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A NEW CITY HALL SOON PRESENT BUILDING IS NEARLY OBSOLETE

Mayor Morley Drops Interesting Hint at Meeting of the Streets Committee

To judge from a hint dropped by His Worship Mayor Morley at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council, the replacement of the present building, possibly before the expiration of the present year, may be called upon to consider the question of the erection of a new city hall. Twice during the proceedings the mayor let it be known that he considered it unwise to proceed with any further repairs or alterations to the present building, expressing the opinion that it was pretty near obsolete for the purposes for which it was erected, and that the citizens would object to expending any large sum on tinkering.

Opportunity for the mayor to convey this hint to the members was given when a report from the building inspector was presented. This official had been asked to estimate the cost of making some alterations to the old fire hall on Pandora street, next to the police court rooms, and he submitted two figures—one calling for an expenditure of \$1,100 and another for \$600. On the advice of the mayor the expenditure of the latter sum was authorized. The apartment when the alterations shall have been effected will be used for the purposes of a store for the corporation and there the new storekeeper, shortly to be appointed, will be quartered. In suggesting that only a small sum be spent on fitting the premises up the mayor remarked that it would not do to spend much money in tinkering around the city hall, as "some of these days we will be considering the question of the erection of a new building."

Again, when a report was received from G. H. Bryson, acting city engineer, asking for the sum of \$2,500 for alterations to the rooms used by the engineering staff, the mayor advised that consideration of this matter be deferred, advising Mr. Bryson to put up with the present quarters, and remarking that until a new city hall had been erected the various departments might expect to be cramped.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY SNOW AND RAIN

Railway Still Blocked—Two Wrecks Caused by Wash-outs

(Times Leased Wire.)
Everett, Wash., Feb. 25.—The snow blockade on the Great Northern railway grows worse each hour instead of better. A heavy snow fell all night in the mountains, completely wiping out what little work had been done to clear the tracks. The six stalled passenger trains are standing to-day in the same spots they have been blocked for three days.

While the snow was stopping all traffic in the Cascades, heavy rains were playing havoc with the coast lines. Two trains were wrecked last night between Seattle and Bellingham. North bound passenger No. 27, due in Everett at 7.30 p.m., ran into a washout south of Mukilteo, the engine turning over and the train leaving the tracks. Fireman Miller jumped and was injured, but not seriously. Passengers walked to Mukilteo and took a boat to Bellingham. The next train along ran into a washout south of Bellingham and was derailed. The line will be cleared at noon.

PLANTATION WAR IN GUADALOUPE

Killing of Several Natives Results in Dispatch of French Cruiser

Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, Feb. 25.—The French cruiser Victor Hugo is on its way here to-day to take part in the suppression of a plantation war arising from the striking of the sugar cutters.

Already a detachment of French troops from Martinique is on the scene, and these have been distributed to protect foreign consulates and patrol the streets of the town of St. Francis where a great number of strikers are gathered.

The force at the disposal of Governor Gaudret, however, is inadequate to completely quell the strikers and reports of pillaging in outlying districts daily.

IMPROVE MAIN TRUNK ROADS CITY ENGINEER TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Question of Street Improvements Discussed at Last Evening's Meeting

That the main trunk roads of the city should be taken in hand at once and put in a state of thorough repair as far as the boundaries of the city, was a recommendation made by Mayor Morley at last evening's meeting of the streets committee, and adopted. The acting city engineer was instructed to go into the matter at once and report on the cost of the work.

Much of the time at the meeting was taken up with the discussion of street improvement generally, and paving processes as usual, came in for a large share of attention. The mayor expressed the opinion that wood blocks, if properly treated, would prove the best style of pavement for heavy traffic, and also that the trouble heretofore with the pavements laid was that the treatment had been faulty.

Ald. Ross believed that other classes of pavement could be laid at half the cost of wood blocks, which this year will cost about \$4 per square yard. Acting City Engineer Bryson pointed out that the Barbour Asphalt Company of Seattle, gives a five-year guarantee on asphalt pavement at a rate of \$2.25 per yard, and the Warwick Company a guarantee, on other than business streets, for ten years at \$2 per yard.

Mr. Bryson was instructed to secure information from Provincial Assessor Carmichael relative to the proper method of treating wood blocks, concerning the use of tar instead of resin, and to report to the council.

WILL TRY TO EXTRADITE BEEF TRUST BARONS

Effort to Be Made to Bring Indicted Men Before New Jersey Court

(Times Leased Wire.)
Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 25.—Prosecutor Pierre Garvan to-day took initial steps looking toward the extradition of twenty-one beef trust barons who were indicted yesterday and whom he will attempt to bring to this state for trial.

A hard fight is expected to develop over the attempt at extradition as it is believed that the beef trust officials will use every possible means of opposing it.

PRESENTATION TO BANKER

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—Customers and friends of the Union Bank in Brandon yesterday presented A. E. Christie with a handsome watch as a token of esteem prior to his departure early next week for Victoria. The watch was inscribed "Last you forget a few of your old Brandon friends."

HALLEY'S COMET

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The Dominion astronomers say that Halley's comet is now visible through a fairly good telescope, even if it be not as large as that with which the Dominion observatory is equipped. To the south of Mars and the north of Saturn, and a few degrees to the west of both, Halley's comet will be found. The average eyesight will be able to pick out that faint glow in the distant skies about April 5th.

LOSSES BY FLOODS

Pavia, Feb. 25.—The official reports of the flood damage in 18 out of 36 departments show a momentary loss of \$14,000,000. This includes the \$10,000,000 damage done in Paris, but here, as elsewhere, no account is made of the indirect losses, which are incalculable.



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CONCESSION TO STRIKERS

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Labor Leader is Released on Heavy Bail—Trouble at Steel Works

(Times Leased Wire.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 25.—President John J. Murphy, of the Central Labor Union, was released to-day on heavy bail. The labor leader was arrested on a charge of inciting a riot following the publication of an interview attributed to him in which trouble for the authorities was threatened.

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FIRE AT MONTREAL

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, Feb. 25.—Fire to-day did damage estimated at \$9,000 to the premises and stock of the Dominion Shoe Supply Company, St. Paul street.

URGES PROTECTION OF BRITISH LABOR

HOP INDUSTRY IS DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

Government Ready to Assist, But Will Not Impose Duty

(Special to the Times.)
London, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon George Lloyd Courthope, Conservative and tariff reform member for Rye division of Sussex, urged the protection of British labor against negro labor employed in hop cultivation on the Pacific coast.

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THE LAMA'S FLIGHT FROM THIBET

SEEKS PROTECTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Viscount Morley Says He Will Be Invited to Visit Calcutta

(Special to the Times.)
London, Feb. 25.—Replying to a question by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords yesterday, Viscount Morley, secretary of state for India, and Liberal leader in the House of Lords, said the incident of the flight of the Dalai Lama from Thibet was a most interesting occurrence.

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LIBERALS AND HOUSE OF LORDS

MAY RESTRICT ACTION TO LIMITING VETO POWER

Premier Will Make Statement on Monday Regarding Programme

London, Feb. 25.—The supporters of the Asquith ministry to-day assume that the veto bill will be passed even if King Edward is compelled to swamp the House of Lords with newly appointed Liberal peers.

The cabinet's success through its alliance with the Nationalists and Laborites depends on the immediate consideration and passage of the veto bill. Premier Asquith practically has the King's assurance that if the Lords resist, sufficient Liberal peers shall be approved by him to carry out the programme of the ministry in the House of Lords.

The United Irish League has decided not to support the new junior lord of the treasury, William Wedgwood Benn, in the bye-election in St. George's division of the Tower Hamlets, made necessary by his appointment to the ministry. The league holds that until assured that the government intends to seek guarantees from the crown enabling it to pass the veto bill into law this year, and before the introduction of the budget and other legislation, the Irish cannot be expected to support any government candidates.

The premier will on Monday make a statement of the government's plans regarding the House of Lords, and Sir Henry Daldell, one of the leaders of the revolting Radicals, will offer a hostile motion asking the House of Commons to limit the cabinet's action to the abolition of the Lords' veto and to disapprove all suggestions for the reform of the Upper House.

The Unionists are aware that time is on their side, and that the Conservative organization and tariff reform propaganda may be pursued throughout the country to their ultimate advantage.

GOVERNMENT SYSTEM OF TELEPHONES

Commissioners of Manitoba Report Successful Year—Increased Revenue

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—The second annual report of the telephone commissioners was laid on the table of the House yesterday afternoon and showed that the government system had a most successful year. The revenue increased from \$48,444, and this in face of reduced rates. The development of the system since it was taken over by the government, two years ago, has been remarkable.

FATAL COLLISION

Train Crew Suspended as Result of Inquiry Into Accident

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 25.—The entire train crew of train number 124, on the Southern Pacific, are out of employment to-day as a result of the inquiry into the collision at French Camp on Wednesday afternoon in which Engineer Phipps was killed.

IRON BONDS

(Special to the Times.)
London, Feb. 25.—Application has been made to list \$20,000,000 Canada Iron Corporation, 6 per cent., on the London Stock Exchange.

FIRST COURT OF SEASON

(Special to the Times.)
London, Feb. 25.—The King and Queen held the first court of the year yesterday. It was largely a diplomatic and official function, being attended by ambassadors, members of the cabinet and their wives. There was a noticeable absence of debutantes, but numerous ladies made their first courtesy before royalty. The dresses and jewels were more elaborate than usual at a first court. The Queen wore half mourning and magnificent diamonds.

IMPORTANT MOVE ON WATERFRONT

CANADIAN NORTHERN MAY BE IN DEAL

Sale Completed by Which Some Valuable Lots Change Hands

That the Canadian Northern have secured a wharf in the inner harbor, at the foot of Johnson street, is the general opinion of those who should be in a position to know. The wharf was sold yesterday by the syndicate which purchased it a short time ago, consisting of Messrs. Ryan, Lang, Bridgeman and Simpson. The purchasers were clients of Green and Burdick, and it is understood that the purchasers are also in the market for other properties alongside. They have also purchased 50 feet of wharf from Pemberton & Sons. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$130,000 for the Ryan & Lang property, and \$30,000 for the other 50 feet. The total length is 324 feet.

While the impression prevails that it is the Canadian Northern that has made the purchase, no confirmation of it could be obtained from the agents instrumental in making the deal. Green and Burdick in fact do not know the Canadian Northern in the transaction. That the purchasers, however, intend to do important work in connection with the wharf and is a strong corporation is shown by the fact that \$50,000 in cash is known to have changed hands in connection with the deal.

If the Canadian Northern has made the purchase it is taken for granted it will be used by the company for their coasting steamers and is thought to be an admirable site. There is 20 feet of water at low water at present and when the piles were driven for the wharf a short time ago, they went down forty feet into the mud, showing that it will be a very easy matter to dredge to any depth.

The late owners of the property, who by the way, made a handsome profit on the deal, rebuilt the wharf and overhauled the buildings, and at present it is in excellent shape. The new owners will probably pull down the old buildings and erect a fine suite of offices and sheds which will greatly improve that part of the city.

ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN HUSBAND'S DEATH

Professor's Widow Collapses When the Charge is Read

(Times Leased Wire.)
Kirkville, Mo., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Alma Vaughn, widow of Prof. J. T. Vaughn, who died of strychnine poisoning in October, was arrested for complicity in the death of her husband to-day.

Dr. James R. Hull, of Monroe City, probably will be re-arrested on Monday on an indictment charging him with having murdered Vaughn. Hull was first arrested Thursday and was released on \$7,500 bail. Both Mrs. Vaughn and Hull was released under bonds to-day.

MURDER AND SUICIDE AT CIRCLE CITY

F. White, Formerly of Dawson, Shoots Woman and Ends Own Life

(Times Leased Wire.)
Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 25.—A special to the Dawson News from Circle City, says:

Frank White, formerly of Dawson, shot and killed Mrs. H. A. Stade and then killed himself. Both died instantly.

Mrs. Stade is the wife of the proprietor of the Jump Off road-house, twenty-two miles from Circle City. They separated last fall and she came to town and started a laundry. No cause for the tragedy is known. The woman ran to a neighbor's cabin for protection and White followed her, opening fire as he stepped in the door. He was sober at the time.

SALVATION ARMY EMIGRANTS

London, Feb. 25.—The first of the Salvation Army emigrants of the season left Liverpool yesterday for Canada. They numbered two hundred, and are the advance guard of one thousand which the army expects to send this year.

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GROWING TIME IN PROVINCE

BUDGET SPEECH OF HON. W. J. BOWSER

He Goes Exhaustively Into the Development That is Taking Place Here

Legislative Press Gallery, February 25.
To-day Hon. W. J. Bowser, minister of finance, delivered his first budget speech, and was heard by a large gathering of people in the galleries. He spoke for an hour and three-quarters, and as he is a rapid speaker he got over a lot of ground in that time. The speech was an excellent one as to form and arrangement and was well delivered. Mr. Bowser speaks clearly and distinctly and he could be heard in every part of the chamber. He was warmly congratulated by his friends after the House adjourned.
The first twenty minutes or so were devoted to a laudation of the Conservative party and the McBride government, an account of what they had done for the province and references to the late election. The minister went largely into figures to show the great progress which British Columbia has made in the past seven years, as contrasted with the period that went before, an increasing prosperity for which, of course, he took the credit on behalf of the government. He then explained the estimates in detail and from this passed on to speak in terms of sanguine optimism of the immense resources which this province possesses and of the position which it must occupy when these are more fully developed.
Mr. Bowser rose at 3.25 to make the financial statement, and it was apparent that he had carefully prepared himself for the occasion, as he was fortified with a mass of figures and statistics to which he appealed for substantiation of his arguments. He began with an expression of personal regret that the circumstances under which he took office accounted for the absence of the gentleman who for six years had filled the portfolio with the entire confidence of the country. After reviewing briefly the political history of the province since party government was introduced, Mr. Bowser asserted that the result of the recent elections were due not to the railway policy but to the fact that the government had "made good" in its seven years of office. Owing to the prominence given to the railway policy by the opposition "and by some of our misguided political friends," it had become the chief issue, but after all it was the government that carried the railway policy and not the railway policy that carried the government into power.

Some Comparisons.
Going into a comparison Mr. Bowser said that for the period of 1907-8 to 1902-3 the expenditure exceeded the net revenue by \$3,570,000, while for the period from 1903-4 to 1907-8 the net revenue exceeded the expenditure in round figures by \$5,000,000. The net revenue increased in the first period by \$413,000 and in the second period by \$3,241,000. Net expenditures increased in the first period \$1,238,000 as against only \$824,000 in the later five years. The increase in liabilities over assets, the net debt, was \$4,200,000 in the pre-McBride period, while the decrease in the second period, was over \$4,500,000. The revenue, apart from what might be called direct taxation, showed an increase of about \$7,500,000 in the second period over the pre-McBride period. Taking the average population during the former period at 175,000 and in the second at 225,000, it would be found that the taxation per head by means of direct taxes was \$1.70 in the first period under review, while in the second it was \$1.85. Prior to the advent of the present government there had been only two surpluses, which added together, made but \$50,000, while the aggregate of annual deficits was \$6,500,000. For six years and nine months the surpluses piled up by the McBride government had been \$4,600,000. The beneficial effects of good government were reflected in the increase of population, trade, assessment values, post office returns, clearing house figures. The trade per head of British Columbia for 1908, the last returns available for comparison, was \$160, the highest in the world. Next comes the United Kingdom with \$114.
As the most financial year was only nine months owing to the change of date of the end of the fiscal year, it was impossible to make a comparison of the accounts of the year now closing. Mr. Bowser said the excess of net receipts over net expenditure was as nearly as possible \$20,000, his predecessor estimated them at \$322,523. The cash at the disposal of the government at the recent time was \$4,108,790. The funded debt of the province on March 31, 1909, was \$9,855,000, but taking the surplus and various outstanding assets the balance of liabilities over assets on that date was \$3,294,577, which was now still further reduced by about \$2,000,000, and at the present moment the balance of liabilities over assets was about \$1,500,000. Revenue and expenditure both exceeded the estimate in the year 1908-9, there being unexpected increases in revenue and unforeseen demands of the public service calling for a larger expenditure. Development in every district was so rapid that it was difficult to anticipate for the whole year.
British Columbia had shared in the appreciation of government stocks in 1902, although its credit was in 1902 injured somewhat by the size of the public debt and the state of its finances. Since that time the market for British Columbia securities had shown considerable fluctuations. The present price was 8 1/2%, and by comparison they were the highest among the provinces of Canada. On a 3 per cent. basis the prices are: British Columbia, 8 1/2%; Quebec, 8 1/2%; Nova Scotia, 8 1/2%; Ontario, 8 1/2%; Manitoba, 7 1/2%. While British Columbia bonds have dropped one-quarter of a point since December, 1908, Ontario have dropped ten points, Canadian 3 per cents. have dropped twelve

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points, and the bonds of the other dominions from three to six points. Continuing, the minister of finance spoke as follows:
Better Terms.
Before leaving the subject of our finances I wish to refer to a statement on several occasions on the floor of the House, and not infrequently on the platform and in the press during the recent election campaign that the prosperity of the province, its improved credit and its bank balance has effectively killed the demand for better terms. Those who take such a position either do not understand the merits of the question or willfully ignore them. I may say that the question stands where it did when Premier McBride left England after accomplishing his mission there. The same conditions exist now as existed then affecting the claims of the province. At Ottawa the Inter-provincial conference of premiers acknowledged the justness of British Columbia's claims to special recognition, on one ground at least, that of its physical characteristics which greatly increased the cost of government. Instead, however, of making the remedy apply as perpetually as the cause, it recommended a mere moiety of \$100,000 a year for ten years—as though that sum operated the mountain ranges of the province. Logically, if the allowance should be made for ten years on account of conditions that are permanent, the allowance itself should continue for all time to come.
But the physical conditions of the province, though the basis of the allowance, is not all our case. Relatively, in Confederation, among the other provinces, the same inequalities of treatment exist, relatively our contributions to the federal treasury are as great as ever; relatively, the cost and problem of administration and development of the province are even greater than ever; relatively, all the conditions which enter into our relations in the federal pact are on an equal footing as ever, and react as unfavorably upon our people financially. We must remember that it is to a large extent on our capital and natural resources that we have had to draw to place us in the position we are to-day to undertake large measures of development; we must remember that the \$4,250,000 odd we are authorizing this season for the opening up and improvement of the country in the way of public works is only enabling us to enter, so to speak, upon an immense domain that will require many millions more to develop on a parity with the older provinces. We must remember to do all we require to do, this is the only province that has resort to direct taxation without the revenues of which in the past it could not have existed on the top of all other sources of income. This is the only province that has had to honor the Dominion government to do what it has done for all the other provinces as part of a general obligation, on account of which British Columbia pays three times the average of the rest of Canada—that is, to build railways for us. Over 16,000,000 acres of land were handed over to the Dominion with all their valuations of land, timber, base metals and water in order that we might obtain the P. R. and the E. & N. railways. For the latter we have 2,000,000 acres of land in addition, the value of which

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THE BUDGET.

