

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate S.W. generally fair, not much change in temperature. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate S.W. generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria, The Love of a King, Pantheon Theatre, Vaudeville, Dominion Theatre, Flame of the Yukon, Variety Theatre, Bab's Diary, Columbia Theatre, The MacLennan, K. of P. Hall, Labor Meeting.

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CONGRESS DECLARES AGAINST AUSTRIA, AS ASKED BY WILSON

BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS IN STRICKEN CITY OF HALIFAX; COMMITTEES SHOULDER BIG TASK

2,000 Dead and 2,000 Injured Remains Estimate of Casualties; Citizens' Relief Committee Caring For Homeless; Committee of Bankers

Halifax, Dec. 7.—There has been no change in the police estimate of the number of casualties in yesterday's disaster here. There are about 2,000 dead and the same number of injured, a great number of the latter suffering from cuts from flying glass.

A committee of bankers and brokers was formed to-day and it will meet to-night to receive reports and take action on the city's financial needs.

The citizens' relief committee started work early this morning and is making every possible effort to care for the homeless. A survey also is being made of the devastated area.

The Windsor authorities have wired Halifax that they can accommodate 500 injured in the military hospital there.

The civic authorities and the newspapers of Halifax are making every endeavor to secure the names of the dead and wounded, but everything is in such a state of chaos that little progress is being made.

Work of Relief. Halifax, Dec. 7.—Stunned by the magnitude of the disaster which has overwhelmed this "garrison city by the sea," the people of Halifax to-day bent all their energies to relieving the injured, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and gathering their dead. Reports from the improvised morgues and from hospitals, churches, schools and private residences seemed to bear out last night's estimate that at least 2,000 lives were lost when the Belgian relief steamship Iona, a Norwegian vessel, collided with the French munitions steamer Mont Blanc, causing the detonation of 4,000 tons of trinitrotol, one of the most powerful explosives manufactured.

Help From Outside. Help from outside began to reach the stricken city to-day. Doctors, nurses and medical and food supplies arrived on special trains from Truro and Windsor, N.S., and from Moncton, N.B. Other trains were reported on the way and were expected to reach here during the day. The special train sent from Boston by direction of Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, will arrive this evening.

Virtually all business is suspended and the schools are closed, while the inhabitants generally are turning their attention to relief work. Soldiers and sailors, including seamen from an American warship which rushed to the port after the disaster, are patrolling the stricken district and aiding in the rescue work.

(Concluded on page 4.) THOROUGH INQUIRY INTO BIG EXPLOSION

Commission Will Consist of Nova Scotia Judge and Two Advisers

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Owing to the magnitude of the disaster caused by the collision of ships in Halifax Harbor, the Department of Marine and Fisheries has decided that it shall be inquired into by a special tribunal. Responsibility for shipping accidents is usually investigated by Captain L. A. Demers, Dominion Commissioner of Wrecks, but it has been decided that in this case the scope of the inquiry to be made must be considerably enlarged.

The court which will be instituted will consist of a judge of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, assisted by two technical advisers, one a naval man and the other a mercantile marine expert. The judge and his advisers will be assisted by counsel who will be appointed by the Government.

The appointments have not yet been made, but as Mr. Justice Drysdale is the only Admiralty judge of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court it is probable that he will be at the head of the commission of inquiry. The commission will begin upon its task at an early date.

WEATHER IN FRANCE. British Headquarters in France, Dec. 6.—Via London, Dec. 7.—The phenomenon fine weather which has aided the British forces in France may change any day, and this will finally break up the campaign season.

Halifax Explosion Audible Fifty-Two Miles Out at Sea

FIRST CALL UNDER ARMY ACT LOOKED FOR DEC. 10; TRIBUNALS' WORK IN B. C.

Is Expected First Men Ordered Out Will Be Those Who Reported for Service; 2,690 Exemption Claims Disallowed; 1,215 Have Appealed

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—R. S. Lennie, Registrar for British Columbia under the Military Service Act, is daily expecting telegraphic instructions from Ottawa to issue the notice for mobilization of the men under the first call. It is thought that the call probably will be made on December 10, but as yet no instructions have been received to issue the order to report for service. It is thought that the order to report will be extended first to the men who registered for service. Of these already 1,131 have passed the medical examination as category A men.

The exemption tribunals of the province have dealt with 8,439 claims to date and have allowed 5,746, mostly temporarily. There were 2,690 disallowed, and of this number there had been 1,215 appeals against the findings of the tribunals to December 6.

The total of the provincial registry under the Military Service Act, which had never been definitely arrived at until yesterday, was 15,861, of which 2,042 were reports for service, and 12,819 claims for exemption.

GOOD GROUND FOR VON TRIPITZ'S GLOOM

Sad Because He Knows Meaning of Sea Power Allies' Hold

London, Dec. 7.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Westminster Gazette, in a leading article on Admiral von Tirpitz's recent admission at Essen that Great Britain hitherto had won more than she had lost, says: "His gloomy view is particularly appropriate on a day when news was received that German forces had been cleared out of East Africa. Germany now sees all her colonies in British hands, all her ships swept off the seas by the British fleet, Palestine overrun and Mesopotamia firmly held by the British. Von Tirpitz's gloom is due to his knowledge of the meaning of sea power. He sees no future for Germany if superior sea power succeeds in shutting her in and employing the tremendous economic weapon in its grasp and that of the Allies."

"Von Tirpitz then throws a salutary douche of cold water on von Hindenburg's and Ludendorff's recent assertion about Germany's strength by saying that nothing could be decided until British sea power was broken and pointing out the incontestable fact that this power was everywhere victorious in its own sphere."

The Westminster Gazette emphasizes the difference between the British naval power and German militarism, though the Germans naturally pretend the former is aggressive and threatening the world more than the latter.

"Our worst enemy can not pretend we embarked in this war to extend our power or to increase our possessions," says the paper. "We came in because Germany compelled us, and what we hold of her territory we hold in trust on our behalf and that of our allies for a guarantee against future attack."

CALGARY EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS' WORK

Calgary, Dec. 7.—The following figures for Alberta were given out here to-day: Cases heard by exemption tribunals, 21,995; total exemptions granted, 13,777; temporary exemptions granted, 1,206; refused, 4,152. Of the last, 2,254 men are appealing from the decision of the local tribunal.

RAPID ACTION BY CONGRESS OF STATES AGAINST BERLIN'S CHIEF ALLY; WAR DECLARATION PASSED

Troops of Roumania Join Russian Forces in Armistice Plan

Jassy, Roumania, Dec. 6.—Via Petrograd and London, Dec. 7.—It has been decided that the Roumanian troops shall associate themselves with the Russians in the proposed armistice though the Roumanians have rejected every attempt at fraternization, says an official announcement made here to-day. Hostilities were suspended to-day on the whole front.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The declaration of war on Austria-Hungary was passed by both Houses of Congress to-day with brief debate. President Wilson's signature is now the only thing required. The House accepted the Senate resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the Senate unanimously 74 to 0. Senators Gronna of North Dakota, Morris of Nebraska, and Vardaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration, supported the resolution. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin left during the speechmaking and did not cast his vote.

It is estimated that the declaration of war will add 700,000 men over the age of 21 years to the enemy aliens within the borders of the United States.

Timely Generosity of Americans Aids People of Halifax

Boston, Dec. 7.—A special train carrying a Red Cross unit consisting of physicians and nurses, and a quantity of medical and other supplies will start from here for Halifax this afternoon.

FIGHT CONTINUES, SAYS ROME BATTLE ON ASIAGO PLATEAU

Rome, Dec. 7.—On the Asiago Plateau the battle is continuing without interruption, says an official report issued here to-day, which adds: "The withdrawal of our troops from the Meletta defence to the rear lines of defence was accomplished on Wednesday night and yesterday morning under the protection of artillery, which held up the enemy's advance."

"An enemy party attempting to come down into the Franzella Valley was driven back in disorder by machine gun fire."

WIRE CONDOLENCES TO STRICKEN CITY

Lieut.-Governor and Premier Send B.C.'s Offer to Assist

Following the receipt of the distressing news from Halifax His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has sent the following telegraphic message of condolence this morning to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia: "Please accept my sincere condolences upon the deplorable catastrophe which has overtaken your capital city. My Government has already tendered your Government any assistance which may be indicated as most practicable."

In the undertone terms Premier Brewster has also wired to Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia: "Please convey to the Mayor and the citizens of Halifax the deep sympathy of the Government and the people of British Columbia in the appalling catastrophe and be reassured if assistance acceptable willing to render same in any practicable manner."

HELPLESS AS BABY BURNED TO DEATH

St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—Eye-witnesses of the Halifax explosion reaching here to-day told details of the horrors through which they passed. In the party were 14 young women students from Mount St. Vincent's Academy.

Edmond P. Barry, a St. John postal clerk, was at Richmond during the worst of the catastrophe. "It was terrible," he said. "People died in our car like flies. Some of them came to the place with noses shot off, eyes put out, faces slashed with flying glass, limbs torn and distorted. On one occasion while we were working around a wrecked building we could see a little baby fifty feet or more underneath a burning mass, crying for aid. We could not get within thirty feet of the child, and had to watch while it burned to death. Men, women and children were lying in the streets, and hundreds must be buried beneath the wreckage."

NO AMERICAN SHIP IN HALIFAX HARBOR AT TIME OF DISASTER

Washington, Dec. 7.—Reports to the Navy Department here indicate there was no American ship in the harbor at the time of the explosion, and officials are inclined to think that if American sailors had been caught in the blast it would have been reported in the early dispatches from the navy commander who went in to help after hearing the detonation at sea.

BOLSHEVIKI APPOINT NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—General Bouch-Bruyovitch, former Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces, has been appointed Chief of Staff.

All That Remains is For President Wilson to Affix His Signature; Debate in Both Houses To-day Brief; House Accepted Senate Resolution

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Cruiser Niobe Was Not Damaged by Big Halifax Explosion

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The reassuring news that the Canadian cruiser Niobe came through the explosion unscathed, reached the local naval recruiting depot from the Royal Naval College at Halifax to-day.

ENEMY WAS FOILED ON VERDUN FRONT

Attacks Broken Up by French Fire; Air Raids by British

Paris, Dec. 7.—Two attempts were made by German troops to attack the French lines east of the Meuse River, in the Verdun region, last night, after a heavy bombardment. The enemy troops, a report issued by the War Office here this afternoon says, were driven off.

The report follows: "There was vigorous artillery fighting in the region northwest of Rheims. On the right bank of the Meuse River, after a violent bombardment, enemy troops made two attempts to approach our lines in the region of Bezonvaux and Beaumont. Our fire broke up these attacks and compelled the assailants to retire to their own trenches."

"Near the Colonne trench our patrols took prisoners. The artillery on both sides is showing great activity in the region of the Rhone-Rhine canal. Elsewhere there is nothing to report."

Raids Continue. London, Dec. 7.—British naval aeroplanes on Wednesday and Thursday continued their bombing raids on German military works in Belgium, the Admiralty announced to-day. The announcement says: "During Wednesday and Thursday bombing raids were carried out by our naval aircraft on the following objectives: Utkerke aerodrome, St. Denis-Western aerodrome, Engel aerodrome, Bruges docks and various railway traffic. Bombs were observed to explode and fire was caused among huts and sheds. All our machines returned safely."

"In the course of the usual fighting of patrols two enemy aircraft were destroyed. Four more were shot down completely out of control, three of them probably being destroyed."

DECLARES NOISE WAS INDESCRIBABLE

Former Journalist Tells of Scenes Yesterday in Halifax City

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Williams Barton, former telegraph editor of The Montreal Gazette and now travelling auditor for the Imperial Munitions Board, related to-day his experiences at the time of and after the great explosion here yesterday. He was at breakfast in the Halifax Hotel. "In ten seconds it was all over," Mr. Barton said. "A low rumbling, a quake shock, with everything vibrating, then an indescribable noise followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass. In such moments the human mind does not hesitate. A cry went up, 'A German bomb.' Then there was a rush for the door, heading down the hallway, through falling pictures, glass and plaster, through great projecting triangular pieces of glass to the street. Here I found myself with a burden. How she had come into my arms I do not know, yet there she was hysterically shrieking: 'Oh, my poor sister, my poor sister.'"

Cloud of Smoke. "Outside, overhead a giant smoke cloud was moving northward. The danger seemed over. I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel. My aid—for I was unscathed—possibly was needed far more there. I made my way upstairs to the rooms of two friends. The rooms were vacant, but normal, even the glass being unbroken—and few panes of glass remain unbroken in this area. Once more I was in the streets, meeting companions on the threshold. They, too, were unscathed."

"Our plans were quickly made. We were off to the immediate vicinity of the disaster, for among theories, we accepted as most plausible, the blowing up of a munitions ship. Towards Citadel Hill we wended our way and the farther we went the more horrible the aftermath appeared. Improvised stretchers met us on all sides, converging into the main thoroughfares from the highways and byways. The wounded were everywhere, but most of the unfortunates could hobble or walk. We kept onwards."

"Our hurry-scurry had led to the armory. Here the khaki-clad men were already on parade, many of the soldiers showing wounds bound with hankerchiefs.

THREE ON NIOBE RECEIVED INJURIES

Halifax, Dec. 7.—On the cruiser Niobe, the following were the casualties caused by the explosion here: Cadet McKenzie, eye injured; Cadets Orde and Pentelov, cut. Cadet Edward Orde is a son of J. F. Orde, K.C., of Ottawa.

There was grim work ahead."

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SINGLE AEROPLANE DID MOST DAMAGE

London, Dec. 7.—Most of the damage done in London yesterday morning in the German air raid appears to have been the work of a single aeroplane which hovered over the city and dropped five explosive and two incendiary bombs. One of the explosive bombs fell near a residential block, breaking windows, while an incendiary bomb caused a large fire when it fell on a wall-paper establishment. A laundry, a brewery, an occupied school and a glassware storehouse also were struck, but there were no casualties in these places.

ATTEMPT FAILED.

Reims, Dec. 7.—An attempt was made to break up a meeting held by Hon. J. A. Calder, Unionist Candidate in the Moose Jaw Riding, at Willow Bunch, a French-Canadian settlement. A few minutes before the meeting was called to order some fifty men began a demonstration. Quiet finally was restored and Mr. Calder resumed his address.

HOLIDAY FOR TRIBUNALS.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The Military Service Council has issued instructions to all exemption tribunals to adjourn their sittings over election day.

ATTEMPTS BROKEN UP BY BYNG'S MEN

Line Near Bourlon Wood Stronger as Result of Withdrawal

London, Dec. 7.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"Local fighting has taken place in the neighborhood of La Vaquerie without any change in the situation. In the area south of Bourlon Wood minor hostile attacks were repulsed with severe losses to the enemy.

"The hostile infantry has been active at a number of points south of the Scarpe, and also in the neighborhood of Armentieres."

The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France wired yesterday afternoon:

"General Byng has realized Napoleon's definition of a general's greatest quality—to know when to retreat and to do it."

"We have fallen back deliberately and successfully upon a well-chosen line which rules out the salient made by Bourlon Wood and should enable us to maintain our hold upon the captured length of the Hindenburg Line against any pressure."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"Very spirited artillery activity was maintained during the day on the right bank of the Meuse, in the region of Benetum, as well as in Upper Alsace."

"Yesterday three German aeroplanes were brought down and eight other machines seriously damaged, fell inside their own lines. Our bombing aeroplanes have carried out various operations."

"German aeroplanes dropped bombs on the night of December 6-4 in the region of Dunkirk; several casualties are reported. Calais also was bombarded last night. There were no casualties."

RELIEF STEAMSHIP HELD BY GERMANS

London, Dec. 7.—The Belgian relief steamship *Haelele*, loaded with grain, which was captured by a German submarine on November 3 and taken in to Swinemuende, still is detained there, according to Reuter's, the German authorities ignoring all protests.

Begin explained the detention of the *Haelele* on the ground that she entered forbidden waters. The Commission for Relief in Belgium on November 14 asked the Dutch Government to endeavor to obtain the release of the steamship.

HALIFAX WAS SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATIONS

Light Rumble Preceded Terrific Blast of Explosion on Ship

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The horrors of an air raid possessed the minds of many when the great explosion on the munitions ship *Mont Blanc* shook this fortress town to its very foundations yesterday. There were three distinct shocks. First a comparatively light rumble like a seismic disturbance startled the city. A moment later a terrific blast made even the citadel quake. Then a crash of glass throughout a wide area completed the confusion. Thousands of persons rushing into the open saw a thick cloud of gray smoke hanging over the north end of the city. This strengthened their conviction of an attack from the air.

It was feared that other explosions would follow and, as far as possible, the frightened ones were herded in the southern part of the city. Great crowds assembled in open lots and remained there for hours until they believed all danger was passed.

Identification.

Systematic efforts were made last night to identify the dead, but great difficulty was encountered as numbers who were killed had suffered injuries which made recognition impossible.

Notwithstanding the prompt and generous succor from nearby places there was much suffering last night. The temperature, while not low for this district, held below freezing.

Many fires were caused by overturned stoves and these generally were in wooden frame houses that lent themselves readily to the flames.

The steamship *Ima*, which appeared to have escaped serious damage in the collision with the "munitions ship," was beached after the collision as she, too, caught fire and seemed for a while threatened with destruction. Her crew escaped.

A large Canadian steamship moored at the north end was torn from her hawsers by the concussion and set adrift in midstream.

Among the notable structures wrecked was St. Joseph's Church and the school building adjoining. The immense cotton factory in that district also was demolished.

Search among the ruins for bodies continued last night under a great handicap, as a large part of the city was in darkness save for torches and lanterns.

Food Short.

Fears of a food shortage are entertained by some, though encouragement is found in the word that trainloads of provisions already are on the way here from several points. The immediate feeding of the homeless ones amid the confusion remains a serious problem, however. Everything possible is being done to systematize the distribution of food as well as of clothing and bedding.

A second outlet for news of the disaster was established after several hours of emergency work late yesterday. After the restoration of one telegraph wire, the cable line to the New England coast was repaired and thus news went forward.

One of the temporary morgues was situated in the basement of the Chebucto road school, where at an early hour last evening almost a steady stream of vehicles of all sorts was conveying the dead and depositing them in the basement in long rows. The bodies were carried into the building and placed in long silent sheet-covered rows. Practically none of them were recognizable in their blackened, and in many cases burned condition.

Tents Erected.

Relief in the hands of military was covering the common and the slopes of the camp hill with a mushroom-like growth of tents, which sprang into being with the passing minutes as if some magical force was behind them.

Practically every building which could be got into condition to receive the wounded was pressed into service as a hospital and as soon as the hospitals came into being they were rapidly filled.

In the darkness which threw its enveloping mantle over the territory the bright reflection of the burning district could be plainly seen.

Military and police of all descriptions patrolled the streets and in orderly, grim-stained gatherings worked among the ruins and loaded the people they recovered on the waiting vehicles. Of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives practically every second person was injured.

FICTITIOUS NAMES ON A VOTERS' LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Thirteen fictitious names were found to have been included in the voters' list compiled by Napoleon Boileau, enumerator, at the sitting of the board of appeal in the courthouse here yesterday. On the same list was found the name of Elmer Plante, who has been dead for six months. A motion was made to have the names removed from the list and this was done.

LONDONERS WATCHED AIRSHIP FLYING

London, Dec. 7.—London enjoyed its first view of a British airship, which made a trial flight over the city shortly after the lunch hour. Large crowds gathered in the streets and squares and along the Thames to watch the airship, which received a great ovation from the crowd gathered around the tank stationed in Trafalgar Square to assist in the campaign for war loan subscriptions.

SCHOOL AGRICULTURE CLUB AT DUNCAN

One Formed in Connection With High School; the Objects

Duncan, Dec. 7.—Following a visit paid last Saturday by delegates from the Agriculture Club of the Victoria High School, the class in agriculture at the Duncan High School, numbering 25, has unanimously decided to form a similar club. The objects of these clubs are to boost agricultural education and production "in all ways possible, to engage in competitions, hold debates and social functions and organize sports. In connection with these activities it is hoped that visits will be made between different clubs as more of these are formed. This valuable training in team-work, organization, conducting meetings, etc., will be obtained by the boys and girls as they will have the full management of the clubs in their own hands.

The officers elected for the Covichan Agriculture Club are: President, Eddie F. Miller; vice-president, Miss Lorna Gardner-Smith; secretary-treasurer, Claude Bell; corresponding secretary, Miss Alice McLennan.

Already plans have been laid for a function along novel lines to be held by the club about Christmas.

In Charge of Work.

S. H. Hopkins, B.S.A., has now had charge of the class in agriculture at the Duncan High School since the opening of the fall term when the work was initiated in three new centres viz: Duncan, Victoria and Kelowna. Satisfactory progress has been made. After two months' work the following examination paper was set on which the Duncan class made an average of slightly over 70 per cent. marks:

1. What is humus? How can it be added to soils?
2. Why is a sandy loam soil said to be warm and suitable for early vegetables?
3. State, giving reasons for your methods, how you would proceed to improve a light sandy soil; a hard clay; a black peat bog.
4. Why should tile drains be put closer together in a clay field than in a sandy loam? Draw a sketch illustrating.
5. What effects has frequent hoeing in a garden?
6. Name a bad perennial weed and state how it spreads; also three bad annual weeds. How do weeds do most damage to crops?
7. Name the destructive larva of a butterfly, of a moth, a beetle, and a fly, and the remedy for each.
8. How do caterpillars and aphids eat?
9. Of what use is carbon dioxide in the air?
10. Name a plant or part of a plant rich in starch, one rich in oil, and one rich in albumen. (One ingenious answer to the latter part of the question was "egg-plant.")
11. What age of wood should be taken for a hardwood cutting?

The above answer the question often asked: "What are the school students doing in agriculture, and at what are they aiming?"

Seniors Next Year.

This year there is necessarily only a preliminary class in agriculture. Next year this will constitute the senior class and there will be two classes taking the work.

