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POSTMASTER OF BRITAIN SPEAKS ON LIBERALISM AND IMPERIALISM

Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel
Heard at the National
Liberal Club

**ARMAMENTS SHOULD
NOT BE EXAGGERATED**

Dominions Will Desire to Exer-
cise Control in High
Matters

**LIBERAL POLICY IS
TO FOSTER IMPERIALISM**

London, Dec. 27.—Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, postmaster-general, delivered an address on "Liberalism and Imperial Policy" at the National Liberal Club, George Hardy presiding.

It was once considered by many thoughtful men, Mr. Samuel said, that Liberalism had no business to have any policy in relation to the empire at all, except a negative policy, that any empire must by its very nature be aggressive, oppressive, militarist, burdensome, and that its very existence must be a contradiction of Liberalism.

No man, he said, with any degree of authority in the ranks of Liberalism would now propound doctrines similar to those to which Mr. Cobden gave expression. In the development of human affairs the consummation to be aimed at was a combination of the large imperial state on the one hand with the local autonomous state, living and flourishing on its own lines, within it.

The British empire was on the direct line of progress, he continued. The combination of many states into federations and vast empires had conducted to the stability of peace. The British empire covered about one-fourth of the land area of the world and within it was peace. The existence of the empire was advantageous to each of its parts. If the dominions were separate states they would either forego the creation of armaments of their own or would have to engage in a most burdensome and deplorable undertaking. From that dilemma membership of the empire to a great extent saved the empire.

Liberals could not ignore the empire even if they would, and they ought not to do so, because its existence and its internal development might be a most powerful factor in the realization of Liberal ideas with respect both to international peace and domestic progress. With regard to India and the sub-tropical possessions, it was common ground of all Liberal effort that as far as might be, and when the circumstances of the case rendered it practicable, there should be a gradual development in those areas of the best governing institutions and the best services which the mother country could render to the dominions was to manage the foreign relations of the empire soberly and successfully, to maintain peace, to abstain from aggressive tendencies, to keep their armaments at the point where they were adequate for defense, but not exaggerated, and to keep civilization here at the heart of the empire at as high a level as possible.

In conclusion, Mr. Samuel said he did not believe that the present constitution or absence of a constitution of the empire could be the final form of the relations of the mother country to the dominions. The political organs common to the whole empire were, four, the monarchy, the judicial committee of the privy council, the imperial conference and the committee of imperial defense. But none of these had any effective executive or legislative power; and the control of the whole empire so far as its foreign affairs and common defense were concerned, was vested in an executive responsible only to the inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland. Any one who knew the circumstances of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa must come to the conclusion that sooner or later these nations would desire to exercise control over those high matters that vitally concerned them and would not be content merely to influence those who exercised that control.

It was contrary to the genius of the British race to expect that the dominions would acquiesce in their foreign affairs and the control of their defenses being vested in a government not in some way or other appointed by and responsible to them. Referring to the constitution and function of the imperial defense he said it would be important with Liberal policy to foster the development of these institutions, which were in accordance with the rooted principles of Liberalism, and which aimed not at the extension of control over others but at a sharing of existing control over others. Certain it was that whatever form imperial union might take, it must be such as to reconcile in some larger harmony imperial unity with local autonomy, and that it must come as all their institutions had come, not by manufacture but by growth.

RT. HON. H. SAMUEL



DR. HENRY J. MORGAN DEAD.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Dr. Henry J. Morgan, one of the greatest authorities on Canadian biography and the publisher of "Morgan's Men of the Times," died at his home here this morning of heart failure. He was born in Quebec City in 1842.

FRANCE PROTECTING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Provisional Owners Must Not
Make Profit Out of
Works of Art

Paris, Dec. 27.—For the last five years a project for the protection of the historical monuments of France has been sent back and forth between a parliamentary committee and the chamber without any decision being arrived at, until latterly its partisans despaired of its ever becoming law. It has at last, however, been passed, and it is expected that a much larger measure of control over national art treasures will ensue.

It gives, moreover, entirely new powers in certain directions to the authorities, and although it is not so far-reaching as that now in operation in Italy, and still leaves, no doubt, much to be desired, it is, nevertheless, a great advance on the old regulations.

One of the main points of the new law is to prohibit individuals and private companies from making profit out of works of art of which they are merely provisional owners. The many cases during the last few years in which historical public buildings and ruins have been allowed to get into a state of dilapidation through sheer neglect, and private properties of national architectural value have been sold, and in some cases removed from the country, has been responsible for article 25 of the new bill, which decrees that all private owners and public bodies shall be responsible for the protection and upkeep of historical and national artistic treasures in their possession, of whatever character they may be.

An inventory is to be made during the next three years of all the historical monuments and buildings of France and such as are found to be in need of restoration will be restored. In certain cases this is to be done at the expense of the state. The bill includes other large powers including that of expropriation of all such properties as may be deemed to be in peril or insufficiently protected by their owners. Doubts have been expressed as to whether or not some of the provisions of the new bill will not lend themselves to unscrupulous owners intentionally allowing their properties to get out of repair so as to have them restored at the expense of the state, and further, whether it may not encourage the manipulation of local influence with a view to inducing the state to purchase properties which they are not easily disposed of in the open market.

OFFICER OF PRESIDENT GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Guilty of negligence was the verdict returned today by a board of United States inspectors against Henry W. Ravens, first officer of the steamer President, for his conduct on the night of November 23, when one passenger, the fourth officer and two seamen were drowned.

The board consisted of Captain R. J. Paulsen and Thomas L. Mathieson, the second officer, were exonerated.

Ravens will lose his master's and pilot's licenses for eighteen months, dating from to-day.

DEPORTED LABORER CLAIMS HE WAS SHOT

Charles H. Moyer Put on Train
and Sent From Copper
District

**CALUMET LABOR MEN
SAY PLAN WILL REACT**

Collection Fund for Purposes
of Burial is Not Accepted
by Miners

**AMOUNT GROWS AS
COMMITTEES PROCEED**

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 27.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was put on a train and sent out of the copper strike district last night. The deportation was the direct result of the refusal of families struck by the Christmas Eve disaster here to accept relief from a committee, the majority of whose members belonged to the Citizens Alliance, an organization combating the five months' strike of the federation.

Word as to the whereabouts of Moyer was awaited at the local union headquarters early to-day. The absence of word from the deported executive caused some hesitation in announcement of plans for further conduct of the strike and for the burial of victims of the Christmas Eve disaster here, but it was expected that arrangements for the funerals at least would be completed to-day.

The local union men were bitter in their denunciation of the "kidnapping" of Moyer. They asserted that its effect would react on the men who planned and carried it out, and would tighten the ranks of the strikers.

There was little indication that relief from the committee of citizens would be more acceptable to-day than it was yesterday. The relief committee was again confronted with the task of disposing of the \$25,000, which has as yet found no acceptance.

Despite the unwillingness of sufferers from the catastrophe to receive aid from other than union sources, the work of collecting funds went forward. Every community in the strike district was canvassed by sub-committees and substantial increases to the collections resulted.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—In being deported from the copper range last night, Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, says he was shot, beaten, dragged through the streets of Hancock and guarded on the train until 2 o'clock this morning, when the train reached Channing, Mich.

Moyer talked with an Associated Press reporter here this morning when his train arrived. His head, swathed in a blood-stained bandage, protruded from the lower berth, as he spoke bitterly of the treatment which he said was inflicted on him. The train stopped here fifteen minutes, and then proceeded to Chicago, where it is due this afternoon.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—M. J. Utley, Chicago representative of the Western Federation of Miners, received a telegram today from Charles H. Moyer, president of the federation, in which Moyer charged that he was shot in the back while in his hotel room and dragged out of Hancock, Mich., by a mob of guards and members of the Citizens' Alliance. The telegram reads:

"Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 26.—Tanner and myself were brutally assaulted in my room in the Scott hotel in Hancock to-night. I was shot in the back and dragged for more than a mile and a half through the streets of Hancock by a mob of Waddell-Mason thugs and Citizens Alliance men, put aboard a Milwaukee train and threatened with death if I dared to return. But have the press say this for me: That the case is well worth the sufferings which I have undergone. The cause of the striking miners is just and they will win."

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK OCCURS IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg Secured Government In-
spection on Border.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—According to a local paper to-day there are 40 cases of smallpox reported at Goddards, Man., with other cases as far east as Cartwright. The provincial board of health has sent supplies of vaccine to local officials with orders for strict quarantine of suspected cases. It is declared that the disease entered Canada from North Dakota.

In response to a request from the Winnipeg board of trade calling attention to the outbreak along the border, the department of agriculture at Ottawa is providing for a patrol of the boundary by special quarantine officers.

MONTREAL WITHOUT WATER FACES GRAVE SITUATION

Break in Intake Pipe Said to Be Old One
and Known to Civic Officials—Scandal
May Be Disclosed—Hospital Patients
Suffering From Cold

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Through the breaking of the intake pipe of the city water supply on Thursday, Montreal may unceasingly face a civic scandal of immense proportions. It is stated that the members of the board of control are already in possession of facts regarding the disaster which will warrant conducting a special and searching investigation into the whole circumstances surrounding the matter.

Break in Intake Was Old One.
The fact that the break in the intake pipe was not a new one, and that certain civic officials are alleged to have been aware of defects in the intake long before they resulted in the present water famine, are among the grounds that will enter into the investigation if it is held. Now that the small supply of water that was available in the reservoir is used the 200,000 people affected are this morning suffering from the conditions that will prevail until the break in the intake pipe is repaired.

How long these repairs will take the city engineers are still unable to state definitely. The estimates obtained from independent sources vary from one to three weeks, during which time the city will be able to obtain at the utmost one-quarter of its usual supply of water from the temporary connections of the Water and Power company.

The first estimate of 25,000,000 gallons available to be modified once they were completed. Civic officials state that 12,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours is the utmost that can be obtained from this source.

Danger of epidemic, of disastrous fires, of a general breakdown in the industrial business of the city are all threatened by the present situation. Besides the tremendous inconvenience to householders, business houses and other establishments.

The hospitals of Montreal stand in grave peril from lack of water supply. In some cases it means lack of heat and six or more hospitals are filled with patients shivering in the zero weather to-day. From the Samaritan hospital for women, the Hopedale hospital and the Hospital Des Marterre serious reports of keen suffering, delayed operations and general misfortune have come. The Children's contagious hospital is also keenly affected by lack of water.

Other hospitals are suffering from no heat having been compelled to draw their fires and with zero weather in force the situation grows hourly more desperate. The General hospital has been saved from serious trouble by having a water pressure apparatus of its own. The Western hospital is without heat but its water situation has been ameliorated by the assistance given by the Westmount Corporation which, through Chief Moffatt of the Westmount Fire department made arrangements to supply the hospital.

Two of the largest wagons of the department were brought to the hospital, and the firemen attached how to the Westmount division standpipes and supplied the hospital with water yesterday. They are continuing it to-day.

That there is grave danger of a serious epidemic of disease on account of the water shortage is the consensus of opinion of the leading Montreal doctors who state that unless the proper precautions are taken it will be unavoidable.

MAYOR OF NELSON IS CANDIDATE FOR 1914

School Trustee Sues to Obtain Pay-
ment of Expenses on Trip to
Convention.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 27.—Mayor Herbert Keefe is a candidate for re-election as chief magistrate of Nelson for 1914. In his platform he promises progressive policy with expenditures on improving business streets of the city. Keefe has been in Nelson ten years. He is treasurer of the Brotherhood of Carpenters. With Mayor Keefe and Alderman W. M. Cunliffe in the field for the mayoralty, civic politics are beginning to show signs of life, although little active work has been carried on by supporters of either candidate.

Through the small debts court Dr. A. V. Jones, school trustee, is suing the school board for \$90 the amount of her expenses to the Coast last fall as delegate to the British Columbia school trustees convention. Passed by the school board, the account was passed on to the city treasurer for payment, but on instructions from the city council the cheque was held against an account of \$20 which the corporation has against Dr. Jones for license fees as a physician.

Payment of license fees to the city was refused by Dr. Jones, she stated in a letter to the council, on the ground that she was not a practicing physician.

MEXICO CITY BANK HOLIDAY TO STOP FINANCIAL DISRUPTION

SIR JAMES WHITNEY



IN IMPROVED HEALTH.

New York, Dec. 27.—Sir James Whitney, who has been confined to his bed and room at the Manhattan hotel for the past week, is slowly but surely recovering, and is gaining strength daily.

"There are no complications whatever, and the rest he is having is doing him a great deal of good," said Dr. Pyne this morning.

MOUNTAINS SEPARATE CARRANZA AND VILLA

Leader in Chihuahua Section
Explains His Reason for
Taking Responsibility

Chihuahua, Dec. 27.—The reason why General Carranza, recognized head of the revolution, has not moved headquarters from Hermosillo to the centre of military activity at Chihuahua, became known to-day at General Villa's headquarters. The explanation given by rebel agents arriving from Hermosillo was that General Carranza found the situation on the west coast too important to permit his venturing so far from it.

General Villa has been compelled to exercise much more than military measures, his advisers say, because General Carranza has not assumed here the civil responsibility of the rebel government. Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora state, which is more than 200 miles from this city, is without railroad communication and has only indirect telegraph communication.

The rebel government thus has its chief executive separated by a range of mountains from the bulk of his army. It was because he found an absence of government upon his arrival here, and no one but himself to make one, General Villa said that he assumed the power to confiscate property, expel the Spaniards and issue currency.

"The people had no one to look to but me, and I have dispensed justice in accord with the principles laid down by General Carranza," said General Villa.

Crowds of people daily crowd the marble corridors of the state Capitol to have their differences adjusted by the rebel chief, seated in the government room overlooking a small plaza, where a military band plays. A woman who has lost a cow, a merchant who has had his property confiscated, a strayed child or a soldier accused of looting, all accept as final the decision issued by General Villa.

MRS. HAZZARD SEEKING ADMITTANCE TO PRISON

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 27.—Applying to-day at the state prison here to begin serving her sentence for manslaughter, Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard was denied admittance by Warden Henry Drum because he had no commitment papers for her. She left the prison and returned to a downtown hotel, where she says she will wait for the arrival of the papers that will enable her to residence in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Hazzard, the so-called "starvation doctor," was sentenced in the Kitsap County court for manslaughter, in causing the death of Miss Claire Williamson by starvation. She will serve from two to twenty years.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.
Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—John Bostick, the confessed train bandit, was sentenced to be hanged at San Quentin for the murder of Horace E. Montague, the passenger agent who was slain by Bostick when the latter held up a Southern Pacific express train held at El Monte, December 1.

January 26 is Date Now Set
but Time Will Probably
Be Extended

**SITUATION IS PANICKY
WITHOUT NEW ISSUES**

Upwards of \$700,000 Drawn
From One Institution
Yesterday

**GOVERNMENT CURRENT
EXPENSE CAN BE MET**

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The bank holiday decreed by President Huerta to be in effect until January 26 will probably be extended beyond that time. A high banking authority says it is not unlikely that the period in which no bank paper may be presented will be fixed at sixty days beyond the first of the year. He said also that within that period the banks probably would be relieved from obligations to make any specie payments and that all state bank bills in addition to those already indicated by the presidential decree would be made legal tender. The bills of the Central Bank and those of the Bank of London and Mexico were those recently indicated as legal tender.

The financial situation, while still panicky, has developed no new phases. The run continued heavy on the Bank of London and Mexico until the closing hour yesterday, the withdrawals aggregating close to 1,900,000 pesos, or upwards of \$700,000 in gold at current exchange rates. Bankers hold the opinion that this institution is solvent and believe the proposed plan to extend the bank holiday will afford ample relief. The president of a leading bank, the condition of which is above suspicion, suggested the first holiday relief measure and now sanctions the extension of the period.

The rush to extend state bank bills developed yesterday at the state banks, but was less pronounced than on previous days. The Bank of London and Mexico bills, although looked upon with suspicion by the average individual, are accepted without question by business houses and other banks.

The government's success in obtaining funds from Paris bankers, as recently announced, is not expected to afford the administration any relief in procuring cash. Those familiar with conditions explain that the loan merely means that bankers who hold securities on which interest is falling due will accept bonds in lieu of cash knowing there is no other alternative.

From the same source the opinion is expressed that the government income from internal revenues will be sufficient to enable it to meet current expenses to maintain the army indefinitely, providing the banking situation does not precipitate a general industrial crash.

DEMAND FOR APPLES IN AUSTRALIA GOOD

Makura Landed 11,679 Cases From
British Columbia Which Found
Ready Market.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—W. A. Beddoe, Canadian trade commissioner in New Zealand, in a report to the department of trade and commerce, says that the steamer Makura which arrived about the middle of November had on board 11,679 cases of British Columbia apples. He adds: "This is the season, the apples were much better than the last shipment."

"Last month the apples were too green and but for the fact that there was none on the market, the sales would all have been unsatisfactory; but those arriving on the Makura have given every satisfaction. This office has been notified that British Columbia growers will make an exhibit at the Auckland exhibition in December."

AMERICA IS BEHIND IN OSTRICH RAISING

Department of Agriculture Taking
Steps to Foster the
Industry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—A South African ostrich breeder who recently told officials of the department of agriculture that the United States is twenty-five years behind South Africa in ostrich raising, has stirred the ambitions of agricultural experts here.

The department has an employee in New York studying the question of selection, and proper grading of the feathers, and later he will be sent to Arizona to study problems that have arisen there. Feathers from ostrich flocks in Arizona have sold for ninety dollars a pound. Most of the ostriches in this country are in Arizona, and department officials believe there is a possibility of an extremely useful industry in American ostriches.


ZERO AT TORONTO.
Toronto, Dec. 27.—For the first time this year the mercury to-day went to the zero point in Toronto. By eight o'clock the thermometer had climbed up to 8 and 10 degrees above. Reports show that many parts of the province are experiencing the same cold weather.

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COTTON GROWING IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Financial Assistance From Great Britain Promised for Experiments

London, Dec. 27.—The Dominion royal commission, which has been visiting the various Dominions, and has held meetings in London with a view to improving the trade relations of the various parts of the Empire, has convinced both the colonial office and the British Cotton Growing Association that there are prospects of cotton being grown in northern Australia at a profit.

The commission made extensive enquiries with regard to the possibilities of Australia as a cotton producing country, and in its report says the members were much impressed with the natural advantages of the northern part of the continent. The commission got a promise from the Commonwealth government to assist in any attempt to develop the industry, and now the colonial office and the Cotton Growing Association have promised financial assistance in order that skilled advice may be procured and practical experiments made with various types of seed.

The association, which aims at securing enough cotton within the empire to make the manufacturers of Lancashire independent of the American growers, has also guaranteed for a period of three years, from July 1, 1914, a minimum price of thirteen cents a pound in Liverpool for cotton of a specified description shipped to them, and have undertaken to superintend its sale.

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STENSLAND PAYING BACK STOLEN MONEY

Man Who Took Depositors' Money Devoting His Life to Restitution

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Paul Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee avenue state bank who absconded with \$500,000 of its funds in 1906, is devoting his life to repaying depositors. This announcement was made last night at a dinner of the Association of Commerce by James Keeley, who traced the banker to Morocco, where he was captured.

Stensland was brought back to Chicago, where he made a full confession, in which he charged Henry W. Herring with being responsible for the balance of the shortage of \$2,000,000. Stensland served four years in the penitentiary. Herring also served a term in prison.

"The banker whom they say I brought back has 'come back'" said Mr. Keeley. "He went to the penitentiary and stayed there four years. He came out. Two days before Christmas this year he called on me and was the happiest man I have seen in ten years."

"He is on his feet again. He has made more money and he has taken more than 50 per cent of it and placed it in my hands. He hopes to add to it until he can pay off the 15 per cent that was not paid by the receiver of that bank."

"I want to tell you that there is a man who has been in the depths and who has come out again and is making good. He is going to be a citizen again for whom I have more affection."

Mr. Keeley would not say what the sum is Mr. Stensland hopes to return to the depositors and the receiver of the bank would make no comment on the former banker's ambitions. It is reported that the amount is considerably more than \$100,000.

TEMPERANCE BILL IS WANTED IN BRITAIN

Demand for Licensing Reform Issued by United Kingdom Alliance

London, Dec. 27.—A temperance campaign as exciting as that which accompanied the introduction of the licensing measure under the Lloyd George budget is promised for the coming session of parliament. A demand for a licensing reform bill has been issued on behalf of the United Kingdom Alliance by its president, Leif Jones, M. P.

The manifesto declares that "the introduction next year of a comprehensive temperance measure into the House of Commons would elicit such widespread response and backing from the most various and unaccustomed quarters as would astonish all who have not followed closely the solidifying of opinion on the subject during recent years." The Alliance points out further that Mr. Lloyd George has said that no reform, political or social, will avail in this country unless preceded by temperance reform.

An act similar to the one demanded by the Alliance for England and Wales was passed for Scotland at the last session of parliament.

ZIONIST CONVENTION AT MONTREAL PROTESTS

Teaching Staff at Jewish School in Palestine Supported for Resigning

Montreal, Dec. 27.—At the Zionist convention yesterday by a standing vote, a resolution was passed strongly protesting against the Jewish school at Haifa, Palestine, in adopting German as the teaching language, and heartily supporting two of the Berlin officials of the board of that institution and practically the whole teaching staff of every Jewish school in Palestine who had resigned their positions in protest. Over two thousand dollars was voluntarily subscribed to assist in the upkeep of these men until such time as Hebrew shall have been adopted as the teaching language.

The impression among the Jewish race that the Zionists were concerned with the political and national aspects of Judaism, to the exclusion of the religious beliefs of the Jews, was taken up, and it was suggested a copy of the presidential address should be sent to the central committee in Berlin, showing that there were no grounds for the impression that the move was one of political import only.

GEORGE TRUMBULL DIED SUDDENLY DECEMBER 25

Seattle, Dec. 27.—George Trumbull, former manager of the Empire theatre in this city and afterwards manager of the Sullivan and Considine theatres at Victoria, B. C., and Tacoma, and well-known in the theatrical world, died suddenly in the Kenneth hotel on Christmas Day. He was stricken just outside and died almost immediately. The cause of death has not yet been ascertained.

He was about 40 years old and had lived in the northwest for several years.

MR. FOSTER LEAVES.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, left this morning for London, England, to attend the sitting of the Dominion trade commission. He expects to return to Ottawa the first week in February. In addition to the general trade inquiry being conducted by the commission, the question of ocean freight rates to Canada will be taken up.

CAMPAIGN TO PURIFY LANGUAGE OF ENGLAND

Poet Laureate Robert Bridges Heads Organization That Startles London

London, Dec. 27.—An organization which promises to shake London's complacency as the fountain head of English as it should be spoken, has taken form at Oxford under the direction of the poet laureate Robert Bridges, aided by such masters of English as Thomas Hardy, Dr. Henry Bradley, Sir Walter Raleigh and Professor W. Macchelli.

While the objects of the association have not yet been fully defined, they probably will include the publication of literature, the delivery of lectures, attempts ultimately to influence the teachers over the whole country to aid in the restoration of the purity of the language, both written and spoken and to resist the unnecessary incorporation of foreign words, and to encourage the adoption in polite speech of crisp, terse, vigorous words from the dialects. The English that Johnson wrote is the object aimed at by the association. Johnson would have said "rot," but he would have written "purity."