Finance Minister Bowser had turned his first, and probably last, budget speech over to some qualified person, say the President of the Council, to "boil down" to reasonable proportions, it would have been received with greater acceptance. This might very well have been done without impairing its strength in the slightest degree. The inordinate length of the speech was not the only objection in which it displayed weakness, but that was its chief fault. To those who had not the opportunity of hearing the budget speech as it fell from the lips of the Minister, an effort to read it and digest its contents within the space of time at command would surely prove a great physical strain.

Mr. Bowser ought to know that the day of long speeches has gone by. This is an age of hurry. The aim of statesmen as well as of business men is to be concise, brief and to the point—to condense everything that is spoken or written within the smallest possible compass. No British Chancellor of the Exchequer within recent years has taken two hours and a half to state the condition and prospects of the finances of the greatest Empire the world has ever known. Mr. Fielding's budgets have been models of brevity. The custom in general is to eliminate detail, thus obviating weariness and tending to increase the public interest in what is usually considered very dry subjects. But of course Finance Minister Bowser is not a Captain Tattler, and it would not be reasonable to expect the new Finance Minister to emulate the commendable example of the old.

However, there was a note of optimism in the first budget speech of Mr. Bowser that will be a source of gratification to all British Columbians. The finances are flourishing and the expenditures are decreasing in a corresponding degree. A new tone pervades the utterances of the ministers. Their song is no longer pitched in a minor key of pessimism. Their eyes have been opened to the fact that the province is possessed of greater natural wealth than any other physical division of Canada. If they were not blind to the variety and extent of these natural resources in the past, they did take the position that the burden of the development of them would be greater than the treasury of the province could bear. Hence the despairing cry for better terms from the Dominion. Hence also the decision to impose additional direct taxation, for which the present state of the finances furnishes absolutely no justification.

Although the government of Premier McBride during the seven years it has held power cannot point to a single act it has performed to promote the development of the province, the natural course of industrial events could not be completely stayed. British Columbia was bound to benefit from the progressive strides of neighboring provinces. Hence the demand, increasing with the growth of population in the prairie provinces, for our lumber and other natural products. That market is but in its infancy. There is therefore ample justification for the note of exultation and of confidence which is the distinguishing characteristic feature of Mr. Bowser's budget speech. Even the old policy of the McBride

government, which it is gratifying to note is about to be abandoned, could not hold it back. Confidence in the future impels the government to enter upon very heavy expenditures for public works. Whether the progressive policy thus outlined for the first time in the history of the administration will bear fruit commensurate with the amount of the outlay all depends upon the manner in which the money voted is expended. The practice in the past has been more in the direction of applying public funds to strengthening and consolidating the Tory machine than to constructing constructive public works.

CLUMSY FACTS.

There is one new feature in the budget speech which cannot be passed over without comment, although it is eminently Bowsorian in its tendency. The province is undertaking to dictate a policy in the matter of expenditures not only to the Dominion, but to the city of Victoria. Mr. Bowser proposes dictating not only the policy that shall be pursued by the Dominion and the municipal government, but the amounts of money involved in that policy. Provincial grants are made towards the construction of a bridge in the neighborhood of Vancouver contingent upon the Dominion government voting an amount specified towards the same enterprise, and in aid of the preservation of the Dallas road fore-shore provided the citizens of Victoria pass a by-law under which a certain amount shall be raised to be applied to that scheme. This is an impertinence which could only have been expected to originate with the Finance Minister. He defies the resentment of Victoria, but he takes care not to offend the dignity or the self-esteem of his own constituency. In the one case he renews his vendetta with the Dominion government, in the other he insults the constituents of the Premier by assuming to dictate the manner in which municipal funds shall be spent. Of course Mr. Bowser attempts in a characteristically clumsy way to deaden the blow he strikes at Victoria by the unwarranted assertion that the protection of the Dallas road fore-shore comes properly within the domain of the federal government. The truth is that the jurisdiction of the province over fore-shores commences at low water mark, and extends to high water mark. The Dominion government therefore does not properly come into the controversy at all. It is possibly an arguable question whether the city should be called upon to prevent its property from being washed away by the tides or whether the province should be held strictly responsible for the damage annually sustained. Certainly the construction of a bridge over the narrows at Burrard Inlet is quite as properly a work in which the city of Vancouver should share as that of Victoria should be charged with the larger proportion of the cost of protecting Dallas road. But in the one case Mr. Bowser undertakes deftly or clumsily, according to the point of view, to involve his own constituency in a controversy with the Dominion government, and in the other to order Victoria to do his bidding. That is his way of "playing the game."

There are other evidences of the peculiar political proclivities of the Attorney-General in the budget speech. He readily refers in one passage to the terms upon which the Dominion has built railways in the province. He does not in this reference distinguish between the policy of a former Dominion Conservative government and the policy of the present Dominion Liberal government. The Macdonald government exacted grants of land from the provincial government in part payment for the construction of the C. P. R. and the E. & N. Railways. The present Dominion government has built or is procuring to be built more railway mileage than the C. P. R. and the E. & N. contain without asking the province to contribute a cent or an acre of land to the enterprises. But it would be contrary to the natural disposition of Mr. Bowser to state the facts frankly and candidly.

Well Known Resident of Atlin, District Has Passed Away.
Word was received in this city late last night announcing the death at Atlin, B. C., of Thomas Kearns, a well known resident of the north. He has lived there for many years following the occupation of a miner. Deceased was well known in the north.
He was nominated as the Liberal candidate to oppose Hon. Dr. H. E. Young in the recent provincial elections.
About a week ago Mr. Kearns suffered a severe fall which it is believed was the cause of his death. Full details concerning the accident have not yet come to hand.

NORTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.
To the Editor: Kindly allow me space to make plain a few facts in reference to the sidewalk recently laid on North Park street, between Blanchard and Cook streets. At last Monday's meeting of the city council, Ald. Bannerman made the statement that the cost of superintendence of this piece of work was 31 per cent. of the total cost of the work.
This statement cannot be justified by facts. No doubt Ald. Bannerman was repeating figures given to him, otherwise he would not have made such an assertion had he gone into the matter for himself.
As foreman in charge of the gang doing this particular piece of work, I would suggest that Ald. Bannerman go to the city hall and look up the records to be found in the shape of "Foreman's Daily Reports" and then he will get the facts for himself.
I will also point out that included in the total cost are the following items: 1,004 cubic yards of filling; 1,200 feet, average height 1 foot 9 inches of stone wall; felling 12 trees and removing 14 stumps; also carting away, moving fence; and 628 square feet of concrete approaches.
If Ald. Bannerman will take the trouble to go into the matter he will find that the total cost of this work amounts to 24 cents per square foot for the sidewalk and gutter, and the superintendence 5 1/2 per cent. of the total cost, and not 31 per cent. as stated by him.

THOMAS GREEN.

CONSERVATIVES
ARE RECKLESS

COAST MEMBERS TRY TO
MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL
Ministers Reply to Charges of
Discrimination Against
This Province

(Special to the Times.)
OULAKA, Feb. 26.—For an hour and a half last night Messrs. Cowan, Taylor and Barnard held up the passing of items in the public works estimated for harbors and rivers in British Columbia, while they sought to make a little political capital by general allegations that British Columbia was being discriminated against in respect to the expenditure of federal money for public works.

Mr. Barnard, on an item of \$14,500 for Columbia river improvements, declared that the government was doing as much for the protection of the banks of navigable rivers in British Columbia as it was doing in the East. He also stated that the province was not getting its fair share of dredging appropriations.

Mr. Taylor followed this lead with a general complaint of niggardly votes for British Columbia, and Mr. Cowan ventured the extreme statement that the government was only spending in the province about one-fifth of the money received from the British Columbia revenues.

Hon. W. Dugdale and Hon. W. Templeman promptly challenged these statements. The former declared that in the estimates for public works there had been absolutely no discrimination against British Columbia, and Hon. Mr. Templeman declared Mr. Cowan's statement to be absolutely disproved by a return presented to the House a few years ago.
"The hon. member," he said, "is making general statements and is not producing any proof whatever to substantiate them. He says that the appropriations for expenditure for British Columbia are one to eight in the ratio of the Dominion, and that the contribution to the revenue by the province is proportionately much larger than the contribution of other provinces. It is hard to prove a statement of that kind. I do not think it is so myself, and I say frankly and fearlessly after a very long investigation into the question.
"What demands have been made on the government for necessary public works in that province this year, and which has been refused? I know of none. I know of no wharf, no dredging, or other public works that should be carried out in the province that have not been carried out when the proper representation has been made, and I challenge my honorable friends to say anything to the contrary.
"I do not know what more we could get for the city of Vancouver. The great improvement which that port now requires is to widen and deepen the narrows, and it is the intention of the Minister of Public Works to buy a dredge for that work.
"On the deepening of the Fraser river from its mouth up to about Westminister, this government has already spent half a million dollars.
"In the city of Victoria they have been spending at least ten times as much money as did former governments, and in this year's estimates there is twice the sum appropriated last year for harbor improvements."

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THE DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE met yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Rocks Robertson, the regent, presided. After the reading of the minutes, it was decided to change the day of meeting to the fourth Monday in the month. The best method of forming boys' and girls' chapters was informally discussed. It was agreed that the sympathy of the children should be enlisted in the empire movement and the secretary was asked to communicate with the teachers and ladies and gentlemen who would be likely to assist in the work. The regent, presiding before the members the request of Captain Woolley that the order should attend the Navy League meeting. The invitation was thankfully accepted.

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Garrison Will Attend Ser-
vice at Drill Hall

In response to the efforts of the British Campaigners' Association, a splendid programme has been arranged for to-morrow in commemoration of Paardeberg, February 27th, being the Sunday nearest to the day of the occurrence of the historic engagement which led to the surrender of the Boer leader Cronje. Representatives of the Esquimalt garrison will to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock parade to the drill hall, Menzies street, where impressive services will be held.

Should weather conditions prove favorable, as seems likely to be the case, there will no doubt be a very large turnout of both soldiers and citizens. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 400 of all ranks on parade, including detachments from the navy, Fort Point barracks, Fifth Regiment, cadets and the Campaigners' Association.

Bishop Perrin will conduct the services, assisted by Capt. the Hon. T. J. Henegge, the chaplain of the regiment. As the whole floor space will be required for the parade the accommodation for the public is limited, and must be confined to the galleries. A few seats will be reserved for the officers' lady friends outside the officers' mess.
The detachments from Esquimalt and the University school cadets will be brought up in cars to Menzies street, and if the weather is fine the whole brigade will march over town to Yates street at the conclusion of the ceremony.

H. W. WILLS RETIRES
FROM C. P. R. SERVICE

Popular Western Superintendent
of Hotels Resigns His
Position

A special to the Times from Winnipeg says H. W. Wills, superintendent of C. P. R. hotels in Western Canada, has resigned his position and will quit the service tonight.
Wills was in Victoria last week and is now in Vancouver. His resignation will come as a surprise, although there have from time to time been rumors of misunderstanding existing between Hayter, the head of the C. P. R. hotel system, and Mr. Wills. Mr. Wills formerly managed the St. Francis in San Francisco, and later the Royal Alexandra hotel in Winnipeg. He was very popular in connection with his work.
Mr. Wills has had several tempting offers. He will manage the hotel system of the Florida East Coast Railway.

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Applications for the position of storekeeper to the corporation are pouring into the city clerk's office in a perfect torrent. The salary is \$90 per month. Life for the mayor and aldermen is the reverse of happy these days as the applicants are in many instances making an active canvass for the job.

There will be special meetings held in the Salvation Army Citadel to-night and to-morrow, conducted by Adjt. Howell, from Vancouver. The adjutant was formerly from Newfoundland. This will be his first visit to Victoria. All are invited to attend these special meetings which will be held at the usual time.

Thos. Sorby was present at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council and explained to the board the details of the scheme for the improvement of the foreshore on the southern section of James Bay, running from Raymond wharf to the chemical works. After inspecting the plans the committee decided to endorse the scheme and pass the same on with this recommendation to the city council. At the request of the mayor duplicate copies of the plan were left in the hands of the council.

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All Welsh residents of the city and vicinity, visitors and those interested will be sure of a good celebration of St. David's day, on Tuesday, next, March 1st, at 8 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Broad Street. The Victoria Cymrodorion Society have arranged for an excellent evening. A good programme will be given after supper. Mr. Griffith B. Hughes will preside. Mr. J. M. Morgan will be pianist. Some genuine leeks grown from Welsh seed will be supplied by Mrs. Watt Jones, and a large painting on canvas of the Welsh dragon, painted by a gentleman at Duncan, B. C., will adorn the room. The tables will be decorated with flowers donated by Mr. A. W. Bridgman, and the ladies of the society will see that everything is artistically arranged with bunting, etc. A treat is in store for all those who attend.

The missing word competition is being put on at the Empress theatre, commencing February 28th. A paragraph will be shown on the screen at afternoon and evening shows with one word missing. The audience will be handed coupons as they enter the door on which they write the one word they think belongs there to make the paragraph complete. The coupon with the missing word filled in is to be handed in at the Times office in sealed envelopes on the first day of the competition. These will be opened at the finish. The prize is \$25. If more than one person guesses the same word the money will be divided accordingly. These competitions will be on each week, and will undoubtedly create a great deal of interest among those who attend this theatre.

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AUDIBLE COMMENT AT MRS. LESLIE CARTER

Story of Laudanum Drunkard Was Not a Pretty Picture

When Mrs. Leslie Carter appeared on the stage of the Victoria theatre last night at Vasta Home, there was a distinct buzz of conversation throughout the audience at her "daring" costume. Ninety-eight per cent. of the costume was in the train.

Mrs. Leslie Carter has risen to the top rung of stage fame at the expense of her grammar, her pronunciation at times being that of the country school. She stirred her words badly and frequently pronounced "you" as "yer."

Mrs. Leslie Carter at times was good, and for several passages received considerable applause. Her manner, however, was theatrical and melodramatic, but when loaded with laudanum as the character was, perhaps her interpretation was true to nature. Victoria not having any laudanum drunkards, there is no local possibility of drawing a comparison, and as it is not worth while (the play) going to New York to find out, Mrs. Leslie Carter can have the benefit of the doubt. Some of the scenes in the play were unbecomingly and some of the language was vulgar, however, those who saw Mrs. Leslie Carter can have the instruction of saying they saw her, but it is certain the play will not live in the minds of Victoria as one of the features of the theatrical season.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS FOR LOCAL CORPS

Addition to Strength—Acting Band Sergeant is Appointed

The latest orders for the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., are as follows: The following man, having been duly attested, is taken on the strength and will assume the regimental number opposite his name: No. 312, Gnr. Fritz V. Homan.

The following men having been passed by the adjutant are posted to No. 2 Company: Gnr. J. B. D. McMahon, Gnr. F. V. Homan. The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following appointment in the band: To be acting band sergeant, Gnr. Geo. F. Gaiger.

Two drunks, one a Hindu, who pleaded he was not drunk because he did not fall down, and the other found lying prostrate in a doorway, were tried this morning.

A meeting of the primary teachers of the public schools of this city was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. The meeting was called by the city superintendent for the purpose of discussing the subject of number work in the primary grades.

On Tuesday evening next the annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held in the Alexandra Club rooms, Government Street, commencing at 8 o'clock. The reports of the officers who have represented the association for the past year will be read. A full attendance of members is requested, as the election of officers for the ensuing year will also take place. Any persons who are interested in the work of this body are cordially invited to attend.

The missing word competition is being put on at the Empress theatre, commencing February 28th. A paragraph will be shown on the screen at afternoon and evening shows with one word missing. The audience will be handed coupons as they enter the door on which they write the one word they think belongs there to make the paragraph complete. The coupon with the missing word filled in is to be handed in at the Times office in sealed envelopes on the first day of the competition. These will be opened at the finish. The prize is \$25. If more than one person guesses the same word the money will be divided accordingly. These competitions will be on each week, and will undoubtedly create a great deal of interest among those who attend this theatre.

SEVERAL BILLS NOW LAWS OF LAND

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR GIVES ROYAL ASSENT

Four Bills Introduced—Little Done Except Hearing the Budget Speech

Legislative Press Gallery, February 25th. In addition to the delivery of the budget speech in the House to-day there was little done.

The Honourable Lieutenant-Governor attended at 3 o'clock and gave the royal assent to the following bills: An act to amend the Public Inquiries Act. An act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act. An act to amend the Coroners Act. An act to provide for the medical inspection of schools. An act to provide for the establishment of juvenile courts. An act to amend the Assessment Act, 1903. An act to amend the Extra Municipal Trade Licenses Act, 1907. An act to amend the Public Schools Act, 1905. An act respecting Crown costs. An act to amend the Factories Act, 1908. An act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1888. An act to exempt from seizure and attachment annuities issued under chapter 5 of the Dominion statutes for the year 1908. An act to provide for the appointment of a commission to select a site for the University of British Columbia. An act to amend the Placer Mining Act. An act to amend the Horticultural Board Act. An act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act.