Some attention also is given to the rural and public schools. The course given in these schools is in nature study. While this is not strictly agricultural it lays the foundation for the later course in agriculture in the High School, which in turn leads up to the higher rural science studies at the university. Although it may be said that agricultural education in this province is still only in its infancy, the foundations are well and truly laid, and pupils, teachers and the general public are recognizing more and more its importance as an aid to increased production.

Mr. Hopkins expects that his students will be sufficiently qualified by the spring to be able to give competent help on farms or nurseries, where they would be under the direction of some one who would intelligently supervise their practical work. The students probably would be paid a small amount for the work done. Those wishing to work hard probably would be able to put in a good number of hours each week, which would be a great help during the present labor shortage.

A Marriage.

Alan Ford, son of Walter Ford, formerly of Koksilah, was married today to Miss Rachel Hirst, of Parksville. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gidley, of Duncan, left yesterday for Parksville to be present at the wedding.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Following are the bank clearings in the principal cities of the Dominion for the week ended yesterday, as compared with the corresponding week of last year:

	1917.	1916.
Montreal	\$52,531,311	\$50,326,772
Toronto	65,511,312	60,326,754
Winnipeg	77,445,540	68,608,507
Vancouver	9,281,894	7,454,252
Ottawa	7,479,209	6,942,269
Calgary	10,305,253	5,908,791
Edmonton	4,181,101	5,109,142
Quebec	6,372,650	5,361,408
Halifax	4,121,680	3,772,251
London	2,785,297	2,887,724
Regina	5,516,727	4,065,854
St. John	2,178,819	2,580,355
Saskatoon	2,202,894	1,925,051
Hamilton	2,400,842	2,453,714
London	2,101,668	1,951,351
Brandon	1,068,127	800,167
Winnipeg	1,120,817	786,606
Fort William	1,024,785	797,725
Lethbridge	1,265,285	1,162,232
Medicine Hat	1,265,285	1,162,232
New Westminster	298,792
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MESSAGE TO TROOPS FROM LIBERAL EDITORS

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The following cable was sent yesterday, addressed to Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie or the acting commander of the Canadian Corps in France, and Major-General Turner, commander of the Canadian troops in England:

"In the midst of a parliamentary election in which the interests of Canada's soldiers are the supreme concern, and in which they are rightly taking part, the undersigned editors of Canadian Liberal newspapers who are supporting the principle of Union Government desire to express to you and through you to the members of the Dominion's Overseas forces the assurance:

1. That in their opinion the present Union Government is formed primarily for the purpose of securing support for the troops in the field.
2. That the new Government includes or has the support of practically all the Liberal leaders, and has the support of all the Liberal papers except in Quebec; and,
3. That it can be relied upon to deal with conditions in Canada and abroad which have been subjected to criticism in the past.

(signed)

"Stewart Lyon, Toronto Globe; J. W. Duffie, Manitoba Free Press; J. E. Atkinson, Toronto Star; G. Fred Pearson, Halifax Chronicle; E. W. McCready, St. John Telegraph; Cal. Davies, Hamilton Times; T. H. Preston, Brantford Expositor; W. F. Kerr, Regina Leader; W. J. Taylor, Woodstock Sentinel-Review; J. I. McIntosh, Guelph Mercury; J. A. Aiken, Saskatoon Phoenix; Wm. Davidson, Calgary Alberta; J. G. Elliott, Kingston Whig; W. E. Smallfield, Renfrew Mercury; H. T. Blackstone, Orillia Times; H. J. Pettipiece, Forest Free Press; H. B. Dunlop, Elgin Reform; H. P. Moore, Acton Free Press; Howard Fleming, Owen Sound Sun."

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NO TREATY.

London, Dec. 7.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, denied that Britain and France had entered into any treaty or understanding to support Italy against the Holy See if the Holy See attempted to take steps toward peace. Asked why no reasoned reply to the Pope's note had been made by Britain, France or Italy, he said:

"The British, French and Italian Governments considered no reply necessary beyond that returned by President Wilson."

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE TO ONTARIO'S PREMIER

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The Winnipeg Free Press carries the following from Toronto:

"Sir William Hearst has received from Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps in France, a reply to congratulations upon the Passchendaele victory. After declaring that the appreciation of the people of Canada is an inspiration to the men at the front, Lieut.-General Currie says:

"The year 1917 has been a glorious year for the Canadian Corps. We have taken every objective from the enemy we started for and have met had a single reverse. Vimy, Arras, Frenoy, Avion, Hill 70 and Passchendaele—all these signify hard fought battles and notable victories. All this testifies to the discipline, training, leadership and fine fighting qualities of the Canadians."

NOT RECOGNIZED.

Peking, Dec. 7.—Prince Koudacheff, the Russian Minister here, following the policy adopted by other Russian diplomats in foreign posts, has refused to acknowledge the authority of the Bolsheviks.

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As Unionist Candidate for this Riding, duly selected by Convention as representative of the Liberals and Conservatives, Labor, Win-the-War League, Returned Soldiers, and Farmers, I call upon you in the name of Canada for your vote and support.

We all have a duty to perform, not only to Canada, but to the whole world, in the cause of LIBERTY and FREEDOM.

Russia is out of the war in a state of Anarchy—the fate of Italy trembling in the balance with France and the two great Anglo-Saxon nations left to bear an almost insupportable burden.

The great issue before us is a very simple one. Do we wish to retain our nationality? If so, we have come to the point where we must fight for it with our men, and with all the resources of the whole country.

With compulsory military service, there should be the same measure of conscription of wealth. This is not a mere figure of speech—wealth can be reached as easily as men, and it is more readily spared and can be replaced, whereas life cannot be restored.

PROFITING MUST CEASE.
It is regrettable that human depravity can be so low as to stoop to the taking of undue and unfair profits on war supplies, when men are dying their lives to the cause of Freedom.

PARTY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE CAUSE.
The remedies are now being applied as a witness effective Government control of profits and the controlling of food prices.

LET US TEST THE ISSUE.
Would the Germans prefer a Union Government with a fighting Canadian Nation behind it, or a Government fortified only by a referendum?

LET US STAND TOGETHER—THEREFORE, stand as the Romans stood in the days of old, when NONE were for the Party, and ALL were for the State.

J. C. McINTOSH, Unionist Candidate.
1284 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, B. C., November 28, 1917.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917."

RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES

Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date of issue of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills; and notwithstanding that any such treasury certificates or treasury bills have been or may be issued subsequent to the first day of February, 1915.

RE DELINQUENT TAXES

(1) The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which general or local improvement rates or taxes are unpaid for the year 1917 or any prior year, and the owners of which shall not have an agreement in good standing with the Corporation as herein provided.

RE ADJUSTMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPANSION OR WIDENING BY LAWS

(1) Power to the Corporation either (a) by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a commission of three persons to be appointed by the Council (which may consist of members of the Council, and persons not members thereof or of both), by a commission consisting of three persons to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to investigate and consider from time to time the whole question of local improvement taxation in connection with street widening or expansion projects, relating to such streets as are shown on plans from time to time determined by the Council.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Tenders for the Disposal of Garbage.
Sealed tenders, addressed to the Purchasing Officer, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., will be received until 4 p. m., on Monday, January 7, 1918, for the disposal of garbage.

CANADIAN ARMY'S NEED OF RESERVES

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Major Andrew McPhail, M. D., of the army medical staff, addressed a gathering of more than 100 women here last evening. He said:

"As to the problem of reinforcements, I have nothing to do with it and to say, but I may give you this message as one back since October. 'The Canadian army at present, is one without reserves, and an army without reserves is an army that is already been withdrawn from the line at Passchendaele and soon the papers will tell you that surmise is correct. If it is, the reason will be that there are no reserves.'"

COURT OF REVISION ON MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST FOR 1918

The Court of Revision on the Municipal Voters' List for the year 1918 will sit in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 10, 1917, at 10 a. m.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk.
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., November 28, 1917.

MERCHANTS THREW OPEN THEIR STORES

Halifax Dealers Freely Aided Suffering People; Partial List of Dead

Halifax, Dec. 7.—After the terrific explosion yesterday which wrecked this city the merchants threw open their stores and put their wares at the disposal of the people who were in need of them. Practically every drugstore was an open supply station doing anything it could to aid. Medical men worked in an effort to aid whenever it was needed, and during the day many have believed thousands who were not beyond their aid.

In the early morning, after the collision, fire broke out and the fire department apparatus was rushed to the scene. The trucks were preceded by the fire chief, Edward Condon, Deputy Chief William Brunt and Capt. Peter Broderick, in the chief's automobile. While on the way an explosion occurred, instantly killing all of the occupants.

The flame-swept belt begins at what is known as the North Street bridge, and extends northward to Pier 5, Richmond, on the waterfront and backward to a point running parallel with Gottingen Street. This embraces about two or two and a half square miles of territory. In this portion of the city there is nothing recognizable.

The big building of the Acadia Sugar Refinery was razed to the ground, and the only sign that it ever existed is a pile of smouldering ruins. The drydock and the buildings which surrounded it all were destroyed, while an early rumor said that the Richmond school, which housed hundreds of children, only three escaped alive.

List of Dead.
Reported dead: Isaac Creighton, Dr. Murdoch Chisholm, A. Hoken, boiler-maker; John Harris, son of George Harris, who also is missing; David Whiston, West Young Street; William McFarlane, Mrs. Charles Stockhill and child, Mrs. W. J. Sweatman, wife of Row W. J. Sweatman, of Kaye Street Methodist church, and child; Mrs. Myers, 54 Union Street; Mrs. William Beures, Hazel and Ariel Beures, 55 Union Street; E. H. Ross, next-of-kin Mrs. E. Ross, Mahone Bay, N. S.; John Maloney, 1 C. R. watchman, Richmond Station; Miss Gladys Kennedy, stenographer, Gunn's Mills, daughter of John Kennedy; Lebaron Coleman, Canadian Express Company; I. C. K. Policeman Burchell, North Street Station; Edward Condon, chief of the Halifax fire department; Wm. Brunt, deputy chief of the Halifax fire department; Peter Broderick, a captain of the fire department; H. Burgess, inspector of the Nova Scotia Tramways; Alexander Bond, John R. Ronayne, a reporter on the Halifax Echo; Thos. Wrightman.

Among the missing are: Frank D. Hillis, Mrs. Lewis Cann, Miss Alma Cann, Cyril Cann, William Hinch, Mrs. J. F. Farrell and baby, Mrs. M. F. Campbell, George Codwin, aged 3 years; H. Inoh and entire family; Stockholm family, Gladys Bennett, Joe and Ellen Cooper, Madeline, Arnes, Irene, Grace, Harriet and John Elliott, Mrs. R. Donnelly and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lovett and two children, ex-Alderman Constable Upham, Levi Dauphinee, Queensland; Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. W. J. Moody, Mrs. A. W. Moody, William Moody, two years old; Ruth Moody, four years old; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomson and four children; Mrs. M. Flavin, Kaye Street; Charles Short, King Street, Dartmouth; G. B. Harris, ex-controller; Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Thompson and three children, North Albert Street; Mrs. H. M. Mooney, Miss S. M. Mooney and Jim Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. M. Hillis.

Bluejackets Killed

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B. C. ELECTRIC FINDS ITS EXPENSES HIGHER

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Although the B. C. Electric Railway carried almost half a million more passengers during October this year than during the corresponding month last year, increased operating expenses absorbed practically all the additional revenue, according to a statement issued by General Manager G. Kidd. This condition is chiefly attributed to payroll charges as the result of the strike of last summer, following which employees of the company were conceded substantial increases in wages.

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"In addition to their important sanitary losses, the Italians in those two days lost more than 1,000 prisoners and more than 60 guns. Our losses, due to the clever conduct of the fighting operations, were small."

"Near Zenzen, where we occupied the western bank of the Piave for weeks past, we successfully withstood storming attacks of several hours' duration made by superior forces."

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In these words Hon. S. H. Johnson, Attorney-General of Manitoba, explained his position to a gathering of Icelandic electors at Lunda in speaking in the interests of the Union Government.

This is the first public meeting which Mr. Johnson has addressed in the election campaign.

He was born in Iceland. In conclusion he said:

"This is a question of the most energetic prosecution of the war at this time as against the other method proposed by Sir Wilfrid. We must do our duty. I have assured everybody, and I am going to assure you, that my people will do their duty by our people, by Canada, and by the boys in the trenches on December 17."

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—D. O. Ellis, Supreme Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Association of Canada, has wired the provincial grand masters as follows:

"Issue the strongest appeal in my name urging the brethren to drop all other considerations and to unite in support of the Union Government. This Government must be sustained or Canada disgraced."

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Died of wounds—Pte. W. Taylor, Surrey, N. B.; Pte. G. A. Potts, North Battleford, Sask.; Pte. G. Blake, England; Pte. H. Fogarty, Canis, N. S.; Pte. J. W. Smith, Montreal; Pte. C. Atwood, Barrington, N. S.

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Missing—Acting Sergt. C. Tucker, England; Pte. I. Noal, Shaunavon, Sask.; Pte. C. Roberts, Blaine Lake, Sask.; Pte. R. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.; U. S. A.; Pte. J. Lowry, Victoria, Sask.; Pte. A. M. McFarlane, Marston, Ont.; Pte. G. Taggart, Cambridge, Ont.

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CALIFORNIANS HEAR CRAWFORD VAUGHAN

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 7.—Blaming irresponsible, unthinking, self-seeking agitators for the cry that the world war is a war of capitalists, Crawford Vaughan, former Premier of South Australia and a leader of labor, declared here last night that if the war belongs to any class at all, it is labor's war. He predicted that labor would gain more from victory for democracy than any other section of the people, and he pointed to conscription as one of the great democratizing influences of the war—an influence which prevented it from becoming a war of any class by putting the rich man in the trenches at elbows with the poor man's son.

Mr. Vaughan called on labor to allow no grievance to cause a strike until every remedy offered through arbitration had failed, and even in a last extremity he counseled a truce until the war is over.

Discussing the I. W. W. as they exist in Australia, former Premier Vaughan said harsh measures of suppression had been adopted there to safeguard trade unions.

He characterized as typical German propaganda the Irish Home Rule agitation here and in Ireland, and said to this German effort to create revolt in Ireland, Ireland had given answer.

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Medical men made a most important discovery in the treatment of stomach troubles when they found that practically every case of indigestion and dyspepsia was caused by the presence in the stomach of "too much acid." By using ordinary bisulphated magnesia to neutralize the acid and sweeten the stomach the food digested naturally without causing trouble and digestive aids, like pepsin, etc., were no longer necessary.

Bisulphated Magnesia is a special form of refined magnesia which you should be most careful to insist upon. It does not digest food like pepsin, but instead neutralizes or transforms the poisonous biting acid that has formed in your stomach and is causing you misery. Your digestive machinery, relieved of the hampering acid accumulation, does its work without trouble. So remarkable is the action of bisulphated magnesia in stopping stomach distress that as a rule the worst pain, burning or sour sensation will vanish within five minutes from the time it reaches the stomach. Any dyspeptic or stomach sufferer can prove this easily with a single trial and with perfect safety as bisulphated magnesia is harmless and in this form is not a laxative.

Get a little Bisulphated Magnesia from your druggist and try it as your very best friend and forget all fear of indigestion.

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THE QUESTION OF MANPOWER.

The argument that voluntary recruiting will supply the need for reinforcements overseas is being dropped in many quarters of the anti-conscriptionist forces and a number of other theories, representing widely different attitudes towards the war according to local political exigencies, are being substituted for it.

It is idle to question the need of reinforcements, and the citation of figures without details or explanation is mere quibbling which should have no place in the discussion of so serious a situation.

There are 143,000 men in France and only 31,000 infantry in Great Britain and Canada for reinforcements. It is the infantryman that is needed, and it is the need of the infantry service that voluntary recruiting has not filled for a long time and which it certainly would not supply now.

The alternative argument to the manipulation of figures to show that the men who know the situation and are appealing to Canada to keep the faith are not speaking the truth, is the theory that, any way, the man-power of Canada is needed for food production.

are merely trying them out. But if they do not serve their purpose well, anyway, we cannot send more men because they are needed to produce food. It is a question of food versus men. Besides, it is both convenient and pleasing. That plea is as dishonest as the manipulation of the figures of Canada's military strength.

THE HALIFAX HORROR.

The appalling disaster at Halifax, surpassing even the gravest expectation based on the early reports, impresses an immediate, imperative demand upon all the agencies for relief at the disposal of the Dominion. For the first time this is the first call upon attention of the country and it is for the National Government to ascertain and advise as to the measures necessary to succor the stricken community.

IMPROVES THE SERVICE.

The steps taken by the Minister of Finance to improve the efficiency of the tax collection machinery of the Provincial Government must prove an important factor in the solution of what perhaps is the most difficult problem with which the executive has to deal. Apart from the merits of that or that particular tax, there must be taxation and taxes must be collected. Unless this is done, whether by a province or a municipality, loss of credit and bankruptcy become inevitable and these react disastrously upon the whole community.

IS THIS "MUDDLING"?

Isaac F. Marcossan, an able American writer who has written luminously on the business aspects of the war, contributes an interesting article to the current issue of a widely-read publication on the supply organization of the British army, of which the following is a brief extract:

"In my work I have been one of the historians of so-called Big Business; in this war I have been with the five great Allied Armies. It is no depreciation of any of them to say that the British organization for the supply of its fighting men is in many respects the most amazing business institution that I have yet seen.

GERMANY'S SCEPTICS.

Herr Haase, Independent Socialist Deputy in the Reichstag, appears to be Germany's champion Doubting Thomas. He has long ceased to swallow the Berlin War Office and Admiralty dope and makes no attempt to conceal his doubt and apprehension over the future.

THE BIBLE IS COPYRIGHT.

The copyright of the Revised Version of the Bible is the property of the Oxford and Cambridge University Presses, though the fact had escaped the notice of even so experienced a lawyer as Sir Edward Clarke. A few years ago Sir Edward prepared a collated version of St. Paul's Epistles, following the version of the translators of 1611 in all cases where their rendering was substantially accurate.

would have been over in six months and Germany would have won. Defeat of the British Navy and all the hopes of the Allies and all their achievements would even now crumble to nothing. No disaster on land is altogether irreparable so long as we hold the seas. No triumph on land that we or any of our Allies could win would be permanent if at the same time we ceased to be supreme on the oceans.

FIGHTING MAN HAS NEVER FAILED.

As we look back upon these three years of war and suffering, the figure on whom the pure ennobling light of transfiguration shines most radiantly is that of the plain fighting man. Gazing upon him, the distinctions of rank are no longer seen. We discern only the fighting man in his own right, the gallant boys—those countless second lieutenants—who have played their last game so finely; the sergeants, the privates, the British soldiers of the firing-line who have borne the heaviest brunt of war, and on whose staying-power the issue of victory or defeat has, in the last resort, all the time depended.

WHAT OUR NAVY HAS DONE.

The Navy has had to guard the seas, both near and distant, against dangers of a nature and of a magnitude not dreamed of in the naval wars of the past. Thirteen millions of men and two millions of horses have crossed and recrossed the seas under the care of the Fleet; the loss in human lives through enemy action has been in the proportion of only one in 4,000.

THE LAUGH LINE

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THE LANDMARK.

"This inn must be very old," remarked a tourist to the landlord, who was serving him with dinner.

ANYTHING FOR A CHANGE.

Naval Officer-I say, doesn't poor old Smith look sick? "A fearful slice of you and all that, but why did you chuck him for me?"

BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS IN STRICKEN CITY OF HALIFAX; COMMITTEES SHOULDER BIG TASK

(Continued from page 1) Great Anquish. Halifax, Dec. 7.—The war has touched Halifax. Sorrow and anguish are left in its trail.

The crash came as suddenly and unexpectedly as a seaplane bomb, and the effect has been the same. Five minutes before the explosion men were going about their business, women were busy in their homes and children playing about their floors or venturing to school.

Orders were given at first that everybody should flee to the south of the city, and in a short time Barrington Street resembled a road of Belgium or Serbia when the people fled before the advancing enemy.

WILD RUMORS.

The wildest rumors were in circulation and every bearer of tidings was immediately surrounded. The stories told nothing in the telling until the brain reeled and the heart grew sick trying to picture the horror and desolation.

ENTRUE REPORT.

The story that the military hospital at Rockhead was destroyed and all the patients killed is untrue. Dr. Almon, G. M. O., medical officer, stated to the Canadian Press last night that nobody was seriously injured in that hospital, excepting possibly Mrs. Ward, wife of the former superintendent, who was removed to the city.

THE OTHER SIDE.

To the Editor.—In these terrible days when every one who frankly admits that he is going to vote for Laurier, is termed by some a slacker, traitor, etc. Will you let me ask a few questions that a few of us soldiers' wives would like to be enlightened on?

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

A fine wild swan, measuring 5 feet from the tip of the beak to the tail, shot at Ladners, has been presented to the Provincial Museum. Lumber is on the ground to rebuild the St. George's Inn, destroyed by fire last Friday.



WANTS MORE MUSIC.

To the Editor.—In last evening's issue of The Times, I saw a letter of complaint from one who wants more music in the theatres. Now as one of the musicians in one of the leading theatres here, permit me to say: In the first place we have never complained of being overworked.

A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor.—In view of the fact that I have been quoted as being a backer of the Laurier party, will you give me space in your paper to make a correction?

I take it that this is a Union Government and, therefore, my remarks about the mistakes made by the old Government in handling military matters would not apply to this Union Government, which should not be held responsible for past errors and mismanagement.

RETURNING HOME SOON.

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I want his death not to be in vain but I cannot trust the Borden or Union Government, call it what you like, to do it. Some have condemned Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a traitor. What about Sir Joseph Flavelle, Robert Rogers and Bourassa, all of whom are hand-in-glove with Borden.

HELEN R. BARKSHOTT. Fowl Bay Road. (Editor)—No sensible person calls Sir Wilfrid a traitor; but he is against compulsory military service and says that if elected he will suspend the operation of the present law.

Victoria, Dec. 7.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over this province and fair weather is general, except rain is falling on the northern coast. Moderate winds are reported along the Coast. The temperature ranges from zero in Alberta to 32 below zero in Saskatchewan and sharp frosts have extended to the lower Mississippi valley.