In a tract prepared for the English Association Dr. Bridges declares that we say "neither" for nature and that tune is well on its way to become "chune. A professor of English has been heard to say "audjins" for audience. An Oxford professor says "cveshyun" for question, and is aptly addicted to the word. The younger generation say "pawing" for pouring. Fortunately the educated south is learning that there is an "h" in wheel and when Ireland and Scotland never forget it.

Dr. Bridges concludes his tract as follows: "A Londoner will say that a Scotchman talks strangely and ill; the truth is that he himself is in the typical attitude of vulgar ignorance in these matters. He is disposed to look down upon all that he is unaccustomed to, and not knowing the true distinctions, he esteems his own degraded custom as correct."

CARDINAL'S BOX MISSED SINCE DAY OF DEATH

Heirs Negotiating for Disposition of Estate Under Will of 1889.

Rome, Dec. 27.—All the evidence thus far adduced concerning the black box which was taken from the room of Cardinal Rampolla the day he died, tends to show the cardinal was fearful that it would be tampered with. The box, which is believed by some persons to have contained the last will and other papers of Cardinal Rampolla was placed upon his pillow by the cardinal, the day he was forced to take to his bed, with the seizure which shortly afterwards caused his death.

Soon after the cardinal passed away and while the body was being moved from the bed to be prepared for the coffin, the black box fell to the floor. Some persons picked it up and laid it on the cardinal's writing desk. Since that time all is a mystery concerning the box. No one can be found who has seen it.

Negotiations are proceeding between the heirs of the late cardinal to see if it is not possible for them to reach an agreement for the disposition of the estate under the terms of the will made by Cardinal Rampolla in 1889.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Officials of the Vatican as well as intimate friends and relatives of the late Cardinal Rampolla to-day denied emphatically rumors put in circulation in certain quarters of Rome of mysterious circumstances surrounding the cardinal's death. They also declared there was no intention of exhuming his body for medical examination as the cause of death had been already established.

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San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The net result of the untiring perseverance of a burglar, who dug his way through four brick walls, equalling 44 inches in thickness, was one suit of old clothes and five bottles of champagne. After penetrating two walls, 20 inches thick, he found himself in a clothes cleaning shop. The safe resisted his efforts, and he had to content himself with the theft of a suit.

Then he made his way through two other brick walls, which led into a wholesale liquor store. The safe was of the burglar-proof variety, so he took five bottles of imported champagne.

SENTENCED FOR DISLOYALTY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A Russian newspaperman named Brushkovski, who is an amateur detective and who worked up the case against Mandel Bellis, was sentenced yesterday to imprisonment of one year in the fortress for keeping his seat when the national anthem was being played recently.

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WATER WORKS SYSTEM AT MONTREAL BROKEN

City May Be Some Days Without Supply; Reserve Kept In Case of Fire

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Owing to a break in the intake pipe serving the city waterworks system the manufacturing and downtown sections of Montreal were without water yesterday and according to advices from the city hall, will practically be without it for several days. The city officials have issued a notice urging people to use boiled snow for sanitary purposes.

All yesterday complaints accompanied by accounts of the hardships being suffered by the poor people were received at the city hall.

There is grave danger of a conflagration should fire break out down town. So grave is the situation that Mayor Lavallée issued an official statement suggesting that manufacturing concerns shut down for a few days, and warning citizens of the danger of explosion if hot water is drawn from the taps in houses. The city pumps have been shut down, and the best that the officials of the Montreal Water & Power company, a concern which has come to the aid of the civic department, can promise, is a supply of 15,000,000 gallons per day, of about half the normal city supply.

This will provide the means of ameliorating conditions on the lower floors of houses, but the pressure will be so low that second floor apartments will be without water. In six sections of the city the Montreal Water & Power company will send their water through the mains, the necessary connections having been made a few years ago, when the service was similarly affected.

The city is doing all possible to relieve the conditions. Water carts are supplying the hotels, hospitals and boarding houses. Supply is being given citizens at the fire hydrants on certain streets, while all over the city snow is being gathered and melted for drinking and washing purposes.

At a small fire last night about a block from the Montreal General hospital, the firemen extinguished the blaze with hand extinguishers. Although the cause of the main break has not been definitely established, it is thought that in widening and deepening the old pipe, which runs parallel to the main conduit, a disturbance of the earth was responsible for the forming of a "bridge," with the result that the pipe sagged and sustained a crack sixty feet long.

The knowledge of the leakage in the section where the break occurred was in the possession of the waterworks officials on Saturday last, when they were in a fair way of reaching the spot and making repairs without interruption to the service.

Statements have been issued by Mayor Lavallée and Fire Chief Tremblay. The mayor, in his official statement, says: "We are threatened by a calamity in this interruption of our water system unless the general public stands guard against fire in this absolute lack of water supply."

"The trouble may last four or five days, I am told. All manufacturing plants should close down at once to conserve the water we have on hand."

"Particularly I want to warn the public against the use of water from the hot water tap. There is serious danger of explosion if they do. Heat the water on the stove."

"The city will do all it can to supply the demand, and to repair the break." Controller Godfrey, who is in charge of the waterworks department, in an official statement, gives the following information:

"There has been a break in the main conduit, and every effort is being made to effect repairs as soon as possible. The city is getting some water from the Montreal Water & Power company's plant, and it is hoped this will suffice for tenement buildings. In the meantime citizens are earnestly requested to conserve the water; they are also cautioned not to draw water from hot water furnace pipes under any circumstances."

Most of the bakers are without water and have prepared to get a supply of bread from Toronto and other cities.

A reserve of 2,000,000 gallons is being held in case of any emergency, and it is recognized that a big fire would easily account for this supply and leave the city in bad shape to cope with it.

The district immediately affected has a population of 200,000.

BRIANDIST PARTY IS FORMED IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 27.—The "Briandist party," a new political organization, has been formed by 105 Republican Senators and members of the chamber of deputies.

The party is headed by Aristide Briand, former premier. It includes J. Louis Bathou, Stephen Pichon, Alex. Miller and Jean Dupuy and L. L. Klotz, all of whom have served as cabinet ministers. The party is expected to draw supporters from all sections of the Left, who refuse to obey the newly reorganized Radical party.

The object of the Briandists is to put the good of France as a whole before the consideration of local politics.

LONDON STATISTICS ON LABOR FOR 1913

London, Dec. 27.—Remarkable statistics respecting London's prosperity in 1913, have been compiled by the labor correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who calculates that 1,000,000 workers received increases in wages aggregating \$1,700,000 a week. There were 375 strikes, involving 468,632 workers, and resulting in an aggregate loss of 10,500,000 working days.

JAPANESE WOMEN NOW SEEK INDEPENDENCE

Western Thought and Ideas Being Assimilated Rapidly in the Orient

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—The constant discussion in Japanese newspapers and magazines of the questions of women's rights and woman suffrage serves as a striking example of the rapidly with which western thought and western ideas are being assimilated in Japan.

To-day the supporters of the women's rights movement are gleeful over the fact that two women millionaires of Tokyo have won the right to vote at municipal and ward elections. The municipal regulations grant the right of suffrage to any subject of the Japanese empire paying a larger amount of direct city taxes than that paid by any of the three highest tax-paying male subjects over 25 years of age. The woman suffrage advocates contended that this clause permits women to vote if their property qualifications were sufficient, and the home office upheld the contention.

"An important monthly magazine has placed a set of questions before noted Japanese women propounding such queries as what can be done to improve the condition of the Japanese women; requesting opinions as to the suffrage movement in the west, as well as the question of social independence, and in a general way the growing tendency of woman to demand the same rights as man."

A summary of the replies indicates an opinion that Japan is not yet ripe for the suffrage movement. As the stress of living grows keener, the number of spinsters, the writers say, will increase in the east as in the west. When that time comes the women here may with justice claim an enactment of the same law for woman as for man.

Mrs. Haru Hatoyama says: "Such a tendency may be averted in Japan if women foster such national virtues as chastity, faithfulness, industry, thrift, patience and simplicity."

No two opinions are expressed, however, on the advisability or justice of greater liberty for womankind in general. The time has arrived, all writers agree, for a concerted action in behalf of a dignified and womanly liberty.

Some women are outspoken and others are reserved. One writes: "Small, helpless things are the Japanese women of to-day. Before talking of giving them the suffrage, they should be given the right of self-government at home."

Another says: "Let us not forget that the duty of a woman is to help her husband in looking after his home and children. The independence of woman in the noblest sense of the phrase is to be desired, but at the same time the inherent spirit of self-sacrifice in woman should not be destroyed."

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN CANADA LAST YEAR

Twelve Hundred Workmen Killed and 5,750 Received Injuries.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Industrial accidents in Canada last year cost the lives of 1,200 workmen while 5,750 received serious injuries.

The metal trades and the railway services are by far the most hazardous employments. In Canadian steamers 332 employees were killed last year and 1,831 were injured. In addition to that there were 152 killed in railway collisions and 111 injured. In the metal trades 103 men were killed and 1,226 were injured. There were 69 fatal and 62 non-fatal accidents in connection with navigation.

In railway service collisions caused 55 deaths and 174 seriously injured. There were 91 killed and 194 injured through being run over by trains. Deaths caused 25 deaths and 115 injured. Dynamite explosions killed 50 and seriously injured 87 in railway construction.

Fifteen public officers were killed and 116 were injured. Four were fatally shot while making arrests. Two accidents are put down to frozen while fighting "break" Street cleaners, who would seem to be in peril, apparently bear charmed lives. In the list of accidents to public employees only two are ascribed to the running down of cleaners by street cars.

The department's figures are tabulated from provincial figures supplied by industrial concerns and press reports.

VICTORIA TO ENGLAND VIA PANAMA CANAL

Rumored That C. P. R. Financing Has to Do With New Steamship Service.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—In connection with the latest plan of financing by the Pacific railway company, whereby \$42,000,000 will be accumulated, it is rumored that part of the money is to be used for the development of the C. P. R. steamship service. The opening of the Panama canal is going to mean a rearrangement of ocean traffic routes, and it is rumored that the C. P. R. is planning for the impetus to trade which is bound to follow. There are stories at Ottawa that the C. P. R. may open a steamship service direct from British Columbia, through the Panama canal to the Old Country.

CURED FISH REGULATIONS.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The department of marine and fisheries is drafting an act which will provide for the government inspection of cured fish from the standpoint of pure food. The bill is designed to protect the public in regard to sanitation and purity of product.

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ROYAL BIRTH PREDICTED.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The Duchess of Brunswick, the Kaiser's only daughter, who was married last May, expects a happy event in the spring. The Kaiserin is going to Brunswick at the end of February to be with her daughter.

KITCHENER REMAINS.

London, Dec. 27.—The Times' Cairo correspondent says he is authorized to contradict all rumors that Lord Kitchener, British governor-general in Egypt, will be appointed in the near future as viceroy of India.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature will be opened about the middle of next month. If four or five of the government supporters display a little independence of thought and action they will make the session unusually interesting. They will also do much in the way of enlightening the public as to the manner in which this province is being governed. By putting a few pertinent questions on the order paper they might elicit certain information relative to matters which, for its own peculiar purposes, the executive has sedulously concealed from the people who entrusted it with the administration of their affairs. At any rate, it is to be hoped that they will subject the legislation before them to more minute scrutiny than they bestowed upon the measures they so complacently passed last year. The closing days of the session of 1913 furnished a howling burlesque that should never be repeated in British Columbia.

Mr. Forster, the Ishmaelite from Columbia, will have at hand the means of vengeance upon the administration which treated him so ruthlessly last session. All he needs to do is to add his meed of curiosity to that of the two socialists, make a few inquiries, move a resolution or two and call for a division. The effect will be magical. The caucus door, slammed in his face last year, will gape wide for him and he will be welcomed to the fold with open arms. The ministry may even transfer to him the patronage of his riding which it turned over to Mr. Parson, the official candidate of the party whom Mr. Forster defeated.

The Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance, should play a conspicuous part in the legislative drama. It will be his difficult task to explain the financial condition of the province in such a way as to harmonize the conflicting declarations of the Premier and Attorney-General. The former says the province has a favorable balance in the bank. The latter says there is a large deficit, the expenditure in the last two years exceeding the revenue by more than \$13,000,000. It will be the entertaining duty of the finance minister to prove that we have both. Should he succeed in doing so he will have won for himself a niche in the temple of fame alongside those of the beacon lights of history.

We should hear from Sir Richard an explanation of the order-in-council recently passed at Ottawa excluding white people, Hindus and Japanese from this province, but exempting Chinese. The Premier will have had ample time to ascertain whether the special act dealing with Chinese immigration prevented the government from applying the new regulations to this branch of the Asiatic race. If such is the case, it will be the duty of the legislature promptly to pass a resolution praying the federal government to introduce at once such amending legislation as will bring Chinese within the scope of the recent order. Recalling numerous resolutions and laws adopted on the subject of Asiatic immigration by the local legislature when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power, we may look forward to a strongly-worded demand next month for the adoption of measures that will remove the obnoxious discrimination against white people in favor of Chinese.

Interim reports probably will be presented by the commissions on labor and agriculture, but there will be no legislation as a sequel before 1915, and it is doubtful if anything will be done even by that time.

The commission on agriculture likely will recommend the adoption of a system of aid to that important industry on the lines of the New Zealand model following the inquiry and report of Mr. Lucie. The government is not very favorably inclined towards anything of the sort and the report of the commission will receive frigid welcome. The executive did not appoint the commis-

...the purpose of creating an embarrassing situation but to stifle criticism. But though the commissioners may incur the displeasure of the ministry by showing how colonization and agriculture can be promoted by government assistance they at least will justify their appointment to the people and possibly may render a real service to the province.

History will describe this as the commission era. We have had so many boards of inquiry and investigation ranging throughout the province at the public expense in recent years that they have fallen in one another's way. There have been commissions on forestry, taxation, municipal government, Indian lands, coal supply, labor and agriculture, and the better terms commission is just getting under way. Parker Williams might ask for a return showing what these various bodies have cost the province in the last five years. Some of them, no doubt, were necessary, but others have been doing at great cost what should have been done by officials of the regular government service. Their real mission was to shelve subjects concerning which it was deemed politically inexpedient to legislate.

No doubt we shall have the usual request from railroad companies for additional assistance either in the shape of direct subsidies or guarantees. The time has come when a halt should be called with this programme. We have gone farther in pledging our credit than the people of any other province or state on the American continent. We are more heavily involved than the prairie provinces, with the difference that our prospects of escaping the payment of interest on the bonds we have guaranteed are infinitely less. And in this connection it would be well if the responsible minister would take the country into his confidence in the forthcoming session and inform us precisely where we stand in our financial relations with the railway companies.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

An Australian journalist who spent several months in Canada has contributed an article to the Morning Herald of Sydney, Australia, on "Conservative Canada; the Antithesis of Australia." The title indicates the general character of the article, in which the writer comments upon the absence of radicalism as expressed in our laws and administration. He says that in no civilized country in the world does the state confine itself so strictly to the role of government, to the exclusion of commercial enterprise. On this point he says:

"The railways are, with unimportant exceptions, privately owned; there is no state telegraph service, this being a side-line of the railway companies; there is no parcels post, for which, no doubt, the express companies are duly thankful; there is no state telephone service; there is no provision for the lending of money to farmers or workers at reasonable rates, in consequence of which Canadian farmers have to pay eight or nine per cent. to trust companies, and fish being sold up if they cannot meet the interest charges."

Much of this admittedly is true. Canada, in late years, has become the paradise of private corporations. She has nursed and pampered industries and privileged interests long after they have passed the infant stage, and now it is a moot question whether the people or the interests are the masters, with the odds inclining in favor of the latter. But our attitude on this subject originally was profoundly influenced by our necessities as well as by conditions in the great nation south of us. Canada was the first of the colonies to become a dominion and shoulder the responsibilities of relative nationhood. The young confederacy assumed certain obligations which could not very well be discharged on radical lines. The union of the far-flung provinces was something of an experiment, and little attention at that time was given to the question of state enterprise in domestic legislation. The government built one railroad and began to build another, and then gave it up, preferring to subsidize a private corporation to finish the work. Had we adopted the principle of government ownership of railways thirty years ago we might have had one transcontinental system in operation, but we would not have had three. Australia has none yet.

That we have gone too far in buttressing private interests there is no doubt. It is a question as to whether Australia has not gone too far in the other direction to the discouragement of private enterprise and capital. We are ahead of Australia in material development and progress as far as trade and financial statements express development, but we are behind her in national spirit and initiative. But the time has arrived when we too must devote our attention to the question of a wider measure of state control over utilities. We have some control over railroads, but are absolutely helpless when it comes to preventing them from juggling with their finances and the assets we have given them. But if we would adopt advanced domestic

...must be greater co-operation between the federal and provincial governments. The national authority has some radical legislation to its credit; the provincial authorities, at least in most instances, have practically none.

ANOTHER FAVORABLE BANK REPORT.

The annual report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, just received, ranks among the best in the history of that Canadian financial institution. Whatever be the general financial condition of the country, our banks are not, feeling to any appreciable extent the pinch of hard times. The net profits for the year in the case of the BANK of Commerce show an increase compared with the previous year, the figures for 1913 being \$3,811,000 and \$2,992,000 for 1912. As there was a balance brought forward from profit and loss of \$771,000, the total amount available for distribution was \$3,764,000. The regular dividends at the rate of 10 per cent., with two bonuses of 1 per cent. each, absorbed \$1,800,000 of this; half a million was allocated to bank premises account; eighty thousand was set aside for the benefit of the officers' pension fund, and another million was transferred to "the trust account, the balance carried forward being \$354,000. The above figures indicate the provision made for the immediate benefit of shareholders. Looking to the future, the report points out that a large proportion of the bank's assets are in a readily available form. It holds Dominion notes and bullion to the amount of \$30,415,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the holdings of the previous year. There are other quickly available assets in the form of notes and cheques on other banks, call loans and government and municipal securities totalling upwards of \$7,300,000, or more than 42 per cent. of the total liabilities to the public. An increase is also shown in the total assets of the bank, which are \$260,030,000, while the figures were \$246,571,000 for the previous year. The only department of the bank's activities in which a decline was shown was in deposits, where there was a slight falling off, accounted for by the fact that the demand for funds was more than normal throughout the year. The reader will observe from the foregoing review that in the report of this bank there is little indication of a financial stringency throughout Canada. Probably the good crops in the west had something to do with the salvation of the situation.

RULES OF THE ROAD.

We must give Mr. Bowser credit for one good thing. Whether his regulations for the government of motor traffic are original or copied from the rules in force elsewhere, they are commendable. The one defect in them is that they are not enforced as strictly as they might be. Which is probably not the attorney-general's fault. There is still a great deal of reckless driving, not so much, perhaps, in the cities as in the outlying districts. The regulation compelling motor cars to come to a stand when in the neighborhood of street cars discharging or taking on passengers is a good one. The rule about cars and all kinds of vehicles keeping strictly to their own side of the streets is possibly better. But the latter rule is more often violated than not. Cars still tear round corners on the wrong side, the drivers not appearing to care whether they run danger of collision or not. The marvel is—and it is nothing else but a marvel—that accidents are not of more frequent occurrence with so many reckless individuals using the highways. The Times does not advocate the enforcement of any regulations merely for the sake of harassing any section of the community. But if the city police could spare a few constables to look after the enforcement of the law in streets outside the sections where traffic is heavy the effect would be salutary.

The Dominion government, we are told, is considering a proposition for the extension of trade with Australia. It is going to send a commissioner to the Antipodes to see what can be done about this. The motto of the present government appears to be: When in doubt, appoint a commission to investigate and report. As a matter of fact, we are doing business with Australia and New Zealand now. We subsidize steamship lines to bring food here, and when it is here we clap a tax upon it to keep it out. The result is that most of the foodstuffs are we taxed to bring in, does not get in. It goes to the United States, whose people have awakened to the folly of taxing food. Net result: Canadians are subsidizing steamship lines to carry food, which is free of duty, to the United States. That is the convinced protectionist's idea of extending trade.

A correspondent wants to know why all dry goods stores cannot close at 6 o'clock on Saturdays. Possibly one reason is that established customs are hard to overcome. In time we may come to that. The principal obstacle to it is perhaps the convenience or the apathy of the public. Or, again, it may be that there is a section of the public

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that cannot conveniently do its buying in the day time. There is no doubt that it would be a great boon to clerks if the business hours of shops could be reduced.

More than \$190,000,000 was spent on Christmas presents, dinners and festivities generally throughout England and Wales this year. This is more than has been devoted to education in the two countries during the entire year. Poor old England! Living from hand to mouth, as Sir Richard would say. As a matter of fact, there is so much money in the United Kingdom just now that its guardians have all they can do to keep it from rolling into the sea. Wish they would send a few hundred millions in this direction.

Says the morning paper: "A local contemporary complains of what it calls the extravagance of the Bordep government. Which of the large expenditures on public works in this city does it think ought to be cut out of the programme in the interests of economy?" All right. Cut out W. H. Price and a substantial saving will be effected. When the dry-dock site has been selected we may enlighten our contemporary further.

If the Canadian Pacific railway company wants to acquire the Canadian Northern it will do so provided the parties controlling the latter line wish to sell. In view of the fact that no less than seven members of the present Ottawa administration were the nominees of Sir William Mackenzie, no importance need be attached to the brave words of some of the ministers that such a deal will not be permitted.

British Columbia again leads the Dominion in the value of her fishery products. This for the last year reached almost \$14,500,000, an increase of \$778,000 over the aggregate value in 1912. It is gratifying to observe the notable contribution of the deep-sea fisheries to the total, the value of the halibut production being \$2,800,000, an increase of \$600,000 over last year.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell is ninety years of age to-day and still active in public life. Last spring he spoke for an hour and a half on the navy bill when it was before the senate, an achievement of which many men thirty years his junior would be proud. That he may round out the hundred at least is the wish of his numerous admirers in both political parties.

Lord Haldane, before a royal commission some time ago, held that nobody was worth more than \$25,000 a year. His own salary as Lord High Chancellor is \$50,000. Here is an opportunity for Lloyd George to do a little economizing. He can cut his colleague's salary in two and win the chancellor's approval by doing so.

British Columbia imported more eggs last year than any two other provinces in the Dominion. And yet this province is admirably adapted for the egg and poultry business. There is something wrong somewhere, and it isn't in the eggs.

THE ADVANCE OF SCIENCE.

Vancouver Province. Six months ago a trombone player in Ireland was heard in Canada. It was the first sound transmitted across the Atlantic ocean by wireless telephony. On Monday of last week a human voice uttered in Ireland was heard in Canada by the same magic of science. No words could be distinguished, but it was another step gained by Marconi and his fellow workers. We may be certain that before long the triumph will be achieved and human speech between the old world and the new, with no medium save the mysterious channels of the air, will be added to the scientific miracles of this age of marvels.

