

For 24 hours ending 5 a.m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong northerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, followed by rain.

Victoria Daily Times

Variety—Burning Daylight. Princess—Mary's Ankle. Royal—Twin Beds. Dominion—The Soul of Youth. Pantages—Vaudeville. Columbia—Heart of the Hills.

Farmer Party Is Lined Up Solidly Behind T. A. Crerar

United Farmers of Ontario, in Convention, Express Accord With Leader's Political Views and Urge Him to Carry Banner to Victory.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Lining up solidly behind Hon. T. A. Crerar as the leader of the Farmer Party in Federal politics, the United Farmers of Ontario, at their Convention here yesterday, went on record as in hearty accord with Hon. T. A. Crerar's political views and urging him to carry forth the banner of victory in the House of Commons and throughout the Dominion.

In order to show that they were preparing to make such a campaign effective and prove their confidence in their Federal leader, the Convention took steps toward raising the "sinews of war." Having in mind recent legislation at Ottawa which made it illegal for any association not incorporated for election purposes to raise election funds, the Convention decided to organize every Federal riding in the province of Ontario as an association to be incorporated for political purposes.

Recall Plank. The recall plank in the U. F. O. platform was disapproved as to its practical application and it was warmly approved of. The convention decided to send the "plank" along to Premier Drury for his consideration with reference to the farmer members. The understanding was that the recall was not to be made imperative at present, but was endorsed as a general principle.

DR. TOLMIE IS AGAIN HONORARY PRESIDENT

Officers Elected by Western Canada Livestock Union

Calgary, Dec. 17.—George H. Hutton, superintendent of the animal industry branch of the C.P.R. department of natural resources, was unanimously re-elected president of the Western Canada Livestock Union yesterday. Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Federal Minister of Agriculture, was re-elected honorary president. Vice-presidents for the four Western Provinces were elected as follows: Alberta—George H. Hoardley, M.L.A. (re-elected). British Columbia—W. T. McDonald. Manitoba—Andrew Graham. Saskatchewan—To be appointed by the Saskatchewan Livestock Board at their meeting January 2. H. Auld, Deputy Minister of agriculture and the vice-president for 1919 to continue to act in the meantime. L. Richard, Calgary, was re-appointed secretary at a meeting of the directors.

Resolutions. What the convention passed, among other resolutions, are the following: Urged Dr. Tolmie and the Dominion Government to make representations to the British Government, with a view to the removal of the embargo against Canadian live cattle. Urged Dr. Tolmie to take action to protect Canadian milk supply from tuberculosis and other necessary action to clean up the herds. Asked for Federal legislation to prevent any but first-class stallions (except horses for raising) being allowed to enter Canada. The next meeting of the union will be held in Regina.

DIRECT EMBARGO FIRE AT PREMIER

Lloyd George Non-committal on Cattle Question

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The fire of questions regarding the embargo on Canadian cattle has now passed from the Minister of Agriculture to the Premier himself, but apparently the Parliamentary hecklers are not to get any further satisfaction. Percy Hurd asked the Premier to-day if the conflicting ministerial statements on the matter were due to a disturbance of good relations between the Mother Country and Canada. The Premier replied that he was afraid he had nothing further to add to what already had been stated, which he thought covered the whole ground. Asked if the Government had no intention of introducing legislation to remove the embargo, the Premier said: "That is a very big question of policy upon which there are different opinions."

MOTOR BANDITS. Toronto, Dec. 17.—Motor bandit outlawry was rampant here last night, when five holdups occurred on the streets by armed desperadoes, who escaped.

CONSTANTINE TALKS VERY CONFIDENTLY

Believes Britain and France Will Recognize Him

Venice, Dec. 16.—Before leaving Venice, former King Constantine said that he was glad Venice and Italy had given him his first official reception as the restored sovereign of Greece. He added that he believed Great Britain and France would end by bowing to the will of the Greek people, while it would be impossible for the United States not to accept the decision of the Greeks, that country, itself being the champion of self-determination.

OVERSEAS DOMINIONS WILL BE CONSULTED

Views to Be Invited on Naval Construction

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George, answering Percy Hurd in the House of Commons to-day, assured him it was hoped to summon those having a special knowledge of the point of view of the Overseas Dominions to the investigation in the House of Commons to-day assured that a reversal in the old order of centralization in inter-Imperial and international affairs. It is Canada as a nation, not Canada as a Province of the Empire, that the Liberals were the first to put forward and have steadily maintained as the goal of our national aspirations.

POLICE PROTECTION FOR LONELY WOMEN

Los Angeles Chief to Suppress Lawlessness

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Women compelled to be out at night or alone in their homes may obtain police protection by notifying headquarters, Chief Lyle Pendergast announced to-day. The chief at the same time ordered strict enforcement of the curfew law forbidding children under sixteen years of age to be out after 9 p. m. These announcements were made following attacks on two girls last night by unidentified men, and an attack Wednesday night upon a woman.

HALLE PROTESTS EXPULSION OF STERN BY GENERAL STRIKE

London, Dec. 17.—A general strike held up by exchange differences, says promoter

New Zealand Products Finding New Markets

London, Dec. 17.—Great expectations are entertained here of the future of trade in New Zealand meat which recently sprang up between that country and America. It began last April, when the British Government found itself pledged to buy far greater quantities of Australian meat than it could get rid of in peace times, causing a glut of meat in the London docks, which was actually hampering shipping by congesting the warehouses, and it was impossible to put more on the British market. The Food Ministry decided to find new outlets and send an experimental shipment to America.

Canterbury lamb, a New Zealand product that is reckoned here to be as good as the home grown, was selected for trial and it was so successful that now a considerable trade has grown up in direct shipments, which is already valued at millions of pounds. This is welcomed here. It has lightened the Government commitments, does something to support the very weak exchange and bids fair to provide New Zealand with a permanent profitable market for one of her chief products.

QUEBEC HONORS SIR LOMER GOULD

Notable Addresses by Mackenzie King and Others

Tribute Paid to Famous Canadian Statesman

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Quebec Liberalism tendered homage to one of its most distinguished exemplars here last night in the banquet given at the Windsor Hotel to Sir Lomer Gouin, for fifteen years Premier of Quebec. Notable addresses were delivered by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Federal Parliamentary Opposition; Hon. T. L. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, and by the guest of the evening.

In the course of his speech, Mr. King remarked that in the championship of free institutions of Government in Canada and citizenship in the British Empire as a guarantee thereof Canada had had no more powerful advocates than the two distinguished French-Canadian Prime Ministers and Liberal leaders whose names necessarily come into close association with the name of Sir Lomer Gouin. Each had displayed never failing vision, resource, courage and persistency in that advocacy.

Continuing, Mr. King said: "Because of her unwillingness to yield too readily to practices and procedure not easily to be defended on constitutional grounds, Quebec has sometimes been thought of as an ultra-conservative. A more accurate interpretation would disclose, in the resistance to fundamental changes, where due authority by way of popular control has been lacking, a regard for constitutional government which is of the very essence of Liberalism."

Steady Influence. "In a very real way, Quebec's regard for constitutional procedure has made the chief of the Provinces a steady influence throughout our history. To no small degree, by her regard for tradition, she has helped to keep political movements within constitutional limits. "This regard for constitutional procedure and what has been learned of the secret of free government, through its evolution, has found expression in relation to the Province of Quebec in two particulars, each of which has had more than national significance.

STEEL PROJECT NOT ABANDONED

Held Up by Exchange Differences, Says Promoter

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press)—When shown a Toronto cable in The Times, declaring the steel project in Canada that the \$500,000,000 British Empire Steel Corporation project is to be abandoned, Col. Grant Morden, its promoter, told the Canadian Press: "The scheme is not off. We have been held up, and have been unable to transmit money because of exchange differences. Twenty-five million dollars is available here, but we shall have to change our plans to meet present conditions. Roy Wolvin, president of the Dominion Steel Company will arrive in London at the end of the month. We shall then settle on plans which should enable us to go forward. Our financial friends here have every confidence in the future consolidation."

SWEDEN TO DROP COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Sweden has notified the German Government of Sweden's intention to discontinue next March the Swedish-German commercial treaty which was provisionally renewed last March. Sweden is prepared to negotiate a modus vivendi.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR RETURNS TO CALGARY

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Sir James Loughheed, Minister of the Interior, left for Calgary last night, where he will spend the Christmas holidays, returning to Ottawa the day before New Year's. Hon. A. L. Sifton will be acting Minister of the Interior during his absence.

CAR SHOPS CLOSED

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 17.—An order closing down the M. C. R. car shops for two weeks was received at the office of the master mechanic yesterday. The men commence the enforced holiday on Monday. Between 150 and 200 employees are affected. No reason is given for the suspension of work.

GIOLITTI TO CONFER WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, Dec. 17.—Premier Giolitti of Italy will go to London to confer with Premier Lloyd George during the Christmas vacation, it is announced here.

Heavy Decrease In Canadian Exports of Cattle and Beef

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—A heavy decrease in Canadian exports of cattle and beef in 1920 as compared with 1919 is shown in figures given out to-day by the Livestock Commissioner of Canada.

The 1920 figures are, of course, not yet complete. The decrease in live cattle exports is nearly four hundred thousand, while the exports as beef show a decrease of nearly eighteen million pounds. The Departmental statement says: "The estimated decrease in cattle exports expressed in terms of dead meats was approximately 149,000,000 pounds, assuming that the cattle marketed in 1920 were of equal weight and quality with those marketed during 1919."

SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK REPORTED

Brakeman Killed and Cars Ditched on C.N.R.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Word has just been received here that a serious train wreck had occurred on the Canadian National Railway near Lake La Prairie, near Three Rivers. Six cars are reported to be in the lake, while a brakeman has been killed.

Murder into Lake. Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 17.—Travelers who arrived in this city this morning, reported that a bad wreck had occurred on the Transcontinental Railway near Bonnar, near Three Rivers. Six cars were reported to be in the lake and 16 others went into the ditch. A brakeman named Nelson was killed, they say. The material damage is very high.

SENSATION CREATED AT PARIS DINNER

American Ambassador Refused to Meet German

Paris, Dec. 17.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American Ambassador, Wednesday night refused to meet Wilhelm Mayne von Kautzsch, the German Ambassador, because the United States is technically at war with Germany. This incident occurred at an official dinner to the diplomatic corps, given by Raoul Peret, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and his wife. Ambassador Wallace, dean of the diplomatic corps, and Mrs. Wallace, were guests of honor. Pierre de Fougere, who knows M. Fougere, approached Ambassador Wallace before the dinner and said: "The German Ambassador desires to be presented to you."

B. C. ELECTIONS COMMENTED UPON

Free Press Criticizes Existing Voting System

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Free Press says editorially to-day: "The Columbia elections showed the weakness of the old system of voting as compared with the single transferable vote plan. In Vancouver 15,000 Liberals out of a total of 27,000 voters elected five of the six members for that city. Conservatives, with some 10,000 votes, elected one member, and the Labor and independent vote of 4,000 got no representation, while unequal proportional representation they might have got one member. The result in Vancouver was due partly to the fact that the city was organized as one large constituency, and the electors could, if they wished, vote for the whole ticket of any party. The constituency of Newcastle was another good example. Four candidates ran for one seat. Minority voters elected Sam Guthrie, O.B.U. candidate. It is believed that, under proportional representation Guthrie would have been elected by a combination of the voters supporting Fraser and Hawthornthwaite."

COTTON MILLS IN EASTERN PROVINCES RUNNING LESS HOURS

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—To-day the St. John Cotton Mills, and those in other parts of the Maritime Provinces went on shortened time schedules.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL NOW COST MORE

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The predicted rise in the price of turkeys has come to pass and these holiday birds are now six cents more a pound than they were last week, bringing the cost of Christmas dinners up to 60 cents a pound. This jump is only beaten by the rise in the price of cranberries, which have leaped from 20 to 20 cents a quart.

BRYAN CONSULTS WITH HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 17.—William J. Bryan, former Secretary of State under President Wilson and for many years an advocate of world peace, was called into consultation with President-Elect Harding to-day on the plan for an association of nations. The conference was confidential.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED BY GERMAN FOLLOWING DISPUTE

Berlin, Dec. 17.—A British officer has been killed at Kattowitz, Prussian Silesia, by a former German aviation officer, says The Vorwarts. The tragedy followed a dispute in a hotel, it is said.

FOUR PROVINCES DRY IN JANUARY

Plebiscite Returns May Be Gazetted Shortly

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Returns of the all dry plebiscites in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan will probably be gazetted at the end of next week. When this step has been taken the duty will fall on the Federal Government of determining a date after which all importations of liquor into the dry provinces for personal use will be prohibited.

FIGURES QUOTED ARE MISLEADING

U. S. Immigration Returns Computed by Head Tax

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Figures issued at Washington by Anthony C. Calkins, United States Commissioner-General of Immigration, showing an influx of 90,025 people from Canada to the United States against 1,655 from the United States to Canada during the fiscal year, are misleading, according to officials of the Department of Immigration here. The figures are collected only from the head tax statistics, and many Canadians, entering the United States to work for a few months, or spend a similar time on holidays, are registered as having paid head tax, but there is no record of their departure unless they return to the immigration officials for a rebate of the sum deposited. In recent years Canadian ports have always shown a greater movement from the United States than vice versa. The Canadian statistics being computed from the forms of declaration which each immigrant must sign when he enters the country.

POLICE BUILDING BURNED IN BERLIN

Damage Estimated at Many Million Marks

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to The London Times from Berlin says police headquarters in Alexander Platz was burned Thursday evening and that a quantity of records and other valuables and a number of automobiles were totally destroyed. The damage is estimated at many millions of marks. The police headquarters building was the largest public institution in Berlin, covering 19,000 square yards. It contained several hundred offices, many of them filled with archives. The building was the scene of bitter fighting early in the year, when the stronghold was garrisoned under the Socialist police president Eickhorn.

URGE NOVEMBER 11 AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Board of Trade intends to petition the Government to proclaim that Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day fall simultaneously on November 11 and be a national holiday.

GERMAN ENTERTAINED

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Two hundred Japanese scientists will entertain the German ambassador and his staff at a banquet to-night as a tribute to Germany's contributions to science and on encouragement of her future efforts.

Break On Irish Home Rule Bill Is Averted

London, Dec. 17.—The possibility of an imminent break between the House of Lords and the House of Commons over the Irish Home Rule Bill has been averted. The amendments of the measure made by the Lower House were amicably discussed in the Upper Chamber to-day and all were disposed of in a manner that will permit the measure becoming a law.

LONDON DISCREDITS REPORT DE VALERA GOING TO ENGLAND

London, Dec. 17.—The report that Eamon de Valera is coming to England is discredited in official circles. Attention is called to the fact that he escaped from prison in 1919, and was smuggled out of the country.

SUTHERLAND RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF ST. BONIFACE

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—At Saturday's municipal elections in St. Boniface, Mayor J. Sutherland was re-elected Mayor by a majority of 538 over R. Swain. Five new aldermen were chosen as follows: J. Marion, T. Hebert, A. Gauvin, W. Lecky and T. Wilson. The other five members of the Council still have a year to serve.

Farmer Killed. Bradford, Ont., Dec. 17.—F. A. McArthur, a young farmer, was killed yesterday at Bonhead, Ont., by a chopping mill while cutting feed.

Albania Is Finally Elected Member of League of Nations

Differences Regarding Mandates Before Assembly At To-day's Session; Application of Lichtenstein and Ukraine Under Consideration; Closing Ceremonies.

Geneva, Dec. 17.—(Associated Press)—Albania was elected a member of the League of Nations by the Assembly this morning. Immediately after the opening of to-day's session, Lord Robert Cecil, although appointed to make a report on the admission of Albania to the League, declared he disagreed with the report of the committee, which was adverse to according Albanian membership. He asked the Assembly to elect Albania a member.

Differences between the Council of the League of Nations and the Assembly regarding mandates were before the Assembly when it met here to-day. After a long debate during yesterday's session, regarding the report of the Mandates Commission complaining of the Council's refusal to submit a draft of the mandates for Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine, except under certain conditions, the matter was left over for settlement to-day, if possible.

CANADA ASKED TO ASSIST IN LOCATING U.S. NAVAL BALLOON

Washington, Dec. 17.—Canada has been asked by the Navy Department to assist in the effort to locate the American naval balloon which left the naval air station at Rockaway, L.I., New York, December 13, and which has been missing since that night.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT MAY BE RELAXED

Order in Council Said to Cover Radical Changes

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Manitoba Free Press says: "A relaxation of the Civil Service Act, which may have far-reaching effects is contemplated in an order in council prepared by the Cabinet. The order provides for the placing on the permanent lists without the necessity of examination a large number of employees taken on temporarily during the last few years. Many of these employees were attached to the various staffs, particularly to those in the Finance Department and taxation offices, to the records and other branches, without being compelled to prove their qualifications in the regular competitive manner. They received salaries which, in many cases, were in excess of those given to permanent employees doing similar work. A conference of deputies was recently held as a result of which, lists were submitted containing names of temporary employees considered worthy of being permanently retained."

EULOGIZED WORK OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Hon. Robert Finn Scores Meighen Administration

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Eulogizing the work which the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier had done for all Canadians in an address before the Liberal Club of Ottawa last night, Hon. Robert E. Finn, representing Halifax in the Nova Scotia Legislature, criticized the Meighen administration. He declared he did not believe in group government unless the groups were within a party, and the only party in Canada to-day big enough and broad enough to take in all the groups that were forming, he said, was the Liberal Party.

BIG INCREASE IN PRISON INMATES

Greater Crime Now in Ontario and Quebec

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—A big increase in prison population, especially in Eastern Canada, is noted in returns of the penitentiary branch of the Department of Justice. In Ontario and Quebec an increase of eighty or more per cent, since the war is noted. Discussing the subject a high official stated that the increase in the number of inmates in the penitentiaries was chiefly due to the spread of crime among young men and boys, and the crimes they committed were characteristic of young desperadoes. These included robbery with violence, the use of firearms, wounding or such like.

PEKING SHOCK WAS DISTINCT FROM QUAKE RECORDED IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 17.—The earthquake in Peking on the night of December 16 was distinct from the heavy shock recorded yesterday by the seismographs in the United States in the opinion of the Rev. Francis A. Tondorf, director of the seismograph observatory at Georgetown University. There was not only a variance in time, Father Tondorf said, but the Chinese earthquake was far outside the distance indicated by the seismographs.

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SASKATCHEWAN HAS BIG ROAD PLANS

Would Provide Province With 1,067 Miles of Pavement

Saskatoon, Dec. 16.—An ambitious scheme to provide the Province of Saskatchewan with 1,067 miles of paved roads suitable for automobile traffic has been evolved by City Commissioner C. J. Yorath, of Saskatoon.

Commissioner Yorath suggests that a plan be decided upon to connect up the more thickly populated centres, the carrying out of which be extended over a period of years. The total estimated cost of constructing the suggested roads in a somewhat similar manner to the paved roads in California, with slight variations to suit climatic conditions, is \$24,000,000, provided the roads are constructed as near as possible to railways and the work is so organized that it can be carried on continuously and as rapidly as possible. "It may take a few years to complete such an ambitious programme, but when completed it would be of inestimable value to the province," said Mr. Yorath.

In the main, the commissioner's scheme is to construct a fifteen foot paved strip on all the main roads in the province, the cost of which is to be recovered in the course of from ten to twenty years by a system of tolls similar to that which is in effect in a number of the states.

"It is impossible," he said, "in so short a time to go fully into detail as to construction, method of financing, and apportionment of cost of such a scheme, but it would seem that if main arterial roads are to be provided suitable for up to date automobile traffic in all kinds of weather, the recognized principles of road-making must be adopted and a comprehensive scheme planned out which will eventually provide in the province of Saskatchewan a system of roads second to none in the Dominion of Canada.

"As a new country we have to deal more particularly with the construction rather than the maintenance, but at the same time we must take into consideration the results which have been obtained by experience in the older countries."

PRINCE MAY WED DANISH PRINCESS

King George Said to Favor Margaret of Denmark

London, Dec. 17.—King George looks with favor on Princess Margaret of Denmark as prospective bride of the Prince of Wales, it is reported in London Court circles. The Princess, who is twenty-five years old, a year younger than the heir to English throne, is now visiting in England with her father, Prince Waldemar.

The war, with its overthrow of so many of the royal houses of Europe, has made the choice of a bride for the Prince decidedly limited. The provisions of the British Constitution prevent his marriage to a Roman Catholic, and a union with one of the fallen families is out of the question. As an aftermath of the war the thrones of Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary are vacant, although a union with a member of the House of Hapsburg was impossible because they are Catholics. For the same reason there can be no match between the Prince and a Princess of some south European house, such as Spain or Italy.

It would appear, therefore, that the young man's choice, if he does not marry a daughter of an English family of high rank, is limited to a Scandinavian Princess or one from Roumania. Because of this scarcity of matrimonial possibilities among the foreign royalty, it has been suggested that the Prince should choose an English bride, but this is not in great favor.

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PROVINCE AFFECTED BY BRITISH UNREST

Tremendous Development of Water Power Held Up

London, Dec. 17.—A tremendous development of water power in British Columbia is being held up because of the British labor unrest. The Department of Overseas Trade has been planning a newspaper campaign in Britain for the establishment of branches of British firms in British Columbia to take advantage of industrial developments there. One of the greatest of these is an electrical scheme in which work has already been commenced at Bridge River in Lillooet district.

It is ultimately intended there to develop as high as half a million horsepower. The flow of Bridge River is to be diverted by means of a tunnel through a mountain a distance of three miles to Seaton Lake. The fall is more than a thousand feet and a continuous power of tremendous importance can be obtained.

To-day contracts for \$10,000,000 worth of hydraulic and other material for this project are being offered, but the market is being frozen because the labor unrest makes it impossible to ensure delivery at any stated time. This is contrasted with the position in Germany, where manufacturers are willing to guarantee immediate delivery and have unheeded British manufacturers as to price on this contract.

ROYAL ASSENT TO HOME RULE BILL

Lord Chancellor Announces Will Be Given To-morrow

London, Dec. 17.—In the House of Lords last night the Lord Chancellor announced that the royal assent would be given to the Home Rule Bill on Saturday.

In the House of Commons yesterday Andrew Bonar Law, Government Leader, announced that if the programme before the House was adhered to, the bill would be on the statute book by the end of the next week.

The House dealt with the Lords' amendments to the Home Rule Bill, and accepted the most important, namely, that constituting two senators. In reply to a question in the House of Commons, Premier Lloyd George said that three men had been arrested for the importation of incendiary literature from Norway. One condition of the trading agreement with Soviet Russia was, he said, that there should be no propaganda.

POSSESS GOOD HEALTH BY LOOKING AFTER THE BOWELS

A free motion of the bowels, once or twice a day, should be the rule of every one, as half the ills of life are caused by allowing the bowels to get into a constipated condition.

When the bowels are allowed to become constipated, the stomach gets out of order, and the liver does not do its work properly, the result being indigestion, flatulence, the nasty irritating, itching and protruding piles, you should keep your liver stirred up by the use of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills.

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TORONTO'S OVERDRAFT.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—A gross total of \$2,072,292 of an overdraft, for which no provision had been made in the civic estimates was reported to the Board of Control yesterday by City Auditor Scott. This sum includes \$600,000 owing by the Toronto Street Railway Company in percentages, which will be paid eventually.

GOVERNMENT STATES POLICY FOR RELIEF

Senator Robertson Communicates With Ontario Minister

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Announcement of the Government's unemployment policy, as announced yesterday, was embodied in a letter addressed by Senator Robertson, Federal Minister of Labor, to Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor for Ontario. A copy of the letter was handed to C. G. Macneil, Dominion secretary-treasurer of the G.W.V.A., indicating the Federal Government's attitude toward any policy in connection with unemployment.

The letter to Mr. Rolfe emphasizes that the situation should be met to the utmost possible extent by a provision of work instead of a provision of relief. It is stated that the Federal Government is doing, and will continue to do the utmost within its power consistent with the authority granted it by Parliament.

"Should, however," the letter proceeds, "emergency relief measures become necessary by reason of utterly unavoidable shortage of employment, the Federal Government is willing to co-operate on the following basis:

"The organization for determining where relief must go and for distributing the same shall be provided by the municipal authorities, and in each case before relief is given and as relief is continued, a certificate must be obtained from the Government employment service, showing that the applicant can not be given employment. The general system and details and the safeguards adopted must be approved by or on behalf of the Federal Government. If this is done, the Federal Government is willing to contribute in places where relief on any substantial scale appears to be necessary one-third of the amount actually disbursed on this relief, provided that two-thirds is either paid by the municipality or paid by the province and the province jointly.

"In this connection I may again emphasize that in normal times these problems are dealt with wholly locally. The Government of Canada, however, under present circumstances feels justified in co-operating to the extent set out above. It is in some degree correct that the numbers of the unemployed at the present time are increased by reason of the general contraction in industrial activity following upon a period of abnormal prices during the war.

"Under extraordinary circumstances the Federal Government has co-operated as well at other times in the provision of relief, notably in respect of those in need of account of drought conditions in portions of Western Canada. In such cases, of course, the local authorities have joined in the sharing of the burden."

FASHIONABLE WOMEN DISPLAYED PLUCK

Staged Desperate Fight When Held Up

New York, Dec. 17.—A dainty, bejeweled flat went crashing through the window on the second floor of the fashionable Astor Hotel, and piercing screams reached Patrolman Tiffany in the midst of a Broadway traffic snarl. Abandoning his post, Tiffany raced up the stairs of the hotel, flung his huge bulk against the door of the apartment and crashed into the room to find two men and two pretty, fashionably dressed women struggling to hold down a man on a bed. The man gave up to Tiffany and then Broadway heard of the most audacious hold-up of the year.

Owen C. Linchwaite, of Redbank, N. J., president and general manager of the Jersey Sales Corporation, came to New York with Mrs. Linchwaite to see the motor show at which his firm is exhibiting. J. L. Worley, chief draughtsman for a big aircraft plant, and Mrs. Worley, came with the Linchwaites, and all put up at the Astor.

At supper time Wednesday evening the four returned from the show and went to the Linchwaite suite. The two women had been distinctly noticeable as they passed through the lobby for their good looks and jewels and the handsomeness of their costumes.

The party had scarcely closed the door of the room when a man stole in behind them, with a handkerchief over his face and a pistol in one hand, ordering them to throw up their hands. All four thought some joke was being played when two other men walked in and all doubt vanished under the cold gaze of two more pistol bore.

Four pairs of hands were raised and Linchwaite was backed into the bathroom by one of the bandits, while a second remained at the door leading to the hall, to guard against the possibility of a second escape.

Suddenly Linchwaite's flat descended-knocking the pistol from the grasp of the man who was attending to him. Then the riot began. Mrs. Linchwaite and Mrs. Worley screamed. One robber kicked them in the shins and told them to shut up and they screamed the louder. Worley leaped to help Linchwaite and the second robber left his post at the door to help the one who had gone down.

The two women beat on the walls with their bare fists, and the response of the people next door was a request please to stop the noise. A telephone was knocked over but the New York operator didn't answer in time to hear any of the commotion. Then Mrs. Linchwaite crawled across the room, drew back her tiny white fist, and drove it with a crash through the glass, bringing the policeman.

Two of the hold-up men escaped before Tiffany could get up the stairs to the room. They got away with some jewelry that they had torn from the throats and the hands of the women. The third man gave his name as Lawrence Handboe, 23, of Richmond, Va., and said his parents were known to him only as "Shorty" and "Al."