The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria-Barometer, 30.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 25; wind, 3 miles N.; weather, fair. Vancouver-Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; snow, 20; weather, cloudy.

Seattle-Barometer, 30.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Penikese-Temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; snow, 2 1/2. Nelson-Temperature, maximum yesterday, 29; snow, 3.

Table with columns: Location, Max, Min. Rows include Tatooch, Cranbrook, Grand Forks, Edmonton, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Toronto, Lunenburg, Montreal, St. John.

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Lieut.-Col. G. C. Johnston, M. C. R., the G. C. is one of the two original officers remaining with the unit. Other officers mentioned are: Major L. W. Miller, 2nd O. C.; Lieut. C. F. H. K. Douglas, M. C., assistant adjutant; Lieuts. A. H. Rowberry, M. G. O.; N. Hamerton, R. O.; G. W. L. McLeod, S. & I. O.; D. C. Gough, assistant S. & I. O.; H. C. Manning, B. O. C.; Capt. D. S. Evans, P. M.; D. C. Malcolm, C. A. M. C. M. O.; T. C. Colwell, adjutant; T. C. Penick, O. M.; Lieut. T. C. Wesson, T. O.; B. S. M.; J. R. Robertson, Major.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

We Are Ready for Record Business in Our Men's Clothing Store To-night and Saturday Morning

We have had record business in this department throughout the week—but that was not to be wondered at with such a magnificent stock of Men's Clothing, practically thrown on the market at price reductions scarcely heard of before.

But to-night and Saturday morning we are out to break this record. We have planned for it by re-sorting the garments. The values are as good now as on the opening day of sale.

A better opportunity to buy really first-class merchandise never presented itself like this before. Make up your mind, men, to buy yourself a new Suit and Overcoat right away. You can buy the two for the original price of one, and get the value, too.

Remember, every Suit and Overcoat in our immense stock is included in this sale.

A Late Shipment of Women's Serviceable Winter Coats

On Sale To-night and Saturday Morning
Very Specially Priced at

\$16.90

About 50 Coats in the lot, and each model is a good serviceable style for cold weather wear. They are late season models, featuring the new sailor collars, wide belts and big hip pockets. Beautifully tailored from smart tweeds and partly lined inside. All sizes in this lot, so all early shoppers will be sure of satisfaction.

Had these Coats arrived earlier in the season they would have sold at several dollars a garment more. They compare favorably with many models selling elsewhere at \$24.00 and \$25.00. Compare them.

Very Special at **\$16.90**

—Mantles, First Floor



The Suits Are Grouped Into Four Prices

\$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00

—And you choose from the finest assortment of models and materials you have ever seen in a sale of this kind. The merchandise was bought most carefully and well; it was bought for our regular season's business. But having decided to rebuild this section of our store makes it imperative that we clear our stocks immediately, and that is the only reason for such drastic price reductions.

Every suit is an example of good tailoring. The styles feature the 2 and 3-button soft roll collars, pinch-back and semi-pinch-back effects; also the 3-button sack model, suitable for the business man or the more conservative dresser.

A splendid range of materials in neat greys and black and white checks; stripes and various mixtures; also browns, navy blue and black. Some of the best quality all-wool Tweeds, Worsteds and Serges made.

Compare the values with the materials and styles, is all we ask of you.

Former Values to \$10.75	\$5.00
Now selling at	
Former Values to \$16.50	\$10.00
Now selling at	
Former Values to \$22.50	\$15.00
Now selling at	
Former Values to \$35.00	\$20.00
Now selling at	

The Overcoats Are Grouped Into Three Prices

\$12.50, \$17.50, \$22.50

Just think of what you save in buying your Winter Overcoat now, at this sale—anything from five to twelve dollars, and that surely is a saving worth while—it's sufficient to enable you to buy a suit, if you take advantage of our Suit Offerings as well. The Overcoats in this sale are the smartest of this season's models, including the popular Trench, with belt, semi-pinch-back, Raglan, Balmaccan, and the good Weighty Ulster. Coats in light, medium and heavy weights to suit all types of men, and for all purposes. Good Shower-proofed models as well.

The materials include a wide range of heavy coatings, also smart tweeds, mixtures, Donegal tweed effects, Oxford greys and warm chinchillas. Each model is beautifully tailored and well finished. In fact the very best workmanship possible. Coats that look well and fit well.

Former Values to \$18.00	\$12.50
Now selling at	
Former Values to \$25.00	\$17.50
Now selling at	
Former Values to \$35.00	\$22.50
Now selling at	

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Men's Underwear Specials

Spenceria Brand, medium weight, natural wool Drawers; sizes 34 only. Reg. value, \$3.00. To-day only, \$1.75.
Natural Wool Drawers, Imperial brand, English make; size 32 only. Reg. \$2.00. To-day, \$1.25.
Penman's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, medium weight. Ask for No. 60 shirts, 38 and 36 only. Drawers, 36 and 34. Reg. \$2.25. To-day, a garment, \$1.75.
Penman's No. 150—Heavy natural wool Shirts and Drawers. Shirts size 36 and 34; drawers 34 and 32. Reg. \$3.50. To-day, a garment, \$2.00.

—Furnishings, Main Floor

Men Will Prove These Boots Most Serviceable for Winter Wear. Very Special, a Pair, \$5.85

They are good, solid Boots, that will keep your feet nice and dry as well as warm and comfortable—no matter what the weather is like. They are thoroughly reliable, backed by our personal guarantee. Included are Waterproof Chrome Bluecher Boots, in light and heavy finish; Brown Military Boots with plain toe. Bluecher and Balmoral shapes, in various lasts suitable for work, business or dress wear. Some models have two full leather soles—Boots you will do well to look over. You will not be disappointed provided you shop early.

Values worth \$6 and \$7 a pair. Rebuilding Sale. To-day, a pair, at **\$5.85**
—Men's Boots, Main Floor



All Silk Paillettes and Tafetas at \$1.50 a Yard

Two very serviceable quality Silks marked at most interesting prices.

36-Inch All-Silk Black Messaline Paillette at \$1.50 a Yard.
—A rich quality silk, for separate skirts and blouses and for dresses. Cannot be excelled.

36-Inch All-Silk French Chiffon Taffeta.
—A lustrous sheen and an excellent quality. Worth regularly \$2.00 a yard.

—Silks, Main Floor

Knit Undergarments for Women at Reduced Prices

A clearing away of surplus lots and sizes in several well-known makes and qualities.

Stanfield Combinations of natural wool; most sizes. Reg. \$3.50 grade for, a suit, \$2.90.

Zenith Combinations in a cotton and wool mixture, high neck and long sleeves, also high neck, half sleeves and ankle length. Special at \$2.50.

Watson's All-Wool Combinations, in natural and white; small sizes only. Very special, a suit, \$2.00.

Watson's Vests, seconds, slightly damaged at the factory, all-wool and cotton and wool mixture; high neck and long sleeves only. Priced \$1.25 to \$2.25.

—Selling First Floor

Warm Coats for Infants

Models of good quality white corded velvet, nicely lined with soft white flannelette; sizes to 2 years. Special value at \$3.50.

Children's Coats of white bear cloth, neatly trimmed with buttons and braids; warmly lined; sizes 6 months to 3 years. Splendid values at \$3.50 and \$4.50.

Infants' Long Cloaks of cream Bedford cord, trimmed with braid. Special at \$2.00.

—Infants', First Floor

Crockery News To-day

White China Cups and Saucers, 6 for **\$2.00**
White and Gold China Cups and Saucers, 6 for **\$1.39**
White and Gold China Cups and Saucers, 6 for ... **\$1.95**

Aluminum Jardiniers

Very useful ornaments selling at special prices.

Reg. 25c for **15c**
Reg. 75c for **35c**
Reg. \$1.00 for **50c**

—Hardware, Second Floor

Ladies' Gloves

The following makes and qualities are those we can thoroughly recommend for Christmas or New-Year gifts. If you do not know the correct size, send a Spencer Glove Strip.

Dent's and Perrin's Cape Skin Gloves, in tans and browns, pique and P.T.M. seams, a pair, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Glace Kid Gloves, in tan, brown, white and black, 2-dome, a pair, \$1.50.

Glace Kid Gloves, in tans, browns, black, grey and white, also white with black points and black with white points. Extra quality, a pair, \$2.00.

Mocha Fleece Lined Gloves, in greys and browns, a pair, \$2.00.

White Glace Kid Gloves, 2-dome, a pair, \$1.25.

Children's and Misses Fleece-Lined Gloves, mocha and cape skin, a pair, \$1.50.

—Gloves, Main Floor

Better Grade Silk Hosiery

Beautiful grades of Silk Hose in the most wanted shades, all thoroughly reliable and recommended.

Ladies Silk Hose, in black, white, tan and all colors, a pair, \$2.00.

Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose, a pair, \$1.25.

Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose. Very special, a pair, \$2.00.

Ladies' Silk Hose, in black, white, tan and colors, a pair, \$1.00.

—Hose, Main Floor

Candy Specials

Peppermint Bullseyes—Reg. 40c, for **23c**
Plain Butterscotch—Reg. 40c, for **25c**
Almond Butterscotch—Reg. 40c, for **29c**
Turkish Delight—Reg. 40c, for **29c**
Maple Croquettes—Reg. 40c, for **29c**
Chocolate Peanut Chips—Reg. 40c, for **29c**

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Gum Drops **25c**
Cream and Jelly Mixed **29c**
Favorite Mixed **35c**
Mixed Chocolates **39c**
Fancy Chocolates up from **35c**
See our assortment of Stockings and Crackers.
—Candies, Main Floor

Several Hundred Pieces of Fancy and Table Linens to Go at Sale Prices

—And there is quite a nice assortment to choose from, both in designs and qualities. Customers have frequently remarked about the huge stocks we are carrying this year, and are very much surprised at the low prices we are charging. Most of them expected to pay a big advance over last year's prices. The remark that pleases us most is when they say: "We find it so easy to do our shopping here as you have just what we are looking for and at the right prices."

If you have not yet decided what you are going to buy for your numerous presents, come in and look through our stocks of Table Linens, Fancy Linens, Battenburg Linens, Drawn-Thread or Hemstitched Linens all marked at sale prices. It will help you to solve many of those gift problems.

Fancy Linens are priced from, each, **5c** up to **\$1.25**
Battenburg Linens from, each, **50c** to as high as **\$3.25**
Drawn Thread Linens, for runners and squares, from **75c** to **\$1.25**
Damask Table Cloths, from, each, as low as **\$1.25** to as high as **\$10.75**
Linen Lawns and Embroidery Linens from, yard, **65c** to **\$2.50**

—Linen Dept., Main Floor

The New Velvet Novelty Bags

Have just arrived from New York. They represent the very latest novelty in Hand Bags. The styles and values are such that you must see them to appreciate their beauty. They are on display in the Bag Section on Main Floor.

Priced **\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$8.75.**

—Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Our Cash System enables us to offer you the following Bargains:

New Laid EGGS Per Doz. 65c

PROVISION DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- Pure Lard, per lb. 20¢
- Best Canadian Cheese, per lb. 20¢
- Finnan Maltie, per lb. 17¢
- Peanut Butter, per lb. 25¢
- Finest Government Creamery Butter, per lb. 47¢, 3 lbs. \$1.37

MEAT DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- Pure Pork Sausage, per lb. 25¢
- Rump Roasts of Beef, per lb. 22¢
- Shoulders of Lamb, per lb. 24¢

GROCERY DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- Lowney's Breakfast Cocoa, 1/2 lb. cans, reg. 25c, for. 20¢
- Lowney's Always Ready Chocolate Powder, reg. 25c, for. 20¢
- Lowney's Unsweetened Chocolate, reg. 25c cakes, for. 20¢

CONFECTIONERY DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- Peanut Candy, reg. 30c lb. Special, per lb. 23¢
- Genuine Toasted Marsh Mallow, reg. 45c, for. 25¢
- Fresh Currant Buns, Special, per dozen 15¢
- Nice Fancy Assorted Biscuits, reg. 30c. Special, 2 lbs for. 22¢

VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- Famous Ribston Pippin Apples, per box. \$1.23
- White Cauliflowers, each, 15c, 12c and 8¢
- Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. 17¢

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PHONES: Grocery, 178 and 179. Delivery, 5522
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RED CROSS HELPING HALIFAX SUFFERERS

One Hundred Cases of Hospital Supplies Were at Once Forwarded

If further evidence were needed of the wonderful work accomplished by the Canadian Red Cross Society, in its fundamental purpose as a voluntary emergency supply store, that evidence is given in a telegram received in Victoria last night. In reply to a message from local headquarters inquiring if any medical and surgical supplies were being sent to the scene of the recent devastating explosion at Halifax, the Society's shipping headquarters at St. John, N. B., wired as follows: "Have shipped 100 cases hospital supplies, dressings, Halifax, about twenty cases to Truro for badly injured patients there. Will fill any further requirements."

Doubtless a great many of these supplies are the work of the members of the Victoria branches, and it is hoped that the woman who has perhaps failed to appreciate the important position occupied by the Canadian Red Cross Society in ministering in such emergencies, whether at the front or in the Dominion, will help in the extra efforts which must now be put forth to replenish the supplies.



A fully well attended meeting of the Hollywood Branch of the Red Cross Society was held Wednesday evening when the financial statement for the month of November was received.

In addition to the items contained in the report Mrs. K. M. Pocklington donated a beautiful crocheted camisole that will be raffled. Mrs. Sidney Thomson presented the branch with a large crocheted centre piece, while Mrs. F. Smith, of Gordon Head, sent knitted table doilies.

Mrs. Gibbs, Superintendent of the Hollywood Red Cross work rooms, will be glad to have more workers on Thursdays and Fridays.

For some days immediately preceding Christmas, trees will be available through the medium of the branch, at a small cost.

The financial statement follows:

Receipts.	
Balance in Bank Montreal Oct. 31	7.93
Cash on hand Oct. 31	4.25
Mrs. K. M. Pocklington, annual membership	2.00
Mr. A. A. Bengough, Kit Bag Fund	24.00
Mrs. R. Fowler, monthly donation	5.00
Dr. Tomlin, through Mrs. Storey, donation	5.00
Proceeds dance, Mrs. Bengough	1.50
Oct. account	.55
Mrs. G. W. Anderson, sale of poster	2.00
Mrs. Thos. Shotbolt, monthly donation	2.00
Mrs. C. H. Gibbs, monthly collection	2.20
Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday School, monthly donation	5.04
Mr. and Mrs. H. Fowler, donation	2.00
Kit Bag Fund	10.00
Monthly cash donation, "Friend"	5.00
Mrs. A. A. Bengough, sale flowers	.50
Proceeds silver chain teas, to date	23.71
Bengough	36.20
Proceeds dance, Mrs. A. A. Bengough	32.00
Proceeds six prize raffle, to date	37.87
Cash donation	18.25
Total	\$183.45

Expenditures.	
Cheque to Headquarters	\$24.00
Jewels & Lamb	4.25
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	10.00
Cheque to Headquarters	10.00
Balance, Bank of Montreal	14.15
Total	\$62.40

Hollywood Branch.
A beautiful cushion cover has been donated to Hollywood Branch by Mrs. Mason, and tickets for the raffle of same can be procured from Mrs. A. A. Bengough, convener, Hollywood Crescent.

WOMEN BOOT "DOCTORS"

About three hundred girls are establishing new records in a factory near the East End of London, England, where in a "boot hospital" a pair of boots from Flanders, thick with mud and scarcely recognizable as foot-wear, are completely restored to strength and soundness in the incredibly short space of forty minutes. The boots are scrubbed in warm water, dressed with castor-oil, the heel and tap is stripped off, then the outer skin of the upper part is taken off with a machine in-

"The Gift Centre"

10 PER CENT CASH DISCOUNT

1,000 in Prizes

For Winners of Clock Contest

GENUINE FRENCH IVORY TOILET GOODS

There is no question about the durability of this wear. Likewise, there is no question about its readily being accepted as a Xmas gift. Furthermore, it is popularly priced, as the following figures show:

- Hand Mirrors, \$3.50 to \$5.00
- Cloth Brushes, \$1.75 to \$4.25
- Trays, \$1.25 to \$1.00
- Salve Boxes, \$1.35 to 75c
- Manicure Pieces, from 50c
- Hair Brushes, \$1.35 to \$3.60
- Combs, \$2.50 to 75c
- Jewel Boxes, \$1.25 to \$2.50
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Social Personal

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Miss V. Graham has arrived in the city from Nanaimo and will spend a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. R. L. Gibbs has returned to her home at Westholme after spending a week in the city as the guest of Mrs. A. N. Jones.

Herbert Kent left the city on yesterday afternoon's boat for Vancouver and expects to return to Victoria tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Hepburn, wife of Lieut. H. P. Hepburn, of the Willows Camp, is visiting in Kamloops as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strutt.

Miss Minnie Parker, of Prince Rupert, is visiting in Vancouver, for a few weeks, and will make a stay with friends in this city before returning to her home in the North.

Rev. James Carruthers, of Prince Edward Island, who is to-night addressing a meeting of local members of the Masonic craft, will leave for Vancouver tomorrow.

The Christmas gift boxes made by Mrs. C. W. Rhodes and Mrs. J. E. Umbach in aid of the funds of Gonzales Chapter, I. O. O. F., will be on sale on Monday at the office of Messrs. Burdick, in the Pemberton Building.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Stobart, who together with Mrs. Stobart's brother, Gerald Christie, have been in the city for some days left on last night's boat for the mainland en route to their home near Kamloops.

Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of York, has received from the congregation of Trinity Parish, New York, an invitation to visit the United States. He is an interesting figure in England to-day, because of his strong attitude on labor problems and profiteering.

Gunner Robt. Campbell Murray, 65th Battery C. F. A. and Mrs. Murray, who were married in Vancouver recently, are spending their honeymoon in this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan H. Sutherland, of Vancouver.

A very successful card party was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Baylis, Robertson Street, yesterday afternoon as a result of which the Hollywood Branch of the Red Cross will benefit by a substantial sum. The first prize was won by Mrs. Elwin, Mrs. Taylor capturing the second.

Miss Evelyn Mitchell, of Toronto, one of the Field Secretaries of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, has just returned from a trip to Nanaimo and other points on the Island. On Monday she will address a meeting of the young people at their mission hall, to which the ladies of the Missionary Societies in the city have been invited.

In an article recently published in London by the well-known correspondent, Beatrice Nasmythe, in reference to the decoration of Nelson's monument on Trafalgar Day, she made especial

AT THE HOTELS

H. C. Bostick, of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

G. P. Grant, of Orillia, is an arrival at the Empress Hotel.

H. C. Stockton, of Calgary, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Dr. A. Knight, of Chilliwack, is stopping at the Strathcona.

H. Meiklejohn, of Calgary, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Dr. L. T. Seavey, of Port Townsend, is at the Dominion Hotel.

A. S. Walter is staying at the Strathcona Hotel from Ganges.

James Clark, of Port Alberni, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Desmond Brown, of New York, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

R. Pearce, of Cumberland, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Chas. M. Brookfield, of Simcoe, Ont., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

O. Swanson, of Saskatchewan, Sask., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. Chappell, of Yellow Grass, Sask., arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

R. B. Wolcott, of San Francisco, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

S. Dougan and Mrs. Dougan, of Cobble Hill, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

D. R. Manson and Mrs. Manson, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moodie are registered at the Strathcona Hotel from Calgary.

Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Brewis, of Regina, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fairbairns, of Vegreville, Alta., are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Ed. Comeault and Mrs. Comeault, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. E. Poeck are over from Vancouver and are at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. H. Holmes and W. H. White are in the city from Duncan and are at the Strathcona Hotel.

William D. Powell, of Rosetown, Sask.; Mrs. H. R. Powell and family, and C. M. Powell, of Boston, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

SUGARLESS.

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Mrs. Henry Norman, Dr. Ernest Hall and J. Parfitt Urge Support

PREMIER'S ACTION HIGHLY COMMENDED

Under the chairmanship of J. L. Beckwith a successful Unionist meeting in the interests of the candidature of Dr. S. F. Tolmie was held in the Assembly Room of the George Jay School last night. More than a hundred were present, including a goodly number of the fair sex. Dr. Tolmie was assisted by Mrs. Henry Norman, Dr. Ernest Hall, James Parfitt and Capt. (the Rev. Dr.) Campbell. The doctor placed his views in the same concise and straightforward manner which has characterized all his meetings since the commencement of the campaign. He again pointed to the paramount issue before the country and summed it up as a state of necessity for Canada to give a decision on December 17 next as to whether or not the nation's war efforts should be slackened or continued with redoubled vigor.

Duty First.

As he has done on all previous occasions, Victoria's candidate sought to convince the audience that he had entered the field as a perfectly free agent so far as political affiliations were considered. His filling of Government positions for so many years had precluded his active participation in public matters outside of his professional calling. Nevertheless his interest in the welfare of the country had been always of the keenest. It was that concern for Canada's well-being that had led him "out in the open," believing it to be the duty of every man to make some denial of personal commitment in the great cause for which the Empire was at war. His choice would be no benefit to him personally but he was perfectly content if by his energy some national service could be rendered at this crucial time. So that he had accepted the call as a matter of duty and his actions should be judged from the date of his entry.

Head the Call.

He pointed out that the formation of a Union Government in Canada was an absolute necessity if she were to carry on her share of the Empire's war burden effectively. It could not be done on the party system. With a Cabinet evenly balanced with the best brains of both parties devoted to one straight purpose success should ensue. It was following a method adopted by the Mother Country, where the old party programme in a time of crisis had been found wanting. Urging the necessity of a united front Dr. Tolmie asked his audience to remember that Canada was at war, and that it was but half won. That danger still existed made it the more imperative to secure at all costs a united front. There could be no better example for Canadians at home to follow than that provided by the men who responded to the call to arms in the early days; there was no argument then. Every soldier left all that he held most dear because he realized that Canada was in danger.

