

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and
southerly winds, unsettled and mild,
with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly and south-
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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Postages—Marble.
Domestic—A Daughter of the Gods.
Royal Victoria—Mar. Pickford.
Variety—The Son of His Father.

SIXTEEN PAGES

IS SAID M. CAILLAUX COMMUNICATED WITH BERLIN ABOUT PEACE

Stated Message From Lansing to Paris Telling of Former French Premier's Dealings With Luxemburg at Buenos Ayres Caused Caillaux's Arrest

Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest yesterday of former Premier Caillaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary Lansing at Washington saying that in 1915 Caillaux had been in communication with the Berlin Foreign Office. Secretary Lansing's cablegram said that the representative of the United States at Buenos Ayres had been able to establish that Caillaux, during his visit to Argentina in 1915, had been in communication with the Berlin Foreign Office through Count von Luxemburg, then German Minister to Argentina, with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price, so as to permit the resumption of business.

It is understood this evidence will be published in the United States immediately.

No Comment.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Lansing to-day refused to affirm or deny or comment upon the foregoing dispatch from Paris. There seems to be no doubt, however, that some such dispatch is contained in the captured Luxemburg correspondence. Early to-day there was no immediate prospect of its being given out for publication here.

French Press.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest of former Premier Caillaux is commented on at great length by newspapers of Paris, which in general take the view that the Government would not have decided upon this action if it had not obtained evidence of the gravest character. Most of the newspapers welcome the Government's action. Even organs like L'Humanite and Le Radical, which are inclined to sympathize with Caillaux, do not openly condemn his arrest, contenting themselves with saying that the Government must have overwhelming proofs to justify its action, and demanding that this evidence be produced.

Papers Found.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The investigation of the Italian connections of former Premier Caillaux, who was arrested yesterday, is said by The Matin to have resulted in the discovery of important military and political papers in the safe of the Bank of Florence, which was rented under the maiden name of Mme. Caillaux and used by the former Premier during his visit to Italy in December, 1916. Among the political papers found in the safe, the newspaper asserts, were a number of notes in which M. Caillaux, in the expectation of gaining office as Premier, drafted a Cabinet, designated a Generalissimo and sketched several "exceptional" measures. These measures included the arrest of certain politicians and generals, among whom M. Clemenceau, former Premier of France, is said to have been one, and the dismissal of a number of officials. In addition to these, says The Matin, there were documents of a military character, which by their very nature seem to constitute the strongest evidence against M. Caillaux.

His Liberty Impossible.

Paris, Jan. 15.—According to The Intransigent, the commissions of inquiry sent to Italy in connection with the Caillaux case have not yet reported to the public prosecutor, so the arrest of the former Premier was not due to them. "A document reached the hands of the military justice, however," says the newspaper, "which was of such gravity and authenticity that it was impossible to permit Caillaux to remain longer at liberty."

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SEVERAL ISLANDS ADDED TO DOMINION BY V. STEFANSSON

Fairbanks, Alaska, Jan. 15.—Several new large Arctic islands were discovered northwest of Banks Land in the spring of 1916 by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian Arctic explorer, according to Captain A. Lane, who arrived here last night from the Arctic Ocean bringing direct news from the explorer, who he says in spending the 1917-18 winter in the northern seas at Bartel Island. The explorer claimed the new lands for Canada.

Stefansson, Captain Lane said, is preparing to make a 300-mile dash over the ice north and west of the Western Canadian Arctic coast during the summer of 1918 in search of more new land. Stefansson intends to leave his present base next April and hopes to reach Wrangel Island, off the northern Siberian coast, in July or August. He will spend the 1918-19 winter on the island and end his explorations by sailing through the Behring Strait to Nome, Alaska, in 1919.

Captain Lane denied the report that Stefansson had reached Fort Yukon.

Roumanians Bitter Against Bolsheviks; Condemning Course

London, Jan. 15.—The Odessa correspondent of The London Times says that the feeling of the Roumanians toward the Russians is embittered greatly. The Roumanians feel that they have been thrice betrayed by Russia—first by the Czar's Government, next by the Provisional Government and now, worst of all, by the Bolsheviks.

Argentine Wheat to the Allied Nations; 2,500,000 Tons Soon

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 15.—The Argentine Foreign Minister yesterday signed an agreement with the British and French Ministers to sell 2,500,000 tons of wheat to the Allies. Argentina is to open a credit at the Bank of the Nation in favor of the Allies, which is to be liquidated in two years. This arrangement is virtually a huge loan to the Allies and is made in order to stabilize the rate of exchange.

War Council About to Hold Sitting in France; Fresh Plans

Paris, Jan. 15.—A plenary meeting of the Supreme War Council with the Premier and military representatives of France, Great Britain and Italy in attendance will be held shortly at Versailles to discuss and plan military operations on the Western front, which now includes Italy.

Demonstrations Are Continuing in Spain; Barcelona Had One

Madrid, Jan. 15.—Manifestations continue on a large scale in manufacturing centres of Spain, especially at Valencia. The unrest has been increased by the shutting down of factories on account of lack of coal and raw materials.

Barcelona, Jan. 15.—An immense crowd of women surrounded the approaches to the city hall here to-day to protest against the new food regulations. The balustrade of the main staircase collapsed and hundreds of men fell. Thirty-five of them were badly crushed.

ANOTHER RAID NORTH OF LENS; GERMANS LOST MEN; GUN DUELS NEAR VERDUN

London, Jan. 15.—"During last night we raided enemy trenches north of Lens, bombing his dugouts and securing some prisoners and a machine gun," said a report from Field-Marshal Haig issued here to-day.

"Early yesterday morning a strong hostile raid northeast of Armentieres was repulsed."

Paris, Jan. 15.—Violent artillery fighting on the Verdun front is reported in to-day's official communication, which reads:
"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there were violent artillery actions late in the night in the sector between Beaumont and Caurieres Wood. In Alsace, French patrols brought back prisoners. Everywhere else the night was calm."
No Large Operations.

London, Jan. 15.—The winter lullness on the Western and Italian fronts has not been broken by large operations. Raids and patrol engagements occur here and there, and the artillery fire breaks into violence at important points now and then, but there is hardly anything in the official statements to indicate that the enemy's reported reserves of 1,600,000 men from the Russian front is to begin its heralded blow soon.

YARMOUTH WAS BOMBARDED BY GERMAN CRAFT; THREE KILLED AND TEN INJURED

London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombed from the sea last night, it was announced officially to-day. About twenty shells fell in the city. Three persons were killed and ten injured. The text of the announcement follows:
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The latest police reports state that three persons were killed and ten injured. The material damage done was not serious.

Attacks by German naval forces on east coast towns of England, of which there have been a number in recent months. The last previous occurrence of the kind officially reported was in September last year. On that date a German submarine bombed Scarborough, causing the death of three persons and the injury of five.

Yarmouth is on the North Sea, 115 miles northeast of London. It is a city of 50,000 inhabitants, with important shipbuilding and fishing industries.

U Boat or Cruiser.
Yarmouth, Eng., Jan. 15.—The enemy craft which bombed Yarmouth last night presumably was a submarine or a light cruiser. The bombardment, which was preceded by illumination of the town by large star shells, continued about eight minutes. The inhabitants were taken completely by surprise.

Owing to the blackness of the night the enemy craft was not seen. It fired 20 to 25 shells in rapid succession. Many windows were shattered and a number of roofs and chimneys were wrecked.

Most of the inhabitants were in bed at the time of the attack. One of the three persons killed was a sailor aboard his ship who had escaped submarines in mid-ocean. The other two killed were in the streets. There were many narrow escapes among the occupants of the damaged houses.

Sinn Feiners Wish Nationalist M. P.s. to Resign From House

London, Jan. 15.—The Sinn Fein executives, says a dispatch to The Daily Chronicle, shortly will demand that the Irish Nationalist members of Parliament resign. In the event of non-compliance the Sinn Feiners purpose to establish in Dublin what they call a National Assembly.

BRITISH LABOR AND TROPICAL AFRICA; SUGGESTIONS MADE

London, Jan. 15.—The British Labor party in a message issued to-day declares in favor of placing the whole of tropical Africa under uniform international control. More rapid development of self-government for India is urged and a protectorate for the peoples of Asia Minor, by an international organization to be constituted by the peace conference, is favored.

BRITISH LABOR'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIA

London, Jan. 15.—The British Labor party in a message to the Russian people made public to-day announces that the British people accept the Russian principle of self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British Empire, particularly in the Middle East, Africa and India.

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STRAINED SITUATION EXISTS IN GERMANY

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Evidence of the strained situation in Germany as regards war aims continue to appear in the German newspapers. The Leipzig Volks Zeitung says a meeting of the annexationist Fatherland party at Jena was broken up by Independent Socialists, who, after passing a vote "for a general peace by understanding," threw out the members of the Fatherland party.

While Pan-German petitions and resolutions are being rushed to the Kaiser by the militarists, other currents are active. This was indicated by a meeting at Frankfurt on Sunday of the Free Citizens' Committee, which adopted a resolution to the effect that a lasting peace, which would really safeguard Germany's vital economic interests would be possible only on the basis of a policy of consolidation in the sense of the peace resolution adopted by the Reichstag.

The committee expressed the hope that from the negotiations with Russia might result a peace which, by honest adherence to the principle of self-determination of peoples, might exclude the danger of new conflicts. At this meeting Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that if the Fatherland party should win the war would be lost. He rejected the plans for annexations and cash indemnities, and declared that Germany was powerless to enforce long-term payments by instalments from the United States and England. Annexations in the east, he asserted, would be a source of constant danger as they would irritate Russia. Dr. Dernburg also urged disarmament.

The Munich Post attacks the Fatherland party and supports the attitude taken by President Wilson in respect of recognition of the demand for autonomy on the part of the Slav population of the Central Empires.

"The Russian revolution has stirred the nationalistic feeling among the Slavs of Austria-Hungary to the boiling point," it says. "The whole Slav world will rise up against us if we attempt to impose humiliating terms on Russia."

THREE KILLED.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 15.—Three persons were killed and about twenty injured when a Union Pacific passenger train was wrecked about one mile east of Beloit, Kas., this morning.

PASSENGERS NOT HURT.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—None of the eighty passengers on the C. P. R. Chicago-Montreal train derailed yesterday at Grafton, Ont., who were brought here, was hurt. They all left for their destinations this morning.

GERMAN MILITARISTS ARE DEMANDING NOW KUEHLMANN DROP OUT

**Junkers, Gaining Upper Hand in Germany, Want
Scalp of Present Foreign Secretary; Are Led by
Von Tirpitz; Many Iron Crosses Returned**

London, Jan. 15.—Control of the destinies of the German Empire, press accounts from neutral countries agree, is passing into the hands of the militarists, or the leaders who want to hold what has been gained by might and the sword. The militarists and Pan-Germans are demanding the dismissal of Dr. von Kuehlmann, the Foreign Secretary, who has headed the German delegation at Brest-Litovsk.

In connection with the reported illness of Chancellor von Hertling, it is reported from Berlin that the Chancellor's address before the main committee of the Reichstag has been postponed for several days. It was said previously the Chancellor would answer the recent war aims statements of Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson on Wednesday.

Bolshevik Seize Roumanian Minister and All His Staff

London, Jan. 15.—The Roumanian Minister at Petrograd and his entire staff have been arrested by the Bolsheviks, the Roumanian legation here announces.

SUCCESSSES SCORED BY ITALIAN TROOPS

In Monte Asolone Region and on the Lower Piave Front

London, Jan. 15.—Italy's mountain fighters are showing their ability to cope with the difficult weather conditions on the Italian northern front and are scoring successes in local operations in important sectors.

One such operation was carried out yesterday in the Monte Asolone region just east of the Brenta River, where the Austro-German wedge was pushed further during the early winter campaigning in an effort to outflank the dominating Monte Grappa. The Italian defensive has strengthened by the new move and serious losses inflicted on the enemy. Farther east, near Monte Spioncica, a similar successful movement was effected, while on the lower Piave River front an Italian attack east of Caposile resulted in the capture of trenches which extended the Italian bridgeheads. The Austrians launched repeated counter-attacks but failed to dislodge the Italians from the new positions.

Rome Report.

Rome, Jan. 15.—By an attack in the Monte Asolone region on the northern front, Italian troops have gained considerable advantage and inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy, the War Office announces.

A surprise attack on the lower Piave front, east of Caposile, enabled the Italian forces to extend their bridgehead. Repeated enemy assaults on the captured trenches were repulsed.

GERMAN STATEMENT

Berlin, Jan. 15.—Italian attacks on the Teutonic lines in the Monte Asolone and Monte Pertica sectors yesterday broke down with heavy losses, army headquarters here announced to-day.

CANADA'S RESOLVE RESTATED BY MR. CARVELL IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 15.—Speaking as the guest of honor before the Canadian Club of New York last night, Hon. F. B. Carvell, Canadian Minister of Public Works, stated that Canada would remain in the war until the last gun was fired.

"Our love of liberty—the love of liberty that we can cherish in our hearts, caused us to respond to the colors more than 400,000 strong," Mr. Carvell said. "Seventy thousand of our soldiers have fallen in battle, but thousands more will fill the ranks until final victory comes."

Coupled with these reports is the fact that Kaiser Wilhelm and the Crown Prince have been holding conferences with the political and military leaders. It is reported also that the German Ministers to Denmark and Holland have arrived unexpectedly in Berlin. The Socialist paper Vorwaerts believes a military dictatorship is in the making in Germany.

No explanation has been vouchsafed by either the Germans or the Bolsheviks as to the reason behind the temporary halt in the peace negotiations. Nor has it been announced officially why the conferences, if continued, are to be resumed at Warsaw.

Led by Tirpitz.
Stockholm, Jan. 15.—The campaign against Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, occupies the whole German press. The new Fatherland party, headed by Admiral von Tirpitz, has assumed the leadership in the campaign against the alleged policy of von Kuehlmann, which is said to be "an understanding with England at any price," and appeals to the people to send petitions to the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, expressing the national dismay at this policy and to demand that Ludendorff must stay and von Kuehlmann must go.

Saxon Statement.
In response to many such appeals, Saxony has publicly declared confidence that the Kaiser will accept only such a peace as will safeguard the peaceful development of Germany against all future attacks.

The Boersen Zeitung, which is a supporter of von Kuehlmann, admits that it will not be easy for the Chancellor to retain the present Foreign Secretary.

An astounding aspect of the whole situation is that neither side appears to know definitely what the other side wants. The chief point at issue between the opposing factions is the solution of the Polish problem, but neither side is inclined to define its view.

London, Jan. 15.—An appeal is being circulated among mutilated German officers and soldiers having the Iron Cross asking them to return the Crosses as a protest against the fact that a number of "home warriors" and leaders of the Fatherland party are wearing the same insignia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. There has been a large response, 1,300 Crosses from Berlin alone being sent to the War Ministry the first day the appeal appeared.

MORE OFFICERS NEEDED.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Difficulty is being encountered by the military headquarters in this district, it is understood, in securing enough returned officers and N.C.O.s to train the men called to the colors under the Military Service Act.

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GEDDES MAKES STATEMENT ON ATTACK ON CONVOY

London, Jan. 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, made the following statement concerning the attack by German warships on a convoy in the North Sea on December 12, in which one British and five neutral merchantmen, a British torpedo boat destroyer and four armed trawlers were sunk:

"The Admiralty finds that the escorting vessels did their best to protect the convoy, and fought in a proper and seamanlike manner, and that other forces at sea, for the purpose of protecting commerce, took all possible steps to come to their aid and prevent the escape of the enemy."

"It is due to Vice-Admiral Sir David

Beatty, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, to say that the Admiralty finds the circumstances which prevented covering forces from behind reaching the spot were such as could not be prevented, and that the Commander-in-Chief's disposition were the best that could have been made with the forces available."

DUNCAN BLUE CROSS.

Duncan, Jan. 15.—The local Blue Cross executive committee has made arrangements for a sale of summer smocks, aprons and home-cooked food to be held during the first week in February, for the fund.

An endeavor is being made to increase the membership. The membership fee of \$1 a year has no expense charges against it and is sent direct to headquarters.

SOME PROBLEMS IN ENFORCING ARMY ACT

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The relation of the Indians, Hindus and naturalized Japanese and Chinese to conscription is being considered by the Military Service Council.

At the present time there are many difficulties in the way of enforcing the measure in regard to these classes of citizens. Col. Moss, chairman of the Military Service Council, and O. M. Biggar, a member of the Council, had a long conference yesterday with Hon. Arthur Meighen and Duncan Campbell Scott, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in regard to the question of the Indians. No decision was reached. It is admitted that the Act will be difficult to enforce in regard to Indians in outlying districts in Northern Ontario, parts of British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces. These Indians do not understand English, and it would be almost impossible to place them under military discipline with any satisfaction. In addition, none of these Indians have full citizenship rights.

The question of the conscription of Hindus, Japanese and Chinese forms a separate but difficult problem. The subject is being considered, but has not yet been solved.

BACK IN DUNCAN.

Duncan, Jan. 15.—G. Townsend, of Somers Lake, who left Duncan with 88th, returned with the last draft, and is in Duncan.

IRISH CONVENTION WILL REPORT SOON

Thirty-First Sitting of Body
Held in Dublin
To-day

Dublin, Jan. 15.—The Irish Home Rule Convention held its thirty-first sitting to-day. All the proceedings of the grand committee of twenty are now before the convention and a definite conclusion, it is believed, should be reached and its announcement may be expected almost at once.

Whether or not the Convention succeeds in bringing the Ulster Unionists into an Irish Parliament, Irishmen think the proceedings have accomplished a great deal of good in bringing together the Nationalists and Unionists of the south and west and determining the principles on which Irishmen of all sections could come together in a large scheme of autonomy. It is well-known that a substantial agreement has been reached by the representatives of Nationalist Ireland and the Unionists outside Ulster and Labor. Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Convention, has publicly declared his belief that the work of the Convention, however it ends, will mark an epoch in the history of the Home Rule question and that any Government, in future legislation, must profit by its labor.

There is a rumor of an impressive majority report by the delegates of all creeds and politics outside of Ulster.

The press of Belfast remains as steadfast as ever in opposition to any compromise with Home Rule.

A DICTATORSHIP IN GERMANY FORESEEN

Predicted by Vorwaerts; Teuton Militarists Threaten War Against Russia

London, Jan. 15.—The "Berlin Vorwaerts," the organ of the German Socialists, says the militarist party in Germany is completely in the ascendancy. The newspaper adds that everything now points to a military dictatorship, accompanied by the resignation of Dr. Richard von Kuelmann, the German Foreign Minister.

A dispatch to The Exchange Telegraph from Zurich quotes a Vienna dispatch received there as saying:

"The success of the militarist party is making itself felt. It is no longer considered necessary in Berlin and Vienna to use hypocritical language." The Cologne Gazette prints the following, stating that it is an official telegram from Vienna:

"The Central Powers now find themselves in a most enviable military and economic position. They, therefore, propose to give Russia neither time nor opportunity for further deceit. If a satisfactory arrangement is not made promptly we shall break off the negotiations, and the responsibility therefor will be upon the Russians."

Berlin Conferences.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Most important conferences were held in Berlin at the week-end, according to German newspapers. They were inaugurated by the Kaiser's reception of the Crown Prince on Sunday, when Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff also conferred with a number of leading personages.

On Sunday there were important discussions between the higher army command and Chancellor von Hertling, after which the Kaiser had a conference with the Chancellor and Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The results of these various conferences will be the basis of a further discussion between the Kaiser and von Hindenburg, von Ludendorff, von Hertling and the Crown Prince.

ALLIES' TWINE NOT FOR GERMAN USE

Washington, Jan. 15.—Germany's imports of food have been stopped, not only by prohibition of re-export of food supplies sold to neutrals, but also by Allied control of products used in shipping foods grown wholly within those countries, according to consular reports to-day. Advertisements of German twine appearing recently in Danish papers revealed that exports of preserves to Germany had been shut off because twine used in the packing was sold by the Allies under agreement that it should not be re-exported. German twine had to be obtained before orders could be filled.

NELSON NOMINATIONS

Nelson, Jan. 15.—Civic nominations held here yesterday resulted as follows: For mayor, M. R. McQuarrie and Mayor J. E. Annable; for aldermen, six to be elected, Ald. John Bell, John Burns, Ald. James Johnston, Ald. I. A. Austin, John Notman, Ald. Ald. J. A. McDonald, Harold Selous, Dr. W. O. Rose, M. P. F., and Alfred Jeffs. For police commissioners, two to be elected, Thomas D. Starr, George F. Motion, T. L. Bloomer and J. Fred Hume.

KARLSRUHE ATTACKED BY BRITISH AIRMEN

Bold Daylight Raid Into Germany Was Successful, London Reports

London, Jan. 15.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"To-day some of our air squadrons carried out a most successful raid into Germany in broad daylight, their objectives being the railway station and munitions factory at Karlsruhe. One and a quarter tons of bombs were dropped. Bursts were observed on buildings and on sidings of the main railway junction in the centre of the town, on railway workshops and a smaller junction in the town."

"Observers report that a very large fire was started in factories along the railway, which was confirmed by photographs."

"The anti-aircraft fire was very heavy and accurate, and several hostile machines vainly attacked our formation. All our aeroplanes reached their objectives and returned safely."

Along Front.

"Bombardments and fire with machine guns from low altitudes were carried out incessantly along the battlefield. More than 400 bombs were dropped on a large ammunition dump near Roulers and on hostile billets, huts and railway junctions. A party of the enemy engaged in extinguishing a fire attacked by machine gun fire was scattered and the fire was left to run at will."

"In combat several hostile machines were driven down out of control. Another was forced to land intact behind our lines by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was captured. Three of our machines are missing."

"During Sunday night our night flying machines dropped bombs on Roulers and Menin. All returned safely."

Karlsruhe, which is the capital of the Grand Duchy of Baden, several times has received visitations from Allied airmen. It is situated about fifty miles from the French border and has a population of between 75,000 and 100,000.

VIENNA PEOPLE HAVE NOT ENOUGH TO EAT

Zurich, Jan. 15.—The Municipal Council of Vienna has threatened to resign, disclaiming all further responsibility for feeding the city, declaring that the reduction of the flour ration cannot be borne by the population.

Butter, complaints are made by The Neue Freie Presse of the action in cutting in half the flour ration of Vienna, which it says, is likely to be permanent, because, six months from harvest, flour for Vienna is lacking.

Die Post admits that the last harvest was very unsatisfactory.

The Arbeiter Zeitung declares that of all the belligerent countries, Austria is suffering most in the matter of bread and flour supplies.

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BOLSHEVIKI DENOUNCED BY REVOLUTIONARIES

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—The Social Revolutionary members of the Constituent Assembly have issued a manifesto bitterly denouncing the Bolsheviks as usurpers of power who have precipitated the country into an abyss of civil war and anarchy.

While placing the restoration of peace at the head of their own programme, the signers of the manifesto reproach the Bolsheviks for having dejected the without soldiers with hope of immediate peace instead of which "they have opened the front to the enemy, brought the country to the verge of a new and overwhelming war caused by the rupture of relations with the Entente and left Russia to her fate."

The manifestants emphasize the danger of a general peace at Russia's expense, and declare that only the members of the Constituent Assembly are entitled to represent Russia and bring about a universal democratic peace.

The programme of the Social Revolutionary members is to demobilize the weary army and recruit a new volunteer army, cease civil war and proclaim federalism on the basis of a Russian republic. The programme includes also abolition of private ownership of land and the nationalization of mines and natural resources.