A bill was introduced by the Attorney-General to amend the Supreme Court Act in order to provide for civil sittings at Courtenay on the fourth Tuesdays in May and October. Section 25 of the act is repealed, it providing for an appeal to the Full Court, now abolished. An amendment to the County Courts Act was introduced, authorizing the summoning of takers in cases where the registrar has been unable to summon sufficient jurors or some of the jurors summoned have not made an appearance. Mr. Hawthorthwaite introduced two bills which are not known to the Legislative halls, one to amend the Labor Regulation Act of 1907, and the other to amend the Inspection of Mines Act. Introduced so late in the session they stand little chance of being discussed at all.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Given Last Evening in the Schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Last evening the annual Sunday school library concert of the Metropolitan Methodist church was held in the schoolroom of the church, and proved to be a very interesting affair. There was a large attendance of friends, and the amount raised from the collection taken up at the close in aid of the funds of the library realized a neat little sum.

Rev. T. E. Holling, the pastor of the church, presided. In his opening remarks he spoke in laudable terms of the library which was doing such a good work in the Sunday school. He also thanked the many friends who were in attendance for the interest they had taken in coming to the concert. The programme which was given was an excellent one, and much praise is due to John Dowler, the librarian, who worked hard to make the affair a success. Among those who contributed to the programme was the Plover orchestra, which rendered several selections which were much enjoyed. Vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Stansland, J. Scott Ross, J. E. Weaver, and a quartette from the choir of the church. James Corke and Jesse Longfield furnished a violin duet which won great applause. E. Yeo and W. Hicks gave an interesting dialogue.

The feature of the evening was the flower drill given by twenty girls from the North Ward school. Their performance brought forth vociferous applause and the girls responded to an encore, and at the close of it were given as strong an ovation as was tendered them at the finish of their original.

The funeral of the late John Lamberton will take place on Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Hanna Parlors, Yates street. Rev. Dr. Campbell will officiate.

Building permits have been issued to James Goldstraw for a five-roomed house on Princess avenue to cost \$1,200, and to Mellor Brothers for a store house on Kingston street to cost \$1,200.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gleason, 1453 Vining street, on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend, as business of importance is to be discussed.

Since the hearing and conviction in the police court of the McManus case, drunkenness has decreased considerably in Victoria, according to the police returns. This week there has been only \$29 in fines recorded against drunkards. In the McManus case the proprietor of the saloon was fined for supplying a drunken man. The case is on appeal.

The death occurred in Los Angeles, Cal., on the 12th inst. of A. E. Thompson. Deceased was for eight years a member of the Manitoba legislature, representing Arthur. For several years he resided in Vancouver, and during his residence there made many visits to Victoria. F. A. Thompson, of this city, a brother of the deceased, attended the funeral which took place in the south on Friday last.

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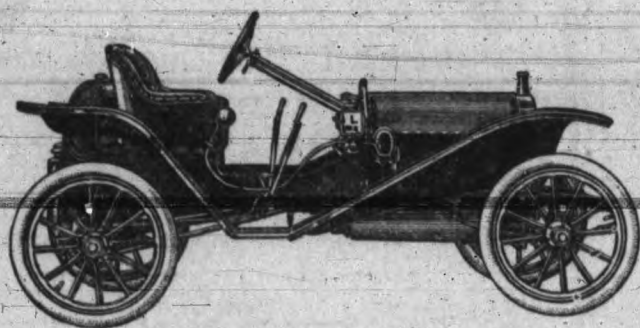
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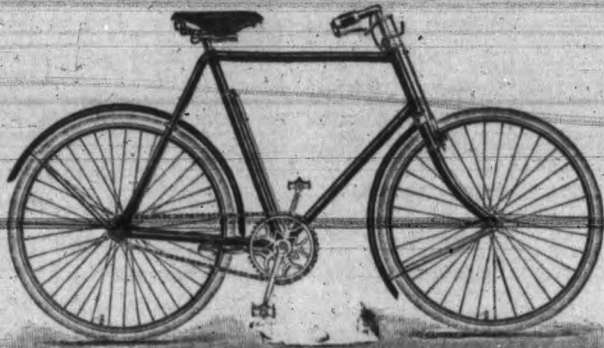
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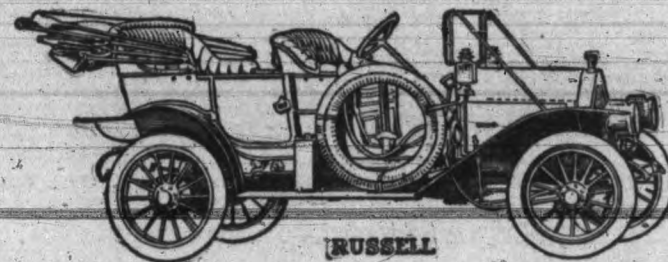
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AUSTRALIAN RIDER IS PREMIER JOCKEY

Boy Who Rode His First Winner at Nine is Now Wealthy

If all goes well with the two sons of J. Wootton, the Australian horseman, now in England, they will in 1910 earn for their father the princely income of \$80,000. Wootton himself is an accomplished horseman, and with a modest stable expects to earn sufficient to make his family's total earnings for the year not less than \$100,000. This for a man who only a few years ago was the owner of only one or two selling platters is very satisfactory.

Frank Wootton, the elder of the two jockeys, is only a few days more than sixteen years old, and could at the close of the year ride at ninety-five pounds. His younger brother, Stanley, is two years his junior. They have frequently opposed each other in races, and the skill of the younger was such as to indicate that he will in time excel his brother. Both ride in the American style, as their father long ago realized that any other would defeat. Criticism of the short stirrup leathers, necessary because of the American seat, is now very rare in English turf papers.

Frank Wootton rode his first winner at the age of nine. The name of the horse was Kemper, and the place was Germiston, South Africa. A few months later he won a big betting event, the Goldfields handicap, at Johannesburg, on Centurion. In his first actual mount in a race he was unplaced; in his next he was second, and in his third effort he was third. His fourth mount was a victory. In Australia boys are not granted licenses until they are fourteen years old, so the father took his family to South Africa. Here the boy rode seventeen winners before it was decided to go to England.

Since then, now about four years ago, the progress of Frank Wootton has been steady. He led all the jockeys in England in 1906, with a score of 163, but his percentage was not as good as that of Danny Maher. Wootton has now succeeded the American as first jockey for Lord Derby. Wootton might have led the list in 1908, but for a month's suspension in September of that year.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FOR INDOOR MEET

Assembly Hall Selected for Contests on the Night of March 12

The High school sprinters have taken steps to form their track team for the indoor meet on March 12th next and the following entries are arranged for: Under 16, 200 yards and the 40 yards dash, Percy Beasley and P. Westcott; 40 yards, under 18, Beasley and Allen Clark will enter, and William Day and Allen Clark will be in the 880 yards dash. Norman Spencer and Charles Brown will look after the shot put. McConnell, the Vancouver sprinter, has been invited to come over and has accepted the invitation.

Arrangements regarding the drill hall have miscarried and the event will now take place at the Assembly hall, Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons have been set aside for training afternoons and all athletes who are taking part can train on the afternoons mentioned.

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PARAGRAPHS ON SPORT

Frank Cullen or William Moresby may be asked to act as referees for the Minto cup matches between Westminster and Montreal this summer. The date has been settled and now the teams are arguing over referees. With the two names mentioned and A. G. Hatstead, of Vancouver, Westminster should be satisfied. The Easterners are thinking the names over because they want one Eastern and one Western man to act together.

Westminster is going to oppose a long league schedule with Vancouver this year. Last year there were ten games. This will be a big year for lacrosse and the champions feel they will have hard work.

The unearthing of the Kilmarnock cup for amateur lacrosse was a far easier matter than getting a decent team to represent Victoria in the sport this summer will be. The cup has had a long sleep, and now it has come to light Victoria might as well get in and take it, as its awakening occurred in this city.

Those who read the names of the Victoria West team playing to-day will see first and foremost that of E. H. Benney. Being in goal it is the first name read. Many a soccer player read that name and then stopped. However, Victoria West has shown good sense not to let a goal-keeper of Benney's calibre wander to other pastures.

Several local sports last night began figuring out the expense of Con Jones' special train to the Jeffries-Johnston fight in July. That is the individual expense, they don't mind what it costs the sporting Jones—but when the train starts there will be several Victorians aboard.

James Cogroove, the Argonaut (Toronto) sculler, will row at Henley regatta this year. Cogroove is twenty-two years of age and weighs 138 pounds. He will go to Henley after the Diamond Sculls.

Ernest Barry and Richard Arnet, the latter the champion, will row in South Africa this year, provided the champion beats George Welch. Should Welch beat Arnet he will be offered the South African match.

Next year there should be a soccer referees' association in Victoria. There are several old footballers who would gladly referee under certain conditions. The way to get the necessary conditions is for referees to act together through their own association. Such a body would do a whole lot of good to the game.

The Wolgast-Nelson fight this week at Point Richmond, Cal., brought in a \$37,575 gate, the crowd being in the neighborhood of 15,000. Nelson, as the champion, when he entered the ring, received \$13,000. Wolgast received \$3,750 for his end, but his hay-making

has now started, and hereafter he will draw down the long end.

A good athletic card that would draw in inter-club boxing bouts between the various athletic clubs of Victoria. J.B.A.A., Victoria West, the Empress and North Ward could interchange a four-round schedule of compliments in each other's club rooms, and the public could be asked to pay. The result would be sport, enjoyment and profit to the clubs.

Disatisfied with his brother Sandy's defeat last Saturday night by Venables at Nanaimo, Stan Swanson has challenged his brother's victor. The men are matched under a \$25 deposit and the match takes place to-night.

The Island League will meet to-night at the Driard hotel. First and second division clubs are entitled to be represented. The meeting has been called hurriedly and club delegates who have not received a personal intimation are nevertheless expected to be present. The delegates are here from Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

The Victoria West defeated the Regiment team last night by 32 to 3. The match was a league match in the intermediate league. At the Victoria West hall the juniors beat the Esquimalt juniors by 37 to 4.

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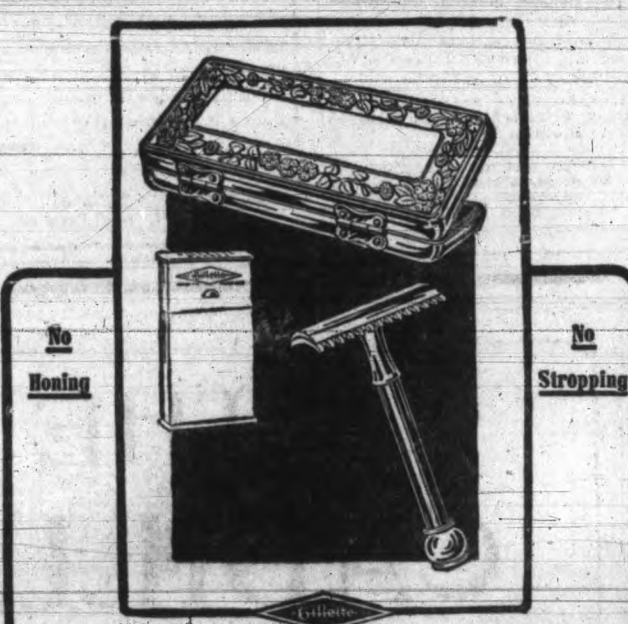
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QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Important Conference Will Be Held at Ottawa Next Month.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A very important conference has been fixed to be held at Ottawa on March 29th. It will be between representatives of the Dominion and Provincial governments. The object of the conference is to discuss the question of the relative jurisdiction of the Dominion and Provinces in respect to company incorporation. It is a constantly recurring source of difficulty. Legislation is repeatedly sought here, particularly for railway incorporation, to which the objection is raised that the bill should come before the Legislature rather than the Federal Parliament. No understanding on the matter has ever been reached, but at next month's conference the whole question will be discussed and an endeavor made to reach a conclusion defining the lines of jurisdiction which the parties interested will agree not to invade.

—Alfred A. Farland, the world's greatest banjoist, is giving a recital on Monday evening, February 25th, at Broad Street hall, at Plowright's mandolin, guitar and banjo orchestra's annual concert. Mr. Farland has been received enthusiastically in all the largest cities of England and America for the last sixteen years, and should meet with a hearty reception on his first appearance in Victoria.

All members of the Fifth Regiment in possession of bugles are ordered to deliver the same at the drill hall tomorrow, as it is proposed to obtain a new issue which cannot be done until the old ones are turned in. The Royal School of Artillery, which has been in session for the last month, will conclude next week when the officers concerned will have firing practice.

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Steamer Did Not Get Away For Australia Until This Afternoon.

The steamer Makura was delayed considerably in getting away from Vancouver, not reaching this port until early this afternoon. She left a little later bound for the Orient with a large list of passengers and a good cargo. Among the passengers were many going to Honolulu.

A new life preserver consists of a band and leg straps, to which are attached floats resembling a soldier's cap, which move freely and independently of each other.

LICENSE QUESTION TO COME UP ON MONDAY City Council to Discuss Amendments to the Liquor By-Law

City Solicitor Mann, at the instructions of the City Council, has prepared certain amendments to the liquor license by-law and the same will in all likelihood come before the board at the meeting on Monday evening. These amendments bear upon the regulations governing boxes in restaurants having licenses, the serving of liquor with meals, the question of license fees and other points.

The suggestion has been made that boxes in restaurants should be done away with altogether, and that the sale of liquor with meals should not be permitted after the hour at which hotels and saloons are required to close their bars.

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The new steamer which is being brought from the Old Country in sections on the steamer Titan it has been decided to name the William Grant in honor of Captain William Grant, the president of the company. This vessel should arrive about the middle of next month and will be at once put together and commissioned. Captain Grant has been one of the pioneers in both the whaling and sealing industries, and the naming of the vessel after him will be a distinct recognition of his services.

The other new whaler, Sebastian, which was bought at St. John, Newfoundland, is expected to reach Victoria about the same time as the Titan. She is in command of Captain Anderson, and as soon as she has been overhauled she will be put into commission.

The officers for the coming year are: President, William Grant; managing director, Captain Sprout Balcolm; and secretary, A. R. Langley.

Shipping Report

(By Dominion Wireless.)
Cape Lazo, Feb. 25, 8 a. m. - Overcast; E. E. gale; bar, 29.89; temp., 49; sea rough.
Point Grey, Feb. 25, 8 a. m. - Raining; wind S. E.; bar, 29.43; temp., 38.
Tatooah, Feb. 25, 8 a. m. - Light rain; wind N. W.; 46 miles; bar, 29.72; temp., 43; in two-masted steamer during night; in steamer Virginian, 4:30 a. m.; out, steamer Asuncion, 6 a. m.
Pachom, Feb. 25, 8 a. m. - Raining; wind S. W.; bar, 29.66; temp., 42; sea moderate.
Estevan, Feb. 26, 8 a. m. - Passing 42; sea moderate.

The funeral of the late Thomas McKewen took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the W. E. Smith undertaking parlors, and at 2:30 o'clock from Christ Church cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Bishop Ferrin. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: W. Wiltshire, E. W. Bellamy, P. Jamieson, W. A. Anderson, Geo. Porter and Gus Porter.

WRECKED PASSENGERS SUFFERED LITTLE

Officers of Yucatan Praised for Their Conduct During Mishap

According to the stories told by the passengers of the wrecked steamer Yucatan, who have arrived in Seattle, the sinking of the vessel was utterly lacking in thrilling adventure or anything akin to panic. The vessel was near shore at the time of the disaster, about 9:30 o'clock the morning of February 15th, and it was evident there was no danger. There were ten women among the passengers, but all were cool and the crew were not hampered in launching lifeboats. Within twenty minutes all were ashore.

The passengers were compelled to establish a camp in the vicinity of the wreck, as the calls for aid by the wireless operator on the Yucatan were unavailing.

Though this camp was pitched in the deep snow on the little protected shore of Mad Bay conditions of living were made fairly comfortable, as a plentiful supply of provisions and supplies had been taken from the steamer. The castaways remained on the beach two days and nights, finally being picked up by the Georgia and taken to Juneau. A 6-months-old baby was one of the castaways and it was through the experience without suffering of any kind.

Captain Jensen and First Officer Gustafson are highly praised for their efforts to get immediate aid after the wreck. Lifeboats were rowed a distance of fifteen miles through a storm to reach Hoonah.

The passengers believe that the Yucatan can be saved, if not hampered by ice before a salvage vessel can reach the scene. Mad Bay is well protected from stormy weather, being an intake from a larger bay at the entrance to the straits. The ice floes in these waters are reported to be unusually heavy this season, however, and heavy masses of ice is likely to be driven against the vessel at any time, which would mean complete destruction.

Cabin passengers of the Yucatan, while proceeding from the camp to Juneau on the Georgia, drew up resolutions regarding the mishap. The document states that between Cape Hinchenbrook and the straits during two days preceding the mishap, extremely heavy head winds and foggy weather prevailed. The straits were entered the evening of February 15th, and the vessel lay to all night. Morning showed the straits a mass of floating ice bergs. Several on board had made trips through the ice before, but had never seen so much ice there. The Yucatan proceeded with utmost caution and at slow speed with frequent stops. In a large field of ice, at 9:30 in the morning a berg was borne down on the vessel by the current and crashed a hole in her side. Continuing the resolution specifies highly of the conduct of Captain Porter and the other officers of the steamer.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seattle-Arrived: Steamer Welding Brothers, from the North Pacific ocean; steamer Wasp, from San Francisco. Sailed: British steamer Sueric, for Tacoma; steamer Wasp, for Tacoma.

Wrangle-Arrived: Steamer Northland, from Seattle.
Ketchikan-Sailed: Steamer Humboldt, for Seattle.
Juneau-Arrived: Steamer Portland, from Cordova.
Steward-Arrived: Steamer Victoria, from Seattle.

