venite and Psalms..... Cathedral Psalter
Benedictus..... Skemington
Gloria..... Langdon
Hymns..... 464 and 417
Kyrle..... MS.
Organ-Andante..... Bridge-water
Communion Hymn..... 222
Nunc Dimittis..... Felton
Organ Voluntary..... Hatiste

St. John's, corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets. Preachers: Morning, Rev. Percival Jenks, the rector; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley A.P.C.M. The music follows:

Morning.
Organ-Postlude..... Hatiste
Venite..... Woodward
Deus Misereatur..... Lyttleton
Hymns..... 268, 267 and 224
Kyrle..... MS.
Vesper Hymns..... Caffie
Organ Voluntary..... Hatiste

St. Barnabas', corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m. matins at 10.30 a. m., choral eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m., children's service at 2.30 p. m., choral evensong at 7 p. m. Rev. W. B. Allan, rector of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, will be the preacher at the morning service, and the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller at evensong. All seats are free and unappropriated. The musical arrangements are as follows:

Morning.
Organ-Postlude..... Handel
Communion Service..... Maunder in G
Hymns..... 315, 322, 318 and 224
Offertory Anthem..... Maunder
Nunc Dimittis..... St. John
Organ-Postlude..... Rink

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner of Humilit and Blanchard streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. Geo. W. Gladstone. Morning subject, "Last Ye Be Weary and Faint in Your Mind"; evening, "Sonship." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at morning service. Liturgical, Bible and organ, 11 a. m. Sunday, prayer and exposition, 8 p. m. Friday, Bible reading, 8.30 p. m. The music follows:

Morning.
Organ-Andante..... Hatiste
Venite and Psalm-As set..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum-21st Morning..... Mercer
Benedictus.....
Hymn..... 156
Kyrle-V..... Mercer
Hymns..... 354, A & N 239, 419
Evensong.

METHODIST

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora avenue and Quadra street. Pastor, T. E. Holling.

11 a. m., public worship, anthem, "The O Lord, Is the Greatest"; 2.30 p. m., Metropolitan Sabbath school; 2.45 p. m., Spring Ridge Sabbath school; 7.30 p. m., public worship, anthem, "O, Lord, the Lord," Barnickett; chorus, "O, Lord, Go and Go Forth to War." Rev. W. H. Gould, of Vancouver, will preach both morning and evening. All cordially invited. Strangers and visitors specially welcome.

Centennial, Gorge road. Rev. A. Henderson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services. Morning subject, "The Seraphs of Faith"; evening subject, "Baptism Teaching." Morning anthem, "Oh, Be Joyful"; evening anthem, "Oh, Paradise!"

CONGREGATIONAL

First, corner Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., who will also preach. Morning theme, "Come Ye Apart—Jesus as Healer." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the morning service. Subject of evening sermon, "The Open Eye." Bible school, men's own Bible class and adult Bible class for women at 2.30 p. m. Y. P. S. subject, "Development of the Church." Sunday at 8 p. m., subject, "Christ Our Guide." Tuesday, men's own omitted in favor of S. S. convention. Wednesday at 7.15 p. m., Junior O. E. meeting. Thursday at 8 p. m., prayer meeting, followed by teachers' meeting. Friday at 7.30, "Boy Scouts." Friends, visitors and strangers cordially welcomed.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel, corner of Gladstone Avenue and Fernwood road. Services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. William Stevenson. Morning at 11. "The Lost Art of Christianity," evening at 7.30. "The Restoration of All Things." Sunday school and Bible classes for all ages at 2.30. Pastor's class for young women, 2.30; subject, "The Inspiration of the Bible." B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m.; election of officers. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m. Strangers welcomed. The Sunday music follows:

Morning.
Holy, Holy, Holy.....
Hymn 46—Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun.....
Hymn 576—Children's Hymn.....
Organ-Andante..... Hatiste
Hymn 327—We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps.....
Evensong.
Hymn 421—Onward, Christian Soldiers.....
Anthem—How Sorely We Zion, G. F. Root
Hymn 317—Lead, Kindly Light.....
Organ—Have Mercy, O Lord..... Mozart
Hymn 96—Sun of My Soul.....

First, Victoria hall, Blanchard street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pulpit will be occupied morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Everton, of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, Vancouver. Sunday school, First, Victoria West and Burnside, at 2.30 o'clock. Men's Baraca class in A. O. W. building, and ladies' Philanthropia classes at same hour. B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.

Tabernacle, corner of Fairfield road and Chester street. Rev. F. T. Tapscott, M. A., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Themes: Morning—"The Throckmorton Conviction of the Holy Spirit—The Conviction of Judgment on Hell as a Penalty—Is It Reformatory?" Mr. Birle will sing on Monday evening. The B. Y. P. U. hold a preliminary meeting, topic, "Mediaeval Missions—St. Patrick and His Mission." A general invitation is given to this interesting service. On Wednesday evening a meeting will be held of those interested in the formation of a men's club.