LONDONERS WILL BE ON RATIONS SOON

London, Jan. 15.—It is expected the compulsory rationing scheme for London and the surrounding district will go into effect in about three weeks. The details will be issued early next week and the local food committee will then get out the cards as quickly as possible. Butter, margarine, tea and meat will be the first articles dealt with and the regulations will be extended to other parts of England as soon as they are worked out in a satisfactory manner in the London district.

London, Jan. 15.—The Food Ministry announces that it intends to make compulsory the employment of a certain percentage of potatoes in bread-making. This is for the purpose of saving cereal foods.

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FUNERAL OF S. BARON, WHO LIVED AT DUNCAN

Duncan, Jan. 15.—The funeral of Mr. S. Baron, of Duncan, took place yesterday, a large number of friends being present at mass, which was at 10 o'clock at St. Edward's Church, Duncan. The Rev. Father Francis officiated at both the church service and at the usual ceremonies at the graveside in St. Anne's cemetery, Tsouhalem.

The pallbearers were O. C. Brown, David Ford, J. Weiker, A. Luby, J. Marsh and B. Miller.

Particularly during the last few years Mr. Baron had been a very kindly and familiar figure, as he had at almost all the local charitable and patriotic entertainments "done his bit" by acting as gatekeeper.

Mr. Baron was born seventy-six years ago at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, but had lived in British Columbia during the past twenty-five years. He is survived by an only daughter, Miss Baron, of Duncan, whose many friends feel for her the most sincere sympathy.

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ACCLAMATIONS IN DUNCAN YESTERDAY

Duncan, Jan. 15.—The following civic officials were returned by acclamation here yesterday, removing the necessity of an election:

Mayor—Edward Flemming Miller.
Aldermen—James McLeod Campbell, Daniel Robertson Hattie, William Alexander McAdams and James Hurdidge.
Police Commissioners—William Morand, Dwyer and Harry Simmonds Law.
School Trustees—David Ford and Thomas Pitt.

For the first time on record in the city of Duncan all officials went in unopposed. This does not mean that the citizens are indifferent to affairs, but that they are extremely well satisfied with the way all departments have been managed during the past year.

North Cowichan.
For the Municipality of North Cowichan the nominations were as follows:
For Reeve—John Newell Evans and James Laidy Mutter.
Councillors—Cowichan—Quamichan Ward, E. W. Carr Hilton and George G.

HENDERSON: SOMERSON WARD, PETER CAMPBELL, BY ACCLAMATION; COMALAN WARD, CHARLES G. PALMER, BY ACCLAMATION; CHEMUNGE WARD, HENRY SMILEY AND PETER BONDOT.

For School Trustees, for a term of two years—Wm. M. Dyer, W. H. Elkington and P. W. Ankettell Jones, by acclamation. For a term of one year, Mark Green, to complete W. H. Mahon's term, who resigned.
For Police Commissioners—C. G. Palmer and T. A. Wood, J. P.

A TORONTO PROTEST AGAINST COOLIE PLAN

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Dr. Charles Sheard, M. P. elect for South Toronto, speaking before the Liberal-Conservative Association here last night, went on record as opposed to the importation of Chinese labor into the country.

"The emergency is not pressing enough to make it necessary to open the door to Asiatic coolies," he said. "I am not going to sit down quietly and see the ranks of labor tied down by Japanese and Chinese."

PLANS TO INCREASE ARMY OF BRITAIN

Nearly Half Million Men Needed at Once, Says Sir A. Geddes

London, Jan. 15.—Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon set forth the status and needs of the British fighting and munitions forces and the measures the Government is taking after agreement with most of the Labor leaders for recruitment from the classes of skilled workers who were promised exemption when conscription was adopted.

The Empire has enrolled 7,500,000 men in fighting and labor battalion forces during the war, according to the statement of the Minister, and now has more than 4,000,000 enrolled, but needs more men to hold its own against the enemy until the American strength is available.

When the full force of the United States came into play a superiority would be established which would be the sure herald of complete and final victory.

The British naval personnel, said the Minister, had expanded during the war from 150,000 to 400,000. The combined air services had increased from 2,000 to 125,000.

Substantial Superiority.

Going into the details of the situation, the Minister said in part:

"The plain facts do not support the statement that the armies are melting for lack of recruits and that recruitment has broken down."

"The Government has examined in detail the position of the Allies, and the results are not unsatisfactory. Excluding Russia and Roumania, the Allies have a substantial superiority in fighting and ration strength over the Central Powers. From a statistical standpoint the strength of the enemy gives no cause for anxiety."

"The withdrawal of Russia means that not fewer than 1,000,000 men will be made available for the enemy on the Western front. Notwithstanding Russia's defection, the resources of the Allies and Americans are sufficient to assure victory, and nothing but a psychological catastrophe could save the Central Powers."

"Every day the hitting force of Britain becomes of greater importance to the Alliance. Russia no longer strikes for freedom. France has poured forth her strength in the struggle, and cannot sustain the burden indefinitely."

The United States is not yet in the field, and months must elapse before she can advance with full stride. Italy has suffered grave misfortunes.

Britain's Duty.
"On Britain and on the skill with which she handles her man-power in the months to come everything depends."

"At sea, we must be supreme; in the air we must win supremacy, and on land we must do the best we can to fill the gap Russia has made until the United States can take her place. And all the time we have to keep our naval industries going."

Discussing the age question, the Minister said that the Germans were using boys of eighteen on the Russian front and that Austria had raised the limit to 15 years. Analyzing the enemy's strength, he declared that the Germans would be able to withdraw 500,000 men from the Eastern front, and the Austrians would be able to release enough to make the total 1,000,000. Sir Auckland assured the House that the Allies at the present time, in numbers and morale, were on equal terms with the forces of the enemy at present opposed to them, and with the necessary reinforcements, which would be found during the year, could face any additional forces which the enemy could bring.

Total Enrollment.

The total enrollment in the armed forces of the Empire had been 7,500,000. England had contributed 4,500,000; Scotland, 620,000; Wales, 280,000; Ireland, 170,000; the Dominions and colonies, 800,000. The remaining 1,000,000, composed of native fighting troops, labor corps, carriers and similar workers, were from India, Africa and other dependencies.

The Minister declared that it would be necessary to raise in this country at once from 420,000 to 450,000 men from civil life as an absolute minimum. More might be necessary during the coming year. He added that the Government had decided not to introduce conscription in Ireland for the present, nor change the military age limit in Great Britain and the colonies.

Opportunities for the increased use of the services of Allied and neutral aliens who had not been interned would have to undertake work of national importance or be interned. It was the intention to extend school boy labor in the harvest fields.

The number of women engaged in munition work has increased from 227,000 in 1914 to 815,000 last month.

Increasing Army.
Three possibilities for increasing the army, said Sir Auckland, had been considered.

First, lowering of the age limit. The Germans were taking boys of 17, but lowering the age below 18 was contrary to natural instincts and economically unsound, and the fighting value of the average youth of 18 was not commensurate with his value in civil life.

Second, raising the age limit. Economically this was less objectionable. Austria-Hungary had raised the age to 35 years, while the British limit was practically 42. But the fighting value and staying power of a man of 45 was less than that of a man of 25. The Government felt strongly that it would be contrary to national interests to raise the age limit while there were notoriously large numbers of younger men fit for service.

Third, compulsion for Ireland. The Government had considered the question carefully, and was satisfied that the reasons which excluded Ireland from the first compulsory act had lost none of their potency.

The Government had determined, however, to take a large number of young men engaged in essential industries, and also to take steps to maintain the industries after the young men were gone. The Government had divided the essential industries, roughly, into three classes. From the first it would take no men, from the second about half of the fit men, and from the third class about one-third.

FRANCE ADVANCES 2,000,000—RUBLE LOAN TO UKRAINE REPUBLIC

London, Jan. 15.—France has loaned the Ukraine 2,000,000 rubles in gold, according to a dispatch from the Odessa correspondent of The London Times, dated Friday. The French mint also has printed a large quantity of Ukraine paper money.

General Vinnichenko, president of the Ukraine secretariat, it is added, in the course of a long report to the Rada, declared that Great Britain, France, the United States, Belgium and Roumania were interested greatly in the organization of the Ukraine republic. He added: "As circumspect people, they hesitate to recognize the republic completely, but when they find it expedient they will extend us their hands, which we will accept if we think it necessary."

The president described the Ukraine as an oasis of order and constitutional policy, saying: "One constantly hears that the regeneration of the Muscovite monarchy is impossible, and therefore perhaps the Ukraine will appear also as an oasis of a revolutionary conquest."

STATUES IN BELGIUM SEIZED BY GERMANS

Washington, Jan. 15.—Bronze statues in Belgian cemeteries have been taken for war purposes by the Germans, according to an official dispatch received here. A semi-official estimate of the economic depredations of German invaders in Belgium places the damage at more than \$1,000,000,000 francs, of which 1,400,000,000 was in cash, up to last August.

HALIFAX ELECTION.

Halifax, Jan. 15.—The sheriff is sending out to the different districts of this county proclamations for the election of Halifax representatives to the House of Commons. The election is scheduled to be held on January 23. The Unionists have not yet replied to the acclamation proposal of the Liberals whereby a representative of each party would be elected without a contest.

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SEARCH FOR MURDERER QUICKENED BY WORD REACHING SEATTLE

Seattle, Jan. 15.—Asserting that he knows the whereabouts of Francis von der Heiden, who shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collison, of Vancouver, B. C., across the street from the new Providence Hospital in this city on the night of August 15, 1916, Chas. M. Gibbons, a former member of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency staff here, has aroused the local authorities to great activity.

The head of the New Orleans police department, from which city Gibbons telegraphed to Prosecuting Attorney A. H. Lindif, has been asked to find the sender of the message and tell him

that if he can turn up von der Heiden there will be paid him the sum of \$400, representing a reward offered for the accused murderer.

In his telegram to the prosecuting attorney, Gibbons, who is believed to be in an army aviation corps at New Orleans, says:

"I know whereabouts of J. von Heiden, wanted in Seattle for double murder. What reward is offered?"

Capt. of Detectives Chas. Tennant, of the Seattle police department, sent a reply at once to the chief of police of New Orleans, directing him to get in touch with Gibbons at once and to assure him there was a reward of \$400 for the arrest of Francis von der Heiden, the man in whom Gibbons undoubtedly refers.

Von der Heiden and Mrs. Collison had for several years conducted a

lodging house in Vancouver, B. C. They had a falling out and dissolved partnership shortly afterwards.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The following casualties have been announced:
Infantry.
—Gained—Pte. J. Clark, New Westminster.
—Wounded—Pte. N. Volken, Torria; Pte. C. Corbi, J. H. Wagg, Victoria; Pte. C. Crabb, Sturgeon.
Machine Gun Corps.
—Died of wounds—Pte. C. Wicks, White Rock, B. C.

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THE LOCAL ELECTIONS.

Mayor Todd's re-election by acclamation yesterday reflects the satisfaction of the public with the manner in which he performed the duties of chief magistrate of the city during his first year of office. He had been most active in furthering Victoria's interests, not only in the ordinary affairs of civic government, but in matters which, while not officially associated with his office, have an important bearing upon the progress and prosperity of the city. The Greater Production campaign, the agitation for the performance by the Canadian Northern Railway Company of its obligations concerning this island, the movement for the encouragement of tourist travel and the establishment of a closer community of interest among the municipalities of the island, are some of the matters in which His Worship has played a leading or prominent part with satisfactory results.

There will be no acclamations for aldermen. There invariably is a sizable list of aspirants for aldermanic honors the newcomers on which are convinced that they can do at least as well as those who have served the preceding term. If running the affairs of the city were as easy as standing outside and criticizing the way in which they are run Victoria would be the best-governed community on earth. But it is not so easy, and that accounts for the fact that the aldermanic record is invariably disappointing. The truth, of course, is that our system is wrong. It has not kept abreast of the times. There is no guaranteed continuity of office for any member of the Council. He is scarcely in his seat before he has to decide in his own mind whether he will be candidate next year or not and govern himself accordingly. And as there is no guarantee of continuity in men, there is no continuity of policy. A Council of archangels with Gabriel at their head would be a disappointment under those conditions. This is only one of several defects, and we are not sure it is the worst. So, while it is desirable that the electors should select the most capable men offering themselves to represent them on the Council Board, it should be realized that the system under which this municipality has been struggling for years imposes dominant limitations upon their ability to solve problems which would distract the highly-paid board of directors of a big business organization, problems, by the way, which they did not create and for which the people of Victoria—in a collective sense—are largely to blame.

Among those problems tax delinquency is described as the most important. It is, perhaps, the most pressing, although the outbreak of an epidemic of disease or crime, or the destruction of half the city by fire, every one of which is quite possible, would be sufficient to convince all and sundry that an alderman should be more than an expert on tax delinquency to meet the requirements of his office. A few years ago the chief qualification of a candidate for aldermanic honors was his ability to think of big schemes for spending borrowed money. The qualification should have been his ability to contribute to the same, honest, businesslike government of the city, as far as an outward civic system would permit him. This should be the chief qualification now and always.

SIR THOMAS CLIMBS DOWN.

According to The Toronto Globe Sir Thomas White is withdrawing the Order-in-Council controlling the issue of securities by Provinces and municipalities throughout the Dominion. This is in consequence of the criticism which challenged the constitutionality of the Order. The War Measures Act undoubtedly gives the Canadian Government wide powers, but certainly not the power to ignore the British North America Act, the common Imperial fountain-head of Dominion and Provincial authority.

A new Order-in-Council is reported

the preparation providing that Provincial Governments will not have to apply to the Ottawa for approval of flotations. The Globe suggests another solution: It urges co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Governments in respect to financial problems as well as in other matters. It thinks the best plan would be to call accredited representatives of the Provinces together in conference, and, around the one table, devise some co-operative plan of common action under which all that is deemed necessary to the continued effectual and sufficient financing of Canada's war effort may be attained without friction, by mutual agreement and strict adherence to the essential principle of Provincial rights.

E. V. BODWELL, K. C.

In the death of E. V. Bodwell, K. C., the British Columbia Bar has suffered a notable loss. For twenty years he had been one of the outstanding figures among the legal men of western Canada, and in that time had built up a reputation which was readily recognized by the jurists of the East. He combined with a naturally fine intellectual endowment, an exceptionally clear perception, marked resourcefulness and an almost phenomenal capacity for unwavering application. This combination was especially noticeable in cases calling for a high order of specialization. Nothing was too abstruse or intricate for him to master, and he would absorb in an all-night study what would take many of his legal brethren days to acquaint themselves with. His examination of witnesses on technical subjects always was a valuable educative performance to the younger members of the Bar and not infrequently to the witnesses themselves, notwithstanding the fact that they, in some instances, were giving expert testimony.

Mr. Bodwell was devoted to his profession to the end of his capacity for work. He could have ascended the Bench many years ago; indeed, had he not preferred to remain in practice in all probability he would have found his way to the Supreme Court at Ottawa. Similarly, he rejected the lure of politics except on one occasion in which, in a memorable contest, he was defeated by a slight margin in this city. Yet twenty years ago a brilliant political future was predicted for him. This was during the campaign which preceded the general election of 1896, when his able speeches attracted wide attention, and he was generally regarded as a very promising "rising hope" of the Liberal party in the Province. He was a most persuasive and convincing speaker, and when the occasion demanded could rise to heights of real eloquence. But the Law held his allegiance, with the solitary interruption we have noted, until his last illness with its lamentable finale released his grip upon his interests and his bright talents forever.

TAX RELIEF SCHEMES.

Schemes for the relief of tax delinquents which take no note of the position of those who are not delinquent are merely trifling with a serious situation. If the general taxpayers were burdened with the whole cost of certain improvements carried out in some instances as factors in a real estate boom, the result would be a fresh multiplication of delinquencies. If the general rate is raised to any appreciable extent not a few who are now paying their taxes will not be able to pay them. As it is, they are doing more than their share. They are paying as a matter of civic duty, notwithstanding the fact that the absence of a tax sale has reduced tax contribution to a voluntary basis.

It is idle to talk about the extrication of the city from its present predicament without imposing hardship in some quarters; what must be done is to evolve a solution which will make the degree of hardship involved least detrimental to the community as a whole. Undoubtedly, in the cases where the cost of improvements vastly exceeded the estimates furnished those who petitioned for them in good faith, an obligation for relief devolves upon the city as a whole, for the faulty estimates were prepared under auspices for which the city is responsible. There is a great deal to be said for the assumption by the city of the difference between a fair cost of the work done and the actual cost; but the general taxpayer cannot be expected to carry the weight which profits from excessive expropriation claims and, obviously, there should be a distinction between the beneficiaries of these outlays and the innocent victims of them on the same streets.

But if the general taxpayer is to assume a larger share of the local improvement burden two indispensable conditions must be present, and upon these there must be no room for dispute. There must be no more postponement of tax sales, and there must be careful economy in civic expenditure. If the consistent taxpayer is to bear a further load he is entitled to expect that the load shall be made as light as possible. To the argument that, as a citizen, he must share in the inevitable aftermath of the general

debouch of a few years ago, it might be pointed out that he has been carrying the whole of it during the "last three or four years. All this is apart from the question of soldiers' delinquencies, which the general taxpayer is ready to assume, although this is a matter which might be otherwise adjusted through arrangement with Ottawa.

FINANCE AND THE WAR.

The addresses of Sir Edmund Walker and Sir John Aird, President and General Manager, respectively, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at the fifty-first annual meeting of the shareholders of the institution, contain much that is interesting and instructive, not only in regard to the affairs of the bank, but concerning the interests of the nation. As usual, Sir Edmund Walker's contribution was an illuminating analysis of Canada's trade and production which will repay close study, particularly his reference to the great problems of the immediate future. He points out that for the eighteen months ending last September 30 the Dominion had an export surplus of \$552,281,166. After taking care of foreign indebtedness an unprecedented sum remains and to this should be added the proceeds from the crops since marketed or still to be marketed at prices hitherto unequalled.

While these are desirable results, the President emphasizes the fact that they have been produced under conditions in which he perceives elements of danger in the form of social unrest and antipathy between different elements of the community. He pleads for a better understanding among the contending factions as a basis of permanent prosperity. He also insists repeatedly upon the necessity of economy and the determination to refrain from buying outside of Canada articles not absolutely required for the winning of the war. Without this economy the nation's war efforts cannot be financed, and it will be impossible to provide Great Britain with the funds necessary to obtain her as our customer for every form of war material.

Sir John Aird's report deals more particularly with the intimate affairs of the institution. He gives an idea of the vast scope of war finance in his estimate of the total turnover of the bank for the year of more than \$2,000,000,000. In spite of unusual war-time conditions and demands, this institution pursues its old policy of maintaining strong cash reserves. This is shown by the fact that its cash holdings represent 18.19 per cent. of its deposits and circulation and 17.4 per cent. of its liabilities to the public.

The heavy responsibilities thrown upon the banks by the special transactions which they have been called upon to perform since the war began have been met with wonderful efficiency, considering the heavy strain the war has laid on banking organizations. Of the Commerce officers, 1,422, or seventy-five per cent. of the present male staff, exclusive of messengers, have taken up arms, and to take their places the number of women employed by the bank increased during the year by about 400 to 1,121. In connection with the vast increase in the business and the liabilities of the banks Sir John Aird urges that the underlying gold reserves of the country should be increased, and he suggests as one measure in this direction that the Government place an embargo on the export of gold produced in Canada.

The great problem of the future, the General Manager predicted, would be to feed the world. "We must so coordinate the productive forces of the nation," he says, "that there will be, as it were, the nucleus of an organization already prepared to utilize the labor of the unemployed in the production of food and in its distribution and transportation to the great markets abroad. The period of strain immediately following the war will pass away in time and normal conditions will again prevail. In order that this trade should be permanently successful under these normal conditions, it must be organized from the beginning with a view to efficiency and placed on a sound economic basis."

CHATHAM COUNCIL VOICES OPPOSITION TO COOLIE SCHEME

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 15.—At a meeting last night the City Council here went on record as opposed to any plan to introduce Chinese labor into Canada, a resolution to this effect being passed.

SAVING POWER.

Niagara, Falls, Jan. 15.—There is a considerable shortage of power for factories hereabouts. In this city, St. Catharines and other places in the district, various lights and ornamental signs have been ordered cut off and the street lighting probably will be cut off after midnight soon.

MAYOR'S SIXTH TERM.

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—A. W. Gray, mayor of New Westminster for the past five years, was re-elected by acclamation yesterday, no other name having been submitted when nomination time closed at two o'clock.

COAL SHORTAGE MORE ACUTE IN NEW YORK

Many Plants Closed; 150,000 Men in Chicago District Idle

New York, Jan. 15.—With more than 100 industrial plants in New York State closed down because of lack of fuel, hundreds of non-essential industries faced a similar situation when the new system of enforced coal distribution became effective to-day, thereby hospitals, homes, public utilities and food producers had the first working on the rapidly dwindling supply. The coal delivered in New York City yesterday was only half the daily amount needed, fuel administrators say. Of the 200,000 tons reported at or near terminals in New Jersey, only 20,000 tons were delivered here. Ice floes in the harbors in adjacent waters continue to retard delivery. During the night four barges filled with coal were sunk in the Arthur Kill, where the water is shallow, blocking twenty-six barges being towed here. Seventy-two barges have been put out of commission temporarily by the ice.

At Chicago:

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Nearly 150,000 men were idle to-day in Chicago and nearby districts owing to a fuel shortage caused by the heavy snowfall which demoralized railway traffic last Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Among the industries which were practically at a standstill were those of the largest packing plants in Chicago and many steel mills in the Calumet and Gary districts, which are working on Government contracts. Railroad officials said to-day that passenger traffic on trunk lines would be practically normal by to-morrow, but that it would take several days to clear away the accumulation of freight cars.

A snowstorm which was forecast by the weather bureau to strike Chicago last night passed some distance south and to-day appeared to be moving eastward.

The storm is just as severe as the one last week," says the forecast. "Seventeen inches of snow fell in seven hours in Evansville, Ind."

Mining Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—With addresses by officials of the state and this city and the reading of a letter from President Wilson expressing his goodwill toward the coal diggers of the country, the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America convened here to-day, the delegates in attendance representing more than 400,000 organized men in the industry. For the first time in many years an increase in wages will not be the paramount business, although many phases relating to the present standard will come before the delegates for consideration. The convention, according to its leading officers, will ratify the bituminous and anthracite wage schedule agreed to in conference in Washington several months ago, despite the fact that there is talk of some opposition. A large defence fund is suggested by some of the delegates for use in the event of any attempt being made to adjust wages downward.

IS SAID M. CAILLAUX COMMUNICATED WITH BERLIN ABOUT PEACE

(Continued from page 1.)

La Berte says that the investigation by the Italian Department of Justice into the case of Signor Calvino, an Italian assistant of Bolo Pasha, who was arrested in Italy last November, led to the discovery of a safe in a Florence Bank, the Banca Italiana Disconto, entered in the name of Renouard. This was the maiden name of Madame Caillaux and was used by the former Premier during his visits to Italy in December, 1916.

Various versions are current regarding the contents of this safe, but La Berte declares that Caillaux does not deny and is not able to deny the ownership of papers and funds deposited in the name of Renouard.

When Police Commissioner Prioleu reached M. Caillaux's apartments the former Premier, who already had risen from bed, said: "My people would not believe that I would be arrested, but I myself expected it from such a Government as we now have."