San Francisco-Arrived: Steamer Tallac, from Port Angeles; steamer Helene, from Grays Harbor; German steamer Fernoschke, from Nanaimo; steamer Maverick, from Seattle; steamer Watson, from Seattle; schooner Roy Somers, from Grays Harbor; British barque Lord Templeton, from Sydney. Sailed: Steamer Governor, for Seattle; steamer Svea, for Grays Harbor; steamer Mann Smith, for Coos Bay.
Sydney, N. S. W.-Arrived: British steamer Molsa, from Vancouver via Honolulu and Brisbane.
Yokohama-Arrived: Steamer Cleveland, from San Francisco via Honolulu.
Albany-Arrived: Steamer Clugette, R. Wilson, from San Francisco. Sailed: steamer G. C. Lindauer, for San Francisco; steamer Carlos, for San Francisco.

Yokohama-Sailed: Steamer Montague, for Vancouver.
Tacoma-Arrived: Barquentine Chas. F. Crocker, from San Francisco. Sailed: Steamer Burkman, for Sound ports; steamer Unatilla, for Sound ports; steamer Asuncion, for San Francisco.

CHANGES HANDS

It is announced in England that Lord Pirbright, chairman of the African Steamship Company, has purchased from the executor all the undertakings and businesses controlled by the late Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, chief among which is the Elder-Dempster shipping line and fruit business.

The Elder-Dempster shipping line will be of especial local interest because of the fact that its steamers form the connecting link between eastern Canada and British Columbia, through their arrangement with the Canadian-Mexican vessels. The Elder-Dempster vessels, which have carried eastern Canadian produce to Puerto Mexico, where it is transhipped via the Tehuantepec route to the local steamers calling at Salina Cruz have, since the inauguration of the connecting service, been bringing increasingly large cargoes.

Steamer Princess Beatrice will not come to Victoria for some time. She arrived in Vancouver yesterday and is leaving to-day for Stewart and way ports, taking a large cargo and a great many passengers.

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LARGE PARTY IS TO VISIT MEXICO

One Hundred Excursionists Leave To-night for West Coast

A large party of Victorians will leave this city this evening on the steamer Ella bound for Mexico City. Ex-Mayor Douglas and wife of Vancouver, with a number of friends, will be joined here by Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Hope, Miss Olive Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Mullen. These will all go through to Mexico City and will also visit a number of other points along the coast of Mexico and Central America. The vessel will carry about one hundred passengers in all, most of whom are going on the special excursion which provides time to visit all the principal points of interest.

The first excursion arranged by this company was a very successful one, but this one far outdoes the other in the point of numbers. A great deal of interest is being taken in Mexico by Canadians, and now that the means of communication are so much improved the travel is likely to increase. The Jensen and the Canadian-Mexican lines of steamers provide excellent means of visiting this historic and picturesque country.

The steamer is expected here this evening and will leave again about two hours after her arrival.

LOCAL OPTION LAW

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.-An influential delegation waited on the government, consisting of a number of Reeves, councillors, bankers and business men, who asked for an amendment to the liquor license act to have the local option law submitted in a given municipality only once in three years, instead of once a year, as may be done now. Under the present plan there is an agitation all the time, which is detrimental to business.



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S. S. PRINCESS BEATRICE - Sails from VANCOUVER every SATURDAY at 11 p. m., calling at SWANSON BAY, Hartley Bay, Warka Island, PRINCE RUPERT, and leaves PRINCE RUPERT on Feb. 28th, March 7th, 21st, April 4th, 18th, May 2nd, 16th, for Port Simpson, Arrandale, Port Nelson, Kinloch, Naas and STEWART, also from PRINCE RUPERT on March 19th, 23rd, April 12th, 26th, May 19th, 31st, for Port Essington and Skeena River Canneries.

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Victoria Stock Exchange

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San Francisco Markets

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 25.—Wheat—Australian, \$2.05@2.10; Soavia, \$2.05@2.10.

New York Cotton

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing cotton prices.

Grain Market

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing grain prices.

COBALT STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing Cobalt stocks.

PIONEER ENDS LIFE. Prescott, Ariz., Feb. 25.—Robert Fitzmaurice, a wealthy pioneer of this city, shot and killed himself yesterday.

IMPORTANT MOVE ON WATERFRONT

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It is thought that it was the prospect of this deal which influenced the selling of the Queen's hotel a few days ago, and other properties in the neighborhood are also being sought.

Several other capitalists or groups of capitalists have recently inspected the outer dock with a view to purchase. One or two attempts have been made to secure options on the property.

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NEW HARBOR AT NEW YORK

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AIRSHIP FLIGHTS. Portland, Ore., Feb. 25.—Charles K. Hamilton, the aeronaut, has wired the Portland Aeronautic Club from Prescott, Arizona, that he is on his way here with two Curtiss bi-planes.

ALL BACKACHE OR KIDNEY MISERY GOES AFTER TAKING JUST A FEW DOSES OF IT

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THE W. A. JAMESON COFFEE CO. receiving into their warehouse and factory on the corner of Langley and Broughton streets, twelve (12) tons of Tea. It was brought from the Orient by the C. P. R. S.S. Empress of China.

GROWING TIME IN PROVINCE

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would be hard to compute. It would be a mistake to suppose that we propose to compromise our claims for a million of dollars paid on instalments without interest.

Railway Taxation.

I do not propose to anticipate the premier in regard to railways when he introduces the legislation to which the House and the country are looking forward with anxious interest. I venture to remark that we are on the eve of a great development in that regard, which in a decade will double the 2,000 odd miles now, also, possibly, about 500 miles of which have been built since 1903. It was for the purpose of referring to taxation of railways particularly that I wish to mention the subject. To encourage the construction of certain lines the government took the power to exempt for ten years under certain conditions from taxation. We expect to see considerable mileage undertaken as a result in addition to work now in progress. We have, however, gone into the subject of taxation of certain railway lands held by the C. P. R. and other corporations, and these are now being assessed.

Another matter in connection with railways has had my consideration. As you are aware, the Shuswap and Okanagan lands were guaranteed on the condition of the province receiving the subsidy granted by the Dominion, of its being secured by a first mortgage on the line and of obtaining 40 per cent of the gross proceeds from traffic. This was considered a fair bargain at the time, but as the traffic returns have been computed on the basis of the long haul the share of the province has not at all been what was anticipated. I propose to undertake an audit of the books of the Shuswap and Okanagan for the purpose of determining to what extent we are entitled, if any, to a larger share of the traffic receipts since the opening of the line.

The Estimates.

Coming to the estimates that have been submitted to the House, it will be seen that the estimated expenditure is in excess of the estimated revenue and receipts by a little over \$700,000, the estimated expenditure being \$7,728,257.31, and the estimated receipts \$7,028,256.96.

Let any honorable member should think we are going to spend the money because we have it, I may say that we propose expending so much more during the coming fiscal year than in the year ending March 31, 1910, because the requirements of the province, now so rapidly expanding, demand it; and, secondly, in the case that it is after a general election and not before it. It will not, however, be necessary to float a loan or to borrow money to meet any deficiency that may exist; we shall simply have to take it from the deposit in the bank. This money has come from reducing our capital account, namely, in the sale of assets. We have a great work of development in the north, and are obliged to spend money judiciously. We must also keep a sum for future use, to have on the proverbial "rainy day," or to meet extraordinary demands. It is also wise to observe, too, that in the buying up of outstanding securities when favorable and when we can save money by purchasing in open market. There are several large sums put down for public improvements, such as a bridge over the Second Narrows, Burrard Inlet, which we propose to build conditionally. We treat our revenues, as they have done in the past, will sufficiently estimate to meet the demands in any event the government will be wise, in view of prospective development, to fully meet the increased requirements now, and be in a position to reap the revenue that will flow as a consequence from such expenditure, later on.

Land sales are put down at \$1,500,000, double the amount of the estimates of the present year, and we are fairly justified in assuming that they will even exceed that figure. Incidental land revenues arising out of coal prospecting licenses, pre-emptions, etc., we set down at \$150,000, an increase of \$15,000. There is every indication at the present moment that that will be considerably exceeded by the actual receipts under that head. There are small increases anticipated in timber licenses and royalties. The lumber trade is again prosperous, and a considerable increase is expected in the lumber cut this year over last.

As explained in introducing the amendments to the Assessment Act this year, the proposed reductions will not affect the taxation for the incoming fiscal year so far as revenues arising from real property, personal and income are concerned, and, therefore, a considerable increase is anticipated, but there will be a rebate of 25 per cent for prompt payment, which will serve the same purpose. However, the increase of land values is going on steadily and, with increased areas liable to taxation and increased population, the revenues from these sources would not be less than formerly in any event. There is an increase of \$35,000 shown for taxes from wild lands, coal and timbered lands. This is a conservative estimate, and liable to be considerably exceeded. We anticipate an increase of revenue of \$30,000 from the printing bureau, the number of advertisements appearing in the Gazette justifying that expectation. There is a \$10,000 increase in the receipts from royalty on coal. Were it not that the yield of coal mining are greater, through accidents and strikes, than in most industries, we might anticipate, from the present outlook, a much larger increase than that.

Abolishing Tolls.

The government has decided to abolish the New Westminster bridge tolls on foot and vehicular traffic after the 31st March prox. The government feels that in its present financial position it can afford to dispense with the revenue from that source, as an impost on the farming and trading community, now practically obsolete in Canada. As a matter of fact, we do not anticipate any loss of revenue, as will be seen by reference to this year's estimates, the difference being proposed to be made up by tolls on the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's line to

Chilliwack. The increase in the item of "Interest, Miscellaneous," from \$50,000 to \$200,000 is made up mainly by interest on the six million odd dollars in the bank, and also of interest on taxes.

Cost of Civil Service.

Under "Expenditures" one of the largest increases is under the head of "civil government salaries," being \$85,566 in excess of this year, or \$456,106. This increase is accounted for in two ways: one being the result of the regrading of civil servants by the commission appointed for that purpose under authority of last year's act; and the other being the creation of some new positions necessitated by expansion of public business everywhere throughout the province. With these exceptions, the increase in the other items—administration of justice (salaries), public institutions (maintenance), administration of justice (other than salaries); transport and revenue services, is normal, owing to increase of work and public service requirements.

The three exceptions are hospitals and charities, education and public works. The grants to hospitals are increased from \$200,000 to \$233,000, which means practically raising the minimum or unit upon which the grants are based, legislation to authorize which will be introduced by the hon. the provincial secretary, who has found that the cost of conducting a public hospital has so increased as to render this necessary. The assistance towards building hospitals has also been increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The vote for Education is augmented by \$11,182, being raised from \$14,580 to \$25,762, of which \$40,000 is conditional. This is occasioned largely by the increase of equipment of the Normal school, the establishment of night schools and the increase of salaries to teachers in certain rural districts, and other requirements in line with the policy foreshadowed by the minister of education in moving the second reading of the amendments to the School Act, from which we expect corresponding benefits in the educational interests of the province.

Public Works.

By far the greatest increase provided for is under the head of public works, a sum of \$4,226,805 being provided for, as against \$2,831,150 this year. The total sum, of course, has been increased by \$507,900 in the supplementary estimates, which makes the total increase \$5,858,505. Among the most important items in this very large appropriation is a new insane asylum at Coquitlam, for which \$150,000 is provided; \$200,000 to finish and furnish the new court house, Vancouver, of which \$50,000 is for a new wing; \$100,000 for the reconstruction of river banks, rendered necessary by the erosion of the water and consequent destruction of property; \$150,000 for the further construction and completion of the Vancouver Island trunk road; \$150,000 for roads at Point Grey, which is a partial return for the very large sums received for government property sold there; \$250,000 to assist in the construction of a public toll-free bridge across the Second Narrows, Burrard Inlet, conditional upon sums being voted by the municipalities and the Dominion government, the bridge to be operated by no railway company, but by a company which the government and municipalities will hold stock; \$300,000 for surveys of lands in consonance with the policy the government has adopted, now that it has the money at its command, to definitely delimit the acreage of agricultural lands available for settlement; \$20,000 for the purchase of a site for a court house at Grand Forks, the present building there being old and inadequate; and \$20,000 for government offices at Kaslo.

New subsidies are proposed for ferries at Shuswap, Hope, Itany, creek, Bear River (Portland Canal) and High bar, on the Fraser river. There are, however, general increases in the appropriation for the districts, and the government has endeavored to deal out even-handed justice to all parts of the province independent of the political complexion of the constituencies and with a view to actual requirements. The large amount of expenditure considered necessary, as compared with former years, is the best indication of the rapid and substantial development of the province. During the passage of the estimates through committee I shall have occasion to refer to some of them more in detail. For my present purpose I do not deem it necessary to do more than refer briefly to the more important items.

New Offices and Officers.

You will observe in going through the items under the head of "civil government salaries," that we have created some new offices, and increased the staff of some of the departments rendered necessary, as I have already intimated, by the great increase of internal departmental and outside office work. We have added to the lands department the office of chief water commissioner, at a salary of \$3,000, and provided for a staff at \$1,000. This office, as you know, is created under the provisions of the Water Clauses Act, and is one with very important duties attached to it. The newly appointed incumbent, Mr. Drever, has already engaged upon his work. Owing to the increase of work in connection with the public works department a first assistant engineer has been provided for at a salary of \$2,100, and also a supervising architect at a salary of \$1,900. In my own department the office of inspector of legal offices has been created with a salary of \$2,400 attached to it. The duties of this new official will be to inspect and generally supervise the work of all legal offices, a post that has been rendered highly advisable by the increase of responsible duties in carrying out the provisions of the various acts and the number of officials employed. An assistant auditor is also provided for.

In the timber inspector's office we are making provision for an accountant, new sealers and two new boats, two stenographers and a clerk. Owing to the growing industry and the amount of revenue collected the work and responsibility devolving upon the various officials, the appointment of an accountant will relieve the inspector of a lot of details and enable him to pay greater attention to his particular duties. Three new inspectors of mines are added to the list of the department of mines. Two new inspectors were provided to assist the chief inspector of steam boilers. So many new steam plants are being installed throughout the country that the present efficient staff is unable to cope with the increasing work imposed under the act. Generally speaking, the work of the civil servants is growing, and increases in the staff here and there are constantly being made. Some of the increases to the staff provided mean that temporary clerks have been placed on the permanent list. Especially in the northern part of the province, owing to its rapid development, the administrative force is being augmented from time to time, and we may expect a greater continued increase as compared with other provinces. In fact, it is difficult to anticipate the requirements twelve months ahead, and in many cases it is necessary to draw heavily upon the temporary assistance fund to keep pace with them.

For Benefit of Farmers. I intend to refer later on to the department of agriculture, the scope of which has been largely widened, and the total appropriation been considerably increased. The regular staff has been added to by a poultry expert, an assistant horticulturist, an inspector, two clerks, and another inspector of animals (three in all). The vote for administrative staff at Victoria this year is \$48,500, to which under the head of "miscellaneous" are added various sums for general and specific purposes \$117,250. This is a very large sum, compared with previous appropriations, but the growing importance of agriculture justifies the greatest efforts and encouragement possible in the power of the government.

Grants to Exhibitions.

The sum of \$50,000 will be apportioned among the various associations on an equitable basis. We propose to cease giving aid towards the paying off of fair debts. There has been a large amount given for this purpose in the past; and we think it is now unwise to assist agricultural associations in connection with their debts and buildings. I wish to give notice that it is not the intention hereafter while it remains in office to give any grants for this purpose. Vancouver is to have a large exhibition, and we will give \$10,000 towards prizes. Comox has an admirable little association and we are giving \$150 towards its debt. Towards the debt of the Victoria association we gave last year \$7,000, and this year we will give \$5,000, and towards the prize list \$2,000, the same as last year. In all we give \$37,025 in this way, and the other \$12,975 is to be allocated to the various provincial associations outside Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster.

A new departure is made in the establishment of demonstration or experimental orchards, which will become in time demonstration farms, and by this means we hope to do a work of great service to the farming community. During the year we lost H. M. Palmer, who at the time of his retirement was deputy-minister of agriculture, and in his successor, Mr. Scott, also a thoroughly practical man, I have the fullest confidence. Closely allied with the department of agriculture is the bureau of information and immigration, the new secretary of which, Mr. Clarke, who has previously been in charge for some time, is doing such excellent service. The bulletins issued from that office have been admired everywhere they have been sent, not only for the character of the letter press, but on account of the mechanical execution displayed, the credit being due to the printer of the printing bureau. A great variety of information about the province is daily sent out from that office, in the form of printed literature, maps and letters in answer to enquiries. In this connection I wish to refer to a vote of \$25,000 for immigration.

Domestic Help.

The vote for immigration has been increased to \$55,000 this year, and of this sum we propose giving \$20,000 to the Salvation Army under an arrangement we are about to enter into with them, in order to settle as far as we can the great question of domestic labor in this province. We know, those of us opposed to Chinese labor, the great influence they have had, and the great advantage they have had, in domestic work. It is felt that the time has arrived when we can attempt to do some little towards settling this question of domestic service, and therefore we have arranged with the Salvation Army, with all its branches and opportunities in the Old Country, to bring out domestic servants. We intend to give \$10,000 for a home in Vancouver to which the girls can go till they get places. This \$10,000 is to help to build and furnish the home. We also give a floating loan of \$10,000 to be used by the Army to assist girls out and to be repaid. We do not expect to receive much benefit of this \$20,000, because it will be always a floating debt, and will doubtless suffer some shrinkage. As soon as it is paid back to the Army their officers will at once use it to bring out another shipment. It is expected that there will be a large number of girls and next year one hundred and fifty. I think this is a vote that will receive commendation in this House when it is known that we are acting fairly in trying to settle this great question in this province.