PRESBYTERIAN

St. Andrew's, corner of Douglas and Broughton streets. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school, 2.30. Bible class, 3. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will be the preacher for the day. Strangers heartily welcome. The musical selections follow:

Morning.
Voluntary—Communion in E Minor..... Hatiste
Psalm.....
Solo—The Plains of Peace..... Bernard
Mr. Melville
Hymns..... 132 and 162
Voluntary—Offertory in F..... Gladstone
Evensong.
Voluntary—Hymn Credo..... Grey
Psalm.....
Anthem—From Egypt's Bondage Come.....
Hymns..... 251 and 376
Solo—How Willing My Paternal Love..... Handel
Mr. Mitchell
Voluntary—Heaven and Earth Display..... Mendelssohn

St. Paul's, corner of Henry and Mary streets, Victoria West. D. MacFarlane, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Rev. A. McConnell, of Westminster Hall, Vancouver, will conduct both services. Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. Y. P. U. will meet immediately at close of evening service. All young people are cordially invited.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain or snow.
Lower Mainland—Southerly and westerly winds, chiefly cloudy, with occasional snow or rain.
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.91; temperature, 27; minimum, 24; wind, 34 miles S. W.; rain, .29; weather, part cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.84; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .22; weather, cloudy.
Nanaimo—Wind, 12 miles N. W.; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.56; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .02; weather, part cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.56; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, part cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.
Fort Simpson—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, 22; minimum, 30; wind, 14 miles S. E.; snow, .02; weather, snow.

The watches of the police force will probably be rearranged from 6 a. m. and 4 p. m. and midnight until 7 a. m.

3 p. m. and 11 p. m. The alteration will be a convenience for the men it is thought by the authorities.

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THE VOTE

By Mary Marsh in the
Victoria Daily Times

"Remember that every vote counts," said Sir George Midas, as he sat breakfasting with his wife and his sister-in-law, Betty Dryden, who had come to help him during the few days that were to elapse before his election.

"Every vote" queried the incredulous Betty, with an intonation that left no doubt as to her American origin. "Yes, every vote," emphasized Sir George. "The fight grows fiercer every day. The worst of these scattered constituencies is that it is only as one approaches the finish that one appreciates one's difficulties. Clarkson, the agent, prophesies a bare majority—fifty at the most—think twenty-five nearer the mark!"

Lady Midas gave a forlorn little sigh. "Oh, dear! George, whatever shall we do if we lose? Really, I begin to wish you'd never got up. If these people can be so ungrateful as not to elect you after all the trouble you have taken, and all the money we've spent, I shall be quite ready to have nothing more to do with them. It's my belief that all electors are ungrateful," she went on dimly, "for the only complaint that I hear about our opponent, Lord Henry Hemming, is that he never spends a penny in the constituency, and that he only stands because he wants a well-paid political post."

"According to you, then, if he were as rich as he is popular, I'd stand small chance of winning?" laughed Sir George. "Yes, but that doesn't mean he is going to win all the same," cried Betty. "Of course, you'll win, George. You trust me to get the men to the poll, even if I never go to bed between now and Friday."

Sir George lay back in his chair and laughed.

"That's right—that's the spirit that wins," he said. "And the result really does lie with you canvassers, and how you bring your voters up. By the way, has either of you canvassed the south side of the river yet? I hear my opponent has got a den down there where he lives all the summer, so securing a vote in the constituency, and incidentally converting all the boatmen to his way of thinking, do go and see what you can do there."

"If only Lord Henry weren't so well known; if only he and Lady Grace weren't so popular," groaned Lady Midas, still full of despair. "She is canvassing in all directions, I hear."

"Well, even if Lady Grace is canvassing for her brother, I've got you two working for me, and I'll lay a wager that Columbia's daughters can hold their own against an English title any day. All I say is, do your best, and don't forget that every vote counts, and good-natured Sir George bustled off to attend to the many duties awaiting him.

Thus it was that Betty found herself on the south side of the river an hour or so later, preparatory to the great canvass which she felt confident was

all-important to her brother-in-law's chance of parliamentary honors. It was not until her motor has disappeared to do another journey before picking her up in an hour's time that she suddenly remembered the canvass cards had never been given her, and she did not even know the name of the person upon whom she had volunteered to call.

STILL, this did not deter her. She would visit every house and do her best to secure workers, as well as votes, she thought. She made a charming picture in her warm furs, with an absurd specimen of canvas, and she was decorated with a huge bow of pale blue ribbons, and known as "Grandpa," tucked under one arm.

Grandpa accompanied Betty everywhere, he was her lucky mascot. His smart bow and his beautiful behavior would, according to his mistress's account, win the hearts of all the voters.

But to-day Betty's luck was out. In vain she and Grandpa entered one big boathouse after another; men and masters alike were all staunch supporters of the opposite side. A little crestfallen, she came to the last house, a small bungalow that stood alone. It had been a horrid morning, she told herself, tired with canvassing, and sick with disappointment at her many rejections. To add to her misery, she felt sure it was going to rain, and looking at the huge black cloud over her head, she could not possibly return for at least half an hour.

Perhaps she could shelter in the porch of the bungalow—even if its inmates were politically as disagreeable as her neighbors, surely they would not refuse that.

Wrapping her furs more closely, Betty dropped Grandpa, and knocked at the door. There was no response; she knocked again and again. Suddenly she became aware of a disturbance behind her. Grandpa was barking as shrilly and as voraciously as only Grandpa could bark when he sighted a stranger. Turning round, Betty saw that he had clambered out to the end of the ferry boat that was lying across the river, and from the boys was barking with pugnacious energy at a young man in a canoe.

For a minute the scene amused her, but a moment later Grandpa had overbalanced, and was struggling in the icy water, and for her alarm, she realized that the young man had disappeared after him. Before Betty quite realized what had happened, two dripping figures were shivering upon the bank at her side.

Her relief was, however, mingled with consternation. Hugging Grandpa, who, wet and shivering, had been dived into her keeping, she turned to the stranger. "How awfully brave of you!" she exclaimed, "but, oh, dear! oh, dear! I'm afraid you're most dreadfully wet."