LIBERALS MAY PROTEST IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—A resolution protesting against the importation of Chinese coolie labor into Canada will be presented to the Liberal Convention to-night in Dominion Hall, called to discuss the subject of having a Liberal party candidate in the provincial election. The resolution was brought forward by the Liberal Association of Ward Two last night. The resolution alleges that certain interests are trying to stampede the new Unionist Government and that Orientals already are a serious menace on this coast, and that they monopolize the fishing industry practically.

AUSTRIA AND FINLAND.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Austria-Hungary has officially recognized the independence of Finland, according to a dispatch received here from Vienna.

TOO MANY DETECTIVES FOR THIS GOOD CITY

Aspirants for Local Civic Honors Address Meeting at North Ward School

From the point of view of more economy, and also for the reason that "Victoria is, at least, as well behaved a city as any other city in Canada," William Jackson, who was in the chair at a meeting held at the North Ward School last night, queried whether the city could not dispense with some of its detectives. The suggestion was thrown out following remarks made by P. M. Linklater, a candidate for election as a Police Commissioner, and Mr. Jackson added that, if Mr. Linklater succeeded in getting elected, he hoped he would give his attention to this matter.

In addition to the last speaker two candidates for positions as aldermen addressed the meeting, which was one very limited in the numbers of electors present, the new aspirants for civic honors being Joseph Patrick and Henry Norman, who expressed their views on the subject of the two resolutions already put forward by the Civic Retrenchment Association at previous meetings. The earlier part of the meeting was taken up with the submission of these resolutions, both of which were unanimously adopted, a result which did not happen in regard to the also previously submitted resolution drafted by John Deane with reference to extending the time for payment of taxes, which was turned down cold.

Retrenchment With Efficiency.

Joseph Patrick stated he was chary of making promises, because so many people were willing to do that prior to an election, and then forgot them afterwards. As to the matter of relief for soldiers' delinquent taxes he was quite in favor of such a measure, and he was in favor of all retrenchment coupled with unimpaired efficiency. He elected he would endeavor to bring about a solution of the matter in an equitable manner. He queried, however, whether they could get proper efficiency unless they got the taxes in. In reply to a question from J. Lansberg he was not prepared to say whether he would "set up oysters (and never mind the beer) if elected."

A Dominion Matter.

Henry Norman also was in favor of the resolution with regard to soldiers' taxes, and he thought this was a matter for the consideration of the Dominion Government and not the Provincial Government to settle, as the soldiers were fighting quite as much, he said, for the people of Quebec as they were for the people of British Columbia. As to the resolution calling for greater economy he considered few realized how much money had to be spent in improvements and for the purposes of the sinking fund, and he thought the people ought to be better educated in the matter of their taxes, which could be done if they were taken more into the confidence of the City Council.

More manufacturing was needed in order to allow the island to come into its own. He was in sympathy with a policy of economy, but economy could be carried too far, as had been found here by past experience. He would be in favor of calling together an unpaid committee of citizens to consider the question of delinquent taxes, in which connection he would like to mention that he had paid all his own taxes due to the city.

Moderate Reform.
P. McK. Linklater said he would endeavor to secure the enforcement of all existing laws and, if they proved to be inefficient, to agitate for additional proceeding, however, along the lines of moderate reform. It was at the end of his speech that William Jackson was led to make the suggestion as to the detectives employed in the city.

After speaking of the resolution concerning delinquent taxes and the way the stores were affected, Mr. Jackson asked for a mover and seconder, and the resolution was proposed by J. Howard A. Chapman, seconded by W. J. O'Reilly, who held that it was much more desirable that returned soldiers should be able to keep possession of what they owned previous to the war rather than be driven to other parts of the country. The second resolution, that concerned with the need for greater economy, was then put to the meeting without the formality of a mover and seconder, and was also carried unanimously.

None in Favor.

John Deane's suggested resolution dealing with the advisability of extending the term for payment of taxes to thirty years "for such term as might be desirable" was explained by Mr. Deane at considerable length, on the same lines as he used at the meetings held last week. When the chairman asked those in favor to say so, there was no response, and when he called for those to the contrary there were several cries of "No, no," upon which the resolution was declared lost, which was brought from Mr. Deane the statement that he was sorry he had spent so much time to get such a poor response. At the conclusion of the meeting the Association wanted members, and if the gentlemen of the aldermanic board knew that the Association had a couple of thousand members it would have a very good effect, but as matters stood it was appalling to note the lack of interest. He asked anyone present with a dollar to give it to the secretary and become a member.

GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The death of Max Muller, one of the most successful German airmen, is reported in a Munich dispatch to The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. Muller was killed in a fall resulting from a defect in his engine. He was claimed to have accounted for thirty-eight victims in aerial combats.



DELINQUENT TAXES.

To the Editor.—Several letters have appeared in the daily press relative to delinquent taxes and the position of some of the late council who are seeking re-election. In the public are quite capable of making their choice and deciding on the merits of the individuals offering. I only want to point out, as an aspirant for office, that my taxes are always paid up in time to reap the benefit of the reduction, so that if elected I will be able to do full justice to any suggested settlement of the tax question that may come up for discussion.

HUGH MACDONALD.

NOT DELINQUENT.

To the Editor.—It has been called to my attention that the taxes on two lots on the corner of Superior, Kingston and Montreal Streets are, during this municipal election, being quoted as owing by Mr. W. Walker.

The history of this property is that an undivided half interest in above lots belong to both Mr. Walker and Mrs. Bernath; the agreement was each party to pay the taxes on one lot.

I wish to point out that Mr. Walker has kept to his agreement, but, unfortunately, Mrs. Bernath has been unable to pay hers, thus the arrears referred to are payable by her only.

A. H. HARMAN.

Agent for Mrs. Bernath.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

To the Editor.—It does not seem creditable that some of the public should want to rob us store clerks and other employees of our so much appreciated Saturday half-holiday, by changing it to Wednesday. After having it once settled by referendum this ought to be good and fair enough. I should like every customer who has a vote on the question next Thursday to ask his or her store clerks which they like the best for their half-holiday before voting. By so doing they will certainly have a little unselfish thought for us who are working indoors all the week and looking forward so much from week-end to week-end for the Saturday half-holiday, for if we are robbed of this particular boon it will be very hard for us to forget.

A. GRIFFIN.

RE HALF-HOLIDAY.

To the Editor.—Many customers have asked me which day the clerks want, as some of the canvassers for the petition represented the clerks as wanting Wednesday. The retail and wholesale clerks are unanimously in favor of Saturday. Many of them are married men with children attending school and they claim Saturday is the only day the children are free when all the family can get out together. If the half-holiday was on a Wednesday, they assert that the children will either have to miss day school that afternoon or church and Sunday school on the Sabbath in order to get out for fresh air during daylight. At present the children finish their home lessons on Friday night and are prepared to enjoy the whole of Saturday afternoon.

Further, we don't want to return to the late Saturday, when it was nothing unusual to see the delivery men delivering goods at midnight, also on Sunday mornings. The question of the weekly Saturday noon pay mentioned in a shipyard worker's letter in your paper is misleading. They being paid on the 3rd and 15th, it does not fall any oftener on Saturday than any other day. Generally, most workers get paid every two weeks or monthly; the exceptions from this rule manage to do their business with the banks without complaining. It is reasonable to suppose that they can also do their shopping during the present hours that the stores are open, which is nearly twice as long as the banks. The store clerks have the least time of all the workers to do their shopping, and still make no complaints. The information which we have collected from Vancouver and New Westminster shows that the Wednesday is unsatisfactory for a half-holiday, practically no business being done in the forenoon and that an agitation is on for another change. Don't let us make the same mistake.

The conference, convened by the Board of Trade, consisting of merchants and employees, at which I was present, drafted the necessary amendments to the bill to be passed at the coming session, removing any further cause for complaints. Attention should be called to the arrangements, whereby, when a Monday is a public holiday, the stores in future will remain open until 5:30 p.m. the previous Saturday. As I mentioned before, the retail and wholesale clerks are unanimously in favor of Saturday for the half-holiday, also, two out of every three merchants favor Saturday and appreciate it as much as do the clerks, and the public is accustomed to it. Therefore, it is hoped that the public, for these and other reasons that could be given, will vote in favor of Saturday.

J. MAURICE THOMAS.

442 Superior Street.

TAX DELINQUENCY.

To the Editor.—It is a hopeful sign when Victoria, in common with the rest of the so-called civilized world, has arrived at the conclusion that man-made laws do not protect humanity from the dire results of our false standards of life.

Putting off the day of settlement, evasion, indecision and a yellow streak are responsible for our present impasse in tax delinquency. The war spoiled the money market, but more than offset it by bringing an enormous amount of additional money into circulation, greatly strengthening Vic-

toria's position to meet the reaction from the boom.

Philosophizing regrets or hysterics will not get us out of our difficulty. Before we approach the Legislature we must know what we want. We cannot know our financial situation until the Local Improvement Tangle is fully adjusted.

Grave injustices exist in most of the by-laws dating from the beginning of the paving scheme, and in some previous to that. To attempt to straighten out matters on the suggestion of the Board of Trade would mean exchanging one injustice for another, the estimates usually being as wide of the mark as, or wider than, the final assessed costs.

Adjustment must be made upon the "Fair Cost" of the work, and the proportion to be borne by the property affected and by the city must be based upon this "Fair Cost."

The "Fair Cost" obviously cannot be determined by reference to the data in the Works Department. Neither can it be arrived at from a resurvey of the works. Either would be prohibitive in cost.

This leaves no other practical alternative than for the City Engineer to approximate the "Fair Cost" by carefully working out an estimate of the cost of an average block of complete local improvements for each width of street, using the schedule of wages and cost of materials then ruling; and adding ten per cent. for overhead charges. From this basis of cost a re-assessment made for each by-law.

The Colonist's suggestion is also wide of the mark. It would be obviously inequitable to charge the City with the whole cost of Local Improvements unless the whole City were equally improved. The proportion of cost between the assessed owner and the City must still be based upon the proportion of benefit to each.

No amount of argument can convince Oaklands that it is benefited fifty-fifty with paved Hollywood or Craigdarroch. Although the latter has to pay its share of the City's proportion of the cost of its own Local Improvement and later may have to pay its share of the City's proportion of the cost of paving Oaklands, it may have to wait many years for its improvement.

In proportioning the cost between City and owner on the adjusted cost basis, we may still consider in sidewalk and boulevard the City one-third and owner two-thirds as fair, but the City could not justify a larger proportion of the road improvement, which is of more common benefit, say nearly one-half the cost, or lumping the improvements the City to assume forty per cent., and the owner sixty per cent.

The widening and expropriation by-laws representing the greatest direct loss to the City, must be readjusted in a similar way. That the City threw away large sums of money, or that the law allowed it, is no reason why the innocent individual should be made the victim.

The balance of all costs due to discrepancies, maladministration, lack of judgment, delay, or any other cause whatever, must be borne by the responsible authority, the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Having arrived at a fair adjustment of costs and liability it remains for us to cut out the yellow streak and meet the situation to the honor and credit of the best and wealthiest city of its size on the continent, with our heads up. As near as I can judge we face an extra liability of approximately \$1,500,000. To save reputation and credit and wipe off the slate this call for an extra raise of some \$500,000 each year for five years. With the "Fair Cost" adjustment many who are now holding back will be encouraged to meet all or part of their liabilities, which will materially reduce the annual call upon the City.

What need of a City that can subscribe an average \$100 a day for equalization? To save reputation and tags, bankrupting itself in an impossible money market, while we have men in our midst anyone of whom could take care of the whole liability and not miss a square meal? What use even among ourselves creating a larger debt to wipe out the existing one. No need to create a new liability at all. That will not put our City on its feet. Let the City Assessor advise each property owner what his share of the annual requirement is, and let us voluntarily subscribe the amount, taking care of each year's obligation in advance. Let those who have no property subscribe, if they think enough of the City to do so, and let those who are more fortunate bear the burdens of the less fortunate, and we will have learnt a good lesson cheaply.

The man who deliberately gambles with other people's property, and is now trying to force the City to make it possible for him to continue the gamble at the City's risk and expense.

A. J. MORLEY.

Montrose Avenue, Victoria.

January 14.

QUITE A FROST

Conservative Meeting at Wellington on Saturday Postponed for Want of Audience.

When the ex-Minister of Lands, W. R. Ross, M.P., and the Rev. William Boulton, of South Vancouver, reached the appointed meeting hall at Wellington on Saturday evening last, there was not a soul in attendance.

The event was to have been a Conservative gathering in the interests of Richard Wallis's candidature in the Newcombe riding, and as such was widely advertised. Disappointed and crossbilled both the ex-Minister and the Minister from South Vancouver found no alternative but to call it off.

In the meantime reports from various sections of the riding indicated satisfactory gatherings on behalf of the Liberal standard-bearer, J. F. Hedges, who is to be assisted by Premier Brewster and the Hon. John Oliver at Alberni to-morrow, and at Parksville and Wellington the following day.

Hon. William Sloan left for the various mining localities of the riding yesterday and expects to be away from the city for several days.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

A Complete Disposal of Women's High-Grade Novelty Boots

To-morrow at \$5.65 a Pair



In order to make sure of a complete disposal of Women's Novelty Boots we have further reduced prices for Wednesday's selling.

Besides the balance of Novelty Boots offered at the opening of the sale, we have added many of our regular "Queen Quality" lines, which have become broken in sizes. About 200 pairs in all and a fair range of sizes, but frankly, if you wear 4, 4½ or 5 you had better be here early, as there are only a few left.

Represented are Boots of white kid, white buck, brown calf, brown kid, greys, champagne, black and white—in fact, all the good sellers. Every pair a high-class novelty, and most are worth at least double.

Clearing To-morrow, a Pair, \$5.65

—Shoes, First Floor

Serviceable Dresses of Cloth and Silk

Marked at Reduced Prices

\$11.90, \$14.90, \$22.90

An attractive assortment of good, serviceable Dresses, selected from regular stock, and re-priced for quick selling. Represented are models of navy blue and black serges, taffeta silks and satins; also crepe de chine. Styles are in the Billie Burke loose-fitting effects; also the more decided waistline styles with plain and embroidered belts or girdles. Values in the lot formerly priced as high as \$40.00. Early choosing advisable.

—Mantles, First Floor

Silk Finish English Cord Velvets, a Yard

79c

—The newest chiffon finish. This gives a nice soft effect, making the garments hang exactly like real silk velvets.

The colors are navy, brown, grey, reseda, bottle green, wine, cream, purple, copenhagen and black.

—Silks, Main Floor

42-Inch Donegal Tweed Effects Selling at, a Yard, \$1.25

A good-heavy quality Tweed, which we purchased to advantage. Will make up nicely in smart garments for the Spring. Six different mixtures to choose from. Ask to see these in our Dress Goods Section.

—Main Floor

Sale of White Goods in Staple Department

The lines being offered this week are the old standard grades from the leading Canadian and English mills.

White Cambrics, 36 inches wide, and a perfect bleach, suitable for ladies' and children's wear; worth at least 10 cents a yard more than we are asking. Compare our prices with what you have been in the habit of paying—

20c, 22½c, 25c and 27½ cents a yard.

White Longcloths, 36 inches wide and a variety of fine, even weaves from which to make your selection. A pure bleach and free from dressing, which makes this cloth the most suitable for making into Nightgowns and Underwear of all kinds—

20c, 22½c, 25c and 30 cents a yard.

Nainsooks and Madapolams in the medium and the fine qualities, suitable for fine lingerie and children's wear. For those who like to use a fine-lace for trimmings we have some very fine Horrockses Cloths, that for fineness and wearing qualities cannot be equalled. Our prices vary according to quality from the medium grades as low as 20 cents, to the better qualities as high as 80 cents, with intermediate prices ranging every 5 cents up.

—Cotton Dept., Main Floor

Another Delivery of Gold, Silver, Steel and Antique Trimmings and Flouncings

These materials are fashionable, and there's an increasing demand for them. We are therefore glad to announce another delivery, including—

Trimmings and Flouncings, with bandings to match; beautiful designs of gold, silver, steel, and antique. Priced from, a yard, \$1.00 to \$7.50

—Trimmings, Main Floor

Fibre Silk Scarves In the Newest Shades

—We have just received another delivery of these Beautiful Scarves. The quality is very fine, while the shades are rich and bright, and most fashionable for present wear. Each, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.75

Brush Wool Scarves, in all the new fashionable shades. Special, \$1.00

—Selling Main Floor

A New Shipment of Best Quality Big Clearing Away of Men's

Crepe de Chine Underwear White Dress and Business Shirts at About Half-Price



Will Add Further Interest to the January White Sale.

Beautiful garments, well made and very neatly finished from best quality crepe de chine. French designs. Very dainty, and some pieces most elaborately trimmed. You will appreciate the values. Included are:

Nightgowns, of best quality crepe de chine, elaborately trimmed in French designs. January White Sale \$12.50
Combinations, to match \$10.50
Camisoles, in same designs, each \$4.75

OTHER OFFERINGS IN HIGH-GRADE UNDERWEAR

Underskirts, of good quality washing satin, hemstitched flounce, trimmed with ribbon rosettes. January White Sale \$6.75
Underskirts, of heavy Jap silk, finished with two flounces of shadow lace. January White Sale, each \$6.75

Nightgowns of flesh colored Japanese silk, made in Empire styles, no sleeves, elaborately trimmed with lace and ribbon. January White Sale \$6.75

Nightgowns, of flesh colored satin, daintily trimmed with insertion and lace. January White Sale \$8.75

Dainty Nightgowns of flesh colored mull, trimmed with fine Val lace and insertion. January White Sale \$3.75

Envelope Combinations, of flesh colored mull, trimmed to match. January White Sale price \$3.50

Envelope Drawers of white mercerized mull, daintily trimmed with lace, elastic top. January White Sale \$1.50

—Underwear, First Floor

Two Extra Special Values in Infants' Dresses, 75c and \$1.00

—One model is of fine White Lawn, finished with tucked yoke and prettily trimmed with embroidery insertion; tucked skirt with frill of embroidery. Sizes 6 months to 2 years. Extra Special Value at \$1.00

—The other offering is a nice White Muslin Dress, finished with yoke and skirt trimmed with embroidery; neck and sleeves edged with narrow lace. Sizes 6 months to 2 years. Extra Special Value at 75c

—Infants, First Floor

Men! You'll Have to Hurry If You Want to Buy a \$20.00 to \$30.00 Suit or Overcoat for \$10.00

There's only a limited quantity left, and the sizes are badly broken up. However, if you can find your size here there's a great bargain for you. But don't delay—we are clearing out the remainder of stock quickly. We must vacate the old Imperial building by the end of this month. Our reduced prices help you to remove the goods for us.

Read the following particulars.

Men's Showerproof Coats, \$5.00

In sizes 37, 38 and 40 only. Regular values to \$10.00. Exceptional bargains, these.

Men's Tweed Top Coats, \$10.00

Medium weight garments for present and early spring wear. Smart styles, with and without velvet collars. Sizes 4, 36, 38 and 39 only. Worth regularly to \$22.50.

Men's Tweed and Serge Suits, \$10.00

Entire balance of Men's Suits and in sizes 34 and 35 only. These are most extraordinary bargains for men who can get fitted. There are smart tweeds, also all-wool serges in navy and black. Suits worth regularly \$22.50 to \$30.00. Limited quantity only, so shop early.

Men's Tweed and Worsted Pants at \$2.50 and \$3.75 a Pair

A big selection of patterns and shades in stripes, check effects and mixtures. Strong, durable cloths for both work and business wear. Also smart designs and cloths for dress wear. All sizes in the lot.

Regular values to \$5.75, clearing at, pair \$3.75
 Regular \$3.75, clearing at, pair \$2.50

Men's Tweed Caps, Clearing at 25c

Surplus Sizes and Broken Assortments in Men's Stiff and Fedora Hats, Clearing at 95c

Men's Clothing, Main Floor



A complete disposal of all broken assortments and surplus sizes in this class of goods. Very great bargains are to be had, as most are selling at about one-half the regular.

Men's White Dress Shirts, pique starched bosom, coat shape, full size in body and 3-inch starched cuffs. Sizes 14½, 15, 15½, 16½ and 17. Reg. \$2.25 value. Half-price sale to-morrow 95c

White Dress Shirts, plain starch bosom and starched cuffs. Coat shape and full size in body. In sizes 14, 15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½ and 18. Reg. values to \$1.75. Half-price sale to-morrow 69c

Men's Business Shirts, plain white with pleated or plain soft bosom, starched cuffs and collarband. Sizes 15 to 17½. Values to \$1.75. Half-price sale to-morrow 95c

Men's White Cotton Negligee Shirts, with 3-inch starched cuffs, soft bosom and starched collarband; coat shape and full size in body. Sizes 14 to 17. Reg. \$1.25. Special sale to-morrow 95c

Men's White Dress Shirts, "Arrow" brand, plain and fancy starched bosom and cuffs. Sizes 14, 15½, 16½, 17 and 17½ only. About one and one-half dozen in this lot. Reg. \$2.50 value. Clear at half-price sale, each, \$1.50

—Men's Shirts, Main Floor

White Sale of Embroideries

Beautiful qualities in various widths and a splendid variety of designs. You will prove it a wise policy to buy now, even your next Summer's supply, at the following Sale prices—

Embroideries, 2 to 6 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., 15c
 " 7 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., 25c
 " 18 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., 35c
 " 18 to 20 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., 50c
 " 24 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., 75c
 " 40 ins. wide. January White Sale, a yd., \$1.00

—Embroideries, Main Floor

Oatmeal Toilet Soap

A Special Sale of this well-known Toilet Soap at our Drug Dept. Wednesday only. You will be well advised to take advantage of this opportunity of laying in a stock at a low price.

8 Cakes for 25c

No phone or C. O. D.'s accepted and delivered only with other goods.

—Drugs, Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Another Opportunity for You to Save Money on a Box of Apples

We have thirty-one boxes only of Okanagan delicious Apples. Notice the price.

A Saving of 77c

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL
Choice California Prunes, reg., per lb., 15c. Special, 2 lbs. 25c

Malahat Blend	25c	Clark Soups	25c
Coffee, lb.,		2 tins	
Pacific or Maple Leaf Milk, large cans, 2 for	25c	H. P. Sauce, bottle	24c
		B. C. Tomatoes, large cans, each	20c

FRUIT SPECIAL ON WEDNESDAY
Okanagan Delicious Apples. Worth \$2.75 per box. Only \$1.98

DRUG SPECIALS ALL THIS WEEK

Alvina (a general tonic), regular \$1.00 bottles 74c
War Tax Paid.
Mennen's Dentifrice, regular 25c for 19c
War Tax Paid, 2 for 35c

H. O. KIRKHAM & CO., LTD.

Victoria, B. C. Duncan, B. C.

PHONES: Grocery, 178 and 179. Delivery, 5522
Fish and Provisions, 5520. Meat, 5521

FURNITURE FOR 3-ROOM HOUSE, \$250

Below we give a list to completely furnish a three-room apartment or bungalow, with reliable new Furniture, including bed linen, range, cutlery, crockery, curtains, carpets, etc., for \$250. We have this list always on hand and will be pleased to show you any time. We can arrange terms of one-third deposit, balance monthly, or give you a discount of 10% spot cash, or 5% thirty days.

