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THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA
PREMIER REPLIES TO THE LIBERAL LEADER
Denies That the Government Has Been Uddly Hasty—Outrages on Sailors and Shipowners.

London, Dec. 15.—The House of Commons was crowded this evening when the Venezuelan matter came up for debate. Mr. Schwann, after having expressed surprise that the government was anxious for another war after South Africa, complained of the paucity of the information concerning the Venezuelan situation which had been given parliament.

His Wife's Weak Heart.
It is a singular thing that in the popular view of disease the interdependence of the several organs of the body is lost sight of. The heart, for example, is diseased and it is treated as if it were entirely separated from, and independent of, every other organ.

effective pressure on Venezuela to blockade the ports La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Maracaibo towards the end of November, and seize all Venezuelan gunboats. "Until the demands are complied with."
Lord Lansdowne, under date of October 22nd, says the blockade is "Open to some objection," but he favored the seizure of the vessels.

other members of the House then criticized the government for its action, and pressed for additional information.
The Correspondence.
London, Dec. 15.—A parliamentary paper giving the correspondence relating to Venezuelan affairs was issued this afternoon. It begins with a memorandum which, after recounting the existing causes of complaint against Venezuela, including the seizure of British ships and the protestation against the Venezuelan consul at Trinidad collecting customs dues of which "no notice was taken by Venezuela," says: "Besides these specific outrages and grounds for complaint, there are causes in which British subjects and companies have large claims against Venezuela.

London, Dec. 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Foreign Minister Prinetti, replying to an interpellation, made a statement on the subject of Italy's attitude towards Venezuela. He reviewed the causes leading up to the Anglo-German action, and said:
"Italy, on her side, claims damages for her citizens who sustained losses during the insurrection, which has disturbed the republic since April. The Italian minister at Caracas, having exhausted all means, presented a list of claims reduced to a minimum of 2,810,000 bolivars."

Port Costa, Cal., Dec. 15.—As an outgrowth of the tanners' strike at Benicia, which has lasted for three months, Jacob Jensen has been shot and killed. He was walking the street when accosted by a non-union man and asked where he was walking. Jensen refused to say, whereupon the non-union man shot him twice, killing him. Jensen leaves a widow and nine children.

ONE MORE WITNESS.
Miners Will Finish Their Case Before Commission To-Day.
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 15.—The nine workers after occupying 19 days in presenting before 100 witnesses, practically closed their case before the anthracite commission this afternoon. They will conclude by calling an important witness to-morrow in the afternoon session. It was one of the most important sittings the commission has yet held, because the question of whether the close relationship of the coal carrying railroads with the mining companies shall figure in the commission's effort to adjust the controversy came squarely before the arbitrators. The decision of the commission, if Chairman Gray's remarks can be so called, was briefly this: That the commission, in a general way, as adverse to widening the scope of the investigation beyond the terms of the submission of the miners and the operators; that in carrying out the investigation it assumes the coal companies can afford to pay their wages; that if the coal companies in presenting their side of the case maintain in wages, then the commission will do so, and if a business cannot pay fair wages the employer sought to get out of it.

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A Conference Between Trades and Labor Deputation and the Council.

The Mayor and aldermen met in a special session yesterday afternoon when they were waited upon by the Trades and Labor Council, who protested against the Victoria Terminal Railway Extension By-law, being proceeded with until a clause was inserted binding the company to build their vessels at either Victoria or Esquimalt.

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Rev. J. A. Elliott, St. Michael's Church, Vancouver, will become editor of the Church Record, one of the papers devoted to the interests of the Church of England in Canada.

MASS MEETING.
Jas. Edmunds Outlines Plan for Instruction of Sunday School Teachers.

A mass meeting of those interested in Sunday school advancement in this city was held in the Calvary Baptist church on Sunday evening. An address was delivered by Jas. Edmunds, an ardent advocate of improvement in the present system of instructing the children in religious matters.

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15-5 a. m.—The pressure has again increased and a vast high barometer area, central over Washington, Oregon and the southern portion of this province, now covers the entire region of the North Pacific slope.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate northerly winds, generally fair and cold, with fog.

REPORTS. Victoria—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Divorce in Berlin. According to the latest published statistics about the city of Berlin, 2,386 marriages were dissolved in the Prussian capital in the year 1900.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—A. G. Campbell, S. Newman, Miss Marshall, Miss Leonard, E. Wilson, Capt Lawrence, Lee Perry, J. H. Raymond, A. Grande, J. T. Torne, F. Storch, E. A. Huntley, Jas. Smith and wife, D. Gray, A. H. Clark, P. Crother, T. W. Pierce and wife, H. Smith, Jas. Spaulding, E. B. Gerson, W. J. Gerson, and wife, A. Magson, S. Saisani, W. Leonard, W. McNeill, H. Jamieson, N. P. Shaw, J. Jones, H. F. Morton.