MUST NOT ROLL DICE

College Girls Also Told to Stop Smoking and Get Out.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—Stanford University girl students who are violating regulations by smoking and shooting craps on the campus are advised to get out, "the sooner the better," by Miss Florence Hocking of the class of 1923 in a recent issue of the Stanford Pictorial, a campus magazine of student opinion.

"Smoking and crap shooting habits, which she declares have infected a large group of Stanford's pretty college girls, will not be tolerated by the mass of women students who are determined to maintain the enviable reputation of girl students."

Miss Hocking charges that there is one woman who can "clean up the hall in a few minutes," and it is rumored that she can defeat some of the varsity fingers in "rolling the bones."

Stanford girl students at Robie Hall, the large women's dormitory, issued a resolution of protest following the publication of the article, stating that Miss Hocking's charges are based on rumors; that they have been exaggerated, and that the yellow stains on dainty fingers are due to acids from the chemical laboratories and not to delicately scented cigarettes.

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"When I came home from France, two years ago, I had rheumatism all over my body, and I was about all in. Why, my shoulder hurt me so bad I couldn't put on my coat without help, and sometimes my fingers would get so numb I couldn't close my hand."

"My knees were so stiff I could hardly bend them, and walking was a misery, and my ankles were swollen to twice their natural size. I was so nervous and the rheumatism hurt me so bad I seldom got a good night's sleep. The fact is it looked like I was going to be down and out.

"Treatments and medicines I tried didn't help me, and I was pretty blue about the future, when lucky for me I tried Tanlac. I found it was no more like other medicines than day is like night. It just drove the rheumatism out of my system, and it wasn't long before I didn't have an ache or a pain. It did me good all over, and got my nerves in good condition again. Besides I gained ten pounds in weight.

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SPEAKER OF COMMONS WILL VISIT CANADA

Rt. Hon. James Lowther Expected at Easter

London, Dec. 17.—Rt. Hon. James Lowther, Speaker of the House of Commons, announced yesterday that he hopes to visit Canada about Easter, in connection with the presentation of a new speaker's chair to the Canadian House of Commons by the United Kingdom branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association. It is expected the chair will be ready for the opening of the next session of the Parliament, and it has been suggested that Speaker Lowther should go to Canada during the Christmas adjournment of the British House. But, as the Speaker remarked, Christmas holidays for the British Parliament seem to be gradually receding, and it will be impossible for him to spare the time. He hoped, however, to be able to visit Canada at Easter or Whitsuntide. Having occupied the British chair for fifteen years, he thought he was well qualified to explain its advantages and disadvantages to his Canadian colleagues.

The foregoing announcement was made while Speaker Lowther was presiding at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association. Speaking at the same meeting, Colonel L. S. Amery, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, observed that the Canadian and Australian parliaments had been so impressed with the value of the Journal of the Empire Parliaments that they now make grants towards its publication. The visit of the British Parliamentarians to India had been postponed, but in Canada, recently, he found a strong feeling in favor of a meeting of delegates of the Empire Parliaments, and it was suggested that this meeting should be held in Canada. However, the Imperial conference would meet in London, so it would probably be more or less advantageous if the proposed gathering were held here. The chief reason why the constitutional conference has been postponed was because public opinion in the various countries of the Empire had not had time to address itself seriously to the problems awaiting solution.

VAST PROPAGANDA SCHEME IN RUSSIA

Negotiations Again Open For Resumption of Trade

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to The Politiken from Riga says that Leon Trotsky, the Russian Bolshevik Minister of War, has been engaged on a vast propaganda scheme to emphasize the need of peace. The correspondent adds that Russia was never poorer and distress was never greater than now, and that the Russian Government is willing to give concessions to foreign capitalists and would endeavor to avoid conflict with neighboring countries.

Krasin Busy.
London, Dec. 17.—Leonid Krasin, representative of the Russian Soviet Government, had conferences yesterday with Sir Robert Horne, President of the Board of Trade, lasting nearly the whole day, regarding the resumption of trade between Russia and England. It is stated that agreements were reached, but their conditions must be referred to Moscow for approval. Upon receipt of a reply from Moscow, another conference, which it is believed will definitely determine the success or failure of the negotiations, will be arranged. It is declared that the main obstacle in the way of an agreement is British dissatisfaction with the replies from Moscow pertaining to the cessation of Bolshevik propaganda in the East.

HON. J. A. CALDER TO VISIT WEST INDIES

Rumored Minister of Immigration May Soon Retire

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—A local paper yesterday carried the following from its Ottawa correspondent: "Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, will shortly leave for the West Indies, and will be absent until after the New Year. The trip, it is understood, has no official significance, though there is little doubt that the Minister will do some conferring with regard to the ultimate putting into effect of the terms of the reciprocity pact recently negotiated and awaiting final ratification."

There are those who believe that Mr. Calder will not much longer remain in public life. By his speeches on his western tour the Minister, it is thought, has pretty well cut his cables with Western connections. It has been rumored prior to the tour that Mr. Calder contemplated joining a Western land company.

EXCHANGE DOWN.

New York, Dec. 17.—Canadian exchange in New York took another downward move yesterday, sales being made as high as 15 1/2 per cent. discount.

In financial circles it was believed by some that this condition was artificial and the result of financial diplomacy, the suggestion being made that it will provide larger results from Canadian exports of wheat to this country.

At the close it was quoted at 15 per cent.

A Texas rancher kicked his automobile because it wouldn't run and broke his leg.

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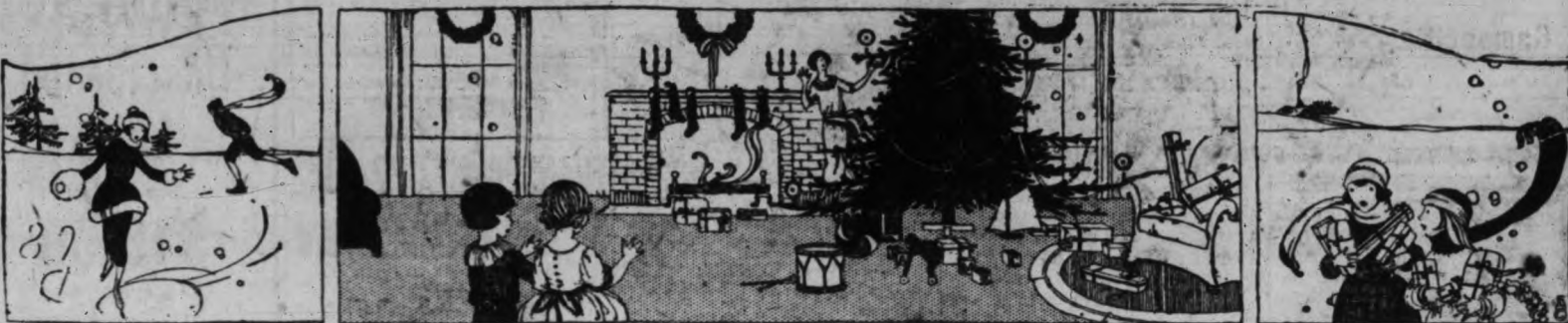
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- White Washable Chamois Gloves, one dome clasp; black points and black stitching. Very special at, per pair \$2.50
- Natural Chamois Gloves, with black points and black stitching. Very special at, per pair \$2.50
- Perrin's Extra Quality Pique Sewn Kid Gloves, with heavy black points, in white and yellow. Regular \$6.00 per pair. Sale Price, per pair \$4.90
- Italian Lambskin Gloves, in white, black, tan, beaver, slate and brown; all sizes. At, per pair \$1.95
- Trefousse Fine Quality Glace Kid Gloves, in black, white, tan and mode. Regular \$4.75. Sale Price, per pair, only \$3.90
- Rip-Proof Cape Kid Gloves, one dome clasp; in brown, tan and grey. Regular \$5.00 per pair. Sale Price, pair \$3.75
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- Fancy Novelty Colored Handkerchiefs; special at, 3 for \$1.00
- Fancy Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs; special at, 3 for 50¢
- Swiss Muslin Handkerchiefs, with dainty corners of Venice lace. At 65¢, 75¢ and 90¢
- Pure Linen Initial Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with fine hemstitched border; all initials in stock. Special, each, 50¢ and \$1.25
- Fine Mull Handkerchiefs, with Valenciennes lace edges. At 25¢, 45¢, 50¢, 60¢, 75¢ and \$1.00
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- Women's High-Grade Full Fashioned Pure Silk Thread Hose, in black, white, and colors. Regular \$4.50 and \$4.90. To-morrow, per pair \$3.50
- Women's Pure Silk Thread Hose, fine quality, with soles and garter tops reinforced. Regular \$3.50. To-morrow, per pair \$2.50
- Holeproof Silk Hose, with deep ribbed tops; in black, white, brown, navy, pearl and gunmetal; every pair perfect. To-morrow, per pair (no tax) \$2.00

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NAVAL POLICY.

Assuming complete disarmament to be a long way off nations developing naval policies will not go far astray in constructing light cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The old controversy over the utility of the dreadnought in war, which Admiral Sir Percy Scott started about ten years ago, is again raging in Great Britain with a strong reaction in favor of the Scott view. Admiral Scott declared that the submarine had made the dreadnought more of a liability than an asset, that in time of war the large ships would have to be kept in hiding a great part of the time and otherwise elaborately protected. The recent conflict disclosed a startling amount of proof of the soundness of this view; the Grand Fleet had to abandon Scapa-Flow and establish a haven in Lough Swilly to gain adequate protection from hostile submarines, while the German fleet was similarly menaced by British underwater craft. At sea without the protection of destroyers and other light swift and mobile craft, dreadnoughts were pathetically helpless. Lord Fisher, the originator of the dreadnought, recently declared that the submarine and aeroplane had made vessels of that type useless and urged that they be scrapped. Meanwhile British naval authorities are weighing the experience gained in the war and it may be assumed that the lessons taught during the last few years will be reflected in their course. It requires no very vivid imagination to visualize in the navy of the future a very different thing from the navy of the recent past. Certainly if its power is to be in the number and quality of its swift light craft and aerial auxiliaries Great Britain will be easily first, since she already possesses a big lead in these over the other nations of the world.

A FREE PORT AREA.

Newspaper readers will have observed that the city of Vancouver is working overtime upon the proposal to establish a free port area. This is a question in which Victoria has been interested for a number of years and public sentiment has warmly supported the idea. But so far nothing has been accomplished. It may be taken for granted, however, that the Board of Trade will not overlook the benefits that would follow upon the consummation of a project of this kind. Victoria is the first and last port of call for every liner plying between British Columbia, the Orient and the Antipodes. She has all the advantages that a distributing centre would appear to require. For this and a variety of reasons the local organization may count upon all the support that is necessary.

TINO IS GLAD.

Into his official reception by the Italian authorities in Venice King Constantine has read the prelude to recognition of his right by Great Britain, France and the United States. He believes the Entente will end by bowing to the will of the Greek people and that American championship of self-determination will win support to his regime on this side of the Atlantic. It was never suggested that Great Britain would do other than accept the verdict of the plebiscite as the rightful expression of Greek opinion, and whatever might be her official interpretation of that decision her interference with the Hellenic kingdom would merely concern the preservation of her own right to withhold or extend such economic support as she might think fit. When the people went to the polls this possibility was clearly understood. If it should be carried out to the let-

ter there can be no complaint. But if the returning monarch conducts himself and directs the policies of his country in a manner that commends itself to the British Government Greece will not be the loser. A resumption of court intrigue and flirtations with Berlin very probably would invite disciplinary measures in which Great Britain and France would act in concert.

SIDNEY'S MAIL SERVICE.

There should be no hesitation on the part of the postal authorities in establishing a mail service between Victoria and Sidney twice a day. To argue that one delivery and one collection—both at times which do not fit in with proper business requirements—is adequate is to ignore Sidney's development and prospects. It ought to be possible for Sidney to get its mail twice a day.

SHORT MEMORIES.

When the rest of the world has forgotten what took place on the western battle-front on an April morning nearly six years ago the men who held that thin line against the ex-Kaiser's battalions will still remember the achievements of German science. The memory of that creeping film and its suffocating grip will haunt those who escaped its invisible clutches until their dying day. The men responsible for this diabolical contrivance of war were German scientists—the same men to whom a number of Oxford dons recently tendered gracious felicitations and found little difficulty in drawing a veil over what had gone before. To-night in the Island Kingdom two hundred Japanese scientists will entertain the German ambassador and his staff at a banquet as a tribute to Germany's contributions to science. Did the Teuton understand the fickleness of civilization's memory better than civilization itself?

WHAT YONCALLA DID.

If the suggestion had been made ten years ago that any community on the American continent would have replaced its male Mayor and Council with a complete feminist administration the perpetrator of the "joke" would have been considered a fit subject for a lunacy commission. But the thing has come to pass in Yoncalla in the neighboring state of Oregon. The women of the town made up their minds that civic government had fallen short of the feminine ideal. Nothing ambiguous marked their general appeal for support. They contended that neither Mayor nor Council had been progressive; that streets and sidewalks had gone unrepaired, that automobile speeders had gone their way unmolested, and that affairs generally had not been what they should have been in a forward-looking community. All this goes to show that administrative bodies may regard the time-honored practice due for a very definite change at any time the newly enfranchised considers that masculine ability should be leavened with that feminine sagacity which completely outwitted the Mayor and Aldermen of Yoncalla.

GENERAL BOOTH'S WARNING.

General Bramwell Booth has added his warning to that issued by the Immigration authorities in Europe by making the public statement that the United States and Canada are facing a Winter of unprecedented unemployment. So serious did the head of the Salvation Army find conditions during his tour on this side of the Atlantic that he announces it to be the purpose of the organization over whose destinies he presides to send millions in relief. While the General's picture may have been somewhat overpainted with gloom it is timely that he should have returned to the Old Country at this season if only to warn those intending emigrants who rely upon their own judgment rather than a job to see them through the early days of their arrival in a new country. The recently increased financial qualification will have the effect of limiting the trek westward to those who are able to fend for themselves until employment offers. Candid official statements from time to time should similarly curb the activities of the

exploiting emigration agent and help to ensure settlers of the higher order.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Ottawa's unemployment proposals take the cake for ambiguity and lack of practicality.

While Trotzky is reported to be willing for peace at any price his running mate seems to take a keen delight in kicking over the traces.

Peace pourparlers with Ireland and the negotiations for a sensible trade agreement with Russia run the Old Country barometer a close second for continual changes.

If there are any people losing sleep because it looks as if Great Britain may be left behind in the race for naval supremacy let them spend one hour in solitude with a good British history.

Mr. John MacCormack who has charmed half the world with his voice has declared that the offer of the British throne would not induce him to sing a note in England. In the meantime King George is discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned—except, perhaps, Mr. MacCormack.

OTHER PAPERS' VIEWS

MIGHT STRIKE
(Punch)
The clergy of Gray's, in Essex, are advocating the abolition of Sunday funerals. It is said that quite a number of strict Sabbatarians have a rooted objection to being buried on the Sabbath.

CONSERVATIVES IN LIBERAL
(Saskatoon Star)
The Liberal party should, as its spokesmen so ardently claim, embrace the farmer and labor policies of progressive thought in Canada. Unfortunately it is not, and as long as it endeavors to steer the safe middle course, to hold the allegiance of its Tory supporters in the East, it never will.

The third party on the parliamentary cross-benches ought to be, not the progressives, but the Conservatives who for one reason or another will not support the Meighan Government. They are, after all, a relatively small faction. But at present, sad to say, they dominate the party which ought to be progressive.

SILENT SERVICES IN THE CHURCH
(Manchester Guardian)
The announcement that three silent prayer services are to be held during next Wednesday at Bow Church, the Church of the Annunciation and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, led by Canon Stephen, is interesting as a reminder of the spread of methods of silent worship in the Established Church. Few, however, know the origin of the movement which Canon Stephen has piloted. Some years ago a gentleman introduced a visitor from New Zealand to his neighbor, Mr. Cyril Stephen, as the latter was shortly to take up a charge in the Dominion. By a coincidence the New Zealander discovered that it was in his own town, whereupon he said, "I hope, Mr. Stephen, that you will be able to allow me the privilege of holding our Quaker meeting in the church on a weekday, as we have no other building." Mr. Stephen's reply was non-committal but hardly encouraging. Experience, however, worked a great change, and in New Zealand Mr. Stephen not only continued the privilege, but, as his books, "The Fruits of Silence" and "The Fellowship of Silence," prove, worship based on a seeking silence found in him an enthusiastic supporter. The movement has spread since his return to this country, and "silent services" in many places have formed some of the most practical examples of unity of varied denominations that have occurred anywhere.

WHERE IT STARTED

THE YARD
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Our familiar 5-foot measure was started by Henry L. of England. When seeking for a unit on which to base linear measurements that vain monarch ordered that the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of his thumb should be the standard. The measure established, christened "yard," and is still our standard of linear measure.

WHY

DO WE SEE BLACK SPOTS AFTER LOOKING AT THE SUN?
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So accustomed are we to judging external things when we speak of the "black spots" on the sun that we immediately think of the convex organs of sight immediately under the eyelids. This idea is as firmly implanted that the mention of a person's eyes brings to mind the thought of a certain color—which, nothing more they have, is the brain which bends the rays of light inward and makes it possible for us to take in a large field of vision at one glance.

Strictly speaking, the real eye—the part of the body which we use for purposes of sight—is the "retina," placed behind the lens themselves, and transmitting impressions to the brain. The retina is a very sensitive and extremely sensitive, and an excess of light will render it practically useless for the time being. The bright light will "burn out" the portion of the retina which it touches, and this effect will remain until the body has had time to renew the surface. The black spots which we see after looking at the sun are therefore nothing more than the "burnt" spots on the retina caused by excess of light, and these gradually fade as the sensitive surface is repaired from within our bodies.

VICTORIA NOW HAS 213 INDUSTRIES

The industrial census survey of Canadian cities carried out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been issued, and shows that Victoria has 213 industrial establishments with 4,469 employees, receiving \$2,568,565 in wages and salaries. The capital invested in these plants is \$17,136,214, the cost of materials used during last year was \$6,528,126. The value of the products turned out by the plants was \$14,551,384.

TRANSPORT COMPANIES TAKE BROADER VIEW

Abandon Impositions of Rates Collected in U. S. Currency, at British Request

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Canadian ocean transportation companies have abandoned their idea of collecting payment from British importers in American dollars. This plan was being followed for some time it appears, but when the exchange issue became such a live one, complaints were received from the British importers who considered it extraordinary that Canadian steamship companies should demand payment in United States funds. The commercial intelligence branch of the department of trade and commerce took the matter up with the result that the freight for British ports from Canada now goes forward "collected" at the demand rate of exchange at Montreal or London, the freight now being paid in Canadian currency.

RAILWAY BOARD WILL HOLD TRAFFIC SITTING

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The Board of Railway Commissioners will hold a traffic sitting on Tuesday next, at which a number of applications will be considered. Further consideration is also likely to be given to the question of the prepayment of freight rates on international business. This week Chief Commissioner Carvell gave notice to the railways that he would expect them to take some action in the direction of the paying for carriage within Canadian territory in Canadian instead of United States currency. It is thought probable that by next Tuesday the railways will have some solution of the problem to offer to the Board.

CRIME WAVE IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 17.—Entering an office building at Fifty-fifth Street, in which hundreds of persons were working, three masked robbers to-day shot and killed Edwin W. Andrews, head of a jewelry concern, held up two salesmen, and escaped with their sample cases which contained valuable jewels. The robbery, following on the sensational hold-up of four guests in the Hotel Astor, and while the police department is under fire by newspapers in connection with the city's alleged crime wave, took place within the restricted district in which detectives had been ordered during the Christmas season to arrest on sight all known criminals.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL CONCERT AT ROYAL OAK

The annual concert given by the pupils of the Royal Oak School in aid of the school fund was held on Wednesday at the Royal Oak Hall, being a complete success. The sketches were of a very difficult nature, but the pupils played their parts extremely well and made the most of them. Special note should be made of the last sketch, which was admirably executed, and also the work of Chas. Pimlott as Mr. Crammies. The remainder of the pupils are to be commended on their work in the sketches, songs and carols. The success of the concert is largely due to the untiring efforts of Miss Kinnaird, principal of the school; to Miss Anderson, teacher of the Junior Grades, and to Mr. Hunter, the manual training instructor, who prepared the scenery. The accompaniments to the various songs and carols, supplied by Miss Kinnaird at the piano, and F. Mawhinney on his one-string violin. A large crowd attended, and over \$35 was cleared.

HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920
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Unfriendly stars rule to-day, according to astrology. Mars, Saturn and Jupiter are all adverse. Since Saturn, the principal ruling planet, under Capricorn, dominates so strongly at this time there may be a general sense of depression and discouragement.

The power of Saturn, generally counted evil in its tendency to separate persons from all they hold most precious is declared to be in reality beneficial since it brings its subjects to a spiritual understanding. Physicians and surgeons come under a sway making for extreme activity, overwork and weariness, but they will gain much financially. The government of the planets is exceedingly threatening. Better standards of marriage must be observed, the seers declare, and this is the next problem for women to take up. Uranus will have an especially strong influence on Washington at this time, astrologers forecast. Discussions and bitter discussions in Congress will be a feature of the session. In an aspect threatening many destructive fires in the next two months. Some of these will be incendiary. General conditions are to improve toward Spring, notwithstanding the light of any kind which presage unrest, dissatisfaction and fault-finding among the people in various parts of the country. Austria is to have a better Winter.

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than the country has had since the war. Business organization as well as politics will benefit. Declines in certain prices will bring poxy to the many and regret to the few early in the Spring. Persons whose birthdate it is should not speculate or risk any large amount of money. They should be careful of letters and writings during the coming year. Children born on this day may be careless and extravagant. They are likely to be gifted, energetic and lovable.

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Values to \$1.50.
Cups and Saucers, Vases, Bonbons, Spoon Trays, Cake Plates, Teapots, Salad Bowls, Statuettes, Jugs, Baby Plates, Mugs.

At \$1.50
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Government To Welcome Ideas On Enactment of Liquor Legislation

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Most interesting among the questions to be discussed at the coming session of the Legislature is the "moderation" bill for the sale of liquor, to take the place of the present prohibition enactment. The House is expected to be called together about the first week in February, and the form which the sale of spirits will take is a matter for the Legislature to settle. In fact, it was a definite pre-emption declaration of the Oliver Government that the definition of the enactment must be left to the whole Legislature to decide upon.

In the meantime, however, some progress is being made at Victoria in an endeavor to reach a general plan of a programme, clearing the way towards the varied subjects for legislation. To this end Hon. J. W. Harris to-day announced that

the Government was anxious to receive any suggestions and assistance possible as to the form the enactment should take. The Attorney-General, who is in the city for the first time since the election, also said that some time in January he expected to go to Regina to consult with Hon. Mr. Turgeon, Attorney-General of Saskatchewan, in an endeavor to learn what has been the experience of that province in administration of restricted liquor sale.

Moderationists of British Columbia are expected to furnish outlines of their views and the door is, of course, open to the prohibition association to make any recommendations they wish, even though officials of the "dry" organization have so far indicated their intention of holding themselves aloof from any participation in the framing of the new arrangements.

SAYS VANCOUVER MILK PRICES LOWEST BUT MAINLAND FARMERS GET HIGH PROFITS BY CO-OPERATION

The Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, told members of the Farmers' Co-operative Association at Strawberry Vale last night that milk prices are cheaper in Vancouver than in any other city of Canada. The prices in Ottawa are about the same as those in Vancouver.

Hon. Mr. Barrow declared that this condition is largely due to the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association which has turned out to be a completely successful co-operative organization and which by reducing selling prices and retaining profits has benefited both consumer and producer. He explained that much of the success is due to the extra effort to prevent overlapping and taking the cost of the whole milk output at a uniform price, so that each producer gets the same return no matter whether his milk was marketed for sweet milk, butter-making, cheese or condensing.

Wants Clerks Unionized.

E. S. Woodward of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, speaking for consumers and union men, urged that the Farmers' Co-operative have union cards in their windows and employ nothing but union labor. He declared there are some clerks in town who take all the benefits of retail clerks' organizations, such as half-holidays, but are willing to assume none of the responsibilities. Mr. Woodward said that the Farmers' Co-operative should amalga-

mate with the United Co-operative. Ernest Roper, president, who presided, urged members to subscribe to the fund to increase the capitalization of the Association up to \$50,000 to enlarge the Victoria business. More than \$1,000 was taken up at the meeting.

BASKETBALL AT JORDAN RIVER

The Anglican Young Men's Club basketball team will go to Jordan River to-morrow afternoon to try conclusions with the hitherto undefeated team of electrical men. The game being played that evening and the visitors being entertained overnight and returning to the city on Sunday morning.

The team will be as follows: Forwards, M. Dickson and E. Hopkins; centre, W. Allan, and guards, E. Bassett and L. Fatt.

Should the local boys secure a victory they will have succeeded in a task which has proven too formidable for either the Sooke or the Saanichton senior basketball teams.

OBITUARY RECORD

A telegram to friends in this city brought the news of the death yesterday morning in Ottawa, of Alma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Arce, and widow of the late Charles H. Sutherland. Mrs. Sutherland resided in Victoria for a number of years prior to her departure for Ottawa nearly two years ago, her home being at Esquimalt Naval Yard, where her father was in charge of the Dominion Police. During the war she was a faithful worker of the Esquimalt Red Cross, and while residing in this city was a member of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, where a host of friends will regret her untimely death.

NO MOVE EXPECTED IN CITY ELECTION UNTIL CHRISTMAS

J. A. Shanks Comes Out Again For City Council

The civic political pot will not commence to boil until after Christmas, judging by present indications. Prospective candidates are reluctant to declare their intentions and it seems probable that little action will be taken by any of them before the holidays.

No announcement on the mayoralty election so far has been forthcoming from any quarter and it is now generally understood that Mayor Porter and Alderman Sargent, who are considered probable aspirants, will remain silent until about the beginning of the year. "I intend to spend a quiet Christmas without worry," the Mayor remarked to-day. "There is plenty of time yet and I don't know just when I will announce my intentions." What those intentions might be, His Worship, as he has done all along, refused to state.

While they, too, have maintained a mysterious silence, there is little doubt that all the present aldermen will be in the field again. Several new aspirants also will run.

J. A. Shanks, of Five Points, frequent aspirant for municipal office, this morning announced that he had decided not to run for a position on the Police Commission but, instead, would come out again for alderman. Mr. Shanks was rather pleased that the Trades and Labor Council had refused to endorse his candidature and declared that the meeting which had rejected him had not been representative. "There were just about fifteen present out of the forty members of the Council," he said, "and the candidates selected are not representative of labor at all. Not one of them is a skilled laborer, while it takes years to learn my profession. I shall run as an independent though, of course, I shall have the support of the Barbers' Union."

CLAIM FOR COMMISSION

T. E. Jones institutes action against Silver Foam Soap Company.

Thomas Eric Jones brought action in the County Court against the Silver Foam Manufacturing Co. for \$175 alleged commission in connection with the sale of stock in the company, and the case is continuing before Judge Lampman to-day.

Mr. Jones, who is a shareholder in the company, claims that while waiting for employment he promised to introduce buyers of stock in the company and that he was promised commission on it.