KITCHEN

Range, with 16-in. oven, high warming closet, with water jacket complete; 24 pieces plated cutlery, 46-piece dinner set; floor covering, 12 ft. x 12 ft.; 2 chairs, table, curtain pole, window shade, complete set of kitchen hardware, 40 pieces, as follows: Enamel kettle, 2 saucepans, double boiler, stirring spoon, 2 pudding dishes, fry pan, bake pan, cullender, 3 bread tins, 2 pie plates, egg beater, flour sifter, potato masher, cake cutter, muffin tin, rolling pin, can opener, egg slicer, tea pot, dipper, toaster, strainer, sink strainer, pepper and salt, wash boiler, wash tub, scrub brush, broom, duet pan, soap dish, enamel wash basin, galvanized pail, axe.

We have other outfits at \$300, \$350, \$400 and up. Come in and see these outfits. We will be pleased to show you.

Standard Furniture Co.

711 YATES

There is imperative need for the exercise of economy and thrift by every element in the community.

The housewife can save by getting More Bread and Better Bread.

If she uses

PURITY FLOUR

Use it in all your Baking

LITTLE GIRL IN CURLS IS AT ROYAL VICTORIA

The management of the Royal Victoria wishes that all of the motion picture going public of the city would come out to its house this week and see a picture which features a little girl in curls who is very anxious to get ahead in the world as a motion picture actress. The management wants to see this young girl make a success.

Because it believes that with a little experience this actress may perhaps become successful and be well known. The young girl is very ambitious and although she hasn't had much experience on the screen, her friends in High School all told her that they thought she had dramatic ability, and with training might become a big star some day. The name of the picture is "The Little Princess"—and the young actress above mentioned is Mary Pickford.

"DAUGHTER OF GODS" DELIGHTFUL FANTASY

Annette Kellerman, the Diving Venus, but One of Many Attractions

Embracing the whimsical fantastic charm of the fairy play, and the magnificent splendor of a pageant of the Orient, the much talked about production of "The Daughters of the Gods," which made its first appearance at the Dominion Theatre last night, has a potent attraction which should draw the whole of Victoria.

For two and a half hours the audience is transported to a realm of unreality, which recalls childhood memories of Hans Andersen's fairy tales and the thrill of the Arabian Nights.

The whole elaborate production has been woven about the accomplishments of Annette Kellerman, the world famous water nymph. Yet so artistically has this been done that Miss Kellerman's natural charms, and wonderful accomplishments form but one of the many attractions of this magnificent spectacle.

Perhaps the most delightful part of the whole production lies in the second part of the picture, which portrays Eililand. In a scene of fairy-like beauty—the film was staged in the island of Jamaica—against the background of a tumbling, splashing cascade, hundreds of quaint little gnomes scurry about at their various tasks. The Lilliputian idea is cleverly conceived and carried out, the hordes of white-bearded elves being represented by children.

The Dream Maiden invades the domain of these little people and in a moss-bowered pool in a sylvan dell, the swimming girl of the gnomes, Annette Kellerman gives a beautiful and graceful exhibition of her wonderful skill as a diver.

Life of the East. Imbued with all the life and movement of the East are the scenes depicting the City of the Sultan. The scenes in the palace are of sumptuous magnificence, and meticulous nicety of detail is evident in the portrayal of the harem of the Sultan and the crowds of Moors, Arabs, Ethiopians and other phases of life incidental to the capital of an Eastern potentate. The proximity of the sea, with its pagentry of tossing waves on a rock-bound coast, forms an added charm to the picturization of the fantasy.

Special Music. A delightful musical accompaniment is rendered by a special orchestra of about thirty pieces, and adds the finishing touch to what is without doubt the most gorgeous picture that has ever been shown in Victoria.

A MERRY SHOW IS PANTAGES PROMISE

A merry bill is promised for Pantages patrons this week, commencing with the matinee performance on Wednesday. Pretty girls, comedy and dancing rule the boards. The bill has action and brightness throughout and the advance notices say that it is one of the most successful aggregations of amusement turns to come along for quite a while.

The headline attraction is the musical comedy riot of fun and snicery entitled "The Bride Shop," in which Eddie Vogt is the principal comedian, being supported by a strong cast and a chorus of beauties. The musical numbers were specially written for this act, while the scenic effects are the products of the best artists available. Altogether a most pleasing attraction that is sure to make a distinct hit with yauvetele fans.

Tom Kelly will be back with that popular Irish face of his and the rollicking fun of his stories and song. That is a fine baritone voice of Tom Kelly's and his gift of telling stories has made him one of the most popular actors to come to this coast. He is sure to be a decided hit on the bill. Miss Bobbie Tremaine is a clever dancer who is smart and right up to the minute in everything she does. She brings some new dances, among

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them the "Joan of Arc." She also has her own stage setting and a trunkful of pretty clothes.

Jack Kennedy, assisted by Helene Warde and company, will offer the latest comedy from the pen of Willard Mack, entitled "Don't Do It," which is full of clever situations of ludicrous nature.

Flo and Ollie Walters, two dainty misses, will entertain with some dainty ditties and bright repartee.

Rodriguez, the wizard of the wire, will make good his title by offering the most spectacular number ever presented on a wire.

"The Fatal Ring," with fearless Pearl White, is still thrilling Pantages audiences with the different snappy episodes of the story.

"SON OF HIS FATHER" AT VARIETY THEATRE

"The Son of His Father," the first production in which clever young Charles Ray will appear under the supervision of Thomas H. Ince for Paramount, was picked out by the young actor himself from a number of popular plays and stories submitted to him for his approval. "The Son of His Father" is to be shown to-day and tomorrow at the Variety.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED WILLIAM S. MITCHELL

Petitioner Lived at Cowichan When His Wife Elope With Thos. A. Dundas

Order absolute in divorce was this morning made by Mr. Justice Gregory in the independent action brought by William Stewart Mitchell, of Cowichan Bay, farmer, against his wife, Agatha Mitchell, formerly Rademeyer, Thomas Archibald Dundas being named as the co-respondent. The latter, who is a son of Major Dundas, formerly well-known in the city, eloped from Victoria with Mrs. Mitchell in 1912.

As a sequel to this occurrence Mrs. Dundas brought an action for divorce, the case being tried on the mainland, where a decree nisi was pronounced by Mr. Justice Morrison. The present proceedings followed.

A. P. Luxton, K.C., this morning represented petitioner, who, in the witness-box, testified to his marriage having taken place at Lorenzo Marques, in Portuguese East Africa, on June 21, 1902, and to the divorce proceedings which were taken in the action brought against Dundas and Mrs. Mitchell by Mrs. Dundas. Respondent and co-respondent were not represented and the order absolute was made. There are no children of the marriage.

Enthusiastic Meetings. — Lieut.-Col. J. M. MacMillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Capt. E. J. Gook are having enthusiastic receptions at the various points visited in the State of Oregon, at which they are holding "War Crusade" meetings on the invitation of the Oregon State Council of Defence. They will conclude the meetings on January 21, when they will leave on their return to Victoria.



SCENE FROM "A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS" WHICH IS SHOWING AT THE DOMINION THEATRE THIS WEEK

CHINESE FARM LABOR ON INDENTURE PLAN

Asked for by Local Council of Women at Yesterday's Meeting

"Whereas owing to the shortage of farm labor in British Columbia and the burden laid upon Canada to supply food to the Allies; resolved that we, the Local Council of Women of Victoria, ask the Government for restricted Chinese farm labor. This labor to be brought in on the indenture plan with due protection to labor unions." Such were the terms of an amended resolution sent to the National Council of Women as the result of much discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Local Council held in the Y. W. C. A.

Some little time ago a resolution urging the Government to take steps in the matter of the labor question was forwarded to the National Council, but was referred back with the request that the "kind" of labor needed to be definitely stated. The use of the stipulation "Chinese" in the resolution caused some opposition. Much discussion ensued, in which Mrs. Whyte-Birch, speaking from the point of view of practical farming experience, pointed out that "skilled" labor was necessary, and that as such the Chinese were the only ones available at terms within reach of the farmer.

Mrs. Scholefield urged that more thoughtful consideration should be given to the need of supplying the Allies with food rather than the more selfish personal concern.

The treasurer's report included the financial statement of the tag day organized for Halifax relief. A telegram of thanks was read from the Local Council of Women of Halifax, to whom the money—\$2,249—was sent. Application for affiliation into the Council of the Board of Direction and Control of the Social Service Committee was received and granted.

Suggest Extension of Library Hours. Some discussion followed the receipt of a resolution from the Victoria Literary Society asking that the Provincial Library be opened to the public in the evenings. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. J. B. Graves supported the resolution, pointing out that the library represented much public money and should be available to those who were unable to attend during the day. Mrs. Frank Andrews remarked that the keeping open of the library during the evening would entail closer guarding of these treasures from possible destruction by enemies of the allied countries and moved that the resolution be referred back to the Literary Society with the suggestion that the matter be held over until after the war. Mrs. Livingstone seconded the motion, which was carried.

Affiliated Societies. Reports were received from the various societies upon the matter of the increase in affiliation fees necessitated by the levy asked by the National Council. The majority of the affiliated organizations expressed their willingness to pay the increase, but it was finally decided to make the increase a purely voluntary contribution from the societies.

Candidates Address Meeting. During the afternoon the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Frank Andrews, who is seeking election to the Board of School Trustees, and Mrs. Spofford, who is a candidate for membership on the Board of Police Commissioners. Both candidates asked the support of the members of the Council and expressed their intention of working to the best interests of the city of Victoria should they be elected.

Mrs. Spofford, appearing before the Council in the new role as candidate, expressed the belief that when men last year gave women the franchise they expected women to accept the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship. If elected she would do her best to ensure the strict and impartial enforcement of the law. Mrs. Spofford voiced the opinion that certain questions—such as the women of the streets—needed to be dealt with by a woman, as men do not see such matters from the same viewpoint as a woman.

The Council endorsed the candidature of both women and pledged support at the polls. It was decided to extend invitations to Mrs. McGill, juvenile judge of Vancouver, and Rev. H. T. Archibald to address the annual meeting on February 12 and 13, also to Dr. F. F. Westbrook to speak on questions of education at the same meeting.

Equimult Council.—The final session of the present Equimult Council was held last evening. A resolution setting forth the advantages of the steel shipbuilding industry to British Columbia and prizing Dominion support was submitted by a Mainland municipal council. The resolution was endorsed. Engineer H. F. Bourne, in a report, reviewed the work done by his department during the past year.

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Corset Covers, 25¢, 35¢, 45¢, 65¢ and up.	Combinations, 85¢, 95¢, \$1.35, \$1.65 and up.
Drawers, 35¢, 54¢, 65¢, 75¢ and up.	

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Social Personal

Mrs. M. A. Wythe, of Shawinigan Lake, is staying at Hampton Court for a few days.

Mrs. A. B. Stewart (nee Miss McNiven) will be "at home" on Thursday, January 17, at her residence, 1220 McKenzie Street, 3 to 6 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander, of Victoria, were among the recent visitors to Vancouver, where they have been guests at the Hotel Vancouver.

Mrs. J. C. Holley, who has been spending the past week visiting her many friends in Seattle, returned to the Capital by yesterday's boat from the Sound.

Mrs. T. Clarke, of Kamloops, accompanied by her little daughter, Constance, left on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver, where she expects to reside until her husband's return from active service overseas. She has been on an extended visit to her brother, T. H. Scott, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Floyd, of 1155 Monterey Avenue, Oak Bay, have announced the engagement of their elder daughter, Evelyn, to Walter C. Weatherston, of London, Ont. The groom-elect was formerly a member of the local staff of the Bank of British North America and left Victoria with the 2nd C. M. R. Battalion in June, 1916, spending twenty-two months in France with that unit. The marriage will take place early in February.

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candles in silver candle-sticks. During the afternoon Mrs. Wilson presented each of the three nurses with a little farewell gift in the shape of a pocket diary. Miss Diana Irving, the fourth member of the draft is in the rest of the party at Toronto.

THE WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 15.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains low over Northern B. C., and mild weather with rain is general on the Pacific Slope, extending to California. Snow is reported in Cariboo and Kootenay and the temperatures are above zero in Alberta, while eastward to Manitoba they are a few degrees below.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4°; minimum, 41°; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .18; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41°; minimum, 31°; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22°; minimum, 14°; wind, calm; snow, .30; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22°; minimum, 14°; wind, calm; snow, .30; weather, cloudy.

	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook	14	—
Calgary	14	—
Edmonton	10	—
Winnipeg	6	—
Toronto	22	—
Ottawa	18	—
Montreal	23	—
St. John	23	—
Halifax	28	—



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Wanted shades, and all styles of the most recent creation. You will find these Coats as charming as the values are good. Many of them were originally priced at \$42.50.



KELLERD CREATES A NEW MAN IN HAMLET

Strong Company Did Justice to Immortal Drama at Pantages Theatre

For many seasons a Shakespearean play has been almost a stranger to Victoria, but last evening it was once again introduced to a local audience, and this time through the presentation, by John E. Kellard and his company at the Pantages Theatre, of what Henry Miller calls the worst and Frederick Warde the best of his dramas—"Hamlet."

Much has been said, much more written, of this immortal work of an immortal bard; yet no critic who has expressed himself on Shakespeare's masterpiece has found complete coincidence of thought with his predecessors. It was thus that last evening's small, but withal appreciative audience, awaited with keen expectancy the interpretation of an actor who many years ago scored a distinct hit on the Pacific Coast as leading man with the late Mme. Modjeska.

Played Frequently.
"Hamlet" has been played possibly more frequently than any other classic, and the interpretations offered of the character of the young Danish prince have been manifold. All his angles and moods have been emphasized; he has been depicted as mad, and again as merely the exposition of an enraged

My Limbs Would Twitch

And Waken Me—Unable to Rest or Sleep, I Walked the Floor in Nervous State—When Specialists Failed I Found a Cure

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 15.—This is the kind of cure that has set Windsor people thinking and talking about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. The action of this food cure is so radically different to the usual treatments for the nerves that everybody wants to try it. Gradually and certainly it nourished the starved nerves back to health and vigor and the benefits obtained are both thorough and lasting.

Mrs. M. Smithson, 27 Arthur Street, Windsor, Ont., writes: "I was suffering from nervous breakdown, which was caused by a shock when fire broke out in the adjoining house. My nerves went to bed. I could not get my nerves quieted down sufficiently to go to sleep. I used to get up and walk around the room, or go downstairs. Even when I would be dropping off to sleep my limbs would twitch and waken me. I used to have cold, nervous, night sweats, sometimes would become unconscious and lie that way for quite a little while. I was always cold and it seemed impossible for me to get warm or keep warm. When on the spot I would see two or three objects at once, and did not want any person to speak to me or bother me. My little nose irritated and annoyed me very much. I had consulted specialists and tried many remedies during this time, but could not gain relief. At last I tried Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and before long could see that this treatment was proving of benefit. I am now feeling so much better that I can go out on the street without any difficulty, can go across the river and go about the same as usual. I sleep sweet at night, and my feeling more like myself every day. I am pleased to be able to write you to tell you how much good the Nerve Food has done me. It has strengthened and built up my whole system. I am recommending it to everybody I find suffering from nervousness of any kind."

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and noble nature; he has spoken as the poet and dreamer and in practically every conception of human melancholy.

Kellard's interpretation last night held something new; something, at first difficult to define, but nevertheless a factor inseparable from the actor and his play. His was perhaps a more modern Hamlet, in closer touch with the twentieth century, yet possibly more human than that of many a predecessor. His character was in no degree mad; but insane when such a mood would suit his purpose: that purpose—to play a deadly game to a successful, if indeed a tragic end.

Matter For Debate.

Is this the Hamlet that Shakespeare pictured? Nobody will venture to say, or if indeed such a one is found, he will meet with constant variance of opinion. Whether or not Mr. Kellard's "Hamlet" is the right one is a matter for debate; and while such it remains, the fact must be admitted that the actor made his role one of deep human interest and equally wide appeal. His lines, spoken for the most part in a clear conversational tone, created a new bond of sympathy between player and audience. In gesture he proved himself a master, and spoke frequently by slight yet effective mannerisms that bore full expression to that which words might have failed to depict. The scene of his denial of love for Ophelia was a capital illustration of this power.

A leading role so well portrayed demanded much of its supporting associates, but Mr. Kellard's company met all expectations. C. A. Smily as Polonius and later as the Gravedigger created a personality that has rarely if ever been surpassed in local Shakespearean performances. His indulgence in wit was carried to a degree admirably suited to the piece.

Charmingly Effective.
Miss Margaret Bulkeley made an appealing and charming Ophelia, scoring the highest effect in the famous mad scene. Walter Hubbell, as the Ghost, was very effective. His voice could hardly have been better suited for the part, while the lines were delivered with an awful dignity, at least suggestive of the supernatural.

To-night Mr. Kellard and his company will present "Macbeth" at the same theatre.

GIVES SOME DATA

City Comptroller Files Information With Regard to the City's Sinking Funds.

The following return has been filed with the City Council by the Comptroller, showing the state of sinking funds, etc:

1. Question—Total amount of Sinking Funds in arrears of deposit by the City of Local Improvement Sinking Funds. Answer—People's Share, \$1,317,108.89; City's share, \$272,449.63.

2. Question—From what source of revenue is the interest derived from the interest due on delinquent Local Improvement Bonds? Answer—There are no delinquent Local Improvement Bonds. The interest on Local Improvement debentures is paid by the Local Improvement Assessments that are collected.

3. Question—Give total amount of arrears delinquent on account of Local Improvement Sinking Funds. Answer—\$1,291,359.84. These figures have not been checked, but are approximately correct.

4. Question—Give total amount of interest in arrears owing on Local Improvement works. Answer—There is no interest in arrears on any debentures either general or local improvement. Accrued interest on arrears to December 31, 1917, \$119,236.19.

HEROES CONGRATULATED

Mayor Todd Cables to Major G. R. Pearkes, V. C., and Sergt. Mullins, V. C.

The following telegrams of congratulation from His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Victoria, have been sent to Major Pearkes, V. C., and Sergt. Mullins, V. C.:

To Major Pearkes—"Your home city is proud to learn that you have won the coveted Victoria Cross and extend warmest congratulations."

To Sergt. Mullins—"Your home city is proud to learn that one of her native sons has won the coveted Victoria Cross and extends warmest congratulations."

MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. Herbert MacKenzie Ross, Son of W. R. Ross, M. P. P., Awarded Honor.

That his son, Lieut. Herbert MacKenzie Ross, has been awarded the Military Cross, is the information which has reached W. R. Ross, M. P. P., who is at present campaigning in the Alberni district. Lieut. Ross was very severely wounded last November, and it is assumed that the distinction is awarded in connection with his gallantry on that occasion.

Lieut. Ross left the city with the 103rd Battalion, and is now only 21 years of age, a year younger than his brother, Lieut. William C. Ross, who also owns the Military Cross, having received the honor last April. On arrival in England Lieut. Herbert Ross became attached to the 42nd Battalion.

Corporation of the District of Saanich

Public meetings will be held during the week as under:

Ward Two—St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Road, Tuesday, January 15th, at 8 p. m.

Ward Seven—Tillicum School, Orilla Street, Wednesday, January 16th, at 8 p. m.

Ward One—Temperance Hall, Cedar Hill Cross Road, Thursday, January 17th, at 8 p. m.

Card of Thanks

I beg to thank the citizens of Victoria for re-electing me, by acclamation, Mayor of Victoria, for the year 1918.

A. E. TODD

14th January, 1918,
Victoria, B. C.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT NOTICE!

Municipality of Saanich

TO WIT:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a poll has become necessary at the Election now pending for the same, and that I have granted such poll; and further, that the persons duly nominated as candidates at the said Election, and for whom only votes will be received are:

Surname	Other Names	Whether For Councillor or Police Commissioner	For What Ward	Abode	Rank Profession or Occupation
CAREY	William	Councillor	Two	367 Saanich Rd.	Forestry Clerk
GRAHAM	William	Councillor	Two	288 Temperance Rd.	Engineer
DIGGON	Harold Montague	Councillor	Seven	Park View Drive	Printer
OWEN	Ernest	Councillor	Seven	119 Battleford Ave.	Engineer
DEMPSTER	Patrick William	Police Commissioner		Maplewood Road	Blacksmith
DIGGON	Harold Montague	Police Commissioner		Park View Drive	Printer
OWENS	James	Police Commissioner		349 Davidson Ave.	Carpenter

Of which all persons are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, B. C., this 14th day of January, 1918.

R. F. F. SEWELL,
Returning Officer

APPEAL TRIBUNAL CASES FOR HEARING

Claim of M. A. Stewart, of Department of Agriculture, Listed Here

The following is the list of cases set down for hearing on January 30 by the Appeal Tribunal presided over by Judge Lampman:

Fred Austin Cullin, Port Alice; electrician.
Barry Reid, G. P. O. Vancouver; sailor.

Thomas Gillies Allen, North Pender Island; farmer.

Thomas Hourston Stott, 351 Simcoe Street; manager dry goods.

David Burns, G. P. O. Victoria; porter on steamship Princess Charlotte.

Malcolm Alex. Stewart, 1905 Haro Street, Vancouver; constable in the Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Thomas M. Clarke, Elk Lake mine, Quatsino; miner.

Roy L. Wille, Elk Lake mine, Quatsino; mechanic.

Charles James Wade, Elk Lake mine, Quatsino; teamster.

Walter Head, Elk Lake mine, Quatsino; engineer.

Robert Stanley Smith, Nootka; caretaker at marble quarry.

William Brent Nevin, 1182 McClure Street; wireless instructor.

Cecil R. Drader, Cumberland; school teacher.

James William Pilgrim, Glenagarry Apartments, Cook Street; pursuer on steamship Tees.

Fred Churchill Bate, Keating; farmer.

Use of Gorge Park.—The total number of swimmers at the Gorge Park last year, 12,100, is a small advance on 1916, but a decrease on the year 1915 of about 1,000.

For Alderman

VOTE FOR JOHN DAY.

My platform: Our duty to the Returned Soldier.

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Careful supervision and cutting out of useless and unnecessary expenditure.

If elected, I will do my best as a citizen to keep Victoria on the map.

It is for you to elect me; if you do so, I will do my duty faithfully.

JOHN DAY,
389 Madison Street, Victoria.

W. T. WILLIAMS

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

For Police Commissioner

To the Electors of Victoria Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce my candidature for the office of Police Commissioner. In doing so I desire to state that if I am elected I will do my best to insure the enforcement of law and order in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, the desirability of which must be appreciated by everyone with the best interest of the city at heart.

Respectfully yours,
P. M. LINKLATER.

For Alderman

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for re-election in the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Alex Peden

A. A. Humber

George Sangster

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I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

R. J. PORTER

649 Superior Street.

For Alderman

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I am a candidate for re-election as Alderman at the forthcoming election and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Yours respectfully,
W. F. FULLERTY

For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: After an absence of ten years from the Council Board, I again offer my services to the city.

If elected, I shall support the following policy:

1. The strictest economy consistent with efficiency.

2. An honest endeavor to remedy the delinquent tax problem.

3. Fair dealing with our adjoining Municipalities.

4. A fair wage for all civic employees.

5. Not being able to meet you all personally, I take this means of placing my views before you.

HENRY NORMAN,
146 Hanthain Street.

FOR ALDERMAN

To the Electors City of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen: My aim has been and will be to conserve and promote the best interests of the greatest number without fear and without favor.

My taxes to the City being paid in full, I am in a position to discuss any and all relief measures for the overburdened taxpayer from an independent and unbiased standpoint.

Thanking you in anticipation for your votes, which I respectfully solicit.

Yours truly,
E. B. ANDROS.

644 Linden Avenue.

FOR ALDERMAN

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for re-election as Alderman at the forthcoming election and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Sincerely yours,
W. G. CAMERON.