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COUNCIL REJECT LIBRARY MOTION

QUESTION WON'T BE SETTLED THIS YEAR. Only Three Supported the Resolution—Considerable Discussion on the Subject—General Business.

When Ald. Vincent's motion providing for the erection of the Carnegie library on the lot opposite the post office was rejected by the council several weeks ago, the father of it announced that he wasn't through with the question by any means. He intimated that he would bring it up again in the very near future.

Mr. Vincent said he wanted to see the council do something. That was why he introduced the motion. The second, Ald. Barnard, inquired what the city intended doing with the lot opposite the post office if the building wasn't erected on it.

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Mr. Topp, or by any local officer of the marine and fisheries department. He has done everything he possibly could to facilitate the work undertaken by the city, and has refrained from bringing an action, when it is quite clear that he would succeed and would be entitled to recover some damages.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of this communication. The Mayor said the question was whether a couple of acres of shacks should be allowed to float in front of the causeway.

The city solicitor, who was present, explained the circumstances of Mr. McIntosh's last claim against the city when he received three or four hundred dollars in compensation for damages to his property through the causeway operations.

Now, no notice seems to have been taken by you of the wishes of those who signed this petition, and I therefore, as one of those who took an active part in bringing the matter of the petition before the important section of the electors who signed it, desire to call your attention to the petition, and ask you to give some definite reply to the three hundred business men who signed it.

Ald. Cameron, chairman of the finance committee, explained that the committee had had several conferences with the auditor on the subject, and were informed that there were at present no funds available for the purposes petitioned for.

Whereas the Carnegie library question has been before the citizens for several months, and as yet there has been nothing done in the matter, and believing that this generous gift should be dealt with promptly:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Voters' League, the site owned by the city at the end of the causeway is not suitable for a public library, and that it should be more centrally located.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this league, the city should secure an option on a centrally located corner property of sufficient area as a site, and submit a by-law to the ratepayers for their approval.

There was a protracted discussion on this communication, and finally it was decided, on motion of Ald. Worthington, to inform the writer (a) that the ratepayers having rejected the by-law regarding the purchase of a site the council could not submit another by-law this year; (b) the council could not sell any city property without securing the permission of the ratepayers; (c) the council could not sell any property which they held as trustees, such as the Michigan street property.

Re James Bay Causeway and D. McIntosh. Gentlemen:—Since our last communication to you upon this subject we have communicated with the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa through their representative here, Capt. Haundley.

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VOTE FOR THE BY-LAW.

In the midst of the distracting events of the time, municipal and provincial, the ratepayers of the city should not overlook the fact that on Friday they will have the opportunity to pronounce upon a matter of probably more importance than who shall represent them in the Mayor's chair, at the Council Board or in the seats of the school trustees. On that day the by-law authorizing the adoption of a system of more speedy sewer extension will be submitted for public endorsement. The matter has been fully explained before the council and reported and supported by both the newspapers published in the city. It is not necessary to go into details again at present. Our citizens know perfectly well that Victoria can never be all that her well-wishers desire until she has been equipped with the appliances modern sanitary scientists declare to be necessary for effectually guarding the public health. Under present conditions we are liable to be visited with epidemics of zymotic diseases. Such visitations are preventable, and when they descend upon a community, that community cannot entirely absolve itself of responsibility for the consequences which follow.

We are convinced that the great majority of the ratepayers of Victoria are alive to their responsibility in this matter. The only danger lies in the proverbial indifference and carelessness of the property owners. We hope for this once they will cast aside sloth and all allied vices and carry this by-law by a larger majority than has ever been given any measure presented before the people. If they examine the matter thoroughly we are confident they will agree with us that they cannot afford to express indifference by neglecting so obvious a duty.

NORTH NANAIMO AND THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

The Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education has been returned in North Nanaimo by a very good majority considering the size of the constituency. In this instance the expected happened. The Socialist candidate was never admitted to be much of a factor in the contest. It would not have been particularly surprising had he lost his deposit.

The victory of Mr. McInnes may be ascribed entirely to his own personal popularity and his unsurpassed ability on the platform, coupled with the fact that owing to his changed attitude he secured the support of the principal parties who opposed him at the general election. Since the last contest there has been a complete change of positions, and unless the electors of North Nanaimo are differently constituted from the ordinary run of humanity they must have been considerably bewildered by the latest developments.