The hearing was commenced just before noon and is being continued. H. W. R. Mook is appearing for the plaintiff and S. T. Hankey for the defendant company.

While most Michigan automobile plants have greatly curtailed production within the last three months in anticipation of a resolution passed by the Toledo Housewives' League.

Jellicoe's Report On Jutland Fight Published

London, Dec. 17.—Another chapter was added to the controversy over the battle of Jutland, when the Admiralty to-day published the eagerly awaited volume of six hundred pages on this crucial naval engagement containing Admiral Jellicoe's dispatches describing the battle and the narratives of the British squadron commanders.

Admiral Jellicoe, in his covering dispatch dated June 18, 1916, declared he felt no anxiety regarding the advanced position of the forces under Vice Admiral Beatty's command, and that when Beatty sighted the enemy battle cruisers, the Vice Admiral adopted the correct and only possible course in engaging the enemy and endeavoring to keep between the enemy and his base.

There has been much controversy over the question as to whether Jellicoe should have gone to Beatty's assistance when it appeared the battle was imminent.

"The facts which contributed to the British losses in the battle," said Admiral Jellicoe in his personal reports, were "indifferent armor protection for the battle-cruisers, particularly regarding turret armor and deck plating, together with the disadvantage of the light condition for the British."

"A disturbing feature of the battle-cruiser action," Admiral Jellicoe reported, "was the fact that five German battle-cruisers engaging six British vessels at the same time were able to sink the Queen Mary and the Indefatigable."

"The German organization at night was very good," continued the Admiral, "and their system of recognition signals was excellent, while the British was practically nil. The German searchlights were superior and were used to better effect than the British."

The Admiral said he was reluctantly compelled to the opinion that, under night conditions, the British had much to learn from the Germans.

German Gunnery.

It was not to be doubted, said the report, that the gunnery of the German battle-cruisers in the early stages was of a very high standard. They appeared to get on the targets and began hitting within two or three minutes after opening fire, even at a range of 18,000 yards.

"The Germans," the report went on, "appeared to use some such system of fire as the Petric method, as the guns did not go off exactly together, and it unquestionably gave excellent results. The rapidity of the fire was very great. Their ships were able to fire with great accuracy after having been severely punished."

"It is quite evident that all the German ships possess a speed much in excess of that for which they were nominally designed."

Instead of doling up to hold their jobs or to get better salaries, school teachers were urged to tone down in their school costumes and set an example to the pupils, in a resolution passed by the Toledo Housewives' League.

MAYOR PROPOSES REFERENDUM ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

City Council May Let Electors Settle Issue

Submission to the electors at the January municipal election of a referendum to decide whether the Victoria should adopt daylight saving next year or not will be suggested to the City Council Monday night by Mayor Porter. His Worship, it is understood, does not intend to sponsor the plan, but will point out that a referendum would avoid the confusion and trouble which occurred last Summer, when the City Council made a vain attempt to put Victoria clocks ahead.

The daylight saving referendum has been mooted abroad for some time now, but no action has been taken upon it. To-day, however, the Mayor received a letter from a citizen urging that the question be settled by the electors once and for all. This letter Mrs. Worship will bring before the City Council Monday night, and it will then be for the Council to decide whether it would be wise to submit a daylight saving referendum.

"I can't see what objection there can be to a referendum," the Mayor observed this morning when discussing the matter, "even though there may be objection by some people to the daylight saving plan. The referendum would decide the matter one way or the other in the freest possible manner, and would avoid all the trouble the Council had last year—and the abuse which its members received from people who were not satisfied with its action on the matter. Both sides, it seems to me, should be satisfied to allow the electors, to whom the final appeal on all issues must go, to decide this question. After they have rendered a decision no one will have any kick coming. I cannot see what objection the aldermen should have to a referendum."

It will be recalled that the aldermen were evenly divided on the daylight saving question this year when the issue was before them, and great confusion resulted from their conflicting decisions. It is thought, therefore, that they would be glad to escape another such ordeal by putting the issue squarely up to the electors.

A referendum like that proposed would not involve a great deal of expense as it could be handled by the same machinery which will make all arrangements for the civic election.

ACCELERATING TRAFFIC

To cope with the heavy rush of traffic at certain hours the B. C. Electric Railway Company commencing next Wednesday will add a number of cars to their schedule on the Nos. 7 and 6 lines. One change that will be operative is that of the Hillside cars, which will come straight down Douglas Street and run out into the Fairfield district along the Fowl Bay line to Arnold Street, giving a six-minute service there for the heavier portions of the day's traffic. The regular twelve-minute service by way of the downtown loop will not be disturbed.

MANY EXHIBITS IN KLEPTOMANIAC CASE

Peculiar Chain of Charges Investigated Before Magistrate Jay

In this connection Admiral Jellicoe cited a case where the British 25-knot vessels were unable to get away from German craft regarded as 20.5-knot vessels.

"One feature," said the report, "was the large number of torpedoes crossing our line without effect, except on the Marlborough. All were avoided by skillful handling, except that single one."

The Marlborough dodged several torpedoes before being struck.

The report said it was of extreme importance to keep from the knowledge of the enemy that the British ships were able to avoid the torpedoes by observing their track, "as it would not be beyond the ingenuity of the Germans to devise means of preventing any track being left by the torpedoes."

As to the German losses, the report stated:

"I estimate the enemy losses in vessels sunk as three battle-cruisers, two light-cruisers, one destroyer, three destroyers, and a severely damaged, two battle-cruisers and several light-cruisers and destroyers."

Answering criticisms that he should have continued the battle when he had the Germans at a disadvantage at night, Admiral Jellicoe said that once the idea of a night action between heavy ships as leading to possible disaster, owing first to the presence of other vessels, and second, the impossibility of distinguishing between our own and the enemy ships, and further that the result of a night action under any conditions, was always very largely a matter of pure chance."

Key Signal Lost.

What the naval experts writing in the afternoon newspapers describe as one of the key signals of the battle never reached Jellicoe according to the Admiralty report. This message was from the destroyer Faulknor at 1.56 o'clock on the morning of June 1, and it probably was lost through a mistake in the wireless.

Commander H. M. J. Rindell, of the Royal Navy, writing in The Evening Standard in explanation of the situation says Jellicoe had turned his fleet south in order to intercept Admiral von Scheer, the German commander, when the latter tried to return to the north coast of Denmark.

"Owing, however, to other wireless interruptions," continued Commander Rindell, "this one essential report failed to reach the shelter of his mine fields."

CONFER ON ESQUIMALT ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Porter and City Engineer F. M. Preston yesterday afternoon conferred with Premier Oliver and Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, on the proposed paving of Esquimalt Road, and urged that the Provincial authorities shoulder a substantial part of the cost involved in the scheme. Dr. King promised that he would answer the city's requests within a few days.

Mayor Porter returned from the conference with the impression that Dr. King was personally favorable to granting assistance, but that he did not wish to set a precedent here. The Minister, however, had made it clear that he would favor granting the money if it could be shown that the value of the Government's Songhees Reserve property would be increased substantially by this work, the Mayor said.



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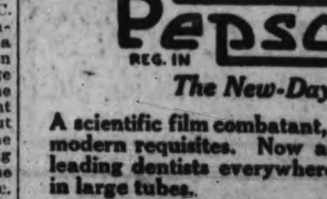
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- Hansen's Cluster Raisins and Figs—One-pound cartons, 60¢ and 75c
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- Lard Compound Per pound 22c
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- Home-Made Christmas Pudding—Per pound 75c
- California Cluster Raisins—Per pound 25c
- Mixed Nuts—New crop. Per pound 30c

HONES: 178 and 179, Fish and Provisions, 3225, Meats, 3227, 2500, 2501, Fruit Department, 2502, Delivery 4502

GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOY

Here are a few random selections from the splendid Christmas display at the Boys' Store:

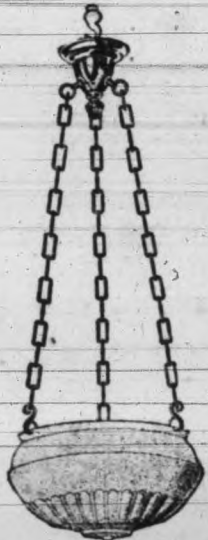
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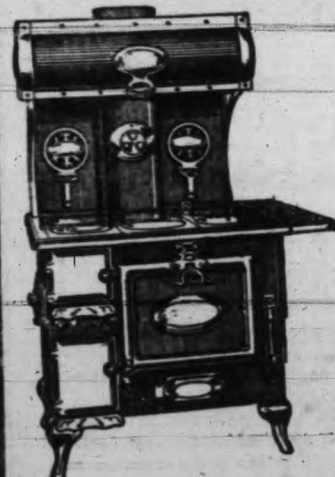
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Social Personal

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, in the Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, when Miss Christina Downes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. A. Downes, 4476 Welwyn Street, became the bride of James A. Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kirk, of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Adams, under a floral arch of white and pink chrysanthemums and ivy, in the presence of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a handsome gown of white georgette and crepe de chine with a long flowing veil of net, with touches of orange blossoms and carried a beautiful sheaf of white chrysanthemums and pink carnations. Miss Betty Campbell, as bridesmaid, wore a dainty frock of apricot tulle, with a black picture hat. She carried a shower bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. Alex. Less supported the groom. Cyril Warren played the wedding march and the members of the choir sang during the signing of the register. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The rooms were effectively arranged with pink and white chrysanthemums, similar blossoms being used as a centre for the tea table, presided over by Mrs. L. C. A. Downes. Assisting in serving were: Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Matches and Mrs. Dickson. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk left to spend their honeymoon in the Sound cities, and on returning will take up residence in Vancouver.

The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday evening, December 14, at the home of Captain and Mrs. S. F. Mackenzie, 1656 Georgia Street West, Vancouver, of their eldest daughter, Catherine Frances, to Athol S. Lloyd, of Westholme, Vancouver Island. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Adams, of Westminster Hall. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory satin heavily embroidered and wore a beautiful veil of ivory lace with coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and carnations. Mrs. Irene Mackenzie, who wore a pretty gown of maize-colored tulle and a corsage bouquet of pink roses, acted as maid of honor and wore a blue satin frock with corsage of violets. The groom was supported by his brother, Cecil Lloyd. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd will take up residence in Vancouver.

The meeting of the Five Hundred Club, which was to have taken place at the home of Mrs. L. A. Genze, Vancouver Street, this afternoon, has been postponed out of respect to the majority of the late Lieutenant-Governor.

F. S. James and family of Ponoka, Alta.; Dan Westgren and August Bartel and Mrs. Bartel, of Drake, Sask.; Miss Spencer, of Calgary, and Miss A. D. Bernard, of Edmonton, are at the Dominion Hotel.

F. C. Pickwell, of Toronto, Western representative of "Saturday Night," Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campwell, of Austin, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. King, of Calgary, and S. G. Askey, of Tacoma, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Lionel J. Peake, Mrs. A. Wardill, Miss J. McGregor, of Nanaimo; W. N. Bevan, of Alberni; M. J. Dick, of Victoria; and W. G. Fraser, of Ladysmith, are up-Island visitors staying at the Dominion Hotel.

The many friends of J. Wright Hill, Fort Missionary, will be pleased to learn that he is able to be about again after his recent illness, which confined him to the Royal Jubilee Hospital for three weeks.

Mrs. J. Carter, of Portland, Oregon, is the guest of Mrs. Carter, Most Street, for a few weeks. She will be joined on Wednesday next by Mr. Carter, who will remain here over the Christmas holidays.

Clive Church, of the Bank of Montreal staff at Alberni, has been transferred to Victoria, and has taken up his duties at the Government Street branch.

Mrs. Harry Briggs, the popular singer, will leave for Vancouver on December 27 to fulfill concert engagements on the two following days in Vancouver and New Westminster.

John Green, of Tofino; Miss J. Harp, of Departure Bay; Mrs. Nicholson, of the Sooke Harbor Hotel, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

F. M. Gannon and Mrs. Gannon, Geo. Orr and Mrs. Orr, are down from Shawigan Lake and are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

P. L. Rawson and party are at the Empress Hotel for Mr. Rawson's lectures here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jardine, of Vancouver, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

C. E. Barnes, of Walschein, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Dr. C. C. Arthur, of Nelson, has arrived at the Empress Hotel.

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CHAPTER DISPATCHES

CHRISTMAS PARCELS TO SOLDIER SETTLERS

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Each hamper contained two pairs of stockings and warm "woolies" for each child, dressed dolls and toys, and a big bag of candy for each kiddie. A pair of socks and a packet of cigarettes for "father," and a special bag of candy, a personal note and a new one dollar bill for "mother." Each girl's hamper was wrapped in white tissue paper, tied with scarlet and decorated with Christmas seals. During the past year the Chapter has sent material help to twenty-seven soldier-settlers and their families, care being taken not to overlap the work of any other organization engaged in similar efforts.

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V.A.S.C. PROVE POPULAR HOSTS AT BIG DANCE

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The hall had been specially decorated for the dance with numerous flags, which were gracefully draped against the walls, while the harp, which stands at the left side of the square, was ablaze with myriad flashing lights of different colors and hues. The V.A.S.C. intends holding another dance in the first month of the New Year.

TO-DAY'S JEWELS

Friends, riches and admiration are drawn to the person who wears the jadeite. The jadeite should be somewhat according to an ancient belief. Irresistible charm and unusual success in affairs of the heart were attributed in olden times to those who possessed it. A tallmanic gem which is but little known, and is most worn in Italy, and loses its mystic qualities if cut or polished.

Green is to-day's lucky color; its wearers are supposed to be protected against disappointment, and it is especially fortunate for women, bringing good luck to them. Lilies, symbolic of gaiety and purity, are to-day's flower; on this date they are particularly well adapted to being used for decorations for social functions attended by young people.

"EMERGENCY" BISCUITS.

To save time in preparation or when no cutter is at hand make drop biscuits. The dough should be somewhat softer than for biscuits which are to be cut, but not too soft. The mixture should be soft enough to drop from the spoon, but stiff enough not to spread on the tin. The spoonfuls should be put on the tin one-half inch apart. When baked the biscuits should have a smooth, rounded surface rather than a rough, bumpy one. If desired the top may be brushed with milk or smoothed gently with a knife dipped into water or milk.

POTATO STEW.

Wash eight or nine large potatoes in two or three waters. Drain them, put them into a saucepan with barely enough water to cover them, let simmer gently until they are half cooked. Peel them, let them lie until they are almost cold; then cut them into slices half an inch thick. Melt an ounce of fresh butter in a saucepan and mix half an ounce of flour smoothly with it.

Add gradually three-quarters of a pint of boiling stock, four small onions finely shredded a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, a little pepper and salt. Simmer the sauce gently until the onion is quite soft. Put in the sliced potatoes, let them simmer gently until done enough. Serve in a hot dish, with sauce poured over them. Time to simmer potatoes by themselves, a few minutes; in sauce, ten minutes. This is sufficient for four or five persons.

To cook kippers by toasting them on a toasting fork in front of a hot clear fire. Of course, a dish should be underneath to catch any falling grease.

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Crepe de Chine from	\$7.50
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Wool Sweaters

Pull-Over Sweaters, in dainty designs; shades are purple, rose, Adriatic, Copenhagen and maize. Regular \$6.95 values, now **\$3.50**

Coat Sweaters, with prettily worked lapel fronts and frilled below waist line. Shades are melon, mauve and Adriatic. Regular \$11.50 to \$15.00, now **\$7.50**

Silk Jersey Underskirts

Superior Quality, Well-Finished Underskirts, trimmed with deep accordion-pleated ruffles of self material or taffeta; shades include paddy green, rose, purple, taupe, wine, Copenhagen, sand, gold, navy, black and nigger brown. Regular at \$12.50 to \$15.75, now **\$9.75**

Winter Coats

A group of Winter Coats in the most effective designs and colors are provided at remarkable reductions this week-end. Velours and tweeds predominate. Some are lined throughout with silk, others are beautifully trimmed with fur collars. Regularly priced to \$55.00, now **\$34.50 and \$29.50**

Wool Scarfs

English All-Wool Scarfs, in white, with candy stripes. Reg. at \$9.50, now **\$7.50**



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Brushed Wool Scarfs, in two-tone effects; some with collar edges, belts; rainbow or fringe ends, etc. Regular at \$7.50 to \$15.75, now **\$5.00**

Beautiful Blouses Moderately Priced

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, in a wide selection of the daintiest modes of the Winter season. Shades include flesh, white, pearl grey, sand, navy, taupe and rose. Regular to \$11.50, now **\$5.75**

Crepe de Chine Blouses, in a variety of dainty effects and colors. Regular **\$7.50**

Over-Blouses, of tricolette and taffeta, beautifully embroidered with wool or silk; popular shades include rose, jade, sand, navy, black, nigger brown and Copenhagen. Prices, each, **\$12.00 and \$9.00**

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SNOW ON MALAHAT CALLS FOR CAUTION

Motorists Careful There is No Need to Fear Trouble

The Malahat Drive is not in the very best condition at present owing to the fact that there has been a very considerable amount of rain this season, and the situation has not been helped out by the recent fall of snow on the summit.

The weather has been such that it is almost useless for the Public Works Department to keep men on the roads. The use of the scraper crews to some extent to keep the shway over the summit in fair shape and perhaps in many counties the road would be considered closed under the circumstances, but motorists on Vancouver Island have come so accustomed to the very best of highways that a certain amount of complaint has been heard

regarding the present road conditions. Throughout the Island, however, if careful driving is exercised, there is not trouble in making good time along any of the highways. It is only in places that there are patches of snow on the summit and as for the rest of the Island Highway there are spots here and there where it is rather rocky but taking the road situation generally it is not too bad considering the season of the year.

SAY SECRET ENEMIES WOULD CLOSE YARDS

Veterans Hear Cholberg Ships Are Costing Above Contract Price

Charges were made last night by the Veterans of France that "secret enemies" are seeking to bring about the downfall of the Cholberg Shipyard. It was explained that the contract

for the fourth ship may be cancelled as the three now under construction are alleged to be costing more than the contract price. Veterans declared that in spite of any such considerations, work at the yards should be continued because there are so many veterans out of work to-day, and the Cholberg Yard is the only institution pledged to employ veterans in large numbers.

It was decided to see Hon. S. P. Tolmie about this as soon as he arrives in Victoria, and see if some of the other ex-service organizations cannot be induced to take it up also. A resolution was passed asserting that: "The closing of this yard or the curtailing of its programme would result in a large number of returned soldiers being thrown out of work at the very worst season of the year. It has been established that efforts are being made by certain parties to have the building of the fourth ship cancelled. This association wishes to go on record as ready to do its utmost to combat any such propaganda and to take any steps which may be necessary should developments call for speedy action."

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Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs with Irish crochet corner; one in a box—**65¢**.

Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs with colored embroidered corners and edge; two and three in a box—**75¢**.

White Lawn Handkerchiefs with scalloped edge and embroidered corners. Box of three—**\$2.75**.

White Linen Handkerchiefs, point Venice lace edge. Box of one—**\$3.50**.

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with white embroidered corners; one and two in a box—**50¢**.

CHILDREN'S

Children's Colored Picture Handkerchiefs, two and three in a box—**25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 75¢** a box. Box of six **\$1.80**.

The movable mannequin Handkerchief Folder in twelve different styles; these contain one handkerchief—**25¢** each.

Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs with colored initial. Box of two—**50¢**.

Leather Bags and Strap Purses for Christmas

Leather Bags in kodak style, are in plain black and colors, also black patent leather—**\$4.50 to \$18.50** each.

Grey and Tan Suede Bags, **\$10.00 to \$17.50** each.

Strap Purses with strap at back come in colors of black, grey, brown, green, navy and tan—**\$2.50 to \$13.50** each.

Top Strap Purses in black patent leather—**\$3.50 to \$29.50** each.

Canteen Bags in black patent leather and colors—**\$8.50 to \$12.50**.

Give Dainty Camisoles

This Christmas

Wash Satin Camisole with open front can be had in white or flesh with top of filet lace and double ribbon shoulder straps; is trimmed with embroidery and fine tucks—**\$3.50**.

Satin Camisole can be had in flesh or white, is trimmed with Valenciennes lace and rosebuds; has front of tucked Georgette—**\$3.95**.

Navy Satin Camisole, top of Georgette threaded with wide red ribbon also red ribbon shoulder straps—**\$3.95**.

Flesh Crepe de Chine Camisole with top of tucked Georgette filet lace and wide ribbon with pretty rosette—**\$5.50**.

A Wonderful Assortment

of Boudoir Caps

Boudoir Caps in printed muslin, edged with white organdie, ribbon rosette—**\$1.00**.

Cap of shadow lace, edged with two-tone narrow ribbon and bow of same—**\$1.25**.

Filet Lace Boudoir Cap with full top of wash satin in sky, flesh or helio, has ribbon rosette at top—**\$1.75**.

Cap of lace insertion with ruffled satin ribbon inset and rosebuds—**\$2.50**.

Cap of crepe de Chine, top trimmed with filet insertion, French knots, ribbon and large fancy bow in sky or pink—**\$3.50**.

Choose Christmas Gloves Here

Trefousse French Kid Dorothy Gloves in shades of ivory, champagne, light grey and tan—**\$3.25** a pair.

Other lines of Trefousse Gloves from **\$3.75, \$4.50 and \$5.00** a pair.

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Good Quality Tan Capeskin Gloves, sizes to 5. At **\$1.50** a pair.

Tan and Brown Capeskin Gloves with prizm seams; sizes 2 to 7—**\$1.75 and \$2.00** a pair.

Wool-Lined Capeskin Gloves; sizes 4 to 6—**\$2.75** a pair.

Children's Fine Quality Chamoisette Gloves in white, natural, grey and mastic—**\$1.00 and \$1.25**.

Children's Silkette Knitted Gloves—**75¢** a pair.

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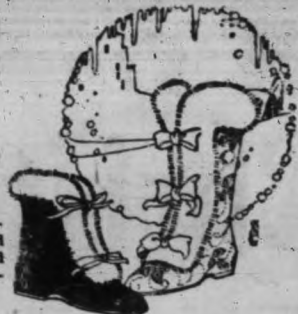
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BICYCLES Sale Now on at the Victory Cycle Works We have a number of very small children's bicycles, also a large number of ladies' and gents' bicycles; all these wheels are fully guaranteed.

Russell Ferguson Committed—Russell Ferguson, charged in the city police court on remand with having committed a criminal assault on a small girl, was this morning committed for trial to a higher court by Magistrate Jay.

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BRIEF LOCALS

Parked Car Wrongly—In the city police court this morning, F. MacKereth admitted having parked his automobile opposite a theatre exit, and was fined \$1. Vacation Chamber Day—It was announced at the Supreme Court Registry this morning that Supreme Court Chamber Day during the Christmas vacation will be Wednesday, December 23. Judgment Reserved—Judge Lampman reserved judgment this morning in the County Court action of Mitchell Motor Co. versus Dunn, in which damages in the sum of \$500 are claimed arising out of a collision on Shelbourne Road last August between plaintiff's motor car and defendant's tractor.

Cemetery Inspection—The Saanich Council yesterday accepted an invitation from Mayor R. J. Porter to accompany the Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt Councils to view the site of the proposed new cemetery this afternoon.

Obed Avenue Lights—Over a hundred signatures were attached to a petition from Obed Avenue residents for five street lights, which was yesterday afternoon laid before the Saanich Works Committee. The request was laid over for attention by the incoming Council.

Saanich Election—When passing the formal resolutions authorizing election procedure, polling places and officials, the Saanich Council yesterday afternoon laid stress on the need of giving the posts of polling clerks and deputies to Saanich men who are out of work.

No Road Oil Now—It will be good business to get our gravel pits in good shape for laying asphalt paving next year, for it is practically a certainty there will be no road oil available, said Road Superintendent Gilling to the Saanich Works Committee yesterday, in course of a discussion on Tyndall Avenue and other Gordon Head roads.

Butter Wrapping Case—In the city police court this morning Lew, a Chinaman was charged with making a false statement in an advertisement, with intent to sell goods. The case involves the use of butter wrappers, and is being brought on the complaint of the Vancouver Island Milk Producers' Association. Magistrate Jay remanded the hearing until next Thursday.

Ministers Go To Mainland—The Hon. J. D. King, Minister of Agriculture, and the Hon. J. D. King, Minister of Public Works, went to Vancouver last night. Hon. Dr. King will return to Victoria to-morrow, but Hon. Mr. King will visit some of the Lower Mainland agricultural districts.

Got More Than Two Together—In the city police court, in Prince Rupert, complete with the exception of absentee ballots, show that the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, received more than the combined votes of any two of his opponents together. The results were: Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Liberal, 1,177; I. M. Newton, Independent Conservative, 617; J. H. Burroughs, Labor, 469; Capt. Foran, Conservative, 454.

Want Full Staff Retained—Veterans of France last night endorsed a statement urging the needs of a full staff in connection with the home branch of the Soldiers' Settlement Board. Comrade Robertson, former chairman of the Returned Soldiers' Association, and others said that good work had been accomplished by these officials in looking after cases of distress and sickness among soldiered settlers.

Using Stolen Bicycle—John R. Bates, a youth employed as a butcher's delivery lad, was this morning discharged by Magistrate Jay in the city police court, where he was charged with being in possession of a bicycle knowing it to have been stolen. Albert Winkel proved ownership by having a padlock key, and said that although the cycle was lost last July, within two weeks of being purchased, he had ever since been paying \$5 a month on it. Bates was able to prove that the machine was believed by him to be his brother's property.

Burnside Parent Teachers—A meeting of the Burnside Parent Teachers' Association was held at the Burnside School on Wednesday. There was a good attendance of parents and teachers. An election of officers was held at which the following were elected: President, F. Seever; vice-president, W. Wilson; second vice-president, Miss J. Polson; secretary, Mrs. W. B. Christopher, J. executive committee, F.

Reduce the High Cost of Living Do you realize that the Meridac Stores are giving you Service (day and night), Quality and Price. Another Big Value For Friday and Saturday While they last we will give a 40c Bottle of Perfume in a Fancy Box with each purchase of \$1.00 or over—Only 35c, so come early. We have a drug store in your locality. MERRYFIELD & DACK Four Stores Dispensing Druggists Free Delivery Yates Street Store Open All Night. Phone 977. Dominion Hotel Block Phone 77. James Bay, 1343. Junction 1354. Oak Bay 5887.

Beautiful Gift Boxes of "Hoe Maid" Sweets You give something that is really good when you send "Hoe Maid" Chocolates for Christmas. These hand-painted gift boxes are priced from \$1.50 Stevenson's CHOCOLATES & CONFECTIONERY 735 & 737 YATES STREET. New Branch Store Open at 922 Government Street.

THE GIFT CENTRE Store Will Be Open Saturday Evening and Every Night Next Week. Platinum and Diamond Jewelry THE newer modes of jewelry designing have taken wonderfully with buyers who appreciate the beautiful craftsmanship and interesting effects of diamonds in combination with platinum or white gold. Bar Pins Brooches La Vallieres Rings Scarf Pins Ear Studs, Etc. We are stocked with a fine assortment of these beautiful lines. No discriminating buyer will be disappointed in our stock. Mitchell & Duncan, Ltd. Central Building Cor. View and Broad Phone 675

\$75 BICYCLE FREE - \$75 Guess Number of Candles in Bottle. At COMMUNITY STORE, YATES ST. Opposite White Lunch. 25c spent on COOPER'S CANDIES entitles you to a guess. 10c package Fruit Drops or Butterworth gives school children a guess.