1162 McClure St.

For Alderman

To the Electors of Victoria City.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am offering my services again for Alderman at the coming election. If elected, I will in the future, as I have in the past, devote my time and energies to the best interests of the city.

WALTER WALKER.

For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA:

Ladies and Gentlemen—

I most respectfully solicit your vote and influence on my behalf as a candidate for election as an Alderman on Thursday, the 17th. I stand solidly for as much relief as possible from the burden of oppressive taxation both in the future as well as in the arrears of the same, business methods, a weekly half-holiday, a fair and living wage for the wage-earner, and all that is best for the community.

I am, yours truly, JOHN HARVEY

120 St. Andrew's Street, City.

For Alderman

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having served you on the Council Board for the past two years, I again offer my services as Alderman for 1918. If elected I shall continue to do my best in the interest of the general public.

Albion Johns

352 Gorge Road.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Ladies and gentlemen—

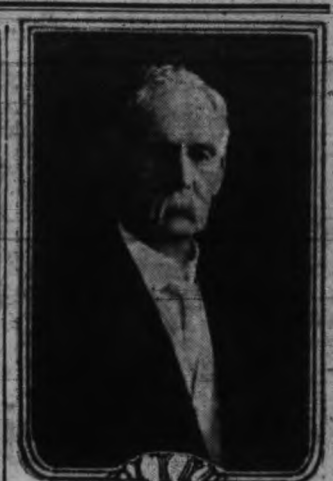
I again offer my services for the honorable position of Alderman, and in soliciting your support at the forthcoming election hereby pledge my best efforts to promote the extension of trade and local industries, and generally to speed up the return of prosperity to our fair city.

ROBT. DINSDALE

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Responding to the request of a large number of friends that I should become a candidate for the office of School Trustee at the approaching election, I have decided to offer my services for this honorable position, and in soliciting the support of the electors, hereby pledge myself to the most efficient and economical management of school affairs.

RICHARD W. FERRY,
Manager, Great West Permanent Loan Company,
Victoria, B. C., January 8, 1918.



FOR ALDERMAN

To the Electors of the City of Victoria Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have acceded to the request of a large number of the Electors of Victoria, and consented to become a Candidate for the office of Alderman. If elected, I assure you I will, with perfect fairness and close attention to the public business, do all in my power for the good of the city.

Yours respectfully,
HUGH MACDONALD.

"MY TAXES ARE PAID"

For School Trustee

TO THE ELECTORS:

Yielding to the request of many friends, I am a candidate for School Trustee. As a taxpayer, I am interested in keeping down city expenditures. If elected to the School Board I will support a policy of right economy in all material matters just and liberal treatment of all employees of the Board and a preference for Victoria trained teachers in making appointments to the teaching staff. I believe in maintaining our schools at the highest state of efficiency.

Soliciting your support.

BERTHA P. ANDREWS,
1353 Pandora Avenue.

For School Trustee

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for re-election as School Trustee.

CLARENCE B. DEAVILLE

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

To the Electors of Victoria.

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of School Trustee.

GEORGE JAY.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

I am offering my services for School Trustee for the second time, and will follow the plan of proficiency with economy in dealing with school affairs.

J. G. HAY

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am a candidate for the office of

Police Commissioner

and am

Yours faithfully,

Robert S. Day

For Police Commissioner

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Found—A use for wet weather to sell door mats. Get a good coarsetexture mat to-day, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 1362 Douglas St.

Alladin Lamp Chimneys, Wicks, Mantles and Generators, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1362 Douglas St.

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Furnaces Installed—Watson & McGregor, Ltd., phone No. 745.

Mend That Chair with one of our three-ply wooden chair seats, 25c to 40c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1362 Douglas Street.

Public Dance every Tuesday evening at Alexandra Ballroom. Ozard's Orchestra. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. Under management of Mrs. J. J. Boyd.

To-morrow, Wednesday Evening, the comedy sketch, "Dearest Mama," and an entertainment will be given in Semple's Hall at 8 p.m. Admission: Adults, 25c; children, 15c.

Question Left Over—The City Council last evening left over to its successors the important question of the special charter, recommended by Mayor Todd.

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Choice of two periods a week. The fee, including membership in the Victoria Ladies' Swimming Club, under whose supervision the swimming is conducted, is \$2.50 for term ending April 30.

FOR GIRLS 10 TO 15 YEARS

Saturday mornings, 10 to 11 a.m. Enrolment limited to 25. Fee is \$1.00.

Register at the Y. M. C. A. Office.

Papers for Overseas—A new postal regulation states that in future only one copy of a newspaper may be sent in each wrapper, for overseas troops or to any country served through the United Kingdom.

Is Adjourned—When the case was called in the City Police Court to-day of Mrs. Wo June, charged with being in possession of liquor on store premises, William C. Moresby secured an adjournment till Monday next.

More Tins Received—The Lady Douglas Conservation of Waste Committee has received a generous donation of soda biscuit tins from Mrs. J. D. Reid, of Metchoisp, also a large case of jam tins from the James Island Red Cross branch.

Returns to Duty—Charles and Mrs. McAdam, Begbie Street, have received in formation that their son, Percy, who had been in hospital a month following being gassed on December 9, has returned to duty.

Has Paid Taxes—Appropos of the discussion regarding delinquencies of aldermanic candidates, which is bulking largely in the civic campaign Joseph Patrick, who is one of the candidates, wishes to say that he has all his taxes paid.

Final Meeting—The meeting of the City Council being the final one of the outgoing Council, a series of valedictory speeches was made. Mayor Todd was congratulated on his re-election by acclamation. He said the watchword of the Council in 1918 must be economy and efficiency.

One Hundred and Ten Dollars to Red Cross—The Red Cross has received a handsome donation from another member of the Exemption Tribunal, L. A. Genge having handed to the Society his cheque for \$110, representing his remuneration for twenty-two days sitting on the tribunal.

Y. W. C. A. Seeks Accommodation—Many visitors from the prairie have approached the Y. W. C. A. for assistance in procuring accommodation during their stay in the city, and for this purpose the "Y" will be glad if those householders who can meet the demand for room and board or light house-keeping rooms will phone the secretary at 4696, or call at the building with full particulars.

Gives a Denial—Mayor Todd states that while the fact stated in a letter to The Times is correct, that shoe shining stands are sometimes open on Sunday, the Police Commissioners are not to blame. The person who opened first, and so set the example to others has been watched and his name submitted several times to the Attorney-General's Department, but no authority has been received for his prosecution under the Lord's Day Act.

Life Underwriters' Association—A well-attended luncheon and meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association of Victoria took place at the Dominion Hotel yesterday afternoon. From reports given by the various members, the large volume of business was indicated written by the life companies operating in Canada for the year 1917. Nearly all companies represented in Victoria show a large increase in amount of insurance written over the previous year. The publicity committee reported good progress. Frank Cherry, of the Monarch Life, and C. W. Lovell, of the North American Life, were duly elected to membership.

Recommend Local Improvement Plan—In dealing with the construction of macadam trails in Victoria during 1918, and there are a number requiring attention, City Engineer Rust in his annual report recommends that the Council should consider the question of doing the work by Local Improvement on a five year basis at a cost of about 55 cents per front foot.

Women's Institute Elects Officers—The South Saanich Women's Institute held the annual meeting on Thursday afternoon in the Temperance Hall at Keating. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Gold; vice-president, Mrs. Michell; secretary-treasurer, Miss Cruse; director, Mrs. McKay.

Land of Dolls Note \$225.—The Mother Goose Club, which recently gave an entertainment under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Newbury for the benefit of the Red Cross Halifax Relief Fund, realized \$225 from the two performances of the charming little operetta, "The Land of Dolls." The statement of receipts and expenditure submitted to the secretary of the fund reads: Receipts, \$170.40; theatre rent, evening performance \$40, matinee \$30; light and decorations, \$1.75; hire of wigs, \$4; Times, advertising, \$2.52; Colonel, advertising, \$1.68; Diggon Printing Co., \$5; total expenses, \$37.95; net balance turned in to Red Cross headquarters, \$225.55. The organizer has expressed appreciation to Mrs. George Simpson, who conducted the fancy dances and to the management of the Hippodrome Hall for the use of the same for rehearsals.

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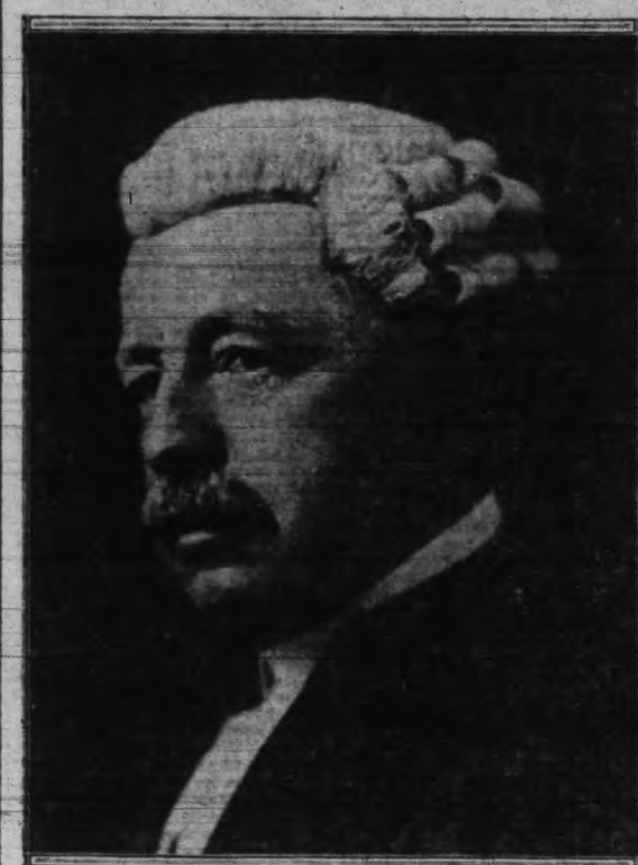
GREAT PRACTICE AS CORPORATION LAWYER

Late E. V. Bodwell, K. C., Was Associated With Many Celebrated Cases

In the death, as briefly reported yesterday, of Ernest Vining Bodwell, K. C., head of the firm of Bodwell & Lawson, this province loses one of its leading barristers. His name for a quarter of a century was connected with almost every leading case, particularly in corporation law. Mr. Bodwell was born at Mt. Elgin, Ont., of United Empire Loyalist stock, his father, Ebenezer Vining Bodwell, being a leading public man and politician in Oxford County, Ontario. Mr. Bodwell, Sr., became a member of the Dominion House, and in 1875 was appointed superintendent of the Welland Canal. He came to British Columbia in connection with the construction of the C. P. R. and was located in Victoria till 1887, when he moved to Vancouver, where he held a leading position during the pioneer days of that city and was twice offered the mayoralty. He died in 1893.

Arrived Here in 1884.

His son, E. V. Bodwell, arrived here



THE LATE E. V. BODWELL, K. C.

five years previous to his father's death, being in 1884 a young lawyer only twenty-seven years of age. He had been educated in the schools of his home district and, after a brief practice of law in Winnipeg, he came to British Columbia to join his father. He was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1888. He associated in partnership with Hon. Theodore Davis, later with Irving & Duff, who were afterwards judges, and when they went to the Bench the present partnership with J. H. and H. G. Lawson was formed. He became a Q. C. in 1906 and Bench of the Law Society of this province in 1905.

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men's Compensation Act at Vancouver. He was a member of the Union Club here and the Vancouver Club in the Terminal City.

Tribute From Bench and Bar. On taking his seat in the Supreme Court this morning Mr. Justice Gregory said he could not take Chambers without expressing his deep and sincere regret at the loss of Mr. Bodwell, who had been a close friend of his for twenty-five years, and his great sympathy with deceased's widow and family.

On the part of the Bar, W. J. Taylor, K. C., said the late Mr. Bodwell was always fair and above board, which was a rare tribute when they considered the long period over which his acquaintance with the profession had extended, and H. B. Robertson, who said he had known deceased for twenty years, stated he could most sincerely agree in the remarks made by H. B. Lordship.

A DRASTIC PROPOSAL

Edmonton Would Deal With Tax Delinquency by Penalizing Defaulters: Council Qualifications.

An exceedingly interesting proposal has been put forward in Edmonton which would restrict tax delinquency and which would be more radical than anything proposed among the numerous schemes discussed here.

The Mayor suggests a charter amendment enabling the city to levy sufficient taxes to cover any anticipated tax arrears. That is to say, if the

assessment is five millions and only three are paid, then the total assessment would be increased to an amount which will ensure the receipt of the five millions.

On Cash Basis.

"The city has got to work on a cash basis," says the Mayor. He points out, however, that, with this scheme in force, there would always remain the feeling of injustice being done against the willing ones who paid their taxes, and would be asked to pay a sur-tax. Therefore, he proposes to make two levies, one for the ordinary assessment and another for a special sur-tax to cover tax arrears.

To secure the people who paid all their taxes, they should be given certificates for the amount of the sur-tax to be refundable at the end of three years, and which at a tax sale would be accepted at par by the city in payment for any property purchased. Provided that no tax arrears debentures had been issued against the property.

What the idea really amounted to, it was explained, was a compulsory levying by the ratepayers of sufficient amount to cover the tax arrears, so that the city may be kept in operation with successful tax sales right along.

Property Qualification.

The legislative committee of the

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 Aloha Land. Helen Louise.
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Report of the Proceedings of The Annual Meeting of Shareholders Tuesday, 8th January, 1918

The fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the banking house at Toronto, on Tuesday, 8th January, 1918, at 12 o'clock.

The President, Sir Edmund Walker, having taken the chair, Mr. A. St. L. Triggs was appointed to act as Secretary, and Messrs. W. S. Hodgkins and E. M. Saunders were appointed scrutineers.

The President called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report of the Directors, as follows:

Report.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the fifty-first Annual Report for the twelve months ending 30th November, 1917, together with the usual statement of Assets and Liabilities:

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year, was \$ 892,319 09
The net profit for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to 2,637,555 41

This has been appropriated as follows:
Dividends Nos. 123, 124, 125, at ten per cent. per annum \$1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June 150,000 00
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War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November 150,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund 85,000 00
Subscriptions:
Canadian Patriotic Fund 50,000 00
British Red Cross Fund 7,500 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund (Canadian) 5,000 00
Sundry subscriptions 10,300 00
Balance carried forward 1,332,074 52

A most careful revaluation of all the assets of the Bank has been made and every item which might be considered as bad or doubtful has been amply provided for.

During the year the following branches have been opened: In Alberta—Cadogan and Eckville, in Saskatchewan—Tramping Lake and Willow Brook; In Ontario—Hamilton Road, London; By-Ward Market, Ottawa, and Balm Beach, Toronto; In Nova Scotia—La Have. Sub-agencies have been opened at Cobble Hill, B. C., Richmond, Sask., and Port Grey, N. S. The sub-agencies at Birch Hills, Sask., and Schumacher, Ont., are now being operated as branches. The following branches have been closed: In Alberta—Athabasca, and in Saskatchewan—Laurier and Leduc. The sub-agency at B. C., P. Q., has also been closed.

As indicated in the Profit and Loss Account submitted herewith, your Directors have, during the year, subscribed \$50,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$7,500 to the British Red Cross Fund, \$5,000 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund (Canada), and smaller sums, amounting in all to \$100,000, to various other organizations of a patriotic character.

Your Directors record with deep regret the death, during the year, of one of their number, the late Hon. Sir Lyman Melvin Jones. He joined this Board in January, 1902, and during the fifteen years of his connection with it had proved himself an able and valued counsellor. His place was filled by the election of Mr. Charles N. Candee.

The auditors appointed at the last annual meeting, under section 56 of the Bank Act, have made the audit required of them and their report is appended to the statement submitted to you to-day. In addition, the offices of the Bank in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Newfoundland, and Mexico, and the departments of the Head Office, have undergone the usual inspection by the officers of our own Inspection Department.

The Directors once again have pleasure in testifying to the ability and zeal with which the officers of the Bank have discharged the duties allotted to them.

JOHN AIRD,

General Manager.

Toronto, 28th December, 1917.

R. E. WALKER,

President.

General Statement

30th November, 1917

LIABILITIES

Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 25,395,244 68
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 86,468,405 02
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	189,267,251 29
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	276,425,654 41
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	589,958 01
Bills Payable	7,295,110 40
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	120,857 29
	5,597,665 12
Dividends Unpaid	\$314,015 49 32
Dividend No. 123 and bonus payable 1st December	2,468 20
Capital Paid up	525,000 00
Reserve Account	13,500,000 00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account	1,332,074 52
	29,832,074 52
	\$344,375,332 64

ASSETS

Gold and Silver Coin Current	\$ 22,697,328 56
Dominion Notes	24,954,910 25
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	10,000,000 00
	\$ 54,652,247 21
Notes on other Banks	\$ 2,094,762 00
Cheques on other Banks (not exceeding 30 days) in Canada	11,920,875 21
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	8,496,103 99
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	22,431,741 20
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities	27,596,420 22
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	22,095,152 29
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) in Canada	6,192,461 60
Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	13,460,852 62
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) elsewhere than in Canada	20,076,903 13
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purpose of the Circulation Fund	821,173 35
	\$167,336,942 67
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	149,822,028 44
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	14,846,130 56
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	5,597,665 12
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	237,796 39
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unpaid balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	\$ 1,236,899 52
Less mortgage assumed	100,000 00
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	1,136,899 52
Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off	196,905 81
Less mortgage assumed on property purchased	5,390,075 44
	5,990,076 40
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	111,588 03
	\$344,375,332 64

B. E. WALKER,

President.

JOHN AIRD,

General Manager.

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

In accordance with the provisions of subsections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1917, we report as follows:

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers of the Bank and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than and in addition to the verifications at 30th November, 1917, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C.A.

of Webb, Reid, Hagan, Callingham & Co.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.

of Marwick, Mitchell, Peal & Co.

Auditors.

Before moving the adoption of the report, the President called on the General Manager to address the shareholders.

General Manager's Address.

We are crossing the meridian into the second half-century of the bank's existence, and pausing to look back, we may well feel satisfaction in what has been accomplished in a comparatively short period of time. While we hold second place only among the Canadian banks in the matter of "total assets," we may point to our premier position as regards "current loans and discounts in Canada," as an indication of the importance of the share taken by this bank in the task of providing for the financial requirements of the mercantile community, and of carrying on the daily business of the country. In this connection it is interesting to note that by the year 1912 the current loans and discounts in Canada of this bank were three times as great as those of all the other Canadian banks in the whole of the Dominion. We had hoped on this anniversary to announce the increase of the rest to an amount equal to the paid-up capital of the bank, and this doubtless would have been accomplished had it not been for the war.

A Conservative Policy.

We have deemed it wise to follow a specially cautious and conservative policy and to provide during the war even more thoroughly than usual for any element of doubt in the loans and securities of the bank. The increasing competition in business has resulted in the banks being called upon to perform far greater services for smaller remuneration, so that the increase in the volume of their business is out of proportion to the increase in their profits. Naturally an increased volume of business means a corresponding increase in the provision to be made for doubtful items, while the profits do not provide in a corresponding measure for the relative appropriations. Whenever there is offered a new issue of Government securities yielding a higher rate of interest, the market for existing securities is depressed to a corresponding extent and this entails a writing down of the securities on hand. Doubtless when the war is over this downward movement will cease and securities will tend to appreciate in value, so that much of this may be recovered.

Half-Century Mark.

To mark the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the bank it is our intention to publish its history. In the course of a comparatively short career it has taken over several much older institutions, which were among the pioneers of Canadian banking in their respective districts. For this reason in more than one province its roots go back to the beginning of banking in this country and the task calls for more research than would at first appear to be involved. In addition we have in course of preparation a new series of bank-notes, which are we believe, in originality and beauty of design, a marked advance over those at present in circulation. We have had the designs copyrighted in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, and they are our exclusive property. The work of engraving the plates is a slow and tedious process, and some of the notes will not be completed for several years, but we hope to put the smaller denominations into circulation during the current year.

Advances in Profits.

The profits for the year amounted to \$2,637,555, an increase of \$198,000 over the figures of the previous year, but, as we have already pointed out, an increase not at all commensurate with the additional business transacted or the additional responsibility involved. Large advances have been made from time to time to both the Dominion and the Imperial Governments, and these naturally bear low rates of interest. This may be considered as part of our contribution to the cost of the war.

We have continued the payment of the usual dividend of ten per cent. per annum with a bonus of one per cent. at the end of each half year. The annual contribution to the pension fund shows an increase of \$5,000, owing to the larger number of members of the staff who come within its provisions. We have again been called upon for subscriptions for various patriotic purposes, for which your approval is asked. The war tax on note circulation has this year reached its maximum, and after providing for these items, we carry forward the large sum of \$1,332,074 at the credit of profit and loss account.

Increased Note Circulation.

There is again a large increase amounting to \$4,735,000, in the item of notes of the bank in circulation, nearly double the increase reported last year. As pointed out at the last annual meeting, the principal reasons for the high level of the note circulation are twofold; first, the high level of all prices, and second, the great business activity caused by the large orders for merchandise and munitions placed in Canada by the Allied Governments. A few years ago it would have been considered a great achievement if the total note circulation of all the banks should be throughout the year in excess of the total of their paid-up capital. The course of events has thus fully vindicated the foresight of those who devised the provisions of the Bank Act under which the central gold reserves were established, and otherwise there would be to-day no regular statutory provision for the additional bank-note currency needed to carry on the business of the country.

Twenty Billion Turnover.

The deposits now amount to the

very large sum of \$276,000,000, an increase during the year of \$16,529,000. When it is recalled that not until 1901, thirty-four years after the bank's establishment, did the total deposits equal the amount of this increase, and then only after the taking over of the Bank of British Columbia, the extent of the increase and the difference in scale in Canadian affairs will be better grasped. We estimate the total turnover of the bank for the year at twenty thousand million dollars. Needless to say, with the decrease in our trained staff caused by military enlistment, the problem of caring for this vast amount of business does not grow less difficult. The increases in other items of the liabilities do not call for special remark, as they are merely the result of the growth of our business.

Strong Cash Reserves.

Turning to the assets side of the balance sheet, we find an increase in our holdings of cash of \$8,581,000, of which \$1,732,000 is in gold and silver coin, \$2,539 in Dominion notes, and \$4,000,000 in our deposit in the central gold reserves. The last item has already been dealt with. Our cash holdings represent 15.19 per cent. of our deposits and circulation, and 17.4 per cent. of our liabilities to the public, from which you will see that we have not departed from our policy of carrying strong cash reserves in these times of difficulty and uncertainty. The large increases in our holdings of Dominion and Provincial Government securities and of British, foreign and colonial public securities, consist principally of treasury bills of the Dominion and the Imperial Governments. We have continued, as opportunity offered, to realize on our holdings of other securities, and these show a reduction of \$1,618,000. Immediately available assets have increased by \$37,395,000, and now stand at 52.2 per cent. of liabilities to the public. Call loans are slightly lower than last year, but current loans in Canada have increased by \$16,053,000, the net increase in the total of our current loans being \$12,097,000. Bank premises show an increase of \$250,618; this is largely accounted for by the purchase of the premises in Calgary which we have occupied for many years, and have now acquired what seems to be a reasonable figure. Total assets have increased by \$35,947,000, or 13.39 per cent.