Special Sale of Men's Mackintosh Raincoats, Monday

at \$6.75

25 COATS only in this lot—that's why we wish to clean up the line. They are real good Coats, perfectly waterproof and will give good useful service to any man. Coats are in two shades of fawn and in green color only. Sizes from 34 to 44. Special clearing price Monday, each, \$6.75



Monday We Continue Our Sale of Boys' and Youths' Overcoats

Reg. \$12.50 Values Selling at \$6.75 THIS is without doubt one of the finest opportunities of the season for you to secure for your boys a really good serviceable overcoat. The price has been cut nearly in half, which alone speaks for itself, but when you see what fine qualities these coats are you will not wonder at our being enthusiastic over them. These coats are made from such materials as Meltons, Beavers and heavy-weight Tweeds, and you can choose from the single or double-breasted styles, with plain or velvet collars and belt backs. Coats that have been selling throughout the season at \$12.50 marked for special clearance at..... \$6.75 —Main Floor

Clearing Out the Entire Balance of Our Toys at Greatly Reduced Prices

THE entire balance of our Christmas stock of Toys must be cleared out in a few days. The Furniture department require the showroom by the end of the week to enable them to have their stock in readiness for the February sale. We are therefore making great price reductions on all toys which we intend clearing out at once. Those who are preparing Christmas trees, etc., for school treats, entertainments and parties should avail themselves of this special offer and secure their toys and presents early while there's a good assortment. For full particulars of goods and prices, kindly see the tables in Toyland.

Silk Chiffon Finished Panne Velvets

Reg. \$4.75 and \$5.75 Grades Go For \$3.50

THIS is a splendid opportunity for those women who desire to secure a really good piece of material for a new dress or evening gown. This velvet has a beautifully soft chiffon finish, is uncrushable and to be had in colors: pale blue, Nell-rose, cerise, rose, emerald green, moss green, burnt orange, cardinal and tan brown; 40 ins. wide.

SILK-FINISH CORDUROY VELVET

A good heavy cloth, suitable for dresses or coats. The colors are moss green, red, navy, saxe, cream and two shades of brown; 27 ins. wide. Special value, per yard..... \$1.00 —Main Floor

Serviceable Sweaters for Women A New Shipment

ALL the latest styles, sizes and colors are now to be had in Women's Woolen Sweaters. See these in the department on first floor. They are garments that will please you and give perfect satisfaction.

- Women's Sweaters in fancy knit, made from a good woolen mixture, with V-shaped collar and finished with two pockets. An exceptionally good line at a low price..... \$1.50
- Women's Sweaters—Another good line, made from a heavier-weight woolen mixture. Special value at..... \$2.00
- Shaker-Knit Sweater, a fine quality, strongly recommended for hard wear and solid comfort. This is one of our best selling lines which proves conclusively that it's a favorite among Victoria women. They are made from a good weight wool with roll collar and finished with two pockets. Our special value at..... \$3.75
- Camel Hair Sweaters, made from a beautiful soft wool with a nice nappy finish. Such lovely warm garments. They are made in coat shape, finished with two pockets and pearl buttons. These are in all the popular shades including cerise, emerald, purple, saxe, sky, cherry, navy, cinnamon and old rose. Splendid value at..... \$4.50
- Other values to..... \$8.75 —First Floor

Dress Slippers for the Ball or Party

AT this season of the year there are many balls, parties and entertainments to which you are invited and while your gown may be your first important thought yet it's essential that you should have suitable and comfortable shoes to match. Whatever your needs may be in this direction you are sure of finding the most suitable at modest cost in our shoe department on first floor. We have the shoes to match your gown here. Note these prices. Come and see the goods.

- Black Suede Slippers with two straps. Per pair..... \$4.00
- Black Suede Pumps, per pair..... \$4.00
- Black Satin Opera Slippers, per pair..... \$4.50 and..... \$3.00
- Black Velvet Pumps in three qualities, per pair, \$4.50, \$4 and..... \$3.00
- Colored Satin Slippers, in plain white, pink and blue. Per pair..... \$3.50
- Patent Leather Slippers, in all styles. Pumps and Strap Slippers from, per pair, \$3.00 to..... \$5.00
- Satin Beaded Slippers, in both black and white, at, per pair..... \$4.00
- White Kid Strap Slippers, per pair..... \$2.50
- Low Heel Slippers, in black kid, black satin, patent leather, white, pink kid, black satin. Misses' Colored Satin Slippers, in white, pink and blue. Sizes 11 to 5. Per pair..... \$3.00
- We Dye Slippers Any Shade. —First Floor

Ladies' Long Gloves for Evening Wear

WILL you require new Long Gloves for go with your evening or party gown this festive season? If you do, and you want the best choice from our immense selection.

- Dorothy Trefousse Gloves, glace kid, white only, 16-button length. Per pair..... \$3.25
- 20-button length, per pair..... \$4.00
- Trefousse Suede Gloves, in white and black, 16-button length. Per pair..... \$3.00
- White Glace Kid Gloves, 16-button length. Special, per pair..... \$2.50
- Kayser Silk Gloves, in white, cream, sky, pink, and champagne; 16-button length. Per pair at..... \$1.25
- 20-button length, per pair..... \$1.75 —Main Floor

Maxine Toilet Preparations

Demonstration and Lectures will reopen January 8, 1914. Those having treatments already booked will kindly make fresh appointments for after that date. The Toilet Preparations can be had at drug department. —Main Floor

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Ladies' Tailor.—Wm. Stewart, men's and ladies' tailor, room 5, Haynes Bldg., Fort street.

Hanna & Thomson, 327 Pandora avenue, Phone 498. Fine Funeral Furnishings. Lady attendant. Auto Hearse in connection. Calls promptly answered day or night. Frank L. Thomson, funeral director and licensed embalmer.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty 'phone Inspector Russell, 1921; Secretary, L1738.

The B. C. Funeral Co., Chas. Hayward, president, 274 Droughton street. Calls promptly attended to. Phone 2235.

All Modern Methods in dentistry practiced by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government St. Open evenings.

Economy Wet Wash Laundry.—Family wash, 75c a week. Clothes returned on the following day, thorough, by wash. Phone 3389, 2612 Bridge street.

Fresh Killed Island Turkeys and Geese; also Eastern at lowest prices. Brown & Cooper, 916 Gordon.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Wall Paper, 10c Per Roll.—Estimates furnished on Decorating and House-Painting. H. Harkness & Son, 919 Pandora Ave.

The Key Shop, 610 Pandora St.

The James Bay Hotel—South Government street—This exclusive residential home has a few vacancies for winter residents at special inclusive winter rates. French chef, excellent cuisine. Phone 2304.

Special Xmas Brew Now on Sale.—Silver Spring Brewery.

For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office.

For Purity and Quality try the Xmas Brew. Order early and avoid the rush. Silver Spring Brewery.

Dr. J. L. Thompson, Dentist. Expert in crown and bridge work and painless extraction of teeth. 1214 Government St.

Experimenting.—A local firm is experimenting on selling high grade goods in a low-rent district. They say in this manner they can sell the best for less, especially furniture, which takes up so much space for display. So far they are meeting with great success. Pandora avenue is the location, the Standard Furniture Company the firm.

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Save Money and Avoid Pain by having your dental work done by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government Street. Open evenings.

For Keys that fit, go to Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant St.

Dentistry Without Discomfort.—Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government St. Open evenings.

Everyone is Delighted with our Australian coal, because it lasts so long. Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd. Phone 149.

Good Temperance Drinks.—Served quick and hot or cold, at Strangers' rest; 1427 Government street.

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Wanted to Purchase.—Good agreements for sale at reasonable rates. Colonial Trust Company, Limited. Merchants Bank Building.

White Cooks at the Jubilee Cafe. Prices right. 575 Johnson street.

The Oceano has docked with Australian coal. Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd., agents. Phone 149.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of an Order of Court made by His Honor Judge Lampman, dated December 26th, 1913, and directed that I sell for sale at Public Auction at my Office, Law Courts, Bastion street, Victoria, on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1914, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m., the valuable Victoria city property, being City Lot 3618, situate at the southeast corner of Yates and Langley streets, together with the two story brick building thereon, subject upon the Register affecting the said land at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., prior to the filing in the said office of the Mechanic's Lien, on either of them in respect of which the above mentioned Order of Court is made. Abstract of title can be seen on application at my office. Terms of sale, cash. F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., Sheriff, December 26th, 1913.

Saanich Election.—There will be a meeting this evening at South Saanich to select a candidate for Ward VI, and the names of Councillor Verdick and H. E. Tanner will be mentioned in the nomination. Proceedings are likely to be interesting, to judge from the experience of the last gathering in that district.

Cadet First Aid Teams.—Lieut.-Col. Hodgetts, of Montreal, will be in Victoria in the latter part of January to hold the tests for the first aid teams from the various cadet corps, the winner to receive one of the cups donated by the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, of Toronto, for competition in each province.

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Baby Buggy Tires put on to stay at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant.

Take a Tumbler or Two.—Thin etched tumblers, 2 dozen. Plain tumblers, 75c and \$1.00 dozen. Wine glasses, \$1.50 to \$2.10 dozen. Decanters, 40c to \$1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1502 Douglas street. Phone 3712.

Silent Salesman Show Cases.—Show Cases, \$12.00 per foot and upwards. Victoria Show Case Co., Factory 2207 Government street, corner Princess and Government Streets.

Leaky Roofs Repaired with "Nag" Composition. See Newton & Greer, 1326 Wharf St.

Furs and Coats Reduced. Hats Half-Price. C. C. Russell's, 1704 Douglas Street.

Taxi-Cabs, \$2.50 Per Hour. Phones 3320 and 132.

Have Your Luggage taken to wharf by Acme Auto Delivery. Prompt attention. Reasonable charges. Phone 3712, 1302 Douglas.

Good Beer—Good Cheer.—It's hard to warm up to a glass of poor beer. You can get the best beer brewed in Pilsen the real Pilsener "Hofbrau" on draught at "The Kaiserhof."

Special Musical Service.—A special Christmas musical service will be given in the Centennial Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Strangers' Rest Service.—Last evening at the Strangers' rest a bright Christmas service was conducted by Messrs. Fisher, Sieder and Sherit and a large gathering of people attended.

Snow on Christmas Day.—Cobble hill was the only place favored with a white Christmas day on southern Vancouver Island. Owing to the mild temperature the light covering of snow quickly vanished, but for a few hours the place looked like a gaily frosted Christmas card.

Meets Here in 1915.—The secretary of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, R. W. MacIntyre, has been informed that owing to the desire to hold a meeting in British Columbia in 1915, on account of the Panama exposition, the meeting in January will be held in Montreal. Postcards were sent out to 2,627 members, to obtain an expression of opinion.

Variety Theatre.—First performance starts to-night at 8.30 sharp, there being four performances on Saturday night. Billy Howard in his black-face turn is better than the average while Thomas and Rutgers have a comedy Thug act that is a scream. Mr. Thomas' impersonation of a Down-East Yankee leaves nothing to the imagination, and the turn is warmly applauded. In the pictures "The Ghost" is a two-reel comedy drama that is of more than usual interest. "Going Home to Mother" is a comedy by the Lubin company; "Northern Hearts" is a Selig drama; "Drummer's Narrow Escape" is a comedy also that has many a laugh in it. Tea served every afternoon from 3.00 to 4.00 free to every one.

"Koh-i-noor" quality means Pencil Economy also. One "Koh-i-noor" easily outlasts half a dozen ordinary pencils. 12 degrees and copying.

Distributed Christmas Cheer.—A quartette of members of L. O. L., 1519, started out on Wednesday afternoon in motor cars well-stocked with Christmas hampers designed for the enjoyment of those who from one reason or another were not in a position this Christmas to purchase their own good cheer. Careful inquiry was made beforehand as to the needs of members of the order, and the men who were in a better position this holiday than themselves saw to it that they did not want the wherewithal to enjoy the day. The committee of the lodge which acted the part of Santa Claus consisted of Sparks Joyce, W. C. Van Munster, Thomas A. Heastip and J. C. Scott.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 27, 1888.

The principal buildings erected this year have been the residence of Hon. Robert Dunsuir, part built; the E. & N. depot, Store street; the Craft & Norris block, Douglas and Chatham streets; the Pemberton block, A. & W. Wilson block (Broad street), Oriental hotel addition, and Cameron block, Johnson street.

The employees of the Victoria Telephone company presented R. B. McKelving with a pair of gold cuff buttons and a scarf pin. The cuff buttons represented miniature transmitters, whilst the pin represented a telephone.

Gaoler Roberts, on going to the cells in the city lock-up to-day, found that a Chinaman, locked up for stealing cloth, had hanged himself in his cell with a cord which he had concealed. A verdict of suicide by hanging was returned at the inquest held to-day by the coroner, Dr. Jackson. Capt. Dan McLean has sold his sailing schooner, the Triumph, to George Byrnes and Mr. Muir, of Sooke. The vessel will be used in conveying lumber between the Sooke mills and this city.

William Jackson & Co., druggists, remove to their new premises, Douglas street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Have You Tried the Jubilee Cafe? 575 Johnson street.

Magnificent Coal Arrives. Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd. are getting Australian coal. It's the best.

Special Lecture.—Dr. Butler will lecture Sunday evening at the Progressive Thought temple, Pandora avenue, on "The Life of Jesus From His Twelfth to His Thirtieth Year." Illustrated with lantern views. Admission free.

Skirts—Well-tailored, made to your measure from choice tweeds and worsteds; just the kind for this season of the year. Plain styles for the next thirty days at ten and twelve dollars. G. H. Redman, 655 Yates Street.

Special Carol Service.—At St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, there will be a special carol service on Sunday evening next. A number of beautiful new carols will be sung in place of the sermon and Christmas anthems, and hymns will be rendered.

Feature the West.—Alderman Cuthbert proposes that a special portion of the fair grounds be set aside next year for the use of the western provinces to give the event a broad Canadian tone since the government had given the Dominion Exhibition grant.

Electric Wiring Permits.—Since January 15, when the electric wiring department at the city hall was reorganized on its present basis under Chief Inspector Daly, there have been 2,863 permits issued, and it is expected that the 3,000 mark will be secured by the end of the departmental year.

Now a Full Colonel.—The Hon. E. G. Prior, who retired from the command of the Fifth Regiment in 1896 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, has been gazetted as a full colonel, an honor which comes late but fits well on one who did much to uphold the Fifth to its present position as the crack regiment of its class in the Dominion.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been granted to the Colbert Heating and Plumbing company, for alterations to their Fort street store, costing \$200; and the B. C. Land and Investment company for alterations at the Occidental hotel, to be executed by Dinsdale & Malcolm from the designs of James & James. The cost will be about \$2,000.

Will Be Ready to Sign.—Officials of the Pacific Lock Joint company will be in the city on Tuesday in connection with the contract for the concrete flow line for Sooke waterworks. The city solicitor has been engaged this week in preparing the contract for the water commissioner, and it will be signed shortly, the financial arrangements to carry the contract till having been settled already.

Indian Writer Added.—One copy of Rabin Dranath Tagore has been added to the shelves of the public library during the past few days; two more of Magfield's works, "Salt Water Ballads" and "A Mainsail Haul"; and "Kismet." The last-named work, despite the appropriateness of its use at the present time on the eve of the coming of the play, has not been so much in demand as was anticipated, and the single copy has sufficed to meet all demands.

Christmas Day at Library.—Miss Stewart's decision to open the public library from mid-day to 9 o'clock on Christmas day met with a gratifying response from numbers who were driven to indoor amusement by the inclement weather. Magazine and newspaper rooms were filled with a quiet but happy throng and it is suspected that more than one tired pater familias sought peaceful refuge there from the too-turbulent enjoyments of the family circle.

BRINGING THE STORE WINDOWS TO YOUR HOUSE

It used to be when you wanted to know what the stores were showing you at least had to go down town and look at the windows.

Nowadays the merchants dress new show windows for you each day in their advertisements in your favorite daily newspaper like THE TIMES.

Their advertisements represent the newest and most attractive merchandising thoughts they can find. They are up to the minute—live—inviting. Is it any wonder that the advertisements are often more interesting news than you will find elsewhere in your newspaper?

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' TH' YEAR

By John Kendrick Bangs

THE EVER YOUNG.

Let the short days run, And the years fly by, And the blazing sun Speed across the sky. What need you care for his path of ruth If your heart holds fast to the joys of youth?

Let your locks grow white, And your brow be lined, In the swift sped flight Of the years behind. Why vex your soul as they run along If your heart still rings with a youthful song?

Let the minutes race, And the old clock toll Of their madcap pace With its mellowed bell. Age cannot touch, nor its sorrows Sear The spirit that holds to its youthful cheer.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

His honor the Lieutenant-governor announces that he will receive from 3 to 6 at Government house on New Year's day, as has been the custom in past years.

GRAZING PRIVILEGES

The Kamloops District Farmers' Institute Protest Against Enforcement.

At the annual meeting of the Kamloops District Farmers' Institute, held in the Union hall at Hefley Creek, North Thompson river, on Saturday, the 27th of December, 1913, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the forestry department has formulated certain regulations in respect to grazing privileges on forestry reserves in the interior of the province of British Columbia; and

"Whereas, these regulations as outlined are considered most prejudicial to the best interests of stock-raising in the interior of this province, inasmuch as it would be next to impossible from a stock raiser's point of view to comply with the stipulations outlined in said regulations; be it therefore

"Resolved, that this meeting of the Kamloops District Farmers' Institute enter a formal protest against the enforcement of said forestry grazing regulations in their present form, the same being considered unworkable in the interior of this province;

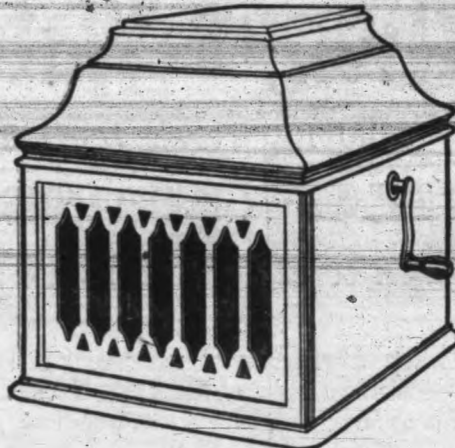
"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Hon. Martin Burrell, M. P., minister of agriculture, and to J. P. Shaw, Esq., M. P. P. for the district."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—5 a. m.—A storm area of much energy is developing on the British Columbia coast and strong easterly gales prevail on the outside waters, reaching an hourly velocity of 50 miles at the Columbia river; rain has fallen on the coast and cloudy weather is general west of the ranges. In the prairie provinces the pressure is high, light snowfall has occurred in Manitoba, and the weather is chiefly fair and very cold. A vast area of high pressure stretches from the Pacific to the lower Mississippi valley, with low temperatures and occasional light snowfall.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly winds, chiefly cloudy, with rain and stationary or lower temperatures. Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, cloudy, with rain and stationary or lower temperatures. Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature,



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EMPRESS THEATRE

Old-Time Favorites Will Headline the Special New Year Attractions.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher, old-time favorites in this city, will make another appearance at the Empress in their well-known sketch, "The Half-Way House," and will be the headline attraction for next week. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are veterans in the profession and have played their present vehicle for the past fifteen years. It was written by the late Ezra Kendall, and is just chock full of dry witticisms and Kendall humor. The sketch makes a strong appeal to vaudevillians on account of its simplicity and naturalness.

Dave Ferguson, a Canadian entertainer who has met with much success both in this country, the United States and England, will be heard here for the first time. He is billed in a "Storiette Songster," and has an offering that is entirely original.

The Three Musketeers will also furnish a most enjoyable turn called "At the Camp," a symposium of smiles and songs.

An aerial acrobatic act that for three consecutive seasons was one of the feature attractions with Barnum and Bailey's aggregation of artists is that

of Price and Price, who will provide most of the thrills and much of the spectacular element on the new bill.

Another act will conclude the list of visiting attractions. Manager Wisner takes this opportunity of wishing all his patrons a happy New Year.

YOUNG SKATERS SCORED BIG HIT

Skating fans at the Arena last night were given a real treat when Wesley Nelson, of 2965 Boucher street, Oak Bay, and Bobby Watson, 2962 Empress avenue, met in a match race for the five-year-old speed title of the capital. Master Nelson, who is some speed feed, owed his opponent a handicap, but managed to win the race for the Wilkerson medal by a narrow margin. The youngsters created a great deal of enthusiasm and both are looked upon as coming stars on the blades. Art McLeod won the senior race from Bloomfield, the former being in splendid shape and winning by a nice spurt.

NEWSBOY'S BICYCLE.

Fund Complete and New Wheel Purchased for Frank Radford.

The fund started by C. H. B. to provide a new bicycle for Frank Radford, the one-handed newsboy, who lost his wheel a few days ago, has met with a generous and quick response. A well known citizen to-day sent his cheque for \$25, which with the two subscriptions of \$5 each will be sufficient to purchase a new machine. The boy will be presented with the wheel to-day and on his behalf the thoughtfulness of the two gentlemen referred to, the first for proposing and the second for generously acceding to a plan to assist him, is recognized and gratefully acknowledged.

Zenana Commission Secretary Here.—Rev. A. R. Caballer, secretary of the Zenana and Bible Commission in England, and Mrs. Caballer, are guests at Rocabella, where they will stay for the next two or three weeks. Mr. Caballer will preach at St. Saviour's church to-morrow morning, and the following Sunday he will preach at Christ Church cathedral in the morning, and in the evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

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SPORTING NEWS

CHAMPIONS RETURN TO FORM AND EASILY BEAT TERMINALS

Victoria Victors in Hard Fought Game at Local Arena; Score 9 to 4

Table with 2 columns: Club, Goals. Rows: Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster.

Displaying all of their old time pep and literally checking the Vancouver forwards until they were helpless...

Vancouver had a lead of one goal when the teams crossed over for the second period and on the play, the Millionaires had their own share of the play...

While the game was fast and strenuous, there was very little rough play, only four penalties being handed out...

At the commencement of the game, Vancouver had a terrific speed, while Victoria relied chiefly upon their combination to penetrate the Vancouver defense...

was the turning point. Victoria had a big edge in the matter of condition, while the team as a whole was better balanced than the visiting aggregation...

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There was a wide difference in the attack of both clubs. Vancouver using the long-man rush and two-man combination continually, while Victoria sent down the entire line abreast...

Lindsay a Star. Seldom has Bert Lindsay given a more finished exhibition in the nets than he did last night, and the same boost goes for every member of the squad...

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DELMAS SECURES MOIST BALL STAR

Bees Signing Up Youthful Aggregation for 1914

Manager Bert Delmas is a mighty busy manager these days, even if the diamond at the Royal Athletic park is a little heavy for real ball playing...

The acquisition of Pope gives Victoria six young slab artists, the Bees' complete list of athletes to date being: Catchers, Broton, pitchers, Slaton, Wogg and Steele, southpaws; Sticher, Driscoll, and Pope, right-handers; first base, Brooks and Ryan; shortstop, Delmas; third base, Lamb; outfielders, Zimmerman, Felts, Crum, Alberta, and Wotell...

The Vancouver and Victoria teams of the Northwestern league each tallied an average of more than four runs per game, Vancouver leading with 4.52 runs per game...

Manager Charlie Doolin, of the Philadelphia Nationals, has booked games with the New York Yankees and Washington Nationals for next spring...

ISLAND LEAGUE MEETS MONDAY ANOTHER CLUB WANTS TO ENTER

Albert Head Eleven Anxious to Join Senior Ranks; Soccer Gossip

Still another soccer club with aspirations to enter the Island League has come before the notice of the local football officials, and there is just a possibility that the application of the Sir John Jackson Athletic Club's eleven will be accepted...

The Island League delegates will gather on Monday night at Sam Lorimer's billiard emporium, and with the Garrison club also making application for admittance, a lively session is looked for...

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new the many exciting bouts that can be witnessed. Taking a leaf out of Maritzburg's book, the Durban Football association promoted a tourney on August 1st...

Many continental players are now found taking part in first-class "soccer" in England, and an Italian, Attilio Favia, from Genoa, is the latest recruit...