The obviousness of the remark set them both laughing. "That's just what I was thinking," he said. "I'm going in to change, won't you come in and dry your dog, and shelter?" He pointed to the snow that already had begun to fall, and as he spoke he opened the inhospitable-looking door, and called: "Here, Brown, you've been not answering the door? Have you got a big fire?"

"Oh, Mr. Henry," exclaimed the old woman who came at his bidding, "wherever have you been?"

"In the river," he said shortly, "so has this lady's dog. By the way," and he turned to Betty with a laugh—"his smart election-how is it today? I fear I grabbed him by the tail, and it came off in my hand," said Betty, in some confusion. "I've come to canvass you."

"Well," he implored, "let me change into something dry, and then I am at your service." He led the way into a room in which a fire blazed, and, drawing up a chair for his guest, he disappeared, leaving a trail of water to mark his progress.

"Here's a nice good-cambit," thought Betty, her quick eyes taking in the occupation of the literature that was scattered in all directions. "Here am I in the enemy's camp; but who knows? I may make a convert, and as George says, every vote counts."

She had thrown aside her furs and was kneeling on the rug trying to dry Grandpa with a minute face-egg'd handkerchief. Presently the old woman returned with a blanket. "Mr. Henry sent this for the dog, miss," she said. "If you'll excuse me, I'll go and see to his things," and she disappeared.

"Well, it's something to know your host's name," was Betty's comment, as she tucked Grandpa up in the dry blanket, and made a bed for him on her lap. By the time her host reappeared, she was drying the length of bedraggled ribbon.

"I am quite ready to listen to all your arguments," he announced with a smile, thinking how pretty she looked, and unceremoniously cutting short her thanks. "I really am interested to hear all you have to say."

"That's more than your neighbors were," she said with a laugh. "And judging by these," she indicated the bills and pamphlets strewn about, "I feared you were like them and my labor might be in vain."

"Perhaps you can convert me," he said, watching her and admiring her white hands with their sparkling rings, as they toyed with the almost dry ribbon, for Betty was by no means proof against nervousness. Her voice trembled palpably as she put forth her somewhat confused arguments. But it was a pretty voice, soft and low-pitched, and as voraciously as only Grandpa could bark when he sighted a stranger.

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His conscience smote him. He made an effort to tell her the truth. "But I'm not at all sure if I'm going to use my vote," he said. "You see, it's like this—"

"Oh, but you must," Betty interrupted him eagerly. "Every vote is going to count this election."

"Is it?" he asked. "Yes, indeed, George impressed that on me this morning. You see, I'm his sister-in-law, and I'm terribly anxious he shall win," she exclaimed, "I'm working ever so hard."

"But still, I—see, I can't promise to vote because—"

"Well, but I shall make it my business to make you vote," she laughed. "By the time you've read all those papers I'm going to bring you to-morrow you'll understand how important it is. You will read them, won't you?" she pleaded.

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haps you might be in then if I called." "Of course I will." The joyousness of his tone rang in her ears all the way home.

"I think I've made a conquest," she announced to Lady Midas that night. "That doubtful voter" said her sister-in-law, "you've taken trouble enough, I'm sure; like George, you evidently believe that every vote counts?" "Yes," said Betty; but it was not of his vote she was thinking just then.

He found it no easy task to get back in time for tea. It had meant leaving an important meeting of women to be addressed by the visiting Lady Grace. It had also meant rather unceremoniously shaking off an ardent supporter who tried to buttonhole him; and incidentally, he had disappointed his agent by forgetting all about paying a promised visit to the coastguard station, where there were four uncertain votes to be secured.

But the trouble was well worth the while, he told himself, as he watched her pouring out tea and feeding Grandpa with nice morsels of teacake and listening to her triumphant paean of the victory that was to be theirs.

And yet, only that very morning Carter had most definitely assured him that the victory, though hard fought, would most assuredly be his.

It was only after she returned home again she remembered, with a guilty pang, that she had never once mentioned the all-important subject of his vote; also that she had lost her opportunity for polling began at 8 o'clock the next morning. Fortune, however, favored her. They met next day by chance, outside a polling booth.

Immediately he was conscious of a change. Her joyous confidence was gone; reaction had set in, and sat heavily upon Betty's fair face. "I believe that hateful man is going to win, after all," she said, with a desponding droop, and something that looked like coming tears in her blue eyes.

Her mood was new to him; hitherto her gaiety had been her chief charm in his eye; but the new mood appealed even more strongly to him than the old. "I never thought I'd want a vote like a silly Suffragette," she said, "but I'd give anything to have one now. I believe we're going to lose."

"Surely you weren't trying to canvass Lord Henry, Betty?" said her brother-in-law as he helped her into the car. "Why?" said Betty, a little bewildered.

"Lord Henry Hemming. What were you and he talking about?" "Not—not your opponent?" gasped Betty faintly, feeling the earth spinning round her, and thankful that at that moment some one claimed her brother-in-law's attention and she and Lady Midas were left to drive away before the last voter to enter the booth had had time to make his reappearance.

All that Betty suffered that day seemed nothing compared with the long-drawn-out agony of waiting to hear the result announced.

That there should need to be a recount seemed to her a special form of torture; but when she heard that a second had been demanded she felt the suspense was not to be borne. Sitting with Lady Midas and their friends in the sitting-room of the little county town hotel awaiting the result, knowing that Lady Grace and her friends were suffering the same agony on a floor below, did not tend to quiet her overwrought nerves.