In Mexico we continue the policy indicated in our reports of the last few years, of transacting only such business as the local conditions will permit. While these have shown some improvement during the year, the present Government has many serious problems to solve, and we fear that some time must elapse before we can reap the benefit which our standing in the community and strong local connections justify us in expecting.

Halifax Disaster.

Since the report of our Halifax manager appearing in the Review of Business Conditions was written, the whole country has been appalled by the calamity which laid a large section of the city of Halifax in ruins and cost the lives of so many innocent victims. The damage to property and to shipping proved apparently to be even heavier than was at first anticipated, though from the latest reports we are pleased to learn that the financial position of our customers has not been seriously affected. Our sympathies go out to the sufferers, especially to those who have not only lost relatives and friends in the disaster, but are themselves rendered homeless at this inclement season of the year.

1,121 Women Clerks on Staff.

The members of the staff number 2,632, including 280 messengers and 367 janitors; the total, after the withdrawal of the men called up under the Military Service Act, will still be somewhat larger than a year ago. The increase is, however, entirely in untrained women clerks, the number of women being now 1,121, an increase of about 100 over the number of male clerks. On the other hand, the number of male clerks has decreased by 123, in spite of the addition of a large number of inexperienced lads under the age of twenty. Having regard to the continued growth of our business and to the decrease in general efficiency caused by the changes in personnel, the burden laid on our women clerks is heavy. It was therefore particularly gratifying to us that the results of the year's service were such as to justify a more than usually generous percentage bonus to all the members of the staff.

Of our officers, 1,422 have now taken up arms, or 75 per cent. of our present male staff, excluding messengers. We know that we have supplied our full quota, but we are making efforts to release every man physically fit who is called up under the Military Service Act and who can possibly be replaced, and are asking exemptions for only a few officers, the length and the character of whose training are such that they cannot be replaced.

The Roll of Honor.

With grief mingled with pride, we record a total loss of 153 men killed in action, 49 of whom have made the greatest sacrifice during the past year. No fewer than 25 have been wounded, many seriously, 7 are missing, and 16 are undergoing the hardships of the enemy's prison camps.

During the year the Canadian banks have been called upon to make large advances to the Dominion Government to provide for expenditures in connection with the war, and have also made advances to the Imperial Government for the purchase of our wheat crop, in

addition to those already current for the purchase of munitions in Canada.

In all this financing the bank has taken its full share, assisting the Government in the prosecution of the war to the best of its ability. As an item of interest in this connection we may mention that our customers have during the year executed munition orders for a total of over \$4 million of dollars.

Success of War Loans.

The outstanding success of the Victory Loan was a striking tribute to the energy and patriotism of the organization which undertook to place the loan in the hands of the public, and the Finance Minister is again to be congratulated on the result of his endeavors to obtain within Canada as large a proportion as possible of the funds required to carry on the war. As in the case of the last Imperial War Loan the banks were not called upon to subscribe directly, as this would have meant a locking up of their funds in a permanent investment, and would also have tended to inflation, as a result of the additional credit thereby created. Instead of this they undertook to make advances to subscribers with their incomes so as to enable them to take a larger amount of the loan than would otherwise have been possible. The encouragement thus given to the habit of saving throughout the community is of the greatest national importance. The total amount of subscriptions to the loan appears to have reached \$170,000,000 from about 807,000 subscribers, a financial accomplishment of the first magnitude. The subscriptions received through the branches of this bank amounted to about \$80,000,000 from over 116,000 subscribers.

Gold Reserves Problem.

After the United States came into the war the shipments of gold from Great Britain to that country ceased, and, as pointed out in the report of our New York agent, a slight adverse movement set in. In order, therefore, to conserve its holdings and to prevent gold from reaching the enemy, the United States Government placed an embargo on exports of the metal. Upon representations being made at Washington, however, through the Canadian Bankers' Association, as to the unfairness of enforcing the embargo against us, the United States Government agreed to a relaxation of the embargo, and a certain amount of gold was arranged for. While this will doubtless aid in the stabilizing of the exchange between the two countries we feel that it is important that the underlying gold reserves of Canada should be increased to correspond with the great increase in the liabilities of the Canadian banks from war activities. To this end we consider that our endeavors should be directed, and we believe also that the Government of Canada should place an embargo on the export of gold produced in Canada, and see that it is made available for this purpose.

Railways a Vital Factor.

Probably few people realize how essential to modern business is prompt and reliable railway service, or how the lack of such service invariably means high prices to the consumer. No modern business could continue in operation were the transportation facilities of the country suddenly to be suspended. A full consideration of the relation between delays in transportation and increased cost to the consumer is out of place here, but it may confidently be asserted that promptness and regularity of service are of importance to business men and to the general public than low freight rates. Unfortunately of late years Government efforts have been directed almost entirely to the reduction of the latter, while ignoring altogether the greater importance of the former. The general increase in freight rates recently granted is a step in the right direction. The past to which the railways of the United States have been brought in this connection is well described by our New York agent in the Review of Business Conditions, although since his report was written, the United States Government has placed all the railroad lines in the country under the control of a director-general to be operated as a single system. Fortunately for the public interest one of the great Canadian railway systems has not been dependent entirely upon its income from transportation, or the problem here would have become more acute. The cost of operation, that is, of labor, materials and supplies, has risen enormously in recent years, without a corresponding increase in the revenue from transportation. It is not always borne in mind that the development of Canada, and its subsequent increase in wealth and population, would not have been possible without the construction of the railways, and that the large number of people who have invested in railroad securities have, therefore, performed a public service of the highest importance. Whatever may have been the motives which prompted the investment this service still calls for some measure of recognition.

Need of Greater Thrift.

And now a few words as to the future. Up to the present the high cost of living, of which we hear so much, has borne heavily on comparatively few. The great majority of Canadians are not serving in the armed forces of the Empire or employed in high wages in war industries. They have more to spend than they ever had before, and many are spending it. They scorn carelessness and the small economies that must perforce be practised by the inhabitants of less favored countries. But there will come a time when high taxation and uncertainty as to the future will make men hesitate to embark on new enterprises, when there will be double the number of applicants for half the number of jobs, and when food will be still more scarce than it is at present. Only then shall we realize the full effects of the high cost of living. How shall we prepare for that day? The great need of the world will then be abundance of food, at reasonable prices, and if we in Canada, by stimulating production, transportation and distribution, are able to supply the nations in abundance, we shall not only have laid broad and deep the foundations of prosperity for ourselves, but shall have earned the gratitude of the nations. We shall have found a way to utilize the services of the unemployed and to lower

as far as possible the high cost of living.

After the War.

The machinery for accomplishing this cannot be created on the spur of the moment, and we must equip ourselves beforehand to cope with the changed conditions which will prevail after the war. We must co-ordinate the productive forces of the nation that there will be, as it were, the nucleus of an organization already prepared to utilize the labor of the unemployed in the production of food, and in its distribution abroad. The period of strain immediately following the war will pass away, in time, and normal conditions will again prevail. In order that this trade should be permanently successful under these normal conditions, it must be organized from the beginning with a view to efficiency and placed on a sound economic basis. When we consider what difficulties have been overcome in order to transport fresh meat from Australia, New Zealand and the Argentine through the tropical zone to the markets of Europe, we cannot but believe that the less serious difficulties confronting Canada can be successfully solved. We have millions of acres of productive land, we expect to have an abundance of labor, but we require organization and leadership.

President's Address.

The President then said: "We meet again with the shadow of the great war affecting everything we say or do. We are nearer the end than we were a year ago, but only because a year has passed. In other words, the war is in its fourth year, it is still full of surprises, indeed, the year has been one of many and swift changes. The submarine menace, so ominous at one time, is still very serious, 'held but not yet mastered,' as Sir Eric Geddes lately said. However, we no longer doubt our ability to cope with it, partly by a lessening in the number of ships lost and partly by vastly increased shipbuilding. The collapse in Russia and the set-back in Italy have altered the aspect on the western front from one in which victory seemed near to one in which it may perhaps be necessary to wait for the new armies of the great republic, before the war can be pressed to its final stage. Unless Russia comes back into the fighting line, we have to meet the armies of the enemy thus released, but we are not afraid of the enemy ever again breaking through the western front, and by next spring not only will there be a great accession of strength from the United States for fighting on land, but the building of aircraft and the training of airmen will vastly alter the character of the struggle. Our greatest danger is least we should falter, because victory is less easy to attain than we thought."

Foreign Trade Improves.

In considering our industrial affairs we find that, disregarding as usual shipments of gold and bullion, our exports for the fiscal year ending 31st March last, were \$214,706,654 in excess of our imports, and for the following six months ending 30th September the excess was \$237,574,462, making for the eighteen months a surplus of \$552,281,116 in the value of our exports. The gain in exports for the fiscal year was \$399,911,039, while the increase in imports was \$334,292,650. We therefore improved the results of our foreign trade by \$465,618,389 as compared with the year preceding. The figures for the broken period indicate an increase on a much larger scale. Of the improvement during the fiscal year, over 350 millions is due to agriculture and to manufactures, the total increase from the mine, the forest, the fisheries and animals and their products being less than 50 millions. The export of manufactures amounted to 487 millions, an increase of 237 millions over those of the preceding year. There is an increase in exports and imports under almost every heading, but the only very noticeable item is that of \$149,930,000 for military stores, munitions of war, etc., imported and remaining in the country of the Imperial Government. In this there is an increase of \$111,296,000 over the corresponding figures for 1916. These imports, mainly necessary to complete munitions being made in Canada do not affect this country in a financial way. Coal cost us \$11,500,000 more, sugar \$18,000,000 more, and provisions, much of which was doubtless exported again, \$17,500,000 more.

Imports of Metal.

Of the various forms in which iron, copper and other metals are used as raw materials, ranging from the ore to beams, tubes, wiring, etc., we imported about \$42,000,000 more than in 1916. These materials, manufactured in articles come under a great variety of headings, but they are all, or almost all, forms that we should eventually make in Canada. I regret to say that articles of luxury still show rather too prominently in the list of imports, and there is not much evidence of restraint on the part of Canadians in the purchase of unnecessary things. A surplus of 550 millions in our foreign trade for the 18 months ending September last leaves, even after interest on foreign indebtedness has been paid, a sum of money unheard of in the past, and to this is to be added the results of the crops since marketed or still to be marketed at prices hitherto unequalled, as well as the results of other products of our industry. The field crops of Canada for 1917 are valued at \$1,000,000,000. All of this vast wealth is, however, needed for the conduct of the war, and the problem of the hour is how to apply it to that purpose, wherever it is not needed for some other equally urgent purpose.

Government Credits.

Great Britain, by shipments from various parts of the world through Canada to the United States, has sent to that country over a billion dollars in gold, but the time has now come when she must have credit for practically all her purchases, and obviously our own Government must have similar credit, except to the extent to which the cost of the war is paid by taxation. The extent to which we can supply money to our own Government for its share in the cost of the war and also supply money to Great Britain for munitions of all kinds, including the agri-

cultural and pastoral products of Canada bought by Great Britain, depends on how far we are willing to avoid spending money on anything unnecessary to reasonable well-being, and clearly such an effort we have not made. Capital is not, however, in any large measure, being fixed in betterment, either by individuals, municipalities, or Provincial and Dominion Governments, and thoughtful people, at least, are spending less and realize that we are engaged in the struggle of the ages. Now that the United States has entered the war there is no market for our securities outside our own borders, and therefore we are being put to a greater test of our economic powers than ever before. If provinces or municipalities have securities to sell they must be sold at home.

Trade With United States.

In the year ending 31st March, 1917, we bought goods to the value of \$65 millions abroad, and of these 67 1/2 millions came from the United States. As we sold that country only 290 millions we had to find 288 millions in money or securities. We can now sell securities nowhere but at home, and our export and import business is done almost entirely with Great Britain and the United States. We export to Great Britain enough more than we import to cover our shortage with the United States, and a large sum besides. Therefore it is clear that in respect of what we owe the United States that country must lend to Great Britain a sum corresponding to our sales to the latter country, if we are to continue to trade with the United States. Since the United States has entered the war, large orders for war supplies have been placed at the Canadian Bank, and it is too early to tell how these will affect our trade balance with that country. It should not be hard to understand from these figures how vitally important it is that we should not buy outside Canada a dollar's worth of merchandise that is not absolutely required for our most pressing national purpose, which is to win the war.

Government Issues.

The success of the Finance Minister in his share of the financing of the war has been so signifi-

807,000 Subscribers.

Having this in mind, the Finance Minister created an organization calculated to show what the Canadian people could do. An extraordinary body of bank-depositors, bankers and other business men aided by the 2,000 branches of the bank in a comparatively short campaign secured subscriptions for 417 millions of dollars from 807,000 people. If to these we add the 195,000 purchases of War Savings Certificates and disregard to duplication of names, we find that about one in eight of our people have responded to the call. The Minister had offered a loan of \$100,000,000, repayable in 5, 10, or 20 years with 5 1/2 per cent. interest, issued at par with a slight advantage in interest to the subscriber in making his payments. He had stated that subscriptions in excess of 150 millions would be accepted in whole or in part, and the hope was that 250 or 300 millions would be secured. It is safe to say that such a figure as 400 millions was not deemed to be within the realm of possibility.

War Finances.

The actual disbursements of Canada for the war, to 30th November amounted to \$655,000,000. To this must be added outstanding expenses and estimates for the balance of the year to cover requirements here, in Great Britain and in the field of war. These, carefully computed, indicate that at the end of the year the cost of the war to Canada was about \$760,000,000. It is well known that, in addition to the task of finding money for such vast expenditure, the Finance Minister has been called upon to add the Imperial Government to provide for a large part of the cost of munitions, etc., purchased in Canada. In addition to advances to the Imperial Government of \$60 millions, as much as 22 millions was lent for the purchase of these 15 millions for agricultural products, and about as much more for other items. Against this there are offsets in connection with the upkeep of our troops and with other matters, but the final result at the moment leaves Great Britain considerably in debt to the Canadian Government.

The Chartered Banks.

A comparison of the figures of the chartered banks as in July, 1914, and in October last is very impressive. The total liabilities have grown from \$1,222,252,000 to \$1,995,444,000, an increase of \$773,192,000, the growth in deposits being \$699,877,00

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2nd and 4th Thursdays, K. of P. Hall,
North Park St. A. O. H. Harding, K.
of R. S., 14 Promis Bldg., 1008 Govern-
ment Street.

SONS OF ENGLAND, No. 12, meets 2nd
and 4th Thursdays in the City Hall,
Pandora Street. President, Griffiths Don-
ne, 1118 Pandora Ave.; Secretary, A. E. Brin-
ley, 317 Elm Street, City.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—
Victoria Chapter, No. 12, meets on 2nd
and 4th Mondays at 8 p. m. in the K.
of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting mem-
bers cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND, No. 2, Alexandra,
124 meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O.
F. Hall, Broad Street. President, E. W.
Howlett, 121 Second Street; Secretary,
J. Smith, 123 Seaview Ave., Hillside.

S. O. E. B.—Juvenile Young England
meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O. F.
Hall, 1 o'clock. Secretary, E. W. How-
lett, 121 Second Street, City.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—
Queen City Chapter, No. 3, meets on 2nd
and 4th Thursdays at 8 o'clock in
K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting
members cordially invited.

Answers to Times
Want Ads.

6, 121, 788, 897, 1218, 1257, 1215, 1267, 1262,
1271, 1275, 1487, 1494, 1521, 1596, 1515, 1621, 1622,
1755.

MEALS FOR
PRISONERS

Scaled tenders will be received by the
undersigned up till 4 p. m. on Monday,
January 21, 1918, for the supply of meals
for prisoners at the City Lock-up, Vic-
toria Street, for the current year. Partic-
ulars can be obtained at the office of
the Chief of Police. All tenders to be ad-
dressed to the City Purchasing Agent and
marked on outside of envelope, "Tender
for Meals for Prisoners." The lowest or
any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.
Victoria, B. C., January 12, 1918.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Tenders for the Disposal of Garbage.

Scaled tenders, addressed to the Pur-
chasing Agent, City Hall, Victoria, will
be received until 4 p. m., on Monday,
January 21, 1918, for the disposal of
garbage.

Specifications, forms of tender and
further information may be obtained at
the City Engineer's Office.

Tenders are to be accompanied by a
marked cheque, or a cash deposit, for the
sum of \$50.00.

The lowest, or any tender, not neces-
sarily accepted.

WILLIAM J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., January 15,
1918.

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DIED

BODWELL—On the 14th instant, Ernest
Victor Bodwell, of 1626 Rockland
Avenue, Victoria, in his 32nd year.
Notice of the funeral will be given later.

IN MEMORIAM

NUNN—In loving memory of my dear
mother, Fanny Nunn, who departed
this life January 15, 1918.

MRS. R. LEEMAN.

Her suffering ended with the day,
Yet lived she at its close,
And breathe the long night away
In status-like repose.

She passed through glory's morning-
gate,
And walked in Paradise.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Misses Mackay and brothers wish
to take this opportunity of thanking
their many friends for the sympathy
shown in their recent bereavement,
and also for the many beautiful floral
offerings.

TWO POLLING CENTRES
IN CIVIC ELECTION

Three Ballot Papers at One
Building, and Two at
the Other

The erection of the necessary booths
at the two buildings where polling in
the civic election will take place on
Thursday was in hand to-day. The
four booths for aldermen, and two
booths each for school trustees (an-
nual election) and by-election, will be
at Meaton's carriage warehouse, Broad
Street, while the poll for police com-
missioners and the Weekly Half-Hol-
iday referendum will take place at the
old store building, in the City Hall,
Pandora Street entrance, which has
been vacant since the store building
was opened at Garbally yard.

For the convenience of voters, to
avoid confusion in the distinct polls
for school trustees, the ballot papers
will be of different colors.

On the street to-day the one ques-
tion asked is: "Have you paid your
taxes?" This query comes from the
tax delinquency answers secured
about the present aldermen by one of
their members; so City Hall gossip
states. A very wide divergence of
opinion exists on the propriety or other-
wise of the candidacy of citizens
personally affected by tax delinquency,
but how far this question will affect
the poll on Thursday is a matter for
judgment. To-night the election meet-
ing is at Victoria West School.

WOUNDED IN FACE



LANCE-CORPL. J. H. WAGG

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wagg, who
has been wounded for the second time.

PROSPECTS HEALTHY
SAYS MR. PATTULLO

Back From Similkameen; Use-
ful Irrigation Legislation
Promised for Okanagan

The Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of
Lands, returned to his office in the
Parliament Buildings this morning
after a week's tour in the Okanagan
Valley. During his absence Mr. Pat-
tullo has given a hand to E. W. Mutch,
who is contesting the vacant Provin-
cial seat of Similkameen, so-rendered
by the elevation of its former member,
L. W. Shattford, to a senatorship.

The Minister, accompanied by the
Hon. J. W. G. Farris, addressed meet-
ings at Hedley, Princeton, and
Copper Mountain, and at all sections
received favorable opinion of the Gov-
ernment's policies. From his observa-
tions in the localities visited Mr.
Pattullo considers that the Libera-
l cause has a rosy outlook with the
seat netted for the Government on January
24 as a healthy possibility.

On the subject of irrigation matters
for the Okanagan districts, reference
to Mr. Pattullo's plans concerning
which has already been made in these
columns, the Minister announces that
he will ask the Legislature for a con-
servancy fund of not less than half
a million dollars. His proposal will be
embodied in an enactment, to be sub-
mitted at the forthcoming session.

Ever since his tour of personal in-
vestigation concerning this vexed
question last summer, Mr. Pattullo has
been engaged upon the matter of leg-
islation calculated to correct the pre-
sently very unsatisfactory system of
water supply. He now states that un-
less something is done very quickly
the crisis is going to become very
serious indeed.

The Minister also informed, The
Times representative this morning
that any other part of the Province
suffering under the handicap of in-
efficient water supply would be aided
under the plan he has in preparation.
By its complete consummation, man-
chinery will be provided to take care
of the situation, not only in the Ok-
anagan Valley, but other districts simi-
larly placed.

GIVEN MILITARY MEDAL



PRIVATE W. R. STOBART

Son of J. W. and Mrs. Stobart, of Oak
Bay, recently awarded military medal
for securing valuable information from
an enemy trench.

FRUITGROWERS MEET

Twenty-Eight Annual Meeting Slated
for Three-Day Session Com-
mencing To-morrow.

The preliminary meeting incident to
the twenty-eighth annual gathering of
the British Columbia Fruit-Growers'
Association, to commence its session at
the Empress Hotel to-morrow morn-
ing, was held in the Parliament Build-
ings this morning under the presidency
of C. E. Barnes, of Waltham.

Practically all the members of the
executive were in attendance and mat-
ters pertaining to the three days' de-
liberations discussed. The main busi-
ness to engage the attention of the de-
legates at the opening session to-mor-
row will be more or less routine.

The report of the Credentials Com-
mittee and the reports of the Execu-
tive and Secretary-Treasurer as well
as the President's Address will, how-
ever, be presented before luncheon.

H. B. PICKERING IS
NEW ENGINEER WITH
FOUNDATION COMPANY

H. B. Pickering, of Seattle, has been
appointed engineer of construction for
the Foundation Company, Ltd., and
will have direct charge of the engi-
neering work in the shipyards now es-
tablished in Victoria, Tacoma and
Portland, and will have direction of all
construction work in connection with
the new ten-way shipyard which the
company is establishing on the North
Pacific coast.

Mr. Pickering will be assistant to
Bayly Hipkins, who has full charge of
the Foundation Company's operations
on this coast, with headquarters at Se-
attle.

Mr. Pickering was born in Seattle
and is a graduate of the University
of Michigan. He was employed by the
United States Government in the naval
yards at Philadelphia and Brooklyn,
and also was employed in engineering
work before coming out West.

Bayly Hipkins had just returned to
Seattle after making one of his period-
ical inspection tours, which included
the Point Hope shipyard here.

TWO CANDIDATES

Well-Known Citizens Who Are in the
Field for Civic Honors on
Thursday.



R. W. Perry, Local Manager of the
Great West Permanent Loan Co. and
Imperial Canadian Trust Company,
who is a candidate for a two year
term for the School Board, has resid-
ed here since 1907.

Mr. Perry is a well-known citizen,
who has been active in the public af-
fairs of the city for a long time. He
has resided here since 1907. He took
an active share in the management of
the Canadian Club, and was a most
energetic president of the organization
in 1912, few presidents having been
more assiduous in their attendance.
Since that time he has continued to
give his time to the club work, and
has spared no effort in that connec-
tion.

Mr. Perry is a member of the coun-
cil of the Board of Trade. In religious
association he is connected with the
Anglican Church and is a member of
the synod, and on the executive and
finance committees of that body. He
holds the position of rector's warden
at St. John's, where he attends. He
is vice-president of the Pacific Club.
Mr. Perry is keenly interested in
school work.

The operating expenses of the River
Division, between White Horse and
Dawson, and Carcross and Atlin, show
an increase of \$47,551.74. The prin-
cipal items of increase are: Boat main-
tenance, \$32,373.87; boat service, \$2-
68; boat supplies, \$4,652.46; longshor-
ing, \$4,887.07.