It is impossible to believe the policy of the government was much of a factor in the fight. It is true the Premier outlined in a somewhat vague manner the course the administration had decided to pursue. He said the government was determined to encourage the construction of railways by grants of land and liberal bonuses in inscribed stock of the province. The land grants will be surrounded with such safeguards as will be entirely satisfactory to the people of the province, the Premier says. The tenure will be precisely the same as applies to the public domain of British Columbia. The lands granted will be open to free miners upon the same terms as the provincial lands. We assume that the stock it is proposed to bestow upon any company accepting the terms of the government will bear the usual rate of interest. When it is proposed to deal specifically with any company upon such terms or the government definitely lays its programme before the electorate or the Legislature, a foundation will be laid for discussion of the policy. The Premier will no doubt advance as an excuse for departing from the railway policy he and all his colleagues supported during the last session of the House that nothing has been accomplished under that measure, and that it is imperative that no time shall be lost in developing the wealth of the

province. But works of such magnitude as penetrating British Columbia with railways are not to be entered upon lightly. And the situation has changed considerably within the past eight or ten months. Then there was but one company officially announced as contemplating the extension of its lines to this province. Now the Grand Trunk, one of the strongest railway corporations in the world, is in the field. In fact, there is good ground for the suspicion that the announcement of this great company had something to do with the last defeat of Mackenzie & Mann and their agent upon the capital. Under the circumstances it behooves the Ministers to consider their policy of encouragement to railways very carefully. They should not ignore the self-evident fact that corporations which hope to secure business for their lines during the whole or the year must find their way to tide-water on the Pacific Coast. The Canadian Northern has been subsidised by the Dominion government for every mile of line it has built. The Grand Trunk has announced that it also expects assistance. The policy of the Dominion in this respect will not be dropped when the roads reach the boundaries of British Columbia. It seems reasonable to assume, therefore, that the only effect of liberal assistance from a treasury that rarely contains anything more substantial than a vacuum will be to hasten the construction of one line to the coast. It is merely a matter of calculation as to whether it will pay us to do that.

HIS HONOR AND THE POLITICIANS.

Of late years the New Westminster Columbian has been more notable for zeal than reasonableness and temperance in the discussion of public questions. Our contemporary temporarily lost control of itself in referring to the vacancy in West Yale and said things of which it was doubtless thoroughly ashamed when it saw them in cold print.

The Lieut.-Governor has chosen his advisers, and he is bound to follow their advice in the conduct of public affairs. If he is given unwise counsel, his counselors are responsible to the people, and the day of reckoning will come. It is therefore unbecoming and undignified for a public journal to fly into hysterics and use the language of a scold and virago in referring to the representative of the Crown in this province. Sir Henri Joly has upheld the principles of responsible government in British Columbia under circumstances which called for the exercise of wisdom and discretion of the highest order. When he took the oath of office here he found our political affairs in a state of confusion. Our politicians were wrestling mightily with each other for the possession of power. These conditions have been almost continuous ever since. The faction which is out now is in anything but an amiable frame of mind and the avenues through which it expresses its opinions are lined with envenoms and bitterness. No office nor no individual is sacred in the eyes of these disappointed people. Sir Henri Joly has gained the personal affection and esteem of all with whom he has been brought into contact since he came to British Columbia. His uniform courtesy, his gentleness and his thoughtfulness, are worthy of the traditions of the race from which he comes and of any true gentleman. We feel humiliated at the thought that there is connected with the press of British Columbia one who is evidently in every respect the exact antithesis of His Honor.

We believe the election in West Yale will be brought on in time to allow the representative of the constituency to participate in the debates and divisions in the Legislature. The writ has been advertised in the Gazette as returnable before the 30th of next month. Looking at the matter from a purely non-partisan point of view, when the candidate of the government failed it at the last moment, it must in fairness be admitted that it is entitled to time to try and induce another of its supporters—if it has any in the constituency—to take the field. It would be a most outrageous thing to attempt to disfranchise the constituency even if the life or death of the government hung upon one vote. If the Premier and his colleagues have any regard for a public career extending beyond the term of the present Legislature they will fill West Yale, because it will assuredly be bad for a government which attempts to justify another such outrage as was perpetrated upon North Victoria. But it must be admitted that it is impossible to predict what may be attempted in British Columbia. Col. Prior and his ministers may decide to preserve their political lives for the present and let the future take care of itself. If they advise His Honor the Lieut.-Governor that they consider it in the interests of the province that West Yale shall be denied representation, what can he do about it? If the representative of the Crown insists upon justice being done and his government places its resignation in his hands, whom shall he call upon to form an administration in succession? The government faction is certainly the largest and most powerful body in the House. There are forces in the opposition more antagonistic to each other than certain sections of the opposition are to the government. It is all very well for irresponsible individuals to say that under no circumstances could the situation be worse than it is at present and that

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a general election might clear matters up. The last appeal to the people did not make the situation more confusing. It is therefore obvious that the people must work out their own political salvation. If the government they have set up does wrong they must be the judges and pass sentence. To attempt to drag the name of the Lieut.-Governor into the controversy and place the responsibility upon him is more than cowardly—it is mean.