We hope to, partially, at least, solve a problem that is especially difficult one for the women, the heads of households in this country, and we look upon the Salvation Army, which has experience in this work, as best qualified to advise in solving it. Other important items in the "miscellaneous" vote refer to forest protection \$75,000, the revision of the statistics \$10,000, the forestry commission \$10,000, Board of Investigation Water Act \$20,000, insurance commission \$3,000, university commission \$2,000, civil service commission under the Public Service Act \$2,000, inspection under the Electric Power Inspection Act \$2,500, inspection of tramways \$2,500, and a contribution of \$20,000 towards the cost of a sea-wall at Victoria, conditional upon that city passing a certain by-law and contributing \$45,000. With one or two exceptions all these are new votes and provide for very important services.

Increased protection against forest fires, for instance, cannot be over-estimated, considered in relation to the value of our forests as an asset of the province. The insurance commission is intended to investigate the matters which have from time to time been pressed upon the attention of the government by the Underwriters' Association and by others, and upon which there is a considerable divergence of opinion. The vote for \$10,000 to the

forestry commission is to enable the members to continue their investigations and thoroughly inform themselves upon all the conditions affecting the all-important subject they have in hand.

Dallas Road Sea Wall.

The conditional grant to the city of Victoria to assist in erecting a sea wall to protect the Dallas road, now in danger of being washed away, is on all fours, with the vote for protecting the banks of rivers, and equally justifiable, except that both matters really belong to the Dominion government to undertake, more especially the sea wall. However, in the absence of federal assistance, the government has decided to intervene. The large vote for the administration of the Water Act will be required to set in operation the provisions of the law and to investigate and determine the rights of applicants for water and to acquire the immense amount of data required in connection with the whole subject. I need scarcely refer to the inspection under the Electric Power Inspection and the Tramway Inspection Acts, new duties created as the result of new and modern conditions of motive power and transportation.

The House will be asked to vote supplementary estimates to the amount of \$1,500,000, the sums required to complete the services for the present fiscal year, further explanation of which, when the House goes into committee of supply, I shall be pleased to afford wherever necessary. These included \$117,000 for the acquiring of additional grounds for the Victoria government buildings, \$48,500 for election expenses, grading commission in connection with the raising of salaries \$18,000; showing necessary expenditures in the way of public works (that could not have been anticipated) had that to be gone on with, such as Prince Rupert improvements.

Resources of the Province.

Leaving the financial portion of his address Mr. Bowser took a review of many sources of wealth in the province and drew a bright picture of what might be expected in the way of development within very few years. He dealt in turn with mining, timber, agriculture, fisheries, game and industrial opportunities and had prepared a mass of really interesting facts and figures on each of these branches. In mining the province had had a successful year, not only from the point of view of actual output but in respect of new fields and increased development. The estimated output for 1909 reached a grand total of \$24,000,000. The lumber industry was prosperous, the output of last year being 755,000,000 feet, valued at \$12,000,000. When the final report of the forestry commission was received it was to put a very complete and comprehensive code of forest regulations into effect. In the extension of tenure of timber licenses the interests of the public had been protected in every way possible and so long as the licenses were held the people would reap a revenue proportionate to the profits reaped by the lumbermen.

Agriculture relatively had made by far the greatest progress in recent years and the government was devoting unusual attention to its encouragement and development. The late minister had laid his plans for and begun a complete reorganization of the department. It was the intention of the government to carry on the policy of Captain Tatlow and extend it still further in order to make the department

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what it ought to be, a factor in the progress of the province. The various organizations would be brought into line with a common system of departmental supervision and control, that their work might be thoroughly systematized and second, that the expenditure of money appropriated by the legislature for the work of the various associations. In future the outside work would be distributed among the Farmers' Institutes and B. C. Dairymen's Association, both under Mr. Hodson; the B. C. Poultry Association, under M. A. Full; the B. C. Provincial Fair Association and the B. C. Fruit-growers' Association, under Mr. Winslow. During the year a great deal of advertising of the province had been done by having exhibits at the leading exhibitions in eastern Canada and Great Britain.

The industrial possibilities in the line of shippards, iron and steel furnaces, rolling mills, pulp and paper mills, tanneries, woolen mills and others were dwelt on by the minister.

Summing up the product of the year as closely as that was possible gave the following result: Manufactures, \$30,000,000; mining, \$24,000,000; lumber, \$12,000,000; agriculture, \$8,500,000; fisheries, \$8,500,000; a total of \$82,500,000, or \$321 per head of the population. Concluding his speech Mr. Bowser said:

Vistas of Greatness.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, permit me to observe with all these factors to which I have alluded in our favor—in industry, in commerce, in agriculture, in financial success and political stability—we may reasonably expect for the coming fiscal year and for some years to come a period of provincial expansion such as British Columbia has hitherto never enjoyed, and I have no hesitancy in saying, such as the older generation in this country had not dreamed of enjoying in their own lifetime. There are vistas of future greatness opening up now which fifteen years ago were to the most of us obscured. The Toronto Globe used to refer to the general prosperity of the Dominion as the "growing time of Canada." It is now the growing time of British Columbia, and while we may not reap the complete fruition of

awakened hopes and activities in our time, the majority of us will live to see an industrial and commercial transformation so great that we shall look back to the year 1903-4 as but the beginning of things in this province—the year one in the new era.

But we must not attempt to disparage the efforts of our pioneers in the years preceding, who, under many difficulties, rendered possible what we are achieving to-day under more favorable conditions, a remark that applies as far back as 1858, when the first rush of population took place. We are apt to think of the progress of the province as having in the past been slow, and so it was to those who were impatient to realize the dreams they had in coming to the West. There were good reasons for the backwardness of the years from 1858 to 1885. For lack of railway transportation British Columbia could not move faster than its pack teams went; but if we call to mind now that twenty-five years ago there was not a mile of railway in operation, and that now we have over 2,000 miles in operation; that the city

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Tuesday, the journey will again be taken up with stops at San Jose, and a side trip by trolley through the Santa Clara valley. Luncheon will be served at the Hotel Vendome, and in the evening the San Jose chamber of commerce will tender a reception to the visitors. The following day will be given over to sight-seeing at Paso Robles and Del Monte, with the famous seventeen-mile ocean drive. Thursday the party will spend several hours at Santa Barbara, reaching Los Angeles in the evening. Friday will be a day's trip to Redlands and Riverside. The special train will be made up entirely of Pullman palace sleeping cars, library-observation, buffet, dining and baggage cars. The train will be in charge of an experienced guide, and the passenger list will be limited. Many business men and their families will no doubt take advantage of this rate to visit California for several weeks, combining business with pleasure.

SLANDER CASE IS CONCLUDED

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN HARDIE VS. KING
Counsel for Plaintiff Charges That Story of Beating Was Concocted

The action for slander, Hardie vs. King, was concluded in the Supreme court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Morrison. On the conclusion of addresses by counsel, F. Peters, K. C., for the plaintiff, and H. T. Elliott, K. C., for the defendant, His Honor announced that he would reserve judgment.

Norman Hardie was called and told of the conversation at the Isolation hospital when Mrs. King was asked by Dr. Robertson if she had told Mrs. Hurst over the telephone that plaintiff had beaten the child.

Cross-examination by Mr. Elliott witness said he did not remember that all parties present on that occasion had threatened Mrs. King with an action at law.

Miss Morrison, who had assisted Miss Hardie in nursing the Hurst case, was recalled, and testified, in answer to questions by Mr. Peters, that she had examined the child repeatedly after the alleged beating had occurred, and found no marks or bruises on his body.

When this witness had left the box counsel for plaintiff announced that this was his case.

Mr. Elliott in his address for the defence moved for judgment on the ground that all the evidence that had been produced by plaintiff negatived the evidence of malice, and that there was no evidence of malice which could have been submitted to a jury.

Mr. Elliott claimed that the evidence of Mrs. King had shown most conclusively that there was no malice, as witness had testified that in conversation with Mrs. King on Friday of last week the latter had said that she bore no grudge against Miss Hardie, but that she blamed Dr. Robertson for all the trouble.

Mr. Peters, for the plaintiff, argued that there was no maxim of law which enabled a person to make a statement about another person which the former knew to be untrue. He declared he believed, and contended that the evidence he had submitted warranted that belief, that the whole charge had been concocted by Mrs. King.

Counsel for plaintiff laid stress on two points which he thought discredited the whole of the testimony of Mrs. King. In the first place she had sworn that she herself had seen the child beaten, and witnesses had sworn that the child bore no marks of having been beaten at all. In the next place—this the most important and significant of all—she had sworn that she had immediately after the alleged beating, telephoned to Dr. Robertson and informed him about it. Dr. Robertson had sworn that she had not so telephoned, and in proof that the doctor was telling the truth there was the evidence of three or more witnesses that when she was examined on November 21st, some months after the incident of the alleged beating, and asked, "Why did you not telephone?" she had replied, "Oh, we concluded to say nothing about it." Were the case short of the evidence of all other witnesses, said Mr. Peters, and only the testimony of Mrs. King and her husband, and that of Miss Hardie and Dr. Robertson submitted to the jury, he was sure that they would have no difficulty in finding a verdict for the plaintiff.

On the conclusion of Mr. Peters' case, Mr. Justice Morrison said the case was a most serious one, whichever way it was decided. If a verdict was given for the plaintiff it would mean the instant dismissal of Mrs. King from her position of matron of the Isolation hospital. His lordship remarked, in respect to the institution mentioned, that he thought it was scandalous that such a condition of affairs as had been revealed should have been allowed to go on there, and no attempt made by the city to remedy matters. In the event of the case being dismissed it would on the other hand mean a serious blow to the prestige and reputation of plaintiff.

Mr. Peters said that in the event of judgment being given for plaintiff his client would only expect nominal damages.

of great possibilities, and I know that you, Mr. Speaker, and all the honorable members feel deeply the responsibilities cast upon this government and the legislature in respect to the whole of the people of British Columbia in order that they may share to the fullest extent of the bountiful measure of prosperity in sight. I have, therefore, the greatest of satisfaction and pleasure in moving that supply may be granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Bowser was heartily applauded on sitting down.

When the debate is resumed some time next week J. H. Hawthornthwaite will be the first to speak and will tell what the Socialists think of the budget.

PRaises PAVEMENT OF WORSWICK COMPANY

Editor of Chico Record Relates Experience of California Town

The editor of the Chico Record, in the issue of that paper for December 23rd last, has an article on street pavements which is of interest to Victoria just now, in view of the fact that it is proposed to introduce here the process to which he refers. He examined some of the streets in Modesto, Cal., which had been treated by the Worswick Paving Company, and found that they were in excellent condition after many years' wear. The local agent of the Worswick company is W. J. McKeown, of this city, and he has now a proposition before the city council respecting paving which is receiving favorable consideration. Some days ago Mr. McKeown arranged that a piece of pavement which had been down for ten years at Modesto should be forwarded to Victoria. It is now on view in the engineer's office in the city hall. It is in excellent condition, and bears eloquent testimony to the fine wearing qualities of the Worswick pavement.

An extract appearing from the article appearing in the Chico Record, above referred to, reads as follows:

"Modesto affords much of interest to Chico, in that it has paved more blocks of streets during the past two years than any city in the San Joaquin or Sacramento Valley—excepting Sacramento, Stockton and Fresno. Three years ago the progressive element of that city decided that Modesto should have decent streets and sidewalks, and the necessary legal steps were taken. As usual, there was some opposition, but the progressives won in every battle, and to-day Modesto is the best paved city of its size on the Pacific coast, and property values have advanced rapidly more than the cost of the improvements, and there is a demand for it. The writer took occasion to interview a number of Modesto business men relative to their elaborate street improvement, failed to find one who was other than highly pleased with the work that had been done, or who was not in favor of extending the improvement. This information was especially gratifying, for the reason that the Worswick Paving Company, which proposes to do some paving in Chico, is the firm that did and is continuing to do the Modesto work. It was indeed rather embarrassing to have to admit that Chico, with all her wealth and natural attractions, has not a foot of paved streets, while Modesto, with half the population of Chico, has forty blocks, and the improvement is being extended. There is a satisfaction in knowing, however, that we of Chico are almost united in the movement for better streets, and when the legal requirements are met, the people will stand back of the plan for a general improvement that will compare well with the best improved city in the state."

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of Vancouver, for instance, with a population of over 100,000 did not then exist; that the population of the province itself has quintupled in that period; that our provincial revenues have increased about fifteen times; that activities in trade, industry, shipping, etc., have multiplied in similar proportions, we can realize that instead of our progress having been slow it has been of a most remarkable character.

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CITY CHURCHES

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ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdette avenue. Order of services: Morning. Processional Hymn... Venite... Psalms—As set... Benedicite... Offertory... Eucharist... Communion... Postlude.

St. John's, corner of Douglas and Flagstaff streets. Preaching: Morning, Rev. St. John's, evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley. Confirmation class on Sunday at 2:30 in the vestry. The music follows: Matins. Organ—Prelude... Venite... Psalms... Benedictus... Offertory... Eucharist... Communion... Postlude.

St. Barnabas', corner of Caledonia avenue and Cook street. There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 11 a. m., choral matins and litany at 8 a. m., choral evensong at 7 p. m. The Rev. J. E. Street will be the preacher at the morning service, and the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, at evensong. Morning subject, Psalm 22; evening subject, "Lukewarmness in Holy Things." All seats are free and unappropriated. The musical arrangements are as follows: Morning. Organ—A Godlike Youth... Venite and Psalms... Cathedral Psalter... Benedictus... Offertory... Eucharist... Communion... Postlude.

St. James', corner of Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Holy communion at 8 matins and sermon at 11; preacher, Rev. E. G. Miller, rector of St. Barnabas'; Sunday school at 2:30; evensong and sermon at 7. The music follows: Morning. Organ—Voluntary... Venite and Psalms... Cathedral Psalter... Benedictus... Offertory... Eucharist... Communion... Postlude.

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First, corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., will conduct the services and preach in the morning. Theme of the sermon will be "The Divine Pursuit—Its Cost and Reward." At the evening service Rev. C. A. Williamson,

general secretary of International Sunday school work in British Columbia, will preach: Sunday school, men's own Bible class and adult Bible class for women at 2:30 p. m. Y. P. S. of W. W.'s literary meeting, Monday at 8 p. m., when Rev. T. W. Gladstone will give an illustrated lecture on "Derbyshire Dales." Tuesday at 8 p. m., men's own monthly business meeting, Wednesday, junior C. E. at 7:15 p. m. Thursday, prayer and business meeting at 8 p. m. Strangers, visitors, and friends cordially welcomed at all services.

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, 2. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will occupy the pulpit at both services. Strangers heartily welcome. The musical selections follow: Morning. Voluntary—Chorus of Angels... Clark Psalm... Anthem—I Am Alpha and Omega... Stainer Soprano Solo, Mrs. D. C. Reid. Hymns... Postlude in F... Loane Evening. Voluntary—The Ancient Vesper Hymn... Psalm... Anthem—In Humble Faith and Holy Love... Hymns... Solo—The Pilgrims of the Night... Parker W. D. Kinnaird. Voluntary—Behold the Lamb of God... Handel

First, corner of Blanchard street and Pandora avenue. Rev. Dr. Campbell, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Adult Bible class at 2:45. Sunday school at 2:30. Mid-week service on Thursday evening. First Presbyterian Club, Monday evening. Mr. Moyes, who was for fifteen years in Tibet, will give a lecture under the auspices of the club on the customs and habits of the people, and the scenery of the country, illustrated by lantern views. No admission, and all invited to hear Mr. Moyes.

St. Paul's, corner of Henry and Mary streets, Victoria West. Rev. D. MacRae, pastor. Morning worship at 11, evening at 7. Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m. Y. P. S. of W. W. meeting after the evening service. All young people are especially invited to attend. Rev. J. Hyde, of Westminster High, Vancouver, will conduct both services.

Knox, Stanley avenue. Rev. Jos. McCoy, M. A., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young men's own class meets at 10 a. m.—W. J. Short preaching. All young men cordially invited. Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Prayer service every Thursday at 8 o'clock. Choir practice on Friday, same hour. Mrs. R. Wilson will sing at the morning service, "One, Two, Three, Holy Thought," and in evening, solo by Miss Eva McLaren, with chorus by quartette, "Eternity."

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord, corner of Humboldt and Blanchard streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermons by Rev. Thos. W. Gladstone. Morning subject, "Let Any Man Fall"; evening, "Sanctification." Wednesday, 11 a. m., litany and address; Thursday, 8 p. m., prayer and exposition. Friday, 8:30, Bible reading. The music follows: Morning. Organ—Andante... Thos. Hassard Venite and Psalms—As set... Cathedral Psalter... Benedictus... Offertory... Eucharist... Communion... Postlude.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora avenue and Quadra street. Pastor, T. E. Helling, B. A. Services: 10 a. m., class meeting; 11 a. m., public worship, subject, "Some Further Considerations of the Deity, Jesus—the Testimony of His Works"; 2:30 p. m., Metropolitan Methodist Sabbath school; 2:45 p. m., Spring Ridge Methodist Sabbath school; 7:30 p. m., public worship, subject, "The Strange Case of a Saint, Prophet, or the Tragedy of Following Conscience Instead of Conscience"; anthem, "Thine, O Lord, is the Greatness." Kent; quartette, "God is a Spirit"; Misses Sherratt and Cocker and Messrs. Llewellyn and Shandley; duet, "Charity," by Stephen Glover, Misses Cocker and Luney. 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. Rev. S. J. Thompson will preach missionary sermons at both services, and will lecture on Monday evening in the church at 8 o'clock. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

James Bay, corner of Michigan and Mowat streets. A. N. Miller, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "The Christian as a Light." Evening service at 7 o'clock, subject, "Two Ways Contrasted." Sunday school and adult classes at 2:30. Rev. I. Williamson, secretary for British Columbia of the International Sunday School Association, will be present at the session of the school. The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. Parry street, on Thursday at 2 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Victoria West, corner of Catherine and Wilson streets. Divine service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m. The pastor will conduct both services to-morrow. Morning subject, "The Law of Service"; evening subject, "Blessed Land." Grand sacred concert, Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to all. A. E. Roberts, pastor.

BAPTIST.