The increase in maintenance account
is due to extensive repairs to steam-
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Gleaner, and the repair work on the
different shipyard plants. During last
year there was a considerable increase
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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE,
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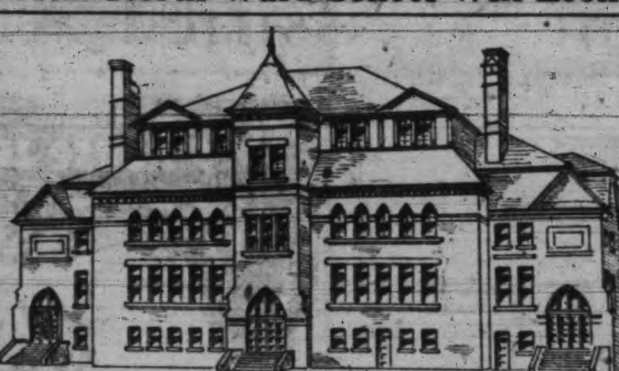
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How North Ward School Will Look



The above picture shows the proposed facade of the North Ward School,
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moval of the tower on account of its unsafe character. Luney Brothers will
carry out the work.

This tower was built at the time of the erection of the school twenty-four
years ago, and has been the most conspicuous landmark in the north end of
the city since its erection by Elford and Smith, who built the school from the
designs of Soule and Day at that time. The school report of that year speaks
with pride of the tower, as an ornament of the district. The tower will be
replaced by a cone-shaped roof in harmony with the general design.

COVERS OPERATIONS
ON YUKON ROUTE

Report Tells of Traffic De-
velopment on Northern
Rivers and Lakes

The White Pass & Yukon Railway's
report for the year ending June 30,
1917, which was presented at the an-
nual meeting in London, Eng-
land, December 17, embraced the operations
of the local companies forming the
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under are extracts from President
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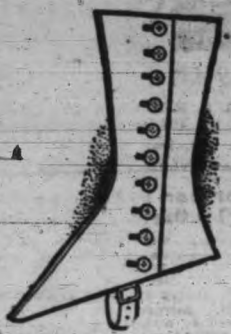


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PETROGRAD PAPERS ON WILSON'S SPEECH

Bolshevik Publications Divided in Opinion Regarding U. S. President's Views

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—President Wilson's recent address to the American Congress has been widely printed and commented on by Petrograd newspapers. The Bolshevik newspapers are divided in their opinion. The Izvestia, official organ of the central executive committee of the Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies, says: "The contentions for peace advanced by President Wilson are a great victory in the way of obtaining a democratic peace. We shall hope that in the American nation we will find a real ally in the struggle for a general democratic peace."

The Delo Nargda, the leading Social-Revolutionary paper, says that Mr. Wilson's address shows that he has made great progress since his reply to the Pope's peace proposals. It adds: "In their present form the American conditions may be regarded as the basis of peace negotiations, and if the Bolsheviks had not by their policy strengthened the military annexationist group in Germany, these conditions already would have been adopted as the basis of such negotiations."

IRISH M. P. DIES.

London, Jan. 15.—Charles O'Neill, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for South Armagh, died yesterday at Cowat Bridge. He was sixty-nine years old.

ONIONS SEIZED BY FOOD CONTROLLER

Three Hundred Tons Taken in Vancouver; Had Commenced to Rot

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—Three hundred tons of onions shipped to Vancouver recently by growers in the Kelowna district and held in storage here were seized to-day on behalf of Food Controller Hanna. The seizure was made by R. Robertson, who is the British Columbia representative of the Food Controller in the matter of fruit and vegetables, on telegraphed instructions from Mr. Hanna.

It is said that fully 25 per cent. of the onions had commenced to rot, and the seizure was made that they might be preserved for food purposes. The onions will be sent to an evaporator immediately.

CANADA, BRITAIN AND U. S. WILL BE CLOSER, STATES SIR E. KEMP

London, Jan. 15.—Sir Edward Kemp, writing to The Daily Mail, says that whatever may be the outcome of the war in other respects, one thing is plain, and that is there will be unity and accord between Great Britain, the United States and Canada. "As their interests and their aspirations prove to be the same, there is no doubt Canada and the United States are anxious to reach terms of intimate relationship," says Sir Edward, "and moreover, in my opinion, they must cooperate for defensive purposes."

CONSCRIPTION LAW IN U. S. TO BE EXTENDED

Washington, Jan. 15.—At the request of the War Department, Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Committee, introduced a bill to-day for the registration for military duty of all men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, when the conscription law went into effect.

GEN. HUGHES'S PORTRAIT WILL BE PAINTED

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Harrington Mann, one of the foremost portrait painters in the United States, has been commissioned by the Canadian Permanent War Record Committee to paint a portrait of Lieut.-General Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia.

REVELSTOCK COUNCIL.

Revelstoke, Jan. 15.—Municipal nominations were held here yesterday with the following results: H. F. McKinnon was re-elected as mayor; A. Hobson, re-elected alderman in No. 1 Ward; C. W. A. Smythe (re-elected), and R. Tapping were elected by acclamation in Ward 2; Sam Needham (re-elected), and W. A. F. Connolly were elected by acclamation in Ward Three.

ALLENBY'S CAMPAIGN IN PALESTINE FIELD

Bombs Dropped by Airmen; Minor Operations Also Are Reported

London, Jan. 15.—The following official report in regard to the military operations in Palestine was issued here to-day:

"Despite adverse weather conditions our air service within the past few days has executed bombing raids on the enemy aerodrome at Jenin, thirty miles southeast of Haifa, and on the Amman station on the Hedjaz railway, forty-seven miles northeast of Jerusalem. In each case many hits on the objectives were observed. Two of our machines are missing.

"In the sector about Jerusalem there has been considerable patrol activity, notably around Bireh, nine miles north of the city; Marabab, seven and a half miles southeast; Jela, five and a half miles north-northeast; and Mulman, seven miles north-northeast. At the last-mentioned location our troops successfully raided an enemy post, clearing a village and returning with prisoners.

"Similar patrol activity prevailed in the coastal sector, enemy parties being harassed by our artillery. Five near Miesrah, sixteen and a half miles east of Jaffa, and encounters have taken place north of Arsuf, ten and a half miles north of Jaffa, on the coast.

"Snow fell in Bethlehem on January 7."

TALK WITH GERMANS OPENING EYES OF THE BOLSHEVIKI

Washington, Jan. 16.—Deep apprehension and alarm are felt by the Russian Maximalists at the dangerous turn taken by the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. Official advice received here to-day says the belief is spreading among the Bolsheviks that it is only possible to treat with Germany as victor or vanquished. Profound differences of opinion already have developed at the conference in regard to the political future of the Poles, Lithuanians, and Letts, and the conviction has followed that the German feeling that they could more readily enforce their will in regard to these matters at Brest-Litovsk, prevented a transfer of the negotiations to a neutral country.

BRITISH OPERATIONS ON ITALIAN FRONT

London, Jan. 15.—The operations of the British forces on the Italian front during the last week are reviewed in an official statement issued here to-day. The Italian successes in carrying out operations in the Monte Asolone region as well as in the vicinity of Monte Spioncino and near Caposile, on the river front, are noted in the announcement, which reads:

"In Italy, during the last week, our aeroplanes have destroyed six enemy machines and driven down others out of control. Our artillery made several successful shots and our infantry patrol activity continues.

"The Italians successfully operated yesterday in the vicinity of Monte Spioncino and Caposile, capturing many prisoners.

"The weather is very cold."

PORTLAND STREET RAILWAY.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—When the six-cent street car fare became effective here to-day the conductors on the street railways gave the passengers receipts for cash fares. "Should the city of Portland win its case in the courts and overturn the ruling of the Public Service Commission allowing the increased fares, these receipts probably will be redeemed by the company for the extra one-cent added to the fare."

DISCONTENT AMONG WORKERS ON CLYDE

British Public Generally Endorses Rebuke Given by Sir A. Geddes

London, Jan. 15.—The reference made in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, to the engineers' attempt to force the Government to conscript their fathers and return wounded men to the front has focused attention on the attitude of the engineering and shipbuilding employees along the Clyde, where the trouble has been most active. Sir Auckland declared that many young men in essential industries had acted as if they held a privileged position. He said that they must share the burden with the others.

At a meeting in the Clyde district on Sunday the engineers and shipbuilders decided to strike if the Government's man-power bill was not withdrawn before the end of January and a peace conference called. The rebuke given these men by Sir Auckland Geddes is endorsed generally by the press and public, but in some quarters the Minister is condemned for lack of sagacity, as the temper of the men is sagacious and persuasion is more likely to be effective than a menace.

Ramsay MacDonald, one of the Labour leaders, who has just returned from the Clyde, said in an interview that the situation needs very careful handling. He thought the reference to the fathers was most unjust and feared it would have a very bad effect on the men, already super-sensitive owing to the long hours of unbroken work.

Workmen's View.

Mr. MacDonald said that the view of the workmen was that they had a definite bargain in which it had been agreed to give the Government support, and the Government now was breaking its side of the bargain. He did not say that the Government had any other alternative in the circumstances, but no good could be done by making unfair charges.

"On the other hand, the press condemns the malcontents warmly. The Daily News describing the threat to strike as a betrayal of freedom and as a stabbing of sons and brothers in the back. A Liberal member is quoted as saying: 'The men want an excuse to end the war and this excuse is as good as any other. They want to cause a general strike so as to prevent the output of munitions and make war impossible. They are also talking of delivering an ultimatum to the Government to provide industrial districts with plenty of food or have a general strike.'

"In the lobbies of Parliament the opinion is expressed that if a strike takes place it is not likely to last long owing to the strikers' lack of funds. Labor members of Parliament generally will not talk of the situation at their conferences with Sir Auckland Geddes are not yet finished."

AMERICAN DOCTORS WERE THREATENED BY MOB IN CHINA

Peking, Jan. 14.—Three doctors, including Drs. Eckoff and Lewis, Americans, sent to Feng Chen, in Shan Si Province, west of Peking, to investigate a plague, were threatened by a mob which became angered at their efforts to check the spread of the disease. They have sent a telegram to the American diplomatic representative here asking that a special train be sent to their rescue. Appointed Government by the diplomats brought assurances of military protection.

The plague is pneumonic in type and is most serious in Feng Chen and Tatuang Fu, and is spreading toward Taiyuan Fu, the capital of Shan Si Province.

M'KENZIE AGAIN MADE MAYOR OF NANAIMO

Nanaimo, Jan. 15.—As was expected, there is no opposition to Mayor S. McKenzie as chief magistrate of this city for another year, but there will be contests for aldermanic honors in two of the three wards. Nominations took place yesterday.

Alderman Coburn having refused to stand for another term as representative of the North Ward, Ald. Forrester and Edward Charles Barnes were the only two nominees and accordingly are duly elected. In the Middle Ward the candidates are Alf. Morton, Fred Busby, who was Mayor in the city in 1915, Thomas Matthews. In the South Ward there are four nominees, namely, Aldermen Ferguson and Sharp, William Carmichael and W. Burnip.

For the three vacancies on the School Board three nominations were made for a two-year term—T. Hodgson, who is at present a trustee, Ald. Forrester and Mayor McKenzie.

For Police Commissioners the following names were placed in nomination: Ald. W. H. Morton and G. A. Beattie, the present commissioners, and William J. Brown, M. W. Garman and J. P. R. McGill.

VERNON CITY COUNCIL.

Vernon, Jan. 15.—The Vernon City Council was re-elected by acclamation yesterday. Little interest was manifested, and only four aldermen were secured, leaving a vacancy of one seat on the board, which probably will be filled by appointment. Mayor S. A. Shatford was re-elected, with the following aldermen: C. F. Costerton, L. J. Hall, N. L. Bell and J. S. Galbraith. Mr. Galbraith is the only new member, the others having served on last year's council.

Hamilton Lang and Joseph Harwood were re-elected to fill the vacancies on the board of school trustees caused by the expiration of their terms of office.

In the adjoining rural municipality of Coldstream two candidates for reeve were nominated. They are J. Kidston and A. T. Howe, and a close contest is expected on Saturday.

BIG PROHIBITION EVENT IN TORONTO

Convention at End of February; Ontario Will Vote in 1919

Toronto, Jan. 15.—What in probability will be the greatest gathering of Ontario prohibitionists and temperance workers ever held in the province will take place on February 26, 27 and 28, when the annual provincial prohibition convention will be held in Massey Hall here.

Preparation of plans for the campaign to be conducted previously to the referendum in June, 1919, when the people will be called upon to retain or repeal the liquor regulations already established in the province, is the primary object of the convention. From 1,200 to 1,500 delegates are expected to attend.

Speaking to the Canadian Press, Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, said that the convention would be held under very peculiar conditions, inasmuch as prohibition had been in force for over a year and the people had been watching the test with great interest.

"We face the fact that the law calls for a vote regarding the retention or the repealing of the regulations already established," he said, "and plans for a progressive campaign will have to be made. The recent measure put through by the Dominion Government is only a war measure, so that two great campaigns provincial and national, have to be looked forward to."

"The year just closed has been one of the most successful since the prohibition movement got under way."

CANADIAN CLUB IN NEW YORK HEARD MAJ. BISHOP, V. C.

New York, Jan. 15.—Among the speakers at a dinner held by the New York Canadian Club last night were Major W. A. Bishop, the Canadian Victoria Cross hero, who has to his credit thirty-seven German aeroplanes, and Major Hugh Nevill, one of the two surviving officers of the original Princess Patricia. Both these war heroes received a vociferous reception and were obliged to speak from a table. Other speakers included W. M. Birks, president of the Canadian Club of Montreal; Sir Frederick Black and Sir Andrew Caird, of the British War Mission to the United States; Philip Whitwell, of The London Daily News, and E. Cunliffe Owen.

SOUTHERN LEADERS IN CHINA PLANNING A PARLIAMENT NOW

Peking, Jan. 14.—The southern leaders intend to re-convoke at Nanking the Parliament dissolved by presidential mandate last June. Fighting is expected to break out in that vicinity as one division of the northern army is separated from the southern army by only ten miles.

Acting Premier Wang Chün Chen tendered his resignation verbally yesterday, but the Parliament refused to accept it.

GERMAN RAID WAS REPORTED BY HAIG

London, Jan. 15.—Field-Marshal Haig reported last night: "Early this morning enemy troops raided one of our posts southeast of Amiens. A few of our men are missing. "Hostile artillery has been active in the St. Julien area and southeast of Hargicourt."

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 15.—An official communication issued last night said: "The two artilleries were quite active at various points along the Champagne front and on the right bank of the Meuse, especially in the region north of Louvemont, where our batteries caught under their fire enemy concentrations. There was no infantry action."

LABOR CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA WEDNESDAY

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Phases of the labor problem in Canada, particularly as affected by war conditions, will be discussed at an informal conference to be held Wednesday between leading labor leaders and the War Cabinet. The conference originally was arranged for today.

On Wednesday, also, the Minister of Agriculture will meet representatives of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture and will discuss with them the problem of farm labor.

TIRPITZ CONTINUES TO AIR HIS IDEAS

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—According to The Nachrichten, of Dusseldorf, Admiral von Tirpitz, one of the leaders of the Fatherland party, in an address to politicians and journalists, expressed confidence that Germany's interests would be safeguarded. He asserted the submarine warfare already was forcing Great Britain to seek a peace, and that she was ready to adopt any expedient for this purpose, even to forsake some of the other of her allies.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)	High.	Low.	Last.
Bell Telephone	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Canadian Traction	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
B. C. Pab	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Can. Cement Co.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Do. pref.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Can. Car Foundry Co.	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
Do. pref.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Can. S. S. Co.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Do. pref.	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Can. Locomotive	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Can. Cottons	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Quebec Railway	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Civic Inv. & Ind.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Detroit United	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Dom. Bridge	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Dom. 1. & S.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Dom. Textile	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Lake of Woods Milling	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
Laurentide Power	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Loyal Const. Co.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Maple Leaf Milling	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Montreal Tram.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Montreal Cotton	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
MacDonald Co.	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Mackay Co.	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
N. S. Steel, pref.	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Ont. Steel Prods.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Penns. Ltd.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Quebec Railway	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Ridport Paper	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Shawinigan	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
Shawinigan Pulp	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Do. pref.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Toronto Railway	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Twin City Elec.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Winipeg Elec.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Waynams Pulp	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Dom. War Loan, 1917	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
B. of Mon.	210 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/2
Tex. pref.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2

UNSETTLED STOCK MARKET AT NEW YORK

Call Money Advanced and Stocks Were Freely Sold To-day

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

New York, Jan. 15.—After a moderate rally around midday, the stock market here again sold off and made some of the lowest prices of the day in the last hour. Call money, which had been around four per cent, advanced to six per cent. as a result of payment of the final instalment on the second Liberty Loan. The effect of this operation on the money market will be temporary of course, but it afforded an excuse for selling on the market. Except for minor day-to-day incidents of that sort the market continues to drift and there are few who hold any decided views on the immediate future of security prices with strength of conviction. Industrial conditions as affected by transportation are unsettled so much that several state fuel administrations in the east and some prominent railroad men have joined in the proposal that the President declare every Monday a legal holiday until further notice.

Total sales, \$68,000 shares.

High Low Last

10-DAY'S TRADING ON		
WINNIPEG MARKET		
Am. Can. Co. ccm.	35 3/4	34 1/2
Am. Car Foundry	69 1/2	69 1/2
Am. Locomotive	54 1/2	54 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	78	78
Am. T. & Tel.	102 1/2	102 1/2
Am. Wool. com.	42 1/2	42 1/2
Am. Steel Foundry	58 1/2	58 1/2
Anacosta Mining	41 1/2	41 1/2
Atchafson	93 1/2	93 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	93 1/2	93 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	58 1/2	58 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	51 1/2	50 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	74 1/2	72 1/2
Butte Sup. Mining	172 1/2	172 1/2
Canadian Pacific	121 1/2	121 1/2
Central Leather	62 1/2	61 1/2

SPORTING NEWS

HOT CONTEST WAS STAGED AT ARENA

Vancouver Ice Fans Have Seen Better but No Hotter Hockey Games

TERMINALS CAME OUT WINNERS OF MATCH

By their win last night the Vancouver Club of the P. C. H. L., again made the Coast hockey race a three-cornered tie. The terminals out-acted the Portland Rosebuds by a score of four goals to one. Critics say there have been better games played, but few that have been more hotly contested. St. Griggs, the veteran, was again on the ice and his performance met with applause. Lloyd Cook and Eddie Outman caused a disagreeable incident when they engaged at close quarters and were given major penalties that put them off the ice in the third period for the rest of the game.

First Mix-Up.
Vancouver, Jan. 15.—The game was clean almost all the way through. The first really overt act occurred when Tommy Dunderdale, after being roughed along the fence by Moyne turned and got himself the first major penalty of the season at the local arena by taking a swipe at Moyne. Just before that Tommy had shown his independence by assisting Stanley to the ice by a tap on the brow. The major penalty brought about a curious situation, for with Johnson off on account of his injury and Utkala substituting, Manager Muldoon had no substitute. When the three minutes of grace was up Muldoon complained loudly that such was the case. The period came to an end and Frank Patrick and he put it up to Irvin. Irvin thought a minute and gave the decision that under the circumstances he would change the penalty to a minor, allowing Dunderdale to substitute for himself.

"But mind," warned, "if he pulls anything else he goes off for the game."

Vancouver's Stars.
Fred Taylor and Mackay were the stars for the locals. Taylor kept going at top speed until within two minutes of the end of the game, when he put the result on ice by taking Stanley's pass and scoring. He received quite a hand from the grateful fans for his work. Mackay worked himself recklessly as usual and Frank Patrick spent a good part of the game imploring him to stay back with the defence and rest up. Moyne showed better condition than the last time and played a great game for the first two periods. Stanley worked hard and checked back with his usual good effect. Barney saw a lot of his shots speared by some great goalkeeping on the part of Murray. Cook along with Griffiths, put up a splendid defence, and on two occasions had the worst kind of luck with his shots after rushes down the ice.

Portland Combination.
For the Buds, strangely enough, Charley Tobin, who last year used to travel fast for a period and then fade, played a consistently fine game all through and it was evident that Young Barbour, who put up a game that stamps him as a dangerous forward, suited him better on the opposite wing than Harris. Tobin, Dunderdale and Barbour together made a fast and heady forward combination that backed up by Outman at rover, looked to be a hard one to keep out. The Buds are a tough aggregation and no mistake, and the person who picked them as the team to beat for the title showed judgment.

Had Buds Up Tree.
The one period of the game when the Millionaires had the Buds up a tree was in the first half of the first period when some of the best hockey ever seen here was played. The locals did not get past Loughlin and Johnson to any extent in this time, but they had the forward line completely baffled with their combination and individual brilliance.

Only Goal.
The second period opened slower, with the play sawing up and down. Both goalkeepers were kept working by systematic rushes, until Taylor slipped the first one through from a pass from Moyne. Four minutes later Tobin bored his way past Griffiths and Cook, and scored the first and only Portland goal, and Mackay put the locals in the lead with a perfectly similar performance, which brought the fans to their feet. It was in this period that Johnson received his hurt in a collision, and went down and out. When Dunderdale was chased to the fence, the homesters took the offensive and were on top when the whistle blew.

Last Goal.
The last goal came when Taylor and Stanley went in together, Stanley carrying the rubber and Taylor scored. Then the veteran quit, and Moyne, who had been resting while Ray McDonald wrestled with the opposition, relieved him. By this time the locals were playing defence, all of them, and finished holding the fort.

GAVE BOXING LESSON.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 15.—Ted Lewis, welterweight titleholder, and Soldier Barfield fought a twelve-round draw here last night. Lewis gave Barfield a boxing lesson for eight rounds, but only his cleverness saved him from the soldier's mauling in the last four.

OTTAWA WON GAME IN EASTERN HOCKEY "GO"

Torontos Tasted Defeat by a Score of Nine Goals to Six Last Night

TERMINALS CAME OUT WINNERS OF MATCH

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—The Torontos went down to defeat here last night before the Ottawas, nine to six, in a match which was spectacular at times, but did not compare in brilliancy with the contest staged here two weeks ago between the same teams. The Senators were a much stronger aggregation than when last the teams met in the Capital, while the blue-shirts lacked much of the aggressiveness that marked their play on that occasion.

The match was marked by numerous penalties and on two occasions the Toronto supply of substitutes was exhausted, and the Ottawas were forced to drop a man to even up, while the crowd was treated to a fast exhibition of five-man hockey. While the penalties were many, there were few serious offences, the only untoward incident occurring when Randall cross-checked Hyland in the final period and the latter punched him in the face. Both men were sent to the penalty bench.

The Ottawas started off with whirlwind speed and netted three goals in less than nine minutes of play. They stood out over the Torontos and it looked as if the contest was to be a one-sided one. Then Captain Gerard strained one of his leg muscles and was retired for the night and soon after this Crawford was injured and he was sent to the dressing room. These losses had a depressing effect on the Senators, and the Torontos who, up to this time, had been playing in spots began to show their ability and before the period ended they had the score five to three.

A shot by Darragh in the third period was given a goal although the puck did not enter the net. Five visitors protested strongly but the goal counted.

When Hyland added another to his leg, making the score nine to five, the contest was practically over. Noble tallied the final goal of the match just before the final bell.

Lineup: Ottawa—Benedict, Ritchie, Shore, Gerard, Darragh, Denney. Substitutes—Hyland, Boucher, Crawford and Lowrey.

Torontos—Holmes, Cameron, Munnelly, Denney, Randall, Noble. Substitutes—Skinner, Meeking and Coughlin.

Referee—Pulford. Judge of play—McKinley.

MILITARY HOCKEY IS AGAIN GOING STRONG

Sommes, Led by Walter Smail, Give Ypres Second Trimming

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Walter Smail's coits, the Sommes team, repeated their performance of the opening of the Winnipeg Military Hockey League last night by trimming the Ypres aggregation 8 to 5 in a game that was full of tense situations and marked by hard checking, the players receiving most attention in this respect being the opposing centres Dick Irwin and Spunkie Spence.