Venezuela treated Great Britain's little "spification" lightly and said it was accustomed to receiving such ultimatums. But not from us, said the representative of His Britannic Majesty. Then the guns began to boom, and Venezuela understood the force of the remark. But still the independent republic might have taken a humorous view of the situation if the British had not made themselves so thoroughly at home and consumed a meal that was invitingly set forth for some high official.

The last two municipal elections in Victoria have been rather tame affairs. The coming one promises to be lively enough. The representatives of labor are first in the field. They do well to get into the fray betimes, for, sooth to say, the present council, while weak in spots and inclined to procrastinate, as all public bodies are, has made a good record and most of its members are stronger than they were last year.

A navy who was arrested in the Rue Zacharie, Paris, for loitering, explained that he was one of six men who had hired a bed on the understanding that each should sleep in it for four hours and then give it up to the next on the list. His predecessor had overslept himself, so that he was unable to get into the room and take his turn.

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—Rev. Mr. Sutton united in the holy bond of matrimony Mr. John L. Brooks and Edith Winifred Turgeon, well known residents of Saanich, on Wednesday last. The newly married couple have left for California on their honeymoon trip, and on their return will make their home at Saanich.

—Word has been received by Mrs. F. C. O'Neil, of Johnson street, of the death of her uncle, William P. Felker, of 114-Mile house, on Sunday last. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and two sons, a mother and two sisters, Mrs. Ulrik and Mrs. Belmont, and three brothers, George, Richard and Henry. Deceased was 35 years of age.

—All arrangements have been made by the Friendly Help Society for receiving and distributing all gifts received for the poor. Those who intend making donations are reminded that all gifts must be at the rooms of the society no later than Monday, the 22nd instant, as on Tuesday the distributing must commence.

—At the regular Sunday evening meeting of the Socialist party held on Sunday evening in Labor hall a lively debate took place on "Production For Use Instead of For Profit," a paper on that subject being read by O. Leo Charlton. There was a large attendance, and the number of musical selections rendered were heartily appreciated. J. C. Walters presided.

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—The funeral of the late Wm. Chatley, whose death occurred yesterday, is arranged to take place from the family residence, No. 10 Rae street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. Services will be conducted at the house and later at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Mr. Chatley was an old and respected resident of Victoria, having lived here for 21 years, and devoted a great deal of time to local charities. Deceased, who was a native of Truro, Cornwall, England, was 63 years of age. He was a member of Vancouver Lodge, A. O. U. W.

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—The Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island will hold their first snaking concert of the season next Thursday evening in Pioneer hall.

—Brass—Hammered Brass Trays from Benares & Morhadabad have arrived, and on sale at the Indian and Persian Depot, 15 Broad street.

—This evening at the city hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, the Voters' League hold their last meeting of the present year. As municipal matters in general will be considered a full attendance is requested.

—On January 8th and 9th the Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets to Kansas City, Mo., for \$90, good for thirty days, with privilege of returning via California, at a small additional cost. For full particulars apply at Northern Pacific ticket office.

—At the missionary meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church last night, Dr. Bolton, late medical missionary of Port Simpson, spoke in connection with his work and observations at that place and the surrounding country. A business session was held at the close.

—The funeral of the late Frederick Wm. Goodwin, of Kamloops, who died at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital on Saturday, takes place to-morrow from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Deceased was a native of Aylsham, Norfolk, and was 32 years of age. He leaves three brothers, two residing in Kamloops and one Charles Goodwin, a resident of this city.

—At one delivery of the lecture, "Snakes in Paradise," by Dr. Grant, the audience and committee were so delighted that the committee made a contract with the doctor for ten nights' lectures for one thousand dollars. This lecture will be given by Dr. Grant in Calvary church to-morrow night, and will be the only chance to hear this splendid lecture in the city.

—The Primrose & Dockstader Minstrel Company, this year stronger and better than ever, is booked to appear at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night. These well known managers have gone to great expense, and much effort in the matter of securing accessories which are made necessary by the many new and attractive features introduced this season. Eight very funny comedians, including Primrose and Dockstader, present features that are absolutely new, original and calculated to create no end of merriment. A group of sweet vocalists have been engaged to add in the interpretation of a programme that has an array of delightful numbers.

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—Jas. Edmunds, who is in the city in the interests of Sunday school Normal work, will give an address in the school-room of Calvary church to-night at 8 o'clock, taking as his subject "Practical Problems in Connection with Sunday School Work."

—A committee has been appointed from the Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. G. O., for the purpose of arranging for a suitable celebration of the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the order in British Columbia. The anniversary falls on January 27th of next year.

—With commendable enterprise the Ladies of the Maccabees have had published for circulation a neatly compiled little booklet, containing an interesting story for Christmas reading and illustrations of beauty spots of this city. The booklet has been issued as a season's souvenir, and is a most attractive number.