When at length the figures did go up on the great board opposite, she could not look at them. Instinctively she shut her eyes, and was conscious of a low roar of disappointment from the crowd beneath that was followed by cheer upon cheer for Sir George, who had won by a single vote.

An hour later the successful candidate was ready to start home. His motor was throbbing at the door; a crowd of his supporters were still cheering lustily.

"Where is Betty?" asked Lady Midas. "Where is Betty?" echoed her husband, and they both went back to their sitting-room to look for the truant. But no Betty was to be seen. Instead, to their astonishment, they found Lady Grace.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. Walker left for Vancouver last night.

Mrs. Prentice is on a visit to Vancouver.

John D. Lilico of Vancouver, is in the city.

C. H. Gillis returned to Vancouver last night.

Miss Abbott arrived from Seattle yesterday.

Miss Mellett is visiting friends in Vancouver.

J. W. Stewart went over to Vancouver last night.

R. M. Palmer left for Vancouver last night on business.

F. Wyatt returned to this city yesterday from Seattle.

F. Kermode left last night on business for Vancouver.

J. L. Lawson left on the Royal last night for the Sound.

J. B. Morris is leaving to-morrow night for Vancouver.

F. B. Fisher of Port Angeles, is in Victoria on business.

Mr. Justice Clement left last night for the Terminal city.

R. M. Hamilton of Calgary, Alta., is on a visit to this city.

A. H. Ingram left last night on his return trip to Vancouver.

Gus Porter went over last night to Seattle on a business trip.

Capt. Johnson of Sidney, arrived in town yesterday on business.

T. R. Dunn was a passenger for Seattle last night on the Royal.

H. Bayfield crossed over to Vancouver last night's Princess.

Dr. Robertson will leave on Monday evening on a visit to England.

W. Farrell went over on the Charlotte last night to Vancouver.

Capt. Bellairs went over to Vancouver last night on the Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans left last night on a visit to Portland, Ore.

C. W. Cameron sailed for the mainland last night on the Charlotte.

A. T. Crampton will leave to-morrow night on a business trip to Vancouver.

J. F. Weber arrived from Seattle yesterday afternoon on the Princess Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown leave on to-morrow night's Princess for Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallett were passengers from Seattle on the Royal yesterday.

Mrs. Thos. Cusack of Kingston street, was among yesterday's hostesses.

W. H. Gardner went over on the Princess Charlotte last night to Vancouver.

J. T. Reid left via the Northern Pacific last night on a business trip to Portland, Ore.

H. F. James and W. H. Lane were passengers from Seattle on the Princess Royal yesterday.

C. C. Bethune went over to Vancouver last night, where he will spend several days on business.

McMillin, who has been absent from this city for some time, returned yesterday afternoon.

L. W. Shattford was among last night's passengers on the Princess Charlotte for Vancouver.

Miss Jenkins will leave to-morrow night for Vancouver, where she will spend some time visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Miss Craig were among yesterday's arrivals from the Sound on the Princess Royal.

Among last night's passengers for Seattle on the Princess Charlotte were J. Hopp, H. R. Selig and W. Lolla.

E. Lennox left last night on the North Coast Limited and the Cunard liner Lusitania, on a visit to England.

H. W. Willis of Winnipeg, who has been in this city for several days on business, left last night for Vancouver.

Miss Walker, who has been in Seattle for the past few days on a visit, returned to this city yesterday afternoon.

THE EVENING CHIT-CHAT

Are you a collector? Not necessarily of stamps or birds' eggs or any of the conventional things, but just of something? If you aren't you are missing one of the sources of happiness that life has to offer.

Did you ever see a book collector exulting over some old folio he had recently added to his collection? Did you ever see two autograph-hunters comparing notes on some new acquisition in the way of great people's pen track signatures? If you have, you have seen a simple way to get a lot of happiness.

The safest happiness is of course that which is founded on the most interests, because then it is not entirely destroyed when two or three of them flag or fall.

I know a retired newspaper man, one of the greatest interests of whose otherwise rather simple and colorless life is the collection of autographs which he started when he began his newspaper work.

All the notable personages whom he met in the course of his long career were asked to put their names in the book and the result is a splendid collection in whose possession and enlarging he still finds continual pleasure.

A collection like this carries itself on by its own momentum. The only hard thing is to get it started, or rather to get it past that dangerous reaction that usually follows the enthusiasm of the start.

Of course a collection doesn't need to be intrinsically valuable to be a source of happiness. Indeed, I know few better things to collect than a scrapbook full of "quoted odes, and jewels, five words long."

That on the stretched forefinger of all time sparkle forever.

Why I wonder, do so few people have the scrapbook habit nowadays? In our grandmothers' day I think every woman had a scrapbook.

Most of us have one of those books still tucked away in a drawer or cupboard—dead, time-yellowed old things, filled with clippings from "The Ladies' Repository" and "Every Saturday."

In the sweet-ol'-fashioned writing that seems almost to exude a faint fragrance of rose leaves and Sweet William and pimpernel from its quaint slants and curves.

And on the margins are the finger marks of our childish hands made when mother set us ake grandmother's scrapbook of a rainy afternoon.

Tell me, pray, what are the grandchildren of this scrapbookless age going to do on rainy afternoons?

A gradual collection of sets of books is another source of much pleasure. Start your child with two or three of Scott's or Dickens' or Shakespeare's works and see what pleasure he will take in gradually completing the set.

And then the habit of collecting should be acquired for profit as well as for amusement.

For instance, there is no housewife but would do well to systematically collect all the good ideas and recipes and suggestions that she hears or reads.