First, Victoria hall, Blanchard street. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pulpit will be occupied morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Spencer. Sunday school at 2:30, also in Victoria West and Burnside missions at same hour. Men's Baraca class in room No. 1, A. O. U. W. building, and ladies' Philanthropic class at 2:30. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U. missionary meeting, Monday, 8 p. m.

"The Healing Miracles of Jesus." Sunday school and Bible classes for adults at 2:30 p. m.—A class for women is being formed and the pastor will take charge on Sunday, giving as the opening lesson, "The Holy Scriptures—the Formation of the Canon." B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m.—(John Milton, Poet and Essayist). Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m. The Sunday music follows: Morning. Holy, Holy, Holy... Hymn 177—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing... Anthem—O Taste and See... Sir J. Goss Hymn 678—Come Unto Me When Shadows Darkly Gather... Organ—A Melody... R. Schumann Hymn 223—Would Love Thee, God and Father... Evening. Hymn 52—How Firm a Foundation. Anthem—Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem... J. H. Maunders Hymn 118—Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old... From Elijah Organ—Cast Thy Burden... From Elijah Hymn 49—Jesus, Lover of My Soul.

LUTHERAN.

Grace, English, K. of P. hall, corner of Pandora avenue and Douglas street. Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject of sermon, "The Invitation of Jesus"; evening service at 7:30; subject, "Striving for a Goal." The Sunday school meets at 2:30 in the afternoon. Children are constantly being received and an effort is being made to double the attendance before the conclusion of the proposed year. A cordial invitation to all. Rev. William C. Drabn, western field secretary, pastor.

St. Paul's, 201 Mears street. Divine services in German at 11 a. m., subject of sermon, "The Shepherd's Call." In English, at 7:30 p. m., subject of sermon, "Our Substitutes." The Sunday school at 10 a. m. Choral society every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all. Rev. Otto G. M. Gerlich, pastor.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

First Unitarian, Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street. Divine service, Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Preacher, Rev. H. E. Kellington, M. A., the pastor. Religious inquirers and thinkers along rational and progressive lines and all others cordially invited. Society of Friends, Broad street hall, 125, Broad street. Meeting for worship, 11 a. m. All are welcome. Salvation Army, Citadel, Broad street. Services: 7 a. m., knee drill; 11 a. m., holy new meeting; 2 p. m., Sunday school; 2 p. m., praise meeting; 7:30 p. m., salvation meeting in the Citadel. Advt. Howitt; from Vancouver No. 1 corps, will conduct the week-end meetings, assisted by the soldiers, songsters and bandmen. Christians, A. O. U. W. buildings, Yates street. Meeting at 11 a. m. Inquirers welcome. Spiritualism, 724 Caledonia avenue. R. H. Knowlton lectures at 8 p. m. Subject, "Larry O'Rourke's Ghost." All are welcome to these meetings. Psychic Research Society, between Pandora avenue and Johnson street. On Sunday next at 8 p. m. Mrs. F. A. Jackson will lecture, subject to be taken from audience, followed by clairvoyant descriptions and messages. All are welcome. Christian Science church, 95 Pandora street. Services on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock, and testimony meetings on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Subject for February 25th, "Christ Jesus." All are welcome.

Pemberton chapel, Jubilee hospital. Divine service will be held in the Pemberton chapel, under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, to-morrow afternoon at 2. The preacher for the day will be Rev. Jos. McCoy. The hymns chosen are 300, 354 and 254 (Hymns Ancient and Modern).

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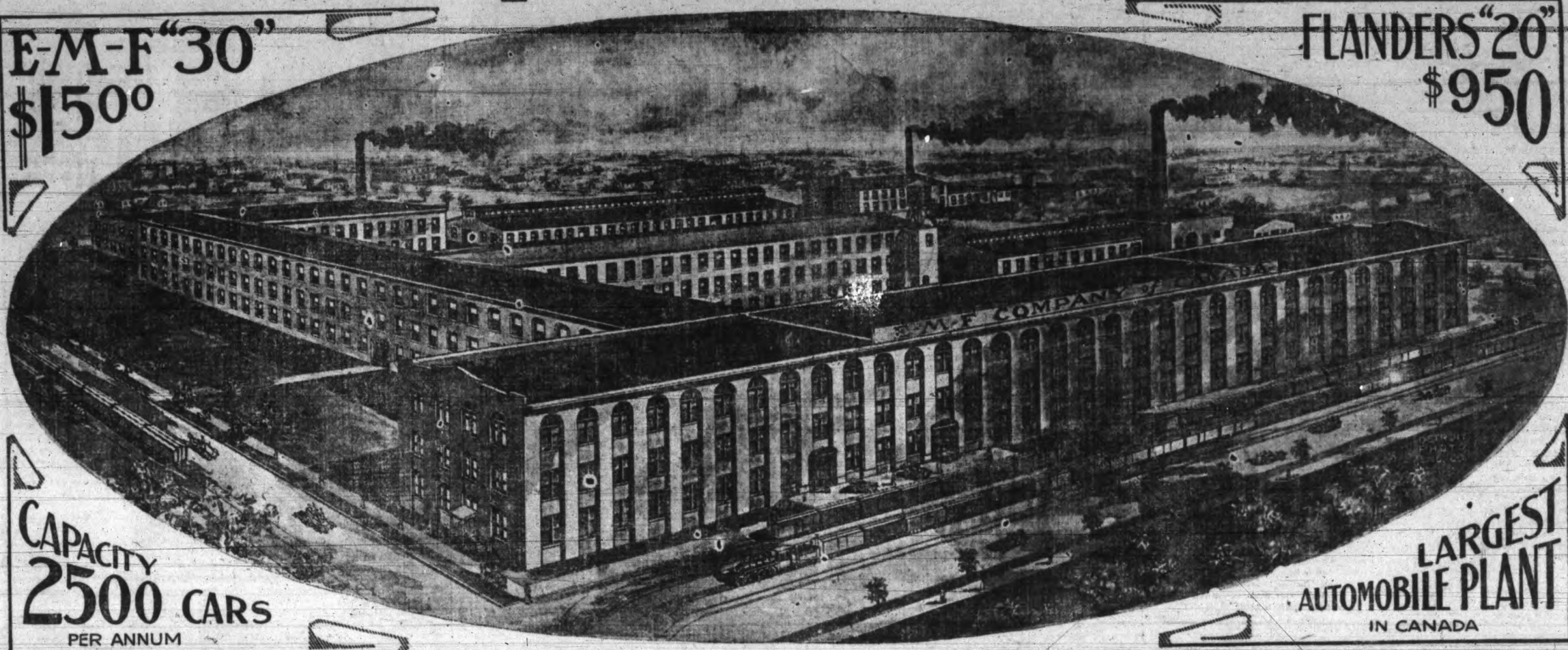
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MOTOR—It is a marvel of power, economy and performance. No motor of the same dimensions (4" by 4½") produces within 20 per cent of the power.

CYLINDERS—Bore 4". Stroke 4½". Compression—moderate. All experience has proven these cylinder dimensions to be nearly ideal for all kinds of service.

CRANK SHAFT—is offset ¼" from entire line of cylinders—still another increase in power efficiency with minimum of wear on cylinder walls and pistons. Crank shaft, drop forged from special steel.

LUBRICATION—Splash—automatic, vacuum feed—reliable and economical. Oil reservoir cast integral with aluminum crank case.

IGNITION—Double system, consisting of (a) Splitdorf magneto, (b) battery. The magneto is not an extra or "special equipment." It is as much a part of the E-M-F motor as the valves, and is included in the list price of the car.

COOLING—Is by large centrifugal pump—high efficiency at slow engine speeds insuring cooling in hill climbing and hard pulling over muddy roads.

CARBURETOR—has proven a marvel of flexibility and simplicity. Our own make, so well made and all made alike. Never heard an E-M-F "30" "missing" in your life.

CLUTCH—A cone clutch—simple and also better in some respects, has been substituted for the expanding ring clutch in former models. Needs no adjustment, and steel springs under the leather facing makes it take hold as smoothly as the ring-clutch did.

TRANSMISSION—Type—Selective sliding gear. Gear case integral with differential housing in rear axle—the unit power transmission system—so generally approved by engineers of late.

REAR AXLE—E-M-F exclusive design. Right and left housing sections drawn from sheet steel and heat treated, giving extra strength. Fitted with truss rods.

FRONT AXLE—I-beam type. Drop forged in one piece—not welded in center. Heat treated. Spring perches forged integral. Liberal safety factor.

WHEELS—Artillery type. Large spokes—12. Spokes and felloes first grade second growth hickory.

TIRES—Morgan-Wright. Good tires. Equipment has proven ample—thanks to car being made of best alloy steels, consequently light. Remember that excessive tire equipment simply obligates you to pay more than you ought for your tires.

SPRINGS—Front, semi-elliptic. Rear, full elliptic. Extra wide for this weight of car—2". Driving thrusts and braking strains taken by two radius rods—~~not by springs~~.

FRAME—Pressed steel—U-section. Side members straight—strengthened neither by off-setting nor drooping.

MUFFLER—E-M-F design, silent. Silences by radiation—not by obstruction. Absolutely no back-pressure.

FENDERS—Enameled steel in the newest style, most approved enclosed full-length-of-the-car type.

WHEEL BASE—105". **TREAD**—Standard 56½".

WEIGHT—(Exact) with all tanks full—2040 pounds; with top, side curtains and glass wind-shield—all tanks full—2150 pounds.

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COLOR—Body dark blue, running gear yellow. From across the street you couldn't tell whether it was a \$6000 car or a \$1500 one.

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ACROSS THE BORDER two motor cars, E-M-F "30" touring car and its younger brother, Flanders "20," light roadster, runabout or suburban, are first choice of discriminating buyers of that great class who want efficiency, luxury and enduring qualities at a moderate price.

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DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS many of these cars have been bought by Canadians despite the handicap of duty and other charges. They have proven to be the kind of cars that appeal to Canadian buyers—principles of design and construction follow more closely after European models than other American made cars.

RECENTLY THE E-M-F COMPANY OF CANADA (Limited) was organized. At the head of this Canadian company are Messrs. Franklin H. and J. Harrington Walker, of the firm of Hiram Walker & Sons. This ensures not only practically unlimited financial backing, but is a guarantee of quality in the product and that the guarantee will be lived up to. The factory—shown above is located in Walkerville, Ont.—directly opposite Detroit.

THIS IS THE LARGEST PLANT IN CANADA devoted to the manufacture of motor cars exclusively. Every part of both the above-named models are manufactured in this plant. They are exact duplicates of the American product and made as well as—if not better than—the same models manufactured in Detroit. Canadian buyers are more particular than those across the border—at least, we like to think so. In finish and attention to details, this has not been lost sight of.

COMPARE THE SPECIFICATIONS and the prices of these two models with those of other makes of cars—European, Canadian or American—and you will see that by the establishment of this mammoth plant in Canada, buyers on this side of the border are now able to obtain greater value for their money than ever before.

NOT ONLY THAT, but in buying either E-M-F "30" or Flanders "20" you are not experimenting. You get cars of known reputation, time tried, road tested and guaranteed by men you know.

READ CAREFULLY AND COMPARE with other cars, point for point; compare quality of materials; excellence of workmanship; and, finally, the style and finish of these cars. You'll find that each in its class wholly outclasses other cars at similar prices. E-M-F "30" at \$1,500 f. o. b. factory at Walkerville, Ont., cannot be equalled for less than \$2,000 to \$2,500. Flanders "20" at \$950 recognizes no competitor selling for less than \$1,250 to \$1,500.

OUR GREATER FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATION combined with our greater output—which distributes the "overhead expense" over a greater number of machines—make these prices possible. The price, coupled with the sterling reputation of these cars, creates the demand; having the market we can produce in large quantities; and producing in large quantities makes the price and quality possible. It is as complete as a circle and as simple.

FINALLY, THE GUARANTEE that goes with every car is backed by men you know and whose financial standing ensures its fulfillment in every respect.

Specifications Flanders "20"

MOTOR—20 horse-power. Four cylinders, cast en bloc—following best European and American practice in motors of these dimensions.

BORE—3½". **Stroke**, 3¾".

COOLING—Motor is water cooled, the jackets being extra large, insuring good circulation and a plentiful supply of water under all conditions. Water jackets surround valve ports also. Circulation is maintained by a centrifugal pump of liberal proportions and simple design, driven from magneto shaft.

LUBRICATION—Same principle as E-M-F "30" vacuum feed oiler having no moving parts and consequently impossible to disarrange. Cannot flood nor starve the motor—oil level always the same regardless of road levels, speed of motor, or any other conditions.

IGNITION—Dual system, consisting of (a) Splitdorf magneto—same as E-M-F "30," of which at this writing there are 10,000 in daily use and not a complaint; (b) a set of dry cell batteries are supplied for emergency use.

CARBURETOR—Is of the approved float feed type similar to that on E-M-F "30" and, like the latter, is of our own design and manufacture.

CLUTCH—Is of the reversed cone type—leather faced—the type that has outlived all the "multiple disc" and other fads.

REAR AXLE—Is similar in design and construction to that of E-M-F "30," which has proven so satisfactory to owners—so disappointing to competitive makers.

TRANSMISSION—Is incorporated in the rear axle—the ideal construction for cars of light or medium weight. This combines the operating mechanism to two units and affords a maximum of flexibility in the chassis.

FRONT AXLE—Is drop forged in one piece—not welded in the center—from special steel of high torsional and elastic properties.

SPRINGS—Front, semi-elliptic. Rear, full elliptic, with scroll ends—same as E-M-F "30" and on other high grade cars. Acme of easy riding and breakages practically unknown.

BRAKES—Following the most up-to-date practice—but hitherto found only in high priced cars—both sets of brakes are of the internal expanding metal ring type. Encased in a pressed steel drum on rear axle.

FENDERS—Enameled steel. Enclosed full length of car.

WHEEL BASE—100 inches. **Tread**, Standard, 56½". **Special**, 61" for Southern States trade.

TIRES—32" x 3"—ample tire equipment and good safety factor.

GASOLINE CAPACITY—12 gallons—sufficient for 250 to 300 miles.

OPERATION AND CONTROL—As this car is designed for the use of owners and will probably but seldom be driven by skilled chauffeurs, every effort has been made to simplify the control and make every part fool proof.

BODY TYPES—Three. Runabout: Standard type but having large deck at rear, enclosed 7½ inches high for carrying trunks, samples or other articles. An ideal and a practical utility vehicle and withal handsome.

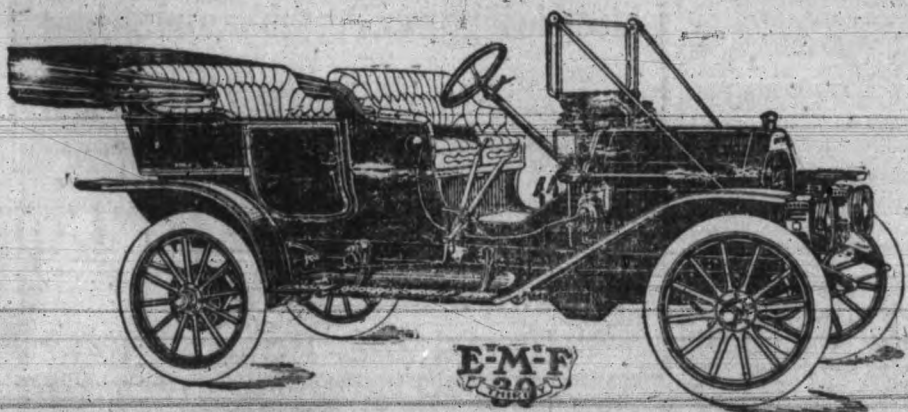
SUBURBAN—A natty four-passenger car without doors. The rear pair of seats are removable and otherwise the body is same as Runabout.

RACY ROADSTER—A classy two-passenger Roadster, with gasoline tank exposed at rear of seats. Large receptacle under seats and another under rear deck.

EQUIPMENT—Splitdorf magneto; 2 side oil lamps; 1 oil tail lamp; 2 acetylene head lights and acetylene generator, and good tubular horn.

PRICE—Runabout, seating two, \$950 f. o. b. factory, Walkerville, Ontario. Suburban, seating four, with rear seats removable, \$1000 f. o. b. factory, Walkerville, Ontario. Racy Roadster, \$1000 f. o. b. factory, Walkerville, Ont.

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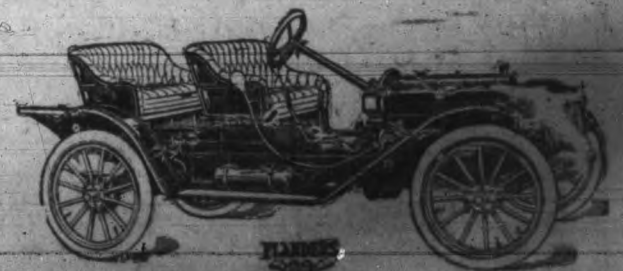
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LITTLE PROBLEMS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

IS MARRIAGE A COMPROMISE?
BY BARBARA BOYD.

A clever writer brought out a book a year or so ago entitled "The Compromises of Life." In discussing it a woman writes: "One thing is sure. Marriage is a compromise. If it has been a compromise with all married people.

Those who start out with impossible ideals in regard to marriage will of course have to compromise. It is not so much of a compromise as it is a throwing overboard of foolish notions. Boys and girls cherish certain fanciful ideas in regard to marriage, born largely of dreams. When they mix with the world and begin to know a human nature, they soon discover that no such person as they had pictured for their soulmate ever dwelt on this earth. They dismiss their dreams with a laugh. They realize that a flesh-and-blood creature with some of the faults of humanity would really be more companionable.

But when one has certain ideals of marriage which "contact" with the world not only shows are possible to realize but also proves how desirable their realization would be, why should one compromise on these? One marries with the hope of being happy. If he knows these are essential to his happiness, why concede them? Better indeed not marry than make such a compromise. It is taking all the beauty and bloom out of marriage.