—The songs sung this week by Fred N. Tracy at the Orpheum theatre are attracting large crowds, afternoons and evenings. Mr. Tracy sings "Apple Blossoms," "Only a Leaf" and the illustrated song, "Picture of My Best Girl." In addition to this are moving pictures, views of the far north, the musical bottles and the lions. Mr. Johnson, the manager, is very popular with the children, and at an early date will entertain the children at the Orphan Asylum. Performances are from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 7.30 to 10.30 at night.

—During the month of November reading matter has been received by the manager of the Seaman's Institute from the following: Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the officers' mess, Fifth Regiment, C. A.; the Navy League, B. C. branch; the Union Club, Victoria, B. C.; Cape Nicholson (also clothing); Messrs. Alexis Martin (boots and clothing); E. Baynes Reed, J. F. Mullins, J. Margis, J. C. Mackay, H. Burnett, S. G. Russell, Jas. Townsley (pictures), one anonymous donor, the Times and Colonist daily papers, and Miss Goward, flowers.

—Last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall Prof. Alexander delivered the last of a series of lectures that have proved not only enjoyable but instructive. His address last night was on "Love, Courtship and Marriage," and although the second time this lecture has been delivered here the hall was crowded. At the close of the address Prof. Alexander examined the heads of two ladies and two gentlemen, explaining and contrasting their respective characteristics. The professor will be in the city until after Christmas, and announces that he can be always found at the Dominion hotel by those who wish private readings.

—The members of St. James congregation have made preparations for a pleasant day to-morrow in the A. O. U. W. hall. Luncheon will be dispensed from 12 o'clock till 2 o'clock. Those who wish to play ping pong will find tables in readiness, the children will find amusement in fishing from a well filled pond, and those who rejoice in homemade candy can be amply satisfied. The usual sale of work will take place. Afternoon tea will be prepared, and high tea will continue from 6 till 8.30. Among those who take part in the concert will be Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Coles, the Misses Burks and Miss Russell, and Mr. Talbot and Mr. Fawcett. A novel feature will be an Indian war dance and song in the Taduth dialect, given by four young gentlemen from the north. Banjo selections by Mr. Jackson, reading by Miss Lawson, songs by Mr. Hopkins and a piano solo by Miss Nellie Nuttall will be among the attractions of the evening.

—No work of fiction ever lent itself more effectively or more acceptably to stage uses than Winston Churchill's "Richard Carvel," which is to be seen at the Victoria theatre on Friday evening. In the dramatization of this stirring romance there was found in the book material sufficient for half a dozen plays, and the effort of the dramatist was towards condensation rather than elaboration of incident and action. The result is a drama which for virility of action and wealth of incident has not been excelled in modern play building. The story opens with spirit, unfolds with rapidity, and reaches its conclusion after a series of stirring scenes inconspicuously interwoven with a thread of sentiment which heightens the effect without delaying the action; and Andrew Robson, who is again the dashing Carvel, seems to enter into the spirit of the story with a disposition rarely demonstrated on the stage. He acts, moves and lives "Carvel," and not only individualizes this fervor, but infuses the same spirit into the excellently well-chosen company that surrounds him.

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to call—and, if the truth must be told, that was nearly every day.
 It must not be supposed, however, that on those days on which he did not call he did not see Dorothy. They managed generally to meet somewhere, mostly in the park. It was such a pleasant place for a stroll; there were so many seats about where they could rest and talk when they grew tired.
 So day after day they met either in Mrs. Darcy's drawing room or in the park; and the hours seemed but as a minute and the afternoons as an hour.
 (To be continued.)

VANCOUVER NOTES.

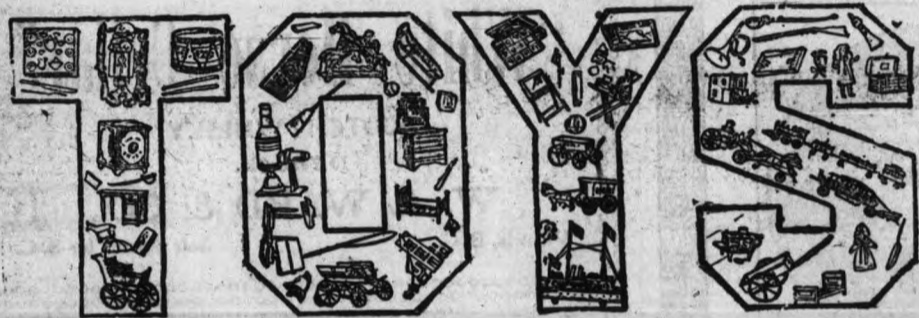
Matti Kurikka, president of the settlement on Malcolm Island, is conferring with the provincial police at Vancouver regarding the supposed theft of the first boom of logs got out by the colony. He says that the logs had been cut and were left some distance from the residential part of the settlement, in a protected place. If the boom had broken up and been scattered, he thinks they would have been seen by passing steamers, and particularly noticed as they were of irregular lengths, and not uniform as is usual. The boom was sold in advance and contained 300,000 feet of timber. Mr. Kurikka reports the colony flourishing. He states there are 150 on the island, and 100 are working at the new sawmill. They have orders ahead for one year for all the lumber they can cut, and they can turn out 150,000 feet a day.
 The chief employees of the telephone company went back to work on Monday. There was a slight lull last week in settling matters, as the telephone company did not desire to dismiss those who stood by them during the strike. At last it was agreed that all of the new employees should be let out, save four, and these four are given the privilege of joining the union within a month.
 A writ has been taken out by the city against the Canadian Pacific railway against the alleged obstruction of street ends, sewers, etc., on Cambie, Abbott and Carroll streets.