Burridge, Mrs. Abernethy, Miss M. Middleton, Mrs. Barber, H. Taylor, J. Allan. The next meeting has been called for Monday, January 24, at 8 p.m., to be held at the Burnside School. Run Down by Car—Albert Swift, of 3275 Seaton Road, was yesterday run down on Pembroke Street, by an automobile driven by Edward Bricker, suffering injuries to his legs. After first aid had been received at the police station the injured man was taken to his home. Want to Pass on Action—Veterans of France last night decided that anything passed on by the Soldiers' Labor Council should be referred back to each of the parent organizations for endorsement. The Veterans instructed their delegates to the Council to bring up state unemployment, health insurance and the eight-hour day law, and the payment without regard to race or color.

Social Chorus for Veterans—Army and Navy Veterans celebrated in their club-rooms last night by social choruses, with L. McLeod Gould presiding. A number of women were let in on the fun. Among those who sang and played were Miss Critchard and her little sister, Mrs. Mansfield, Comrade Oboe, Comrade Cobbett, Comrade Askey, Comrade Young, Comrade Hadley Hemstall, Comrade Clair and Comrade Critchard. Robbery in Esquimalt—Theft of a quantity of jewelry and some cash from his residence has been reported to the police by J. A. McCurdy, of 884 Esquimalt Road. During the absence of the family last night the burglars forced a door leading from the garage to the house, the goods taken being as follows: Cameo pendant, ring, pearls, sapphires and sapphire gold bar set with thirteen pearls and twelve sapphires, an engraved gold locket, gold chain, gold studs, silver bracelets and other pieces.

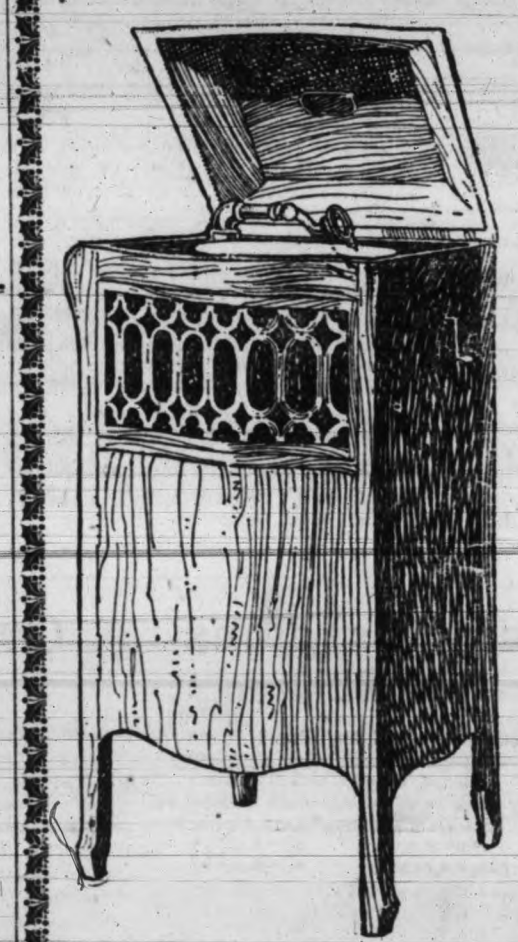
St. Columba Evangelistic Services.—The special evangelistic services being conducted in St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Oak Bay, by Rev. Thomas McConnell, M. A., of Toronto, will terminate to-night with a grand Young People's Rally at which the Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and Salvation Army Juvenile Band will take part. The services during the past two weeks have been very successful and a hearty invitation is extended to all for to-night's meeting. The evangelist is of a pleasing personality, and is an attractive and forceful speaker. Although the special services will not be held after to-night Mr. McConnell will remain in charge of the pastorate of St. Columba for several more weeks.

Turkey Shoot, Esquimalt Gun Club. Esquimalt, Dec. 15.

For Christmas—The Highest Class Talking Machine in the World—The THE INSTRUMENT OF QUALITY Sonora CLEAR AS A BELL

For the family a Sonora Phonograph is the Christmas Gift supreme. It is the one gift that will prolong the genial spirit of the season into years of enduring happiness.

These Sonora Features Will Interest You—Hear the Sonora and You Will KNOW That It Is the World's Finest Phonograph



The Sonora is designed to play ALL MAKES of disc records perfectly without extra attachments. The Sonora has a magnificent tone, which won highest score at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The Sonora has graceful designs, characteristic of the finest furniture. The Sonora has a tone modifier, which, at the sound source, regulates volume, but leaves quality unaltered. The Sonora has an all-wooden tone passage, a feature which is exclusively Sonora's. The Sonora—Invincible and Supreme—has a motor meter which tells how many more records can be played before re-winding is necessary. The Sonora's motor is internationally famous for its power, sturdiness, reliability and for its extra long running qualities. The Sonora has an effective automatic stop, a convenient envelope filing system, smart and appropriate trimmings, a perfected sound box, etc. The Sonora is the instrument invariably chosen when heard and judged-in-comparison.

SONORA PRICES Convenient terms of payment can be arranged on any of these instruments. "Caprice" price \$150 "Troubadour" price \$180 "Imperial" price \$225 "Noeturne" price \$265 "Minuet" price \$360 "Baby Grand" price \$395

FLETCHER BROS. WESTERN CANADA'S LARGEST MUSIC HOUSE 1121 Government Street and 607 View Street Exclusive Sonora Dealers in Victoria

Gaelic Society Concert—The committee of the Gaelic Society are feeling gratified at the splendid success which attended their concert last evening, when bagpipe selections were contributed by Pipe-Majors Donald Cameron, Piper McGregor, and Colin McDonald, Gaelic songs by Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Baker, Messrs. McNeill, McDermott, McCrae and Taylor; piano solos by Miss McLean, the Highland fling by Miss McIntyre, and comic songs by Mr. Blair. At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served, and the evening concluded with dancing. "Bowels of Compassion"—Councillor Pim yesterday afternoon told the Saanich Council that the British Columbia Electric Railway Co., Ltd., had repeatedly refused to install lighting service on Gnanford Avenue, although ten residences await service and were willing to pay for the extension. The matter was brought to the fore by the need of lights in the Memorial Health Centre now being constructed, and Reeve Watson drew a laugh when he said "Now is your time to move we ask the company for the service and find out whether they are a cold-blooded corporation or have bowels of compassion." The company will be asked for the extension to the Health Centre. GAVE THE GAME AWAY In the courthouse an Irishman stood charged with stealing a watch from a fellow citizen. He stoutly denied the accusation, and brought a counter charge against the accuser for assault and battery committed with a frying pan. The judge was inclined to take a common sense view of the matter, and regarding the prisoner said: "Why did you allow the prosecutor who is a much smaller man than yourself, to assault you without resistance? Had you nothing in your hand to defend yourself?" "Indeed, yer honor," said Pat. "I had his watch, but what was that against his frying pan?"—London Ideas.

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Nightgowns, of good quality silk, white and flesh color, neatly made with wide hemstitched bands. On sale at \$6.90
Dainty Gowns of Silk, the yoke and sleeves embroidered with lace and ribbons. Selling at \$6.90
Gowns, of excellent crepe de chine, hemstitched and hand-embroidered in French color designs; other styles trimmed with wide filet lace insertion. Bargains at each \$9.75
Silk Pajamas, in two-piece styles, neatly trimmed with lace and ribbon rosettes. On sale at a suit \$9.75
Camisoles of satin and crepe de chine, trimmed with hand-embroidery, brocaded ribbons and fancy rosettes. At \$3.45
Pajamas, of heavy silk, daintily trimmed with lace. At, a suit \$9.75
Dressing Sacques, of satin and crepe de chine, shown in various dainty styles, and selling at \$4.75 to \$9.75
Envelope Chemises, of best grade silk trimmed with filet lace and satin ribbon. On sale at \$3.45
Combinations, of quality satin, trimmed with hand-embroidery, lace and ribbons. At \$4.45
Combinations, of crepe de chine, hemstitched and trimmed with wide lace and insertion, in many dainty styles. Special Value at \$4.75
Camisoles of silk, trimmed with wide bands of filet lace. Great value at \$1.45
Camisoles, in satin and crepe de chine, in a large assortment of styles. On sale at each \$2.45
Gowns, of fine nainsook, embroidered and ribbon trimmed: Values to \$7.50, on sale at \$5.75 Values to \$10.75, on sale at \$7.50 Values to \$12.75, on sale at \$10.75
Combinations, hand-trimmed and hand-embroidered; splendid quality. On sale at \$5.75 and \$7.50
Corset Covers, hand-made, with short sleeves. Regular \$5.75, on sale at \$3.50
Drawers. Regular \$5.75, for \$3.75
Call and Inspect These Wonderful Values in the Whitewear Dept.
—First Floor—Phone 1194

Winter Cloakings on Sale To-morrow at \$3.95 a Yard

In this large assortment of Cloakings are Velours, Silvertones, Heather Glows and checked suitings—All splendid values at \$6.75, \$7.85 and \$10.85, now on sale at a yard \$3.95
—Dress Goods, Main Floor—Phone 2253

Umbrellas in Great Variety

Ladies' Umbrellas, special at \$1.95
Ladies' Umbrellas, plain straight handle \$2.00
Same style, fitted with cords \$3.00
Same style, fitted with cords and rings \$3.50
A very large assortment to choose from, priced to \$10.00
Colored Silk Umbrellas, guaranteed, at \$15.00
Men's Umbrellas, from \$2.00 to \$10.00
—Main Floor, Douglas St. Entrance

Wool Blankets

At Bargain Prices

For Christmas Gifts

White Wool Blankets
60x80 inches; regular \$13.75, pair \$11.00
64x84 inches; regular \$16.50; pair \$13.50
68x86 inches; regular \$19.25, pair \$15.50
70x70 inches; regular \$22.00, pair \$17.50
60x80 inches; regular \$19.50, pair \$15.75
64x82 inches; regular \$22.75, pair \$18.75
68x86 inches; regular \$28.50, pair \$24.75
60x86 inches; regular \$13.50, pair \$9.75
—Just a few pairs in this last line.
Crib Blankets, Ideal Christmas Gifts for Babies.
Size 30x40, blue only. Special, each \$1.50
Size 30x40, blue and pink. Special \$2.25
Size 30x40, blue only. Special, each \$3.75
Size 36x50, blue only. Special each \$3.25
Size 32x42, white only. Special a pair \$3.95
Size 36x50, white only. Special a pair \$4.95
Size 42x56, white only. Special a pair \$5.95
Size 32x42, white only. Special a pair \$8.75
Grey Blankets
5 lbs., 50x70. Special at, a pair \$4.75
6 lbs., 54x76. Special at, a pair \$5.75
6 lbs., 56x78. Special at, a pair \$7.75
6 lbs., 56x78. Special at, a pair \$8.75
7 lbs., 56x76. Special at, a pair \$9.50
7 lbs., 60x80. Special at, a pair \$10.75
7 lbs., 60x80. Special at, a pair \$15.75
7 lbs., 64x82. Special at, a pair \$17.50
8 lbs., 68x86. Special at, a pair \$20.00
9 lbs., 68x88. Special at, a pair \$24.00
10 lbs., 70x90. Special at, a pair \$29.00
8 1/2 lbs., 60x80. Special at, a pair \$25.00
—Staple Dept., Main Floor—Phone 3252

Special Millinery Bargains In Exclusive Models—Wanted Shapes

Dress Hats, large and small, with a few tight-fitting toques. All good shapes, and only a few to clear. Prices regular \$5.00 \$15.00. On sale at \$3.50
Large Brimmed and Small Toque Shaped, trimmed with drenched ostrich, wings and flowers. Black and all wanted colors. These ready-to-wear hats are excellent shapes. Clearing at \$3.50
Children's, First Floor—Phone 6895

Silk Waists and Over-Blouses Select Christmas Gifts

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe Waists, in various styles, and in all the wanted shades, including white and black; sizes 34 to 46. Good value at \$6.90
Georgette Crepe Waists, in shades of flesh, maize, Nile, bisque, white, navy and black. Waists with long or short sleeves, in tucks, embroidery and beaded effects, and featuring round, "V" and square neck lines. Special at, each \$4.90
White Colored Waists, in semi-tailored style, with "V" and square neck lines and sailor collars, hemstitched, and good value at \$3.75
Attractively styled Waists, in georgette, crepe de chine, silk stripes.
One Over-Blouse Model, of navy georgette crepe, neatly embroidered in navy and rose silk, with round neck line, three-quarter sleeves and flare cuffs, finished with picot edging. Price \$8.90

Tunics and Over-Blouses, in georgette crepe and net, silk embroidered in self colors or contrasting shades; shown in all the popular shades. Modestly priced at \$11.90
See These Superior Values in the Waist Department
—First Floor—Phone 6895

A Great Assortment of Appropriate Gifts for Men

Pure Silk Knitted Ties, put up in individual boxes, at each \$3.00 to \$3.75
Silk Mufflers, in wide shapes, in fancy stripes, heather shades and white. At each \$3.00 to \$5.50
Men's Ties, in knitted and fancy silks, with wide ends; in neat presentation boxes for mailing. Special at no tax, \$1.50 and \$1.25
Men's Silk Pajamas, finished with frog trimmings and pearl buttons; in shades of white, mauve and natural. A splendid gift line. At, at suit \$7.75
Men's Suspenders, put up in individual boxes; most appropriate for Christmas gifts. At, a pair \$1.15 to \$2.25
Arm Bands, in fancy boxes. At, to 25¢ to \$1.00
Leather and Suede Collar Boxes, in tan, grey and black. Dainty boxes at each, \$2.50 and \$3.75
Fine Wool Sweater Coats, in fancy combination shades, made with wide shawl collars and two pockets. Special at \$14.50
Ties, in French brocade silks; good grades. Special values at, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Boys' Knitted Ties, in various plain colors. At, each 65¢
Boys' Fancy Silk Ties, in spots and brocades. At, each 75¢
Men's Umbrellas, strongly made, with excellent coverings and well designed handle grips. At \$2.50 to \$6.50
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor—Phone 2820

December Reductions in the Furniture Department

Walnut Finished Dining Room Suite, consisting of buffet with mirror, 6-foot extension table, 5 small and 1 arm chair; regular value suite complete, \$145.00. Christmas price \$115.00
Baby Carriage, in ivory enamel carriage; slightly soiled, therefore reduced from the regular price of \$85.00 to the special Christmas price of only \$50.00
Collapsible Carriage, rubber tires, full size, with top complete; for only \$17.00
Felt Mattresses, made of carded cotton felt, guaranteed not to lump; all sizes; regular price \$14.50. Christmas special price \$13.00
Brass Bed, 2-inch continuous post, bright finish; 4-foot 6-inch size; regular value \$45.00. Christmas special at \$35.00
Combination Kitchen Cabinet and Refrigerator, 1 only, in plain oak, flat finish; has all the conveniences of a first-class cabinet, with the added advantage of the cooler; regular price \$105.00. Christmas special price \$75.00
White Enamel Kitchen Cabinet, 1 only, satin finish, cupboard interior, porcelain sliding top; contains set of Colonial coffee, tea and spice jars; heavy glass sugar bin with swing bracket, large metal bread box with sliding lid and removable sliding tray; regular \$95.00. Christmas price \$75.00
—Furniture, Third Floor—Phone 4325

A Great Assortment of Hand Painted China Special Gifts For Christmas

In our showing of handpainted China we offer a choice from which all may select pretty gifts at low prices—The assortment includes—Sugars and Creams, Bon-bon Dishes, Celery Trays, Fruit Bowls, Cake Plates, Berry Sets Cups and Saucers, Tea Sets, Cruets, Tea Plates, Berry Bowls, Plaques, Spoon Trays, Nut Bowls, Comports, Rail Plates, Tobacco Jars, Salts, and Peppers and Whipped Cream Sets—
Reg. \$1.50 Values At 95¢
Reg. \$2.25 Values At \$1.49
Reg. \$2.95 Values At \$1.95
Reg. \$4.25 Values At \$2.95
—Lower Main Floor
And other reductions in the same proportion—

Moderately Priced Jewelry Gifts

Novelty Bags, in all colors. Splendid values at, up from \$4.50
The New Jazz Fan; a neat gift for a lady friend. At, up from \$8.00
Pretty Gem-Set Rings, in good assortment. At, up from \$11.00
Beads, in all colors; very fashionable. At, a string \$2.25
Bar Pins, set with brilliants. Dainty gifts at \$1.10
Men's Signet Rings, in 10-k and 14-k gold. Priced, up from \$7.00
Gold Filled Pocket Knives; a neat gift for a man or woman. Priced, up from \$2.25
Gold Filled Watch Chains; neat patterns. Priced up from \$3.00
—Jewelry Dept., Main Floor

Drug Department News

It has always been the policy of this department to keep prices as low as possible, consistent with fair business methods, and to give our customers every advantage of special buying facilities. We know that our customers have appreciated this. Our endeavor will be to continue this, combined with courtesy and quick service.

Christmas Gift Suggestions For Men and Women

Men's Shaving Sets. See our special set comprising beveled mirror on nickel plated stand with a shaving brush and cup. Complete, \$4.75.
Military Hair Brushes, with or without cases. Prices from, pair, \$1.50 to \$12.00
Ladies' Hair Brushes, in ebony, satinwood or French Ivory. All prices.
French Ivory; all the different articles in best quality, at the right prices.
Razors and Razor Straps. We have an excellent assortment to choose from—all at the old prices.
Perfumes; special Christmas packages; all odors. Up from 25¢.
Smelling Salts; a very useful gift; in neat packages. Priced at 75¢.
Manicure Sets, in rolls or boxes; also single articles. All prices.
Aluminum Hot Water Bottles; a seasonable and useful gift; will last for several years. Price, \$5.00 and \$2.75.
Incense and Incense Burners. See our selection at all prices.
—Drug Dept., Main Floor

Gift Silver, in Rogers Plate

Sugars and Creams, at \$6.90 up to \$10.50
Tea Sets, at \$21.50 to \$50.00
Sugar Bowls, at \$3.25 to \$4.50
Bread Trays, at \$5.50 to \$15.00
Sandwich Trays, at \$7.50 to \$10.90
Cake Baskets, at \$9.75 to \$19.50
Flower Baskets, at \$15.00 to \$22.00
Bon Bons, at \$3.50 to \$7.50
Butter Dishes, at \$3.25 to \$5.00
Pickle Jars, at \$3.75 to \$4.50
—Silver, Lower Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Table Silver

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Pickle Forks, at \$1.00 to \$1.25
Sugar Tongs, at \$1.00 to \$1.50
Bread Knives, at \$3.95 to \$5.00
Butter Knives, at 65¢ to \$1.25
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No. 81, iron tires, regular \$4.95, at \$2.75
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White and Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, at... **\$1.00**

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Linen and Fancy Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, at, **\$2.00** and... **\$2.50**

Single Handkerchiefs, colored embroidered corners, at, each... **15¢**

White Handkerchiefs, at, 6 for... **50¢**

Linen Handkerchiefs, at, each... **25¢**

Colored Novelty Handkerchiefs, at, each... **25¢**

Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white and colors, at, each... **35¢**

Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at, each... **50¢**

Fine White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at, each... **75¢**

—Main Floor

Flannelette Wear for Children At December Sale Reductions

White Flannelette Nightgowns, of excellent quality, made in neat styles, trimmed with embroidery or tucks; gowns with high or "V" necks; suitable for boys or girls of 2 to 16 years; values \$1.25 to \$3.25. On sale at, **\$1.10** to... **\$2.90**

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—Children's, First Floor—Phone 6396

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Shoes For Women at \$8.95

Queen Quality Ribbon Tie Shoes, in patent and brown kid, welted soles and baby Louis heels.

Smart Patent Oxfords with military or French heels.

Swagger Brogues, in brown and black calf.

Military Heel Walking Oxfords, in brown and black kid and brown calf.

Old price, \$12.80 to \$17.50, at... **\$8.95**

Women's Shoes at \$3.95

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Shoes For Women at \$6.95

Dressy Patent Colonial Pumps, brown kid and grey kid Oxfords with turn soles;

grey and brown kid Boots, with welted soles; growing girls' calfskin Boots. Old prices, \$8.00 to \$12.50. Now on sale at... **\$6.95**

Shoes For Women at \$4.95

Walking Oxfords and Pumps, with welted soles; stylish turn sole Oxfords, in patent and kid. Old prices, \$8.00 to \$11.00. On sale at... **\$4.95**

—Women's Shoes, First Floor—Phone 6396

Men's Shoes at Sale Prices

Men's Shoes at \$8.95

Strong Calfskin Boots with leather lining and double soles, in brown or black; smart brown calf Boots with narrow or medium toes; comfortable glazed kid Boots in straight last, and dependable boots in black or brown calf; made in conservative shape lasts. Old prices, \$11.00 to \$14.50. Now on sale at... **\$8.95**

Shoes For Boys at \$5.85

Goodyear Welted Boots, in brown and black; chrome Elk Boots, in smart shapes. Old price, \$8.00. On sale at... **\$5.85**

Men's Shoes at \$6.95

Reliable Boots in brown or black calf, with rubber heels and stout soles; smart brown Boots, in wide or narrow toes, and gunmetal calf Boots, in English last, with welt soles; also patent leather Dancing Pumps. Old prices, \$9.00 to \$15.00. On sale at, a pair... **\$6.95**

Men's Boots at \$12.90

High-Grade Boots, in brown and black; Winter Boots and Dress Boots, in all shades and styles. All top grades. Old price, \$15.00 to \$18.00. Now on sale at... **\$12.90**

—Men's Boots, Main Floor

Dainty and Useful Gifts for Baby

Our Infants' Department has scores of useful and dainty gifts for babies.

Bonnets of White Silk Poplin, trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. At, each... **\$1.25**

Bonnets of Knitted and Crochet Wools, in white, trimmed with pale blue and pink satin ribbons. At, each, **\$1.50** to **\$2.25**

Bonnets of Satin and Embroidered Silk, in many dainty styles, trimmed with lace and ribbon rosettes. Dainty gifts at **\$2.50**

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Babies' Short Dresses of fine lawn and all-over embroidery. Prices at **\$2.90** to **\$3.90**

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—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

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Cushions, in round shirred and fancy shapes, sateen and cretonne panels, satin borders; regular \$5.00. Saturday night special... **\$3.75**

Novelty Shopping Bags, made of good quality cretonne, strongly lined; values to \$1.65. Saturday night special at... **\$1.00**

Reversible Japanese Hearth Rugs, made of jute, but fine imitations of Chinese designs; size 30x60; regular \$7.50. Saturday night special, each... **\$5.00**

Hassocks, made of Wilton and Axminster carpet; regular to \$3.50. Saturday night special, each... **\$2.50**

—Home Furnishings, Second Floor—Phone 1248

Groceteria Daily Bulletin

9 A.M. TO 10 A.M.

Raw Peanuts, for roasting, per lb.	14¢
Lux, 2 packages for	23¢
Maple Leaf Milk, 2 for	23¢
Empress Mince-meat, quart jars	55¢
Crisco, per tin	31¢
Granulated Sugar, 4 lbs. for	54¢

ALL DAY SPECIALS

Californian Redwood Box Stuffed Figs, 2-lb. box	\$2.35	Morton's Pickled Walnuts, bottle	45¢
Californian Redwood Box Stuffed Figs With Walnuts and Raisins, 5-lb. box	\$5.65	Pearl Onion Pickles, 40c bottle for	33¢
Californian Nuggets, 5-lb. box	\$3.44	Nabob Tea, per lb.	54¢
Angelica, per ounce	20¢	Wedding Breakfast Coffee, per lb.	60¢
Crystallized Pineapple, per lb.	\$2.15	Libby's Queen Olives—	
Clark's Mince-meat, 5-lb. pail	\$1.70	25c bottles for	14¢
Del Monte Grated Pineapple, tin	38¢	40c bottles for	29¢
Blanched Almonds, per lb.	\$1.25	50c bottles for	34¢
Evaporated Peas, per lb.	27¢	Libby's Pimento Stuffed Olives, 55c bottles for	46¢
Evaporated Peaches, per lb.	27¢	Royal City Tomatoes, large tin	19¢
		White Swan Soap, per pkg.	31¢

SPECIALS AT THE HAM AND BACON COUNTER

Pure Lard, at 30¢ a lb., 3 lbs. for	85¢
Cotosuet, Special, a lb.	25¢
Pale Hams, half or whole, a lb.	38¢
Swift's Premium Hams, half or whole, a lb.	55¢
Standard Hams, half or whole, a lb.	45¢
Spencer's Prime Alberta Butter, 61¢; 3 lbs. for	\$1.80
Extra Fine Side Bacon, sliced, a lb.	50¢
Pale Bacon, lb., 40¢ sliced; in piece	35¢

FRUIT WINES, CORDIALS AND FANCY DRINKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Marsh Black Cherry Wine, \$1.00 bottle for	63¢
Randall's Grape Ale Syrup, 40c bottle for	23¢
75c bottle for	43¢
Loju Loganberry Juice, per bottle, 14¢, 34¢ and	62¢
Dalton's Ginger Cordial, a bottle	35¢
Claret Club Birch Beer, a bottle	29¢
Gold Crown English Ginger Wine, \$1.00 bottle for	65¢
Botanic Fruit Wines, grape, raspberry, strawberry, orange and black currant, 55c bottle	46¢
Raspberry Vinegar, 25c bottle	23¢
Marsh's Port, 40c bottle for	27¢
McLaughlin's Lemon Juice, 35c bottle for	29¢
McLaren's Grape Punch, 75c bottle for	53¢
40c bottle for	31¢

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Times Latest Sporting News

Lily-White Robes Must Replace Jacob's Cloak

Dr. Davidson, B. C. Representative to C. A. A. U., Reports on Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Situations

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Institution of dry cleaning processes to have amateur hockey in Canada garbed in lily white robes, instead of parading under cloaks of many colors as it has been in the past, featured the recent congress of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union at Winnipeg, according to Dr. J. G. Davidson, who represented British Columbia at the conference and who returned to the city yesterday.

Every delegate to the convention left the closing session apparently convinced that the general situation will be speedily and completely adjusted, said Dr. Davidson.

Up to Provincial Bodies. "Some of the gentlemen present, arrived with the opinion that the amateur union was in a measure responsible for the regrettable conditions arising in various Provinces, but it was clearly established that it is not the purpose of the Dominion body to either check or probe the amateur status in the various sections of Canada—that is what the provincial organizations exist for—but rather to receive, deliberate upon and render verdicts on the result of investigations and recommendations that the provincial executives present.

With the duties of the various subsidiary boards clearly defined and a programme of immediate and continued action to ascertain the standings of amateur hockey organizations from coast to coast, the "travelling player's grievances and other distasteful factors should soon be eliminated," he opined.

Lots of English Rugby. Dr. Davidson stated that from reports submitted to the meeting it was evident that much greater scale throughout Canada than is generally known on the coast.

The Maritime Provinces, he says, all play the Old Country game. Toronto has a league and eight or ten teams; Quebec always has played the game, and British Columbia, of course, is also in line.

It was suggested that the rugby interests are of sufficient scope to warrant them getting together and drawing specific and mutually agreeable rules for the promotion of that particular branch of sport, consequently the application to make a special ruling in respect to professionals is also in line.

To play English Rugby was laid over until a general petition is presented. In the meantime the C.A.A.U. contends that it can not make any special ruling for the rugger.