The thing to do is to ponder seriously whether one's ideals are worth standing by. Has one fixed his standards for this important step impossibly high? If this is the case and one realizes when he views the matter practically that he has been but a visionary dreamer and that less than his dreams can still make him happy, then he will be wise to relinquish some of his demands. But if after viewing the matter sensibly, he sees that his ideals are still worth while, then there should be no compromise.

With most marriages this is probably what has happened. The impossible has been thrown overboard, the true has been clung to, and on this foundation has been built the happiness of the marriage.

A SHOP GIRL

A prize of twenty-five dollars will be given to the subject of the following lines on her introducing herself to the author of this "ditty."

She's a bright little lass with a lightsome heart,
Yet full of affection and pity,
It's a joy when we meet, and we when we part,
And she works in a shop in the city.

A Scotman would call her "his bonnie we thing,"
So winsome she is, yet so grifty,
She walks like a queen and she's fit for a king,
Though she works in a shop in the city.

Though sprightly and gay, she is not over-bold,
Demure, yet delicious, witty,
Her gowns may be plain, but her heart is of gold,
Though she works in a shop in the city.

She's the joy of her master, the gem of his heart,
When she smiles or essays a short ditty,
Yet somehow I think that she'll soon have to part
From the shop where she works in the city.

J. J. M.

LATEST FASHIONS

Zobelines are still immensely popular. It is the style to look snug and warm. Gaudy stockings are being flouted again. Skirts are to be a bit wider about the feet.

House effects in bodices are with us again. Follards are in high popularity for separate waists. Lilies of the valley are used on blue and pink stockings.

Everything tends to show that this is to be a big silk year. High shoes or suede with patent leather vamps are very smart.

The "font" of the coming season is very likely to be shorter. Newest costumes from Paris are generally very severe in design. Latest hampers for the fur turbans have flimsy crystal heads.

The graceful Gainsborough is still the leader among evening hats. The shawl is now one of the most important articles of dress in Paris. Velvet, both black and colored, holds sway as the material of the season.

Though the advent was heralded with much doubt, the dress with the curlious bodice and with deep skirt attached below the hips has now firmly attached itself in favor.

Among the formal afternoon and evening gowns, the light intense tones of green have made something of a sensation. Tulle and chiffon have both been brought out in these shades.

One of the newest vells, is of finest silken threads, woven in spider web designs scattered over the centre of each web a small, silken spider.

Slippers are unusually coquettish this year. Cloth of steel and cloth of bronze are among the innovations, and they make up the smartest shoes and slippers for afternoon and evening gowns.

The simple white linen Russian blouse for the small boy may be made wonderfully attractive by braiding a simple design about the neck and a few inches down the front of the blouse on one side.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Gardiner is visiting friends in Vancouver.

J. C. Keith arrived from the Sound yesterday.

P. S. Speed of Ganges, arrived in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Harris left for Seattle last night on a visit.

C. F. Nelson left for Vancouver on business last night.

J. W. Draper was a passenger from the Sound yesterday.

W. D. Newton left for Seattle last night on the Royal.

R. W. Harris crossed over to the mainland last night.

Mr. Justice Morrison went over to Vancouver last night.

J. H. Parker returned to this city from Seattle yesterday.

Mrs. Lester is on a visit to various points on the mainland.

C. F. Coxon left on his return trip to Vancouver last night.

Miss Phipps is spending a few days in Vancouver on a visit.

Chas. Wilson went over to Vancouver last night on the Charlotte.

J. M. Lamb went over to the mainland on last night's Princess.

C. C. Bethune is spending the week end in Vancouver on business.

C. F. Knowlton of Seattle, arrived in Victoria yesterday on business.

R. J. Tolmie went over to the Sound last night on the Princess Royal.

Miss Blyth was a passenger for Vancouver on the Charlotte last night.

W. H. Pierce was among last night's passengers for Seattle on the Princess Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendall are leaving on Tuesday evening next on a visit to Jedway.

R. Peden returned to this city yesterday from Seattle where he has been on business.

W. J. Goepel sailed for the Terminal city last night on the Princess Charlotte on business.

Mrs. Bacon went over to the Terminal city last night, where she will remain for some time.

J. H. Rebbeck went over to Vancouver last night, where he will spend several days on business.

Dr. A. C. Custer and Mrs. Custer were among yesterday's arrivals from Seattle on the Princess Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bishop of Vancouver, who have been in this city on a visit, left last night on their return trip.

E. F. Blackwood, who has been in Seattle for the past few days on business, returned to this city yesterday afternoon.

Jas. McGowan of Vancouver, who has been in this city for the past few days on business, left for the Terminal city last night.

A dance was given by the captain and officers of H.M.S. Egeria in the Naval Yard, Esquimalt, on Tuesday evening last. The music, played by Miss Thain's orchestra, and the floor were excellent, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the 150 guests present. Among those invited were: Rev. B. Allen, Mrs. Allen and Miss Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Aulain, Mr. Arbuckle, Dr. Bachmann, L.S.N., Miss Brydon, the Misses Bell, Mr. Bromley, Mr. D. Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Bridgman and Miss Bridgman, Miss V. Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bodwell, Mr. Babcock, Mrs. R. Barkley, Mr. J. Bridgman, Mrs. Cane, Captain and Mrs. B. Combe, Miss N. Combe, Mr. McL. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cowley, Mr. Clark, Mr. J. Canble, Miss Chisholm, Mr. Craddock, Midshipman Daint, U.S.N., Mr. H. Davis, Mr. L. Davis, Miss Day, Mr. Dewdney, the Misses Dunsuir, Miss Drake, Mr. De Pass, Mr. Doig, Miss De Wolf, Hon. D. M. Eberts and Mrs. Eberts, Mr. England, Miss Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Elliot, Commander Edwards, L.S.N., and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Murray Fraser, Mr. Foot, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. Temple, Godman, Mr. F. T. Godman, Mr. D. Gillespie, Mr. S. Gillespie, Miss Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gresley, Mr. Gibb, Miss B. Gaudin, Mr. J. Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. Good, Mr. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Giffen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gore, Miss Heyland, Mr. J. Heyland, Mr. and Mrs. Iand, Mr. J. Marrie Hills, the Misses Hatched, Mr. Holden, Mr. Humble, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hodgson, Dr. and Mrs. Harper, Mrs. and Miss Helucken, Mrs. Irving, Miss Irving and Miss G. Irving, Mr. B. Irving, Mr. Gorge Johnson, Miss W. Johnson, Mr. James, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Colonel and Mrs. Keefer, Miss Little, Kingscott, Miss C. Langley, Judge and Mrs. Lannaman, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Carl Lowenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Leeder, Miss G. Leary, the Misses Lawson, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. Marshall, the Misses Monteth, Mr. R. Monteth, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, Mr. S. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Mr. N. Martin, the Misses McDowell, the Misses Mason, Mr. M. Mason, Miss Mara, Mr. L. Mara, Captain and Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. J. Musgrave, Miss Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Musket, Miss Mellor, Miss Miles, Mr. Blatterson, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. D.A. Martin, Hon. R. and Mrs. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Captain and Mrs. Neroutso, Miss O'Reilly, Mr. E. and Mrs. J. O'Reilly, Colonel and Mrs. Peters, Colonel and Mrs. Prior, Miss Perry, Miss Peters, Miss Page, the Misses Pitts, Mr. C. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips, the Misses Pooley, Mr. and

Mrs. Parizeau, Mr. C. J. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Pease, Mr. P. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pemberton, Mr. T. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pollack, Mr. Potts, Mr. Ritchie, Dr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rithet, Captain Rothwell, Mr. and Mrs. Rant; Mrs. Southgate, Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Miss N. Stephenson, Mrs. Smith, Midshipman J. D. Smith, U.S.N.; Dr. Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Spurling, Mr. and Mrs. Shalcross, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Twigg, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Tunnard, Mr. Villiers, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Williams, Mr. G. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley, Mr. Young, the captain and officers of H.M.S. Algerie, the officers Work Point Barracks.

COLORS FROM PARIS

Some of the colors now fashionable are extremely dark. It is difficult to find any color at all in the Tete-de-Negre brown, which an unprejudiced critic classes as rusty black.

Its rival, Alle de Corbeau (raven's wing) is almost as dark. Many of the greys have a dead leaden cast, and one of the leading greens, Sapin, is a fir shade at its deepest.

These, according to the syndics of the woollen trade, are to be maintained for spring, together with other dark shades such as Jay and swallow, browns of the seal, carthy, and bronze varieties, dark navy and gendarme blues, dark blue purples and magentas.

But there is no lack of light and fairly light shades to keep them company. Paris dressmakers are already making use of the Berlot blues, which are very deep skies. The other shades of this color are of the stony-blue, or else have a tendency towards turquoise.

Of greens, there is a good show. Moss and parrot greens are sampled in a great many different depths—beginning quite light.

To be noted also are some serpent and light reededs, the former slate-greys, just tinged with green, and the latter, light yellow gray greens.

Of drabby browns, khakis, fawns, brick-dust shades, golden and pinkish browns, there is a large and varied assortment.

The new whites are of the mastic order. The leading line of pinks is of the coral or bogonia type, and very bright. A bright but rather light red—the color of pomgranate seeds—has already made its appearance in Paris.

Violets and mauves are not in great force and generally incline more to pink and red than blue.

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USEFUL HINTS

When buying fish remember it should be stiff and the flesh firm to the touch.

Blankets while drying should be well beaten with a cane carpet beater to make them fluffy.

To remove an ink spot from the fingers, moisten it and touch it with the sulphur end of a match.

To boil a cracked egg wrap it in a piece of newspaper, and this will prevent the white from boiling out.

A thin strip of orange peel placed in the bottom of a tea caddy imparts a delicious aroma and flavor to the tea.

Potato soup is much improved by the addition of a little chopped water-cress scattered over just before serving.

If the "little ones" are obliged to wear glasses, see that they are taken off two or three times a day and polished.

New flannels must always be washed in two lathers. There is a certain amount of dress to get out before the dirt will move.

Do not bang doors and clump about noisily. If you do not respect the nerves of the family, consider flings and floors.

In washing dishes be careful that hand painted china and china with gilt ornamentation be not left to stand long in hot water, as such treatment is certain to ruin the decorations sooner or later.

Travelling bags and holdall holiday often look very travel worn. Brush those of black leather with a good boot polish. The brown bags should be first washed with soap and water, and then polished with brown boot polish.

If room plants are to keep healthy just from the leaves. To keep the great care must be taken to remove dust from the leaves. To keep the latter glossy it is a good plan to add a few drops of paraffin to tepid water and sponge the leaves with the mixture.

Be careful where you place your dressing tables and mirrors. Sunlight will destroy the finest bevel French plate, and it is impossible to restore the backing without considerable expense. Dampness will destroy it in the same manner.

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St. Barnabas.

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REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord.

Services Tomorrow.—The rector, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, will conduct the services tomorrow. In the morning the subject will be "Least Any Man Fail," Heb. 4:11, and in the evening, "Sanctification," Rom. 7:5. The Lenten services will be as usual next week. Wednesday, Litany at 11 a. m., with address on the Lord's Prayer; Thursday, 8 p. m., prayer and exposition; Friday, 3.30 p. m., Bible reading in the school room.

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Sunday School Lesson

Find a Buyer For That Little Excess Real Estate You Own---by Advertising on This Page

DAY & BOGGS Established 1850. 620 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

ESQUIMALT. There appeared in the Times on Thursday evening a statement that the owners of property in Esquimalt were unwilling to sell or were holding their properties "too high."

BEAUMONT BOGGS, R. S. DAY. Victoria, B. C., February 18th, 1910.

F. A. Thompson, W. J. Gilliland, R. E. Blakeway. THE COAST LOCATORS ROOM 20, 615 YATES ST. Phone 1419.

We have a few genuine bargains in Residences on Johnston, Pembroke and Fernwood road. These are worth looking into, as they are only on the market for a few days at prices we can quote.

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175-Lot 6x120, Queen's avenue, close in. \$2,500-7 roomed house, large corner lot. 152 feet frontage, Craigflower road, very easy terms.

C. C. PEMBERTON ROOM 3 1211 GOVERNMENT STREET. REMOVAL.

C. C. PEMBERTON. Removes on 1st March from 1214 Government street to

GEO. L. POWERS Room 6 BOWEN'S BUILDING. 112 BROAD STREET.

LOTS IN ROCKLAND PARK-350 and 400. 255 Humboldt Street. LOT 49, corner Denman and Clark. \$400.

E. A. HARRIS & CO. Mining Brokers & Real Estate Agents 615 FORT STREET.

\$4,000-SALT SPRING ISLAND, 50 ACRES, 30 slashed, 6 cultivated, new 4-room cottage, furniture, stock, etc. Terms.

TRANSIT ROAD OAK BAY FOR SALE-Number of lots 53x110, \$250 each. Terms 1/4 cash, balance 6, 12, 18 months, 6 per cent.

L. U. CONYERS & CO. 650 VIEW STREET. SOME MORE GOOD BUYS.

\$4,500-FERNWOOD ESTATE - Cottage, 5 rooms, all modern conveniences, good stable, etc., with 5 good level lots splendid soil. This is a decided snap at the above price.

\$2,500-PRINCESS AVENUE - House (nearly new) containing 8 rooms, all modern conveniences throughout, fine lot, reasonable terms.

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\$2,500-OLD ESQUIMALT ROAD-Large building lot, splendid soil, close to car line. Very easy terms.

\$175-VINING STREET-Nice level lot, close to Central School-Nice level lot. A snap at above price; easy terms.

\$775-CAMOSUN STREET-Splendid building site, close to High School; easy terms.

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80 ACRES-Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor. Two lots on Victoria Harbor, with wharf and sheds and 2 large houses in good condition, on easy terms.

8 1/2 ACRES-On Colquitz river, Victoria District, cheap. For further particulars apply to above address.

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RICHARDSON STREET. DWELLING HOUSE OF 7 ROOMS, quite new, every modern convenience. Good Terms-\$4,700 ONLY.

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RICHMOND AVENUE. New 7 room house, bath, pantry, electric light, gas, sewer-connection, 6-foot basement full size of house, stone foundation, lot 60x135 feet. This street is nicely laid with boulevards and cement sidewalks; price \$2,500, terms.

KINGSTON STREET. Close to Government Buildings, 6 room house, modern, lot 60x120 feet; a bargain for \$2,500, terms.

CLOVERDALE AVENUE. New modern 5 room house, with space for 3 more rooms upstairs, large basement the size of the whole house, stone foundation, half an acre of land; only two minutes' walk to car; price \$3,500, terms.

FORT STREET. A large 10 room house, containing every modern convenience, including gas range, electric light, hot and cold water, in bathroom and kitchen; the rooms have all been newly painted, papered and decorated, and consist of dining room, drawing room, with folding doors to garden, den or breakfast room, kitchen and pantry, 5 bedrooms, bathroom; price \$6,500, easy terms.

ALPHEA STREET. Between Douglas and the Burnside road, new 5 room house, all modern conveniences, large basement, over half an acre of ground, planted with assorted fruit trees and shrubs, good stable and barn; price \$5,000, easy terms.

EMPIRE REALTY CO. Real Estate and Financial Agents. 612 YATES STREET. Phone 2251.

3 VERY GOOD BUYS. ROWLAND AVENUE-New 5-room house, standing on a lot 60x230, basement for wood, water laid into house. Price for a quick sale \$1,575, terms arranged.

MCLURE STREET-Lot 60x120, with 4-room house, thereon, w.c., sewer connection, etc. Price \$1,500; terms \$300 cash, balance 2 years 7 per cent.

NORTH ROAD-Well built 6-room house, containing bath, electric light, w.c. and other conveniences; cement walks around house-small stable, buggy shed; large lot. Price \$1,800; terms arranged. 600

THE GLOBE REALTY CO. ROOM 7, MAHON BLDG. Phone 1813.

\$2,500 buys a new five roomed house, fully modern, with basement, in James Bay; terms arranged.

\$2,500 buys an 8 roomed house on John street, all conveniences, good for roomers; terms.

\$2,100 is the price of a 6 roomed house, all conveniences, fully modern, on Douglas street, fruit trees, etc.; terms very easy.

\$1,200 buys two lots at cor. of Belmont and Grand streets, 50x115; terms arranged.

\$325 buys a fine lot on Douglas street, at the end of the car line.

LEE & FRASER Real Estate and Insurance Agents. 613 TROUCE AVENUE.

\$750-Corner lot on Francis Avenue. \$3,900-Only for 4 splendid lots and 7-roomed house on Quadra Street.

\$2,800-Modern Bungalow on Pandora Street. \$1,200-Well situated lot on Pandora Street.

\$6,000-Belleville Street, off Oak Bay Avenue. Terms to arrange.

\$2,200-Double frontage lot on David Street and cottage in good repair.

\$2,300-House and two lots Kingston Street.

\$7,500-Two houses and lot on View Street, above Blanchard. \$1,000 each, for 2 lots on Dunedin Street.

\$950-Two lots on Craigflower Road. Business lots on Douglas, Fort and View Streets.

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FOR SALE. 2 acres, Mount Pelnie, all cleared and fenced, splendid soil, \$1,200.

Small good house of 1 1/2 stories, modern, close to car, \$1,250.

30 acres at Duncan, 20 acres cleared, house and all implements, fully stocked, \$6,500. House and full sized lot, Burnside road, just outside city limits, \$2,000.

\$1,075 buys new house, close to Hillside Avenue, \$1,075.

10 acres, 23 cleared, 43 acres partly cleared, \$8,500. Methuon, 29 acres, 15 cleared, and good house, \$14,000.

5 acres, absolutely cleared and fenced. Large house, "ideal" farm, \$1,500.

11 acres, all in pasture, 6 1/2 new house, barn and stables, \$5,000.

About 1/2 acre, Michigan street, large 11 roomed house, \$5,000.

\$150 cash and \$15 per month buys new house and lot, all in splendid shape, \$2,100.

\$2,500 buys house and furniture-3 blocks from City Hall, \$2,500, comparatively new. Next to corner lot on Meas street, \$2,200.