COAST-KOOTENAY LINE.

Contract Awarded For Building Branch From Carlew, Wash., to Midway.
 A Greenwood dispatch says the contract for building a branch of the Great Northern from Carlew, Wash., to Midway, has been let to Sims & Shield, of St. Paul, Minn., and active operations are to be commenced this week. This will be the first link in the line to be built by the Great Northern from the Boundary district through to the coast. Next summer at least two other sections of the line will be built. Sims & Shield are one of the largest firms of contractors in the United States. The senior member of the firm, J. Sims, is a director of the Great Northern railway, and his wealth is estimated in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. He built the main line of the Great Northern from Minot, Dakota, to Great Falls, Montana.

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 Author of "God's Outcast," "In Spite of Fate," "To Pay the Price," "For Such is Life," "The Heart of Man," "For Life and Liberty," "A Son of Reuben," etc.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.—Basil Pendarvis, a clever young artist, who finds it easier to get his pictures praised than bought, receives a commission to paint the portrait of Dorothy Cleveland, at her father's house at Sandhurst, Kent. He accepts the more readily as cash is very scarce with him at the time. Basil finds himself hospitably welcomed, as, indeed, his friend, Phil Duncan, who is a neighbor of Cleveland's, assured him he would be. Basil is charmed with his sister, who is a girl not only of great beauty, but of a sweet and noble disposition. Her sister Elizabeth strikes him less favorably. She is a professed invalid, with nerves supposed to be all ajar, and rules the household with an imperious querulousness. After seven weeks' work the picture is finished, and Basil goes back to his studio in London. He now finds himself hopelessly in love with Dorothy, and the thought of her inspires a painting of "My Lady Bountiful," in which his friends tell him he reaches greatness. The picture is exhibited in the Academy, and is acclaimed as the work of the year. Better still, it leads to another meeting between Basil and Dorothy, and Basil finds that his love is returned.

CHAPTER IX.

Dwellers in Paradise.
 Basil was back at the hotel again before the clock struck six, and was at once conducted to Mr. Cleveland's room. He felt dreadfully nervous. Eager as he was to see Dorothy, he shrank from interviewing Mr. Cleveland. The door was opened by Dodo, and, putting on as bold a face as he could, he marched into the room. A swift glance round showed him that Mr. Cleveland was not there.
 "Are you alone, Dodo?" he said, almost in a whisper.
 "Father will not be back for about half an hour yet," she answered quickly. He gave a little sigh of relief. Dorothy was already dressed for dinner, and, as usual, in black. Had she grown more beautiful, he wondered, during the last six weeks, or was it his own great love that glorified her?
 He took both her hands in his and looked at her, and her beauty almost dazzled him. He could not speak, nor had he any wish to break the rapturous silence. Slowly he drew her towards him until their lips met.
 "My own!" he whispered at length, and he led her to a sofa and sat down by her side.
 On the mantelpiece a small clock ticked loudly and persistently, but that was the only sound that broke the silence. Love has a language all its own. Her hand lay in his, her head rested in happy confidence against his shoulder.
 It was the supreme moment in the life of both—a moment that rarely comes to mortals more than once in a lifetime. When the clock struck the half hour, Dorothy started and raised her head.
 "Basil," she said, "it is half-past six."
 "Oh, no, it cannot be," he answered.

"I have not been here ten minutes yet." "You have been here more than half an hour," she replied with a smile, "and you have told me nothing."
 "Yes, sweetheart," he said, gravely. Then a footstep sounded in the corridor, and a moment or two later Mr. Cleveland entered.