Soccer Men Alright. There is also a sign of the D.F.A. and C.A.A.U. burying the hatchet, according to the B. C. delegate, but just how soon this may be expected is problematical. Meanwhile, local soccer players will be allowed to become members of both organizations without any objection from either organization.

THE NINETEENTH HOLE "You seldom see such beautiful golf as the men play," remarked Smith. "His drives were cracking, his approaches superb and he never missed a put."

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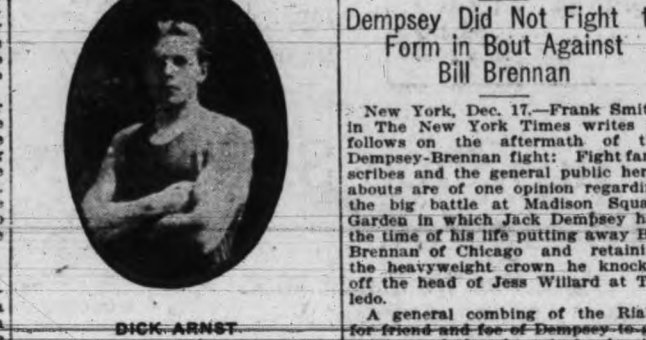
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Can One Read This Without A Shiver? Xmas Day Swim

Arrangements for the "Christmas Day" swim at the Gorge are being completed by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club officials. Already seven entries have been received and more are expected before the date of the race.

CLAIMS WORLD'S SCULLING TITLE

DICK ARNST



London, Dec. 17.—A cable from Sydney, N.S.W., stated that George Arnst lays claim to the world's sculling championship on the ground that his challenge of Barry, who recently beat Felton, has not been accepted. The challenge was made to the winner before the Barry-Felton match, and the validity of such a challenge is question, although Arnst has local support for his claim.

TWO RUGBY MATCHES ON CARD TO-MORROW

Old Boys Will Meet Bays and Cardinals Will Fight Against Wanderers

Following several weeks of active preparations for and the playing of McKechnie Cup games the Victoria Rugby Union will resume its regular schedule to-morrow at Oak Bay with a double-header. The Old Boys will meet the Bays for the first time this season and the Cardinals will have their second tussle with the Wanderers.

Both games are expected to prove exceptionally keen and interesting. All teams will be at top strength and some of the clubs will have new material available.

Cowan Is Back. Charlie Cowan is returning to the game and will appear at three-quarters with the Cardinals. He was captain of the team last year. Webster, a High School lad, will play three-quarter for the Cards and Goodacre is to be shoved up to five-eighths to try out at that position.

The Old Boys intend to try Jack Matson at five-eighths. In the past he has always been played at wing three-quarters.

The Teams. The Old Boys will pick their team from the following: Macdonald, Ker, Hanbury, Holmes, Robertson, Chaloner, J. Matson, Tolmie, T. Matson, Helgeson, Chadwick, Holmes, Milligan, Appleton, Wheatley, Young, Harvey, Barton and others.

The Cardinals will line up as follows: Full back, Steele; three-quarters, Webster, Cowan, Huxtable, Bamon; half-backs, Smith, Lumsden; five-eighths, Goodacre; forwards, Bond, J. McTear, G. McTear, Tolmie, Herman, Blythe, Reserves, Honeychurch, Gravin, McPhillips.

Victoria's New Soccer League Opens To-morrow

VANCOUVER HOCKEY SQUAD IS PRIMED FOR OPENING GAME

Millionaires Held Fast Work Out Yesterday; Are Planning New Plays

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—With the arrival of Alf Skinner yesterday, the Vancouver hockey squad is complete and with one or two more practices will be ready for the opening match next Monday night when the Seattle Metts, Pacific Coast champions, make their first appearance of the season. Jack Adams and "Eagle Eye" Hughie Lehman arrived on Wednesday night. All three players donned uniforms yesterday for their first practice.

Lehman, who spent the Summer at Windsor, Ont., will start his tenth season in the Pacific Coast League. He was a member of the first champion team, the old New Westminster squad, which he came to Vancouver the following season and has remained here since, being rated as one of the best goalkeepers in the sport.

Skinner and Adams will start their second season in the West. "Skull practice" was indulged in yesterday following a workout on the ice. The Millionaires, admittedly the weakest team in the Coast League for years in so far as combination is concerned, are making an effort to effect a combination this season, and it was for the purpose of working out plays that Manager Lloyd Cook gathered the puckchasers together.

The line-up for Monday's match will not be selected until after Saturday's practice. It is said, however, that the new player, the twenty-year-old player from Nelson, known in those parts as the "Cyclone of the Kootenays," will play centre in the opening match, with Mackay at rover and Jack Adams and Skinner alternating on the right wing.

Wholesalers Playing. The Wholesalers Football League has two games scheduled for to-morrow. Considerable interest is now being taken in this league. The teams are all in good shape, and are playing a steady game. To-morrow's games will be between Kelly-Douglas and Wilsons at the Heywood Avenue grounds, Beacon Hill, and Leisers and Fitzhats at the upper grounds, Beacon Hill.

Three Junior Games. Three junior games are scheduled for to-morrow. The draw is as follows: Rocksidge Roosters vs. Saanich Rovers at Central Park; Referee, Campbell. Naval Brigade vs. Sons of England at Alhion ground; Referee, McEwan. James Bay a bye. Juvenile Foresters vs. Civil Service, Royal Athletic Park. Referee, Moran.

The Teams. Some of the teams for to-morrow's play are as follows: Sons of England—Finnegan; Greig and Davidson; Thomas, Vincent and Tupman; F. Kerley, Essler, Longstaff, Davies and Cosier. Reserves, Walters and Stewart. Foresters—L. Columbin, H. Turner, G. Laffin, C. Gwyer, J. Ferris, H. Gardier, E. Newman, Small, Bendall, Ruggles and Carmichael.

Comrades at Hetherington, Petch, Phillips, McConnell, Miller, Faichen, McMoyle, Holt, Bloom, Hillier, Harper and Brewster. Juvenile Foresters—Salloway, Taylor, Judd, J. Hansen, R. Crawford, J. Wood (Capt.), McLellan, R. Wood, Passmore, Selles, Dunn, Reserves, Peterson, R. Crawford and Smith. Forester boys are requested to be on the ground early to assist in marking out the ground, also to bring with them a note from their parents certifying their age.

WILLARD JUST WANTS TO SQUARE HIMSELF

Money No Object in Coming Bout With Dempsey; Goes Into Hard Training

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, expects to train intensively for three months in preparation for his bout to regain the title from Jack Dempsey in New York, March 17, according to a statement made here by Ray Archer, his manager.

Discussing the coming bout with Dempsey, Archer said: "Willard is not thinking about money. He wants to prove to the public that he was not himself at Toledo."

BELMONT'S WIN GAME

The Belmonts defeated the V. I. A. A. in a friendly basketball game at the Victoria West gymnasium last night by a score of 43-33. Ray Parfitt did most of the scoring for the Belmonts, while Pump netted the most baskets for the V. I. A. A.

Old Country Soccer League Standings

First Division.					Third Division.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Burrley	12	11	3	4	26	Southampton	18	10	5	5	25
Newcastle United	18	11	4	2	25	Crystal Palace	19	10	5	4	24
Bolton Wanderers	19	10	5	2	24	Watford	18	11	5	2	24
Everton	19	10	5	2	23	Millsall Athletic	19	10	6	3	23
Manchester City	18	10	5	3	23	Swindon Town	18	10	6	2	22
Middlesboro	19	9	6	4	22	Luton Town	18	8	6	4	20
Aston Villa	19	9	6	4	21	Merrthyr Town	16	7	3	6	20
Liverpool	18	8	5	5	21	Queen's Park Rangers	18	7	4	7	19
Tottenham Hotspur	19	7	5	7	21	Buxton City	19	6	6	7	19
Woolwich Arsenal	19	7	5	7	20	Northampton	19	7	8	4	19
Manchester United	18	7	5	6	20	Sarnes Town	19	6	8	5	18
West Bromwich Albion	17	6	6	6	18	Plymouth Argyle	18	4	5	9	17
Blackburn Rovers	18	6	6	6	18	Prigton and Hove A.	19	6	8	5	17
Chelsea	18	6	6	6	18	Grimsby Town	18	7	8	3	17
Sunderland	18	6	6	6	18	Newport County	18	7	10	1	17
Huddersfield	18	6	6	6	18	Dundee	18	7	10	1	17
Bradford City	17	5	7	5	17	Southend United	19	7	11	1	17
Sheffield Wednesday	19	5	7	7	17	Brentford	18	5	8	5	15
Oldham Athletic	18	5	7	6	16	Reading	18	5	10	1	14
Derby County	18	4	10	4	12	Portsmouth	17	4	7	6	14
Bradford	18	4	10	4	12	Gillingham	17	3	7	6	12
Second Division.					Scottish League.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.		P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bristol City	19	11	3	5	27	Rangers	20	15	3	2	32
Birmingham	18	10	5	3	23	Airdrieonians	21	11	5	6	27
South Shields	18	10	5	3	23	Partick Thistle	21	10	6	5	27
Blackpool	19	10	5	4	22	Dundee	21	10	6	5	25
West Ham	19	9	6	5	21	Hearts	22	8	6	8	24
Rotherham County	21	6	7	8	20	Morton	21	9	7	5	23
Notts County	20	6	7	7	19	Third Lanark	21	8	7	6	23
Clapton Orient	19	6	6	7	19	Aberdeen	21	9	9	3	21
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Holds Annual Meeting; F. Bossom Elected President; Made Good Record

Members of the Victoria Racing Pigeon Club are looking forward to a very successful year. The birds all returned to their roosts, with W. Simpson capturing the premier honor. This race created a new record for distance on the Pacific Coast.

Last year a number of long distance flights were held. The birds were started on the short course from Seattle and gradually the flights were lengthened until finally the birds were released from Oakland, Cal., an air line of 150 miles. The birds all returned to their roosts, with W. Simpson capturing the premier honor. This race created a new record for distance on the Pacific Coast.

Officers Elected.

The officers of the club for the ensuing year will be as follows: Hon. president, Hon. John Hart; hon. vice-presidents, W. Peden and W. Miller; Higgs, president, F. Bossom; vice-president, T. Crossman; secretary-treasurer, W. Bryan; clock committee, T. Crossman, D. Dougan, W. Simpson and J. W. Bland. The race committee consists of the whole club.

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W. B. Staff, of Yarmouth, has completed fifty years service as a member of the choir of St. Peter's Church.

Phinias Keats, a Birmingham chemist, was committed for trial at Birmingham on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

National Capine Defence League has awarded a medal to a dog which saved its master at Oswestry from an attack by a mad bull.

Sir Robert Wallace stated at the London Sessions that more than 96 per cent of those to whom leniency had been shown had made good.

Several workshops and valuable plants were destroyed by fire at the

ized course of study in public welfare at King's College for Women.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was present at a luncheon given by the Imperial Industries Club to James Kell, Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Two Stoke Newington residents have bought the monument to Gray, the poet, near the Church of the "Elegy," and some acres of the adjacent land, in order to preserve for all time the scene of the famous poem.—From The Christian-World.

The Leith Cleansing Department has purchased motor sweepers for cleaning the streets.

The Workers' Educational Association classes have been resumed in the University of Edinburgh.

Ex-Inspector Henry Kackson, Alderley-Burgh Police, has died at his residence, Dunlawson, Airdrie.

The Ayr County Council is urging the payment of the travelling expenses of the members of the council.

Aberdeen Town Council has passed a resolution urging the Government to increase the naval and military pensions.

The Scottish Board of Health has disapproved of the Glasgow Corporation's housing scheme at Coplawhill and Gilshobhill.

The stocks of foodstuffs held in

Scotland by the Royal Commission are: 81,066 tons of wheat and 12,898 tons of flour.

The drawings of the Glasgow Corporation tramways for a recent week were £48,615, constituting a record.

The Calendar of Edinburgh University just issued is replete with information for those engaged in University work.

Sir Donald MacAllister, K.C.B., M. D., LL.D., has been admitted to an honorary fellowship in the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

Lady Campbell, of Succoth, presided at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Ladies' Auxiliary of the National Bible Society of Scotland.

Thomas Pennycook, an Edinburgh post office employee, was sent to prison for nine months for stealing postal orders.

R. R. Miller presided at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Highland Reel and Strathspey Society, held recently in Edinburgh.

Five Lascar seamen were arrested for creating a disturbance on the steamer Hendada at Leith docks.

The sum of £284 was realized by a sale of work on behalf of the Redington Women's Club.

Police Magistrate Swift, Dublin, has ruled that a conductor has no

right to remove a passenger for non-payment of fare on a tramcar.

The Sinn Fein hall at Finagan, North Derry, was destroyed by fire recently.

The Portadown Town Council has appointed A. Y. Richardson, an ex-soldier as assistant clerk.

Eighty tons of hay, the property of Michael Hanley, Rathnord, near Limerick, were destroyed by fire.

At Ballina Quarter Sessions Judge Doyle awarded the widow of the late Sergeant Armstrong, R.I.C., £4,500.

Three barns full of hay belonging to three Kanturk farmers were maliciously destroyed by fire, involving a loss of £1,000.

The Londonderry Recorder's Court awarded Mrs. Moroney £2,400 in respect of the death of her husband, Sergeant Moroney.

Three Dublin boys were sent for trial on a charge of breaking into the White Heather Laundry, Dublin, and stealing clothes.

The death has occurred at Roebuck Grove, Dublin, of Sir Ralph Sillery Benson, for some time judge of the High Court at Madras.

Joseph O'Connor, Gloucester st., Dublin, was arrested on a charge of stealing £40 from Michael Pendergast, a cattle dealer.

At a meeting of the Dublin shop-

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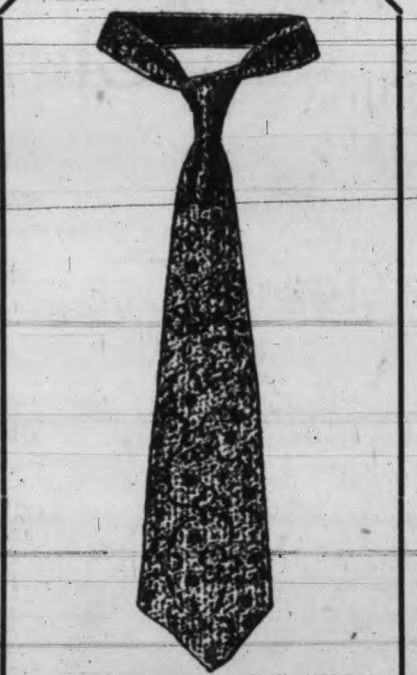
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keepers it was decided to fix a general price of 2 shillings and sixpence per pound for butter.

Lady Massey was awarded £28,500 at the Limerick Quarter Sessions for the destruction of her residence, the Hermitage, Castleconnell.

The Roscommon Petty Sessions as a mark of respect to the three policemen who lost their lives in the Four-Mile ambush adjourned.

Edward O'Brien, a chauffeur, of Dublin, was instantly killed when his motorcycle collided with a trolley between Naas and Newbridge.

Armed and masked men entered the houses of three Galway citizens and from each took one of the daughters and cut off her hair.

The decomposed body of John Connolly, of Boyle street, Bandon, was found buried a few inches under the surface in Castle Bernard Park.

William Delaney, connected with the University Press, Dublin, for the last 40 years, was presented with a suitable memento on his retiring.

James Connolly, of Glasnevin, who forced his way into a Capuchin church to preach a sermon, has been removed to Richmond asylum.

A party of armed civilians held up the watch, boarded the steamer Carigan Head, and made a search of the cabins, in the port of Dublin.

Joseph H. Bailey, a recruit, became suddenly insane and tried to bayonet the sergeant of the guard at the R. I. C. barracks, Phoenix Park.

The remains of the late Lieut.-Col. A. P. White, D.S.O., killed during the raid in Drumcondra, were buried with military honors at Kingston-on-Thames.

On severing his connection with the firm of Hayes, Conyngham and Robenson, Dublin, Robert Boal was presented with a wallet of notes by the staff.

LITTLE HEADWAY AT CONFERENCE
Practically Deadlock Regarding Natural Resources

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The firm attitude which the Western Provinces have assumed on the question of natural resources is illustrated by a statement given out by Premier Martin, of Saskatchewan, in an interview here after the conclusion of the conference with the Government.

"The position taken by the Eastern Provinces," said he, "is unreasonable, unfair and without any constitutional grounds. The matter is one which should be settled between the Dominion and the Western Provinces exclusively."

Possibly this inflexible attitude may account for the fact that to-day's conference practically left the matter just where it was before the conference began. The matter is not expected to be settled before the end of the year.

While the conference was not entirely abortive in that both sides expressed their views and made a statement clearer, the case has not yet even reached a basis for settlement. In the meantime the Western delegates say the fight will be kept up though not an political lines.

What Provinces Ask.
The situation was somewhat complicated by the fact that provincial interests in the claims, minerals and waterpowers, and for an annual allowance for such of the resources as have already been alienated for the general advantage of Canada. They propose that an accounting take place to determine what this amounts to.

The Government's suggestion is understood to have been that the Provinces should abate a portion of their demands for subsidy in lieu of lands granted under the autonomy arrangement. The attitude of Ottawa is that unless the Provinces are prepared to make some such concessions there will be little chance of any settlement satisfactory to all concerned.

Easter's Attitude.
It is understood that while the Eastern Provinces do not oppose a return of the lands to the Western Provinces, they insist on an extra subsidy in lieu of their interests in the same—an interest which the West entirely repudiates—claiming that what was secured from the Hudson's Bay Company was the relinquishment of their charter rights. The attitude of the Federal Government is that it cannot increase the subsidies, and that an accounting must be taken. It is suggested by the West that if it is impossible, owing to the trouble in determining which resources had been alienated for the Provinces and which for the general advantage of Canada. For example, expenditure for immigration and sale of public lands for homesteads are closely affiliated and hard to distinguish between.

The present position appears to be that any offer from the Federal Government will be contingent upon the West moderating its demands.

The case of the Eastern Provinces is next to be heard but no data for the hearing has yet been set.

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TIME REVERSIBLE?
DEAN INGE ASKS
New Puzzle Set Members of Aristotelian Society

London, Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the Aristotelian Society the Very Rev. W. R. Inge, the new president, set a puzzle for the philosophers. He said that it was possible to compare the sequence of events of time with a cinematograph film. This was presented to us moving in the direction which we regard as normal. But it was possible to throw it on the screen over.

"We might then see, for example, a public swimming bath with unruffled surface, broken by a splash, followed by the emergence of a pair of feet, next a human body describing a graceful upward curve, till a bather with upturned arms stood on the margin of the pool in the attitude of one preparing to dive," the Dean said. "It was already clear that any particular event in the time series might be past for one observer, while it was still future for another observer. But our perceptible was always of the past. One person heard a church clock two seconds after it was heard by a listener standing closer to the place where it had been striking. But it had struck before either heard it. Was there, however, any objection to thinking that what we call the past and future were simply the order in which events happened to appear to us? We happened to be moving away from 1900 and towards 1920; just as the earth happened to revolve in one direction and not in the other. But could 1900 and 1920 not both be equally real, each holding its fixed position in an unchangeable series.

"Were that so, the direction of the stream of time would have a meaning only for us, and might have the opposite meaning for other consciousnesses, and no meaning for an absolute consciousness. The interest of the speculation extended from time to cause and effect. A common conception of causation involved the idea of a transaction between two things of which the one was active and the other passive. But the interpretation of cause was being replaced in science by the idea that 'cause' and 'effect' indicated nothing more than different positions in the time sequence. When we spoke of the past determining the future, we might also speak of the future justifying, explaining, or even determining the past. Past and future, cause and effect, might, indeed, be more aspects of a timeless reality."

SCIENTISTS FIND PARALYSIS CAUSE
Bottle Fly to Blame; Cure Now Expected Soon

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—The much sought cure for infantile paralysis is announced to be within the grasp of the Minnesota University Farm School experts and medical scientists of the twin cities. This announcement was made in connection with the statement that infantile paralysis is traceable to the larvae of the greenbottle fly.

This theory, which promises to make it possible for medical authorities not only to prevent the spread of the paralysis epidemic in children but also to provide a cure, has been studied by a group of farm school experts.

The subject has been under consideration at the Minnesota Experiment Station, in co-operation with certain medical authorities. It became known to-day, as a result of the discovery that the larvae of this species of fly is responsible for hog paralysis and limberneck in poultry.

Studies Being Conducted.
Studies are being made by R. Adam Dutcher and Stanley D. Wilkins of the station in co-operation with D. C. Beaver and W. A. Billings of the veterinary division of the college, and A. L. Smith of the country division.

These experts were considerably enlightened as to the causes and method of control of animal paralysis, in certain discoveries made in an attempt to trace the causes of limberneck in poultry. In experiments a cockerel was fed on the larvae of greenbottle flies which had fed on the head of a hog which had died of paralysis. The result was that limberneck immediately developed. Next paralysis was produced in guinea pigs by feeding them larvae of a chick showing limberneck symptoms.

Thorough Tests Made.
The theory that infantile paralysis is spread by flies is given credence in the fact that the discovery of the connection in the case of animals was tested thoroughly by the experimenters, who were unable to produce limberneck or paralysis symptoms by feeding spoiled canned vegetables, spoiled meats and larvae of other flies.

The revelations coming from the experiments have caused university officials to send out bulletins to farmers in Minnesota to protect their livestock and poultry and possibly

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Land of the Holy Places Viewed In Twentieth Century After Crusade

Palestine, to Which All Eyes Turn at Festival of Nativity, Is Microcosm of Diverse Races.

Recently The Times told briefly in picture and story the Tenth Crusade. As a natural sequel, and at the Christmas season, when the thoughts of Christians turn to the Holy places, now again after many centuries under The Cross, the reader will appreciate some reference to the modern Jerusalem and vicinity, from the pen of one who was in Palestine during the recent war.

Religious freedom, expansion of trade, and national development promise great things for that much tried country.

With the ejection of the Turk, and notwithstanding the fact that the country was still in the throes of warfare and occupied by large military forces, Jerusalem took on a very different aspect immediately after the entry of General Allenby on Dec. 11, 1917.

Jerusalem.
The inhabitants, natives, Jews, and all races alike, lost their constant fear of persecution and their distrust of armed forces, and began to respect the British regime. The Arab, it is true, paid his respects, it seems evident, mainly as a matter of fear that if he did not he would be summarily dealt with, and in that he was correct. Still even the Arabs had to admit that they were being treated little more like human beings than they had been under the regime of the Turk. The attitude of the natives of Palestine and Syria all through the war has been of evitable and boded not to the light of even keener observation than that of the writer. With the exception of the Heligass group in the Jordan district no preference was shown to the British or to the Turk, and the constant feeling was that if the Arab had his way none of them would be there. The Arab is a man of many divers ways, and the term "Friendly Arab" was always somewhat uncertain, as many a British officer and man have learned his cost when he had wandered too far from his main body, his appearance at that occasion being "positively his last."

A Barren Country.
The country over which the fighting took place, with the exception of the Judean and Jerusalem ranges, is flat and desolate, with sand everywhere and very little growth or other productiveness to sustain life. The natives are scattered into small villages without any definite relation to one another, and keep pretty well to those villages of their birth throughout their entire days. In peace time camel trains range the country from Damascus to Cairo, and all its tributary pathways, but are of little interest to the villages except for the few pilgrims that may be had in baahsheeh from the wealthy traveller.

The transient population of Syria and Palestine is one of the most interesting phases of the entire country, as nearly every nation of the world is represented in the bands of roving pilgrims that are making a study of the Holy Land. With the exception of the change of names from their original forms, the Bible to-day would serve as a very efficient guide book to both Palestine and Syria and if the traveller learnt the modern names of places, and their relation to the olden nomenclature, he would be able to reconstruct for himself the entire history of the characters mentioned in the Bible.

Old and New.
An instance of this can be seen any day in Egypt, where the fisherman uses round nets with weights along the skirt of the mesh. These they twine over the arms and walk into the sea, "casting their nets" where ever they see a shoal of fish. The dress of the native, too, gives a very definite impression of remaining the same as in biblical days, and present a picturesque diversity that is ever attractive to the eye of the traveller. Apart from the purely religious pilgrimages of every denomination, the main living of the country is made in fruits and tourist traffic. Small fruits, grapes, oranges, lemons, dates, pomegranates, and many other allied succulent offerings of the Near East are all grown to profusion in the seemingly desert sand.

The Holy City.
Of the city of Jerusalem itself, not much need be said. It is of course the Mecca of most Christian faiths and at the same time the seat of

much that is revered by the Mohammedan. The city shows little trace to-day of the five wars that have passed over its head, when it was taken and retaken no less than five times before the present struggle. The new city stands without the gates of the old, and is uninteresting in that it is a very bad imitation of much of the semi-modern cities that may be seen by the traveller anywhere in Lower Egypt. Modern buildings, accompanied by some filthy sanitary arrangements are the usual style of architecture, and there is nothing of interest in a modern Egyptian city.

In the older part, however, the remains of the Holy City are constantly brought to the mind of the wayfarer by the character of the population and the very atmosphere of the place. It is for the most part built under ground in huge darkened arches, where the only light of day comes from small vent holes in the top of long dismal corridors.

Street To Each Trade.
The natives have their commercial side of the city in these arched streets, which might be termed the bazaar. Here it is that the roving meat vendor segregates himself with the other merchants of his calling, and piles his trade in all its allied branches in one main street, or alleyway, as the westerner would term it. The silk merchant in a similar manner has a street to his kind, as does the carpet weaver, and the brass beater. The arrangement of the various trades in the native bazaar are very orderly and the traveller

carried on rigidly all during the war, but it may have ceased since, as the Holy Land is now open to the Jewish race, under British mandate and High Commissioner.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is perhaps the main interest for Christians, containing as it does the supposed Tomb of Our Lord. In a cavern underneath the magnificent building lies the sacred grotto, which is marked by a many pointed silver star. Over the grotto hang lamps which are kept constantly alight by church above, consisting of Greeks, Armenians, Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations.

While the Holy City was yet in the hands of the Turk, the sentries on guard of the tomb often resorted to the use of their bayonets to separate two fighting denominations who could not agree to worship at the same shrine in peace, while yesterday no less than three services would proceed

simultaneously in three different languages, with three different sets of rituals. The Armenians have one quarter of the chancel, the Greek Catholic another, while the main chancel is devoted to the monks of the city. British soldiers now guard the "church" and tomb, not as a measure to keep peace between the divergent religious but for any other reason.

Bethlehem.
Bethlehem, the Birthplace of Our Lord, lies some six and a half miles to the south of the Holy City. Here in the sacred grotto in the Church of Nativity. This likewise is the scene of great religious ritual, and the Mecca of all Christian faiths. The Mount of Olives lies just outside the

can find his way without difficulty to the merchant with whom he wishes to do business.

The Lamentation.
The walls of the old city are as they were re-built in 690 A.D., and stand to-day much as they were constructed. The city is divided off into four quarters where exist the different faiths comprising the populace. Each sect has a portion of the surrounding walls for the religious allied succulent offerings of the Near East are all grown to profusion in the seemingly desert sand.

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Sacred Tombs on Road to Nazareth



The scene of many pilgrimages from travelers on route between Nazareth and the Holy City.

old city to the northwest, while the Garden of Gethsemane is on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, and now a very beautiful little home-stead with rich orange orchards and vineyards.