English and Cook are playing so well for Sheffield United that Bob Benson is not missed. Douglas was transferred to Newcastle for \$6,000, getting half that sum in lieu of the benefit that was due to him...

Archie Goodall, former Derby country half-back and Irish international, is appearing in a Seattle vaudeville act, and may come to Victoria next week...

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SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Dan Salt still believes that Sammy Good can beat Joe Bayley. McGinnity is well satisfied with ten weeks baseball at Tacoma. Ty Cobb had two of his favorite bats stolen last week...

KEEN INTEREST IN GOLFING HANDICAP

Mixed Foursomes in Progress at Local Links

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HOCKEY EXPANDS ACROSS BORDER

American Cities Taking to Canada's National Winter Sport

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AMERICANS STILL BREAKING RECORDS

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 27.—Americans once more topped the list of competitors in the athletic tournament being held here...

CANUCKS WON

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—With seven inches of snow on the ground and falling throughout the play, the professionals of Toronto, Canada, defeated the local Columbus club in St. Louis' chief soccer game of the day by a score of 3 to 2.

BIG LEAGUES TO OPEN LATER

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Work on the 1914 playing schedules of the American and National Leagues will begin January 1st at French Lick, Ind., President Johnson, of the American League, said today...

WILL MAKE GOOD

Vancouver, Victoria. Parr Goal, Lindsay Point, Genge Rows, Griffis Point, Rover, South, Nichols Rover, Poulton Centre, Dunderdale Pitre Right Wing, Rowe-Urlich Harris Left Wing, Kerr Summary.

HOW WE WON

Goals—First period: Genge (Vic.) alone, 2:13; Nichols (Van.) pass from Griffis, 5:09; Pitre (Van.) alone, 3:33; Kerr (Vic.) 4:17; Nichols (Van.) pass from Taylor, 2:31; Harris (Van.) pass from Patrick, 1:19; Kerr (Vic.) alone, 1:33. Second period: Dunderdale (Vic.) pass from Smith, 4:55; Kerr (Vic.) alone, pass from Genge, 4:51; Rowe (Vic.) alone, 4:27. Third period: Rowe (Vic.) pass from Genge, 12:23; Kerr (Vic.) alone, 3:5.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

International Hockey is Assured Fact. While a number of the eastern American cities are now enjoying all the side lights of hockey, before another year rolls round there will be an immense eastern circuit formed, in which Boston and New York will figure as the centres of a league that is now being talked of...

Bar Deadly "Bean" Ball

Fifteen persons were killed playing baseball during the 1913 season, and of this number 12 succumbed to injuries received when hit on the head by pitched balls. The "bean" ball is the most dangerous feature connected with the American national pastime...

Tremendous Cost of Golf

A British golf expert estimates that the game in the United Kingdom cost \$20,000,000 per year, including \$12,500,000 caddie fees, \$6,250,000 for club dues, \$25,000 for clubs and \$6,250,000 for balls. Forty or fifty years ago a similar estimate placed the annual cost of the game at about the same amount but the earlier estimate included the interest charges on the value of the ground kept idle and the loss of service of the caddies from useful pursuits...

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Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 27.—Hughie Mehegan, the Australian lightweight, won a decision over Pal Brown, an American fighter, in a 20-round go. By winning, Mehegan evened up the score with Brown, who defeated him on points in a 20-round contest at Sydney in October.

COWICHAN CRICKET AVERAGES

Table with 5 columns: Player, Innings, Not Out, Highest Score, Runs, Ave. Rows: D. Hilton, G. Curgenven, V. Murphy, E. Brooke-Smith, R. Vaughan, D. Taylor, H. Haywood, T. Murphy, T. Barclay, F. A. Hills, W. McAdam, P. Young, W. Bunnock, R. Bagnall, M. Finlayson, E. W. Carr-Hilton.

OFF FOR ANTIPODES

Messrs. Mark and Sinclair, both well known and respected amongst the football fraternity of Kamloops, have left for Australia.

THISTLES GATHER

A meeting of the Thistle Football club will be held Monday night in St. Andrew's club room, at 8.15 o'clock.

JOHNNY RAWLINGS

Former Victoria shortstop, now owned by the Cincinnati club, who in a letter to Pinky Grindle, says he intends to drop winter baseball in order to report to the Reds next spring in the best of shape. In this Rawlings differs from Kautlehner, who is now twirling for the San Jose winter club.

HECKY MAXIMS OF THE DAY

Score early and don't avoid the rush. Be clean but fight all the time. It takes more than a suit of combinations to develop team work. Club owners expect their teams to play well away from home even though they don't get the gates.

POOR BOOB

Here rests his head upon the lap of earth. A youth to spot-light and to fame unknown, An athlete in his day of sterling worth, But for him never had the bull been thrown. Through sport's career he plodded weary way, And played the game the very best he knew, But no one ever hears of him today— Because he never joined a hold-out crew.

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THE STORY OF VICTORIA'S UNDETERRED GROWTH DURING 1913

Figures Show That Optimism Is Justified in Spite of the Financial Depression

REALTY TRANSFERS ON A LARGE SCALE

Trading in Cheap Lots Quiet but Many Deals Were for Over \$100,000

Although the real estate business was probably one of the hardest hit trades in Victoria by last year's financial stringency, money being turned into channels more directly connected with maintaining life, a glance over the files of the newspapers indicates that there were a large number of sales of very prominent properties during 1913. It was the smaller end of the business that suffered the worst, the buying of outlying lots by working people who paid in small instalments.

The records kept by the Real Estate Exchange, which finds itself at the end of the year with 110 members, only 20 fewer than last December, show that 130 properties were on the market as new subdivisions during the year just drawing to a close. These properties are all south of the Greater Victoria Boundary, which crosses from Mount Douglas Park to Esquimalt. One of these properties, 72 acres in extent in Cedar Hill road, three and a half miles from the city, was sold for \$100,000 during the year.

The largest sum fetched for any area of property during the twelve months so far as can be ascertained was for the 25 acres of Senator Macdonald's estate near the outer wharf. This property was sold at \$750,000. The sale of the Balmoral block for \$500,000 and of the Central block for \$400,000 were other gigantic transactions in the realty line, which indicated that somebody who had had the capacity to earn money saw possibilities for further development in Victoria's future.

Two big sales in which the prices given were suppressed by the parties concerned were the purchase by the government of the triangular court house site at Blanchard and Burdette streets, and the purchase by the Imperial bank of the property formerly occupied by that institution as tenant at the corner of Government and Yates streets.

There have been made sales in which sums as large as \$100,000 have changed hands, but the steady little business in which lots worth from \$100 to \$1,000 are sold on easy payments has been very quiet.

The Real Estate Exchange, however, has been most active in interesting itself in public affairs, and many of the objects towards which it has turned its attention during the past year are now accomplished facts. Twice during the year its offices were changed, but it is now comfortably located in the Sweeney & McConnell block in Langley street.

BANK CLEARINGS SLIGHTLY BEHIND

Drop of \$6,000,000 Leaves Total Still \$30,000,000 Better Than 1911

Although bank figures were generally lower this year than last, the clearing house reports for the first three weeks of this last month are greatly in excess of the corresponding weeks of 1912, which indicates to banking men that the general depression has not affected the ordinary shopping, business so much as real estate and other forms of investments. The Christmas trade, it would appear, was about a million and a half to two million dollars greater than last year.

The total clearings for the year were lower than the record figure rolled up in 1912, when the sum was \$183,873,281. This year it is \$177,516,936, so nearly as can be reckoned by striking an average for the last few days of this year based on the earlier three weeks of the month of December. This is about \$6,000,000 decrease, by no means so great a tumble, as might have been expected from the general condition of business throughout the year. As a matter of fact 1912 was a phenomenal year with something like \$40,000,000 increase over 1911, whose figures were therefore \$34,000,000 less than 1912.

Table with 2 columns: Month, 1912, 1913. Rows for January through December and Totals.

Lady (to tramp)—Now I hope you won't spend the money I've given you for the liquor. Tramp—I'd get the best I know about, mum; but I ain't no connoisseur.

CUSTOMS RETURNS QUITE FAVORABLE

Collections During the Year Are Well Above Those Before 1912 and Double Year 1909

Naturally the tightness of money during the greater part of the year is reflected in the customs returns for the year, but the difference is not such as to cause any uneasiness among citizens. When the figures of the collections of revenue in the years previous to last year are taken into account it will be found that the trade done this year has been such as to justify the utmost optimism in the business future of the city and Vancouver Island. That the decrease as compared with 1912 does not mark anything but a temporary setback in the progress of the port, and that even when it is far in advance of the year before, is evident from the most cursory glance at the returns for the past five years.

It is in the last six months that the falling off in the revenue from customs duties has taken place principally. At the beginning of the year there was about the same amount of collections from the dutiable imports as there had been during 1912, but soon after the beginning of the fiscal year the monthly totals of duties collected here began to drop. The same thing was taking place all over the country, but in this city there has been less of a reduction in the customs than at other ports in the Dominion.

The volume of imports this year is twice what it was four years ago, which is the surest way of computing the growth of the city, and this fact quite overshadows the fall in the revenue due to a passing financial stringency. It is very likely that with the opening of a new fiscal year in April next, there will be seen a revival of trade not only here but all over the country.

For the three months of the last fiscal year which came into the present calendar year, the total customs collections here were \$622,207.09, and from the period from April to the end of November the total was \$1,503,717.82. Estimating the returns for the remaining days of this month and adding this to the collections up to yesterday afternoon the probable total for December will be \$128,000, bringing the total for the year up to \$2,262,000.

For the twelve months of 1909 the customs collections amounted to \$1,175,361.62. For 1910 there was an increase to \$1,411,136.99, and for 1911 a further increase to \$1,593,494.59. For last year the figures were around the two and a half million mark.

INLAND REVENUE IS BUT LITTLE BEHIND

Returns in Victoria Almost as Large as the Record of 1912

While there has been a decrease in the revenue collected from the various sources which are under the control of the inland revenue department during the year, it has been so small compared with the total collections in this district that there is nothing to be alarmed at.

In any case the figures for 1913 are so far ahead of 1911 and the years immediately preceding that it leaves no room for doubt that the falling off in the returns is only temporary. For the eleven months up to the end of November the collections amounted to \$234,263.51, and estimating the total for this month at \$20,000, it will bring the grand total for the year to \$254,263.51. This is only some ten thousand dollars less than was collected during 1912.

By months the collections here and in the other offices which are reporting to it were as follows:



PALATIAL NEW HIGH SCHOOL WHICH WILL SHORTLY OPEN DOORS

RETRENCHMENT ERA HAS SEEN PROGRESS

City Engineering Department Has Carried Out Important Waterworks Programme

The most important work which has engaged the engineering department during the year has undoubtedly been the Sooke waterworks, which has come more directly under the control of the city as a result of the abandonment of the contract by the Westholme Lumber company.

Two years will soon have passed since the contract was signed, and with it the date upon which water was to have been in the city, but it will not be till midsummer of 1915 that Sooke water will be flowing into Victoria, according to present anticipation. However, in spite of difficulties, the contract for the concrete flow line has been awarded, the city will shortly commence construction of the riveted steel pipe, and the balance of the other work is under way. The dams at Sooke Lake and Hinnaback have been built, treaties are under construction along the line, and the track has been laid for several miles on the grade. Financial considerations have alone caused delay. The public, by the appropriation of another \$1,500,000, has recorded once again its approval of the scheme, but the latest proposal to acquire the Leech River watershed at a considerably reduced price has been negated.

As a corollary to the delay in completing the works, it has been necessary to purchase water from Goldstream, meanwhile, and a temporary main was laid from Victoria West across the Arm to Harriet road in May for that purpose. The Elk Lake plant has been idle since June, without any prospect of being used again, on account of the organic contamination of its waters.

Next in importance to the waterworks question has been the North-West sewer issue, upon which the city has at length made a start, the municipalities of Esquimalt and Saanich undertaking to contribute, but further legislation is required before they can enter into the necessary agreements. There was a long delay over this matter on account of the desire to refer the plans to an expert, and Col. Thomson's report was not received till September, hence the delay in putting the matter in hand.

The third question of a constructional character which has engaged the city council intermittently during the year, has been that of the Johnson street bridge. At last the problems which have weighed against progress appear to be near solution, and a by-law is to be submitted next month to the city's affairs of the work, which with land damages will amount to some \$400,000. No party to the agreement will accept responsibility for the little progress made, and there has been a good deal of recrimination without result.

Little paving work has been done on account of the desire to re-establish the financial position of the council. However, Douglas street and Gorge road have been finished, and the Ross Bay driveway has been paved. Some streets in the southeastern portion of the city have also been paved, but no new work has been executed. The paved streets of the city approximate now to nearly 70 miles. Three and a quarter miles of asphalt paving have been laid, however.

The garbage service has been placed under the control of the city engineer, but otherwise there has been little change in the works department, the number of whose employees has fluctuated with the opportunity to pay them. Latterly it has been necessary to carry men unused to city work in order to avoid their becoming a straight charity to the city, whose resources in that regard have been greatly taxed. The engineering staff has been cut down, and the assistant engineer of surveys released, there being now only two departmental chiefs.

Some \$35,000 has been spent on the parks, which would have been able to absorb much more, profitably. Work has begun on Mount Douglas Park in

HIGH SCHOOL WILL SOON BE READY NOW

Palatial Building is Chief Monument of Board's Work; Other Graded Schools

Fortunately the City School board had its programme of building well in hand this year before the stringency enforced curtailment of expenditures. The High school is now to be occupied as soon as furnished, although it will be necessary to ask for another loan to pay the balance of the contract and for furnishing it. The school will be the most palatial scholastic building on the Canadian side in the West, and the fittings and appointments are of the most approved pattern.

RIBBON OF STEEL ROLLING NORTHWARD

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Opens New Branch; Two Railways Building on Island

While considerable amount of railway construction has been accomplished on the island in the last twelve months, in addition to the Saanich Interurban line, which is not a steam road, the only addition to the operating lines is the branch of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway between Duncan and Cowichan Lake, which was opened on the same day as the Interurban line, June 15. This is 20 miles long, and while mainly built as a means of getting out the valuable logs of the Cowichan Valley, it opens a tourist and fishing district only accessible in the past by a long and tedious stage route.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway is pushing its way northward to the Comox Valley, and the bridges across the numerous rivers are under construction. Moore & Fethick have undertaken to contribute, but further legislation is required before they can enter into the necessary agreements. There was a long delay over this matter on account of the desire to refer the plans to an expert, and Col. Thomson's report was not received till September, hence the delay in putting the matter in hand.

On the existing main line the old bridges are being replaced by steel bridges on concrete abutments, and most of the canyons on the Malahat have been crossed with the new bridges already in Victoria the company has built terminals at a considerable expense on the Songhees reserve, and it was recently announced that the repairs at Wellington were to be removed to this city. The transfer of the locomotives to oil burners has been now long enough in operation for its value to be estimated, the primary reason for the change being to observe the regulations against forest fires.

While Courtenay is the terminus of the present line, plans of the extension of the system to Duncan Bay have been alluded to from time to time, for a railway's work is never done, and as one goal is reached, in the horizon looms up another peak of achievement which has to be surmounted.

In connection with the Canadian Northern Railway the bulk of the construction work has been divided into three sections, that portion between Shawnigan Lake and Sooke Lake, from Cowichan Lake to the headwaters of the Nitinat River, and from Alberni southwards. Large gangs of men have been engaged under various contractors, and the grading is in an advanced stage. Recently work has begun on the Saanich peninsula section from Parkdale to Union Bay, and negotiations are at present in progress with regard to the class of structure to cross the waters of Victoria Arm to the reserve.

Bridges are being built for the line, and what facilities have been provided at the peninsula terminal of the railway. The outlook for railway development is very bright, and 1914 should see a considerable accession of mileage on Vancouver Island to that which already exists.

Great Progress Made in All Departments of Civic Life and Commercial Effort

HAS BEEN LITTLE DAMAGE FROM FIRE

Largest Loss Was Outside City Limits; Reduction of Insurance Rates

The city has been remarkably free so far this year from fire. The only one involving considerable loss occurred on September 21 at the B. J. Pottery plant, just outside the city limits, which was attended by the city fire department, and checked when threatening other valuable industrial property.

An arrangement has been reached with Saanich to take care of its suburban area, the district municipality having had considerable fires without any protection, but the water pressure will have to be increased before the fire department would be given a chance of suppressing a serious outbreak. The arrangement of 1913 with Oak Bay has thus been extended, but Esquimalt is still without fire protection.

The only new apparatus of importance ordered was a tractor for No. 2 fire engine, Yates street hall, but early in the year a new street alarm system was installed to provide greater public safety for the downtown streets. No new halls have been added this year, there now being eight of these halls in use.

The losses of the year have been satisfactory in comparison with the totals of last year, which were \$46,842 on buildings and \$92,787 on contents. The better fire protection generally, and the advent of Goldstream water in May, led a few months ago to a reduction in the rates of insurance on houses, property in Victoria and Oak Bay, which it is hoped to see extended to business property in the coming year.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Losses 1913, Insurance 1913. Rows for Jan through Dec and Totals.

So far this year there have been 271 alarms responded to, compared to 219 last year, and 223 hours have been worked compared with 209 last year. Of feet of hose laid, 87,730 have been laid this year as compared with 100,025 last year, and 4,912 gallons of chemicals have been used compared with 4,253 in 1912. The total, in feet, of ladders raised was 2,467 as compared with 2,123 in 1912. More than twice as many miles have been travelled by the departments than last year, the total being 1,597 as compared with 857 in 1912.

YEAR OF EXPANSION FOR B. C. ELECTRIC

Addition to Power Plant at Jordan Cost a Million; Opened New Lines

A change in policy has resulted in the B. C. Electric Railway Company's refusal to give out its traffic figures as it used to do in other years, and this indication of the city's activities for the year of 1913 is unfortunately missing. That business was not so good as it might have been was indicated, however, by the increase in fares to a flat rate of five cents a ride.

The year has, nevertheless, been one of expansion for the railway, expansion on an unprecedented scale in the history of the Victoria division. The erection of a third unit generating 12,000 horse power at Jordan river, the building a huge dam at the same place, and an extension to the power house already there cost the company in the neighborhood of a million dollars, the dam alone costing \$600,000.

The second most important event of the year in B. C. Electric doings was the opening of the new Saanich suburban line to Deep Cove. The official opening of this line in June was accompanied by much ceremony, and proved of the utmost significance in the development of the peninsula. From the first it was necessary to keep increasing the accommodation periodically.

POLICE STATISTICS SHOW FEWER OFFENCES

Decrease in the Number of Cases Dealt With; Serious Crime Almost Unknown

The past year has been a busy one in police circles, as every year is, but the statistics of crimes and offences prepared by Desk Sergeant Allen shows that there were fewer breaches of the law during the twelve months of 1913 than in the preceding year. This reflects credit on the people of the capital and bears testimony to the efficient work being done by the force which Chief Langley directs.

There were few really serious crimes in the city in the course of the year. Of murders there was only one since the first of the year, and there were but a small number of cases of serious assault. In the total of cases dealt with by the police during the year, there is included the daily list of men taken in for being incapable on the street and those who have sought shelter for the night. There is also included special classes of offences that are peculiar to coast cities—Chinese gambling and opium smoking.

With these taken out of the aggregate, it will be found that the city is one of the most peaceable in the Dominion, and its people certainly the most law-abiding. It may be no doubt that there is less serious crime here than in any city in the country. Up to to-day, and allowing for the remaining four days of the month, there has been dealt with this year 2,534 cases. Last year there were 4,800 cases in Sergeant Allen's annual summary of the department's activities. The arrests number over 300 less than last year, 2,190 as compared with 2,622. There were more summonses issued this year, but that is accounted for to a great extent by the number of prosecutions for breaches of the motor act, these being always instituted by way of summons.

There has been a corresponding decrease in the number of persons convicted by the police magistrate, or committed for trial in the higher courts, and a few more were able to prove their innocence than in the year before. The civic treasury was enriched by fines to the extent of \$22,500, which is about \$1,000 more than last year. Contributing to this total increase were a greater number of Chinese gamblers than usual, a couple of the heaviest raids in the history of the department having been made during the last six months, one netting the city over \$1,600 in fines.

Among the satisfactory indications of the year's police statistics is the comparatively small number of persons committed to hospitals for mental diseases. In the year there were only 26 persons of unsound mind coming within the notice of the police, as against 46 during 1912.

Table with 2 columns: 1913, 1912. Rows for Total cases, Arrests, Summonses, Convictions, Committed for trial, Discharged, In for safe-keeping, Unsound mind, Revenue from fines.

The police patrol and motor ambulance made something over 3,400 runs in the course of the year, covering in the neighborhood of 6,000 miles.

During the year there has been a great development in the knowledge of first aid principles, and practice among the members of the police force, nearly every one of whom has now taken the course. The police are more than ever in requisition whenever an accident occurs, and this has resulted in an increase in the number of ambulance calls, averaging two a day for accidents. In a number of cases during the year lives have been saved by the prompt application of first aid by the constables sent to the scene of accidents, or what might have been drownings. Chief Langley and his officers are proud of the record of their men in this regard, and citizens will share with them in the pride.

In connection with the street car service eight new cars have been put on the lines. Two new lines, the Uplands and Mount Tolmie lines, have come into use during the year, and the Fowl Bay car service has been extensively increased. The double track of North Douglas street was completed and automatic sprinklers for fire protection have been installed in the Pembroke street barns. A new barn was erected at Cloverdale, and a brand new snow plow is billed to arrive in town any day.

The installation of the pay-as-you-enter system very closely affected the public, and the accompanying change in the design of the cars by adding gates and changing the doors added to the public safety.

BOARD OF TRADE DID MANY USEFUL THINGS

Got Made-in-Victoria Building for Fair; Completed 49th Year of Existence

Tables and statistics do not represent the work done during any given period of time by one of the most useful self-constituted public bodies the Board of Trade.

Such a powerful body cannot fail, however, to make its influence felt, and it was through the board's instrumentality that the announcement came from Ottawa in April to the effect that provision for two new piers at the outer wharf and for a dry-dock at Esquimalt were made in the Dominion estimates.

Two very extensive reports were prepared by committees during the past year and have been reported to the government, one dealing with agriculture and the other with municipal matters.

One very useful agitation which effected a material change of advantage to shipping men was brought about by Board of Trade agitation. Hitherto after business hours a ship desiring clearance papers had to round up a customs officer at the house, but now there is always a man on duty all night at the office.

Several cabinet ministers were entertained during the year, including the Hon. George E. Foster, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robert Rogers. Other matters in which the board interested itself were the mail service, welcoming the new trans-Pacific boats, safety of navigation, harbor matters and civic affairs generally.

An interesting note is the fact that the board has undertaken the organization of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of its organization. The first minute in the first minute book reads as follows: "A meeting to those favorable to the establishment of a Chamber of Commerce was held in the Exchange news room, Victoria, V. I., February 9, 1863, at 2 o'clock p. m."

LIBRARY WORK HAS VASTLY INCREASED

Opening of Juvenile Department and Increase in General Catalogue Features

Important changes and developments have taken place during the past twelve months in the Carnegie public library, where the membership has increased by thousands, and the number of books added has numbered something in the neighborhood of 7,500, inclusive of reference books.