"Glad to see you, Mr. Pendarvis," was his greeting, "and glad also you have come in such good time. I dislike the modern fashion of coming late."
 "I wanted to have a little talk with you before dinner was served," Basil said, uneasily.
 Mr. Cleveland looked at the clock. "You will have to be quick about it," he said, "for I have yet to dress, as you see."
 Dorothy had already disappeared to her own room.
 Basil pulled himself together, and blurted out the truth in a single sentence. "Oh, eh? What's that?" and Mr. Cleveland sat down suddenly.
 "You will make us both very happy if you will give your consent," Basil said, awkwardly.
 "Then you have spoken to her?"
 "Not until this morning, but I have loved her almost from our first meeting. And she is agreeable?"
 "Yes."
 "In that case it's of no use my saying anything. I married for love myself, and I'd like my girls to do the same if they ever to marry. I suppose you will be able to maintain her?"
 "I hope so, sir."
 "Have you anything beyond what you make by your brush?"
 "Not a penny, sir. My parents are quite poor people."
 "They are, eh? Well, as far as I know, they needn't be any the worse for that."
 "Then I understand you give your consent?" Basil questioned after a pause.
 "I fancy I may as well," was the reply. "When young folks have made up their minds, old folks had better be resigned."
 "Thank you very much."
 "Dodo is a girl in a thousand," he went on. "And as far as money is concerned—well, I think she might have done a good deal better. Still, I like you. You've made a good start, and have got the world in front of you. So I give you my blessing," and he disappeared into his bedroom.

Dorothy soon came back again, and dined the waiter came to set the table for dinner a very happy and a very animated conversation was carried on between them. Dinner threatened at first to be a rather silent meal, but Mr. Cleveland quickly put the young people at their ease.
 If anyone thought of Elizabeth, her name was not mentioned until the dinner had been cleared away.
 It was Mr. Cleveland who dragged the skeleton out of the cupboard.
 "We shall have to keep Elizabeth in the dark for awhile," she said.
 "Yes, father, we must let the light in gradually," Dorothy answered.
 "For my own part, I don't see that it can make any difference whether she is told now or at some later period," Basil interposed.
 "Oh, yes," said Mr. Cleveland. "A sudden shock would play the very—"

very—well, that is, you don't know her, Mr. Pendarvis. She is a remarkably good girl. Wonderful for her plety and her knowledge of Scripture, and all that. But her nerves—they are a caution, I can assure you. No, we must let her get used to the idea gradually."
 "As you will," said Basil. "I don't see it can make any difference to me."
 "But it might, sir. It might make a good deal of difference to you. But we shall be able to work the oracle, never fear."

A few days later Mr. Cleveland returned to Sandhurst, while Dorothy went to visit her friend in Kensington. He found Elizabeth remarkably alert and active. When she was compelled to entertain herself, she generally managed to do it with considerable success. When Dorothy was at home, of course, Dorothy was pressed into service; but Elizabeth was far less dependent upon others than was generally imagined.
 "So you have left Dorothy?"
 "You will make Elizabeth," "I quite expected as much. You seem to forget me and how much I suffer."
 "Nothing of the kind, my dear," said Mr. Cleveland, kindly; "but it is not often that Dorothy goes up to town, and it is a pity that when she is there she should not stay as long as possible."
 "I do not complain that I have to remain here, and suffer," was the reply; "it is the will of Heaven, and it is not for me to murmur. Still, Dorothy knows how much my sufferings are lightened by her help and presence."
 "She will be back again in a week or two, my dear, and you must try in the meanwhile to do the best you can without her."
 "I think she need not stay a week or two," was the reply; "if she stays away another week, I think it will be quite long enough. London is a very dissipating place."
 "But she is with friends, and will take no harm."
 "I do not know; the Darcys are very gay people, and Dorothy is young and a little bit thoughtless at times."
 "You seem to forget that Dorothy is nearly twenty-one," Mr. Cleveland replied, "and should be quite able by this time to look after herself."
 "But she is pretty, as you know, and you are known to be rich, and I am always fearful of fortune-hunters. I suppose you saw the painter while you were in London?"
 "We saw him twice," said Mr. Cleveland, boldly.
 "Indeed," was the reply.
 "We first met him as we were going to the Academy; he was just coming from it. Then I invited him to our hotel to dinner one evening, and he came."
 "Did he stare at Dorothy?"
 "Stare at her—why should he? He knows how to behave, I presume; and he behaved like a gentleman." Mr. Cleveland spoke quite brusquely, and even sternly, and Elizabeth said no more.
 Meanwhile Dorothy and Basil were dwelling in Paradise. Mrs. Darcy was soon made to understand how matters stood, and so, of course, Basil was invited to the house. Mrs. Darcy was exceedingly pleased to make his acquaintance; she liked entertaining people who were in any way famous. She gave little dinners now and then to successful authors and actors and painters. To be known as the hostess of distinguished people was a great honor, she considered; so to Basil there was an open door and a kindly welcome whenever he liked

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 NOTE.—Subscriptions are due and payable from Wednesday, 5th November 1902, and every Wednesday following, at the Society's office, 15 Trousace Ave., A. St. G. FLINT, Secretary.

Municipal Electio n, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for the Peace or Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Somerton, Vancouver Island, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall have had notice.