There is no business or professional man who would not do well to build up a file of ideas and information regarding his business or profession.

There is doubtless some kind of collection that would profit or amuse you.

Of course I don't know what it is but you do, so why don't you start it to-morrow?

Or better still, to-day?

HINTS IN CANDY MAKING

Some of the candy that is supposed to be pure because it is home-made is so bad both to look at and to eat that one wonders why girls do not learn to make appetizing sweets while about it.

Three things are necessary in making nice candy of any kind—good materials, correct proportions, and watchfulness.

Coarse, cheap sugar, bad butter, and stale nuts or chocolate freedom one to failure. Better make smaller quantities.

When you have a recipe, follow it exactly. Weigh or measure; do not guess or trust to the eye.

There are candy makers who boast that they never make a thing twice alike, and talk boastfully of being born cooks. Usually that is the candy you will do well to shun.

But you may have the best recipes put together without hit or miss methods, and still fail in results unless you have the patience to watch candy carefully as it cooks.

Except in making fondant, constant stirring is necessary. You may grow impatient just for a minute, and in that lapse the mixture burns.

Equally important is it to take off the candy at the physiological moment. Too soon will mean a gluey mass that is a joy to the dentist, not soon enough, you not only risk breaking of teeth, but ruin the flavor of the sweet by making it strong.

Different kinds of candy need different tests. Fudge, for instance, should be taken from the fire when it will just hold together in a ball when dropped into cold water. The reasons so much fudge is not creamy is that it is cooked too long.

To test candies that are to be brittle, cook until the mixture snaps when put into cold water. Another test for meringue taffy is that it should make a clean path to the bottom of the kettle when the spoon is drawn through it.

It is in making fondants that most girls slip up. This is the basis of all sorts of interesting candies, as it is used in combination with nuts, dates, raisins, ginger, candied fruit, chocolate and various syrups. It is also moulded around fresh fruit, as grapes and strawberries.

There are several kinds of fondant. The simplest and most quickly made is the unboiled. This is made from confectioner's sugar, not the ordinary pulverized, which is coarser, and white of egg. Add to the white of egg as much cold water as will be held by an eggshell. Stir in the sugar, which has first been sifted, until a paste is formed thick enough to form into balls without sticking to the fingers.

The chief difficulty with fondant is making the paste too dry. If it seems stiff, thin with a little more water or a lump of ice stirred in gradually. A drop or two of vanilla or a little lemon juice may be used as a flavoring.

The fondant found in all French creams is prepared by boiling a pound of granulated sugar with a half pint of cold water and a third of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar until it forms a soft ball in laced water.

Do not stir while cooking and be sure not to boil too long, or it will be grainy instead of creamy. Allow the mixture to cool for several minutes before pouring slowly into the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs. Do not stop beating until all the sugar is in.

If the fondant seems too stiff, thin by lumps of ice. On the other hand, should it be too runny, put it back on the stove, setting the bowl upon an asbestos mat to keep it from burning. Stir until the mixture begins to thicken up.

One cook noted for the creaminess of her candies always sets the fondant away for twenty-four hours before using. She covers it with paraffine paper to exclude the air.

In making any sort of nut candy be sure to go over the meats carefully to make certain that no shells are included, as serious harm may result.

Pineapple Sandwich.

Cut from a stale loaf of cake some oblong slices, or buy small sponge cakes and split them open; spread each piece with grated pineapple and press together; cover with powdered sugar and stick them full of blanched almonds; pass with these a very cold soft-boiled custard.

Pineapple Sponge.

Take grated pineapple, add to a cupful add half a box of gelatine, soaked in cold water and dissolved over steam; sweeten to taste with sugar and water syrup, if it is not sweet enough already. Beat till it cools, and then fold in lightly the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs; put into a mould to harden, and serve with fruit juice or cream.

Pineapple Jelly.

Shred into small pieces a can of pineapple; drain off the juice and measure it; to half a pint add as much water and the juice of a lemon, with more sweet if not sufficiently sweet; add to this a heaping tablespoonful of gelatine dissolved in cold water, and heat with the juice; put the pieces of fruit into a mould, preferably a circle, and pour over the strained jelly; set on ice, and when firm turn out and fill the centre with stiffly whipped cream. Chopped almonds add greatly to this dessert.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Prudential Investment Company LIMITED

The third annual meeting of the shareholders of the Prudential Investment Company, Limited, was held in the board room of the Company, 23 Pender street, West, Vancouver, B. C., at 4 p. m. Thursday, February 24th, 1910, a large percentage of the stock being represented. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. T. Langlois, while Mr. T. B. Medforth, secretary of the Company, acted as secretary of the meeting. The financial reports were presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Percival Reid.

"The financial reports just presented by our treasurer show a most prosperous condition of affairs. The assets of the Company have been increased from \$63,182.22 to \$201,259.91; the subscribed capital from \$124,000 to \$222,500; the paid up capital from \$24,750 to \$259,735.45; and reserve fund from \$5,000 to \$52,000; in addition to which \$25,109.59 has been carried to contingent fund, \$2,924.57 to profit and loss account, and dividend and bonus amounting to 12 per cent. has been paid for the year 1909.

"The list of shareholders of the Company includes the names of many of the leading citizens of all parts of Canada, from Victoria, British Columbia, to Sydney, Cape Breton, also in U. S. A. and Great Britain.