The most radical change, however, has been in the opening of the juvenile department in July. Prior to this children were not permitted to join the library at all, and such books as were taken out by them had to be done on the cards of the adult members of the family, despite the fact that there had been juvenile books in the library before the special department was opened.

During the year about 1,600 juvenile books have been added to the catalogue, this making a total at the present time of about 1,850 children's books. The number of juvenile books that have joined since the opening of that branch of the library is nearly 1,850, and the circulation of children's books is nearly 12 times as large as it was before that time.

In the adult and juvenile departments combined, 7,600 books have been added during the year, this making the total number in the downstairs part of the library 15,000, inclusive of reference books. The total circulation for the year has been approximately 150,368, including 17,696 circulation in the juvenile library, while the comparison with the circulation for 1912 in the adult department shows an increase of 92 per cent, or nearly double the circulation of a year ago.

Each month the circulation has averaged about 16,000, inclusive of juvenile books, which shows that, roughly speaking, each book in the library, on the average, has been taken out at least once a month.

Of the books added to the catalogue, as usual more fiction has been added than books in any other class, although not more than one-quarter of the appropriation has been expended on this class of work. Roughly speaking the books are about half fiction and half made up of other works, a great deal having been done during the twelve months to build up the technical catalogue—books on architecture, engineering, etc., while the statistics show that there has been a great demand for books on painting, drawing, design, pure literature, travel, and biography.

Another important feature of the librarian's work has been the institution of a training-class. During the year four pupils have been added to the library in this capacity, and one student has completed the course and

has been drafted on as a general assistant. The course consists of an apprenticeship of eight months in the local library, with three months in other libraries. Miss Wheelock, the trained assistant, has resigned, and Miss Steinberger has been appointed in charge of the juvenile work, while another regular assistant comes in daily for two and a half hours to help in repairing books, etc.

Table with columns: Month, Adult Juvenile Books Members, 1912, 1913. Rows: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

RAINFALL IN 1913 BELOW THE AVERAGE

Mean Temperature in Victoria for Year is 49.15 Degrees

The table below, issued by the weather bureau as a comparison of the temperatures and rainfall of the past twelve months, shows that the winter months have been colder than the average by several degrees, while from April to September (inclusive) the temperature was above average.

The total precipitation from January 1 to December 27 was only 23.52 inches—over 4 inches below the average. As but few days remain in the year, it would require very heavy rains to bring the rainfall up to average.

The year 1910 has been the wettest for the past six years, having a precipitation of over 50 inches, while 1912, with an average temperature of 50.5, has been the warmest for the same period.

Table with columns: Month, Mean, Average, High, Low, Precipitation. Rows: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

Table with columns: Month, Rain, Snow, Total, Average. Rows: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

Table with columns: Year, Mean High Low, Rain Snow, Precipitation. Rows: 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913.

IN LABOR CIRCLES

Effect of Industrial Depression Has Left Its Mark on Membership of Unions.

In labor organizations during the year the effect of the industrial depression has necessarily made itself felt. The number of members of the unions composing the Building Trades' council has necessarily declined, but otherwise the activities of the union officials has shown no abatement.

The B. C. Federation of Labor held another convention here in January, which brought many leading men to Victoria, and preparations have already been made for the next convention in New Westminster next month.

The miners' strike in the Island coal fields has had its effect on Victoria unionism materially, and natural sympathy with the miners in their struggle has found its expression in numerous meetings, eventually leading the leadership to organize the Miners' Liberation league for the purpose of securing the release of the miners who are in jail.

BUILDING ACTIVITY JUSTIFIES OPTIMISM

Financial Curtailments Have Not Checked Progress of Construction in City

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IS VALUE OF PERMITS

Apartment Houses and Hotels Have Been Greatly Augmented in Year

Last year the record of the building was exceptional, and no one expected that 1913 could hope to rival it. The total value of permits amounted to \$5,000,000 in the city alone, and two and a half millions in the surrounding districts.

Four million dollars' worth of permits in a period of curtailment is one of which a city might well be proud.

But rather in the anticipated than the actual totals Victoria is to be congratulated this year. Large buildings are contemplated for which building permits will be issued, early in the new year—notably the drill hall, marine and fisheries offices, extensions to the parliament buildings (supplementary), the Hudson's Bay block, and the new Jubilee Hospital buildings—while the Johnson street bridge, and the possibilities of construction starting on the Union passenger depot, all promise a record year. No reference is made to the breakwater or harbor works, as the city has no jurisdiction in the construction of apartment houses, and the permit has ever been issued for the breakwater, upon which a large amount of money has been spent; while the piers to be let shortly fall in the same category.

If it should be asked in what lines the building in the city has been most active it may be said that in the direction of apartment houses, and the re-construction of licensed premises the development has been most pronounced. Numerous large apartment houses have been built, and the necessity of avoiding the loss of saloons is rebuilt, has forced several hotels into existence. Owing to the development of tourists and similar attractions the normal growth of the hotels has been considerable, while others have extended and improved their accommodations.

Theatrical ventures have swelled the building list this year, notably the new opera house which now by the passing of the permit has been represented a large investment. Among the leading office buildings finished this year are the Belmont House and B. C. Permanent Loan & Investment Co. (the highest block in the city), while the Metropolis building is opening shortly. The high school is also to be finished shortly.

The building permits of the year, compared month by month with 1912, are as follows:

Table with columns: Month, 1912, 1913. Rows: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

In the surrounding districts the building advance has been most marked. In Saanich the permits have passed the million-dollar mark, largely made up of the Normal school on Richmond road and the provincial jail on the Wilkinson road, which together represent half a million dollars' value. A new public school at Boleskine road has also added considerably to the total.

In Oak Bay a large new grade school is being opened at Monterey avenue in January, while the Lamson street school in Esquimalt is being reconstructed. In those two municipalities the growth has been mainly along the lines of residential property.

In public works the Vancouver Island Development league took over the threads of special work carried out by the Progress club and the Real Estate exchange, and all the funds available were turned over to the oldest organization; however, the economic conditions of the year prevented that support being given to the league which had been promised early in the year.

The league under Secretary McGarvey has continued its good work of giving sensible information about Victoria and Vancouver Island to people all over the globe, and the citizens of Victoria owe a debt to the president, Simon Leiser, for his unremitting assistance to the Victoria branch.

AN IMPORTANT YEAR IN MILITARY CIRCLES

Two New Infantry Regiments Are Successful; Changes in Officers' Personnel

An eventful year in local military circles is drawing to a close. Victoria was effectively placed on the Canadian military map with the organization of two new infantry regiments—the 88th Fusiliers and the 50th Highlanders—while the achievement of the 5th Regiment of Artillery in capturing all the prizes in the artillery association contests from all the artillery regiments of Canada was hardly less notable.

The excursion of detachments of the 88th and 5th regiments into the coal strike area to quell the riots and protect property in Nanaimo, Ladysmith, and the surrounding small towns was an experience worth a year of camps for the officers and men on account of the actual service conditions which obtained. About 100 men, evenly divided between the two units, are still in the field.

Few cities in Canada have shown such remarkable progress in military affairs during any year of their history as has Victoria in 1913. The 5th Regiment, the crack artillery regiment of the Dominion, has increased its ranks by 60 men during the year, and is now actually 7 over-strength, and has been so since the most successful camp ever held by the unit. The visit of the minister of militia resulted in the promise of two new 18-pound field guns which should arrive shortly.

An important event was the change in command a few weeks ago when Major Winsby (soon to be Lieut.-Col. Winsby) succeeded Lieut.-Col. Currie as commanding officer of the battalion. Major Ridgway Wilson, the next senior officer, is also retiring, although Col. Currie's usefulness is not to be lost to the country through his retirement from the 5th, as he has been appointed to command the 50th Regiment of Highlanders. Captain Woolson is to become Major Woolson, and Lieut. F. A. Robertson will be promoted to the rank of captain, these changes being necessary by the two changes on the staff.

The 88th Regiment held its first drill season and first camp in 1913, and is now established as an efficient infantry unit, its work at Nanaimo, where Lieut.-Col. John Hall was commanding officer of all the forces in the field, proving most creditable. The 50th Highlanders have now 150 men sworn in, a complete complement of officers, non-commissioned officers and a full staff. The training classes for the officers and non-commissioned officers are now in full swing and the drill season opens on January 5. The acquisition of such an able commanding officer in Major Currie, with the assistance of Major Lorne Ross and Major Garnet Hughes, assures a bright career for the 10th.

The first brigade camp at Sidney, consisting of two regiments from Vancouver and one each from Victoria and New Westminster was a highly successful innovation with its subsequent battle. The cadet camp the next week was also well attended. Few changes of note have occurred at the Work Point Barracks. Major Mills, commanding officer of the R.C. G.A., has left the district, and Captain Almon has succeeded as C.O. Lieut. William Irving has been transferred to Beacon Hill Park, the whole of the 92-inch guns at Signal Hill have also been mounted within the course of the year 1913.

CITY LIGHTING HAS SEEN DEVELOPMENT

Arc Lighting Proposed Under Loan Has Been Completed; The Removal of Poles

In lighting matters during 1913 the city department has necessarily been curtailed in proportion to the slackening of the construction of local improvement undertakings by the city. However, there has been no delay in extending the arc lighting service of the year, and the rearrangement of loads in order to carry the extra current required. The loan authorized some years ago has been expended, and the condition of the city streets at night is much better in consequence.

Two important improvements to be noted are the Dallas road lighting and the Ross Bay lighting, both of which have been installed now, while the much-desired harbor lighting of which so much was heard last year, is now in hand so far as the causeway is concerned. With the small break of Beacon Hill Park, the whole of the waterfront from the outer wharf to Hollywood Park is now lit up.

Extra equipment in the way of transformers has arrived, and is now being installed at the Telegraph street depot. Numerous poles have been removed from the streets downtown, but fresh legislation is required before the B. C. Telephone company will surrender its right to maintain poles carrying the wires at the rear of buildings. So far as the city itself is concerned, the time is coming when it can say "We have a conduit system, and no longer require these disfigurements."

The outside districts have not been neglected, and Esquimalt and Oak Bay have long since reached arrangements with the light company, while Saanich is still in negotiation. However, the city has undertaken some work in order to protect the Gorge Park.

WOMEN'S WORK HAS PROGRESSED IN 1913

Few New Organizations, but Existing Ones Have Been Active

OLDER SOCIETIES FORM NEW BRANCHES

Educational, Reform and Social Work Being Carried on Steadily

Life and growth are inseparable. Each is antecedent, each is subsequent to the other. But the fact is not always evident to the casual observer; the demonstration takes various forms. In the young organism growth is visible in the actual increase in the physical dimensions. The older organism, in which this evidence of life comes to an end, still, however, continues to build up within itself and to store energy which may be tapped when the need demands.

The women's clubs of Victoria remain in number much the same as they were a year ago. But the past twelve months have been marked by a strengthening of the organization, accompanied by healthy development and expansion, in nearly every society which previously existed.

At the head of all the women's societies, because it is the instrument through which so many speak, and because its work extends throughout the nation, is the Local Council of Women, which has no fewer than forty-two women's organizations affiliated with it. Among these are the Daughters of Empire, which has many chapters in the city; two or three of the Women's Institutes, and a great majority of the societies which are interested in work along the lines of social improvement.

Among one of the greatest of its achievements during the year has been the securing, in co-operation with other organizations, of the appointment of two policewomen to undertake the work of prevention and protection in connection with women and children. In a general way the council has maintained its interest in girls of good character coming to the city from other places and the care of children, a subject in which it has always been actively interested, has been given the usual amount of attention.

Apart from this, however, there has been nothing of a distinctly new character in connection with their work. From the time of its inception the council has been keenly interested in reform work of all kinds, and during the past year, at its various meetings, several amendments to the criminal law in connection with women and children have been discussed, and actual changes introduced through their efforts. The question of a public market has been agitated by them, and will probably continue to be agitated until such time as the institution is an accomplished fact. One thing which somewhat hampers the more rapid realization of their ambitious projects is the lack of a stationary fund. Such a fund would enable the council to send delegates to the national conventions of the international councils, where women's work is discussed in all its branches, and where much helpful suggestion might be received.

Daughters of the Empire. An organization of many chapters and active members, the Daughters of the Empire, which during the past year has formed three more chapters in the city—the Esquimalt, the Rainbow, which is a children's chapter, and a new chapter at Oak Bay, which has not yet been christened.

The work is along the same lines as previously, and is imperial in character, many of the larger undertakings which have been taken up during the year having been started with the idea of raising funds for the advancement of some special branch of the work. Among the most important of these was the Kermess, held in May at the skating arena, when all the chapters combined in perfecting one of the biggest and most popular functions ever held in the city. In August a ball which was successful both from a patriotic and social point of view, was organized in honor of the captain and officers of H.M.S. New Zealand, who were entertained on that occasion in a more lavish and generous manner than would otherwise have been possible.

It was the Daughters of the Empire, too, who decorated all the pictures of the premiers of British Columbia at the last opening of parliament, this being done for the guidance of strangers in the city. The Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter independently furnished the Y.W.C.A. library, which is a small undertaking when it is realized that books have also been provided. At the present time a flag is being made at the Royal School of Art Needlework for presentation by the Daughters of the Empire to the 88th Fusiliers; the Camosun Chapter maintains its interest in the cadet work in the High School, and other chapters have their individual undertakings which are of equal importance and significance.

Canadian Women's Club. The formation of a Canadian history club is the most important innovation of the present year in the work of the Canadian Women's Club. The classes are to include ten addresses, lasting up to April, with two meetings monthly, and the series was most auspiciously inaugurated last month by a paper read by Mrs. Young at a large attendance meeting at the Empress hotel. During the course there will be an address by Chief Justice Hunter on "Confederation," and the series will conclude with a paper by Mrs. McPhillips on "British Columbia."

Other plans are under consideration in connection with the year's work.

The membership and interest have both grown, the enrollment now being \$85, of which number 93 have been added since the last annual meeting in October, while the following five ladies have been created honorary members during the year: Lady Crease, Lady McBride, Mrs. Dennis Harris, Mrs. Mary Ritter Hamilton and Miss Maria Lawson. The conferring of the honorary membership in the case of Mrs. Lawson was as a recognition of the pride which the organization takes in the work of a leading Canadian artist who has made her home in Victoria; while in the case of Miss Lawson it is an acknowledgment of their appreciation of her work as a historian and patriot.

W.C.T.U. The W.C.T.U. during the past year has been enabled, through the formation of new branches in the various districts throughout the city, to extend the influence of its work quite appreciably, the Central Union being at the head of the six branch organizations. All are doing excellent independent work, while they co-operate most successfully for the biggest achievements, such as the mission work at the Men's Mission, Store street, and the Rescue Home, Ida street.

In connection with the former the work has expanded enormously during the past year, and the quarters are really cramped at times for lack of adequate accommodation for the ever-increasing number of men who are taken in in their times of need. At the Rescue Home extension work is being carried on, and in September a new wing, with several more bedrooms, was opened, and has considerably added to the usefulness of the building. One of the biggest undertakings of the year was the refreshment room at the Fair Grounds, by means of which \$125 was raised toward mission work. While a change of considerable importance took place in the presidency, after she had held the office for several years. In the new president, Mrs. Norman, however, the society has a capable leader, and the work will no doubt be carried on along the same progressive lines as before.

Ladies' Musical Club. The Ladies' Musical Club has earned its place and distinction by genuine hard work, as the public is still difficult to win over in point of attendance at the professional concerts which are given under the club's auspices. But good work is being done. Already this season no less than five concerts by leading professional talent have been given, including Madame Schumann-Heink, Harold Bauer, Bloomfield-Zeldner, Gogorza, and Madame Alda. The programme for the next few months includes such well known names as McCormack, Kremler, Josef Hoffman, Clara Butt and Kennerly Rumford, Gerardi and Ysaye Junior, the Gonzalez Quartette, and the New York Symphony Orchestra—surely a feast of prospects for anyone who really loves music.

One need hardly be reminded that without the Ladies' Musical Club but few of these famous artists would come to the city, and since the organization undertakes the work music-lovers have been provided with more high-class talent than in all the previous years of its existence. The membership this year is little more than in 1912; the public is still short in appreciation of the practical kind which is needed to carry on the work really adequately. But there is no same indifference to cope with as last year, and years prior to that, and there is no question about the educating influence which the coming of these leading musicians is exercising.

Ladies' Guild, Seamen's Institute. With such a total as \$1,162 to their credit as a fund built up during the past twelve months, the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute may well consider "resting on their oars" for awhile. The work has been most anxious to assist the women of the city, and from a membership of about 80 last year the numbers have grown to 185, all of whom are more or less actively engaged or interested in the work. It is largely due to the efforts of the ladies that the present institute rooms have been taken over, as they undertook the furnishing of the building, and have contributed already about \$500 toward the maintenance fund to the men's committee. About \$400 was expended on furniture for the present institute rooms, and the ladies are practically in the position where they can do nothing more until the new building—the erection of which rests with the men—is complete, when they will commence anew the work of furnishing.

One of the later enterprises considered by the guild is the establishment of a matron in the institute, and the next meeting will seriously consider the matter with the idea of coming to a decision. Anti-Tuberculosis Society. The Junior Anti-Tuberculosis Society has about thirty active members, and the good work which they have carried on in a quiet way for some time past has been followed up, with even more than the usual interest, in previous years they have held some form of public entertainment for the purpose of raising funds; but this year they made their fund through direct appeal to the public, the sum of over \$700 being realized as the result of the canvass made. Incidentally the chief object of the organization is to help local cases, and send patients to Tranquille for treatment wherever this is advisable. The hospital is its special care, and necessary clothing or little luxuries which the patient in the ordinary way would have to do without are provided by them from their fund, while everyone knows the really personal and sympathetic interest which they take in the sufferers themselves. King's Daughters. If there is one movement more than another, organized for the benefit of women in the city, which has attracted general commendation it is the King's Daughters' Rest Room, Courtney street. The idea was first realized about fourteen months ago, and from small beginnings, when about ten or fifteen girls made use of the rooms, the most encouraging results have followed. The room has more than justified its foundation, from seventy-five

to eighty girls making use of the luncheon room and rest room daily. The rest room is the biggest enterprise of the society in Victoria, although the individual members as well as the three circles do many other things beside. The special work of the making of maternity bags; of the Hawthorne Circle, charities; and of the Victoria Circle, lending invalid chairs free of cost to those who require them. But the rest room work has appealed to all the circles and to the individual members as well, all of whom help with the work. The setting of the room practically pays the rental of the room, and with the donations sent by friends the work pays for itself.

Political Equality League. The membership of the Victorian Order of Nurses has increased considerably during the past year, and through the consequent increase of subscriptions, the scope of the work has widened to such an extent that the order is now considering the admission of a third nurse to assist in the nursing. People who can pay for the nurse at so much per visit, but while nearly always available to those who are in the position to do so, the nurses also go out without charge to poor people who are unable to pay, and in this way the order is doing work which is doubly good. Telephone calls at 4944 will always find them.

The Victorian Branch of the Political Equality League has been engaged largely during the past year in educational work both through the circulation of its magazine, The Champion, and by public and private meetings. The headquarters of the society are at 202 Campbell building, the league having moved into larger and more commodious quarters in October. A very large and influential deputa-tion waited on the government last February and asked that the franchise might be given to the women of British Columbia, but the government absolutely refused to consider their request. The league, however, is still working energetically toward securing the vote for women.

The interest in the work is shown by the increased membership of the league, and the number of subscribers to the Champion. Twelve hundred dollars have been expended during the past year. In connection with the work of the Political Equality League, it may be noted that another suffrage society has sprung into being during the last month, its object being to work on popular lines, and augment the work of the older league in various directions. This society, known colloquially as the "Go-ahead's," is as yet only in its infancy, but has numerous projects for the coming year, and it is conceded on all sides that a general quickening of interest will follow upon its organization.

S. P. C. A. Work. When the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals undertook to raise the sum of \$500 to give to the parent society, the work looked like quite a responsibility, but during the year they succeeded in raising a total of \$209.55, which was \$20.55 in excess of the amount they originally undertook to collect. A large part of this was made by taking over all the boxes at the horse show, and underwriting these, while one or two minor undertakings realized for them other sums for the fund.

During the past twelve months the organization has acted with the Local Council of Women, and has also done much practical good in getting the consent of the Victoria school board to introduce the teaching of kindness to animals into the regular school course at the public schools, books relative to which subject they have supplied for the purpose.

POSTAL BUSINESS HAS GENERAL INCREASE

Comparison of 1912 and 1913 Figures Demonstrates Activity of Department

A comparison of the business transacted at the Victoria post office in 1912 and 1913 shows a general increase throughout, although in three or four particulars there was a falling-off which may be partly accounted for in at least one instance by the increase in another department. In the sale of postage stamps, for instance, there has been an increase of \$1,890 during the twelve months, the figures being for 1912, \$18,912, and for 1913, \$20,808. There has been a decrease of \$19,510 in the amount of money orders issued, this being represented by 273 money orders, but even more than the usual interest. In excess of last year. In consequence of the former figures having fallen off there has been a decrease of \$113 in the money order commissions. Postal notes paid have slightly increased in number, sixty-five more than last year having been paid, although there has been an actual falling-off in the monetary value of these, last year's amounting to \$3,327, and this year's to \$3,404. The amount of British postal orders paid has nearly doubled both in number and value, and so there must have been a falling-off in some other respect which has not been placed.

The following are the figures for this year:

Table with columns: Item, 1912, 1913. Rows: Sale of postage stamps, Money orders issued, Money orders paid, Money order commissions, Postal notes paid, Postal notes received, British postal orders paid, British postal orders received, Money order commissions, Do. passing through.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

(All personal items sent by mail for publication must be accompanied with the name and address of the sender.)
R. F. Murray, of Winnipeg, is at the Empress hotel.
William Swan, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
Mrs. William Millar, of Vancouver, is at the Empress hotel.
Mrs. and Miss Irving, of Brandon, Man., are at the Dominion.
Mrs. L. J. McArthur, of Prince Rupert, is staying at the Dominion.
Humphrey Binney is spending Christmas with friends in the Okanagan.
Mrs. Arthur Bechtel has returned from a trip to her home in California.
F. A. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton and their child are guests at the Empress hotel.
E. MacGachen, of Calgary arrived in the city this morning and went to the Empress hotel.
J. W. Humphrey, of Calgary, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Empress hotel.
M. D. MacKenzie and W. St. Clair registered at the Empress hotel this morning at Petrolia.
C. H. Nicholson and his son are in the city from Vancouver and are staying at the Empress hotel.
Captain C. Gardner Johnson, Lloyd's agent in British Columbia, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.
L. Adamson and Arthur O. Wheeler came down from Sidney yesterday and are staying at the Empress hotel during the visit in the city.
Barclay Bonthron and Mrs. Bonthron came over from Vancouver on the night boat and registered at the Empress hotel this morning.
Mr. W. H. Coy, honorary colonel of the 50th regiment, left the city yesterday for a trip to the prairies and will be absent for the next few weeks.

"BOUGHT AND PAID FOR"

Is Scheduled for Presentation at Victoria Theatre Next Week.

In "Bought and Paid For," scheduled for presentation at the Victoria theatre December 31 and January 1, Special New Year matinee, George Broadhurst has shown a genius in the construction of what is his most renowned play of marital affairs, especially as all his characters are real human beings and live in the flesh. One of his personages is an "incomplete" shipping clerk, who regards himself as an embryo captain of finance, and this fellow provides such a real wealth of humor that the play is wreathed in laughter. The serious story is of a poor telephone operator who marries for money, tempted by the dazzling prospect of wedding a millionaire. In his periodical spree, he loses his dignity and casts in his wife's teeth all that his money can

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EXTRACT FROM "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL" March 23, 1907.