Could the call for aid from the trenches go unheeded? Could Canada afford to stop when the Germans were pressing with all their might against the lines? Were all the sacrifices of those brave boys to go for naught? Was this the time to talk about a referendum? Dr. Tolmie felt sure that the nation had no wish to be branded as a quitter and that December 17 would show to the world that this Dominion was in the fight to the last man and the last dollar with all her vast resources into the bargain.

Nothing Too Good.

The doctor again dealt with the question of the returned soldier, whose interest he said should be uppermost in the minds of a thankful people. Nothing was too good for him, and the sooner a practical scheme was evolved so would the complex situation become more simple. He advocated proper Government training in agricultural and industrial pursuits, so that the soldier's return to civil life would be attended by the hardships not entirely foreign to veterans of former wars. The candidate pledged himself to vote on the floor of the House should he be returned on December 17 his practical views on this great problem and would strive his utmost to see justice done.

Dr. Ernest Hall

Dr. Ernest Hall could see two distinct courses before the electorate of Victoria. The one was to vote intelligently and the other was to oppose Dr. Tolmie. It was to him a glorious fact that the very best elements of the country had forsaken their party prejudices to unite under the banner of patriotism and progress. "I am satisfied to be in the company of men of such calibre as I see here," said Dr. Hall, as he surveyed the platform and audience. "I am satisfied to be associated in this cause with such men as the leader of the opposition in my native province and the leader of the Government in my adopted province. No man ever acted a nobler part than did the Hon. Mr. Brewster when he boldly faced the disloyal element in his own party and took the manly stand for what he considered right. He is stronger in the public estimate to-day than that stand."

From the Shoulder.

"I told you," continued Dr. Hall, "during the by-election campaign, when you considered it better to leave me in private life, that Mr. Brewster was worth saving. But he still lacks

one thing. Let him sell all that disloyal bunch in his Cabinet for what he can get for them, or if no sale, give them away and place men in their positions and he will be the strong B. C. is no longer to be run by political misadvisers, nor partisan puppets but only by men loyal and true to the people. If Mr. Brewster wishes to continue our leader let him take notice and govern his acts accordingly. Some time ago I suggested a Union Government for British Columbia with prominent Conservatives associated with Mr. Brewster. It was regarded as a joke, however."

Two Ways of Hanging.

Dr. Hall went on to point to the course of events: the formation of a Union Government in the national interest. "Union was strength, and if Canadians did not hang together they would ultimately hang separately at the end of the Kaiser's rope. He had threatened Germany and had had to step out of the sideway and to the straighter swaggers of Prussian militarism. Four years ago he was a pacifist; four years ago he was against conscription; four years ago he hated war. Now he would follow the prophet of Galilee who said 'Let him among you who hath not a sword, sell his garment and buy one'; conscription to-day was the fair way; and war now was the only remedy."

The doctor painted a mental picture of the sufferings of the men in the trenches compared with the ease of the people at home. "Is this the time to object? Is this the time to criticize? Remember, the snow-covered fields of Flanders are being baptized with the heart blood of our bravest and best. Let us support Borden at this time," continued the doctor. "Let us stand by him and not swap horses in mid-stream, nor yield to the plausible platitudes of a peace propaganda." The doctor referred to the Lansdowne communication as the will of a willing nobleman.

To vote for Doctor Tolmie was the duty of Victorians who stood for support being sent to France and the greater efforts of the nation to shoulder her share of the burden.

Urges Support.

It was great pleasure to James Parfitt to take the safe platform as Dr. Tolmie and give him his warm support. To his mind the Union idea was the only path to a solution of Canada's position and the only sure way of equipping her in such a manner that her war work could be carried on with renewed vigor. Dr. Tolmie's splendid career in the public service and his non-possession of party affiliations were factors that argued well for Victoria's candidate.

Mrs. Henry Norman pleaded the woman's cause. Dr. Tolmie had always been sympathetic to the extension of the franchise to the women folk. While Union Government might not be perfection it was infinitely preferable to the party system particularly in such a time of stress. In ordinary times Canadians would not have looked kindly on conscription, but these were not ordinary times and since that was the case more than ordinary measures were a necessary consequence.

Captain Campbell appeared for support to Dr. Tolmie and the Union Government. He moved a vote of thanks to the candidate and the other speakers which passed by a standing vote.

MANY GO TO SEE "THE FLAME OF THE YUKON"

There is a big attendance every night at the Dominion Theatre to see the famous drama of the Far North, "The Flame of the Yukon."

Dorothy Dalton, star of "Wild Wind" and "The Dark Road" and "The Weaker Sex," appears as a queen of the Yukon dance halls in this new production. The picture has the vigorous action, the wild poetic beauty and the heart appeal characteristic of the stories dealing with Alaska during the lawless gold rush period. Miss Dalton's role is admirably suited to her. She is a veritable Carmen—impulsive, without conscience, daring enough to act as she chooses. Yet when she meets the "stranger" and realizes, for the first time, the dominance of love she is willing to make a tremendous sacrifice and to brave the jeers of the dance hall people in order to win the regard of the man whom she had intended to "trim."

NO. 5 B. C. HOSPITAL

is Now Established in Former Industrial School at Liverpool.

A letter received in the city from one of the nurses in No. 5 British Columbia General Hospital, which left here in the summer of 1915 and went to Salonia, recently returning to England, tells some interesting news of that unit. It is now at Liverpool in a building in the lower part of the city, formerly used as a workhouse and industrial school and jail. It is described as a huge, dismal set of buildings, surrounded by a high brick wall. There are no stairs and no elevators. What were formerly school-rooms are now being used for dining halls and the desks are the tables. The sisters have comfortable quarters, with steam heat, something which is not very common in English institutions.

There are only four doctors left of the original unit that joined in British Columbia. These are Lieut.-Col. Hart, Capt. A. B. Schinbels, Capt. Campbell and Capt. Clark. Several of the orderlies have been classified as Class A men and have gone to train at Shorncliffe—either as combatants or ambulance men. Most of the patients at No. 5 are Canadians about to return home. Very few are confined to their beds. Many have lost a limb. The Liverpool people are very good to them. Outings are provided for some of them every day. Teas, boat rides and concerts are the regular thing. The hospital is not far from the Canadian docks.

Christmas Tree and Sale—Methodist Church Schoolroom, Esquimalt, Saturday, 3 to 6. Refreshments, music.

LOVE STORY RETAINS ITS ANCIENT APPEAL

Albert Brown and Company Present Charming Play to Victoria Audience

The advent of Albert Brown and his supporting company to Victoria in the production, "The Love of a King" will long be remembered as a happy event by local lovers of the drama. At the Royal Victoria Theatre last evening this Canadian actor by the magic of his interpretation paid to insignificant settings of the modern stage which cramp the imagination and carried his audience back to Merry England, to the happy days of the young Prince of Wales, who as a man became George III.

In the loftiest forms of art, the player, despite dependency on the dramatist, requires a creative mind to interpret, demands that study and ascension of that faculty which talent bestows or which long experience in a limited measure may supply.

Last evening as the curtain descended upon the final scene every lover of the actor's art rose knowing they had been touched by the personality of a man who is a master of interpretation. Many praises have been credited to Mr. Brown, but in the character of King George III, none have lauded him too highly. As a player he bore evidence to the possession of that faculty which most speedily appeals to the critic—that power which distinguishes the real actor from him whose sole title is that of a clever imitator.

Medium of Expression. "The Love of a King" affords Mr. Brown an excellent medium through which to give expression to his art. The play commends itself without reserve to the tastes of the most exacting. It is a simple love story; yet withal, possessed of a power, a depth of passion that never fails in its appeal. The tale of George, Prince of Wales and his love for Hannah Lightfoot, the little Quakeress, is permeated with the elements of humor and pathos. His development of human with innumerable threads of human interest and grips its audience as the first love of a prince deepened into the passion of a man and a king. In the closing scene, as the novelist has said, "All history presents no sadder figure than that of the old man, blind and deprived of reason," back to the scene of his early love.

As the young prince, Mr. Brown played his part with marked distinction. The gallantry and spirit of the but these were not ordinary times and since that was the case more than ordinary measures were a necessary consequence.

Able Supported.

In the person of Lenore Phelps, who as his leading lady plays the part of the young Quakeress, Mr. Brown is most ably supported. The character could hardly be described otherwise than one of charming quaintness. In her actions, her unbounded joy, her restraint in pathos and the sweetly modulated tones of her voice, Miss Phelps went straight to the heart of her audience.

The cast as a whole is remarkably well-balanced, and among those of whom special mention might be made were Charles Welsh-Homer, as Thomas Lightfoot; Dillon M. Deasy as Edward, Duke of York; Joseph de Stefan as Charles, Duke of Chandon, and Charles E. Bird as the dignified Earl of Bute.

Costuming Excellent. The costuming was most excellent.

and the scenery all that the piece required. If any criticism could be made of a performance of such excellence it might be said that a greater facility in the changing of scenes would have added to the artistic success attained. The performance will be repeated this evening and Saturday with a Saturday matinee.

HEROIC CONDUCT OF VICTORIA SOLDIER

How Pte. W. Shearer Carried Wounded Former School Principal Into Safety

How Pte. W. Shearer, son of the janitor of "Oaklands" Public School, fought alongside Pte. T. W. Hall, formerly principal of Burnside School, Victoria, in the fierce fighting for Passchendaele Ridge, on November 6 and 7, and when the latter was wounded in the foot, pulled him into a shell hole, bandaged his foot, and then dragged him a long distance to the comparative safety of an ambulance, is mentioned in a letter Hall has written to Pte. Shearer's father, and which is as follows:

"I think I ought to tell you a little about the behavior of your son William, during our recent engagement on Passchendaele Ridge. On November 6 about 150 of us were detailed to act as stretcher bearers. The conditions in Flanders are such that when a man is wounded he must be got out at once. If he be left exposed, shell fire, drowning or suffocation may cause his death. Very

many of the "missing" have found unknown and unmarked graves in Flanders. The boys went over on November 6, and we, as stretcher bearers, behind them. The shelling was the worst I have known. Your son and I were in the same party, and we were able to help out a few of the boys who otherwise ran grave risks of being lost. Throughout that day, from dawn till 4:30 p. m., your son worked faithfully and courageously.

The Party Hit. "Next morning, the 7th, we set out again to bring in some boys whom we were told lay wounded in a shell hole. Just as we got to the Ridge the stretcher bearer party in front of us was knocked out; a second or two later, our party got it. There were six of us, and William and one other alone were uninjured. My wound was a very slight one—shrapnel in the foot—but it

absolutely prevented my walking. The shelling continued, and a party behind us was knocked out. There was every excuse for your son to have taken cover away out of the shelled area in a "pill-box," and there he could have waited till the shelling was less deadly.

"Instead, he pulled me into a shell-hole, bandaged my foot, and with my arms around his neck, he pulled and dragged me out of the hottest corner that, so far, I have been in. "He had to help me along in the manner I have described, for about 2 1/2 kilometres, over a swamp that was a thing of horror, and never left me until he saw me seated in an ambulance, well supplied with cocoa, biscuits and cigars. During those days, November 6 and 7, there were many heroic deeds done; a great many more unnoticed, but this I do know, your son behaved like a very gallant gentleman, and I'm glad to be able to tell you so."

"P. S.—Don't worry about the boy. He is getting on 'rest'; in good health, and eyeing us as fat as a roly-poly pudding." Brother Four Times Wounded. Pte. W. Shearer left the city, July, 1915, and, with his brother, Pte. P. J. Shearer, has been serving with the battalion originally known as "Tobin's Tigers." The latter has been four

times wounded, and, at the present time, is in hospital in England.

WILL GIVE RECITAL

Glenn Ellison, Famous Baritone to Sing at Empress Hotel Tomorrow Evening.

Glenn Ellison, the renowned baritone, who is widely known throughout England, Canada and the United States, will give a private recital at the Empress Hotel ballroom on Saturday evening, December 8, at 8:30.

Mr. Ellison was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He came of musical parents, and at an early age gave evidence of an unusual aptitude for music, both instrumental and vocal. Gifted with a voice of superb quality, however, he early decided to concentrate his musical studies upon vocal lines, and while still in his teens he entered the Royal Academy of Music. His career there was notable, his unusual gifts attracting the attention of impresarios and theatrical directors.

With a voice and a genius for acting that were sufficient to meet every demand that the stage might entail, he entered grand opera, and within a

short time became a conspicuous figure in British operatic circles. He not only appeared with great success in London, but created a furore by his splendid and finished work in Australia, where he sang various roles in a number of the larger musical centres.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Ellison is a strict vegetarian. Besides having won numerous trophies in golf, tennis and football, he is a Scottish swimming champion.

Hardy Williamson, the English tenor, was to have sung at this recital, but he recently met with an accident in Montana, which precludes the possibility of his attending.

For six years a feud had existed between the Browns and Robinsons, neighboring neighbors. The trouble had originated through the depositions of Brown's cat, and had grown so fixed an affair that neither party ever dreamed of "making up." One day, however, Brown sent his servant with a peace-making note for Mr. Robinson, which read: "Mr. Brown sends his compliments to Mr. Robinson, and begs to state that his old cat died this morning." Robinson's reply was bitter: "Mr. Robinson is sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's trouble, but he had not heard that Mrs. Brown was ill."



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LABOR MEETING AT NORTH WARD SCHOOL

School Locked So Many Went Away at K. of P. Hall To-night

The Labor meeting at North Ward School nearly proved a fiasco last evening, owing to some misunderstanding with regard to the opening up of the school. It was three quarters of an hour before Principal Campbell arrived, having been summoned by telephone to give the audience access to the building. Later he explained that he had not previously been notified and Secretary Pope of the School Board, who also arrived, took the onus of responsibility by stating that the janitor had been notified, but apparently the message had miscarried. Under the circumstances, the audience was limited.

"A Red Herring"
A. S. Wells, candidate for Victoria, spoke concisely, and with moderation. He pointed out that "when the vested interests united in a Fusion Government, such an act did not promise to direct the returned soldiers and the public from their real interests by any good for the common people." The remarks of the Fusion candidates with regard to a "Back to the Land" policy for the Returned Soldiers was merely "drawing a red herring across the trail." The real solution to the present problems lay in the public control of the means of production and distribution, in the interests of the whole country. Such course the Government would not take, because it interfered with the system of obtaining profits.

He renewed his statement that the voluntary system had been a failure in recruiting because of the treatment given to volunteers by the Borden Government. In the adoption of conscription they had to remember that other countries that had adopted it as a temporary expedient, such as was now urged on Canada in justification of the change, all ended in making it a part of the permanent policy of the nation, as an adjunct to autocracy.

Nanaimo Candidate.
J. Taylor, candidate for Nanaimo riding, spoke at some length. The war, he said, had removed the veneer from civilization and side by side with the appalling conditions in Europe, they found people "who had bled the country white." Was the Government sincere in its protestation of affection for the soldiers when the following condition could arise, which had been related to him by a returned soldier? This man told him they crossed on a large Atlantic liner, two-thirds of the space being occupied by officers and civilians, which was shut off from the convenience of the returned men entirely. The latter were crowded forward in compartments which it would have taken two hours to empty, in case of being torpedoed.

Must Free Herself.
Mr. Taylor discussed the general political situation, and said, while there was much talk about the Allies rescuing Germany from herself, the only real relief which would be permanent must come from the German people—"the people who inhabit a country are the only people who can make any change worth while," he declared.
The danger of encouraging a zest for

Pains Over Left Kidney
Warned This Captain That the Kidneys Were Responsible for His Pains and Aches—Freed of Pain and Suffering by a Well-Known Medicine

Hereford, Que., Dec. 7.—Captain Peabody is well known all through this section, and his cure by use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has aroused great interest in this great medicine.

The Captain had been suffering for a long time, and could never get any treatment to afford lasting relief until he began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Captain A. Peabody, Hereford, Que., writes: "For years I suffered from indigestion, rheumatism and neuralgia. Lightninglike pains would shoot all through my body, and I also had severe pains over my left kidney and through the hips. I doctored for years and tried all kinds of remedies, but the only result was money spent without relief. At last I read in Dr. Chase's Almanac of his Kidney-Liver Pills and decided to try them. One box made such a change that I sent for five more. Before I had finished them the pains in my kidneys and hips had disappeared, and I was clear of those sharp, shooting pains through the body. I still take these Pills occasionally to keep my bowels regular, and would not be without them, as I have them to thank for my cure."

I can also speak highly of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Powder and Linseed and Turpentine. The former cured me of catarrh in the head, which caused frequent headaches. I am completely cured of this now, and breathe freely as when a boy. The Linseed and Turpentine proved of great benefit for a bad cough which bothered me continually for three winters. Last winter I took one bottle of the Linseed and Turpentine, and have not been bothered with a cough since."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Don't be lured into accepting anything said to be just as good. Imitations and substitutes only disappoint.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Quinn's Experience Ought to Help You Over the Critical Period.

Lowell, Mass.—"For the last three years I have been troubled with the Change of Life and the bad feelings common at that time. I was in a very nervous condition, with headaches and pain a good deal of the time so I was unfit to do my work. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and it has helped me in every way. I am not nearly so nervous, no headache or pain. I must say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy any sick woman can take."

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Other warning symptoms are a sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, drowsiness, dizziness, fainting, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness, inquietude, and dizziness.

If you need special advice, write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

war, he observed, would recoil on the property owning class, in that it had shaken that respect for property and the master's interests bred in the British people. They must not be surprised if the consequence should be that the world would be brought nearer to revolution. When that revolution came, he hoped it would be peaceful.

J. Stephenson occupied the chair and announced that the candidates will be at the Knights of Pythias hall to-night.

ALLEGED "PLANT" TO CATCH BLIND PIG

Magistrate is Not Satisfied With Police Evidence in Poolroom Prosecution

Peculiar police methods of securing evidence came in for criticism yesterday in connection with a charge against Dominick Pallentiere and Crescino Marino, a man and woman who lived together, and jointly managed the Lincoln poolroom. The circumstances have been related at various stages during the frequent occasions when remands were granted for the attendance of sailor witnesses for the prosecution, who refused to be subpoenaed.

The case was closed yesterday afternoon. On October 31 Constable Devereux had borrowed a naval uniform, and secured the assistance of two sailors from a cruiser in port. With this disguise they spent the evening at the Lincoln Poolrooms, to secure evidence of alleged selling of intoxicating liquor there. Later the constable and officers went to the residence of the two accused on Superior Street, and tried to buy beer.

The time was occupied yesterday in hearing the addresses of counsel. F. C. Elliott, for the defence, addressed the Court at length, criticizing severely the conduct of the case by the police, declaring that they had conspired to commit a crime, and that the Magistrate only had evidence of conspirators, which should be valued at its worth. He commented on the statements of the woman that the captain, as she termed the constable, had made improper suggestions to her. He alleged the bottles found had been taken there by the police witnesses.

City Prosecutor Harrison said—the only variance in the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution was that of truthful men, and whether there was allegation of plot or otherwise, certainly Devereux was searched before he went in by Constable Palmer, and in coming out had a bottle of beer which he did not have when he entered.

The Magistrate said the evidence of police seeking to trap others had to be critically examined. They had the significant evidence that the bottles from which the constable and his friends had alleged to have drunk were not found next day, although between the time that the party left the rooms and the time that the police arrived next day for the search, the poolroom was locked.

With the knowledge he had Devereux should have exercised the power under Section 48 of the Prohibition Act, Magistrate Jay said. The section provided for breaking open premises as might be expedient to locate liquor. He would dismiss the information.

FOOD CONTROL

The doctors have been saying it these forty years and more; been preaching and been praying it until our hearts were sore. We ate too much and we drank too much; in fact, the truth was flat. The Great American Commonwealth was much—too—FAT!

Chorus:
Then hip hooray for the Meatless Day!
The Wheatless Day! the Sweetless Day!
We'll fling our superfluous pounds away,
And light and airy be;
These give three cheers for the Food Control!
We'll every greedy mood control;
So Johnny fill half-way up the bowl,
For that is enough for me!
Laura E. Richards, of the Vigilantes.

SOME CONCESSIONS ON LAUNDRY BY-LAW

Alterations Will Be Discussed at Meeting of Council Tomorrow; Voters' List

The City Council, at a special meeting this afternoon is dealing with the question of amending the Laundry By-Law, which is threatened with attack in the Courts.

The special committee to whom the subject was committed by the Council on Monday has held a meeting and the subject is introduced by resolution, a formal notice to that end having been posted at the City Hall by Alderman

Sargent. The amendments proposed are of a limited type, and while they are designed to meet some of the objections raised by the Chinese Laundrymen's Association, other points in the by-law upon which protest is lodged have not been altered in the modification.

Among them are changing the rule with regard to laundry-women operating at home, early closing hours for professional laundries, and questions of construction, as to floor space, ventilation, and character of interior walls. Other clauses refer to the nature of the tubs used, the lighting, and rooms used for actual laundry purposes, and the height thereof, and also removing the objection to privacy to premises not used for laundry purposes, but for sleeping quarters for Chinese.

Premier Brewster has written to state that the copies of Dr. Adam Shortt's report on the B. C. Electric Railway Company franchises have been printed and the Council will thus be in a position to consider it in the near future. A copy of the civic voters' list for

1918 was posted at the City Hall yesterday, and should be consulted before Monday morning, when the statutory meeting of the Court of Revision will be held. There is a small increase in names over the figures of the 1917 list.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

Sale of Work at Reformed Episcopal Church Greater Success Than Last Year.

A large crowd of visitors attended the sale of work held at the Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt Street, Wednesday afternoon, and as a result the proceeds exceeded those of last year's event. A number of tastefully arranged booths attracted many purchasers, and tea was served at daintily-appointed tea tables.

Mrs. Demis Harris presided over the stall at which much of her own work in oils was sold. This included a number of calendars painted by Mrs.

Harris, from roses plucked in her own garden during the past five weeks. A well-filled table of fancy work was in charge of Mrs. S. A. Spencer and Miss H. Newberry, while Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Wilson sold "superfluities" to eager buyers.

Toothsome delicacies were quickly disposed of by Mrs. Cowper and Mrs. Burton at the home-cooking booth, and owners of a "sweet tooth" found much to please them at the candy booth in charge of the Misses Sayward and Helmecken.