"Looking forward to greater development with a view to taking advantage of the exceptional opportunities for the profitable employment of capital, your directors, with the sanction of the shareholders, secured an increase of capital of one million five hundred thousand dollars, thus making the total capital of the Company \$2,000,000, of which one million dollars is common stock, and one million dollars preference stock. The second half of the one million dollars common stock recently placed on the market is meeting with a ready sale; a considerable portion thereof having already been subscribed. A special effort will be made to place the whole amount of this stock before the end of the current year.

"The ordinary capital stock is now being sold at a premium of 25 per cent, and we have good reason to believe that this will be largely increased during the present year, in fact an increase of 25 per share will be made in a short time, as the rapid accumulation of reserves and the development of the important undertakings now in hand warrants a much higher premium than that for which it is now being sold.

"The Company has secured on a royalty basis the rights for the Dominion of Canada to manufacture and sell the most approved sectional buildings. This industry is already well established and is applicable to dwelling houses, churches, schoolhouses, railway depots, and practically any buildings of frame construction. The Company has secured an exceptionally choice site in the industrial centre of Vancouver, and suitable factory buildings are now being erected thereon. It is also proposed to erect large numbers of attractive dwellings on selected city property. After careful investigation the directors are satisfied that this department of the company's operations will yield highly satisfactory profits to the shareholders, and when fully developed, will no doubt make it possible to pay much higher dividends on the ordinary capital stock of the company. I have recently made a careful examination of similar undertakings in the state of California, and return to Vancouver more than ever assured that we are following the right line. I am fully satisfied that splendid profits are a certainty.

"During the latter half of the past year the board of directors was strengthened by the addition of Mr. David W. Bole, president of the National Drug & Chemical Company, Limited, of Montreal, and the Hon. A. E. Forget, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. Each of the present board of twelve directors are possessed of the required qualification of at least \$5,000 of stock in the Company; all are eligible for re-election.

"I would advise that the board be given power to increase their numbers to fifteen by the addition of three new members to be selected during the year.

"The assets of the Company have been valued in a thoroughly conservative manner, and could at the present time be sold for much higher prices; in fact several sales have been made since the first of the year at prices which give a splendid profit over book value. Present values are at least \$50,000 in excess of the amount shown on the balance sheet submitted to you. This would give the Company a real surplus amounting to about 10 per cent. of the paid up capital, or 25 per cent. of the subscribed capital.

"Before taking my seat I wish to congratulate the shareholders on the splendid judgment which they have shown by investing in the stock of this Company.

"I beg to move the adoption of the financial reports." The vice-president, Ald. James Ramsay, then said: "In rising to second the adoption of the financial statement I am sure it affords me much pleasure in so doing. When you come to consider that this is only our third year in business I think to say the least, our showing is phenomenal. I can only say that I think the success of this Company is largely due to the able management of our esteemed president and general manager, Mr. Langlois. Now, though I admit the splendid showing and prosperity of this Company, it must also be admitted that we have had very prosperous times during the last twelve months, and the indications are in favor of a continuance of good times, but as this may not always last, I would advise a policy not only of progress, but of caution and stability, so that if we should happen to have a slump in the future we will be prepared to stand the storm."

"Sole Agreements—This part of our business has proven to be very profitable and satisfactory. "Stocks—This line of investment we have also found profitable, and it has paid us well. "The real estate we have on hand has been carefully selected by your directors, and is now worth far more than it cost. "You can see by the directors' report that we have increased our capitalization to two million dollars, and I trust that our energetic manager will be successful in selling this stock at an early date. In my humble opinion this stock is a splendid investment. "Building Operations—The president has told you so much about this very promising venture that my only hope is that his anticipations may be realized and our experience may be as satisfactory as they have been in some of the states. "Now in conclusion let me say briefly that in this Canada of ours, with its great possibilities and partly developed resources, there is no reason why this Company should not play an important part in developing and building up the business of this very promising country. "I beg to second the adoption of the report as read."

"Mr. Percy N. Smith then said: "I feel sure that it is a pleasure to every shareholder to attend a meeting, and have placed before them such gratifying statements as we have heard this afternoon. I also wish to say that these splendid results were not brought about except by very arduous and hard work on the part of the president and manager, the directors and the staff. Feeling sensible of this, and deeply grateful for their efforts on our behalf, it gives me great pleasure to move a hearty vote of thanks to the manager and president, Mr. Langlois, the directors and staff, for their faithfulness during the year."

The motion to adopt the reports as presented was received most enthusiastically and carried unanimously. The election of directors resulted in the re-election of all the retiring directors, as follows: Thos. T. Langlois, Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea (Edmonton), David W. Bole (Montreal), Lewis Hall (Victoria), G. A. McGuire, M. P., P. Hon. A. E. Forget (Regina), Alderman James Ramsay, Geo. J. Teffer, L. D. Taylor, M. DesBrisay, Jas. A. McNair and E. W. Leeson.

At a subsequent meeting of the board Thos. T. Langlois was elected president and managing director, James Ramsay vice-president, W. Percival Reid was appointed as treasurer and T. B. Medforth as secretary. Messrs. Buttar & Chiene were re-elected auditors, and Messrs. Ewaver, Reid & Walbridge were re-appointed solicitors for the Company.