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At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is receiving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod liver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter easily takes first place for nutritive value, and when combined with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced.

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SAANICH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The Saanich Central Ratepayers' Association wish all Saanich Taxpayers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. To ensure the future prosperity of Saanich, vote for COUN. GEORGE MCGREGOR for REEVE, and his ticket for the COUNCIL, as follows:

WARD 1—COUN. F. C. BORDEN
WARD 2—MR. A. R. SHERWOOD
WARD 3—COUN. S. WILLIAMS
WARD 4—MR. J. O'CONNELL
WARD 5—MR. JAS. A. GRANT
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Companies Act, Revised Statutes of B. C., Chap. 39, Section 19

and

In the Matter of Earth Trusts, Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 14th day of December, 1913, presented to the Supreme Court of British Columbia by the above named Company to confirm an alteration of the said Company's objects proposed to be effected by a special resolution of the said Company unanimously passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the said Company held on the 10th day of November, 1913, and subsequently unanimously confirmed at an extraordinary general meeting of the said Company held on the 24th day of November, 1913, which resolution runs as follows: "That the Memorandum of Association of the Company be altered by deleting sub-clause 4, clause 5, by adding as sub-clause 23 the following: Provided, however, that nothing in the power or authority of the Company to carry on the business of a 'Trust Company' as defined by the Trust Companies Regulation Act."

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard at Victoria, B. C., before the Hon.orable Mr. Justice Gregory, on Tuesday, the sixth day of January next, or before whichever Judge of the Supreme Court may be taking applications in Chambers on the said day, and any person interested in the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said resolution under the above Act, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for the purpose, and a copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same, by the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Croase & Crease, of 419 Central Building, Victoria, B. C., on payment of the regulation charge for the same.

Dated the 18th day of December, 1913.
CROASE & CREASE,
Solicitors for the above Company.

SERVICES in the CITY CHURCHES

ANGLICAN.
The Holy Innocents' Day.
Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue, Holy Communion at 8 a. m.; choral eucharist with sermon at 9.30 a. m.; preacher: the Dean; matins and ante-communion service with sermon at 11 a. m.; preacher, the Dean; children's Christmas service with carols and procession at 3 p. m.; service at 4 p. m. at Mrs. Bennett's residence, Ross Bay nurseries.
St. Mark's, Bolekine road, Rev. J. W. Flinton, vicar. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11; Sunday school at 3 p. m.; evening and sermon at 7 p. m.
St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and litany, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer, 7 p. m. Rev. A. R. Cavalieri will preach in morning.
St. Barnabas', corner Cook street and Caledonia avenue. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m.; choral matins and sermon at 11 a. m.; choral evening service at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. G. Miller, is the preacher for the day. All seats are free and unappropriated.
St. John's, corner Mason and Quadra. Matins and evening. Holy Communion at 8; Sunday school, 2.30.
St. Mary's, Burton street, Oak Bay. Services: 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., matins and sermon; 7 p. m., Sunday school; 7.30 p. m., evening and sermon.
St. Paul's, corner Cook street and Caledonia avenue. Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Matins and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening and sermon, 7 p. m.
Pemberton Memorial Chapel, Royal Jubilee hospital. Morning prayer, 8 a. m.; evening and sermon, 7.30 p. m. Patients, nurses, members of the hospital staff, as also church people living in the neighbourhood, cordially invited to this service.
St. James', corner of Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Wood. Holy Communion at 8; matins, litany and sermon at 11; Sunday school at 2.30; evening and sermon at 7.
Oaklands, talleston church of St. Mary Magdalene, Gosworth road. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening, 7.30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.
St. Andrew's Cathedral, corner of Blanchard and View streets. The Right Rev. Alexander MacDonald, D. D., Rev. Joseph Lohmeyer, Rector; Donald A. Macdonald and Rev. John P. Silver, Masses. Sundays, low mass with five-minute sermon at 8 and 9.30 a. m.; high mass at 7.30 p. m. Holydays of Obligation—Low mass at 8.30, 9 and 10; high mass at 11 a. m.; rosary and benediction at 7.30 p. m. Confessions are heard on the eve of all feast days, every Saturday and every Thursday before the first Friday of the month in the afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock, and in the evening from 7 until 8. Baptisms are performed Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN.
St. Columba, Hulton street, Oak Bay. Rev. J. A. Macdonald, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Young People's meeting, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Congregational service, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.
Knox, 205 Stanley avenue. Sabbath services, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible class at 10 a. m. Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. J. W. McCoy, M. A., minister.
First, corner of Quadra and Fisgard streets. Minister, Rev. Jno. Gibson Inkster. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. A. The minister will preach in the evening, and Rev. J. W. McCoy, M. A., in the morning. Sunday: Services at 11 a. m.; Bible class at 12.15; Sunday school, 2.30; evening service, 7.30. All seats free.
St. Paul's, corner Mary and Henry streets, Victoria West. Rev. Hector N. Maclean, M. A., D. D., minister. Morning service at 11 o'clock; Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m.; evening service at 7.30 p. m. S. C. E. meeting at 8.30 p. m. Special Christmas addresses.
St. Andrew's, corner Douglas and Broughton streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. Pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, will preach at both services.
Erskine, Harriet road, north of Bolekine road. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Thursday, service of praise at 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed for the first time in this new church during the morning service.

METHODIST.
North Quadra Sunday school will be held in home of D. Hallantyne at 2.30. Rev. J. A. Wood will preach in school-house at 2.30 p. m.
Belmont avenue. Rev. H. H. Balderston, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Pastor preaches morning and evening.
Ruzick, corner of Burnside and Millgrove roads. Morning, Mr. Grant; evening, J. Jeffers. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m. Choir practice, Friday, 8 p. m.
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IN THE LODGE ROOM

Meetings Next Week.

Monday—Victoria lodge, No. 1.
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The regular meeting of this lodge will be held on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock.
Colfax Rebekah Lodge.
The success of the snow dance on Tuesday evening last demonstrated most emphatically that when the members of the lodge undertake anything it is done right. There was a large attendance at the dance, and all details were so well arranged that those present spent a most enjoyable evening. The hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion, which added not a little to the success of the undertaking.
This lodge will hold officers at the next affair of the lodge, Tuesday, January 13. Sister E. Stewart, district deputy president, and other assembly officers, will occupy their respective positions during the installation ceremonies.
General Relief Committee.
This committee will meet on Monday evening next at 7.30 o'clock.
New Year's Eve Dance.
A dance under the auspices of the three subordinate lodges will be held on New Year's Eve. A good time assured all who attend.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
The Christmas tree and entertainment given by this lodge last evening proved a most successful affair. There was a large number of children present, and they all had a real good time. There is much work in connection with the Christmas tree, and the committee deserve credit for the successful outcome of their labors. The sincere thanks of the committee are extended to the ladies who so willingly assisted on this occasion. There was a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental selections which were thoroughly enjoyed. Santa Claus was there in all his glory, much to the delight of the children. If there was any doubt as to the advisability of making the Christmas tree and entertainment an annual event, they were dispelled last night by the success which it proved this year. The following is the programme:
Song, "The Christmas Tree"..... Laura White
Recitation, "The Christmas Tree"..... Miss Ella Pettinger
Piano selection..... Gladys Byrne
Recitation..... Alfred Nex
Vocal solo..... Daniel Deacon
Recitation..... Mrs. McGibbin
Humorous songs..... Jack Melville
Piano solo..... Erva Marwick
Recitation..... Matilda Nex
Piano solo..... Miss Julia Kent
Recitation..... Leslie Deacon
Piano solo..... Edna Marwick
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Jubilee Celebration.
A preliminary announcement by the committee in charge of arrangements for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the institution of Oddfellowship in British Columbia, which will be held June 8-13, 1914, contains the following tentative programme of degree contests and the prizes offered for the various degrees:
Subordinate Lodge.
Initiatory degree—
First prize.....\$350
Second prize.....250
Third prize.....150
Third degree—
First prize.....\$500
Second prize.....150
Third prize.....75
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First prize.....\$200
Second prize.....100
Third prize.....50
Rebekah degree—
First prize.....\$100
Second prize.....75
Third prize.....50
The Rebekah assembly will also offer a banner to the winner of the first prize in this competition.
Patricians militant drills—
Class A—Cantons of 24 chevaliers and 3 officers.....\$500
Class B—Cantons with over 12 and under 24 chevaliers and 3 officers.....75
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Individual drill—
First prize, badge or medal of the value of.....25
Second prize.....10
Third prize.....5
These prizes will be mailed to all I. O. F. lodges in the province, and the indications are that a large number of lodges will participate. The programme also mentions grand parades with floats, mass meetings to be addressed by distinguished members of the order, grand ball, excursions and picnics, decoration of chivalry, auto rides, sports, etc. A complete programme will be issued at a later date. All degree competitions will be open to all comers. The Oddfellows of Victoria are determined to make this celebration a week full of pleasure and enjoyment, and with the capable committee in charge of arrangements there is no doubt it will prove a most gratifying success in every way.

UNITARIAN.
Unitarian, corner of Fernwood road and Fisgard street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Frank W. Pratt.

CONGREGATIONAL.
First, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Pastor, Rev. H. A. Brown. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30. Fellowship tea for men, 5.45.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 933 Pandora avenue. Services are held on Sunday at 11 a. m.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.
Church of Our Lord, corner of Humboldt and Blenheim streets. Services at 11 a. m. morning prayer and special children's service; 7 p. m. evening prayer and sermon. Preacher, Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

LUTHERAN.
St. Paul's, corner Princess avenue and Chambers street. Rev. Otto George Gerlach, pastor. Lord's day services as follows: German Sunday school, 10 a. m.; German service, 11 a. m. English Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p. m. English service, 7.30 p. m.
Grace, English, corner of Blanchard and Queen's avenue. D. J. O. Westheim, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Luther League devotional service, 8.45 p. m. Evening service, 7.30 p. m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
Victoria Progressive Spiritualist Society will meet in Moose hall, over Royal Dairy, 1633 Douglas street, 7.30 Sunday evening. Mrs. F. V. Jackson, speaker.
The Psychic Research hold their Sunday evening services at A. O. F. hall, 1414 Broad street, 8 p. m. Perkins will lecture. Messages at close. The children's and adult classes of the Progressive Lyceum meet at 2.30 p. m. All are welcome.
The Theological Society meets Sunday 3 p. m., 1382 Langley street, opposite court house. Lectures, all welcome. An enquirers' class is held every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Anyone interested in Theology welcome.
Christadelphians meet every Sunday in No. 2 hall, A. O. F. building, Yates street. Lecture at 7.30. All seats free, no collection.
International Bible Students' Association, room 5, Lee street, near Douglas and Johnson streets. Sunday, 7.30 p. m. Lecture at Empress theatre at 7.30 p. m. Pastor C. E. Haard.
Progressive Thought Temple, corner Fairbairn and Blanchard streets. Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
People's Gospel service at Avenue theatre, Oak Bay, at 7.30 p. m. Sunday. Fifteen-minute song service. Special music.
Divine Psychic Society. Mrs. L. Reese, B. D., lectures for above society, Sunday evening at 7.30 in the Pythian Castle hall, North Park street.
Hebron Hall, 723 Courtney street. Believers meet on Lord's day. Breaking of bread at 11 o'clock. Sunday school and Bible class, 2 o'clock. Gospel meeting (Messrs. Fisher and Dennis), 7.30 p. m. Free Gospel services are being continued on Sunday evenings in the Majestic theatre, Gadsden street. G. W. Banner, will speak. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Service begins at 7.45.
Christians meet in Victoria, hall, 1414 Blanchard street, near Pandora avenue, Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., prayer meeting.
Victoria Christadelphian Ecclesia, Castle Hall, North Park street. Sunday school, 10 a. m., morning meeting, 11 a. m., Bible address, 7.30 p. m. All seats are free.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND.
Collections will be taken up at the Sunday schools for this popular fund on Sunday next. The local committee are very much gratified by the hearty manner in which old friends have taken the fund in hand this year. It was feared that the needs of local charities would militate against the success of this collection—but the heaviest contributors to local funds have been and are the best supporters of the R. S. W.
The London county council have again granted free use of the historic Guildhall, the date of the B. C. dinner is fixed for December 30, when it is hoped that Sir John Kirk, who numbers many friends in this city, will have sufficiently recovered from his illness to attend and give greetings on behalf of the B. C. hosts to their little guests. No doubt many Victorians, now resident in London, will try to be present.

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First Year Arts—Roman History (Final), Class I. Morgan, Gordon, E., and Mennie, equal; Beattie and French, equal. Class II. Geoghagan, Halliday, Jackson, Kerr, McIlvride and Shearman, equal; Bunt, Clark and Hardwick, equal; Burrell, Greenwood, Hume, Jones and Yull, equal; Archibald, Ballantyne, Filiton, Floyd, Francis, Pottinger and Watson, equal; Drader, Gordon, I., Kinnaird, Pauly and Scott, equal.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the matter of the Trustee Act and of the Supreme Court Act and

In the matter of a Share Certificate of the Amalgamated Development Company for 400,000 shares in the name of A. F. Gwin, deposited in the Royal Bank of Canada, at Victoria, British Columbia, to the order of James Auld, D. W. Harbury and G. M. Davis.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Order was made in Chambers on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1913, by the Honorable the Chief Justice in the following terms:

UPON the application of James Auld, David W. Harbury and George Monarch Davis, by Originating Summons coming on for hearing on the 23rd day of June, 1913, UPON hearing Mr. A. D. Crease, of Counsel for the said Applicants, and Mr. T. E. Pooley, of Counsel for certain of the shareholders interested in the 400,000 pool referred to in this application, after hearing what was alleged by Counsel before said the said application was adjourned a day to be fixed to enable all classes of claimants against the said pool to be represented and to enter into an arrangement if possible that UPON hearing Mr. J. S. Brandon, of Counsel for the holders of exchange certificates in the Northern Oil Company and the International Oil Company respectively, UPON hearing Mr. T. E. Pooley, of Counsel for the shareholders and holders of contracts for delivery of shares out of the said pool to the extent of the first million and a half shares therein, UPON hearing Mr. F. C. Elliott, of Counsel representing the holders of similar contracts of a later date and by consent.

IT IS ORDERED that the Share Certificate of the Amalgamated Development Company issued to A. F. Gwin for 400,000 shares may be withdrawn from the Royal Bank of Canada by the persons authorized to deal with the same, AND that the shares therein contained be distributed amongst such persons as shall produce satisfactory evidence of their right to receive certificates for shares in the Amalgamated Development Company out of the said four million shares, and that such distribution shall not take place until after the expiration of the period of advertising as hereinafter provided.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this Order be published for four months weekly in a newspaper published in the City of Victoria, and that notice of the Order also be sent by mail to all persons of whose claims the Amalgamated Development Company is aware, and whose addresses are in the possession of the said Company.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said applicants be allowed the costs of such application and of such distribution.

G. HUNTER, C. J.

Approved: T. E. POOLEY, JAS. S. BRANDON, F. C. ELLIOTT.

P.S.—Proof of claim must be sent in to the Secretary of the Amalgamated Development Company, 1210 Dominion Building, Vancouver, B. C.

NO LOCAL COMPANIES APPLY FOR POWERS

Little New Matter in Provincial Gazette This Week; Farmers' Institute

No local companies applying for incorporation, of which the usual notice appears in the British Columbia Gazette, make the weekly official gazette unique in recent months.

The Nanaimo Socialist Hall is incorporated with a capital of \$15,000 divided into 3,000 shares, with head offices in Nanaimo.

Other companies incorporated are the Pacific Liquor company (Vancouver); The Alberni Development company (Vancouver); Inland Waterways Construction Co. (Chase); British Pacific Engineering & Construction Co.; Russo-Canadian Ltd. (Vancouver); B. D. Horton & Son, Ltd. (Vancouver); Albion Motor Co. Ltd. (Vancouver); Tifney & Humphries (Vancouver); J. Fyfe Smith (Vancouver).

The Ladysmith Farmers' Institute is established, the first meeting to be held on January 15.

Pulice & Pulice, 729 Pandora avenue, have assigned to G. W. Anthony, Jones block.

The formal appointment of J. E. Griffith, C. E., public works engineer, as deputy minister of public works, is gazetted. Other appointments are: Justice Hilary Braine, of Banfield, as Justice of the Peace; Donald Graham, of Armstrong, as stipendiary magistrate for Armstrong, and the municipality of Spallumcheen; Lester St. Jermain Steadman, of Fernie, as notary public; and George Cruikshank, secretary of the education office, to be chief clerk of that office, from January 1.

J. R. Brennan is appointed pound-keeper at Sidney.

PIPE BAND BALL

Was Great Success at the Connaught Hall Last Night—Many Guests Present.

The annual ball of the Victoria Pipers' band took place last night at the Connaught hall. The room presented a gay scene as the three hundred guests danced to the striding of the pipes and the inspiring music of Miss Thain's orchestra. Several Highland costumes added to the brightness of the picture.

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ZIG-ZAGS OF A VAGABOND AFOOT IN FONTAINEBLEAU

By ROBERT W. SERVICE

"Do you want to know my recipe for happiness?" said the tall Texan sentimentally. "Go footing it in this fair land of France with a clear conscience for company. Baedeker for guide, and a wad that would choke a mule."

Save for the last item, which seemed to me hardly within the true spirit of vagabondage, I felt moved to agree with him. Somehow Paris and I were out of tune. It had been one of those April days that make you think spring has slipped a cog, or that summer has taken the wrong cue. The oft-breathed air consisted of stratified odors, among which asphalt and petrol predominated. The faint breeze was stale and weary; stale and weary, too, the faces that swirled round the Cafe de la Paix, while overhead the electric sign of Somebody's Chocolate appeared and vanished with an irritating consistency. There are times when one is stupefied with a sense of life's futility, and I gazed at the spurious glitter of the Grands Boulevards this was one of them. The very trees seemed artificial, gleaming under the arc-lights with a raw viridity that rasped my nerves.

"Poor little trees!" I muttered. "Growing in all this grime and glare, you only dryads the loitering ladies with the complexion of such brilliant certainty, you only pipes of Pan or chrestal echoes from the clamorous cafes. Exiles of the forest! What know you of full-bosomed winds, of red-embred sunsets, of the gentle admonition of spring rain? Do you not dream in all this fiery tumult of soothing darkness, star-jeweled skies, of serenities of silence? Sorrowful ones the city irks me. Life that would fain be a melody seems almost a malady. I want the balm of Nature, the apodyne of solitude, the breath of Mother Earth. Tell me, trees, what shall I do?" Then that stale and weary wind rustled the leaves of the nearest marionette, and I am sure it whispered: "Fontainebleau!"

Here Stevenson wrote: "So next morning with staff and scrip behold me footing it merrily Barbizonwards. Historic, sun-stepped Barbizon. What a typical French village it is, with its vine-netted walls and coked little gardens! Its narrow streets seem especially contrived to hug and board the sunshine, its spare grey houses specially conceived to shock the aesthetic eye. Yet on many of them immortal names are engraved. Here Stevenson wrote his Forest Notes, here Diaz dwelt, here Ziem; and here in the most barn-like of them all Francois Millet raised his brood. Scornful of the schools, poor, dispraised, here surely he painted in the way of his conscience. Further than any other, I think, does the painter go to realize the life ideal, and surely Millet went further than most, as munching his coarse bread, slipping his white wine, all absorbed in his nightly dreams, he threw on his canvas not only the thing itself, but the ultimate expression of the thing so that it stands a symbol to the end of time. As he rose before dawn, eager to see the meadow-mist kindle to coral, to catch the golden edge of the sun peeping over the plain, to mark with the eyes of a beauty discern the magic transmutations of the hours, the day to this man seemed all too short. So much he lived that scarce was he conscious of living; so that when old age came upon him he must have rubbed his eyes like a bewitched child: "Oh, it has all been like the sweetest of dreams! And it is over so soon, so soon?"

Afoot in Fontainebleau. The more we seek for beauty the more does it reveal itself, until at last we awake to a sense of its wondrous omnipresence. Then does life become to us so unutterly sweet that by the very gratitude of our hearts we raise the giver for the joy of it, so that we envy not the lot of princes, and are blest beyond the proselytes of creeds. For may we not think of beauty as God made manifest in Nature; then if

the world be a mirror in which we are seeing our own souls, is not seeing God in that mirror akin in seeing Him ourselves? Perhaps, after all, these Pagan painters in their quest of eternal beauty came nearer to the final truth than all the text-exponders in their tabernacles.

On a medallion set in the solid rock of Fontainebleau are the heads of Millet and Rousseau, noble heads, full of dignity and high faith. And such, it seems to me, are characteristic of our master painters. A man's calling is often mirrored in his face, and where that calling is to fashion beauty, can it fall to ennoble and exalt? Happy he who finds his métier, but if that métier be to divine and depict the loveliness of the world he among men is truly favored of the gods.

"Oh, these halcyon days of happy Barbizon, when its glorious bands of rebels fought their battle under the ready rafter! What eager forays into

the forest, each joyous dawn a presage of fresh victories! What struggles, failures, triumphs! How full of faith, hope, enthusiasm these children of the greenwood, daring, defying, doing, all under the sunny bough and the smiling sky. And always the forest dominated them. Its liveliness kindled them to rapture. It was the mistress they adored and lived to express with all most exquisite in their souls. Then at night what theories and disputations over the rare red wine and fragrant tobacco! What if no one had soul! With health in their veins and laughter in their hearts they mocked at poverty. And when Diaz, the capitalist, would collect their canvases and pretending to sell them in Paris return with money for all, what feasting and fellowship and fun! Was there ever a band of more joyous insurgents, more care-free comrades than these brothers of the brush, fighting the good fight there in rare and fair old Fontainebleau.

In the Heart of Fontainebleau. But my trees! As a seaman longs for his ocean I longed for the peace of my trees. For I have a strange symptom with trees. I like to endow them with consciousness, and often find myself regarding them with affection. Sometimes I fancy that the souls of the dead enter into them. And indeed, there might be many a sorrier fate than to live on as a tree. Then, amid the soft "litteration" of your leaves with birds would sing; then would you preen your greenening boughs to sprin: a soft sunshine; flaunt to the cordial skies the fulness of your summer finery, muse in the glimmering sequins of your autumn gold, and even in winter rattle your russet boughs in joyous hardihood. Maybe poets would dream

Paris smoke one may see the sangler start, and the dappled deer playing with its young. Here are gorge of savage splendor, caverns of gruesome mystery, great sunlit glades radiant with the yellow broom, undulating vistas where receding loveliness grows ever more lovely. And so for days one may follow the myriad footpaths of the woodland and never once emerge from its enchanted bounds.

Lured by Seductive By-Paths. Thus thought I as on I walked, taking no heed of my way, and letting the most seductive by-paths allure me. Mine was the joy of the open road, the wonder of what waiteth round the corner. And so going, I came at last to most charming glade, flooded with

sunshine and perfumed with pine. There lying flat on my back on the grassy lawn I relaxed every muscle in joyous freedom. At a heard a cuckoo call; bees droned in the wild thyme; from the fork of a fir a squirrel scolded, and on a hollow oak nearby a woodpecker drummed sonorously. Apart from this there was silence, but it seemed to me the silence of a deeper sound. Silence, after all, is only man's confession of his deafness. Like death, like eternity, it's a word that means nothing. So lying there, it seemed to me I could hear the breathing of the trees, the crepitations of the growing buds, the seething of the sap, and the movements of innumerable insects.