Due to the efforts of the Jewish race to get together again, and led by the Zionist movement, Jerusalem in these days is rapidly becoming more and more devoted to their cause, while the number of Jews in the population of the new city is rapidly increasing. It is doubtful if the Mohammeden will ever be ousted completely from the old city, as there are a number of sacred places there for members of his creed, not least among which is the beautiful and gigantic circular Mosque of Omar. It is in the Mosque of Omar that the musician will tell you lies the indefeasible print of the Prophet, while he will for a slight monetary consideration, which he will call bakshish, also assist to show you the three original hairs that fell from the head of his beloved prophet as the latter was being carried away to the Golden Gate on the magic carpet. And so it goes, the chief interest of either the old or new Jerusalem being the tourist traffic, which is treated as a source of ever-flowing wealth and baahsheeh by the inhabitant.

New Railroad Town.
Owing to the building of roads and railroads over the desert by the British during their occupation, Jerusalem has now a railroad and road to Jaffa, its traditional seaport, and the trade of the district is flourishing as a consequence. That section of the Holy Land in and around Jerusalem is very flourishing in fruits and vineyards, and no little export trade is being built-up in this connection.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR.
The name of Pentteton's new \$140,000 school now under construction is to be "Senator Shattford School," after the late Senator L. W. Shattford, for seventeen years member for Similkameen in the provincial legislature and for two years prior to his death a member of the Senate of Canada.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
The pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner Princess Avenue and Chambers Street, has invited the members and friends of the congregation to the parsonage this evening. The evening will be spent in an informal way, discussing various questions and making plans for a bigger, better, and more active congregation. During the four months of the new pastor's labors, much progress has been made along all lines of congregational activity. Although there are some draw-backs for St. Paul's congregation, on this foundation, the pastor believes it can be built into a sturdy structure of Christian faith and practice.

BETWEEN FRIENDS
Nell—Had my future told to-day.
Belle—No doubt you were told that you would get a rich husband.
Nell—No; the fortune teller simply said that I would acquire a husband shortly.

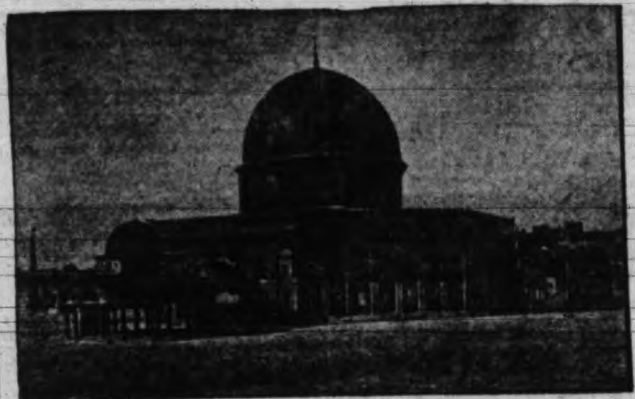
Belle—Oh, I suppose she sized you up and decided that any old thing in the shape of a man would satisfy you.—Boston Transcript.

CUT THIS OUT
OLD ENGLISH RECIPE FOR CATARRH, CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES.
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At the opening of the concert Mr. Pendray gave a short address in which he complimented the employees on their splendid spirit of co-operation. It was a good thing for employees to get together in such a manner as it brought about a better feeling of understanding and good-fellowship.

The programme given by the employees was an excellent one and included numerous and varied items.

Mr. Briggs gave some interesting demonstrations of weird magic and during the evening Arthur Jones amused the audience by cartooning some of those present. At the conclusion of the programme the hall was cleared and dancing was indulged in, the Bapco orchestra furnishing the music.

The following is the complete programme of the Bapco Glee Club: Violin solo, Bert Zala; reading, Mr. Harvey; song, Mr. Farrell; recitation, Mr. Doyle; piano solo, Miss Muriset; song, Mr. Axhorn; magic, Mr. Briggs; song, Mr. Leeming; whistling solo, Mr. Lee; pianoforte solo, Mr. Heard; recitation, "Bapco Bill," Lawrence; duet, Messrs Farrell and Tracey; "Prairie Salesmanship"—Cast: Farmer, Mr. Harvey; store-keeper, Mr. Harcourt; Bapco salesman, Mr. Kemp.

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"There is a night of anarchy and woe, but thank God the light that shone from the dock of the Mayflower will guide us, and that is the Light Eternal," stated the Rev. W. D. Spence, in the course of reading a paper on "The Men of the Mayflower" at the Tercentenary celebration in the Congregational Church last night.

Over 100 people attended the simple service, and listened with attention to address by the Hon. John Oliver, Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, Attorney-General, the Rev. W. D. Spence, Rev. R. M. Thompson, and the Rev. William Stevenson, and members of the Ministerial Association, under whose auspices the historic voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers was commemorated.

Premier Oliver.
"On September 6 over 300 years ago the little band, driven by persecution from their native land, left the shores of England for the New World, there to build up for themselves a life free from religious differences," stated Premier Oliver. "Although only 100 all told, the Pilgrim Fathers have had a very far-reaching influence on the lives of all of us here in the New World."

"They had been tormented by Bishops and Kings for years, and decided to make a new order of life for themselves in this New World," continued the Premier. "Do not men today suffer for their religious beliefs?"

"They left in the Fall of the year, in a little ship of 180 tons burden, and that at a time when the equinox was

due. They were confined to that little vessel for three and a half months, and had to carry enough food to sustain them on the way, and until they could make their new land produce what they required to sustain life."

"The Pilgrim Fathers and their families must have had some great common bond that bound them to one accord for that long trial, and they displayed traits of self-denial and endurance that have never been surpassed by anyone in after years. It is that common bond, that community spirit that we need to-day, to reduce to a minimum the suffering of humanity of our time," concluded the Premier.

The Attorney-General.
Hon. Mr. Farris spoke next, dealing more particularly with the England of the days of the Pilgrim Fathers. "We are here to-night to commemorate an event that took place primarily 300 years ago—I say primarily—as the march Westward of man has continued throughout the ages."

"One hundred souls came out on the Mayflower, over fifty of those died the first Winter in the new settlement at Cape Cod." "In the United States to-day there are over 100,000,000, but the influence of the Pilgrim Fathers has been deeply moulded into the lives of them all."

"There are thoughts that I would leave with you to-night, the first that the Pilgrim Fathers, although but a little band exerted a powerful influence over the whole of the North

American Continent, we here in the Dominion have been as deeply moulded by this event, and that it was not only the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers that counted, it was their sailing."

"Even if they had never landed—the event would have been as marked in history—as it showed a definite attempt to escape their oppressed conditions and start afresh for themselves."

Rev. W. D. Spence.
Rev. W. D. Spence, apologizing for reading his address, which was in the form of a written paper, then delivered a complete account of the Voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers, and the reasons that led up to their unexcelled courage. He rehearsed the conditions in England in the time of Henry VIII, Mary Elizabeth, James I. and Charles I, and told of the influence each reign had had on the Puritan movement. The Pilgrim Fathers, he stated, were only a branch of the large growth, the Puritans, they being the Separatists, a little band who escaped to Holland and lived there until deciding to sail for the New World. The oppression of the Puritans, and the various phases through which their tenets passed were carefully treated in an address that held the complete interest of the large congregation.

"Let me point out further that the Pilgrims had come to stay, in their new home, not to plunder it for their riches and then leave, but to stay and there build up their homes in the wilderness stated Mr. Spence. "No

outcasts since the time of Moses and of the twelve apostles had such an infinite influence on the lives of their fellow men."

"If there is one lesson that the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers teaches us, it is 'Believe in God and Do His Works'—there is a night of anarchy and woe ahead, but through it all the light that shined from the deck of the Mayflower will guide us—and that is the Light Eternal," concluded the speaker.

During the course of a short divine service the choir of the Congregational Church rendered a number of anthems that were fully appreciated.

HISTORY OF BIG FUR COMPANY IS FULLY DESCRIBED

A most illuminating history of the Hudson's Bay Company was embodied in a lecture delivered at a meeting of the Provincial Arts and Industrial Institute last night by C. H. French, local manager of the Company.

Mr. French traced the remarkable development of the Company from the day when its original character, giving it extraordinary rights over an enormous territory, was signed by Charles II. He pointed out that the "Gentlemen adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay," as the charter described the Company had early proved their integrity by respecting their responsibilities instead of abusing their sweeping powers, and declared that the early history of the Company was largely the history of Canada. Mr. French also outlined the expansion of the Company westward, described in detail the various forts established and gave his audience a good idea of the life of the Company's employees.

The chair at the meeting was occupied by John Forsyth, Provincial Librarian. J. R. Anderson, one of the oldest residents of Victoria moving a vote of thanks to the speaker of the evening recalled many incidents of early life here when the town was really a Hudson's Bay Company fort.

In Minnesota last year a little Swede presented himself to the schoolmaster for instruction. "What is your name?" the teacher asked. "Jonny Olsen," he said. "How old are you?" "Ay not know how old Ay have." "Well, when were you born?" continued the teacher. "Ay have not born at all; Ay got stepmutter. —Everybody's."

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The Autobiography of a Mere Author

BY **ARTHUR STRINGER**

(Author of "The Prairie Wife," "The Prairie Mother")

I was born, some forty odd years ago, in what has not inappropriately been termed the Banana Belt of Canada. I refer, of course, to that blossomy and opulent garden of Ontario lying between the reed-grown shores of Lake St. Clair and the waves of old Erie and known as the County of Kent. Now Kent, whatever it may be rich in, has at least been rich in inksters, for out of it came Archibald Lammpan and Robert Barr and Edwin Sandys and Jean Blewett and Victor Lauriston and Grace Donjon, and so many others given to the craft of writing that the Kenilians,



ARTHUR STRINGER

grow my own Rocky Fords and Elberta Peaches. I went back to it, long before the Eighteenth Amendment was even thought of, to watch my native wines mellow in their cellars. I kept to wonder, after keeping Jersey cows, how milkmen could ever afford to sell milk at twenty cents a quart, and to cheat the cold storage trust by raising my own broilers and fumbo squabs.

But, to return to my subject, the place which I chose to honor with my birth was the sleepy old river-town of Chatham, irreverently known, in those days as Cook's Town, because, having stood in ante-bellum slave days as the northern end of the "underground railway," the sons of Ham constituted at least one-third of its population. Our family name, in fact, was an ex-slave from the Virginia, who, during the Fenian Raids lay hidden in the snow by night with a sheet over her while (as she meticulously recounted to me) men and women and children were being murdered in cold blood all around her. Our coachman and general utility man was the son of a slave, a truly wonderful dusky Houdini who could skin a rabbit with three quick movements of the hand and defeat the well-plumaged fowl of the barnyard, with apparently a miraculous pass or two of his bony fingers. He is no longer in service, however, as he now has four sons who are Pullman porters, a fifth travelling with a circus, and a sixth in San Quentin Penitentiary.

So, to revert once more, I was born in Chatham, on the River Thames. My advent, apparently, did not set either the town or the Thames on fire. I seem to have dropped into the town without a splash, though at the age of four I fell into the river, with a loud one. My memory of this is dim, and not altogether glorious, for I was given castor oil and put to bed between blankets. That river, however, did not get the best of me, for at the age of eight I triumphantly swam across it, but, on the return trip losing my wind, through remonstrating with a town constable who was carrying off my clothes, I was for the second time almost committed to a watery grave. That old River Thames, indeed, was a great factor in my life-history. In it, at the age of six, I caught my first fish, a gigantic sun-fish which was, I suppose, about four inches long. And it's always a stupendous adventure, that first fish. There may be a thrill in the first kiss of love, in the first taste of fame, in the first glimpse of the sea, or in one's first drive through Paris in the early Spring. But these latter thrills are as nothing compared to your first tugging and flapping to your first tugging and flapping with a bent pin in your bowel. They are echoes, imitation and nothing more.

It was on the pellucid waters of this drowsy and sun-steeped river, too, that I first engaged in piracy, mastered artillery by firing off a cannon made of gas-pipe and two wheels of an abandoned hand-car, raided peaceful orchards and melon patches, and acquired that spirit of careless courage which has permitted me to face editors and income-tax collectors without so much as a skip of the pulse. It was this alluringly slightly malarial waterway, which stimulated my inventive faculties, awakened my spirit of inventiveness, and caused me to be the originator and author of what was known to my clan as "The Stringer Wriggle."

But I'm leaving out important events as I go along. On Tecumseh Park, which lies in the angle between the Thames River and McGregor's Creek—the base on which we retired with our pirate-craft when too closely pressed by the enemy—I also won renown, for there doubtless trying to emulate the Chieftain whose name alone must have been an inspiration, I out-Tecumseh'd Tecumseh by

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attempting, and almost succeeding, to scalp my quondam chum and playmate, Benny Baxter. There was an exchange of compliments. I remember, between Benny's parents and mine, and I gravely considered running away to sea to escape threatened incarceration in the county jail. But it was during the enforced sojourn in a neighboring hay-mow, to escape Benny's big brother, that my literary activities first got under way. I solemnly started many romances, but most of my manuscripts, as I remember it, were later used in the manufacture of box-kites. I'd already learned, however, the permanence of the written word, for during the erection of the new pickle factory I had unobserved by the workmen inscribed in their fresh concrete-work my own name and that of the young lady of my momentary favor, side by side and duly enclosed in a heart.

The lady-in-question took umbrage at this public advertisement of a relationship so essentially personal. A coldness grew up between us; we no longer shared the same raspberry all-day sucker, and year after year those united names, so touchingly bracketed within their enfolding heart, served to bring home to me the solemnity of ever committing to enduring form the acknowledgment of an emotion which cannot identify itself as permanent. The resultant blight, I remember, turned me to poetry. The spelling was more or less phonetic, imagistic, but producing the impression desired, as it were, and the sentences were written mostly in blank verse, for the simple reason that rhymes, in those days, were a good deal of bother to me. Of my longest poem, which seemed a very beautiful one to me at the time, only one line remains. It is, as I remember it, from the passage where Hector and Achilles are eating muskmelons and green corn together after an artillery duel somewhere in the vaguely denominated suburbs of Troy and the former rather inebriatedly informs the latter that he intends to make him, in the words of the poem.

—op-scotch out of Troy, as tame as a tooth.

The homely directness, the artful alliteration, the acute knowledge of animal life, all condensed in this one line have apparently made it imperishable to me. The masterpiece itself, alas, is now as completely vanished as are the creations of Sappho and Eratosthenes. But I can dimly recall how, in an elderly Church of England clergyman—and while I cannot be sure, I have always fancied it to be that delightful and gracious old gentleman, Archdeacon Sandys, known in those days as the Racing Parson—who solemnly congratulated me on at least being neither slavishly classical nor pelantically historical.

"That my revered critic discreetly and surreptitiously suggested it to my parents that I forthwith be kept fully occupied with the baser labors of Scott and Liddell, and possibly Lemp-tine time unknown to me. But the sacred fire had been kindled, and was not to be quenched. Other things, of course, have happened in my life, as they happen in all lives. But the episodes I have mentioned, it seems to me, are the significant ones; the vital ones. The later occurrences, after all, have mostly been mere repetitions, prosaic shadows, or that earlier vision which has faded into the light of common day.

EDUCATION MUST BE STARTED EARLY TO BE EFFECTIVE

"One of the features of our economic life to which educators are drawing attention," says the Brockville Recorder-Times, "is the tendency for boys to leave school before they are adequately equipped for the work of life. Two reasons for this course exist. One is that the boy himself is attracted to the industrial track because of the many possibilities on every hand for making good wages under very favorable conditions. The other is that under the strain of the high cost of living parents become unduly anxious for their boys and girls to become wage-earners as soon as possible." The opinion is quoted for the benefit of Tuxis Boys and Trade Rangers.

"In this there is a real danger. Years ago when boys started at the bottom of the ladder and worked their way to the top, earning in the meantime while they were learning, only a nominal wage, the office, the store, the workshop, the factory did not look attractive and more time was spent in school. Under present conditions any capable boy can earn attractive wages, hence the temptation to corner and get started quickly. Yet there never was a time when education was so valuable and promised such great rewards as it does today. The call for trained men in every branch of industry is insistent. There is plenty of room at the top, but the lower rungs of the ladder are painfully overcrowded. Parents who permit their boys and

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girls to leave school before they have secured an adequate training for life, except under the most dire necessity, or boys and girls who leave of their own free will, are placing a mortgage upon their future for the sake of a little money at present. The statistics show that those who remain in school until they are thoroughly equipped for the work of life always overtake in earning power those who start out so early that they are inefficient. Nothing is more heart-breaking to a boy or girl at some time than to find the path of promotion and reward blocked by insufficient education. The moral is that it is better to go slowly and get thoroughly equipped.

Hungry and despondent, Nicol Wendel, 29, a sailor, hurried a brick through a window of the New York Edison Co. offices. He told the court the company had discharged 1,200 men, and he "thought it would be a good way of making them know" just how it is to be hungry and out of work."

The 144th anniversary of the founding of the Phi Kappa Society, oldest and largest of Greek fraternities in the U.S., was celebrated at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., on Saturday. Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador was initiated as a member.

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The new quarters of the Elks Club are now open for the convenience of members, and the first regular lodge meeting was held last night in the new premises with a very large attendance. The formal opening will take place about the middle of January, and will probably take the form of a banquet followed by a dance, when guests will be present from all the lodges in the Province.

The former quarters in the Campbell Building were abandoned last Saturday and the new quarters now occupy the entire top floor of the building just constructed by Otto Weiler at the corner of Broughton and Douglas Streets, directly across the street from the former premises.

The new home of the Elks includes a large billiard room, having the entire frontage on Douglas St. equipped with three English billiard tables. The lighting and equipment is considered the best in the city.

Adjoining the billiard room is the writing room, which has been furnished in excellent style by the life members of the Club. This room is fitted with every convenience, having a large library, several writing desks, is nicely carpeted and furnished with first-class upholstered easy chairs.

Adjoining the library and writing room is the lounge room and this is the real "comfort" room of the club, where the members congregate for conversation in front of a huge fireplace. This is admirably furnished throughout with piano, lounge, Chesterfields and upholstered easy chairs.

The Assembly Room.

Next to the lounge room on the Broughton Street side is the dining-room, where first-class meals are served. The kitchen is suitably located between the dining-room and the large assembly hall in order that facilities are provided for both dining-room, and the holding of banquets in the assembly room. The latter is one of the best arranged lodge rooms in the city, raised platforms being installed around the sides and at the ends of the hall. Collapsible chairs are provided in this room so that following lodge meetings the hall may be quickly cleared for banquets, dances, smoking concerts or other entertainments. The floors and platforms are extremely well finished and during lodge or other meetings the waxed floor is covered by a huge canvas covering.

Splendid card rooms are provided. The toilet arrangements have been installed with every consideration for convenience and the lighting arrangements throughout the whole building are the most modern. The arrangements also include a well-furnished buffet fitted out in the most comfortable style.

The offices are so arranged that they can also be used for the meetings of the Board of Governors and other committees. W. Galt, formerly City Purchasing Agent, is the secretary of the Elks, and he is always on hand to meet the members of the club, welcome visitors and strangers and attend generally to the business of the organization.

The membership has been increasing very rapidly, in fact more than one hundred per cent. during the past twelve months and will soon reach 500, judging from the applications that are being made daily. The

SAANICH POLITICS PROMISE WARM ELECTION CONTEST

The first definite announcement as to political matters in Saanich comes from Councilman James Pim, of Ward Five, who yesterday informed The Times that he was definitely retiring from municipal politics this year. "I think it is time some of the other and younger men had a hand in keeping municipal affairs in order," he said.

Councillor William Graham said that any rumors as to his being in the field for the Reeveship were entirely imaginary. "We want Reeve Watson for another term, in the way I read the signs of public opinion in Saanich, and I for one am glad of it. I shall be quite willing to stand again; there have been quite a number of my friends who have asked me to stay with the good work, and I suppose I shall be nominated, for certainly up to the present I have heard no other name mentioned for Ward Two."

Councillor J. L. Brooks and Reeve Watson were given a hearing in the mystery-making business after yesterday's Council meeting. Both spoke along similar lines of caution as to making any announcement, but the friends of Reeve Watson are confident that the silence hides an intention to seek another term, in order that, if the ratepayers endorse the waterworks extension scheme, he may have something to say in regard to its direction.

Councillor Brooks shrouds his silence in talk regarding the possibility of another, popular candidate being put in the field in Ward Six, and his willingness to support such a nominee in preference to seeking re-election for himself, but his friends comment on the fact that nobody else is being talked of seriously up to the present, and expect that Mr. Brooks will again stand for re-election.

Getting Ready For Fray.

The preliminaries to the warmest election Saanich has known for many years are now in process of organization. The Ward Three Ratepayers' Association of Gordon Head is planning an active educational canvass of the other wards, in order to assure the passage of the much-wanted waterworks extension by-law, which has a solid Gordon Head district behind it.

The various ratepayers' associations of the district are making preparations for strong sallies against certain grievances, the outer wards for instance wanting a redistribution of taxation and the payment of school taxes on a ward basis rather than on a general municipal rate, and at the same time the inner wards want a number of matters attended to on the grounds that the sections which have the population should be the ones which have the improvements expended in them to make them habitable.

Ward Seven.

The Ward Seven, Saanich, Ratepayers' Association, will hold an important meeting at 8 o'clock this evening in the Tillicum School, when officers for the coming year will be elected and a number of important municipal matters will be discussed, including election possibilities and support for various candidates and policies.

One of the foremost matters for consideration will be the projected extension of the waterworks system to the Gordon Head district, which will be laid before the meeting by a delegation of Gordon Head ratepayers.

In addition, Mr. Levings will bring up the question of enforcement of the sanitary laws, Mr. Ernest Orr will ask for endorsement of a resolution calling for the re-organization of the municipal Public Works Department, and Mr. Tomes will bring up the Pound By-Law and its enforcement for attention.

School matters will be well to the fore, Trustee Harold M. Diggon having announced that he will ask for a ruling on the question of an early provision of more school accommodation, a matter which greatly affects Ward Seven, where much comment has of late been made on the congestion in the schools.

Ward Five.

A meeting of the Ward Five Ratepayers' Association has been called for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Royal Oak Hall, to hear the Gordon Head Committee speak on the proposed extension of the waterworks system to that district. Reeve Watson, with Messrs. Vantreight and Somers will be the speakers. The special committees appointed at the last meeting to interview ex-Councillor Tanner as to his willingness to stand for the Reeveship, and James Brydon in regard to the school trusteeship, will make their reports.

COUNCIL WILL AGAIN SUBMIT WATER BYLAW

Saanich Asked to Endorse Scheme For Water to Gordon Head

The Saanich Council yesterday afternoon gave preliminary readings to the bylaw which, if passed by the ratepayers at the next municipal election, will assure to Gordon Head and some other portions of the municipality a water service, by the extension of the present waterworks system at a cost of \$200,000.

The bylaw was only put through its preliminary reading, and was left in committee until the New Year, in order that accurate final figures as to the expenditures and revenues of the present system for the past year may be available for incorporation in the bylaw.

There are practically no changes between the new bylaw and the one which failed to secure a large enough majority when submitted to the ratepayers last Summer. The main alteration in the new document is the raising of the interest rate from 6 per cent. to 6 1/2 per cent., this being done to assure the receipt of bids more nearly approaching par than would be possible at the old interest rate at the present condition of the money market.

No Truth in Rumor.

At the meeting Reeve Watson warily denounced rumor mongers who have been circulating stories in Saanich to the effect that \$70,000 had been taken from general revenue in past years to aid in installing the existing water service. "There is no truth in such stories," he said, while all the councillors protested they had no knowledge of, or part in, circulating such stories. Clerk Cowper indicated that the tales find their basis in the annual bank overdrafts of the waterworks service, which have never exceeded \$5,000, will this year be less than \$1,000, and hereafter, as regards the present installation, should show a surplus.

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HOSPITAL VOTING MAY BE POSSIBLE

But Amendment to Act Necessary, Attorney-General Tells Veterans

Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, Attorney-General, in a communication to Robert MacNicol, president of the Veterans of France, has set out in full the reasons why the Government was unable at the last election to provide polling stations in hospitals, especially for military patients. He suggests absentee voting in hospitals may be possible by amending the act.

Legal experts of the Attorney-General's department were put at work on the question as soon as it was brought to the attention of Hon. Mr. Farris. Under A. V. Pineo, Legislative Counsel, a report of 1,500 words was prepared and sent to the Veterans, who have decided to send copies of it to Canon Hincliffe, M.P.P., and Joseph B. Clearhuse, M.P.P.

"There is no possible way, so far

as I can see, how any arrangements for a floating poll can be made under the provisions of the Provincial Elections Act," reported Mr. Pineo. "The Act specifically calls for a poll at a fixed place where booths with screened compartments are provided, and where the original affidavits of registered voters are present for the comparison of signatures, and where an agent representing each candidate may be present throughout the day.

Recalling Vote in France.

"This suggestion of a floating poll probably arises from a recollection of the vote taken under the provisions of the Military Forces Voting Act in 1916, but the Provincial Elections Act does not contain and never has contained any provisions under which polling can be carried on in this manner.

"In discussing the matter with officials of the Provincial Secretary's Department, who are charged with the administration of the Elections Act, I find that they are of the opinion that the creation of new polling divisions in the way proposed would at this time create hopeless confusion in their work and arrangements.

Would Include Others.

"It has also been pointed out that any extension of facilities to military hospitals in this way would entail the extension of similar facilities to other hospitals, as well as to a larger number of camps of different kinds, the

occupation of which is of a temporary character.

"In considering this matter it has occurred to me that a workable provision might be inserted in the Act to meet the needs of any body of voters located temporarily at a hospital or camp, by providing for the holding of special polls for the taking of absentee votes only. This would, however, require an amendment of the Act. Without such an amendment of the Act, I do not think it is feasible to undertake the establishment of polling divisions except on the basis of service to voters actually resident within the area comprised in the division.

No Disfranchisement at All.

"One of the letters comments on what the writer terms the 'disfranchisement of patients,' and refers to criticisms based on the fact that no voting facilities were placed at the disposal of the patients who were unable to leave hospital.

"Much as one may sympathize with the desire of these patients for special facilities to enable them to exercise their franchise, it would seem that the attitude of criticism to the extent indicated by the use of the word 'disfranchisement' must arise in part, at least, from ignorance of the provisions of the Elections Act. No Act, I have ever seen makes any provision for the taking of votes of voters who

are too ill to attend at a poll, and I am not aware that such a proposal was ever placed before the Legislature for consideration. The necessary gathering together of sick people in hospitals for treatment is by no means a new condition, but I do not think the inability of polling their votes thus arising has generally been looked upon as disfranchisement.

"It is possible that in future the principle of absentee voting might be applied through special polls in the way I have suggested, so as to meet the needs of voters temporarily detained away from their places of residence and unable to visit a regular poll. I see no reason why it could not be extended to patients in hospitals, subject of course to proper hospital discipline. I do not see how it can be done under the provisions of the Act."

DENIES SHORTAGE IN CAMPAIGN FUND

Contrary to the Trades and Labor Council's information, no shortage exists in the campaign funds used in the interests of the Soldier's Labor Farmer Party's candidates at the recent provincial election, E. S. Keeling, party campaign manager, declared today. Mr. Keeling stated that, while a number of bills were submitted

standing at present, contributions to the campaign fund, he was confident, would easily cover these. Contributions would be received up to the period of the statutory return of expenses (January 15), he said, and no deficit, he expected, would occur.