The "plain sewing" booth of Mrs. Harman and Mrs. Pontifax was the centre of a crowd of eager buyers, as was also the Girls' Auxiliary table, at which fancy articles were sold by Mrs. McClure and Miss Martin. Miss Owen and Miss Chadwick presided over the "Flying Jenny." The tea arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. D. Hughes and Mrs. R. Chadwick, assisted by a number of the younger members of the congregation.

Among the ladies who assisted in various ways during the afternoon were Mrs. McTavish, Sr., and Mrs. McTavish, Jr., and Mrs. Higgins.

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SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

Women of Canada: "Be True to the Boys At the Front"

Sir Robert Borden in his manifesto says: "The franchise will be extended to women, not chiefly in recognition of devoted and capable service in the war, but as a measure of justice too long delayed. If men die, women suffer; if they are wounded, women heal; if they are maimed, women labor."

The franchise is extended to the women relatives of fighting Canadians, in order that they may help hasten Victory and bring the boys back from the trenches covered with the glory they have won.

A Vote for a Unionist Candidate Is a Vote for Reinforcements

The Union Government is pledged to carry on its work of raising the 100,000 reinforcements so urgently needed to support the Canadians at the front. Laurier and his adherents would stop this work, take a referendum, and experiment with voluntary enlistment, the possibilities of which have been exhausted. The most clear-headed, right-minded Liberals have gladly and without coercion helped to form the Union Government; they have weighed the pros and cons, they have not allowed politics to interfere with their patriotism, or their promise to our brave boys in France to "see them through."

WOMEN WHO CAN VOTE

Every woman may vote who is a British subject, 21 years of age, resident in Canada one year, and in the constituency 30 days, who is the mother, wife, widow, daughter, sister or half-sister of any person, male or female, living or dead, who is serving or has served without Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain in the Present War, or who has been honorably discharged from such services, and the date of whose enlistment was prior to Sept. 20th, 1917.

Such women should vote for the Unionist Candidate to ensure prompt reinforcements at the front.

Every ounce of strength in Canada should be exerted to help right a monstrous wrong the Prussian hierarchy would inflict upon the world. That is why the vote is placed in the hands of those most dear to our soldiers, trusting that the wifely love, and motherly devotion, and sisterly care, will vote as the boys would vote to carry on the work begun, and so far continued in the heroic spirit of self-sacrifice.

Unionist Party Publicity Committee

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Tea Drinkers.—English white and gold cups and saucers, 6 for \$1; china cups and saucers, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.75 dozen, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas Street.

Anti-Combustion Fire Insurance: 7 old established companies, Duck & Johnson, 615 Johnson St.

Preparatory Service.—First Presbyterian Church, Friday night, Mr. Baynes preacher. New communicants received. Mr. Inkster in vestry Friday afternoon to confer with intending members.

Poverty Ball, Alexandra Ballroom, Dec. 11, Tuesday evening, four prizes given for four best poverty costumes—two lady, two gents. Dancing, 8.30 to 11.30. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. Ozard's Orchestra. Mrs. Boyd.

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Local Council of Women met Monday, Dec. 10, 2.30. Y. W. C. A.

Munday's Shoe Sale.—Through a typographical error in the advertisement of Munday's shoe sale, men's boots were quoted at 55c per pair, instead of \$2.95, the correct sale price.

Now Reported to Have Died.—Mrs. J. W. Young, 515 Pandora Street, is mentioned as the next of kin of Pte. James Young, previously reported missing, and now reported to have died on or since February 27, 1917. Pte. Young joined the Canadian forces at New Westminster.

University School.—Byron's well-known comedy, "Our Boys" will be presented by the boys of the University School on Friday next, December 14, at 8 o'clock at the school. A collection will be taken in aid of the Red Cross. Special cars will be run from the Willows for the occasion.

Returns From Balfour.—Major Harvey, O. C. "J" Unit, Esquimalt, has returned from a visit undertaken in company with Capt. W. L. Symons, officer in charge of the Works branch of the Military Hospitals Commission, to Balfour Sanitarium which Major Harvey reports, is operating in a very gratifying manner.

Rumor Denied.—In denial of a rumor which has gained ground to the effect that Copas & Young, the Anti-Combustion grocers, contemplate removal from their present quarters, that firm has requested publication of the statement that they have no such intention, and should the occasion ever arise, customers would be given due notice.

WINTER HOSE

To-day in one of our windows we are making a display of Women's and Children's Winter Hose at most interesting prices. Remember to look at it.

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 Cashmere Hose, \$1 to 60¢
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Returning Soldiers.—The following returned men arrived on this afternoon's boat: Ptes. Sterling, Aird, Wade, Megahn, Best, George, Farghing, Bayley, Macklin, Jackson, Robble, Brisnall, Houston, Dohnanlay, Collins, Keefe, Bloom, Thomas, Jamieson.

Woman With Peculiar Taste.—The police took over last evening for safe keeping a woman from the Y. W. C. A. who had been required to leave the Jubilee Hospital, on account of making a nuisance of herself, and stealing the medicines of other patients.

Objects to Laxity With Others.—C. N. Cameron, who was fined \$10 for operating without the provincial license, a second-hand car, refitted after overhauling, complained to Magistrate Jay to-day that other dealers are advertising cars for sale of a similar kind yet are not required to license them. Since the prosecution was lodged, the license has been taken out.

Oak Bay Meeting.—Speakers booked for the Unionist mass meeting at the Somme Theatre, Oak Bay, on Monday evening, are J. C. McIntosh, the Unionist candidate, Rev. Joseph McCoy, W. J. Bowser, M. P. P. F. A. Pauline, M. P. F., and a member of the Great War Veterans' Association, J. J. Shalcross will take the chair.

Concert at Esquimalt to-night.—For the first time for many months the Rex Theatre at Esquimalt will be the scene of a concert to-night, when a splendid programme will be presented in aid of the funds of the Esquimalt and Victoria West Red Cross branches. In addition to well-known local artists, a number of naval men will assist in the affair.

Provincial Appointments.—New appointments announced in the current issue of The B. C. Gazette are as follows: Hugh A. McAlpin of Chase, to be stipendiary magistrate; George H. Outram, of Vanderhoof, to be justice of the peace; Richard M. McGusty, of 150-Mile House, to be acting Government agent in the place of Arthur Simpson; Stewart St. Clair Tufts, John Howard Forester and William Butchart, of Vancouver; Charles B. Danzell, of Prince George, and Rios O. Clark, of Port Progress, to be notaries public; Dr. Watson Dykes, to be medical health officer for North and South Cowichan districts; Robert J. Stenson, Government agent at Kaslo, to be acting assessor and collector, etc.; for the Stokan district, in absence of Alfred McQueen.

JAMES W. TOLMIE IS CALLED BY DEATH

Former Member of Legislature and Member of Well-Known Family

A member of one of the oldest and best-known families in British Columbia, James Tolmie, passed away at the family residence, "Cloverdale," this morning. Fourth son of the late Dr. William Fraser Tolmie and Jane, eldest daughter of the late John Work, he was born at Fort Nisqually on September 9, 1855, during his father's occupancy of that post as chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

He was educated in Victoria and was subsequently engaged in business for five years. He then entered a law office, but after a year took up his residence on the family ranch at Cloverdale.

At a by-election on June 29, 1888, he was elected to represent Victoria district in the Provincial Legislature, in succession to B. F. John, and sat during that session. Of recent years, however, he has taken no active part in political affairs.

He is survived by five brothers, including Dr. Simon F. Tolmie, Unionist candidate for Victoria, and R. F. Tolmie, Deputy Minister of Mines, and three sisters, all of Victoria. Pending funeral arrangements the body is at the E. C. Funeral Chapel.

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

Total Cases Which Came Before City and Provincial Boards Up to December 4.

Victoria.	
Appealed by military	6
Allowed	970
Disallowed	348
Total	1,324
British Columbia.	
Appealed by military	54
Allowed	6,869
Disallowed	3,101
Total	10,024
Appeals made by claimants	1,070

The totals "Allowed" include the medically unfit for Class I, which means all Class B, C, D, and E men, whose cases have come before the different Boards, and also the cases where exemptions have been allowed for certain periods.

Xmas Will Soon Be Here.—Isn't it time you called at the Ekene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates, and arranged for your sitting. Phone 3101.

Children's Books.—All details of the display of children's books that will be held in the Victoria Public Library for the week commencing December 11 are now practically completed. Miss Stewart, the Librarian, has spared no pains to make this the most successful event of its kind that has ever been attempted at the institution.

Must Make Restitution.—In allowing out W. H. Medill, 19 years of age, on suspended sentence after conviction for obtaining money by false pretences, Magistrate Jay told him this morning he must make restitution to the man who had lost his money. This the boy promised to do.

S. R. C. A. Prosecution.—In the Saanich Police Court this morning Chung, a Chinese market gardener was charged by Inspector Renssch, of the S. R. C. A., with cruelty to a horse, by leaving it in a well to die. The animal was shot by Constable Dryden, of Saanich. A fine of \$15 or one month was imposed.

POLITICAL MEETINGS

Labor—K. of P. Hall, to-night, 8 o'clock.

Laurier-Lib.—Princess Theatre, Saturday, 8 p. m.

Laurier-Lib.—143 Menzies Street, Saturday, 2.30 p. m.

Unionist—Strawberry Vale Hall, Saturday, 8 p. m.

Unionist Committee, Ward III.—to-night, 8 o'clock.

Unionist—Somme Theatre, Oak Bay, Monday, 8 p. m.

LORD MONTAGUE WILL TALK ON AVIATION

Has Accepted Invitation to Address Canadian Club, Dec. 17, at Empress

Col. Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, is expected here on December 19, for which date he has accepted an invitation to address the Canadian Club. The luncheon will be held as usual at the Empress Hotel at noon, the subject being "Aviation."

Lord Montagu is travelling through Canada for the purpose of interesting the young men in aviation. He is advisory inspector of all mechanical warfare for the Government in India, and as an author, road builder, and sportsman is well-known throughout the British Empire, especially in India. He has delivered addresses at various points throughout Canada and is said to be an interesting speaker.

Major Allen H. Burgoine, a member of the Imperial Parliament and founder of the Navy League Annual, is accompanying Colonel Lord Montagu on his Canadian tour.

FIVE DOLLARS FOR SELLING AT MARKET

Grape Fruit for Hamsterley Farm; Marmalade Came From California

The Retail Merchants' Association, through its Secretary, H. A. Dibble, has formally challenged the validity of the stallholders at the City Market selling material containing other than Vancouver Island produce.

In the Police Court to-day A. H. Pease, of Hamsterley Farm, was fined for selling grape fruit marmalade, contrary to the Market By-law. Mr. Pease is one of the leading members of the stallholders' committee.

Mr. Dibble gave formal evidence of the purchase from Mrs. Pease's stall of a jar of the marmalade and admission that the grape fruit came from California.

F. G. Fowkes, for the defence: "The only mistake you made," he said, addressing witness, "was that you did not eat it."

Objects of Association.

Mr. Fowkes asked if the object of the Association was not to put the market out of business?

Mr. Dibble replied that the Association wanted the stallholders to live up to the by-law.

He added, further, pressed for the reason of the prosecution, that the Hamsterley Farm people were selling preserves largely through the stores, and were therefore not entitled to any special privileges, particularly when the market could remain open when stores were closed on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fowkes suggested that the prosecution was instigated by the soreness of the Association at the success of the market.

Mr. Dibble: Our Association supports a public market—a producers' and consumers' market—so long as they sell home-grown produce.

Challenged Validity.

Mr. Fowkes challenged the validity of the by-law on the threefold ground of illegality, from its unreasonable nature as between Vancouver Island and other parts, and as between certain classes of vendors, and thirdly, tendency to create a monopoly in favor of certain classes. Commenting on the two by-laws governing the market, Mr. Fowkes stated: "The original by-law was sound and reasonable. Apparently that did not meet with the Council's approval, and the change was made."

Under Protest.

After citing a number of cases on the law of municipal regulations of institutions, Mr. Harrison explained the policy which governed the discriminatory character of the market regulations.

Magistrate Jay said he should leave the question of principle to the higher courts, and make a formal conviction, with a nominal fine, though he did not see how severely anyone could live up to the exact letter of the by-law. How about the farmer's wife who made a pot of jam for sale and had to use sugar to preserve it?

The fine of \$5 was paid under protest.

Veterans' Dance To-morrow.—The Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association have completed arrangements for the dance to be held in St. John's Hall to-morrow night. Dancing will commence at 8 o'clock, and a good programme of music has been arranged. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Tickets may be obtained of the members of the Auxiliary Executive or at the Great War Veterans' rooms on Fort Street.

Buying a Grafonola For Christmas—

Is really a very pleasant piece of business, and we, who are the only Columbia dealers on Vancouver Island, try to make it even more pleasant. So do not hesitate to come in and get acquainted with the Columbia Grafonola. Our demonstration parlors are operated for no other reason than to give you a chance to see the Columbia and hear the irreproachable Columbia Records.

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 Monday, Dec. 10, at 8.30 p. m.
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Notice to Ward Three

All supporters of Dr. Simon F. Tolmie are particularly requested to attend a meeting to be held in the committed room, Belmont Block,

TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'Clock, Sharp
 IMPORTANT BUSINESS

WRECKED BY PRESSURE

Vacuum Created by Explosion Causes Destruction of Houses.

In connection with the wrecking of the City of Halifax the news dispatches indicate that many houses were overturned as a result of the concussion. According to a local authority the cause for the destruction is somewhat as follows: The normal air pressure at sea level is 14.7 lbs. to the square inch. The pressure on the interior of a large house is therefore very great, but it is counteracted by the exterior pressure which is the same.

When an explosion occurs a temporary vacuum is created on the outside and the pressure from within is so great that it wrecks the building.

Where the doors of a house are open this would not occur.

Ships are usually kept well ventilated and that probably accounts for the fact that so little damage was done to them.

Shell shock to soldiers at the front is caused in a similar way. Often the pressure on the bloodvessels from within is so great, especially in the brain, that they burst and cause death.

Red Cross as Landlord.—The first revenue derived from the Hinton Building, recently donated by ex-Governor Patterson, will be received by the Red Cross from Mr. Woodward, the florist, who has rented the store for a week at Christmas. It is understood that the local society is getting rather more than the usual business treated for the week.

Big Snap

Two Choice Lots in
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NINE MEN INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION AT SAN PEDRO, CAL.

San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 7.—Nine workmen were injured in an explosion of gas in the double hold of a vessel under construction at the Los Angeles shipyard & Drydock Company's plant here yesterday. The explosion was caused by the attachment of a gas supply hose to the air-pipe of a riveting machine. Gas sent in instead of air was ignited by a hot rivet.

FUEL CONSERVATION MAY RESULT IN REDUCED SERVICE

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 7.—It is unofficially announced here that after January 1 there will be a considerable reduction of train and steamship service on all C. P. R. lines made necessary for the conservation of fuel. The service, it is said, will be cut to the lowest point possible compatible with efficiency. As in the past, special trains will be run for the carrying of soldiers.

COUGHLAN PLANT WILL BE EXTENDED

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Following upon the announcement that John Coughlan & Sons had been awarded contracts by the Imperial Munitions Board for the construction of four steel steamers at an approximate cost of \$7,000,000, comes information that the Coughlan plant will be greatly extended at a cost of approximately \$250,000 and the payroll which is well over \$4,000 a day at the shipyards alone will be practically doubled, within the next few weeks. At present there are 1,000 men at work on the six steel steamers. It is proposed by the firm to employ at least 2,000 men.

TIDE TABLE.

December.		Time Ht. Time Ht.		Time Ht. Time Ht.	
Date	Time Ht.	Date	Time Ht.	Date	Time Ht.
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2	9:15 8.7	12:32 1.7	9:15 8.7	12:32 1.7	9:15 8.7
3	9:13 8.4	9:17 8.5	9:13 8.4	9:17 8.5	9:13 8.4
4	9:10 8.1	9:21 8.6	9:10 8.1	9:21 8.6	9:10 8.1
5	9:07 7.8	9:25 9.1	9:07 7.8	9:25 9.1	9:07 7.8
6	9:04 7.5	9:29 9.6	9:04 7.5	9:29 9.6	9:04 7.5
7	9:01 7.2	9:33 10.1	9:01 7.2	9:33 10.1	9:01 7.2
8	8:58 6.9	9:37 10.6	8:58 6.9	9:37 10.6	8:58 6.9
9	8:55 6.6	9:41 11.1	8:55 6.6	9:41 11.1	8:55 6.6
10	8:52 6.3	9:45 11.6	8:52 6.3	9:45 11.6	8:52 6.3
11	8:49 6.0	9:49 12.1	8:49 6.0	9:49 12.1	8:49 6.0
12	8:46 5.7	9:53 12.6	8:46 5.7	9:53 12.6	8:46 5.7
13	8:43 5.4	9:57 13.1	8:43 5.4	9:57 13.1	8:43 5.4
14	8:40 5.1	10:01 13.6	8:40 5.1	10:01 13.6	8:40 5.1
15	8:37 4.8	10:05 14.1	8:37 4.8	10:05 14.1	8:37 4.8
16	8:34 4.5	10:09 14.6	8:34 4.5	10:09 14.6	8:34 4.5
17	8:31 4.2	10:13 15.1	8:31 4.2	10:13 15.1	8:31 4.2
18	8:28 3.9	10:17 15.6	8:28 3.9	10:17 15.6	8:28 3.9
19	8:25 3.6	10:21 16.1	8:25 3.6	10:21 16.1	8:25 3.6
20	8:22 3.3	10:25 16.6	8:22 3.3	10:25 16.6	8:22 3.3
21	8:19 3.0	10:29 17.1	8:19 3.0	10:29 17.1	8:19 3.0
22	8:16 2.7	10:33 17.6	8:16 2.7	10:33 17.6	8:16 2.7
23	8:13 2.4	10:37 18.1	8:13 2.4	10:37 18.1	8:13 2.4
24	8:10 2.1	10:41 18.6	8:10 2.1	10:41 18.6	8:10 2.1
25	8:07 1.8	10:45 19.1	8:07 1.8	10:45 19.1	8:07 1.8
26	8:04 1.5	10:49 19.6	8:04 1.5	10:49 19.6	8:04 1.5
27	8:01 1.2	10:53 20.1	8:01 1.2	10:53 20.1	8:01 1.2
28	7:58 0.9	10:57 20.6	7:58 0.9	10:57 20.6	7:58 0.9
29	7:55 0.6	11:01 21.1	7:55 0.6	11:01 21.1	7:55 0.6
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31	7:49 0.0	11:09 22.1	7:49 0.0	11:09 22.1	7:49 0.0

ESQUIMALT.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 13.0 feet to the height of high water as above given.

The time used in Pacific Standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The hours for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball of the Belmont building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 1.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

F. WAPLER-DENISON,
Superintendent.

An old lady was greatly frightened when the train thundered into the Severn tunnel.

"Do you think," she asked the ticket collector, "this tunnel is perfectly safe?"

"Don't be afraid, madam," replied the waggish collector. "Our company got you in this hole, and we're bound to get you through."

NOTICE

We beg to give notice that Mr. Leon J. Camusa has disposed of all his interests in this Company.

PETER McQUADE & SON, LIMITED

In retiring from the above Company, I wish to thank all my old friends for their support in the past and to bespeak their business in the future for the Company.

LEON J. CAMUSA.

GOOD PROGRESS ON ASSEMBLY PLANT AT OGDEN POINT DOCK

Depressed Track Completed and Framework of Huge Shed Rapidly Advancing

The big assembly plant, which is to be utilized for the assembling of the machinery in the wooden steamships now building on the British Columbia coast for the Imperial Munitions Board, is now fast taking shape. The past few days has seen very rapid progress in the construction of the huge shed on Pier No. 2 at Ogden Point. The building, when complete, will be 700 feet in length and 200 feet in width.

Apart from the immediate object for which it is to be utilized, this warehouse will be the largest and best equipped waterfront warehouse on the Pacific coast.

For the present, however, the building will be equipped with the necessary machinery to facilitate the commissioning of the wooden steamers, twenty-seven in number, some of which are now approaching completion.

These ships are building at Victoria, Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster and Coquitlam. As the hulls are launched they will be towed to the assembling plant at Ogden Point and equipped with power.

Several hundred experienced mechanics will be employed at the assembling works, which will mean another large payroll for the port of Victoria.

Grant Smith and Co., and McDonnell, contractors for the Dominion Government piers here, are handling the warehouse contract, and at the present rate of progress, it is anticipated that the building will be completed by the beginning of the New Year.

The immense area contained within the concrete walls of Pier No. 2 has been filled in and the depressed track, which will run down the centre of the shed for the whole length of the pier, is now practically complete.

The framework of the building, extending for several hundred feet from the seaward end of the pier, is now up, and construction work is merrily going on shorewards.

COSTLY RECORD FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Marine Losses on Northern Coast During Past Month Estimated at \$2,419,950

Losses from wrecks along the Alaskan and British Columbia Coast during the month of November aggregated \$2,419,950. The past month goes on record as one of the most disastrous in the history of North Pacific shipping. During the thirty days four vessels and their cargoes were lost and a fifth was badly damaged.

War prices for ships and the increased value of all products are responsible for the enormous monetary loss sustained by the owners and the underwriters.

The record of fatal November accidents, not including a number of small craft, which were wrecked, is as follows:

November 1.—Steamship Al-Ki, of the Seattle Steamship Company, driven ashore near Point Augusta, west coast of Chignik Island. Vessel and cargo valued at \$153,000, a total loss.

Barge St. David, of the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company, wrecked near Yakutat. Vessel and cargo valued at \$447,000, a total loss.

November 16.—Fishing steamer Manhattan, of the New England Fish Company, wrecked near Lituya Bay. Vessel and cargo valued at \$162,750, a total loss.

November 18.—Steamship Mariposa, of the Alaska Steamship Company, wrecked on Strait Island, Sumner Straits. Vessel and cargo valued at \$1,507,200, a total loss.