Holding on to the grass roots, I let myself believe I was falling into the azure abyss of the sky. Then, mockingly, I thought of the wetter and sweeter of the Grands Boulevards. "Oh, city-sated soul!" I cried, "where are thy megrims now?" I stopped, for an old witchlike crone with a mighty load of brush-wood on her back was regarding me with interest. To cover my confusion I offered her a cigarette, which she was pleased to accept, and after breaking it into a grimy pipe-bowl disappeared as mysteriously as she had come. Yet, it seemed to me that the old fagot-burner was only a part of the forest, was perhaps a dried in disguise, at least a figure that might have stepped from the pages of history.

Lighting a spirit lamp, for fire are forbidden, I brewed some glorious tea, brown as an autumn tarri and of a ravishing fragrance. Then with a crisp loaf and a bit of Gruyere cheese I made a meal fit for a millionaire, and sat

and before its radiant lucidity the color orgy melted away. Then into this indomitable light, a yellow rim, a gold segment, the sun was launched in all its glory over a rejoicing world.

For three days I continued my tramp in the forest, exploring it from end to end. In old days it was the haunt of wolf and bear, but I can go one better; for here I absolutely assert I saw five lions at large in the forest of Fontainebleau.

Ash-grey boulders set in sandy ridges; grey, crinkly brush that gained a scanty sustenance; palms growing among the rocks; a background of tropical scenery; in the foreground a little hut of leaves. I rubbed my eyes—did I dream, or was I in South Africa? Then some one told me: the Gaumont people were making a lion picture of thrilling realism, and this was its setting. There was a heroic lion-horserack; a hero with ready rifle a beating lamb tied to a palm. The lions are supposed to attack the lamb; the heroine appears on horseback, screams violently; hero dashes out of hut, shoots both lions; heroine discomfited, certain.

Live Lions, Too. Well, it should have worked out all right. On adjacent rocks were posted two expert riflemen to do the real shooting. Around the stage setting a stockade had been built, and at the remotest end a moving picture operator trembled by his machine. He had insisted on two huge pits being dug between himself and the stage, and an emergency fox-hole made in the stockade, just behind him. Everything was ready. The company had been fully rehearsed—all except the lions. They had been imported from Hamburg and their tempers had not improved on the journey.

The moment had arrived. Everyone was tense. The lions were run up and launched into the arena. Then things began to happen with surprising swiftness, but little as the management had planned. Instead of assaulting the lamb the lions promptly proceeded to climb the stockade. The heroine's horse took flight and she was thrown into a bunch of papier-mache palms; the hero's gun went off by accident; the spectators scattered horror-stricken, and before we could realize it, the lions were leaping forward.

What a magnificent dash for freedom! If it had only succeeded what a splendid sensation! Live Lion in Fontainebleau! Ten Townships Terrified! Desperate Dehydrate among Deer!! And so on. But we had reckoned without the quick sharp-shooters on the rock. The lions had just gained the forest; they were almost indistinguishable against the sandy ridge; in a moment they would have been lost to sight. Then six shots rang out, and when we dared approach the tawny brutes were dead.

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under you, children weave their chains of daisies, lovers kiss. Then, by and by, your words peer over the heads of your fellows, listen to the tale of the wandering wind, and to the last leaf of you be glad, glad. What a life, my masters! Lord, let me be a tree!

There were my back against a tree puffing my pipe in contented bliss. How Trees Foster Mystery! But the forest would not leave me lagged long, and fancy-guided, I continued on my way. The forest foster mystery and favor adventure! A plain may be scanned at a glance; the "light" is satisfied, the imagination unaroused. But let your plain be forest-clad, then at the vision surface becomes illimitable. Mystery saturates it; adventure ambushes it. Every leaf contributes to its solution, and you may roam it for a week and fail to know a fraction of its secret. Starkly simple is your plain, but complex beyond all solution is your forest.

Several times I have surprised deep nibbling at the short grass. They were little afraid, and after a long stare bounded off into the underbrush. Once a wild board with tusks gleaming, glared out of the brake, then with a grunt crashed back again. Lizards crawled on the silver-grey rocks, and from all sides I heard the soft calling of cuckoos. Long, serene, and mellow was the evening sunshine, and the sky like a fire of glowing coals seen through the black bars of the pines, warned me night was drawing near. So on I hurried, and presently found myself in a deep gorge. Giant boulders rose on both sides of me, nothing themselves grotesquely against the sky. Right and left twisted the pathway, and up and up it climbed, growing dim to my sight, yet even more awe more fantastic. Now I had to squeeze between rocky walls, now crawl under toppling masses of granite. The freakish footway seemed to be amusing itself at my expense, and as I followed its eccentric course I could almost imagine it laughing at me.

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and before its radiant lucidity the color orgy melted away. Then into this indomitable light, a yellow rim, a gold segment, the sun was launched in all its glory over a rejoicing world. For three days I continued my tramp in the forest, exploring it from end to end. In old days it was the haunt of wolf and bear, but I can go one better; for here I absolutely assert I saw five lions at large in the forest of Fontainebleau.

Well, it should have worked out all right. On adjacent rocks were posted two expert riflemen to do the real shooting. Around the stage setting a stockade had been built, and at the remotest end a moving picture operator trembled by his machine. He had insisted on two huge pits being dug between himself and the stage, and an emergency fox-hole made in the stockade, just behind him. Everything was ready. The company had been fully rehearsed—all except the lions. They had been imported from Hamburg and their tempers had not improved on the journey.

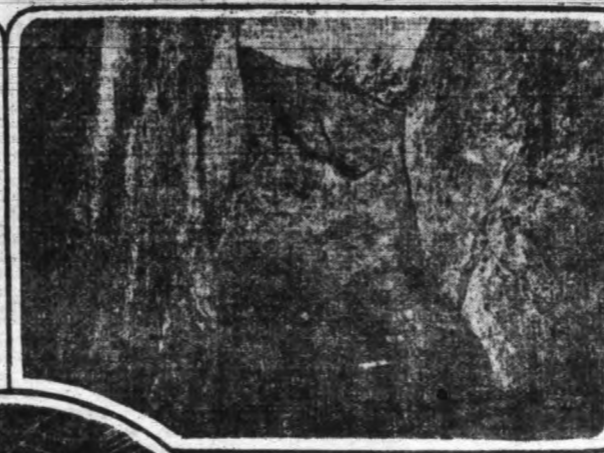
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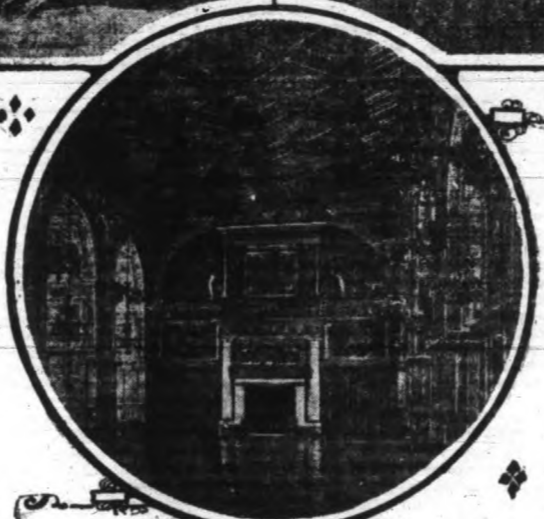
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Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year	\$ 771,578 88
Net Profits for the year ending 29th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts	2,992,951 10
	\$ 3,764,529 98

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 104, 105, 106 and 107, at ten per cent. per annum	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June	150,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st December	150,000 00
Written off Bank Premises	500,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	80,000 00
Transferred to Reserve Account	1,000,000 00
Balance carried forward	384,529 98
	\$ 3,764,529 98

GENERAL STATEMENT 29th November, 1913

Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$15,642,923 18
Deposits not bearing interest	\$52,798,205 84
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date 140,015,509 40	192,813,715 24
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	633,237 12
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	10,071,316 73
Bills payable	9,515,787 69
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	1,941,544 19
Dividends unpaid	2,666 48
Dividend No. 107 and bonus payable 1st December	525,000 00
Capital paid up	\$15,000,000 00
Reserve	15,500,000 00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward	384,529 98
	\$ 260,030,720 57

Current Coin and Bullion	\$ 9,579,473 66
Dominion Notes	20,836,182 50
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	\$6,884,652 83
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	22,122 47
Notes of other Banks	3,106,230 00
Cheques on other Banks	6,418,425 14
Call and Short Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	9,610,550 08
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada	16,154,360 65
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	3,434,605 06
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities	2,431,989 71
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	18,091,224 04
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	738,500 00
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	136,474,874 82
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	18,102,015 15
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	487,554 72
Real Estate (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	979,915 61
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	433,607 32
Bank Premises	4,281,481 60
Other Assets	21,411 02
Liabilities of customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	1,941,544 19
	\$260,030,720 57

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TO-DAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

One of the most eminent of the pioneer Christian missionaries of the Canadian west, Dr. John McDougall, was born in Ontario seventy-one years ago to-day. His birthplace was a hut in the wilderness near the shores of Georgian Bay, and he was the first white child born in that section, then considered the very frontier of now-west. His father was a missionary among the Indians, and Dr. McDougall's early associates were red-skin children. He learned to speak Ojibwa before he mastered English. Hunting, fishing, swimming, sailing and canoeing with the Indian lads, and engaging in all their sports and pastimes, gave him an insight into Indian human nature such as has been possessed by few white men, and constituted an admirable beginning for his life work as a missionary among the people of the wilds. He was only a youth when he became the assistant of his father, serving as guide, teamster, steersman, interpreter and general helper. After a few months in college at Cobourg, during which period he paid his own way by working in a store, he went west with his father, and became teacher and missionary at Norway House, on the Nelson river. During the years that followed he travelled all over the Northwest territories, often serving as peace commissioner among turbulent tribes. As agent of the Canadian government he paved the way for the Northwest Mounted Police. In 1896 he became Doukhobor commissioner, and retained this post until 1911. Scores of churches and schools throughout the western provinces are monuments to his unflinching devotion to the cause of Christianity and civilization during a period of more than half a century.

HUMAN PROCESSION

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Canadian senator, former prime minister of the Dominion, and for nearly eighty years connected with the Belleville, Ont., Intelligencer, was born in Suffolk, England, ninety years ago to-day, December 27, 1823. In 1844, he entered the Intelligencer office as an apprentice or "devil," thus forming a journalistic alliance that was destined to continue until all last records for long service with one newspaper were broken. Sir Mackenzie's parliamentary record is scarcely less noteworthy, since he entered the Canadian House of Commons in '67, the year of the launching of the Dominion government, and remained there, holding several cabinet portfolios and the premiership, until his elevation to the senate. About a year ago Sir Mackenzie delivered a remarkable speech in the Canadian senate, and some of his friends, in congratulating him, became rather effusive over the wonder of a man so aged manifesting so much energy. "There was nothing wonderful about it at all," asserted the veteran statesman and editor, "and my only trouble resembled that of an old gentleman of whom I have heard. He was very old, but still active, and one day he walked to a neighboring town, distant several miles from his home. When he arrived there his friends exhibited great astonishment, and asked him how he had managed to perform such a pedestrian feat at his age. 'Oh, I got along all right,' was the reply, 'until I came to a warning sign which says "Slow down." To fifteen miles an hour.' That held me back some."

Mackenzie Bowell—he did not become "Sir" until 1895—first ran for parliament half a century ago, but was defeated. He was elected in 1867 and from the first he pursued an independent course. In 1878 he was made minister of customs, and during a long service in that capacity he performed many gigantic tasks, including a large part of the work connected with the revision of the tariff in 1897. In 1892 he took up the portfolio of minister of trade and commerce, and visited Australia for the purpose of promoting Canadian trade. He also served as minister of defence and president of the privy council.

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When Sir John Thompson died in 1894, Sir Mackenzie formed a new government, but it was soon wrecked by internal dissensions. During all these active years Sir Mackenzie retained his interest in the Belleville Intelligencer, latterly as editor and proprietor.

England's premier peer, the first Duke of Norfolk, was born sixty-six years ago to-day. The man who heads the roll of the British peerage, with a family tree that had its roots in the twelfth century, is the "worst dressed man in England" by right of being earl marshal, and is the head of the Herald's College, a quaint and medieval crew which is mustered only when a king dies or is crowned. The duke has many titles besides that of Norfolk. He is Sir Henry Fitzalan-Howard, Earl of Arundel, Surrey and Norfolk, Baron Fitzalan, Clun, Oswal estate and Mr. Travers, earl marshal and hereditary marshal of England, premier duke and premier earl, lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of Sussex, knight of the noble Order of Christ, and honorary commander of several military organizations. For five years the duke was postmaster-general in Lord Salisbury's cabinet. He is a Roman Catholic and England's leading Catholic layman.

FIRST THINGS

The first development of Darwin's special and revolutionary theory of the origin of species through natural selection resulted from his memorable voyage on the brig Beagle, which sailed away from England eighty-two years ago to-day. Capt. Fitzroy, of the Beagle, asked that a naturalist be supplied to accompany the expedition of exploration to South America, and the young man who had just graduated from Cambridge, Charles Darwin by name, volunteered for the place. For five years the Beagle cruised about South American waters, and the youthful naturalist, by the accumulation of a vast mass of scientific data and a close observation of the manifestations of nature, laid the foundation of his life work, which was to

overturn many of the accepted notions of science and religion. On that trip Darwin discovered a new world of thought, and, like another Columbus, returned to Europe to startle and confound the world. Modern evolution was born when the Beagle sailed on December 27, 1831.

SCRAP BOOK.

Messina, 5 Years After Quake, Begins Work of Restoration.

Five years ago to-night, on December 27, 1908, the inhabitants of Messina, Reggio, and half a hundred smaller cities and towns, went to sleep in fancied security. In the dark hour that precedes the dawn the few who were awake heard a singing sound, as of some giant chanting a wordless dirge. The singing grew louder, until it rose to a shriek, and ended in a rumble and a roar as the earthquake reached the doomed cities of the strait, rending apart the solid earth and tossing it up into waves and billows, on which the houses and their inhabitants were but as wreckage tossed about on an angry sea. Messina became a hetchom, Reggio a ruin, and the other towns mere heaps of brick and wood and stone. Then a tidal wave reared itself over the Calabrian and Sicilian shores, and completed the work of desolation and destruction. In Messina alone a hundred thousand died that awful night, and in all the earthquake and tidal wave claimed nearly a quarter of a million victims. The whole world stood aghast at the most appalling catastrophe of modern times.

Five years after the earthquake Messina is still in ruins, and the work of restoration has barely commenced. Labor troubles have hindered the Italian government in its project for the restoration of the harbor works. In all the churches of Calabria and Sicily special memorial services for those who died in the disaster will be held to-morrow, and it is hoped that the anniversary will mark the inauguration of real, earnest work on the rebuilding of Messina. The principal observance of the anniversary to-morrow will centre in the

old church of San Nicolo, in Messina. This ancient edifice, built in the fourteenth century, was condemned by the authorities as unsafe shortly before the earthquake, and yet, strangely enough, it was the only church in the city that escaped destruction. The famous Messina statue of Neptune also escaped unscathed.

Messina was one of the wealthiest cities in Italy, and millions of dollars have been recovered from the ruins, while other millions still lie buried in the debris. The people of Messina, having scant faith in banks, were given to hoarding their money, and nearly every house contained secreted hoards that represented the savings of years. In a cafe in a small store there was found \$400,000 in cash. The old Norman cathedral held art treasures worth \$10,000,000, the jeweled altar alone being worth nearly a million. The last report showed that \$140,000,000 had been recovered from the ruins. Soldiers constantly guard those sections of the city which have not yet been searched. It has been alleged that the money recovered by the government from the ruins of Messina was used to finance the war for the conquest of Tripoli, but this has been officially denied.

About 70,000 of those killed in Messina have been buried, but the remainder, more than 30,000, will be forever denied that last tribute. Thousands were burned to death, and the charred remnants of their bodies mingled with the ruins of their homes, which are now covered with vines. The old Messina is very much as it was on the day following the earthquake, but a new Messina, a city of wooden huts built with money supplied by all the peoples of the world, has sprung up. About 175,000 people now live in the new Messina of wooden bungalows. The Italian government has promised to expend \$20,000,000 in the rebuilding of Messina, and it is likely that within a few years the work will be complete. In the meantime the people of the wooden city, with little or no rent to pay, are prospering as never before, as is shown by the fact that the Messina postal savings bank now has nearly double the amount of deposits that it had five years ago, while the government pawn shop's business has shown a great decrease.

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A few days ago a demonstration car belonging to one of the chief garages in town was let out just as a car was about to stop at the corner of Douglas and Fort streets, and the driver was able to get ahead of the rear end of the car before it actually stopped, but the people who had stopped out to hear the car had to scurry out of the way. This afternoon a car driven by a lady was sent past a Mount Tomlin car that had come to a stop, and those who were waiting to get on it had to step aside to avoid being run down. It is announced by the police that every offender who is detected breaking this rule will be brought before the magistrate, and the usual fine of \$20 will be imposed. Citizens who see

any infraction of the rule or any attempt to ignore the same, are asked to report it to the chief of police, as naturally the members of the force cannot watch every corner.

IS NINETY YEARS OLD

One of Canada's Grand Old Men Passes Another Milestone.

Many people in Victoria will feel a friendly interest in the family gathering to-day at Belleville to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former premier of Canada.

The veteran ex-leader of the senate was for 18 years prominent in the councils of the Macdonald, Abbott and Thompson governments prior to his premiership, which lasted for 17 months till his resignation in April, 1896.

Twenty years ago, when minister of trade and commerce, he was a delegate to Australia with Sir S. Fleming in support of the Pacific cable, which has its terminus on this island at Banfield. His career is largely the story of Canadian history since the advent of the national policy.

DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES.

Inquest Held This Afternoon on Body of Late John Farrell.

An inquest was held by Coroner Hart and a jury in the city police court this afternoon touching the death of John Farrell, whose dead body was found in the grounds of the Sooke hotel on Christmas morning. Dr. Rayner described the results of his post-mortem examination. He found that Farrell had enlargement of the heart to an extent hitherto unheard of in medical experience. His condition was such, he said, that death might have been caused very easily by exposure in the open during an inclement night.

Evidence was given by a brother of identification, by Charles S. Harbour of the finding of the body and by Provincial Constable Robert Owens. Death from natural causes was the finding of the jurors, who were: Thomas Johnson (foreman), Lachlan Blackstock, James Thompson, Henry Rivera, Edward Code and Charles Croft.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Manx Society.—Manx society held a social at the Carlton cafe last evening, which was well-attended. An interesting programme was given including a pianoforte duet by Mrs. and Miss Shimmim, pianoforte solos by Miss Shimmim, Messrs. Smith, Rivers, Christian, Cooper, Cleator and Montetawa.

Bicyclist Knocked Down.—In the dark portion of Douglas street on Christmas Eve, a young lad had a narrow escape from death when he was run down by a street car. He was riding on the track and had no light, so that the motorist did not see him until he was almost on him, and only his promptitude in putting on the emergency brakes saved the lad from being caught under the wheels. As it was he was knocked down and bruised.

Additional Accommodation Required.—Workmen are busy at the offices of the British American Trust Co., Ltd., at 723 Fort street, installing a further equipment of boxes in the safety deposit vault. The present accommodation, though considered ample at the time of construction a year ago, has proved too small to meet the needs of the company's clients.

BORN.
GURDON—On 22nd inst., at 3638 Summit avenue, the wife of N. Gurdon, a daughter.

CARD OF THANKS.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Cludley wish to thank their friends for their kind words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during their recent sad bereavement.

REVIEWS CONDITIONS IN THE OLD LAND

H. H. Shandley, Well Known Lawyer, Has Just Returned From Extensive Trip

Despite the views of cynics regarding the financial conditions of Canada, it is refreshing to hear that no such lack of confidence is expressed in the old country, such at least is the report of H. H. Shandley, a well known member of the firm of Elliott, Maclean & Shandley, who has just returned from a visit to England.

"In London, Liverpool and other large business centres," says Mr. Shandley, "the same feeling of depression exists. The banks are all gathering up their resources and speculation is dead for want of money. A strong belief prevails that this money stringency will end when the French loan is taken up; and, of course, the sooner the tension in England slackens the better for the money market in this country."

Conditions in the eastern States are reported to be very much the same as here. In New York and Toronto all building has been stopped and the workers are thrown temporarily out of employment. In Chicago there is a total dearth of speculation, and further west again in San Diego and Los Angeles, the business depression is general. In the latter city, a total increase of crime, this being at its height in San Francisco, where thirty men were "wanted" by the police in one day.

In Portland, where the I. W. W. are to contend with, 14 men were arrested and imprisoned in one day for refusing to pay for their meals in the restaurants.

Note of Progress.
Going back to the subject of the old country, Mr. Shandley was enthusiastic over the progress made there since he visited it nineteen years ago. Questioned as to the political crisis he expressed the opinion that the government still holds the confidence of the people despite the fact of the adverse results of recent bye-elections, and there is a strong prospect of Home Rule being carried by strong measures, if need be.

While in London Mr. Shandley took the opportunity of hearing Larkin, at the big Albert hall meeting, on his release from jail. He found the labor leader, however, disappointing, and not the orator he is reported to be, though he appears to possess much force of character and is moreover buttressed by the confident hopes of the laboring people.

In regard to the report sometimes heard that the tide of public favor has been converted to Australia from Canada, Mr. Shandley stated that England retains the fullest confidence in this country, and so soon as the financial stringency has slackened, investments will continue to flow into her markets. A great impression had been made by the news that N. W. Canada had made \$177,000,000 from wheat in the past year and British Columbia fruit came in for universal commendation. The opening of the Panama canal is expected to increase vastly the possibilities of this country, and Mr. Shandley expresses every confidence that the improvement in financial conditions will very soon be felt.

MEETINGS

Royal Arch Degree.—A special meeting of L. O. L. 1510 is called for Monday evening, when the Royal Arch purple degree will be conferred on a large class of initiates by grand lodge officers. The meeting will begin in A. O. F. hall at half-past seven o'clock.

Women's Auxiliary.—The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A. will take place next Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Uarda Gray Donald, who has been attending Braemar school, Vancouver, for the past few months, is spending the Christmas holidays with her father at Kingston street.

Redding, Cal., Dec. 27.—Clasped in each other's arms, the bodies of John Bastian, fourteen years old, and his brother Richard, six, were recovered last night by lamp-light from the bottom of a reservoir near Okinda. A gun and a hat lying on the shore suggested to a passerby an investigation.

There was a thin veil of ice on the reservoir and through it, in the wanting daylight, could be seen the bodies, in six feet of water. The theory is that the boys had attempted to wade on the ice, which was too thin to support them.

BLUE AND VIOLET HAIR TO MATCH MEN'S CLOTHES
Paris, Dec. 27.—The new fashion adopted by certain women of wearing colored wigs to match their complexion and gowns is now imitated by a few Parisian beaux, who plaster their own hair with colored paste, notably blue and violet. The stuff applied with a brush, the color being chosen according to the suit worn or the hour of the day. Dark blue for evening and lighter colors for the morning promenade or for an afternoon on the boulevards are in fashion.