HAMILTON BIDDING FOR GORDON KEATS

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17. — Percy Thompson has forwarded a good offer to Gordon Keats, now at Edmonton, to join the Hamilton professional team. He has received no reply as yet, but feels that Keats cannot very well turn down the offer. He has also signed up Eddie Lowry, of Quebec, and expects that Joe Malone will accept terms in time to report here with the rest of the players next week. Malone wants more money than was offered him, but claims that if he plays at all, it will be with Hamilton.

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VARIETY
A. S. Le Vino, scenarist, who transcribed Jack London's widely-read story, "Burning Daylight," to the screen scrip for Metro, said at the completion of his work that the novel had enough action and material for two or three big pictures. "It seems a shame to use all of this wonderful material in one production," said Le Vino. "I can easily get two big pictures out of 'Burning Daylight.'" But C. E. Shurtleff, president of the producing firm bearing his name would not hear of splitting the story. He was agreeable to eliminating unimportant portions of the book, but in-

VARIETY
TO-DAY
JACK LONDON'S
Tremendous Story of Adventure
in the Alaskan Gold Fields
"Burning Daylight"
ACTION—ROMANCE
INTRIGUE
Comedy—"Pick Out Your Husband"

COLUMBIA
TO-DAY
Mary Pickford
IN
Heart o' the Hills

EXTRA—EXTRA
LARRY SEMON
In His First Two-Reel Comedy
"The Star Boarder"

AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY
Variety—"Burning Daylight."
Princess—"Mary's Ankle."
Royal—"Twin Beds."
Dominion—"The Soul of Youth."
Pantages—Vaudeville.
Columbia—"Heart o' the Hills."
Criterion—Belmont House.
Blue Mouse—724 Yates Street.

stead that one big smashing feature be made of "Burning Daylight." The picture is a realistic version of London's story and loses nothing in the filming. Mr. Le Vino introduces a new character in the story, Lucille; and around this New York society girl and adventures, romance and intrigue are woven. Gertrude Astor as Lucille wears some stunning gowns and sport clothes, and these, together with her striking appearance give the character an important place in the cast. "Burning Daylight" will be presented to-day at the Variety Theatre.

PRINCESS
"Mary's Ankle," at the Princess, is a comedy that cannot be beaten. It is so full of lively chatter and truly witty lines, the situations are such as to assure the success of the play even if the clever lines were lacking, but as it stands there is nothing lacking, lines, situations, scenic effects, acting, in fact everything is just what it should be. All the players are doing splendidly and the dainty and becoming costumes worn by the ladies are pretty. The Mildred Page Players have chosen for their Christmas week offering that beautiful and always popular comedy drama entitled "Under Cover," and on the first night of its presentation, which will be on Wednesday, December 22, each lady who attends will be presented with a souvenir photo of Byron Aldern, the popular leading man of the Mildred Page Players. "Mary's Ankle" continues the balance of the week with the usual Saturday matinee.

ROYAL VICTORIA
During the filming of "Twin Beds," Carter and Mrs. DeHaven's first National picture comedy, an amusing incident occurred. Mr. DeHaven had been working all the morning on scenes in which he wears a much too large and weirdly shaped silk hat and carries a large cotton umbrella. At noon he walked out of the studio in earnest conversation with Director Ingram, forgetting that he still possessed these atrocious properties. Passing by a motor filled with visitors, he heard a lady remark, in a low voice, that he was probably insane. Without a moment's hesitation Mr. DeHaven shuffled ever toward the machine with much the same vacant expression that he wears upon entering the wrong apartment in the picture, and, grinning, attempted to engage the party in conversation. Mr. Ingram saw immediately what was up and with a knowing look at the motorists, strolled toward the studio.

COLUMBIA
Rather than see his sweetheart's mother murdered, Jason Honeycutt shoots his own father in "Heart of the Hills," adapted from the story by John Fox, Jr., starring Mary Pickford and which will be shown at the Columbia Theatre again to-day. The marriage of the Widow Hawn to Steve Honeycutt was bitterly opposed by the children, who knew that the elder Honeycutt's love pleas were nothing more than trickery to enable him to marry the widow in order to get control of her valuable Kentucky mountain lands. This production is Miss Pickford's latest from her own studios, of which her mother is the business manager. She has accomplished the unique feat of mixing heart throbs with chuckles in most delightful manner in this attraction and the patrons of the Columbia Theatre state that "Heart of the Hills" is one of the most pleasing of Mary Pickford's long list of international successes.

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PANTAGES
The Rigoletto Brothers, Charles and Henry, are featured in this week's Pantages bill, in their latest novelty entitled "Around the World." The Rigoletto Brothers, who offer magic, illusions, athletics, singing, dancing and comedy, are assisted by the Swanson Sisters, accomplished vocalists and dancers. Another featured offering is Marjorie Peterson and her company of seven girls, who appear in a series of dances, staged and directed by Ted Shawn. The costuming, lighting and scenic effects are strikingly impressive and the whole act is unusually artistic. The "Conchita" Company is responsible for another of the novelties of this week's bill. Conchita is a juggler and balancer, said to be without a peer in vaudeville. He is assisted by Jeanis Newman, comedian, in what he styles "Pastimes in Camp." Mabel Blondell, "The Female Frisco," and Kennedy and Francis, coon comedians, are other stars of the bill.

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MEDICAL PROFESSION
ENDORSE FILM AT VARIETY NEXT WEEK

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WILL ENCOURAGE BUDDING ARTISTS AT SUNDAY CONCERTS

Bandmaster J. M. Miller and the G. W. V. A. Band have been preparing an unusual attractive programme of music for Sunday evening's concert at Pantages.

In discussing musical matter, Mr. Webb, the manager of the band stated, it was his intention to bring out several of the promising young musicians of Victoria at the concert. He had in his mind, singers and instrumentalists of real promise, some of whom had already appeared in Concert Recitals, but he would like to test their abilities before a "Theatre" audience, so that when well on the road to success, they could look back to Victoria and Pantages Theatre as their starting point in a possible musical career.

Two such embryo artists will appear on Sunday evening's programme. Miss Marge North, pianist, is a pupil of Madame Kate Webb, and has already appeared in recital at the Empress, but this will be her first appearance at a theatre. Miss Annie Holt, violinist, is a comparative newcomer to Victoria, but has been playing at concerts in England since a year of age. Miss P. Hayman, soprano, is also a newcomer to Victoria, but is well known in Edmonton to a large circle of appreciative friends. F. Fitch, the well-known tenor will also contribute solos.

Mr. Webb also observed, that an audience scarcely realizes the importance of the accompanist, to the success of a concert, but he felt it

was not saying too much to state that a great deal of the season's success and the growing popularity of the concert was due to the fine work of Mrs. A. J. Gibson. Mrs. Gibson's playing was always distinctive, yet always in sympathy with the artist. Both Band and artists counted themselves fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mrs. Gibson.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" SCENES STAGED BY OPERATIC SOCIETY

Scenes from "Twelfth Night" formed the chief feature of a delightful programme arranged on Wednesday evening by the Victoria Dramatic and Operatic Society in its club rooms. The Shakespearean scenes were produced under the direction of Mrs. Legge-Willis and those taking part were: Mrs. Legge-Willis, as Olivia; Miss Hickman, as Viola; Mrs. Colin Cummins as Maria; Mr. Hewett as Malvolvo, and Mr. Bredin as "The Clown."

Other incidents of the programme were as follows: Songs: Miss Vera Rider and Miss Warfield; pianoforte solo, Miss Meryl North; songs at the piano, John McCallum, and fancy dance (composed by Miss Gerlie Hickman), featuring Mrs. Fairbairn, Miss Gladys Thorpe, Miss Morning-Duffey and Miss Gerlie Hickman.

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Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Within a few days the Canadian Battlefields Commission will issue an advertisement notifying architects and artists resident in Canada and others interested that a competition in designs for eight memorial monuments to be erected on battlefields in France and Belgium will be held. The sites selected for these monuments are at points where Canadian troops were engaged in important battles which resulted in valuable victories for the Allies. They are as follows: St. Julien (second battle of Ypres); Hill 62, near Observatory Ridge (battles of Sanctuary Wood, Mount Sorrel and St. Eloi); Courcellette (battles of the Somme); Courcellette; Paschendale; Hospital Wood (battle of Amiens); Dury Cross Roads (battle of Arras, and breaking of

Dracourt-St. Quentin line); Bourlon Wood.

The question of the erection of these monuments was referred to a special committee of the House of Commons at the last session. The committee recommended that the work be undertaken by an honorary commission, which was subsequently appointed as follows: Hon. S. G. Messerly (chairman); Rodolphe Lemieux, Lieut.-Gen. Sir R. E. W. Turner, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Leonard and Hon. J. G. Turill.

For the guidance of competitors an approximate cost of \$120,000 for each monument was indicated, the parliamentary committee having suggested that the cost of the eight memorials, including building of roads and incidental expenses, should be covered by about \$1,000,000. The competition is open to all Canadians.

Gasoline output in the U. S. averaged 15,000,000 gallons daily in September.

Judge Haliburton

The Charles Dickens of Canada

BY

H. GERALD WADE

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One of Nova-Scotia's sons, the late Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton, better known to Canadian readers as Sam Slick, might be called the Charles Dickens of Canada. He was the first of that remarkable school in whose ranks we find Artemus Ward and Mark Twain.

The Judge was not merely a wit, but a far-seeing philosopher, and much that he predicted regarding Canada has come to pass. He foresaw Confederation and Imperial Federation; his satire on the Yankee character of his day made him noted on both sides of the Atlantic. We might well call him the Charles Dickens of Canada, as Boz never described a character more truly than Sam Slick did the Uriah Heap of his day.

"Sam, have you watered the spir-its?"
"Yes Sir."
"Have you sanded the sugar?"
"Yes Sir."
"Then come up to prayers."

Haliburton possessed a sense of humor that made his books not only popular but a strong influence for good in a way only equalled by Charles Dickens himself.

He had a fine gift of oratory. This won him a seat in the Legislative Assembly in 1821, but he remained a member for only three years. He seemed to take much to heart a reprimand he received from the Members of the House for calling that venerable body "twelve dignified, deep-red, pensioned old ladies, but filled with prejudices and whims like all other antiquated spinsters."

He did much to keep alive the Imperial idea in both Great Britain and Canada. As an historian he wrote "The Bubbles of Canada" and "Fule and Mirule of the English in America."

Haliburton was an historian and a humorist. It would hardly be going too far to say that he was also a novelist, although there is only the thinnest thread of plot in his works. Though his humorous books are not properly classed as fiction, they reveal sometimes to a striking degree many of the qualities of the true novelist. His characters are among the best imaginative creations of modern times, one of them, Sam Slick, taking the rank with such immortals as Sam Weller. Indeed Sam Slick is, in a way, better known than some of Dickens' characters. They are drawn with fine humor and his language sparkles with wit and wisdom.

"The Clockmaker," "The Sayings and Doings of Sam Slick of Slickville," "The Attache," or "Sam Slick in England," "Wise Saws and Modern Instances" and "Nature and Human Nature," are the "Sam Slick" books proper. "The Clockmaker" first made his appearance serially in Joseph Howe's "Nova Scotian" in 1836. The main interest of these books is Sam Slick. This shrewd pedler is the medium through which Haliburton, with pen-

etrating humor, analyses society, studies life, and lays bare the weaknesses of humanity. Many of Sam's flashes of wit and bits of wisdom have become incorporated into our everyday speech, such cannot be said of any other Canadian author.

The first book of the "Sam Slick" group is the best. The hero of the piece is on familiar soil, and his antics, his humorous odd manner of speech, his quaint turns of thought, are in keeping with his environment. Haliburton found the material for such a popular one that when he published the "Bubbles of Canada" (1833) and "The Letter Bag of the Great Western or Life in a Steamer" (1840) he made Sam Slick the nominal author. His other important book, "The Old Judge or Life in a Colony" (1847), was translated into both French and German. American humor received a big impulse from Sam Slick, as Haliburton was the first writer to use the American dialect in literature. His satire is not so much against individuals, to whom he is kindly, as against types. He had an affection for Nova Scotia and an ardent hope for a United British Empire, and in satirizing the Nova Scotians and the "narrowness" of the people of Great Britain, he did it for the purpose of rousing them to action and to breadth of mind.

How packed with wit and wisdom are some of Haliburton's sentences! What could be better than the following?

"You may stop a man's mouth by cramming it with a wooden spit, but you won't convince him."
"We find it easy enough to direct others to the right road, but we can't always find it ourselves when we're on the ground."
"Whenever you make an impression on a man, stop; your reason and details may ruin you."
"It is in politics as in horses; when a man has a beast that is near up to the notch, he had better not swap him."
"You may get purity of election, but how are you to get purity of members?"
"In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred patriotism is the trump card of a scoundrel."
"How does your country," said I, "appear so attractive, as to draw to it so large a portion of our population?" "It taint its attraction," said the Clockmaker. "It's nothin' but its power of suction; it's a great whirl-pool—a great vortex; it drags all the straws and chips and floatin' drift-wood into it."
"Aim high in life, and if you don't hit the bull's eye, you'll hit the fust circles."
"To be successful in society—lay in a good stock of 'soft sawder,' and small talk."
"He is on considerable good terms with himself, is John Bull. He thinks the noblest work of God is an Englishman."
"A man that has too many irons in the fire is plague apt to get some of 'em burnt."
"A joke, like an egg, is never no good except it is fresh."
What a world of tender feeling, admirably expressed, we have here: "A woman has two smiles that an angel might envy; the smile that accepts a lover before words are uttered, and the smile that lights on the first-born baby and assures him of a mother's love."
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Consider Projected Plan To Deepen St. Lawrence

Senator Lenroot Says Matter of National Importance With Vast Savings For Interior Industries; Strategic Advantage of Empire Would Not Retard Measure in States.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—An exposition of the views of those in the United States who favored the Canadian deep waterway scheme was given in an address by United States Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, at a banquet held here last night. Many across the line, he said, thought there was only one way to bring the Atlantic to the Great Lakes and that was by deepening the St. Lawrence River.

Mutual National Gain.

The project should be considered as a national question, said the Senator. He asserted that if the ocean going boats were on the Lakes to-day Canadian farmers would save twenty million dollars this year in the transportation of the wheat crop. "Fourteen states on our side of the line have banded together as an association to put the scheme through," Senator Lenroot stated. "When the time comes for action the United States Congress will assist the project and will agree to any reasonable policy of co-operation with Canada for its completion."

Cost Not Too Vast.

Regarding the financing of the scheme, Senator Lenroot said that he was confident a way would be found that would not cost the treasury of either country to spend one dollar for principal and the only appropriation would be the interest payment for the first few years, which payments would be returned in later years. An objection had been raised, said the Senator, that in time of war the war vessels of Great Britain could come up the Lakes and destroy United States cities.

No Fear of War.

"As a Senator of the United States," he declared, "I will not be influenced in the consideration of any policy affecting the relations between the United States and Canada by entertaining any theory that hereafter the United States and Great Britain will be at war."

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CANADIAN WIRELESS GOVERNMENT REPORT

8 a. m. Report.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 29.78; 37; smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; southeast light; 29.81; 37; smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy; southeast light; 29.82; 38; overcast; 12.05 a. m., spoke str. Tahiti, 8.00 p. m., 737 miles from Victoria, inbound; 4.55 a. m. str. Manilla Maru, 3 p. m., 51.53 N., 143.27 W., out; 7 a. m., spoke str. Suva Maru, 5 p. m., 48.18 N., 145.40 W., inbound.

Triangle Island—Rain; southeast, strong gales; 29.56; 46; rough.

Dead Tree—Rain; southeast gales; 29.54; 37; rough.

Digby Island—Cloudy; calm; 29.48; smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 29.75; 38; smooth.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; fresh; 29.80; 41; smooth. Spoke str. Jefferson, ahead Cape Lazo, 7.30 a. m., south-bound.

LEEBRO OUT WITH STORES.

The Government tender Leebro will leave shortly with stores for the Gulf station of the Marine Department. "This will be the Christmas vessel for many who keep their lonely watch far from the ordinary round of civilization, and is eagerly awaited."

MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD MAY QUERY COMMISSION FINDING

Question Raised As to Powers of Wreck Commissioner

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Whether Capt. J. D. MacPherson, wreck commissioner for the Federal Government, exceeded his powers in fining Capt. Campbell, master of the steamer Charming, the costs of the inquiry into the recent collision at Victoria last week, is a matter which is being investigated by the Canadian Merchants' Service Guild.

The matter was brought up for discussion at Wednesday night's meeting of the guild. Pending the securing of a copy of the finding and also legal advice in the matter no action was taken by the meeting. The opinion was expressed, however, that the commissioner had no authority to impose such a fine for contempt under the statutes.

The blame for the collision, which took place several weeks ago when the two vessels were entering Victoria Harbor, was placed on Capt. Campbell. The latter, in conducting his own case before the court of inquiry, passed a remark critical of the court for the manner in which the investigation was being carried on. Capt. MacPherson adjudged and, upon the latter's refusal to apologize, fined him the cost of the inquiry. In addition Capt. Campbell's certificate was suspended for twelve months, dating from the time of the collision.

The annual meeting of the guild will probably take place on December 29, when officers will be elected and the question of establishing social quarters in connection with the organization.

MARINE NOTES

The Canadian Australian liner Makura sailed from Vancouver at 10 a. m. this morning, and is expected to touch here enroute at about 4 p. m. The Makura will sail on her westward voyage for the Antipodes at 5 p. m. promptly.

The Canadian Australian liner Tahiti, which is making for port here, almost abreast of the Suva Maru, will reach here at daylight on Sunday, according to the latest advices received.

The sub-chaser, which has laid alongside the G. T. F. wharf for some days now, is in the hands of Messrs. Yarrow, Ltd. for slight engine room repairs.

The G. T. F. vessel Prince Rupert will clear from Prince Rupert at 8 p. m. on December 22 instead of the usual midnight hour, to facilitate her reaching Vancouver at 3 a. m. on Christmas morning, a departure which is being arranged for the convenience of her passengers.

The Government F-3 Curtiss flying boat, piloted by Major MacLaurin, made the return flight to the mainland in 52 minutes yesterday, clearing from Esquimalt at 1:30 p. m. sharp. Major MacLaurin was accompanied solely by his mechanic, Charles Plant, a former Victorian now employed at the Jericho Beach air station.

U.S. CLAIMS RECORD FOR SHIPBUILDING DURING PAST YEAR

Washington, Dec. 17.—American shipbuilders broke the world's pre-war record of launchings during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the commissioner of navigation made public to-day. American ships built and documented during the year aggregated 3,899, 423 gross tons, the report said, and British ships under construction June 30, 1920, aggregated 3,868,956 tons. American shipyards reached a rate of 4,256,151 gross tons a year to the end of December, 1919, the report shows.

American tonnage sufficient to carry 40 per cent of the exports from the United States and 38 per cent of the imports the report said. In 1914 American ships carried but ten per cent of this country's exports and imports.

TO MAKE PORT DAYLIGHT SUNDAY



CANADIAN AUSTRALASIAN LINER TAHITI

CHRISTMAS AT SEA NOTED PUBLISHER OFF IN SEARCH OF TRAVEL LORE

Chef Concerts—Enormous Plum Duff to Allay Pangs of Homesickness

The C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Asia, Captain Hailey, arrived here after midnight for her westward voyage. She carried one of the largest registered mails for China that has been shipped for a long time, mostly from the Chinese section here. On board were 209 saloon passengers, 45 second, 32 third, and 703 steerage, 29 or so joining the boat here.

The passengers and crew of the Asia will spend Christmas at sea, and previous efforts by a huge Christmas cake in the shape of a replica of the Asia, which stood in solid array on the dining table, some three feet in length and made plain in many various extras provided for the comfort of the wanderers at the festive season—Baker-Alex. Stewart—excited the previous efforts by a huge Christmas cake in the shape of a replica of the Asia, which stood in solid array on the dining table, some three feet in length and made plain in many various extras provided for the comfort of the wanderers at the festive season.

William Boyce With Party Outbound on Makura To-day

William D. Boyce, publisher of The Chicago Ledger and other papers, is a passenger on the Canadian Australasian liner Makura, sailing out-bound for the Antipodes at 5 p. m. World-wide traveler and known in prominent publishing circles, Mr. Boyce has had one of the most interesting careers in search of material for his publications, which are noted for travel series.

Merlin Taylor, his secretary, and Meri La Vey, an expert aerial photographer, are in the party that will for the next few months be engaged on a comprehensive tour of Australia and New Zealand, while visiting portions of the South Sea Islands on the way home. Later the party will charter a yacht and operate from Fiji, as a base, obtaining an aeroplane in Brisbane for the reconnaissance there.

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TIDE TABLE

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET

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The time used in Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height refer to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

Equivalents.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 19 feet to the height of high water above mean.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower low water.

VANCOUVER NOTES

F. H. Clendenning, foreign freight agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway, left Wednesday evening for Montreal.

The Isthmian Line steamer Steel Voyager, now at San Francisco, is due in Vancouver during Christmas week.

C. G. M. M. steamer Canadian Winger will sail for Australia on Friday.

S. S. Canadian Highlander, Captain Fisher, will sail this evening for Nanaimo to take bunker coal.

The Towboat Owners' Association is expecting to hear very shortly that work on the Gore Avenue wharf has been commenced.

The steamer Prince John, of the G. T. F. Coast service to Prince Rupert, sailed at 10 o'clock this morning.

The C. P. R. steamer Tees left Vancouver for Ocean Falls and Swanson Bay on Wednesday night.

The Canadian Australasian Royal Mail Liner Makura, Captain Crawford, will sail at 10 a. m. on Friday for Honolulu, Suva, New Zealand and Australia. She will carry 200 passengers and a full freight cargo. The latter consists of paper, salmon and general.

The North Vancouver ferries will commence running on coal fuel on January 1. Bunkering will be done at first from lighters, though shore bunkers may later be constructed.

The opening of the company's office at Warsaw, Poland, the address of which is The Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., Maratowicki 154, Warsaw, Poland, is also stated.

LAKE SHIPPING CLOSING.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 17.—The final fleet from up the lake ports passed this port last night. The majority of downbound boats were grain laden.

Ships at a Glance

TO ARRIVE.

Hawaii Maru, from Hongkong, Dec. 19
Tahiti, from Sydney, Dec. 19
Suva Maru, from Nagsaiki, Dec. 19
Toyama Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 19
Africa Maru, from Hongkong, Jan. 1
Empress of Russia, from Hongkong, Jan. 1
Toyohashi Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 6
Collegian, from Liverpool, Jan. 21

TO DEPART.

Empress of Japan, for Hongkong, Dec. 17
Manila Maru, for Hongkong, Dec. 2
Kaishima Maru, for Hongkong, Dec. 18
Teucer, for Hongkong, Dec. 18
Manila Maru, for Hongkong, Dec. 19
Empress of Asia, for Hongkong, Dec. 19
Makura, for Sydney, Dec. 17
Suva Maru, for Hongkong, Dec. 21

COASTWISE SAILINGS.

Prince Rupert, 2:15 p. m. daily, except Saturdays.
Victoria, 11:45 p. m. daily, except Saturdays.
Princess Adelaide or Princess Alice arrives 7 a. m. daily.
Princess Charlotte arrives 3 p. m. daily, except Saturdays.
Princess George, 11 a. m. Sunday.
Roi Juc leaves 10:30 a. m. daily.
Princess Charlotte leaves 1:30 p. m. daily.
From Seattle.
Sol Duc arrives 9 a. m. daily.
Princess Victoria arrives 1:15 p. m. daily.

Princess Rupert, 11 a. m. From Prince Rupert. Princess George, Sundays, 11 a. m. From West Coast. Princess Maquinna leaves for Port Alsea, 1st, 10th and 20th of each month. Princess Victoria, San Francisco. President and Governor sail Saturdays at 8 p. m. From San Francisco. President and Governor, alternating Thursdays at 4 p. m.

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT

"Unless you're a millionaire," said Frederick Palmer, the war correspondent, "you must expect on a European trip to undergo considerable privation."

A man and his wife were doing the battle front last month. They dropped in at a Chateau-Thierry restaurant for a 25-franc table d'hote dinner.

They got settled in their chairs and the man growled:

"I must have my plate changed. It's quite damp."

"Flush, dear," said his wife, in a low voice. "That's your soup."

Washington Star.

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SEATTLE—At 4:30 p. m. daily.

ALASKA ROUTE—From Vancouver December 27 at 9 p. m. OCEAN FALLS-PRINCE RUPERT ROUTE—Calling at Powell River, Beaver Cove, Alert Bay, Hardy Bay, Swanson Bay, from Vancouver every Wednesday at 11:00 p. m.

UNION BAY-COMOX ROUTE—From Vancouver every Wednesday at 4:30 a. m.

POWELL RIVER-UNION BAY-COMOX—From Vancouver every Thursday and Saturday at 11:45 p. m.

WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND ROUTE—From Victoria, 1st, 10th, 20th, each month, at 11 p. m.

CULF ISLANDS ROUTE—Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Nanaimo on Thursdays.

Connection made by B. C. E. train from Victoria at 8:00 a. m. Full information from Any C. P. R. Agent.

LESS THEY LOSE COUNT

If all of Ireland is to indulge in the same reprisals, there should be an official scorekeeper.—Baltimore Sun.

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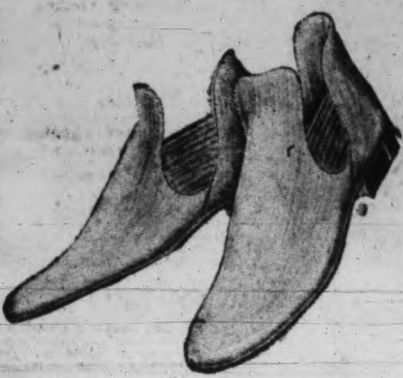
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PARIS NOW CALLED CITY OF DANGER

Reckless Taxi Drivers Kill More Than "Big Bertha"

Great as is the number of auto accidents in the streets of New York, Paris is now the city of danger and sudden death to pedestrians.

Since Oct. 1 three deaths a day from accidents on the average have been reported from one of the great Paris hospitals.

If this continues the Paris taxi driver will be many times more terrible than ever was "Big Bertha" and the Gothas combined. He was always unenviably celebrated for his rashness and gruffness above all the lions of Jehu in the cities of the world. Many attempts have been made to deal with him, and skilled traffic police have been imported from New York and London, only to cover themselves with confusion even if, as legend denies, they always escape with their lives from a fierce afternoon's point duty at the Place de Opera.

One of the latest visitors was Louis Nail, once Guardian of the Seals in the Clemenceau Government, who was killed outside a fashionable hotel while hailing a taxi. His untimely end may stir the members of the Government, if only for their own personal safety, to try another and sterner plan to combat the traffic "frightfulness" of their capital.

HOW MUMMIES WERE PREPARED

Egyptians Took Greatest Care in Their Preparation.

The Metropolitan museum, New York, displayed at its fiftieth anniversary a diorite stone statue that has not received the attention due it. This is a statue of the King Sahure of the fifth dynasty (2750-2625 B. C.), and is in a wonderful state of preservation, in spite of the fact that it had been buried for centuries and centuries in the ruins of Sahure's pyramid temple, under tons of sand and earth.