At half-time the score was five to two in favor of the Sommes. In the second period both teams netted three goals.

Lineup: Sommes—Blaney, Mulheed, Newell, Borland, Sparrow, Gehrke, Smail.

Ypres—Jackson, A. Irvin, Bostrum, Dartnell, D. Irvin, Marples, C. Irvin. Substitutes: Second half—Ypres—Halderson for Bostrum.

Officials—W. Field and W. Breen.

AWARDED DECISION.

New Orleans, Jan. 15.—Johnny Dundee of Philadelphia, was awarded a referee's decision over Pal Moran, of New Orleans, at the end of their twenty-round fight here last night. The men are lightweights.

WILL NOT PROTEST.

The Garrison has after further consideration altered its announcement made yesterday, and will not protest the football match played against the V. I. A. A. at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon.

ANOTHER TEAM ENTERED.

Another team, which now makes the fifth, has entered the Ladies' Division of the Sunday Athletic Association's Basketball League. The new club is called the Pilgrims.

SENIORS DEFEATED.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 15.—The London senior O. H. A. team was defeated by Detroit last night by the score of nine to nothing.

OUTPOINTED PICATO.

Cleveland, Jan. 15.—Matt Brock, of Cleveland, outpointed "Babe" Picato, of Newcastle, Pa., in ten rounds here last night. The men weighed 127 pounds.

The poorest man in the world is the man who has tired of everything money will buy and is hungry for just the things it won't buy.

Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

JEAN STEEDMAN TO LOAD LUMBER ON FRASER RIVER

Fifth Vessel Built at Cameron-Genoa Yard Ready for Sea Early Next Week

When the five-masted auxiliary schooner Jean Steedman, Capt. Manning, is put into commission next week, she will be dispatched to the Fraser River Mills to load a full cargo of lumber for an offshore destination. It was announced to-day that the newly-completed vessel had been fixed to load her initial cargo on the Fraser River. The 250-horsepower Bolinder engines have been installed and the riggers are now completing operations. The finishing touches are now being put to the vessel and it is expected that she will be ready for sea by the end of the week.

Capt. Alexander J. W. Manning, Superintendent for the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, was here yesterday arranging for the delivery of the schooner. The Jean Steedman will undergo her trials during her run up the gulf to New Westminster, the practice of trying out the speed and sailing qualities of these ships when proceeding to the port of loading having been adopted following the completion of the first schooner of this type.

The Jean Steedman is the fifth schooner to be turned out at this port by the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., this concern having previously launched the Margaret-Haney, Laurel Whalen, Esquimalt and Malahat.

The auxiliary schooner Beatrice Castle, the sixth and last of the six vessels of this type contracted for, is also practically ready for sea, her engines having been fitted at the same time power was installed in the Jean Steedman.

The Esquimalt and Beatrice Castle have both been sold to French shipping interests since completion. The latter vessel was recently acquired by Gallusser & Co., of Paris, the deal having been put through by W. G. Winterburn, consulting engineer, of this city, and representative of French shipping interests here. The Beatrice Castle, on changing to the tricolor, will be named "Stasia."

PART OF DECKLOAD SHIFTED IN STORM

With a deckload of 200,000 feet of lumber, cut at the company's new mill at Roche Point, in addition to her regular cargo, a steamship of the Canadian Robert Dollar Line has put to sea for the Orient.

Getting away from Vancouver when the southeast gale was raging Sunday night, the steamer had to put back to shelter to reinforce the lashing of her deckload, part of which shifted as the vessel was heading into the storm.

This lumber-shipment is the first exported from the new Dollar mill at Roche Point, Burrard Inlet.

The Canadian Robert Dollar Company is reported to have sold the motor schooner May to New York interests. The May is loading 1,500,000 feet of lumber at Roche Point for San Pedro. The vessel was recently completed on the Columbia River and is making her maiden voyage.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a. m., Jan. 15.
Point Grey—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.90; 33; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.95; 41; sea smooth.
Pachena—Cloudy; E. light; 29.82; 40; sea moderate.
Esquimalt—Overcast; calm; 29.62; 41; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.64; 37; sea smooth.
Triangle—Cloudy; W. light; 29.92; 41; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.65; 39; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Rain; calm; 29.36; 38; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E.; 29.60; 40; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.00; 44; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.97; 48; sea smooth.
Pachena—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.82; 45; light swell.
Esquimalt—Passing showers; S. W. light; 29.67; 49; sea moderate. Spoke star. Princess Maguina, 10 a. m., leaving Abousah, 5.30 a. m., southbound.
Alert Bay—Clear; S. E. light; 29.64; 39; sea smooth.
Triangle—Overcast; S. E. strong; 29.93; 43; sea moderate. Spoke star. Princess Royal, noon, Millbank Sound, northbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W. light; 29.72; 33; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E. 29.62; 45; sea smooth. Spoke star. Redondo, 11 a. m., off Lawyer's Island, southbound.

NO WORD OF GASPAN.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—No further word has been received at the Marine Department with regard to the steamer Gaspar which was reported on January ten to be bound about twenty miles from the city of Charlottetown.

WAR NOOTKA TOOK TO WATER FINELY

Capt. J. W. Troup Says Yesterday's Launching Was Big Success

"It was a fine launch," said Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of C. P. R. coast steamships and assistant director of wooden shipbuilding on this coast, this morning on his return from Vancouver, where, together with R. P. Buteart, director of wooden shipbuilding; J. H. Price, president of the Cameron-Genoa Shipbuilders, and other Victorians, he attended the launching yesterday of the wooden steamer War Nootka.

The War Nootka was sent down the ways at 8.30 a. m. from the False Creek plant of the Western Canada Shipyard, Ltd., Mrs. A. R. Mann, wife of the president of the building company, acting as sponsor. The keel of the War Nootka was laid on July 26.

Speaking of the launching, Captain Troup said: "The preparations were excellent and the drags checked the vessel up nicely. I believe this is the first vessel of any size to be launched in False Creek, and she bears a historic name. Nootka was the North-west America, which was built by Capt. John Meares at Nootka Sound in 1781, and a few years before that a vessel called the Nootka came from the West Indies."

The next launching in connection with the Imperial Munitions Board programme will take place at Victoria within the next few days, when the War Type will be sent down the ways from the Cameron-Genoa yard at Point Ellice. About the same time a vessel will be put afloat from the Lyall Shipyards at North Vancouver.

JAPAN WILL BUILD 250 SHIPS YEARLY

Progressive Nipponese Have Over One Hundred Shipbuilding Ways in Operation

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—E. F. Crowe, Canadian trade commissioner at Yokohama, in a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, states that Japan is launching upon a shipbuilding campaign which will involve the construction of 250 ships a year. He states that at the end of September there were in Japan 113 shipbuilding slips, owned by 42 firms. In each slip a ship of 1,000 tons can be built. This is more than three times the number of ships Japan owned before the war. Many more are also being built and twenty-four are expected to be completed before the end of the year. When all these berths are put into full operation, subject to a supply of steel and iron material, Japan will be able to build more than 250 ships, aggregating 1,000,000 tons yearly. This is more than three times over Canada's maximum shipbuilding programme as recently announced.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN CASE ARISING OUT OF DRYDOCK LOSS

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 15.—In the case of damages brought by J. V. Paterson, of the Seattle Construction and Drydock Company, against Grant Snijff & Co., and McDonnell, contractors, arising out of the capsizing of a floating dock which had been rented by the defendants in connection with the Victoria harbor works, Mr. Justice Clement gave judgment for \$87,000. The original claim was for \$250,000. The court allows \$75,000 for breach of contract and \$12,000 for rent up to the time the writ was issued.

TIDE TABLE.

January.											
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2	9:58	9.9	9:58	9.9	9:58	9.9	9:58	9.9	9:58	9.9	9:58
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28	9:06	7.3	9:06	7.3	9:06	7.3	9:06	7.3	9:06	7.3	9:06
29	9:04	7.2	9:04	7.2	9:04	7.2	9:04	7.2	9:04	7.2	9:04
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HELMSMAN WAS SIGNED AS MEMBER OF CREW

Manager A. F. Haines Says William Swanson Was Not Masquerading on Spokane

Seattle, Jan. 15.—That William Swanson, who was at the wheel of the steamship Spokane when she drove ashore at Idol Point, B. C., on November 22, was signed on in the usual legal manner as quartermaster, and did not ship aboard and masquerade as such, as at first reported, is the statement made by A. F. Haines, general manager of the Pacific Steamship Company, owners of the steamer.

Following an investigation of the stranding by United States steamboat inspectors it became known that Federal agents were searching for Swanson in the belief that he might be a German agent who deliberately wrecked the Spokane in furtherance of an enemy campaign to weaken the transportation facilities of the United States.

In declaring that Swanson was a legal member of the Spokane's crew Mr. Haines said: "Swanson was signed on as quartermaster of the Spokane on November 6. He was a member of the Sailors' Union and was in good standing with the union. Shortly after his return to Seattle, following the wreck of the Spokane, Swanson was signed on the Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Cordova as a seaman. Our last information regarding him was that he sailed for Honolulu on the schooner Mary D. Foster as a seaman."

STEAMER NORTHLAND HAS BEEN RENAMED ADMIRAL NICHOLSON

The steamship Northland, recently acquired by the Pacific Steamship Company, has been renamed Admiral Nicholson, after Rear-Admiral R. P. Nicholson, of the United States navy. The Pacific Steamship Company purchased the Northland a few days ago from the Bonder Line Transportation Company. She was built in 1908 and is a steel vessel with a freight carrying capacity of approximately 1,600 tons. The Northland capsized in the harbor of Kake, Kupreanof Island, Alaska, on June 25, 1916. On June 25, 1917, she was raised by the Vancouver Dredging & Salvage Company and taken to Vancouver, afterwards shifting to Seattle, where she is now undergoing repairs.

AJAX COMPLETES DREDGING WORK IN NANAIMO HARBOR

The dredge Ajax, of the Dominion Public Works Department, has returned to port after completing some important dredging work in Nanaimo Harbor. The Ajax, since the early part of December has been engaged in removing material shattered from three ledges by the rock crusher.

As the Federal Government has adopted an economical policy with regard to the improvement work in Victoria harbor, the indications are that the dredge Ajax will be temporarily laid up here.

She is now berthed at the wharf of the Marine Depot in the Inner Harbor.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF CONCENTRATES FROM SYDNEY INLET PLANT

Bringing the first shipment of copper concentrates from the Silverman plant at Sydney Inlet the C. P. R. steamer Tees is due in port during the week-end from the West Coast of Vancouver Island. On her northern trip the Tees carried a cargo of cement from Todd Inlet to Quatsino Sound.

SCOPE OF INQUIRY INTO MONT BLANC-IMO COLLISION EXTENDED

Halifax, Jan. 14.—It is understood that the scope of the inquiry into the Mont Blanc-Imo collision of December 6 has been extended to permit of inquiry into some points which were not touched by Judge Drysdale's court of inquiry at the sessions already held. The court will resume its hearing on January 21.

MARINE WATER-TUBE BOILER INVENTOR DEAD AT BROOKLYN

New York, Jan. 15.—Edward E. Roberts, inventor of the Roberts marine water tube boiler, died Sunday at his home in Brooklyn, aged 76 years. He came of New England stock and was born in Manchester, England, while his parents were temporarily abroad.

UNUSUAL CATCH.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 15.—An unprecedented catch of 22,000 cod in three days in January is reported from North Bay, Ingonish, by the steamer Burke, one of the largest fishermen in Cape Breton.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily. The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B. C.

Winter Schedule

Effective Dec. 30th, 1917

SAILINGS FOR
Vancouver, Ocean Falls, Swanson Bay, Prince Rupert and Anyok—10 a. m., every Monday.
Alaska—10 a. m., January 21st, February 4th and 18th.
Massett and Port Clements—10 a. m., January 25th and Feb. 11th.
Queen Charlotte (from Prince Rupert)—Jan. 21st, Feb. 4th and

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FARMERS OF SAANICH IN ANNUAL MEETING

Local Branch of United Farmers of British Columbia Elect Officers

The first annual meeting of the United Farmers of British Columbia was held January 12 in the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton. The meeting was well attended.

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the past year's working, and mentioned how the branch had enlarged since its formation—nine months ago—by doubling its membership, having now over seventy members on the roll. He congratulated the meeting on the good spirit and interest taken by the members in the new institution, and referred to one encouraging matter—the success of their first venture in being able to buy and distribute several cars of feed amongst themselves, and also the confidence the members had shown in the principle of mutual co-operation by purchasing and exchanging their produce with each other, saving importation and transportation expense.

During the evening the telephone question was also freely discussed, and until the conditions which now obtain are remedied it will remain a question for agitation. Another topic which the members could not understand was the apathy and indifference of the central executive. The secretary was instructed to write for general information.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month at 8 o'clock in the evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Clark, West Road, North Saanich; vice-president, William Mitchell, Telegraph Road, Keating; secretary, George Spencer, Turgoose; treasurer, Colin A. Chisholm, Saanichton; directors, John Brooks, Stellys Road, Saanichton; M. Deen, Aldale Poultry Farm, Keating; J. M. Malcolm, Mount Newton Cross Road, Saanichton; A. Munroe, West Road, North Saanich; Alex. McDonald, East Road, North Saanich; auditor, J. H. Thompson, Stellys Cross Road, Saanichton.

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HANNA IS CONCERNED ABOUT POTATO CROPS

Seeks Information From Provincial Department of Agriculture; Has Ideas.

The Provincial Minister of Agriculture has received a communication from Food Controller Hanna dealing at length with the potato situation throughout the Dominion. Mr. Oliver is asked particularly to take a general survey and make an estimate of the supply of potatoes in British Columbia, the normal needs for the coming year, and particulars as to surplus or shortage.

Suggestions are also invited as to the regulation of price per sack so that everything can be done to militate against the holding of stocks of potatoes by farmers and dealers, causing the sudden slump in price, which the Food Controller says seems inevitable in some provinces. That highly probable situation coming at planting time he views with a good deal of alarm since its effect on the 1918 crop cannot be underestimated.

That the farmers of any particular potato growing community be advised to plant a uniform variety is another reminder from the Controller of one way in which stabilization of prices may be secured. In general Mr. Hanna impresses upon the Provincial Department of Agriculture the absolute necessity of increased potato production during the present year.

ELECTION INCIDENT STIRS THE ALDERMEN

Dislike Insinuation Contained in Tax Delinquency Charge Against Members

Denials couched in firm language were given by several of the aldermen last evening to the allegations issued in the form of dodgers yesterday. This dodger repeats letters in the press alleging that six of the aldermen are in arrears with their taxes.

Have Paid. Alderman Fullerton brought the subject up in dealing with W. S. Dewry's letter published on Sunday morning. As one who had paid his taxes he repudiated the suggestion that he was delinquent. He had paid his obligations, and objected to its issuance during an election.

Alderman Sargent declared that several ratepayers had taxed him, with being implicated in the implied impeachment. "There is no law compelling an alderman to pay all his taxes," he observed, "nor should I think it my duty to inquire into the standing of those colleagues who sit with me, whom I must presume are living within the law." He termed the impeachment so far as he was concerned an absolute untruth. He felt aggrieved at its circulation at this time.

Not Personal Delinquency. Alderman Walker produced a statement from A. H. Harman, showing that the property to which his name was attached in the offending pamphlet was only delinquent so far as another member of the syndicate was concerned, not himself.

Alderman Johns declared that he had been a resident of Victoria for thirty years, and a property owner for nearly all that time. He was not delinquent in any of his property, in the city or neighboring municipalities, but was a member of a syndicate owning a city property which was delinquent because some of its members refused to meet their obligations. He paid about \$3,000 a year in taxes, he mentioned. This delinquency complained of, he said, ought not to disqualify the citizen from being a member of the Council.

Two Long Residents.

Alderman Cameron referred to a residence of fifty-seven years, forty-seven of which he had been a taxpayer, and almost all his earnings had been invested in real estate in the city. Up till recently he had been always able to pay his taxes; circumstances had recently prevented him paying up all. The speaker in getting a published statement out was not of the best. It was designed to disparage and hurt some members of the Council. Such a policy was calculated to damage not only the aldermen, but the city, and would not occur in places like Vancouver and Seattle. In Victoria they had a different spirit. The bad times were not as bad as represented, and such a statement was likely to damage them before the outside world.

Alderman Dinisale observed that the firm of contractors with which he was associated had outstanding thousands of dollars for public buildings, and were they able to collect the money the taxes would soon come in. After thirty-three years' residence in the city he had, in spite of the above difficulty, paid \$510 in taxes, which was more than many of the people who criticized.

HAS WITHDRAWN

Fred G. Luscombe Will Not Contest Seat on the School Board.

Announcement was made to-day that Fred G. Luscombe, whose candidacy was mentioned yesterday for both School Trustees and Police Commissioner in Esquimalt, has withdrawn from the nominations for the School Board and will run solely for the Police Commission.

Samuel A. Pomeroy is the candidate who has entered the contest for Council in Ward One. St. Daniel A. Pomeroy, as stated in yesterday's list of nominations.

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Remarkable Advance in Market Gross Receipts During Past Twelve Months

The business at the Victoria Public Market increased 39.4 per cent. in 1917 over 1916, the approximate sales being \$204,175, as compared with gross receipts estimated at \$149,171 in the previous year.

The receipts were \$3,927 from the inside and \$1,802 outside market, \$2,049 from rentals, while the expenses were \$1,746 salaries, \$413 for maintenance, \$88.70 for alterations, \$3,346.67 for interest and sinking fund on the building, leaving a balance of \$2,174.96.

Reference was made in the Market Committee's report, filed with the council last evening, to the above satisfactory conditions. It was recommended again to take over all the offices in the building on Cormorant Street, now occupied for other purposes; to extend the stall accommodation for farmers' horses in bad weather, and other minor improvements.

It was hoped that the recent amendment of the market by-law would stimulate production.

NAVY LEAGUE CHAPTER

Children's Ball Realized \$279 for I. O. D. E. Funds; December Cabaret, \$127.50; Good Reports Tendered.

The monthly meeting of the Navy League Chapter I. O. D. E. took place Friday last, Mrs. David Doig, the Regent, presiding. Nominations of officers of the ensuing year took place, a copy of which will be found posted at headquarters on the notice board, the elections to take place at the annual meeting Friday, February 8. Nine pair socks for soldiers and eight scarves and two sweaters for sailors were handed in to Field Comforts.

Mrs. W. Stanceland was welcomed and enrolled as a member of the chapter.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women: Mrs. Bruce Powley, Mrs. Plumb and Mrs. Thaw.

Sums of money were voted as follows: \$25.00 to soldiers' graves and \$25.00 to field comforts for sailors and soldiers.

A business report of the cabaret held at the Empress Hotel, December 15 was read, showing a balance to the credit of the chapter of \$127.50. Mrs. Mortimer Appleby reported on the children's fancy dress ball held January 4 under the auspices of the chapter by which the chapter has benefited to the amount of \$279.00.

Standing votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. David Doig and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby for their work on the chapter's behalf at the cabaret and children's ball respectively.

**FROZEN FOOT
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Mr. William Jones, Trapper, of Oba, Ont., had a very badly frozen heel cured by Zam-Buk. Writing to the proprietors he says: "While on a long tramp I got one of my heels very badly frozen. By the time I got back to my shack the pain was intense. Fortunately I had some Zam-Buk on hand and applied it freely. The relief I felt was wonderful. I persevered until Zam-Buk had drawn out all the pain and soreness and the swelling had disappeared. I am glad to say that I have had no trouble with it since."

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White Drill, 27 ins. wide. Yard... 25¢
White Duck, 27 ins. wide. Yard... 25¢
White Riplette, 29 ins. wide. Yard... 50¢
Fancy White Piques, 28 ins. wide. Yard... 35¢
White Piques, fine and wide cord, 28 ins. wide. Yard... 35¢
White Piques; 29 ins. wide. Yard... 25¢
White Diagonal Suitings, 36 ins. wide. Yard, 45¢
White Gabardine Suitings, 44 ins. wide. Yd. 60¢
White Suitings, in self stripes and checks; 36 ins. wide. Yard... 60¢
Tonal's White Vestings, 28 ins. wide. Yard, 35¢
White Check Muslins, assorted designs, 27 ins. wide. Yard... 25¢
White Spot Muslins, assorted spots, 27 ins. wide. Yard, 35¢, 40¢
White Seersucker Fabric, in check and stripe, 28 ins. wide. Yard... 30¢
Striped Mulls—This is a dainty material in a variety of pretty stripes on white grounds, 28 ins. wide. Yard... 25¢

Splendid Value in Wool Flannels—Here are some real good Flannels at reasonable prices:

Cream Wool Flannel, 28 ins. wide. Yard, 75¢ and... 85¢
Cream Wool Flannel, finer grade, 29 ins. wide. Yard... 95¢
Cream Wool Flannel, pure wool, unshrinkable, 30 ins. wide. Yard, \$1.00 and... \$1.15
Woolona Shirting—This is a striped Shirting fabric, very warm and durable; 29 ins. wide. Per yard... 60¢
Ceylon Striped Shirting, a fine make of fancy stripes, especially suitable for ladies' waists and men's shirts; 31 ins. wide. Yard... 50¢
"Viyella" at 90c Yard—We have a nice selection of stripes in this favorite material; 31 ins. wide. Yard... 90¢
Kimona and Bathrobe Materials—Kimona cloth for children's wear. Come in cute dog and cat designs on pink and blue ground; 27 ins. wide. Yard... 35¢
Kimona Cloth for Dressing Gowns—Floral and conventional designs in Kimona Cloth in some of the most wanted colors; 27 ins. and 36 ins. wide. Yard... 35¢

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42 ins. wide. Per yard... \$1.85
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54 ins. wide. Per yard... \$2.75
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Notions for Home Sewing Week

Spool Cotton in black and white. Per spool, 5¢ and... 7½¢
Spool Cotton, in various colors. Per spool, 5¢ and... 7½¢
Basting Thread, sizes 36 and 40, 1,000-yard spool. Each... 20¢
Linen Thread, in black, white, khaki and drab. Per spool... 20¢
Belding's Silk Spool, all shades, 50-yard spools. Per spool... 5¢
Needles, assorted and individual sizes. Pkt., 5¢
Thimbles, in celluloid and steel, also tailors' and thimbles for tiny girls. Each... 5¢
Hooks and Eyes, all sizes. Per card... 5¢
De Long Hooks and Eyes, in better quality. Per card... 10¢
Twill Tape, all widths, 6-yd. bolts. Per bolt, 5¢ and... 10¢

Tape Measures, each... 5¢
Snap Fasteners, on tape, very convenient and useful. Per yard... 25¢
Hooks and Eyes, in tape all ready to sew on; sizes 1 and 2, black and white. Per yard... 20¢
Scissors, in best quality. Price, 75¢, \$1.00 and... \$1.25
Bias Seam Tape, in finest quality lawn, convenient and time-saving; black and white. Per pkt. of 12 yards, from 25¢ to... 40¢
Prussian Bindings for binding seams, black, white and colors. Per yard 5¢ or 6¢ for... 25¢
Worsted Skirt Braids, in black and colors. Per yard... 5¢
Silk Dress Braids, in black, white and colors. Per yard... 10¢
—Notions, Main Floor

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Fine Chintz Repp, English Cretonne and Sateen, Yard... 39¢
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Yard... 23¢
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Yard... 19¢
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