The Beer of Excellence—Silver Springs.
Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

LITTLE BUSINESS IS TIME FOR ESTIMATES

Drill Tower Appropriation Will Again Be Sought; Direct Control of Works Department

Estimates are under preparation now by the civic departments, being, practically the only matter engaging the attention in the city hall with the close of the year. In fact, save for the budget system and the Johnson street bridge, there does not promise to be much business in the remaining sessions of the municipal year. However, it will be necessary to meet twice next week, on Tuesday and on Friday, the latter meeting being requisite to pass the preliminary stages of the bridge by-law as well as the school loan by-law.

It is, however, for this budget system that the estimates of the departments are being prepared. The fire chief will again ask for the drill tower at headquarters, which was abandoned early this year on account of general curtailments, believing that it would be a considerable advantage to the department. The motorization of the Dometin street hall, now that it has longer runs to serve the suburban portion of Saanich, is to be recommended. This apparatus covers a large portion of the northern section of the city, and running on paved streets, a motor tractor would be of considerable assistance to the fire company operating from there.

Reference has already been made to some of the departments as the works and parks and educational requirements. The chairman of the health committee, Alderman McCandless, said this morning that the I.E.H.S. hospital extension advocated in the early part of the year, in the way of a receiving ward, will be again recommended. The health department has been fortunate in avoiding any serious epidemic to call for special arrangements during the year. Alderman McCandless is also head of the library commissioners, and he adds that the appropriation has been economically expended this year, but that a considerable allowance could well be spent in developing the work of the library. As, however, the library rate is fixed by a special act, its increase is dependent upon the increase in the amount which each mill rate on the dollar brings.

Beyond the anticipated report from the government with regard to the Johnson street bridge, there is not a heavy agenda promised as yet in connection with Tuesday's meeting. Alderman McNeill has given notice of resolutions to amend the by-laws governing the selection of engineers' departments, so that the control of appointments may rest with the city council, instead of the chief of those departments.

In the past this irresponsibility of the council has been used to evade direct action when appeals were made from members of those staffs to the council, the aldermen throwing the onus of unpopular decisions on the head of the department. The immediate necessity of the change, however, is to give effect to the civic salaries by-law.

NO CLAIMS READY FOR SEALING COMMISSION

When the sealing commissioner took his chair on the bench this morning in the assize court there were no claims ready for sealing. Some 250 Indians from various reserves around the island arrived in the city last evening on the Princess Maquinna, and these, it was explained, were spending the day getting the papers ready in their claims. Frank Curran, the government counsel, suggested that work might go forward much more expeditiously if an adjournment was had Monday afternoon, as it was finally agreed to hold no sitting to-day.

Yesterday afternoon C. A. Cox, who has spent 25 years among the island Indians, gave evidence touching their opportunities of earning a livelihood, and his evidence showed that the Indians' stories about their hardships were very well founded. Mr. Justice Audley expressed himself as being much enlightened by the testimony of Mr. Cox.

POLICE PATROL TAKES STEFANSSON MATERIAL

Sergeant Dempster Instructed to Obtain All Data Possible of Expedition.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 27.—A mounted police patrol leaves for Fort Macpherson and Herschel islands on January 2, carrying mail and official advice and a quantity of material for the Stefansson party of explorers.

Instructions will be issued to them to obtain all data possible regarding Stefansson. Sergeant Dempster will head the patrol, which will proceed by way of Rampart House from Macpherson, where it will establish a customs house and police post. It is expected that the patrol will be back in Dawson about the middle of next March.

QUARTER MILLION FIRE DAMAGE AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Fire ruined a five-story building in the heart of the business section here early to-day, causing a loss of \$250,000. One hundred and fifty guests at the St. Regis hotel were routed in their nightclothes by flames which leaped across the alley and threatened to attack the Hotel Windsor. Six firemen were injured, but not fatally, by showers of burning embers from the collapse of walls and roofs.

The Adams Stamp Company, the Harris Shoe Company, the McKnight Tailoring Company and the Y. W. C. A. downtown restaurant were the principal losers.

OFFERS SPAIN PEACE IN MOROCCO TRIBES

German Firm Chooses Unhappy Language in Offer That Arouses Indignation

Madrid, Dec. 27.—In a letter addressed to the chief organs of the press the German firm of Messrs. Mannemann makes an offer to the Spanish nation that it procure peace with the insurgent tribes in Morocco in return for a charter creating a company for the general development of the Spanish zone. Messrs. Mannemann claim that the Spanish protectorate cannot be effective without their co-operation, and assert that they represent 13 tribes, besides enjoying a paramount influence over Itasuli. They also state that they have hitherto acted in Morocco in agreement with, and as agents for, former Spanish cabinets.

Messrs. Mannemann's proposal, although unprecedented in Spanish colonial history, is couched in such un-pleasantly chosen language, and contains so many statements offensive to Spanish feeling, that it has aroused a storm of indignation in the press.

ALIENISTS SAY SCHMIDT IS SHAMMING INSANITY

Four Witnesses Testify That They Believe Man on Trial is in Right Mind.

New York, Dec. 26.—That Hans Schmidt, now on trial for the murder of Anna Amshley, has been shamming insanity, was the burden of testimony given to-day by four alienists appearing for the state. Dr. Carlos F. McDonald, the first expert called by the prosecution, testified that on September 24 the accused had told him: "I did it. I am willing for the law to take its course and you can have my body."

Dr. McDonald gave it as his opinion that Schmidt is a man of superior intelligence and that he has shammed insanity much more cleverly than an ignorant person could have done. He also thought it possible that the four alienists for the defence had been successfully deceived by the accused and that Dr. Herriman, who examined the accused for the royal court of Munich, Germany, had also been imposed upon by the simulations of Schmidt.

Dr. George H. Kirby said he had found the prisoner's mind to be working rapidly, but that it had given no indication of abnormality. According to Dr. Allen Dieffendorf, Schmidt is sane and never had visions.

WOMAN'S SCREAM ENDS BANK ROBBER'S PLANS

Mexican Was Busy Drilling Hole in Safe Door When Assistant Cashier Arrived.

Eagle Rock, Cal., Dec. 27.—Ralph Cartello, a Mexican who said he had been educated at the university of Guaymas, Sonora, Mex., was captured to-day two hours after he had attempted to blow the safe of the Eagle Rock Valley Bank, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning. He said he and a companion, who is still at large, was penniless and needed money for food.

Cartello and the other man were discovered in the bank by Mrs. Ada Carr, assistant cashier, when she entered the building this morning. They were drilling the vault door, presumably in preparation to plant a charge of explosive. Mrs. Carr screamed and the two men fled. A posse started in pursuit and captured Cartello.

Before starting to drill the vault door Cartello and his companion, whose name he refused to divulge, had rifled the desks of the officers of the bank and obtained two revolvers, although they overlooked many valuable papers.

TRUSTEES TO RECEIVE LADY CURZON'S FORTUNE

Income From Total Settlement Since April, 1905, Has Aggregated \$903,916.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The sum of \$1,543,190 is to be turned over to the new trustees of the fund created by the late Levi Z. Letter, of Chicago and Washington, as a marriage dowry for his daughter, Mary V. Letter, who also became Lady Curzon, according to a report of the account by the district auditor in the district supreme court. The income on the total settlement, since the marriage in April, 1885, to December 22 last, is shown to have aggregated \$903,916.

The accounting was made necessary by the resignation of the original trustees and the substitution in their places of two others.

The original marriage settlement was \$700,000 and when Lady Curzon's father died the fund was increased by an additional cash payment of \$1,000,000. Payments have been made to the beneficiaries as follows:

To Mary V. Curzon, before her death, \$394,250; to George Nathaniel, Earl Curzon, \$162,210, and to the earl as guardian for his three children, \$320,294.

THE VOICE OF AUCHTERARDER.

Lord Haldane, proposing the toast of "The Royal Scottish Corporation" at a St. Andrew's Day Festival in London last night, said Scotsmen were not only to be found south of the border, but everywhere in the empire. He had recently paid a visit to Montreal, and when he left he was seen off by many dignitaries. Just as his train was moving out of the station he looked out of the window and saw a man working on the line. The man called out, "A guid journey 'ae, but it's better here nor in Auchterarder." There was no doubting the account.

REWARD FOR KILLING OUTLAW IS WITHHELD

Man Who Ended John Torow's Career Was Deputy Sheriff and Cannot Collect.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 27.—The matter of the county paying Giles Quimby a reward for killing the outlaw John Torow will have to be fought out in court. Judge Sheeks handed in a decision yesterday on the demurrer presented by Attorney Campbell to the complaint filed by W. H. Abel.

Quimby was a deputy sheriff in the search for Torow, and was receiving pay at \$3 a day. After the shooting of Torow it was expected he would receive \$1,000 reward offered by the state, and the \$3,000 offered by the county. Soon thereafter the state attorney-general decided the state's money could not be paid under the circumstances because Quimby was a deputy sheriff.

New Method of Reducing Fat



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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY.

Court of Revision of Voters List

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, 5th January, 1914, at 8 p.m.
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THE CITY MARKET. Table listing various commodities such as Cabbage, Onions, Potatoes, and their prices.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC DERANGING FACTOR

Sentiment Still Good and Feeling on Downturn Favorable to Buying. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Strength in New Haven was based on talk that permission to issue \$40,000,000 debentures would be granted to-day.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks and their prices.

PRICES STUBBORN ON FRACTIONAL BREAK

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 27.—Combined with unusual dullness owing to the holiday season, the wheat trade had a number of moderately bullish features.

SOURCES OF ENGLISH

Where Most of Our Words Originated: Largely French and Latin. Various estimates of the sources of English words have been made.

NOVEMBER BANK STATEMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The November bank statement, issued to-day, shows a decrease of \$3,000,000 in demand deposits, an increase of \$4,000,000 in notes and deposits, and a decrease of \$1,000,000 in cash.

EXCHANGE CLOSED

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Montreal stock exchange is closed to-day.

Table listing exchange rates for various currencies and commodities.

Eastern Canadian Letter

(By B. T. Cooke)

Toronto, Dec. 27.—There is something very dull about the atmosphere to-day. Everything is relaxed. People's faces look tired.

It was the lonesomeness and the lack of occupation that led to it, I supposed," said Cook, who is a man of refinement and education.

This is the problem which the syndicate that has taken over the blind man's invention—chairs—has been solving. Engineers may design the economic significance of this invention by which the effort required to move a heavy train or other weighty machinery will be reduced to a minimum.

London, Dec. 27.—Following are the results of to-day's scheduled league football games, played on the grounds of the first named club.

BRITISH FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 27.—Following are the results of to-day's scheduled league football games, played on the grounds of the first named club.

METAL MARKETS

New York, Dec. 27.—Copper closed firm; lead, 15.50, nominal; electrolytic, 14.50; tin, 100.00; silver, 67.00; other metals dull and nominal.

BANK CLEARINGS

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Average loans \$12,736,000. Increase. Decrease. Specie \$2,750,000.

LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 27.—The poor bank of England return was a factor of depression in the London market.

SOCIETY "RAGS"

Recently, at the country house of a political host and hostess, the women of the party held up the men for an hour or more from behind a barricade at the top of the great staircase.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Table showing financial data for Bank of Montreal: Capital paid up \$16,000,000, Reserves \$1,046,217, Total Assets (October, 1913) \$24,787,044.

BOWLING ONE OF GREATEST SPORTS

ancient sports, and in England can be traced back to the twelfth century. The modern game of bowling now known in Canada, is of comparatively recent origin.

The first match game of bowling in America was played on the Knickerbocker alleys in New York just seventy-four years ago this week.

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AFTER TINKER

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Joe Tinker, of the Cincinnati baseball team, and President Gilmore, of the Federal Baseball league, held a conference yesterday with reference to bringing Tinker into the new league.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING

"You will," said the attorney, during the course of their consultation, "you will get your third out of the estate."

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CLIENT HAS SOLICITOR UP ON SERIOUS CLAIM

Alleges That He Failed to Make Payment of Sum of Money Collected

The preliminary hearing began this morning in the case of Robert McKane, who is accused of having failed to pay to Oscar J. F. Marshall the sum of \$46.70, which it is alleged he received from the San Juan Mining & Manufacturing Company, Limited, on July 31, with directions to pay it over to Mr. Marshall, and converted to his own use.

The accused elected to be tried in the higher court, and is being defended by J. S. Brandon.

Charles S. Brown, ledger-keeper in the Bank of Toronto, produced the account of the accused in that bank, and testified as to certain entries in it which are considered by the prosecution as pertinent to the case.

Mr. Marshall stated that he left the company in June last, when there was owing to him for salary \$146.70. About the end of the month he asked Mr. McKane to collect the money for him, and the first two instalments were duly collected and paid to his wife, each being \$50, from which the collection fee of ten per cent. was deducted. Early in August he asked the accused about the last payment, and was told that he had not had time to see the company, and that they wanted him (witness) to return some electrical fittings. He had stoutly denied that he knew anything about any fittings. On December 1st, having failed to see Mr. McKane either at the office or at home, he met him in the billiard room at the Empress, and was then told that the money had been collected, but that accused had not got the money.

"It was a cruel thing to take a man's wages," said Mr. Marshall, in explanation why he had been so anxious to collect the money from Mr. McKane, especially after he had learned that the San Juan company had paid the last instalment on July 31. He denied that Mrs. Marshall had ever told any of her friends that she was going to have Mr. McKane arrested, but she had said that he "deserved to be arrested."

The witness was shown a letter of November 2, purporting to be signed by J. J. Baird, and to be written in reply to a letter from Mr. McKane, asking for authority to pay out the money which was being held "for us," and stating that it might be paid out. To this Mr. Marshall said: "Why didn't Mr. McKane, acting as our solicitor, tell me about this restriction on paying it out when I asked him for the money months before?"

Mrs. Marshall testified that she had received two payments of \$45 each, but had never been able to get the balance. She had called at the office several times without success, and finally one day she said she must have it next day. Mr. McKane promised to try to get her \$20 from the company, but reminded her that money was very tight, and that "You cannot draw blood from a stone." At the interview which she and her husband had with him in the Empress, they asked him to set a date when he would pay them over the balance, and he set the hour at 1.30 o'clock on Monday last, and the place at 807 Jones block. She arrived there before 1 o'clock, and found the office empty and the furniture removed, but she waited about until 1.15 o'clock in case Mr. McKane or a messenger turn-

ed up. No one came, and they then determined to have him arrested.

City Prosecutor Harrison, asking for an adjournment, submitted that there was a prima facie case to meet, and that even if the date, November 21, was to be taken there was an offence as since then.

Mr. Brandon held that if anyone was entitled to sue, it was the San Juan company, and not the informant.

An adjournment was allowed until Wednesday next, when the case is to be disposed of one way or the other.

HOLD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Happy Crowd Celebrated Event at Tabernacle Baptist Church Last Night.

Last evening a very large and happy crowd gathered in the social parlors of the Tabernacle Baptist church for the annual Sunday school festival, the pastor, Dr. Cameron, presiding, and an expression of appreciation for the Sunday school children for Mr. Kirkham, who gave the candles for the tree; for Miss Brown, of Oscar street, who had trained the youngsters with their singing; for the committee, and for Mr. Haynes.

The proceedings opened with the singing by the whole school of "Once in Royal David's City," after which an excellent programme of songs and recitations was given, those taking part including Miss Stella Briggs and Miss Helen Johnson, who sang; Ethel MacLean, Gwendoline Winsby, Annie McIntyre, Thelma Lindsay and Rowland Savage, all of whom recited; and half a dozen little lads, who acted a marching song. Another feature which was much enjoyed was the "Riddle of Candles," which was acted by a dozen small tots, while "How Myra Spent Her Christmas" made a very interesting dialogue. The solo sung by Mrs. Codd was immensely enjoyed, the entire audience joining in the chorus, and also singing in unison "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," with which the programme concluded. Later prizes and candles were distributed to each child, and the gathering dispersed after the singing of the doxology, all voting the festival one of the most successful in the history of the Sunday school.

ALLEGED BAD CHEQUE.

Florist Claims that Flowers and Change Were Obtained by False Pretences.

Another cheque case was brought before the magistrate this morning, when H. C. Richards, alias George C. Richards, was arraigned on a charge of obtaining from Henry Callow the sum of \$10.25 and goods to the value of \$4.75 by false pretences. He is being defended by R. C. Lowe, and a remand was granted until Wednesday next. Bail was allowed in \$1,000 in two sureties.

Richards was arrested last night by Detectives Murray and Macdonald. On Christmas eve Richards went to the business premises of Mr. Callow and purchased flowers to the value of \$4.75. In payment he presented a cheque for \$15, dated that day and signed by "H. C. Richards," which he assured Mr. Callow was good. He said he had funds in the bank to cover it. It is alleged that when Mr. Callow present-

TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE

Ratepayers of Ward Four, Saanich, Will Meet on Monday—T. O'Connell Debarred.

A surprise has occurred in connection with the Saanich election in regard to Ward four.

Some two months ago the secretary of the Ratepayers' association, J. O'Connell, was adopted at a meeting, but as his name is coupled with the suit, against the water commissioner of Victoria and the municipality, arising out of the Garden City water question, Mr. O'Connell cannot stand, and a meeting has been summoned at Colquhoun hall on Monday to select a candidate, at 8 p. m.

The executive will recommend the name of the president, George Rogers, who is well known for his interest in public matters, particularly in the effort to secure lower fares on the B. C. Electric Railway interurban line.

Frederick Lettis is already in the field in this ward.

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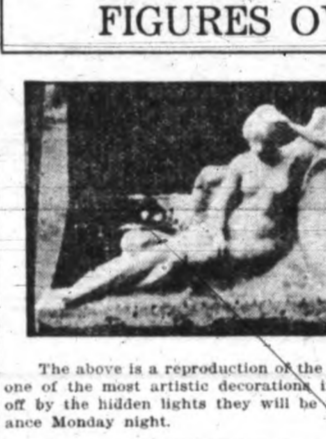
Photograph of the new home of the drama in Victoria where Klaw and Erlanger's productions will be seen by the public of this city. The little wooden structure in the foreground was the contractors' and architects' office building during the work of construction. Ornamental trees will replace it.

Simultaneously with the completion of the Royal Victoria theatre, for that is to be the name of the beautiful new home of drama at Blanchard and Broughton streets, comes the announcement from New York that Victoria is to be one of eight cities on the northwest, with Seattle as the hub. Mitzi Hajos, one of the most sparkling of New York's big constellation of musical comedy stars, will head the company which is to be organized in New York and shipped out here, and the productions which will be staged will be strictly royalty pieces and their production in Seattle and Victoria will follow within a week or two of the New York opening.

Another important announcement in respect of the Royal Victoria theatre is that bookings will all be for from two to four days. There will be no more one-night shows in Victoria, according to the contract which Simon Leiser has succeeded in signing up with "Law & Erlanger. The effect of this is important to Victoria's business interests, so many theatrical companies have made a practice of coming in here on the afternoon boat and leaving at midnight, spending no money while in this city. Under the new arrangement the theatrical people will be able to buy their much-beloved Canadian diamonds, furs and woolsens, for which they have hitherto had to go to Vancouver. Furthermore, the hotels, restaurants, and general business firms will all have a chance to offer them their wares. The further advantage to the public in giving more than one opportunity to see the shows is appreciated without explanation.

Work is still proceeding with frantic

FIGURES OVER BOXES



The above is a reproduction of the two beautiful bronze figures which form one of the most artistic decorations in the new Royal Victoria theatre. Set off by the hidden lights they will be much admired at the opening performance Monday night.

haste in the structure, which is to be ready by Monday night. Several hundred men, all in different gangs, were exerting every effort to have their respective jobs ready. The marble is in the entrance and the sumptuous black and gold tapestries are all in position on the walls. The skagliola pillars in the grand foyer have been the object of admiration for several days of all who went near the theatre to catch a glimpse of its rapidly developing beauties.

There is one feature of the Royal

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Victoria which has been a source of worry to the architects, contractors, management and directors, and even the general public. No auditorium was ever erected yet in which this most vital detail was not a source of equal anxiety, and the utmost that science has been able to accomplish has been the establishment of a couple of primitive rules which may or may not result in success.

Last night, however, a small committee of the directors visited the theatre for the thousand and first time, and the scaffolding having been all cleared away, it was possible to test the acoustics. A violinist played on the stage and the directors sat in various por-

tion, though the one had his face to the stage.

There was jubilation in the camp when this result became known, and the various persons who have sounded the premises since, maintain that few buildings in America have more perfect acoustics. When it is considered that beyond the observance of a few fundamental rules the architects had to rely upon pure chance to attain this result, the public of Victoria may thank kind Providence for this exceedingly fortunate circumstance.

In addition to the several local people who will be present as the guests of the management, a distinguished assembly of theatrical men from the other leading theatrical centres of the west will be in attendance. John W. Considine, of Sullivan and Considine, will be here from Seattle, as will George J. Mackenzie, the western representative for Klaw and Erlanger.

Among the other theatrical people will be William C. Mosher, the K. and E. representative in Vancouver; Carl Ritter, manager of the Orpheum theatre in Seattle, and Calvin Hellig, owner of the Heilig theatre in Portland. Sir Richard McBride, the Lieut.-Governor, R. H. Sperling, managing director of the B. C. Electric company, and T. G. Holt, fourth vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway, will also be guests of the Royal Victoria theatre.

The appearance of Otis Skinner in "Kismet" at the opening of the new house will undoubtedly prove the most important dramatic happening of the season. Mr. Skinner's portrayal of the vigorous and romantic beggar of Bagdad, who, in a day, is dragged by Fate through a melotrom of adventures, is easily the finest achievement so far in the career of this distinguished actor.

The staging of the play, which is the work entirely of Harrison Grey Fiske, is the most perfect in detail and gorgeous in general effect that has been seen in recent years. The pageants and groupings of the great number of players and supernumeraries, clad in the rich and colorful raiment of the orient, have rarely, if ever been equaled. In previous "Kismet," Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, and Miss Fiske have placed before the public a splendid, thrilling drama in a magnificent setting, and have thereby set a new standard for theatrical production in this country.

No more appropriate production could have been selected for the opening of so fine a house as the Royal Victoria, where the specially constructed tank and other up-to-date equipment make the work of setting so elaborate a show comparatively easy.

The importance to the theatre-going public of the northwest of Klaw and Erlanger's announcement mentioned further up in the column cannot be over estimated. It has sometimes taken a year before even a road company came to Victoria with the big new musical comedies which were successful in New York. The adoption of the wheel system (for, if it is successful similar companies will be sent out from San Francisco and Los Angeles), means that the books and lyrics of new musical comedies can be forwarded to Seattle at once as fast as new shows are produced in New York, and as the company is to be of thoroughly competent eastern material, the productions in Seattle will be of scarcely less magnitude and artistic merit than those in Gotham itself.

Supporting Mitzi Hajos will be a case of Broadway artists, and a beauty chorus sent out from New York also. The front row of the singing chorus will also be from New York, and the remainder of the chorus will be built up according to the extent of the production being put on at any given time.

The eight cities on the wheel are Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Bellingham, Spokane, Missoula, Tacoma and Portland. The ever increasing western demand for musical comedies caused Klaw and Erlanger to take this important step. The company will play three night and week stands only.

Manager Raymond, of the Royal Victoria, was asked about the scheme this morning, and said he believed some such plan was being worked out, and was sure Victoria would be included.