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TO RENT. COTTAGE, 2 rooms and store, Victoria West, immediate possession.

8 ROOM HOUSE, Heywood avenue. SEVERAL GOOD LOTS, acreage and houses (modern) at exceptionally low prices. These are real bargains and cannot be duplicated unless paying a much higher price.

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LOTS 14 and 15, 50 ft. x 120 ft. King's road, between Cook and Blackwood streets, \$625 each; 1-3 cash, balance 6 and 12 months at 7 per cent.

LOTS, 8, 9, 10, 50 ft. x 120 ft. Blackwood street, between Hillside avenue and King's road, \$235 each; 1-3 cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years at 7 per cent.

LOT 20 ft. x 123 ft., fronting on Empress Ave. and Bay street, near Cook, \$650; 1-3 cash.

4 LOTS, 50 ft. x 150 ft. each, on Third Ave., immediately off Mt. Tomlin road, \$40 each; 1-3 cash.

LOTS 282, 60 ft. x 120 ft., and 59 ft. east part of 283, having 80 ft. on Yates, near corner Vancouver, \$12,000, \$6,500 cash, balance terms, 7 per cent.

Agreements of Sales purchased.

E. WHITE Real Estate. Phone 1077. 604 BROUGHTON ST.

NEW HOUSE, near Linden avenue, just completed, on easy terms; would require only \$500 as first payment; in choice locality and at cost price.

CORNER LOT, near reservoir, 1-3 acre, at \$850. Terms: \$150 cash, balance monthly.

NEW HOUSE, Gorge road, 7 rooms, choice locality, at \$4,000. Terms: \$1,000 will handle this.

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THE CITY BROKERAGE A. T. ABBEY, Manager. 1115 DOUGLAS STREET.

\$1,100 Superior Street. \$ 620 Gorge Road, 58 x 124. \$ 700 Gorge Road, 58 x 128. \$ 800 Gorge Road, 54 x 124. \$1,400 Gorge Road, 54 x 128. \$ 210 Oaklands, 60 x 120. \$1,050 Work Street, 55 x 140. \$1,600 King's Road, 65 x 100. \$ 800 Stanley Ave., 60 x 120. \$ 450 Joseph Street. \$ 750 Garbally Road. \$ 625 Davie Street, 52 x 104. \$ 550 Davie Street. \$ 750 Bank Street. \$1,000 Bank Street, corner. \$ 350 Foul Bay Road. \$1,000 Harbinger Avenue. \$2,300 Trutch Street. \$ 600 Oxford Street.



VANCOUVER BOY RECEIVES MEDAL

Arthur A. Bacon is Honored by Royal Humane Society for Bravery

Vancouver, Feb. 25.-Albert A. Bacon was awarded the Royal Humane Society medal at the city hall. On August 18th last he rescued at great peril to his own life, John McFayden, who had gone down for the third time in the waters of English Bay, at Kitsilano beach. There was a large attendance, and an excellent musical programme was provided.

WESTMINSTER LIBERALS ELECT OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of the Royal City Association Largely Attended

New Westminster, Feb. 25.-About a hundred supporters of the Liberal party attended the annual meeting of the New Westminster Liberal Association, when helpful discussions on matters of interest to the party were indulged in.

OBTAINED MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES

Two Men Get Twenty-Three Months and Another Two Months

Rosland, Feb. 25.-J. W. Watson, alias J. Jackson, alias S. N. Murray and J. W. Andrews, alias Bob Johnson, alias Nels Johnson, pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretences in the police court, before Police Magistrate Plewman, and each were sentenced to twenty-three months' imprisonment in the Nelson jail with hard labor. William McWhirr, an accomplice and a go-between for the two prisoners, as he turned King's evidence, was sentenced to two months on the charge of receiving.

A TERRIBLE SUFFERER FOR THREE YEARS

But Health Was Completely Restored by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Extreme anguish; pains in the joints that all but drive one crazy--thus may inflammatory rheumatism be described. The victims are long tortured; they suffer by day and cannot sleep by night. Such was the condition of Miss Alda Mercier, of Ottawa, Ont. For three years she was a victim of this trouble and found no relief till she began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says: "For three years I was a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism. During that time I consulted and was treated by some of the best doctors in our city, but I found no relief in their treatment. I began to despair of ever being well again, when one day a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I procured three boxes, and by the time these were used there was enough improvement in my condition to encourage me to continue their use. Three more boxes completely cured me and to-day I am as well as ever I was. I always keep a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the house and would recommend all who suffer as I did to give them a trial."

GRAND FORKS TO HOLD FALL FAIR

Agricultural Association Organized and Prepares for Show

Grand Forks, Feb. 25.-The preliminary steps required by law in the organization and incorporation of agricultural associations were taken at a largely attended meeting in the city hall, and as a result it is quite probable that the first agricultural exhibition will be held in this city next fall. The speakers were unanimous that the time was now ripe for the organization of such an association. On motion the meeting adopted a resolution declaring in favor of the organization and incorporation of the Grand Forks Agricultural Association.

PROPOSED NEW CATHOLIC PARISHES

Work Will Be Taken Up by Archbishop McNeil When He Reaches Coast

New Westminster, Feb. 25.-When Archbishop McNeil, the recently appointed prelate to the see of Westminster arrives in Vancouver from Newfoundland shortly after Easter, immediately steps will be taken toward the foundation of several new Roman Catholic parishes in Vancouver.

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BIG SNAP-Two quarter acre lots within the mile and a half circle, between Gorge and Burnside roads; the lots are well worth \$300 each. Our price for quick sale is \$650. Terms-\$150 cash, balance in 6, 12, 18 and 24 months at 7 per cent.

EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE-On lot 57 x 120; Fort street, near St. Charles street. This is a modern house with furnace, three open fireplaces, separate toilet and bath and has a brick foundation. All in first class condition. Price, \$5,000. Terms.

FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE-Hillside avenue; lot 33 x 120. Price, \$1,600 cash; terms.

VANCOUVER STREET-Close in, eight-roomed house, modern and in good repair; corner lot 51 x 80. The price of this house has been reduced to \$4,200, \$1,700 cash, balance on mortgage at 7 per cent.

COMFORTABLE HOME-With parlor, large living room with bay window and fireplace, kitchen, back kitchen, bath and toilet, and three large bedrooms, within 10 minutes' walk of any part of business district, on Pandora avenue. Price, \$4,500. Good terms.

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JOHNSON STREET-6-roomed cottage, modern conveniences; lot 60x120. Price, \$2,500.

PUNNAM STREET-5-roomed cottage, \$1,425.

FRONT STREET-Victoria West, 6-roomed dwelling, modern conveniences; lot 45x100. Price, \$1,650.

JAMES BAY-One block from Beacon Hill Park, modern bungalow containing three rooms and bath upstairs, double parlor with sliding doors, breakfast room, large reception hall and kitchen on first floor. Full-sized basement with hot air furnace; gas, electric light; hot and cold water. Lot 50 x 150. Price for a few days \$3,000; \$2,000 cash.

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CIVIC NOTICE. APPLICATIONS, stating age and experience, accompanied by photograph (in case the applicant is not personally known to the members of the City Council), will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 28th Feb., 1910, at 2 p.m., for the position of City Solicitor, who will be expected to devote his services exclusively to the legal work of the Corporation. The salary attached to the position will be at the rate of \$3,000 per annum.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, G. M. C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., January 25th, 1910.

NOTICE. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAMSAY HENRY STEPHENS, LATE OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Henry Stephens, late of Victoria, British Columbia, deceased, are requested to send particulars, duly verified, to H. G. Hall, 520 Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., on or before the 4th day of March, 1910, after which date the executors will be at liberty to distribute the estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the executors then have notice, of which the 3rd day of February, 1910, is dated the 3rd day of February, 1910.

H. G. HALL, 520 Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the Executors, James Maynard and Samuel Johns.

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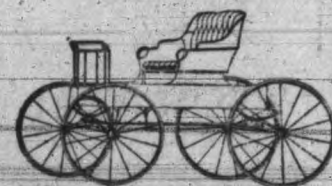
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The American Lord.

"The American Lord," in which Charles B. Hanford appears at the Victoria theatre on Monday, is quite a departure from the classics which have heretofore engrossed his almost undivided attention and the novelty of his appearance in this modern comedy from the pen of George H. Broadhurst and his collaborator, Charles T. Dasey, cannot fail to interest the host of playgoers who have witnessed his inimitable performances of the plays of the Elizabethan and Roman eras. The action of "The American Lord" concerns a North Dakotan of wealth and influence whose popularity makes him the logical candidate for congress from his district, but he is compelled to decline this honor because it suddenly and unexpectedly happens that as a distant heir, he is called to England to assume the title and estates of a lord. His experiences in a position to which he is wholly unaccustomed in manner and because of his thorough Americanism furnishes opportunities in which Mr. Hanford reveals his wit and his versatility by two cowboys, whose incongruous department at an aristocratic ball is most amusing. The American Lord finds that customs and laws here in his own country are not so different as he thought. He is called to the aid of the young people and naturally finds his own reward in marriage. The play has a consistent plot; the genial character, the incidents and its complications giving it qualities of unending interest. There is an atmosphere of English life and the Scotch and English villagers are bits of character eminently successful and true to life. The cast is one of exceptional ability and includes Miss Marie Dornan, the leading feminine role offering her opportunities which will gratify her many admirers as well as her ambition to utilize her talents, which gained her fame in the classics, in the modern comedy field. The play affords amusement and fun throughout and above all it is clean and wholesome, furnishing a most excellent evening's entertainment for those who want to drive away dull care with a good long, loud and hearty laugh.

New Grand Theatre.
Two women and four men, comprising the Schlawitz troupe of acrobats, are bringing the biggest feature in vaudeville here next week. The Grand has had sensation after sensation in athletic and gymnastic arts, but this troupe is said to have them all beaten. There is a woman in it who holds a man in each hand. The men turn somersaults, jumping from the hands and land upon them again, the woman catching them one in each hand and balancing them. She shows wonderful muscular strength. The act at Vancouver this week at the opening matinee, drew an encore, and then five curtain calls. There is no good deal of comedy acrobatic work in it and much of a sensational nature.

The three singing girls are coming here. They are Elsie Wales, soprano; Mabelle Meredith, contralto; and Evelyn Ellison, mezzo soprano. Despite the quality of the big act, the young women will be just about the big hit of the bill. The boys are well trained and harmonize perfectly. The costumes are perfection and their stage manner and demeanor are quite in keeping with a first class musical act.

The Beau Brummel of the stage, Ralph C. Whitehead, will present his latest songs. As indicated by the title, the dressing will be the feature. He is only a youth and his taste in clothes is said to be extraordinary in one so young. He has several imitations and a recitation descriptive of a prize fight, Harry Bachelor, the Musical Rube, is set four. His music is of a remarkable variety. He has novel instruments of his own device, and can be almost described as a one man band. At one time he plays on three instruments together. There will be the regular illustrated song and also the moving pictures. The latter are the very latest.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week an excellent programme of moving pictures will be shown at this popular house of amusement. It includes two dramas of high merit and three big comedies full of laughter. The illustrated song will also be a strong part of the bill.

The film which takes first place in order of merit is "The Smugglers' Game," and is a drama which shows up one of the greatest evils of to-day. It is a good reproduction of the life among the opium smugglers and is interesting because it reproduces with reasonable fidelity to facts an opinion den and exposes the methods by which these smugglers operate. It describes very graphically how a girl is kidnapped by the smugglers. The police are put on their tracks and the pictures show the various places through which they go before they affect a capture. Among the other pictures to be shown are: "Foolishness in Drawers," "The King's Jester," "The Day After" and "Choosing a Husband."

Miss O. Richards will sing the illustrated song, "Aisy Fairly, Castle Hand," one of the latest out.

The Pringle Stock Co. will open their five weeks' engagement at the A. O. U. W. hall Monday night, in the five-act comedy drama, "Trapped by Treachery." The cast is the strongest that the Pringle company has ever brought to Victoria. There will be vaudeville during the play and between the acts. Miss Charlotte Hammer is still the leading lady of the company, and is supported by the following well known people: John Pringle, Gerald Clark, Harry Pringle, Alexander McKey, Porter Warfield, Florence Pringle,

Melba Harmann, and Baby Norman. The vaudeville part of the programme will be a pleasing feature. There will be no long waits between acts. Mr. Clute, until recently a member of a well-known eastern concert company, is considered one of the best baritone voices that is seldom heard outside of the classic concerts. All these features go to make up the programme of the Pringle company for Monday night.

RAILWAYS AS JUGGERNAUTS

WHY ACCIDENTS COME BUT ARE GROWING LESS

Famous Wars Are Not So Dastardly as Railway Operations

Many famous wars have been fought with less loss of blood and fewer casualties than are recorded every year in the operation of American railroads. The soldier at the front, again, only faces death for a day or an hour at a time, while he enjoys long periods of safety. The railroad employee, on the other hand, and in a measure the passenger as well, faces a constant danger. The astonishing deathrate of our railroads is frequently compared unfavorably with that of European countries, and has been explained by many conflicting theories.

A new light has been thrown on the situation by W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad, whose views naturally carry unusual weight. Mr. Park has made a special study of the situation, and speaks with the authority of an expert. In a recent address before the New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons, held at the New York Academy of Medicine, Mr. Park analyzed the subject in detail. The subject is extremely complicated, and, according to Mr. Park, is little understood by the general public.

"One human being is killed every hour and one injured every ten minutes," said Mr. Park in explaining the situation. "There is a steady grinding and crunching of human flesh and bone under the juggernaut of modern car wheels. It is the price we pay for progress, for our great industrial conquest of the country."

"Our railroads, nevertheless, constitute to-day the safest and most magnificent highway in the world. Nowhere are the great problems of safeguarding life and property being studied so intelligently and earnestly as in America."

"It is common reproach that they do these things better abroad. But consider at what rate we have been building railroads. In 1820 there were but 23 miles miles of railroads in America. In 1850 there were less than 10,000 miles. The next 50 years witnessed the most marvellous growth of its kind in all history, when 132,000 miles of railroad were laid. Then between 1880 and 1890 some 70,000 more miles were added.

We have not yet slowed down enough to realize what is best for safety. A careful investigation of the subject shows that 85 per cent. of all accidents are due to negligence on the part of railroad employees, and the result of carelessness both by passengers and employees. Faulty equipment, therefore, plays a far less important part in this death and accident rate than is commonly supposed. Nevertheless, the railroads are attacking this problem with surprising energy."

"To lessen the death rate," said Mr. Park, "it is important that we have light grades and that all curves should be avoided. Valley lines should be built above the high-water mark. Embankments should be of liberal width, and all tracks should be properly ballasted."

"The number of safety devices in actual operation on our railroads will come as a surprise to the average layman."

"Our lives are safeguarded to-day by electrical devices which would have seemed magical to the railroad man of a generation since," Mr. Park continued. "There is the electrically locked switch, the interlocking of crossings and junctions, the alarm bell at railroad crossings, the automatic washout and landslide warnings, the telephone train dispatching and many other automatic 'electric signals,' all of which are being stalled rapidly. The total miles of automatic signals on all railroads in the United States on January 1st, 1909, was 12,190."

"The class of accidents most feared by the travelling public are the but-

ting and rear-end collisions. Railroad men have directed special attention to eliminating these dangers, and they are being rapidly reduced. The protective arm of the semaphore is thrown round the trainman and the engineer. Trains to-day move in a zone of automatic electric protection both fore and aft. The importance of the mechanical device in safeguarding lives cannot be overestimated. It is the duty of every railroad to install them.

Since some seven-eighths of all accidents are due to negligence and carelessness the study of the human element is perhaps the most important problem confronting the railroads. It is not possible to find how to prevent accidents, but it is possible to find how to prevent them from occurring.

"The cause of most accidents of every kind has been investigated," explained Mr. Park, "and tabulated with the utmost care. This table determines the line of battle. The causes for mistakes on the part of railroad men are found to be as follows: Insanity, carelessness, intemperance, overwork, loss of sleep and mental worry. It must be considered that the vocation of a railroad man calls for a moral beyond that of any other industry of importance. I have the greatest sympathy for the American railroad man."

"The question now receiving most attention from the railroads is as to the best plan for educating and drilling its employees to meet the demands made upon them. The railroads are providing recreation for their employees during the time off. Libraries are placed at their disposal. "The men thus entrusted with the safety of millions of lives are subjected to the most rigorous examinations, both mental and physical, conducted by experts. Cars are especially fitted out for making tests on rules, maintenance and operation. The cars are accompanied on their trips by officials, surgeons and attendants."

"On one such trip recently, for example, a car covered 3,362 miles in 53 days, when 5,496 men were examined. Out of this number 447 were found defective. In a great proportion of cases the defects were remedied by supplying glasses. Some of the men were transferred to other duties. It is by such intelligent and systematic work that the death rate and accident rate of our railroads is being steadily diminished."

MME. ALBANI'S SALARY.

Successful Claim by Agent in Connection With the Dunt Engagements.

Mme. Albani was sued at West London County Court by A. F. Maclean, agent for Dunt in respect of commission alleged to be due to him in connection with engagements obtained. C. Douglas, counsel for the plaintiff, said that only last year Mme. Albani entered into an agreement with Mr. Maclean to procure her engagements at variety theatres in London and elsewhere at large salaries. A contract was signed for her to appear at the Metropolitan theatre in Edgeware road, London, and other syndicate halls, and she appeared at the Metropolitan for one week, commencing on March 29th, at a salary of \$1,000. So successful was Mme. Albani during this engagement that a second contract was entered into on April 16th for her to appear for a second week in October at the same salary, this arrangement being made with a Mr. Halpen, who had acted as the plaintiff's manager.

The plaintiff's case, added counsel, showed that the contract with him was entered into in accordance with the terms of the award made by Mr. Asquith, K.C., last year, under which an agent was entitled to commission on a re-engagement if it were made within three months of a contract being entered into. Judge Selfe gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed with costs.



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