THE PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at December 31st, 1909

ASSETS.	
Real Estate	\$187,288 58
Factory site	48,708 00
Stocks and accrued dividends	148,556 21
Agreements for sale and accrued interest	\$2,178 35
Loans on mortgage and accrued interest	7,244 50
Loans on secured notes and accrued interest	42,832 96
Syndicate shares	1,000 00
Office furniture and fixtures	272 86
Cash on hand and in bank	1,982 39
	\$701,259 91
LIABILITIES.	
Share Capital—	
Authorized, 20,000 Shares of \$10 each	\$2,000,000 00
Subscribed, 222,500 Shares of \$10 each	2,225,000 00
Whereof paid up	259,735 45
Balance to accrue on real estate and accrued interest	104,831 01
Balance to accrue on factory site and accrued interest	25,220 54
Balance to accrue on properties sold and accrued interest	16,258 22
Balance on notes and accrued interest	12,494 45
Dividend No. 5 and bonus, payable January, 1910	11,327 27
Sundry creditors	2,872 62
Surplus	
Reserve account	\$50,000 00
Contingent account	25,109 59
Balance of credit of profit and loss account	2,804 97
	\$ 78,153 57
	\$701,259 91

THOS. T. LANGLOIS, President. W. P. REID, Treasurer.

CONAN DOYLE ON LITERARY LIFE NOTED AUTHOR AS A NEW VAGABOND Creator of Sherlock Holmes Makes a Bright and Witty Speech

Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle were the guests of the New Vagabond Club at the Hotel Cecil recently, and Sir Arthur, replying to the toast of his health, gave advice, the results of his own experience, to aspirants to literary fame. Mr. Henry Arthur Jones was in the chair.

"The chairman, giving the toast of the guests of the evening, called upon Sir Arthur to justify his presence as a 'vagabond.' The speaker could lay his hand on his heart and say that he had scaled the heights and fathomed the depths of vagabondage, but could Sir Arthur say the same? He did not look a vagabond, but no more did some of their members of the club. (Laughter.) The Bishop of Ripon did not, and his only claim to be called one lay in the fact that at times he had courageously defended the English state against detractors. Appearances, indeed, were deceptive. It was startling to find how different most men looked from the preconceived notions of them. They imagined the famous creator of Sherlock Holmes, mysterious, crafty, shrewd, fox-eyed, slyly elusive, with a bundle of keys, with gaudy, gaudy, gaudy proofs of conviction in his hand, and all sorts of clues tucked up his sleeve. Could he produce a single footprint or clue? If not, he was evading his qualifications and hiding his identity. (Laughter.)

"If he were not known as the creator of the most famous detective that fiction of the stage had known, he would still be looked up to as the creator of a dozen characters, all of whom very personal friends, above all, of that soldier, whose simple dignity and sweetness were so wonderfully portrayed by Sir Henry Irving. The Waterloo veteran was a rare instance of the happy marriage between the dramatist and the author. They also knew him as the historian of the Boer war, who did not write from a safe distance from the place and time of conflict. Unlike Fielding's 'Parson Adam,' Conan Doyle did not reply from the safe vantage ground of the loft in his country's call that it was not his business to fight, but to chronicle fights. He was a cricketer and a golfer, and he provided his poorer neighbors of Hindhead with rifle range to enable them to spend profitable Sunday afternoons instead of loafing about. Novelist, historian, patriot, doctor, advocate of his causes, and, above all, as a jolly good fellow, they welcomed him as just the sort of Englishman who kept the Old Country together. (Loud cheers.)

Sir A. Conan Doyle, in reply, referred to the act of parliament still unrepealed under which all actors, and he presumed playwrights, were regarded as vagabonds—so that his presence was justified by the highest authority. He found it difficult to get away from that political atmosphere which had obsessed them during the past few weeks. The day before he went to see the rehearsal of a play of his which was to be put on. The leading man had to say a most important line, but he was lost in the prevailing gloom, and instead of announcing, 'We are on the old trade route,' he shrieked, 'We are on the free trade route.' (Laughter.) He explained afterwards that he thought it would be a good line for the first night. Sir Arthur told him that, though it was a good line, it would make the rest of the play an anti-climax. In the play the lion might lie down with the lamb, but he should imagine the lion was lit of a free trader, while the lamb would have a bias towards protection. (Laughter.)

There was nothing more difficult than to know what to talk about in response to such a toast, but, perhaps, it was most natural to say a few words about literature and the literary life. When Voltaire came to London to see Wycherley, the latter said, 'Just treat me as if I were a private gentleman,' to which the Frenchman replied, 'If you had been a private gentleman I should not have come from Paris to see you.' So he supposed he had been invited because he had had something to do with a literary life, if he had not written anything he supposed he should have been a source of danger in some provincial town. He often had letters from young aspirants, and both sexes asking for advice as to literature and the literary life, and how to approach it. What was difficult to explain was that there was something which was inborn, and not made; it was not by taking thought alone that a man could write even a humble kind of story, and he had to disabuse the minds of the young of the delusion that there was any hack door to literature; or that in some extraordinary way letters to publishers could help the man who had hit the root of the matter in him. Even for the simplest result the author must have had some fairy godmother who had dipped him in the holy well of romance. Why, even a friend, who said, 'I am going to give up literature and write Sherlock Holmes stories—the thing I am best at,' I sat down to write them, but I could not get the beginning for the first.' (Laughter and cheers.)

People talked of schools of literature, and he often wondered what they made of the unpromising material they got to work upon. At his school they had a school of poetry, where every wretched youth had to write poetry, whether he had it in him or not. On one occasion the subject set was Judith and Holofernes, and one budding Byron turned out the couplet: 'She looked to heaven, her sword she drew, And cut Holofernes' head in two.' (Laughter.) But sometimes modern subjects were set, the boat race was one, and so a student wrote: 'Ah me, it was a noble sight, After the race was run, To see the gallant oarsmen, As they sailed in the sun.' (Laughter.) Those were shocking examples of literature attempted without the guiding instinct.