November 22.—Steamship Spokane, of the Pacific Steamship Company, ashore on Idol Point, near Bella Bella, B. C. Vessel floated and beached at McLaughlin Bay for temporary repairs. Damage to Spokane and cargo estimated at \$150,000.

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JAPAN ELIMINATES FOREIGN CAPTAINS

Capt. H. S. Smith, of Tenyo Maru, Last to Be Relieved From T. K. K. Service

Coincidental with the recent stranding of the Tenyo Kisen Kaisha liner Tenyo Maru, news of which was brought here by a Japanese steamer, the last white captain serving with the Tenyo Kisen Kaisha, Capt. H. S. Smith, has been replaced by Capt. Hashimoto Kanahiro, a Japanese skipper, formerly of the Siberia Maru.

The Tenyo Maru, one of the crack liners of the Tenyo Kisen Kaisha, went ashore off Futu in Tokio Bay last month. At the time Capt. Smith was relieved of the command it was announced by officials of the T. K. K. line that the change in command had no connection with the accident.

The Tenyo Kisen Kaisha originally employed twelve white captains, but all have been gradually replaced with Japanese masters. Capt. Smith is the last foreign skipper to leave the Japanese service.

European and American captains, but a few years ago, were almost universally employed to command Japanese vessels. It was only a few years ago that white skippers were in command of Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamships touching at this port.

The foreign captains employed by these lines were eliminated some time ago, although for a time a number were kept in reserve.

It was in the churchyard. The morning sun shone brightly and the dew was still on the grass.

"Ah, this is the weather that makes sitting on the grass a pleasure," said casually to an old gentleman seated on a bench.

"Hush!" replied the old gentleman. "I've got three wives buried here."

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Date	Sunrise		Sunset	
	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
Dec. 1	7:44	41	4:21	21
Dec. 2	7:45	42	4:20	21
Dec. 3	7:46	43	4:19	21
Dec. 4	7:47	44	4:18	21
Dec. 5	7:48	45	4:17	21
Dec. 6	7:49	46	4:16	21
Dec. 7	7:50	47	4:15	21
Dec. 8	7:51	48	4:14	21
Dec. 9	7:52	49	4:13	21
Dec. 10	7:53	50	4:12	21
Dec. 11	7:54	51	4:11	21
Dec. 12	7:55	52	4:10	21
Dec. 13	7:56	53	4:09	21
Dec. 14	7:57	54	4:08	21
Dec. 15	7:58	55	4:07	21
Dec. 16	7:59	56	4:06	21
Dec. 17	8:00	57	4:05	21
Dec. 18	8:01	58	4:04	21
Dec. 19	8:02	59	4:03	21
Dec. 20	8:03	60	4:02	21
Dec. 21	8:04	61	4:01	21
Dec. 22	8:05	62	4:00	21
Dec. 23	8:06	63	3:59	21
Dec. 24	8:07	64	3:58	21
Dec. 25	8:08	65	3:57	21
Dec. 26	8:09	66	3:56	21
Dec. 27	8:10	67	3:55	21
Dec. 28	8:11	68	3:54	21
Dec. 29	8:12	69	3:53	21
Dec. 30	8:13	70	3:52	21
Dec. 31	8:14	71	3:51	21

The Observers, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B. C.

MINING ENGINEER TRAVELS FROM KOREA TO SERVE COUNTRY

W. Tresseder Hall Speaks of Conditions in Eastern Peninsula

Eager to do his bit in whatever capacity he can serve his country, W. Tresseder Hall, an English mining engineer, who for the past three and a half years has been engaged in important mining operations in Korea, passed through Victoria to-day on his way from Japan to London. "I am beyond the military-age limit," said Mr. Hall, a rugged Cornishman, 48 years of age, in conversation with a Times man aboard ship. "But I am strong physically and am ready to do whatever I can to help the cause along."

Imbued with the spirit of patriotism, Mr. Hall has relinquished an important post and is travelling thousands of miles at his own expense to offer his services to his country in time of stress.

For the past three and a half years Mr. Hall has been superintendent of the gold and copper mines of the Seoul Mining Company, a concern controlled by English and American capital, developing mining concessions in Korea. The Seoul Mining Company controls two large mines located about 160 miles from Seoul, the combined capacity of the two plants being approximately 750 tons of ore daily. When mined the ore is shipped to Chemulpo, where a smelter is in operation.

More Stable Government.

"Conditions have improved wonderfully in Korea within the past few years," said Mr. Hall, in speaking of the development of that country since it came under the rule of Japan. "I hold no brief for the Japanese, but it must be admitted that the Koreans are better off to-day than they ever were." He says that the grafting methods that flourished up to a decade ago, when the Japanese stepped in and took over the control of the country, have been eliminated and a stable system of government established. Law and order prevails and the native Korean is much better off financially. "It is a rich mineral country, and with the development of its resources, says Mr. Hall, Korea will take its proper place among the productive countries of the world."

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VICTORIA MARINERS HELD AS PRISONERS

Sergt. T. Morrison and Capt. J. Walker Taken by Diver in Mediterranean

It was recently reported that Sergt. T. Morrison, formerly second engineer aboard the Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan, who left here on February 25 last with a drift of the Inland Water Transport, was missing. It has since been learned that his patrol boat was captured by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on September 17 when Sergt. Morrison was taken prisoner. He is now held in a detention camp at Brandenberg. His wife resides at 35 Burnside Road. Other members of the crew were sent afloat in a boat and were finally landed at Lisbon, Portugal.

Sergt. Morrison writes his wife from Brandenberg as follows:

"We were twenty days on the submarine. We were very well treated at all times en route and many times given cigarettes by people in stations.

"When our boat was held up by the submarine they took four of us and let the other sixteen go. Our officer was sent to another camp and the mate and second engineer came here with me. The mate is Capt. J. Walker, of 552 Simcoe Street, Victoria.

"I just saved what I stood in and my overcoat and the photographs. We are comfortable here and have enough to eat. What I need is some underclothes. We are allowed to write two letters and four postcards a month, but be sure and write, and tell the rest of the bunch to drop a line, as you can understand it is quite a spell since I have heard from home and will look forward to an answer.

"I met a chap here this morning from Esquimalt and I expect will meet some more before long.

"During our time on the 'sub' we had lots to eat, but no washing water. Water is used to make coffee. It would do some of the chaps good that I have had as shipmates to take a trip like that.

"The weather here is much the same as ours at home, and is getting chilly now. I am sorry now that I did not keep up the education in German. I started with Frank Strong. It would have been a great help here. My few words come in handy as it is."

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James Forman, President, who occupied the chair, stated that the families had received their passports in Japan, and believed they were sufficient to enable them to land here. Although landing permission had been refused it was clear that the immigration authorities were within their rights. In moving the adoption of the committee's report J. L. Beckwith claimed that the people should have been taken care of here, at least until their cases had been considered.

"If these people had been anything but Britishers," declared George McGregor, "interest would have been taken in their behalf, but he hoped that some patriotic persons in the city including women and children—had opportunity to make good, if their personal credentials were found—as he believed they would be found—to be satisfactory.

"At least they should be extended ordinary British hospitality," said A. C. Flumerfelt, and George Bell enlarged on the general weakness of the Immigration Act throughout Canada. He was in sympathy with the present case, but many improper cases were admitted to the Dominion, "a whole lot of ambulance people" he said, allowed to enter.

VICTORIA MARINERS HELD AS PRISONERS

Sergt. T. Morrison and Capt. J. Walker Taken by Diver in Mediterranean

It was recently reported that Sergt. T. Morrison, formerly second engineer aboard the Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan, who left here on February 25 last with a drift of the Inland Water Transport, was missing. It has since been learned that his patrol boat was captured by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on September 17 when Sergt. Morrison was taken prisoner. He is now held in a detention camp at Brandenberg. His wife resides at 35 Burnside Road. Other members of the crew were sent afloat in a boat and were finally landed at Lisbon, Portugal.

Sergt. Morrison writes his wife from Brandenberg as follows:

"We were twenty days on the submarine. We were very well treated at all times en route and many times given cigarettes by people in stations.

"When our boat was held up by the submarine they took four of us and let the other sixteen go. Our officer was sent to another camp and the mate and second engineer came here with me. The mate is Capt. J. Walker, of 552 Simcoe Street, Victoria.

"I just saved what I stood in and my overcoat and the photographs. We are comfortable here and have enough to eat. What I need is some underclothes. We are allowed to write two letters and four postcards a month, but be sure and write, and tell the rest of the bunch to drop a line, as you can understand it is quite a spell since I have heard from home and will look forward to an answer.

"I met a chap here this morning from Esquimalt and I expect will meet some more before long.

"During our time on the 'sub' we had

of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

British Sportsmen Fall On Western Battlefield

Leading Athletes Called Upon to Sacrifice All in the Great War; Recent Advance Costly; All Sports Represented

London, Dec. 7.—The recent advance on the western front has brought countless numbers of prominent British athletes under fire, the latest casualty list issued containing the names of a large number of sportsmen who have fallen. Lieut. S. G. Wolfe, killed, was the famous Midland Counties Rugby and Coventry Rugby Union player. Lieut. Kenneth Glaisby, killed, was in the running and shooting eight at Uppingham, and shot for the school at Bisley in 1913. W. W. Odell, the prominent Leicestershire County cricketer, previously reported missing, is now announced believed killed in action. Second Lieut. W. E. Vandrey, wounded, stroked the Calus College (Cambridge) eight, winners of the Thames Cup at Henley in the last regatta before the war. In the same year he entered for the Goblets, but was beaten by the brothers A. A. and S. E. Swain. Second Lieut. J. Evans, the London Welsh and Blackheath Rugby footballer, is reported severely wounded. Capt. C. L. McVilly, wounded, won the Diamond Sculls at Henley in 1913. Private A. E. Collins, killed, is the old Northampton and East Midland Rugby forward. During his short service he made a big name for himself in army sport, for he was always included in the divisional fifteen and carried off two boxing championships. Major J. H. Simson, died of wounds, was a splendid all-round sportsman. At Merchanton College he was prominent in the cricket eleven and Rugby fifteen. He won the army and navy middleweight boxing championship in 1902, played cricket for the battalion and was a fine golfer, captaining the regimental team. Another all-round athlete to fall is Lieut. W. F. W. Hardman, who represented the City of London School in the cricket team for four years in 1901-1-2-2. Second Lieut. W. A. Edwards, died of wounds, played in the Harrow fifteen against Eton in 1909 and represented Glamorgan County at cricket.

BELMONT BASKETBALL TEAM LOST A MATCH TO MEDICALS' FIVE

On Wednesday evening the Canadian Army Medical Corps basketball team defeated the Belmonts in a hotly contested game played at Spring Ridge. The final score of the match was 21-10. For the winners Stephens scored 9, Laughton 6, Gunn 4 and Harwood 2. For the losers Fuller and Knott were the high men.

WRESTLING TOURNEY MATCHES AT NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 7.—In the international wrestling tournament two final matches were staged, in the first of which Joe Rogers, of Rochester, N. Y., threw John Horace, of Wilmington, Del. in 35 minutes and 25 seconds with a body scissors hold. In the other match Ed. Strangler, Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., threw Frank Leavitt, of the United States Army, in 12 minutes with an arm and wrist lock.

MAINLAND SOCCER.

Three senior football matches are down for decision Saturday in Mainland circles. The schedule for the week-end and the appointment of referees was arranged at a meeting of the Vancouver and District League. Here is the week-end card: Coughlans vs. Longshoremans, at Powell Street; Murray, referee. First Depot vs. Kittisano, at Cambie Street; Webster, referee. Hearts vs. Western Shipyards, at Athletic Park; Leach, referee.

A PERFECT SCORE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—Jimmy Smith, famous New York bowler, rolled his fifteenth perfect score here recently in an exhibition dedicating the new alleys at the Elks' Club. It was his first perfect score in two seasons.

TEAMS THAT WILL PLAY TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Navy—Jasper; Cronin, Rutter; Lacey, A. N. Other, A. N. Other; A. N. Other, Walters, Davis, Main, Stewart. E. M. C. H.—Welsh; McAdam, Gomm; Tipper, Pitts, Moncur; Southin, Bowers, Townsend, Bloom, Kroeger. Garrison—Hostler; Gale, Loughlin; Lynn, Wylie, Pickett; Hughes, Frankish, Filmore, Welis, Buxton. Victoria—Westa—Peden; Shakespear, Copas; McLeod, McKinnon, Allen; Sherratt, Petticrew, Peden, Peden, Cummins. V. I. A. A.—Jelliman; Elliott, Brown; Hay, Moulton, Ferris; Alcock; Stott, Daniels, Knight, Baker; reserves, Fletcher, Robinson. 5th Regiment—Kent; Talbot, Dick; Rutledge, Bester, Young; Caske, Hoffstock, Unwin, Grant, McIlroy; reserves, Rossiter, Johnson. C. A. M. C.—Stephens; Bramley, Swan; Watson, Triggs, Duncan; McKay, Draper, Harwood, Gunn, Mawhinney.

To-morrow's Programme For Sport Enthusiasts

SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER. Victoria Wests vs. C. A. M. C. at Beacon Hill; referee, Goward. Garrison vs. Infantry, at Work Point; referee, Willacy. Navy vs. E. M. C. H. at Canteen Grounds; referee, P. C. Payne. 5th Regiment vs. V. I. A. A. at Oak Bay; referee, Sgt.-Major Jones.

It May Be Veteran's Last Griffis Will Be at Show

When the Pacific Coast puck chasers settle down to their annual goal-getting argument this season one of the pioneers of the game on the coast, Silas Griffis, may be missing from the lineup. The veteran skipper of the Vancouver who thrilled eastern fans for years with his brilliant rushes when playing for the Kenora Thistles is said to be preparing his valedictory address for presentation to the hockey populace. It may be camouflage on Sil's part but he frowns at the suggestion and the Coast magnates are beginning to believe that the veteran means to hang up his stick for good. Griffis has been turning out regularly of late fitting himself for the Returned Soldiers' Club carnival to be held Friday week when two teams will line up in one of the feature numbers on the programme, but his friends state this will probably be his last public appearance in the role of a puck chaser on a coast League hockey team. The veteran has been on professional hockey for the past ten or twelve years. He first came into prominence as a member of the Kenora Thistles, an Ontario septette that cut a big swath in Stanley Cup history. Tom Phillips, now in the lumber business on the coast, was a team mate. Both wore at the top of their form at that time. Later when the game was introduced on the coast they became members of the Vancouver Club. Phillips quit the game a few years ago and Griffis now announces that he is about to follow Tommy into retirement. Griffis has played wonderful hockey and while he has lost a lot of his speed during the past few years he has lost none of his cunning and has been one of the most valuable defence players in the league. If he retires it will leave a big gap in front of the Vancouver net. Sil insists, however, that he will be unable to take his place on the line-up.



Griffis will be at show

CHARTER MEMBER OF V. I. A. A. REPORTED IN LISTS MISSING

Walter White, a noted local athlete who a few days ago was reported missing, was one of the charter members of the Vancouver Island Athletic Association, which was formed in 1914. He was very active in the club's activities, especially in the boxing line. The local athlete when in the west was a close friend of Percy Cove, the professional, with whom he did considerable athletic training. White first donned the uniform of the 5th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery. He was later transferred to the 4th Battalion and on arrival in England, was drafted to another unit.

C. A. M. C. FOOTBALLERS DEFEATED BASEBALL'S FOLLOWERS AT CAMP

A mid-week soccer match was played Wednesday at the Willows Camp between the regular Canadian Army Medical Corps soccer team and an eleven chosen from the baseball club of the same unit. The regular team won the day by a score of 3-1. Bramley and Harwood scored 1 and 2 goals respectively for the winners, while Mawhinney notched the point for the baseballers.

SPRINTING IN SIX-DAY FEATURE BICYCLE RACE

New York, Dec. 7.—There was plenty of sensational sprinting by the riders in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden last night, most of it being the outcome of many futile attempts by Oscar Egg and his new partner, Pete Drobach, to get out of last place. At midnight, the 96th hour, the eight leading teams had covered 1,781 miles and 3 laps.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1889—Mysterious Billy Smith defeated Joe Walcott in twenty rounds at New York. 1897—Jack Blackburn knocked out George Gunther in the fifth round at Philadelphia. 1912—Joe Jeanette knocked out Chuck Carlton in the second round at New York. 1912—Jack Britton outpointed Frank Koughrey in six rounds at Philadelphia.

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TWO CALIFORNIANS WILL MISS DRAFT CLUTCH FOR SURE

The University of California will not be minus the services of Walter Gordon, the colored tackle, next season, for Gordon has a stiff finger which keeps him from serving Uncle Sam. Although Gordon can knock 'em dead on the football field, unless he gets a new paw he will never be able to do the khaki. Another athlete that U. C. is sure to have next season is Kilder, the one-legged captain of the swimming team.

AMERICAN GAME.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—One more nail has been driven into the coffin of Rugby football. Berkeley high school, hitherto regarded as one of the strongholds of Rugby in the state, decided at a meeting of players last week to drop the English game in favor of the American or intercollegiate code. The action was practically unanimous, only one player raising a dissenting voice. The count stood 47 to 1.

NOW REINSTATED.

New York, Dec. 7.—David Todd, a prominent steel manufacturer and banker of Youngstown, Ohio, and all of his trotting horses which were suspended last summer by the Belmont Driving Club of Philadelphia, were reinstated yesterday by the board of review of the National Trotting Association at its meeting here.

VANCOUVER COUNCIL SENDS WIRE TO SHORTT

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Did Commissioner Adam Shortt really mean to recommend in his voluminous 110-page report the elimination of the jitneys from competition with the street cars here? That question was raised by several members of the City Council yesterday at the special meeting called to discuss Dr. Shortt's report, and so strenuously argued in a two-hour session that the council at last decided to put the question up to Dr. Shortt himself by wire. About all that was accomplished by the council at the entire session was a decision to ask for a conference in the near future with the management of the B. C. Electric to discuss lighting rates and presumably endeavor to secure a greater reduction than that recommended by Dr. Shortt. This was on motion of Ald. Gale, seconded by Ald. Hamilton. No action was taken in regard to the jitneys pending receipt of a reply to the question, which was wired last night.

Legal opinion submitted to the aldermen by City Solicitor E. F. Jones expressed doubts as to the city's possessing the requisite legal powers to eliminate the jitneys entirely.

BRITISH OBJECTORS ABOUT TO LOSE VOTE

London, Dec. 7.—The House of Commons has agreed to the disfranchisement of conscientious objectors. This will continue for the duration of the war and for five years thereafter.

PARKER WILLIAMS ON "COMPENSATION ACT"

At last night's meeting of the Citizens' Educational League, held in the Victoria Club, Mr. Parker Williams, Ex-M. P. P., gave an address on the workings of "The Workman's Compensation Act." In opening he gave a short resume of the first efforts made along the line of the protection of workmen in manufactures, which step was taken by Germany after her successful war against Holland, Austria and France. At that time the spirit of world-domination was born in the hearts of Bismark and the leading men of that Empire, and as a result great factory systems were established and industries were compelled to care for their injured workmen in order that the physical standard be maintained. Continuing Mr. Williams pointed out that this was the beginning of protection of the employed by the employer, which has since developed and acts much more adequate in their protection and compensation to the workman have been passed. America has the honor of being foremost in solving these difficulties to be met by such an act, said the speaker. In Washington State the act based on State control, and its workings have proved so satisfactory that the British Columbia Legislature passed an Act very similar to the one adopted by Washington State. Mr. Williams explained that the Act recognizes both sexes equally and from the judgment of the Board no appeal can be made by the workman or his dependents. The object of the Board is to meet the obligations designed by the Act and not for exploitation. Since January 1 of this year 12,600 notices of injury have been received by the Board. Not all these, however, came under compensation. Two hundred men and women have been fatally injured, and in these and all such cases those dependent on their earnings are given a monthly payment based on the earning capacity of the one fatally injured. \$500,000 has already been paid this year in compensation, which sum has been raised by the employers of labor and not by taxing the Government. The purpose of the Act is to keep an injured person from being an object of charity, by assisting in his support continuously and not by paying to him a lump sum as compensation for injury. Adequate compensation can never be made, but partial compensation and assistance can be given. The workman has, however, to report the injury and his nature as soon as possible after the accident and put in his claim for compensation. The employer and doctor have also to make their report in detail of the accident. While the Commissioners have not yet brought in any report along the line of preventative work they realize there are possibilities before them in guarding the safety of the workman which alone would justify the appointment of the present Board. Concluding Mr. Williams reminded his hearers that in human affairs it is hardly possible to satisfy everyone, yet, in the work already accomplished by the Board, there has been less than one per cent. who have failed to meet the requirements or have expressed dissatisfaction. A number of questions asked of the speaker, at the close of his address, gave opportunity for further valuable information to those who had listened attentively to the explanation of the

workings of the Act. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Parker Williams, and the League adjourned until the first Thursday in February, when it is expected Mrs. J. D. Gordon will address the meeting. Mrs. Gordon Grant Presided.



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Are You a Supporter of the Big Interests? Will you vote for the men who sent our brave boys to the trenches with a rifle which perpetually jammed? Will you vote for a Government, now hiding behind the name of "Union" which, by permitting the export of Canadian nickel, allowed the Germans to use that nickel in shells and guns used to kill Canadian and British troops? Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, of Tyee Siding, the Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, is a lumberman with large interests in the district. He is opposed to the so-called Union Government, formed nominally by Sir Robert Borden, but actually by Sir Clifford Sifton and the Big Interests of the East, in the hope that the predatory interests of Canada and the hosts of profiteers that have been fattening on the war pangs of the nation under the guise of patriotism, may be allowed to continue their work as long as the Great War lasts. He declares that the Conscription Act, introduced at the last moment, on the eve of an election, was designed for the purpose of rescuing a thoroughly discredited Government from certain defeat. This Act is unfair as against British Columbia compared with Quebec and some other Eastern provinces, in that a much greater proportion of our laboring population is being drained, and their places taken by foreigners, mostly Orientals. We have already sent overseas a greater percentage of our population than any other province. Exemption tribunals in Quebec, appointed by the Government and supposed to carry out the policy of the Government, are exempting 94 per cent. of all who are applying for exemption and practically all in Quebec are applying for exemption. This is permitted there, while in B. C., where already 14 per cent. of the population have enlisted, further drafts are being made without regard to equality throughout Canada and without regard to industrial and labor requirements. It is an "Election Act" pure and simple and not an act for national service. Mr. Stewart believes that a truly National Government can and will be formed after the people have expressed themselves at the polls on December 17, and that, as a result, we will have a thorough organization of the wealth, resources and man and woman power of Canada consecrated to the task of winning the war. Mr. Stewart pledges himself, if elected, to do everything in his power as a Member of Parliament, to win the war and punish the profiteers and divert the money more into the hands of the soldiers and their dependents. There are two sides to every question. Reserve your opinion until you have heard Mr. Stewart. He will address the electors of this district at places and on dates of which due notice will be given you. BE A CANADIAN AND SMASH THE PROFITEERS AND THE POLITICAL MACHINE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof...