Dated this first day of December, 1902, Duncans, B. C.

JOHN N. EVANS, Attorney for Executor, Martha Smith, Duncans.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esplanade Road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Roblin and Philip Crombie to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.
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Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for fishing purposes the foreshore (including the rights attached thereto) in Melchior District, fronting a part of my property at Pender Bay. Commencing at a post marked "A. T. W. N. E. Cor.," planted on the shore at a point between high and low water mark at or near the southerly end of the boundary line between the William Head Quarantine Station and my property, thence seaward in continuation of said boundary line one half mile, thence west one half mile, thence north to shore line and easterly along the shore line to place of beginning, and including the foreshore and land covered with water.

Dated at Victoria this 26th day of November, 1902.
 A. T. WATT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Crown Grant or a lease of the foreshore opposite my land, being a portion of the S. E. quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the S. E. 1/4 Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, which is twenty-two chains eighty-five links south of the N. E. corner of the 1/4 Section; thence in a southerly and westerly direction, following the shore line and crossing the slough at the narrowest point; thence in a southerly direction, following the shore line to its intersection with the southern boundary; thence east along such boundary to the middle of the channel; thence in a N. E. direction, following such middle line of channel to the eastern boundary, and thence following eastern boundary to point of commencement.

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PERSONAL.

H. Dunnell, principal of the manual training school, will establish another branch of the institution on Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, during the winter holidays. The paraphernalia is now on its way from the East and will be taken in charge by Mr. Dunnell and set in place. Two instructors for the new branch are also being sent from the East.

Among the passengers by this morning's steamer for Vancouver was Mrs. Abraham E. Smith, wife of the United States consul. She is on her way, via the C. P. R., to Illinois, where she will spend Christmas with sons and daughters at home. Mrs. Smith will likely be absent some months.

Mrs. E. A. Webster arrived at the Dominion last evening from Vancouver on her way to Quamichan, where she has been called by the serious illness of her son-in-law, P. H. Nelson, of the Quamichan hotel. She left this morning by the E. & N. railroad.

Rev. R. Whittington, D. D., superintendent of Methodist Missions in British Columbia, has returned from a visit to missions on the West Coast and the Northern British Columbia Mainland seaboard.

W. J. Corbett, of New Westminster, is registered at the Dominion. He is here in connection with the installation of the heating plant for D. Spencer's store.

E. J. Smith, representing the Schlater Shoe Company, of Montreal in British Columbia, left last evening for the East in order to meet Christmas at home.

Miss V. Douglass and P. R. Francis, of Portland; G. S. Scranton, of Tacoma; and J. B. Fairall, of Seattle, are at the Vernon. A. Magnuson, R. Johnson, and N. E. Shaw were among yesterday's arrivals from the Sound by the steamer Majestic.

F. Crumpler, of Seattle, and W. Perkins, of Nanaimo, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

Capt. E. C. Bridgeman and H. W. Dunnell were among yesterday's arrivals from Vancouver.

C. H. Hewitt, of Vancouver, representing the Dominion Dental Company, is at the Vernon.

A. T. Toro, of Spokane; M. McDougall and P. Storck, of Seattle, are at the Industrial.

Sir C. H. Tupper and Lady Tupper, of Vancouver, are at the Grand.

A. G. Campbell, of Toronto, is at the Dominion.

THE MAYORALTY ELECTION.

To the Editor:—I presume it is generally understood that a truce has been declared between the two candidates for the mayoralty until the New Year, for something to this effect, viz.: No political speeches, public meetings, etc., were to take place until January 1st, 1903. In fact, the Mayor stated at the Pioneers' dinner that owing to this truce being declared he really felt embarrassed, as he did not wish to say anything that might be considered a slur of good faith. At the dinner held on Friday last, in the absence of Ald. McCandless, who I understand could not be there owing to serious sickness in his family, the Mayor seems to have recovered slightly from his embarrassment to deliver a political speech that occupied more space in the evening combined.

If His Worship feels that an explanation is necessary, let him call a meeting where the public can attend, and I have no doubt Ald. McCandless would be there also. The Mayor explained to his own satisfaction all about the Point Ellice bridge, the Carnegie library and the James Bay matter, and would suggest for one of the subjects to be discussed the agricultural society's affairs. As president of that body, the Mayor could not doubt throw some light on the deficit of \$3,500 which the council are asked to pay, in addition to \$3,000 already paid. Probably the taxpayers are not aware that the two exhibitions will cost them over \$10,000. Let us have not only the Mayor and council at the meetings, but the directors of the exhibition, and find out who is responsible for this state of affairs. In conclusion I would advise Ald. McCandless to pay no attention to the so-called truce. The Mayor has violated it openly. Let loose the dogs of war; you have everything to gain, he has everything to lose, and he knows it.

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Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executor or to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

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