LONDON'S COUNCIL DEALS IN MILLIONS Statistics Which Are Eloquent of the Work That Body Does

The vast area of activity controlled by the London County Council is impressively emphasized in the recently issued annual report of the proceedings of that body for the year ended March 31st.

The following are a few of the interesting points mentioned in the report: The net debt of London secured upon the rates of March 31st, 1908, was 199,221,232, a sum equal to more than two and a half times the rateable value. As against that the net debt of the council on March 31st, 1909, was 149,958,631—viz., 49,262,573, in respect of remunerative services, 49,746,185 in respect of rate services and 50,889,873 of works department.

In the council's schools, non-provided schools, and other efficient schools, there is effective accommodation for 745,717 children, the average number on the roll is 722,730, while the average attendance totals 654,947. The total number of council schools was 548.

During the year the council's tramway cars carried 412,913,841 passengers, and 23,119,473 car-miles were run. The number of fire-calls during 1908 was 5,259. Of these 1,270 were false alarms, 250 being classed as malicious. There are 113 parks and open spaces maintained by the council; the total area being 5,100 acres.

A great amount of work has been done in dealing with the claims to old-age pensions. By the end of March 42,593 claims had been allowed and 4,549 rejected. Claims were still being received from persons who were well over seventy years of age.

Over 2,155,775 weights, measures and weighing instruments were submitted for verification, of which number 234,427 were rejected, while 625 offences against the Weights and Measures Act were dealt with. There were 772 offences in connection with the sale of coal and 105 in relation to the sale of bread. Of the 236,646 gas meters tested 23,388 were rejected.

During the year 225 licenses were granted in respect of doghouses. All the animals in these houses are examined about six times a year by a veterinary inspector in order to ascertain whether any are affected with tuberculosis. Nineteen cows were found to be suffering from this disease, and were slaughtered, 1214 being paid to the owners as compensation.

Sir Melville Beachcroft, the chairman of the council, pays a tribute to the 'magnificent staff which in the face of many difficulties continue to render such admirable service. Every one of my predecessors has without exception dwelt upon this topic, and each year that has passed has helped to confirm my own opinion that there is no city in the world which is so faithfully served in this respect as London.'

WOMEN AS AERONAUTS. Two Who Landed in Holland on Their Heads First to Ascend.

Even in these days of aeronautical enthusiasm and experts there are very few men who can point to such a record as that possessed by the Hon. Mrs. Assheton Harbord, who recently crossed the English Channel in a balloon, and covered altogether 287 miles in just fifteen hours. This is the fourth occasion on which Mrs. Assheton has crossed the Channel by balloon, and altogether she has made over 100 ascents and taken part in six balloon races.

She was one of the few balloons which were started near the Battersea gas works, and it was from this spot that last year she made the journey to France which led to one of her most exciting adventures. After reaching the French coast she encountered a storm, the balloon being driven up and down and from east to west in violent cross winds, while lightning played round the car and she was half-fitted in.

On another occasion she started from Paris and arrived in Holland after a journey the speed of which worked out at seventy miles an hour. At the end of the run the balloon was approaching the North Sea at a terrific rate, in the nick of time the valve was used, and the balloon brought to earth within fifty yards of the sea.

The car overturned, and as Mrs. Assheton Harbord dryly records: 'Princess Teano and I claim to be the first women to arrive in Holland on our heads.'

The Princess of Teano referred to, who was Mrs. Assheton Harbord's companion on this occasion, is never so happy as when in the air and has made several long balloon expeditions. But her records, and even those of Mrs. Assheton Harbord, have been outshone by Mme. Suroout, one of the presidents of the Stella Balloon Club, of Paris, which has nearly a hundred lady members.

Not only has Mme. Suroout a greater number of ascents to her credit than any other woman in the world, but she has accomplished ten journeys in balloons entirely alone. Another enthusiastic, fair balloonist, is Mme. du Gast, probably the finest all round sportswoman in the world, who is never so happy as when taking part in motor car or motor boat races, and who can hold her own very well with gun, tennis racket and on horseback. A short time ago she had a special balloon made for her, and not content with making daring trips, indulged in several parachute descents.

And taking of the parachute calls to mind the thrilling balloon adventure of Miss Viola Spencer, in August, 1908. Miss Spencer was engaged to make a parachute descent at a sports meeting near Nottingham, but when the balloon rose to a height of about 2,000 feet she found herself unable to liberate the parachute. The result was that she carried helplessly by the balloon for a distance of thirty miles. She managed to keep her frail seat until the balloon descended, by which time she had almost perished from the cold.

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Flowers Placed Upon Statue of General at Khartoum.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of General Gordon at Khartoum, the statue which represents the hero is covered with a canopy of flowers placed upon it. Standing as it does in a principal thoroughfare, Britishers, the successors of Gordon, and natives of those tribes for which he lived and died, were passing this monument throughout the day. Some, it cannot be doubted, went out of their way to gaze upon that noble figure and be reminded of the past. The commemoration fittingly closed with a service held in the chapel of the Governor-General's palace, which stands on the actual site of the old palace, where Gordon was killed. The Holy Table, surrounded with palm branches, had upon it a single wreath of white flowers. There were present some of those who had known Gordon, all were there to honor his memory. It was a service calculated to inspire with noble aspiration and purpose those who have now entered into his labors. As at the first memorial service, on Sept. 4th, 1887, Gordon's favorite hymn, "Abide With Me," was sung.

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