SOLDIERS EN ROUTE TO PACIFIC COAST. Large Party Left Halifax Yesterday Afternoon; Several for Victoria.

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EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF ISLAND SOLDIERS. Presumed Dead; One Escaped From Germany; Brings News of Other.

A DRUG VICTIM. Man is Sent Back to Seattle by Victoria Magistrate, to Go Into Hospital.

OBITUARY RECORD. The funeral of the late Edward William Sutton took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomson Funeral Chapel...

SEVENTEEN BOARDS FAVOR HALF-HOLIDAY

Special Committee Reports to Victoria Board of Trade.

After going into the matter of the special committee's report presented on the subject of the weekly half-holiday, this morning, the Council of the Board of Trade decided to receive the report and refer it for the consideration of the full Board at its next meeting.

The Special Committee, appointed by the Board at the quarterly general meeting, on October 18, to prepare for presentation to the Provincial Government a request for the repeal of the Weekly Half-Holiday Act, beg to report as follows:

"We caused the Boards of Trade throughout the Province to be notified of the above resolution, together with a request for their individual views thereon, and we are now in a position to state beyond question that the principle of the weekly half-holiday is generally approved. Also that it would be futile for this Board of Trade to approach the Provincial Government for the repeal of the Act, for while no support need be expected, there is the certainty that such action would be strongly opposed."

"We are of the opinion, however, that the existing Act should be amended, but until we have an opportunity to discuss with representatives of other Boards of Trade the various points involved, we would prefer to make no recommendations."

"We recommend, as a preliminary, that another committee be appointed to consult with Victoria employers and employees for the purpose of arranging such compromises as will settle this question, said committee to represent no particular interest or interests."

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) JAS. W. FLETCHER, J. D. O'CONNELL, J. W. SPENCER.

Want to Know Why. Ald. Andros wanted any member of the special committee present to tell them what good reason the committee had for thinking it useless to approach the Government.

In response to the invitation J. D. O'Connell explained that no B. C. city was prepared to abolish the half-holiday. As regarded the recommendation he was satisfied that they could not expect support from the Provincial Government in the matter of a repeal of the Act, but they might anticipate opposition.

City's Own Interests. Instead of this procedure J. J. Shalloo suggested that the second paragraph of the report be eliminated, and claimed that the individual interests of the city should not be sacrificed to meet conditions in other B. C. cities.

The chairman, James Fyeman, stated that the committee's report was based on the reports received from the other parts of the province, and it seemed to him that, in view of the committee's report, it would be useless to approach the Government.

A tragedy of the drug habit was told to Magistrate Jay in the City Police Court today, when James C. Willis, a well educated and intelligent man was formally charged with the possession of narcotic drugs.

Willis, who has been a placer miner in Alaska and more recently a real estate man in Seattle, has suffered very much from insomnia, and from an abscess on the leg. He went to a doctor in Seattle, who gave him a prescription for taking drugs, and began the habit of taking drugs.

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OFFICER, who said the man was in a bad physical condition, the Court agreed that he should return to Seattle to go into hospital, provided no trouble was raised by the immigration authorities.

BAND CONCERT TO AID 'HALIFAX SUFFERERS'. 5th Regiment Sunday Evening Concert Proceeds to Be Devoted to Cause.

"With energy characteristic of the organization, the 5th Regiment band has decided to do its part in aiding the suffering of the Canadians who have been made homeless and destitute by the calamity at Halifax."

The band will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Briggs. The concert will commence at 8:45 o'clock, and the entire proceeds will be devoted to the relief fund for the Halifax sufferers.

Particulars contained in today's reports from the scene of devastation picture even more graphically than those of yesterday the pitiable plight of those Canadians who in the midst of distressing times have been bereaved of loved ones or made homeless within the space of a few hours.

Victorian Order of Nurses-The regular monthly meeting of the local board of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held on Tuesday at 2.30, at 1894 Cook Street.

North Ward Bazaar To-Morrow.-At the bazaar to be held by the North Ward Red Cross Branch in their rooms tomorrow afternoon, the stall holders will be as follows:

Going to California.-His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard will leave the city on this afternoon's boat en route to California via Seattle.

TO RELIEVE DISTRESS OF HALIFAX CITIZENS. Lieutenant-Governor Provides Idea and Starts a Fund With \$100.

Appreciative of the appalling suffering occasioned in the city of Halifax and immediate neighborhood, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor early this morning sent the following letter to Fred Jones, President of the Victoria Branch of the Red Cross Society.

"With reference to the recent disastrous explosion at Halifax and the lamentable suffering it must entail, the alleviation of which will necessarily be to a large extent fall on the Red Cross Society, I am herewith forwarding a cheque for \$100 to help start an auxiliary fund for this special object."

From the excellent suggestion of the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Jones has made arrangements for the setting in motion of all the necessary machinery to achieve the object commenced so handsomely.

The speaker made a distinct hit with the boys when he referred to the famous professional hockey player, "Cyclone" Taylor. As a personal friend of the noted athlete Mr. Thompson told the boys that he was an example of the man who not only played well but who also played fair.

In conclusion he remarked on the importance of clean living in a physical sense. Every boy could not have a new suit of clothes every month or so, but every last boy could be clean whether his clothes were new or not.

J. W. Storey, Western Boy's Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was also present and presented three successful candidates in recent examinations with the certificates for the Dominion contests in Bible study.

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ADDRESSED BOYS OF EFFICIENCY CLASSES. Rev. Thompson, of Victoria West, Spoke at Y. M. C. A. Supper.

The Canadian Standard Efficiency Test, weekly club suppers given at the Y. M. C. A. are proving immensely successful. Boys classes from the various Sunday Schools of the city are participating and the events are steadily gaining in interest.

Last evening the boys were addressed by the Rev. Thompson, of Victoria West. He took as his topic the subject of the "Three C's." They signified clean speech, clean athletics and clean living.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GREAT LOAN RECORD

\$18,121,294 for the Government of Canada; Number of Subscribers 48,019

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Approximate returns of the Victory Loan drive has been compiled by the provincial committee in charge of the bond selling campaign. They show that British Columbia absorbed \$18,121,294 worth of the Victory Loan, and that the population of the province is 292,489, which included 20,900 Indians and 73,865 foreigners, hardly likely to subscribe, leaving an available population for subscription purposes of about 269,000, of whom 35,000 have gone overseas for service at the front. This means that the \$18,000,000 was subscribed by a population composed of at its utmost limit 264,000 people, showing a purchasing power of \$63.00 a head.

Summary of Vancouver Island District and Victoria and District. Includes columns for Districts, Amount, and Number of Subscribers.

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VOTE IN VANCOUVER ON GENERAL STRIKE

Trade Unions Will Decide Following Sentence Given Under Military Act

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council decided last night that the question should be submitted to the affiliated unions whether or not a general strike should be called as a protest against the imprisonment of Duncan Kerr, a stationary engineer, who was sentenced to two years in prison for refusing to register under the Military Service Act.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—A special meeting of the Great War Veterans Association here was held last night at the Returned Soldiers' Club, for the purpose of discussing the Horse Show Building meeting last Saturday night, as well as the question of the dismissal of R. G. Duggan, president of the Victoria branch of the Association, from his position in the employ of the Provincial Government.

The question of the Association taking part in politics was discussed, and it was made clear by many of the speakers that they were only taking part in politics insofar as conscription was concerned, and the president explained the reason of the suspension of rule 19 of the constitution, which was to the effect that the Association was strictly non-political.

Resolution Passed. The following resolution was passed unanimously, being proposed by Comrade Simpson and seconded by Comrade Murray: "Inasmuch as the press was used by Laurierites and anti-conscriptionists to call a meeting in the name of returned soldiers, and inasmuch as such advertisement was not authorized by any body of returned soldiers, and inasmuch as the wording of the said advertisement was of an inflammatory nature, in that it reflected on the honor of men who have fought for their country:

"Be it resolved that the G. W. V. A. of Vancouver, now in assembly, hereby endorse the action taken by returned men on the evening of Saturday, December 1, inasmuch as if such action had not been taken a false and lying impression would have gone out to Canada and the world that the returned soldier was not in favor of conscription, not in favor of upholding Canada's honor at this time and not in favor of assisting our boys in the trenches. And, further, inasmuch as the advertisement stated that the meeting should be in the hands of returned soldiers—real fighters; be it further resolved that the onus of any demonstration tending to the prevention of free speech be hereby placed on the shoulders of those people calling the meeting under such false pretences."

Reinstatement Asked. Regarding R. G. Duggan's dismissal, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That a resolution be sent to the Dominion and provincial executives of this Association, condemning the action of the Provincial Government in discharging R. G. Duggan, and asking that he be reinstated." The statement that the Association was practically led by the two presidents, W. Drinnan and D. Loggahan, came up, and a resolution was passed stating that the Association had every confidence in these two officers and endorsing any action that they had taken.

Declaration of War on Austria-Hungary Is Signed by Wilson

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson signed the resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary at 5.03 o'clock this afternoon. The state of war dates from that time.

FRONT OF ITALIANS REMAINS UNBROKEN

Change at Monte Sisemol Does Not Mean Breach Made

London, Dec. 7.—While the tremendous effort the Austro-Hungarian army in the eastern Trentino is making to gain the passes into the Italian plains resulted in the pushing back of the Italian line at one place, the vital front remains unbroken. The advance was scored just to the east of Asiago, where, it is claimed in to-day's official statement from Berlin, the eminence of Monte Sisemol was stormed. The capture may have been one result of the recession in the Italian line just to the east the day previous after heavy fighting for Monte Fior and Monte Castelgomberto. Dispatches from Italian headquarters have reflected confidence there that the new line in this sector was capable of holding the route to the passes.

A dispatch received here to-day from the Italian front says that yesterday afternoon, after the most violent artillery preparation carried out from north of the Ronchi Valley to Monte Kabrlab, the enemy attempted to break through to the Italian line south of Gallio. The attempt failed owing to the bravery of the Fourth Bersaglieri Brigade, which, opposing the enemy at Monte Sisemol, and engaging him in a strenuous struggle lasting for twelve hours, gave time for the Italian line to link itself up at that point. After six attempts had been repulsed by Italian counter-attacks, the enemy, having suffered severe losses, was compelled to arrest his advance at Monte Sisemol.

EVERY B. C. RIDING MAY SEND UNIONIST, SAYS MR. BURRELL

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Hon. Martin Burrell stated here to-day that he would not be surprised if every British Columbia constituency returns a Unionist candidate at the election on December 17. Mr. Burrell has been campaigning throughout the interior, addressed a meeting here last night and to-day went on to Nanaimo. He predicts a strong majority for the Government in all the prairie provinces.

REFORM MEASURE IN PRUSSIAN DIET

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—The electoral reform bill was introduced in the lower House of the Prussian Diet yesterday by Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, according to a wireless dispatch to the Maasbode. In urging the passage of the bill the Chancellor said: "The duty is laid upon me to fulfill the Royal pledge solemnly and repeatedly given and I will exert all my strength to carry out my duty and I do so from full conviction. (This was greeted by applause from the Clerical Party and the Left.)

"I recognize that the proposals signify a turning point in the history of Prussia. This will evoke in some circles painful feelings and serious objections but the task of true statesmanship is to take innovations in hand courageously when the people's need for developments requires them. It is my deepest conviction that the need has now arisen. The present electoral system is obsolete and you will do the Fatherland a very great service if you assent to the proposals. The bill regulating the upper House aims at bringing the House in closer touch with the national life of Prussia, which is no longer the agrarian state of the '50's."

ATTITUDE OF RUSSIAN FORCES IN ROUMANIA

London, Dec. 7.—There is a profound divergence of opinion among the Russian armies in Roumania regarding the attitude of opinion among the Roumanian Government, says a dispatch to The Times from Roumanian headquarters dated Sunday. Committees have been formed consisting mostly of interested Germans who have succeeded in getting a hold on the rank and file. The correspondent, after reporting signs of disintegration, says the Bolsheviks are gaining the upper hand along the whole front.

3,000 INJURED IN HALIFAX DISASTER

Latest Estimate Puts Total Casualties at 5,000; Lists of Victims

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Five thousand casualties—2,000 dead and 3,000 injured. This is to-night's official estimate of the toll exacted in human lives and suffering by the explosion and fires of yesterday.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Among the hundred odd bodies at Snow's morgue, here, are the following: William McFadriue, J. Sprin, William Broadrick, Mrs. F. Kneedy, Lizzie Broadbaver, Emily Kate Andrews (48), Sarah H. Brennan, Captain H. Brennan, 45 years, Shelburne; Dorothy M. Cameron, Ida M. Cameron, Ross Blanche Bowes, Laurie C. Hills, 6 years; Elsie Allen, 8 years, Barrington Street; J. Bland, 69 years, Birmingham Street; George F. Harris; Mrs. Westhaver, 49 years; Lieut.-Commander James A. Murray, aged 52, dockyards; Helena Murray 35 years, Ross Street; still-born child of James Monamy; James Monamy, 23 years; John A. Malloy, Jack Harris, Mary Lawrence, 37 years, Hinch Street; Mrs. Shaw, East Croighton Street; Ronald Murphy; Mrs. L. Lund, Croighton Street; Mrs. Cochran, Allister Frank, Henry Arnold, Hazel Deane, 7 years old; Sammy Ray, Union Street; Mary Simmond, Ruth Dwyer, Clarence Hartien; John Hinch, 7 years; I. Hinch, 23 years, Richmond Street; William Deane, 34 years, Barrington Street; Louise Hinch, 53 years; Carrie Malloch, 28 years.

Among the number of dead at Joseph Spencer's are the following: Mrs. Lean, Needham Street; two unidentified children, 5 and 3 years and one-half month old baby; two children about seven years; son and daughter of Sergeant Kitchup, Wellington Barracks; Elizabeth Ryan, 19 years, 23 Almon Street (she had a school book in her hand when found); Miss Ward, daughter of Mechanical Engineer Ward at dockyards; Madeline Elliott, Richmond Street; four unidentified children, 11, 6, 5 and 2 years old.

Further lists are as follows: Dead—Unidentified woman picked up near 27 Almon St.; unidentified woman found on Young St.; three other unidentified women; John McGee, 30 years, picked up on Market Wharf, whose mother is missing; Mrs. Edwards, 65 years old; two unidentified women, 65 and 45 years; child named Dunn, whose family is supposed to be all dead.

Missing—Alderman John Parker's two children, Alfred and Anna; Mrs. Michael Ryan, North Barrington St.; C. Merritt, stover, Robert Hoing, berry, Barrington St.; Roy, aged 6, Frances, 8, and Eva, 4, and Marie Hennebery (all killed); Patrick Hatter, employee sugar refinery; Mrs. F. R. Hale, Roof St.; Mildred Hale; M. R. Covey, 7 years; McRoy Covey, 6 years, Victor Covey, 2 1/2 years, North Barrington St. (all killed); John Christian, drydock employee, missing; Mrs. Louise Mann, Richmond St.; Zella Mariat, Duffus St.; Kate, Murphy, Duffus St.; C. R. Mother, employee Hills & Sons; Wilfrid Mosler; Mrs. Nowe, Vetch St.; Rhoda Simon, aged 5 years; David Nowe, 3 1/2 years; Harvey Parker, Richmond St.; Russell, wife and child, North Alberman St.; Thomas Walsh, yardmaster at Deep Water; Mrs. Maggie Walsh, Campbell Road; Frank Walsh, Edna Walsh; Carman McHart, employee at drydock; Frank Keating, Richmond St., and two children, 4 years and 18 months, respectively, living at Needham St.; Mrs. Cornelius Tierney, East Young St. (dead).

Thirty Girls. Halifax, Dec. 7.—Thirty girls employed at the Richmond Printing Works are, all reported dead.

Did Not Explode. New York, Dec. 7.—The boilers of the Imo, the Belgian relief ship which collided with the Mont Blanc, did not explode, according to word received at the office of Norton, Lilly & Company here to-day. The 21 members of her crew were picked up by a British battleship, this message added. After the collision the Imo succeeded in backing away and beaching before the explosion occurred.

Nineteen Dead. Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 7.—Nineteen persons are known to be dead in Dartmouth, as the result of the explosion yesterday. There are a number still missing and others are presumed to have been killed. Eight bodies are at Zink's undertaking rooms. They are those of Conrad G. Olan, Barker, child about six years old, unidentified negro man, five unknown, one presumed to be Charles Schrum, another a little Indian girl.

At Misner's undertaking rooms: Mrs. Cooper, Hawthorne St.; Miss Baxter, North Dartmouth; Mrs. Wright, North Dartmouth; Mrs. Bent, Mr. Shrum, Mrs. Gay, child of Mr. and Mrs. Staples; three unidentified.

POLSON IRON WORKS, TORONTO, DAMAGED

Fire Broke Out; "Remember We Are at War," Said Manager

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Fire which originated in the pattern shop of the Polson Iron Works on the Toronto waterfront at 6.15 o'clock last night completely destroyed that building and a number of smaller sheds and badly damaged a large freighter and a trawler. The total damage being estimated by the president of this concern, Col. J. B. Miller, at about \$250,000 or \$300,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

How the fire occurred is a mystery, but a significant statement was made by Wm. Newman, the manager, when asked about the number of aliens employed at the plant and whether they might be responsible. "I don't know," he replied, "but remember we are at war."

Three large ocean freighters of 3,500 to 4,000 tons displacement are under construction, as well as two trawlers. Two of the freighters were "over-board," but the other was on the ways and was so badly damaged that its launching will be retarded for some weeks. The trawlers were saved.

The pattern shop contained designs of engines and machinery which had been used in the construction of vessels during the last 30 years, and all these were completely destroyed.

Men of all nationalities are employed as laborers at the works, but as far as could be ascertained no real suspicion is entertained against any of the men.

Col. Miller stated that work would be resumed almost immediately.

THE PARTY SHIBBOLETHS.

In times like the present, when the demand for unity, both at home and abroad, amongst the Allies is every day becoming more insistent, any man, or body of men, attempting to impair that unity is under an urgent obligation to supply good reasons for such actions. The party standard is already a discredited ensign; the rallying to it is ever more scanty and the political leader can no longer throw the sop of party shibboleths to the Cerberus of public opinion and be sure that it will have the desired effect, or anything like the desired effect.

Now when Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke, on a recent evening, at Ottawa, he spoke as a Liberal and as the leader of the Liberal party. He said, in so many words, that he objected to the Conservative party, and that he could see no difference between that party and the new Unionist party claiming the war. And, what he appealed to his audience to act together in "British and French, Protestant and Roman Catholic, to rise to the occasion and to sink all differences," he delivered a speech the whole tone of which was calculated to render impossible just that united action which, ostensibly, he so much desired.

It is, of course, just this kind of thing that public opinion is less and less inclined to tolerate in Canada or anywhere else. Faced with the tremendous issues with which the allied world is confronted, the clasp of the political meeting, the heroics of the party leader, the party battle cry, party badge, party platform and all the rest of the party paraphernalia are longer tolerable. "The man does not live who dominates Laurier" may still carry a party meeting off its feet, but allied public opinion, for so the matter must ever be viewed, is ever less and less interested in such a statement, and in all that it implies.

The most superficial analysis of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at Ottawa reveals the fact that, on his own showing, the only question of urgency which prevents him and his party from coming to the aid of the Canadian Government is the question of conscription, a question which, on his own express admission, "is now the law and as such must be obeyed." And yet he declared, emphatically at Ottawa: "I will fall or succeed on the position I have taken up, but I will never depart from it." The world is beginning to recognize the weakness, not the strength, of such imperious opinions. —Christian Science Monitor.

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Table of New York Burn Market prices for various types of fuel.

EVERY VOTER MUST GET ON NEW LISTS

Study Them Carefully at the Polling Stations Before December 11

Even to the casual observer in touch with any of the various enumerating polling sections it is obvious that the lists compiled as the official roll on polling day are a long way from being complete.

The privilege of examining the lists extends to December 11, after which date it will not be possible to make any further move in this direction.

The main thing to do is to study the list before December 11 and rectify any omission before that day.

All old voting lists are discarded and because a person voted at the last provincial election that does not make any difference.

The Court of Revision on Monday upon the voters' list in the city will have before it a report upon those agreement holders now ranking on the freehold list who are delinquent in their taxes more than 12 months.

AGREEMENT HOLDERS

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Scientific Training. J. J. Shalross introduced a resolution passed by the B. C. Institutes advocating the establishment of schools for technical education in all important centres throughout the Dominion.

Taxation Commission. It was also decided that the report of the committee which went before the recent Taxation Commission should be submitted to the full Board of Trade at its next meeting.

Support for Laundrymen. Twenty-five petitions, signed in all by 695 white persons, mostly women, have been filed at the City Hall, protesting against the proposals to enforce alleged discriminatory legislation against Chinese laundries.

The Esquimalt Road Accident. After a three days hearing, Magistrate Jay dismissed the summons against E. L. Sweeney to-day.

King's Interest in Labor. His early training never gave him much experience in facing audiences and holding the centre of the stage on ceremonial occasions.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED BY BOARD OF TRADE

Victoria's Organization Ready to Assist Halifax in All Possible Practical Ways

"The Board of Trade of Victoria deeply regrets the calamity which has occurred in your city, and hereby extends its deep sympathy and willingness to assist your city in every possible, practical way in its power."

The above is the telegram which the Council of the Victoria Board of Trade, at its meeting this morning, drafted for despatch to the Board of Trade, Halifax.

At the opening of the meeting James Forman, President, who was in the chair, referring with deep sympathy to the great Halifax disaster, suggested that the Council send a telegram conveying its regret and offer of any assistance within its power to relieve the necessities caused by the unparalleled disaster.

Other matters which received attention at the meeting were the following: Lee Mong Kow, of the Customs Department here, had sent in a copy of a resolution dealing with the matter of the recent passport regulations concerning the entrance of subjects of the Allies, and the travelling public, into China, and suggesting that, as there was no Chinese Consul here, steps should be taken to ask the Chinese government to make an appointment of that nature, which, he suggested, was necessary for the convenience of all, and the dignity of the port.

C. N. R. Construction Work. In reference to the matter of breach of contract on the part of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in respect of construction work, a letter was read from the Government at Ottawa, in which it was stated that the matter was receiving attention, also a letter from Hon. Dr. Reid, dated November 2, in which it was mentioned that the Commission which was to place a valuation on the stock of the Company had not yet been appointed, and until this was done no action could be taken.

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EAST COMES TO WEST FOR HER PRIZE BIRDS

British Columbian Carries Off Laurels at Great Guelph Show

It was refreshing news to British Columbia poultry breeders and fanciers to learn that at the great winter show at Guelph, Ont., J. A. Thurston, vice-president of the British Columbia Poultry Association has provided the natives of the Ontario city with proofs that this province no longer plays second fiddle to the east in the matter of prize birds.

Mr. Thurston has carried off first and second prize hen, second cocker and second pullet in the Dark Cynish classes.

During the last few years a great deal of educative work has been done among poultry fanciers and it will be recalled that at the Provincial last year as well as at the Kamloops and Ashcroft Show, Judge William Stouchevop prophesied a great future for fanciers in British Columbia since at all the shows he had visited there were obviously great improvements over anything he had previously observed.

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Mass Meeting for Ladies

STUART HENDERSON (The People's Candidate)

and several returned soldiers, will address the ladies of Ward 5 at

143 Menzies St.

Near Simecoe, on

Saturday, December 8

at 2.30 p.m.

Mass Meeting Stuart Henderson

(The People's Candidate)

Assisted by W. G. Anderson, LL.D., of Vancouver, B. C., and other speakers, will speak at the

Princess Theatre

Yates Street

Saturday Evening

December 8th, at 8 o'clock

Unionist Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 8

North Ward School

SPEAKERS

Dr. Ernest Hall

Dr. Simon F. Tolmie

RETURNED SOLDIER, AND OTHERS

The Chair will be taken by Alderman Johns at 8 p.m. sharp

Labor Meetings

A. S. WELLS, J. TAYLOR, W. E. PEIRCE and Dr. CURRY

Will Address the Electors on Federal Issues at

Labor Hall TO-NIGHT

at 8 o'clock.

SEMPLE'S HALL..... SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 8TH

Ploughing Steps.—Ploughing of land under the Increased Production Committee for this year, came to an end yesterday.

A meeting in the interest of the UNIONIST Candidate J. C. McIntosh Supported by F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., and Reginald Hayward, at Strawberry Vale Hall, Burnside Road, SATURDAY AT 8 P. M. GOD SAVE THE KING.

Christmas Shopping is a pleasure increased when refreshments or meals are taken at THE TEA KETTLE Miss M. Woodridge Corner Douglas and View Streets Phone 4098

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LOCAL NEWS

To Address Board of Trade.—E. S. H. Winn, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, is to address a meeting of the Board of Trade next week.

Recommendations Permit.—A permit for a petrol station on the southeast corner of Yates Street and Quadra Street, is recommended for the Imperial Oil Company, which has lodged an application.

Heard One Judge.—F. J. Sehl, one of the judges of the School Singing competition last summer, spoke at the principals' meeting yesterday afternoon on the various methods of improving singing in the Victoria Schools.

No Additional Rebate.—The report on the proposal to extend the tax rebate period till December 31 is adverse, owing to various difficulties which have arisen. Thus the City Council is not expected to make any change.

To Make Representations.—The Victoria and Island Development Association as one result of the meeting of the executive on Wednesday, will take steps to have deputations lay before the district councils an appeal for some financial assistance in publicity work in 1918.

Dialikes the Roosters.—Having killed poor piggy, the Mayor is asked to urge on the Council the inauguration of a campaign to destroy roosters, who disturb the sleep of the correspondent. He marshals a strong indictment of the chancier, of his usefulness broiled rather than in feathery majesty disturbing the rest of slumberers before the streets are aired and of other disadvantages too numerous to mention.

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- Royal Baking Powder, 1/2-lb. tin 25¢
- Dromedary Dates, package 15¢
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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT POWERS OF COUNCIL

Inquiry as to By-laws Adopted to Deal With Short Term Issues

The clause in the Local Improvement Act dealing with the powers of municipal councils to adjust grievances in the assessments for local improvements, which is proposed to be applied by the City of Victoria in adjusting some of its difficulties with land owners who have reason for objecting to assessments, is the subject of an inquiry from New Westminster. The Royal City Council asks what course Victoria had taken in the way of passing by-laws.

This section should be fully understood, as upon it promises to be based the policy which will have a widespread effect on the settlement of tax delinquency in the coast cities. In this city it is only proposed to deal with such local improvements as do entail expropriation proceedings under this section and will apply to short term issues.

The section now says, as revised at the session this year: "Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, in any case where an assessment roll has become confirmed under this Act or under the local improvement provisions formerly incorporated in the Municipal

Act, it shall be lawful for the Council to pass by-laws:

(a). To provide that any portion or proportion of the owners' portion of the cost as chargeable under such assessment roll shall be paid by the corporation, and to make thereafter in each year a proportionate reduction in the amounts to be levied upon the several parcels of land as set forth in the said assessment roll.

(b). To provide that the cost of any part of the work shall be paid by the corporation, and to make thereafter in each year a proportionate reduction in the amounts to be levied upon the several parcels of land set forth in the said assessment roll.

(c). To provide that any portion of the amount chargeable under said assessment roll upon any particular parcel or parcels of land shall in each year thereafter be paid by the corporation.

The section goes on to state that the by-laws so passed must have the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and may be submitted to the ratepayers in the form of a referendum.

MEMBERS OF BOARD

MEETING EACH DAY

Much Valuable Information Secured for Guidance of Provincial Body

For the first time since the Land Settlement Board was appointed under the provisions of the Land Settlement and Development Act, and subsequent to the survey of the province by the respective members of the directorate, the full Board has been in session since Monday last at the offices on Superior Street. There have been present at each meeting Maxwell Smith, chairman; J. A. Macdonald, D. D. Munro, M. H. Nelems, Charles R. Ward and F. R. E. deHart, directors. Conferences will continue until the end of the present week at least.

Much Useful Data. The first business dealt with was that of reports submitted by each individual director of the Board, the documents in each case containing a general review of their experiences in connection with field duties, and more particularly relating to the proper adjustment of valuation in the various sections of the province. Considerable thought was given in each report relative to the adaptability of this or that locality in regard to agricultural effort.

With the information now collected it will be possible for the Board to constitute a sort of stocktaking of agricultural development possibilities in the most suitable districts of the province. In other words the Board will be in a position to determine its future workings in connection with its principal function—development operations.

Address By Minister. The Board has been engaged upon the discussion of a number of proposals for the repurchase of unoccupied lands placed before the directors by Chairman Smith. Yesterday afternoon Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture, addressed the Board and among other things he discussed with the directors the feasibility of the Sumas reclamation scheme, reference to Mr. Oliver's views on which has already been made in these columns. Other projects of agricultural importation to the province as a whole were touched upon by the Minister.

The captain of the local Volunteers was explaining his system of personal canvass with a view of obtaining recruits. "Be brief in your general explanation," he said, "and dwell on the respective merits of Classes A, B and C under the new Volunteer Act. Will Corporal Jones now step forward and give us an example of how he would canvass?"

Corporal Jones, stepping forward and saluting, said: "In the order of the classes were reversed, the matter would be greatly simplified. All you would have to do then would be to 'See men,' tell them to 'Be men,' and getting their answer say 'A men.'"

MILITARY POLL ON

SAME DAY AS CIVIL

Local Soldiers Will Vote at Willows, Work Point and Esquimalt

Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Hulme, who is now in Vancouver on leave of absence, has been appointed Presiding Officer for Military District No. 11 under the "Military Voters' Act, 1917" for the ensuing election, and has established headquarters at the old Vancouver Club Building, 991 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B. C.

Military polls will be provided as below, each under a deputy presiding officer and pool clerk, who are officers and other ranks returned from overseas service. Posters to this effect are being distributed to the various military camps and headquarters in the District.

The wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter, duly qualified, of any person, living or dead, who is now serving or has served in the Military forces outside of Canada in the present war, is entitled to vote, but will vote at the civil polls.

Military voting in Canada will be held on the same day and during the same hours as the civil voting.

The polling stations throughout the province will be as follows: City of Vancouver: Hastings Park, Military Hut, Cambie Street Grounds, General Hospital, Military Wing, Braemar Hospital, Shaughnessy Heights, Langara Hospital, Shaughnessy Heights, 991 Hastings St. W.

North Vancouver: Drill Hall, North Vancouver. Vancouver Island: Qualicum Hospital, Qualicum; Resthaven Hospital, near Sidney; Esquimalt Hospital, "J" Unit, Esquimalt; Willow's Camp, Victoria; Work Point Barracks.

Up Country: Internment Camp, Morrissey; Guard Headquarters, Bonnington Falls; Smelter Guard, Trail; Military Hospital, Balfour; Sanitarium, Tranquille; Internment Camp, Vernon.

Military elector means and includes every person, male or female, who, being a British subject, whether or not ordinarily resident in Canada and whether or not an Indian, has been, while within or without Canada, appointed, enlisted, enrolled or called out for and placed on active service as one of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Militia on active service, or the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, or has been, while within Canada, appointed, enlisted or enrolled as one of the British Royal Flying Corps, Royal Naval Air Service, or Auxiliary Motor Boat Patrol Service, whether as officer, soldier, sailor, dentist, nurse, aviator, mechanic or otherwise, and who remains one of any such forces or services or has been honorably discharged therefrom, or, in the case of an officer who has been permitted to resign or without fault on his part has had his services dispensed with, and every person, male or female, who, being a British subject ordinarily resident of Canada, whether or not a minor or an Indian, is on active service in Europe in any of the forces or services, military or naval, of His Majesty or His Allies.

NOT AN EASY TASK.

A new military prison chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland. He was a man who greatly magnified his office. On entering one of the cells on his first round of inspection he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it:

"Well, sir, do you know who I am?" "No, nor I dinna care," was the nonchalant reply.

"Well, I'm your new chaplain."

"Oh, ye are! Well, I hae heard o' ye before."

"And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity.

"Well, I heard that the last twa kirks ye were in ye preached them bath empty, but I'll be hanged if ye'll find it such an easy matter to do the same wi' this one!"—Tit-Bits.

FORTNIGHTLY LIST

OF PRISONERS' FUND

Generous Response Means More Parcels to Soldiers in Captivity

The good work being carried on by the Prisoners of War Department of the Red Cross and the generous response of the public to so deserving a cause are reflected in the accompanying list of donations and the compiled acknowledgements from many captives in Germany.

The following is the list: Carberry Gardens \$ 5.00 Mrs. D. Campbell's Circle 3.00 Children of Kings Road School 9.90 Miss Schofield 2.50 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church 10.00 B. R. E. 6.00 Canadian Bank of Commerce 13.00 Mrs. T. Taylor 5.00 Accounting, Legal and Pay Rolls B. C. E. Ry. Co. 4.00 Engineering, Purchasing & Billing B. C. E. Ry. Co. 4.00 Miss Norma Hall's Circle 4.00 Metropolitan Epworth League 5.00 Britannia Lodge No. 18, L. O. B. A. 2.00 James Island Patriotic Fund 100.00 Mrs. A. Robotham 3.20 Raffle of Cloth per Mrs. Bartlett Mrs. Parker Williams 10.00 Mrs. R. W. McIntyre No. 1 4.00 Mrs. R. W. McIntyre No. 2 4.00 Langford School 1.25 Mrs. Bradley Dyne 72.00 South Saanich Women's Institute 2.50 Mrs. Somebody 1.00 Miss Crighton's Circle 4.00 Fairfield Sub-committee 4.00 Mrs. Lamport's Circle 5.00 Mrs. Lawrence 6.30 Gonzales Chapter I. O. D. E. F. 50.00 Mrs. J. B. Walker's Circle 4.00 Mrs. A. M. Bannerman's Circle 4.00 Miss Jones 5.00 Mrs. Chapin's Circle 4.00

Canadian Red Cross, Nanaimo, \$145.00 Acknowledgments Received. The following prisoners have gratefully acknowledged parcels:

Ptes. H. Wimbush, G. McEldownie (2), A. MacLeod, A. W. McLeod (2), F. Peace, S. Perovitch, G. R. Tapp, Lance-Cpl. P. J. Tappin, Ptes. J. H. Taylor, Chas. Tenlor, A. Scott (4), J. Scott (2), E. Simpson (2), W. R. Simmonds, C. Simpson, J. W. Sinclair, Sgt. G. N. Slaughter (2), Ptes. J. J. Smith (2), T. Smith (3), G. Stacey (3), H. Berry (2), Lance-Cpl. A. L. Strydom (2), Ptes. G. Banks, G. Bridger, R. O. Browne, Cpl. A. Chute, Pte. G. Dawson (6), Gnr. J. Drummond (6), Sgt. Geo. A. Duncan (1), Spr. T. Dupen (3), Ptes. S. G. Humphrey (4), A. G. Gineve (2), A. Hanna, Sgt. A. H. Jones (4), Ptes. F. C. Marrow, A. Hind, A. W. McLeod, S. T. Brook, Sgt. T. Burridge, Ptes. J. G. Finley, H. J. Goodbody, H. F. Hardy, F. J. Munro, A. MacLeod, G. Stacey, Lance-Cpl. A. L. Strydom, Ptes. J. H. Taylor, G. E. Pfatt, G. E. Doyle, Gnr. J. Drummond, Pte. L. W. Lefebre, Cpl. A. Campbell, Ptes. A. J. Goodbody, V. J. Gorst, R. S. H. Parry, E. T. Isaacs, S. G. Humphrey, E. Langstaff, L. B. Knox, Spr. E. Lavin, Cpl. W. Lord, Ptes. A. Lyon, A. E. Mitchell, F. C. Morrow, Cpl. R. White (3), Ptes. S. T. Brooks, R. M. Brown, A. Bryce, I. Curtis, Cpl. A. Chute, Pte. T. Snider, Sgt. C. Baker, Sgt. A. Piquet, Ptes. V. Ansell, W. A. Brown, Lance-Cpl. A. Burgess, Sgt. T. Burridge, Pte. G. Dawson, Cpl. F. Dawson, Cpl. F. De A. Dickson, Pte. A. Denbrough, Sgt. J. A. Dickson, Ptes. T. J. Donnelly, Sgt. T. Dougal, Spr. T. Dupen, Ptes. J. G. Finley, R. Gardner, W. Hand.

A box of apples presented to the Red Cross by Miss McNaughton, Gordon Head, was raffled at the Temple Building on Wednesday, the winner being Mrs. Westwood, with ticket No. 368.

No wonder the way of the transgressor be hard when one considers the amount of travel thereon.

BY JOVE!

said a well educated man the other day when he was asked this question:—"Why, when you have a cold, a cough or bronchitis (troubles, you will note, of throat and chest) do you persevere in pouring cough syrups, lung tonics and the like into your stomach, which is perfectly sound?"

Ever think of it? The stomach and the lungs are not connected, otherwise food swallowed would choke you. Lung and throat troubles were never yet cured by dosing the stomach. To cure coughs, colds and bronchitis, you must breathe the cure. Peps provide the rational treatment for these ailments. Peps are tablets made up of pine extracts and medicinal essences, which when put into the mouth turn into healing vapors. These are breathed down direct to the lungs, throat and bronchial tubes—not swallowed down to the stomach, which is not ailing. Try a 50c. box of Peps for your cold, your cough, bronchitis or asthma. All drug stores and stores of Peps Co., Toronto, will supply.

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Our line of these beautiful articles this year is more complete than ever. See advance showing in our windows. A small deposit will hold any of your purchases until you require them.

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Specials for To-night at 8 o'Clock

Kiddies' Coats Reg. \$3.75 To-night at \$2.79

Stamped Tea Aprons To-night at 10c Each

Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves To-night at \$1.00

Kiddies' warm little Coats, in cream only. Made in becoming styles from bear cloth and wool fleeced material, lined throughout with flannelette. Sizes 6 months to 3 years. Regular \$3.75. To-night \$2.79 —Children's Section, First Floor

Dainty Tea Aprons, made of good quality muslin and stamped in 'easy designs for loop stitch and French knots. They would make effective and inexpensive gifts. Special to-night 10¢ —Art Needlework, Main Floor

Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves, in white, tan, and black, with oversewn seams, and two dome fasteners at wrist. A splendid fitting glove. A full range of sizes from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. Special to-night, pair, \$1.00 —Glove Section, Main Floor

Regular to 65c Draperies, Special To-night at 22c Yard

For to-night we have set aside about thirty-five pieces of these much wanted Draperies, a wonderful variety to choose from and a piece for almost every purpose. Look up your curtain and drapery wants and be here sharp at 8 o'clock to-night.

22c Yard

A choice of heavy Jasper Stripe Cretonne, in green, blue and brown stripe effects; good English Cretonnes; fine Voile Strim; Etamine; Colored Bordered Strims; 45-inch Nets; Cream Madras; some lengths as short as 5 yards. Regular to 65c values.....

22c Yard

Regular 50c Hair Nets To-night 6 for 15c

Black Cashmere Hose To-night at 48c Pr.

Silk Hair Nets, in light, medium and dark browns, blonde and black, with or without elastic. Regular 5c value. Special to-night, 6 for 15c —Notions, Main Floor

250 Pair of Women's Black Cashmere Hose, in good winter weight; seamless, with double heels and toes; sizes 9 1/2 and 10. Regular 60c values. To-night, per pair, 45¢ —Main Floor

Drawn Thread and Embroidered Table Centres Runners and Pillow Slips Marked Down

Here are two big snaps in Drawn Thread Fancy Centres, Runners and Pillow Slips. They are just suitable for Christmas presents.

60 only, Drawn Thread and Embroidered Table Centres, very dainty. Size 30x39 inches. To-night, each, 49c

60 only, Drawn Thread and Embroidered Runners to match centres. Size 18x54 inches. To-night, each, 49c

60 only, Pillow Slips, embroidered and drawn thread with scalloped ends. To-night, each, 69c —Staples, in Basement

Excellent Values in Women's and Children's Underwear

Fine Ribbed Combed Cotton and Fleece Combinations for women; made in low Dutch, V or high neck; short, half or long sleeves; knee or ankle length. Price \$1.25 and \$1.75

Women's Vests, in medium and heavy qualities; low, Dutch, V or high neck; half or long sleeves. Price, 75¢ and \$1.00

Fine Wool Combinations, in medium weight, low-neck, finished with hand-top; sleeveless or short sleeves; knee or ankle length. Price \$3.00

Fine Wool Vests, in low neck and no sleeves. Price \$1.50

Note These Special Values in Warm Flannelette Blankets

Flannelette Blankets are now in great demand. We have a supply of all sizes at present and the values and prices are away below the market quotations. These will soon be sold.

Flannelette Blankets—These are a high-grade Blanket, exceptionally soft, warm and durable in three sizes—

Single bed size, white, pair \$2.25

Three-quarter bed size, white, pair \$2.50

Full bed size, white, pair \$3.00

Full bed size, grey, pair \$3.00

"Woolcat" Blankets—36 pairs only of these very choice Blankets, exceptionally warm and a good substitute for a wool blanket. Full size, pair \$3.50 —Staple Section, in Basement

Father Christmas will be in Santaland

To-morrow Morning

From 11 to 12

Art Embroidery Class for Children To-morrow Morning 9.30 Till 11.30

BEGINNING AT SIXTY.

For a man to begin a new career after reaching sixty years of age and win fame in it is an unusual thing. William de Morgan, however, surprised the world with a novel of such scope and distinction that it recalled the masters of Victorian fiction, and outdid the classic example of Cato learning Greek at eighty.

Yet the miracle is not incapable of explanation. He had lived for years in an atmosphere of art and literature as a member of the Chelsea group in which Rossetti and Bruce-Jones were distinguished figures, and the fact that he devoted himself so long to illustration work in stained glass and pottery

did not preclude the existence of a creative instinct of another kind. It was characteristic of that circle, indeed, to find more than one vehicle of expression. De Morgan was slower than some of the others to turn to the pen—a belated William Morris. It would be idle to deplore circumstances. The finished work of "Joseph Vance" must have been in one way or another the result of years of silent apprenticeship. —Tit-Bits.

WHERE BILL HAD BEEN.

"Where 'ave I bin lately?" said Bill Basher to his friend. "Why, I couldn't get out of acceptin' an invitation to spend a couple o' weeks at one o' King George's o'els. I was a standin' out-

side a grocer's admirin' the jam when a box fell dahn at me feet. I was a pickin' of it up to take into the grocer when a circus came by. In the excitement o' the moment I followed it. "I looks dahn, an' sees the box under me arm. 'Willyum,' sez I, 'wot are you a-doin' wi' that box? Take it back at once like an 'onest man.' Jest then the grocer came round the corner wi' a copper. 'That's 'im,' sez he, 'that's the man wot stole me soap.' "Stop," sez I. "Do I look like a man wot'd steal soap?" "Owsomever, I was 'ad up afore the beak." "Willyum Walker, sez 'e, your appearance is greatly in your favor, but the circumstantial evidence is too strong. Fourteen days." —Tit-Bits.