The mummy of Sahure was unearthed by the archaeologists prior to the discovery of the statue now at the Metropolitan, but it was retained for the Egyptians for their own museum. It is thought by many scholars to be the best preserved mummy yet found. The face of the mummy and the face of the diorite statue are so startlingly alike that their grotesque likeness to the king himself in life cannot be doubted.

The sculptors of ancient Egypt made all the statues, the face masks and coffins for the dead as nearly alike the subject as was possible. A man had all his statues arranged for before death, and a very rich man took no chances on having poor work done. The chief reasons for this, so powerful a king as Sahure indubitably employed one or more of the most famous sculptors of his time.

Believed in Resurrection. In 2000 and 3000 years ago the Egyptians believed in a life after death, and in a day of resurrection—a belief brought out of Egypt by the children of Israel and handed down by them to all believing Christians. No Biblical scholar now wholly disbelieves this. But the Egyptian belief was materialistic rather than spiritual, and they took little or no account of the soul. The body was the thing. Hence mummies and statues in tombs.

The earliest race of Egyptians lived in the Nile valley about 4000-3700 B. C. Men have found their cemeteries in numbers, although most traces of their villages and their art have disappeared. In that era, mummies had not yet come into fashion, although some idea of a hereafter was theirs, as it is every primitive people's.

The earliest burials are reminiscent of Indian finds in our own country. The dead were laid in a contracted position in the grave with pottery and stone vessels containing (obviously) food and drink, and flint and stone implements of the chase; they are found upon the left side, with the head toward the south and knees drawn up—in an embryonic position ready to be born into a new world.

Bodies Pickled in Brine. The whole cost of a good mummy was \$1,200—a sum that undoubtedly represented a small fortune in that day. The body lay in brine for 30 days, after which different preservatives were employed. A mixture of balsams and gums and spices was finally found most satisfactory, although bitumen, pitch and other ingredients—all had their vogue. Nile mud and sawdust were first injected beneath the skin to prevent shrinking.

Egyptians who were not rich were but indifferently preserved; and the very poor made shift to get to heaven without their bodies. And Egypt has pyramids because of the mummies. These were simple great tombs of intricate interiors in which the dead might be kept safely for the last day. They were designed to be as palatial and comfortable as the wealth of the dead one permitted; security was essential, for robbing the graveyard was a favorite pastime in ancient Egypt. A mummy might decay; it might be stolen or so mutilated and defaced that the risen dead could not occupy it. Therefore a man had his mummy wonderfully encased and entombed. The body was placed first in a stucco and linen coffin, its face sometimes wearing a mask and sometimes merely swathed in mummy cloth; this coffin was set in another or wooden case, the wood being a statue of the deceased made true to life, only larger, into which the first case fitted.

Taking No Chances. Cases were sometimes multiplied, as in the tombs of great princes of certain eras, and as many as six and eight have been found, one within the other. The outer covering was of huge box of wood or granite, according to the period. They defied ghosts!

Now, the mummy and its whole series of encompassing cases might conceivably be destroyed. The Egyptians were taking no chances! So, statues of wood, of stone and of bronze were also fashioned in the likeness of the man and set about his tomb. As many as ten were found in one tomb of the eighteenth dynasty, on the assumption, one supposes, that the most tireless

despoiler could not get rid of them all. Sthure's diorite statue is not the only one found in a tomb that seems to have been an exceptional portrait of the dead buried there. These statues have been of incalculable value to the archaeologists in visualizing the features and, therefore, the probable moral and mental attributes of the ancient Egyptians. Their utilitarian expression of the needs of the dead when he should rise again has furnished scholars with much material for reconstructing customs of that day.—New York Herald.

PROFITEERS' IMPUDENCE.

Paris.—The campaign against profiteers proceeds, and many get-rich individuals are finding themselves in prison, or at least heavily fined. The latest case is marked by an impudence not without its amusing side. A man had been sent to prison for six months and fined 6,000 francs (about \$6000) for unreasonably putting up rents. He leased a large business property for \$9,000, and until recently gave himself a margin of profit, but he altogether overdid it, and his increases brought returns to a total of several hundred thousand francs. And the man had the impudence to display in his grocery shop on the ground floor a large sign with the legend: "Lutte contre la vie chere" ("Campaign against the high cost of living").

"SQUANDERMANIA" CHARGES DENIED

No Unnecessary Extravagance, Joint Parliamentary Secretary Explains

London, Dec. 17.—A spirited defence against charges of "squandermania," the popular term for official extravagance, is made by Captain Frederick Guest, joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury. Captain Guest says he doesn't see where the Government can cut down expenses. In a letter to a political correspondent, published in The London Times, he examines the expenses of departments of the state thus: "The Navy and Army—The personnel of the fighting services has now been reduced practically to pre-war numbers. In 1914, however, the private soldier received one shilling per day. He now receives two shillings and nine pence. There has been a corresponding increase in the pay of naval men. The result is that, while the fighting services cost \$48,000,000 in 1913-1914, owing to these and other consequential increases, the figure is \$269,000,000 to-day.

In 1914 the interest on the national debt was \$24,000,000; to-day it is \$245,000,000. War Pensions—In 1914-1915 these were nil; to-day, \$123,000,000. Education—In 1914-1915 this cost \$19,000,000; to-day, \$53,000,000. Bread Subsidy—This year it has cost \$45,000,000. Old Age Pensions—In 1914-1915 these cost \$13,000,000; to-day they cost \$26,000,000. Unemployment Grants to Ex-Soldiers—\$27,000,000. Railway and Housing Subsidies—\$52,000,000. These, Captain Guest states, are the most considerable items in the Government expenditure for the year. "No Liberal in the country," he declares, "will wish to retrench on education. As for the other items, no fruitful suggestion has so far been made as to how they can be reduced and no specific case of extravagance has been made out against the administration. "The more the financial commitments of the Government are examined, the more it will be realized how profoundly the war has affected national finance and how difficult it is for the Government, with the best intentions in the world, to keep down the national expenditure," Captain Guest declares.

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"Ma, teacher's awful mean." "Hush, my son, you mustn't say that." "Well, she is! What do you think? She borrowed my knife to sharpen a pencil to give me a bad mark." "I must say those biscuits are fine," exclaimed the young husband. "How could you say those were fine biscuits?" inquired his mother when they were alone. "I didn't say they were fine, mother. I merely said I must say so."

DOG WEARS "SPECS" FOR EYE STRAIN

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Boston, Dec. 17.—A dog with spectacles was shown at the annual fair of the Animal Rescue League as an example of humanitarian assistance to animals. The dog is Nemo, a spaniel of high degree, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Allen.

Riding in an open automobile on windy days had weakened his eyes, it was explained, and goggles were prescribed and fitted by an oculist. Nemo has worn the spectacles since Summer whenever he went outdoors. The glasses are fastened to a bone frame that runs to a collar. Nemo appears to regard them as a necessity, but is pleased to be relieved of them for play with his consort Tessie, unspaced, a collie that has enjoyed her motor trips without suffering eye strain.

An attack on the eligibility of Judge Landis, Chicago, who presided at their trial, will form the basis of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Victor L. Berger, editor of the Milwaukee Leader, and four other Socialist party leaders, now under conviction of having violated the Espionage Act.

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The value of chlorine gas for the destruction of gophers is emphasized in a brief article which appears in the Agricultural Gazette, published to the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The article describes a number of experiments which were conducted to ascertain the effect of the gas on gophers resulting in the conclusions that these animals can be effectively destroyed by means of chlorine, that the destruction can be

accomplished in a short time and that it is economical. The process of destruction consists in liberating chlorine into the gopher holes. The entomological branch of the agricultural department is at present taking steps to have special cylinders constructed for containing chlorine gas to use in this work.

OH, YOU LIMOUSINE

Modern electors forget the price their rude forefathers paid for the ballot and refuse to make use of their privilege unless it is offered to them with motor car trimmings, labor men being especially disdainful of the simple paper.

NO PIKER, HE

Clad in the fine raiment, the Englishman who had inherited a fortune entered the chemist's shop. "I want one o' them plasters to stick on yer back," he explained. "Yes, sir," replied the chemist, politely hiding a smile. "You mean a porous plaster." The customer drew himself erect, all the glittering new watchchains—hallmarked on every link—which crossed his middle threatened to snap. "What do you mean?" he snorted. "Porous plaster, indeed! I want the very best you've got."

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To ask a writer to sit down deliberately and tell the public what a devil of a fellow he really is to have him at once "upon the hip" if he does justice to the importance of his subject he is open to accusations of immodesty; if he puts a diamond hitch on his keyboard, he "doesn't do himself justice." Between the Scylla of "He has a swelled head" and the Charybdis of "It's a poor article" about the only thing the unfortunate writer can do to attain and grin like Launcelot Gobbo and pray that some of his readers will "have a heart" for his predicament.

The theory is that the public are eager for details about the personality and lives of such outlanders as actors, artists, musicians, murderers and authors; that the average person likes to reassure himself that even the most famous also eat corn beef and cabbage and drink tea—and go about clothed, even if not quite in their right mind. Undoubtedly there is a certain satisfaction in saying to oneself: "I could be as crazy as that, too, if I liked."

To be a writer isn't hard. The first thing to do is to get yourself born somewhere. All writers get their start that way. The parents should be very rich, as this is important for later life; but if you cannot possibly have them rich, you'll have to take plain honest ones. The next thing to do is to go to school in order to play hockey. After that get a pair of big horn-rimmed glasses to make you look intelligent; then—well, all you've got to do then is just to go ahead and write.

Like a lot of other Westerners I got my first whiff of oxygen in that rugged old County of Bruce—in an Anglican church parsonage with a brick wall between cedar hedges in a place called Berville, eight miles from Lake Huron. Although I arrived totally bald and in my bare feet, the records have it that soon I was wearing button boots and long flannel curls; but I did not attain manhood until the day I heard the general merchant ask if he could "give her a stick of candy" and both my mother's scissors and the curls disappeared.

A remarkable child, forsooth—yawning and whining upward through the years, throwing stones through windows, sun-kinking uperrimote in church, getting drowned and resuscitated, sun-struck and revived; bringing home measles and marbles and dead birds for general in social dine cans. On from pulpit to pulpit and school to school till we got to Ingersoll, Ontario, the home of Poet McIntyre and cream-cheese in a tin.

It was here that I read my first book—full of smugglers and stormy seas—and determined to become a midshipman in Her Majesty's Royal Navy. Then we went to London, where I began to go to school in earnest and started my first book—in a ruled scribbler with illustrations by

me. After hours of painstaking work in printing out a "List of Illustrations" and a "List of Chapters," decorated initial letters and a full page frontpiece in colors, eventually I reached the place where Chapter I simply had to begin.

The trouble with these "books" of mine was that none of them did much more than begin. "Two Midshipmen, or Afloat at Last," I remember ran out of ammunition at the end of the second chapter. "It was a beautiful Summer afternoon, the waves splashed on the beach with a soft murmur and above the sun shone in a cloudless sky" when the story opened. After capturing a gang of burglars at the Admiral's house and being rewarded with a chance to go to sea, the two boy heroes said good-bye to their mothers, "not knowing but what they might never see them again" and next morning "the frigate sailed out of the harbor and the boys found themselves AFLOAT AT LAST." For some reason I got sick of them and they are still at sea!

A similar fate befell "The Black Flag, or The Pirate of the Levant" in spite of the inspiration to be found in that word, "Levant." In the afternoon the wind fell away altogether and left H. M. S. Firebrand in exactly the same position as at the beginning. "Floundering upward through those beams" it is still there on the glassy surface of the China Sea, waiting for pirates and wind and, by this time, no doubt badly water-logged!

That's the trouble about writing books. One gets thinking of the next story one wants to write and gets carried away by its superior possibilities. As every author knows, the real joy of writing is in creating, not in the mechanical labor of using ink! "Floundering upward through those beams" never-to-be-forgotten boyhood years, my determination to be a writer became a fixed star in the firmament of my desires, naked in place by the Gee-Whizz sensation of actually breaking into print. The "Boys Page" of the old Montreal Weekly Witness has a great load of responsibility on its shoulders for one dollar for a little "piece" free of charge and letting me win prize sets of books and a "four-dollar" fountain pen that leaked to beat sixty. Hard upon the heels of this—as I would have phrased it at that time—I became a professional author by receiving a cheque for one dollar for a little article on how to write, accepted by a literary worker's journal. It drove me to poetry; but I had sense enough to sign a non-de-plume to that "Jose Carina," a name which I got off a lemon wrapper!

So I grew up in London, Ontario, with its old wooden Grand Trunk Station, its paved streets, fine parks, beautiful maple-arched avenues, two live newspapers, numerous fine churches, schools and university.

The late Robert Barr, novelist, used to work on one of the papers in London, Ontario; I can show you the exact spot where he hid one night in a sugar cask to solve a burglar mystery. Arthur Stringer, although born in Chatham, went to school in London and I recognize some of the material in certain of his stories. Harvey O'Higgins worked in a grocery store there. The late C. Warman, author of railway tales, had his home in London. It was in the old "Tecomah House" that the late George Primrose, of Primrose and Pochester staid minstrel fame, blackened boots before he took to blackening his face and there is some excellent talent on the vaudeville circuits that hail from this same little city. "Mooney" Gibson, who caught for the Pittsburgh Pirates, is a London boy; so is Paul Peck, the sculptor; Chris Fitzgerald, the famous racehorse starter; the late Otto Wonderley, jockey, and many others who have gone to the mission field.

I could babble on and on like a brook through cub reporter days. I could tell you a string of adventures in venturing some of them you would only half believe and some of them not at all. I could tell you why my hair is so white for my age—but enough!

Instead, let me have a serious word about this business of being an author; for after all, it is a business in spite of all the poppycock talk about altruistic literary endeavor, indulged in generally by young writers who have not the insistent temper of an empty stomach. There is much to learn as we go along, tacking words together in our literary shows for public fancy. Long after a writer has ceased to be the man with baby ribbon or to take umbrage at rejection-slips or to place hairs between the pages to see if the editor has really read the stuff—long after that he is still studying, still seeking improvement. The minute a writer feels that he has nothing more to learn he is ready for the stinging rays of the setting sun upon a new mound in the graveyard with Little Robin Redbreast carolling gaily on top of him.

To the writer who seeks to write enough to get paid enough to eat enough to keep on writing, without working at anything else, soon comes the knowledge that literary product is of many kinds and flavors, subject to the vagaries of the popular demand. Rising to the top, and floating there like a bit of scum, is the realization that what he wants to write and what his publisher demands are often widely separate things.

Another truth which will muss up his clean white paper for him and cause no end of heartburnings is that he is destined to be misjudged a thousand times before enough of his books have reached the public for just sentence to be passed upon him. Clamoring outside his door is a mob of hasty critics who are waiting to knock him down and break his lead pencils.

They forget that the beginning writer must have room for experiment before even himself knows in which direction he will shake hands with his "best" work. He may write a fine detective story yet find his forte in psychological novels; he may turn out pathos and wind up as a maker of laughs. If he has material for all of these and the urge to try them all, the problem as to which he

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should tackle first is serious enough; he runs the danger of making a hit with one kind of fiction and being pinned down to that special field by the fetish of "popular demand." As each book comes from the press it should be judged upon its merits and according to its type. If it is good of its kind it is worth while. If an author works conscientiously trying each time to improve, to turn out wholesome entertainment, his literary reputation will take care of itself.

There is, of course, no excuse for an unwholesome book. To pander to erotic tastes is to court eventual disaster, even putting it upon the plane of necessary success. Whether responsibilities. But no matter how earnest a fellow is in his desire to be an influence for good he will make enough mistakes to humiliate him. In his search for virility and veracity his characters may use bad language; it requires vast experience to make a swearing man live on paper, true to type, without saying anything more offensive than "by hen" or blankety-blankety-blank to blankin!

So, be reasonable to your young authors, people. And when you pick up "his latest and best" and the critics point out the increased depth of the writer's work, his improvement in style and so on, remember that the irony of it is this: He might have written that book just as well years before had circumstances allowed. Anyway the "best" book of any author is the one he is just getting ready to write.

ARION CLUB GAVE

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That the oldest male voice club in the West—the Arion (organized 1882)—is popular was more than demonstrated last evening when a large audience, overflowing the beautiful Empress Hotel ballroom, turned out to greet its members in the first concert of their twenty-ninth season.

The club, with the addition of several new members, numbered last evening forty-six, and whilst, perhaps, not altogether at ease in "June-time" (Lewis Browne)—a supremely dainty example of part writing—and in Ethelbert Nevin's beautiful "A Hero Song," they, in the second part of their admirably selected programme, more than surpassed themselves, and the audience responded accordingly to the prevailing enthusiasm with keen delight and appreciation. One of their best efforts was "The Dawn" (William G. Hammond) in which the close harmonies—a severe test in part singing—was perfectly delightful.

Others examples of what the Arion Club could do were shown in "Be Strong" (Clarence C. Robinson), in which the baritone and tenor solos were fitted by R. C. Grant and G. H. Guy, the "Silent Recollection" (Johannes Pache) with orchestral accompaniment, the "Cossack War Song" (Horatio Porter) which called for a repetition, and in their

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last number, Sullivan's "Lost Chord," in which the best-verse, sung in unison, was given with soul-stirring effect, Howard Russell, the conductor, must be congratulated upon the splendid impression the forces under his baton made in their first appearance of the season. The inclusion of "From a Boy-Gang Day," Swedish folk song, was a graceful tribute to the memory of the club's first conductor, Mr. Greig. This was a favorite of his and was invariably included in his programmes.

A Happy Selection.

It was a happy selection in asking Mrs. Edith Lever Hawes to come over from Vancouver as assisting artist to the occasion, for seldom does one bring forth so much fine singing as that heard from this favorite soprano. Ample opportunity to enjoy the high order of her attainments and the beauty of her voice, was provided in the Recitative and Aria from Weber's "Der Freischutz," (the first great national opera of Germany), in her second number a group of songs, by Phillips, Mollinson and Oliver. Mrs. Hawes received an ovation, and was recalled again and again to the platform. The group was cleverly selected, as they especially suited her style, songs which called for broad cantabile, or a merry, genial atmosphere. It was a pleasure too, to hear her certainty of intonation and the easy command of her voice and capabilities.

Mrs. A. J. Gibson, who accompanied the singer, and some of the members of the club, as usual, gave splendid support to each and every one.

Eulogizes Orchestra.

The orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. R. Bennett, consisting of a newly-organized body of local amateurs, rendered excellent aid in the numbers, "Silent Recollections" and in the "Lost Chord." The personnel of the orchestra are: Mrs. R. B. Bennett, Mrs. Forrest Leeder, Mrs. F. G. Aldons, Miss Little, first violins; Mrs. F. Edwards, J. A. Elmie, C. Laundry, second violins; Miss Duckett, viola; A. Parfitt, cello; W. G. Plowright, double bass; W. H. Thornborrow, clarinet, and Mrs. A. J. Gibson, piano.

FIND WHITE CANNIBALS

Savages on Pacific Island Are Descendants of Dutch, Swedish and German Prisoners.

Tiburou Island, in the Pacific, four miles off the Mexican coast, is inhabited by a tribe of "white cannibals" who are said to be descendants of the Dutch, Swedish and German prisoners who escaped from Mexican prisons several centuries ago. They are Yaqui Indians who live on the mainland, call Tiburou the "Island of Death" for the reason that any person who lands on it is shot by poisoned darts and then eaten by the natives.

In addition to poisoned arrows used by the natives, the cannibals also use an ancient blunderbuss in attacking their victims. They are supposed to number from 500 to 2,000 persons.

Of sixteen persons known to have visited the island in the last few years, in parties of two and three, only nine are said to have returned alive, the others falling victims of the flaxen-haired, blue-eyed "white Indians," as the Mexican peons call them.

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Kiddies Start Vacation and Forget Examinations

With the horror of mid-term examinations forgotten in their excitement over the great holiday of the year, Victoria public school children ceased their studies this afternoon and commenced their two-week Christmas holidays.

Christmas closing took place earlier than usual this year but the kiddies will not enjoy a longer holiday. Two weeks is the prescribed respite from studies at Yuletide and the school regulations must be enforced even in spite of Christmas. The schools, therefore, will resume their work on Monday, January 3, and then there will be no further period of relief until Easter.

Entertainments of various kinds will mark the closing of the schools to-night. Most of the schools have prepared elaborate programmes which will be attended by the pupils and by their parents and friends. Some of these affairs already have taken place, but in most cases they have been reserved for to-day, the last day of the term.

In addition to entertainments, exhibitions of school work, particularly manual training and domestic science products, have been arranged with a view to showing proud relatives all the wonderful things the kiddies can do.

North Ward School.
Christmas closing exercises were held in the assembly hall of the North Ward School this morning. Features of the programme were an address by the Rev. Col. G. A. Wells, of Cedar Hill, military drill by a number of cadets, club swinging by a number of girls, class songs, and the singing of Christmas carols by the whole school under the direction of H. J. Pollard, supervisor of singing.

There will also be an exhibition of sewing by the Household Science department of the school.

St. Margaret's.
The breaking-up entertainment of St. Margaret's School took the form of gymnastics, drill and fancy dancing last night, the schoolroom being crowded with parents and relatives and the performances presented being a great credit to the school. The programme, which is to be repeated this evening, is as follows: Senior School Gymnastics, Junior School Spanish Dance, Senior Dancing Class Ropes and Jumping, Senior School Egyptian Dance, Senior School Gymnastics, Intermediate School Jack and Jill—Junior Dancing Class, Old Girls' Race, Senior School Gymnastics, Senior School Dancing, Senior School Sleeping Beauty, Intermediate School Dancing Class, Senior School Ghosts, Senior Dancing Class Blindfold Drill, Vaulting, Go Save the King.

Esquimalt School.
The Christmas entertainment given by the Esquimalt schools at the Lamson Street School last night drew a large crowd. It will be repeated to-night at 8 o'clock for the benefit of those who failed to secure admission Thursday. Among the different numbers are recitations, songs, tableaux and character sketches by pupils.

Poplars.
Invitations have been issued for the sixteenth annual entertainment to be held to-morrow at the Poplars, 1922 Burdett Avenue, at 3 p. m. The Dean of Columbia will preside, and Mrs. Scriven has promised to present the certificates gained in the recent musical examination held by the Associated Board; also the Noblesse Oblige Eadge to the successful candidate. The programme will consist of musical selections, French and English recitation, and a Japanese jingle and dance in costume.

Sidney.
The annual school concert was held in the Hergeest Theatre last evening, when the following programme was given:

O. Canada Edna Blackburn
Pianoforte solo — Edna Blackburn
Chorus "O. Who Will O'er the Downs So Free."
Recitation "When Pa is Sick" Alfred Jenner.
Song "The Gift" Nancy Simister.
Recitation "Santa Clause and the Mouse" Alice Jackson.
Dance Highland Schottische Phyllis McKilloan, Phyllis Parkes Christmas carol "Holy Night" Pianoforte solo "Daffodils" Florence Hambley.
Flower drill Divisions III. and IV.
Solo and chorus — Adaline Crossley
Recitation "Baptiste" Alice Jensen.
Solo "I Know a Lovely Garden" Eleanor Blackburn.
Sketch "A Practical Joke" Colin McKenzie, Stewart Cox, Walter Lind.
Pianoforte solo Edna Blackburn
Sketch "Uninvited Guests" Eleanor Blackburn, Lavina McIlmoyle, Walter Lind, Stewart Hill.
Action song "The Sleeping Beauty" Division IV.
Chorus — (a) "Sanctus" (Monk), (b) "Sanctus" (Cambridge).
Recitation "The Night Watch" Iris Goddard.
Recitation "Kittens and Babies" Iris Goddard.
Sketch — "The Bishop's Candlestick" Edna Blackburn, Nancy Simister, Wm. Bowman, Jas. Anderson, Walter Lind, Stewart Cox.
"God Save the King."

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
Sandy entered the grocer's shop. "Aa want a ounce o' tea an' a poum o' sugar," he ordered adding, "an' me mither says ye've ta gie better weight than ye've done lately." "What?" exclaimed the indignant tradesman, "Dis yer mither think Aa dinna gie weight?" Sandy—"Aa dinna kin." Grocer—"Weel, tell yer mither that if Aa thoct Aa want a giem' weight Aa couldna' sleep at night, an' that Aa's very vexed at such a message." Sandy returned to the shop a few days later, when the grocer asked him what his mother said about the weight. "Well," replied Sandy, "she says ye must a lost a lot o' sleep lately!"

PROTESTS CHARGE OF WASTEFUL ROAD REPAIRS

Councillor Terrell Maintains Blenkinsop Road Splendid Improvement

At the conclusion of yesterday's session of the Saanich Council, Councillor Terrell made a sharp attack on Councillor Pim for having stated at a recent meeting of Ward Five rate-payers that money had been wasted on the reconstruction of Blenkinsop Road, producing a copy of The Daily Times and reading extracts therefrom.

Councillor Terrell stated that there was no undertaking which had been completed in Ward One of which he was more proud, and that the expenditure of \$1,900 had been necessary to secure a firm highway through an area which had previously been little more than a treacherous bog.

"I protest against this attack on work in my ward, and even more so against an attack against a faithful servant of the Road Superintendent, who is unable to make any reply to such attacks. Why don't you say such things here in the Council room instead of at outside meetings, if you feel there has been cause for criticism?" was his challenge.

Reply to Query.
Councillor Pim denied having made a specific allegation that there had been waste on the Blenkinsop Road job. "What I said," when they asked me if I knew of any such waste, was 'Gentlemen, the estimate on Blenkinsop Road was \$1,300, they spent \$1,900,' and they should have come back to the Council for more money if they wanted it." It has been brought up

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to me several times that there has been money wasted, but I never said so at that meeting."

Councillor Clark said that so much money had been spent on Blenkinsop Road that ratepayers had come to him about it, although it was not in his ward, the discussion closing when Councillor Terrell retorted that at one of the so-called sections he had, at the time of the recent films, been able to pass a heavy load of cord-wood with no inconvenience to himself or the team, a feat impossible before, the remarking of the road, with the accompanying drainage work.

PROSPECT ROAD DAMAGE

Wood Haulers Charged With Destroying Culverts and Road Surface.

"There is no use repairing this road as long as the wood hauling continues," said Councillor Pim yesterday afternoon, when the Saanich Works Committee was considering a complaint by F. R. Gregory, of Goldstream, as to the condition of Prospect Road. The committee was informed that wood hauling for a Chinaman named John Quin had broken all the culverts. Some time ago Quin had been notified to cease hauling, and had promised to pay a \$500 deposit to cover any damage done. The committee was informed that he had since ceased hauling, but had hired trucks to bring the wood in by way of the Island Highway, in order, it was alleged, to avoid the municipal police. The matter has been referred to the police department.

ALSACE-LORRAINE IS NOT NEUTRAL

"Our History, Traditions, Lead to France," Says Deputy

Forbach, Lorraine, Dec. 17.—"Alsace-Lorraine refuses to become a neutral state. Our political and economic interests bind us indissolubly to our motherland—France."

Abbe Dr. Louis Hackspill of Metz, one of the Lorraine Deputies in the Chamber, thus epitomized the views of his constituents, amid thundering applause, at a mass meeting of the Lorraine Clerical-Conservative Party in this town this afternoon.

It was the first time the question of the neutralization of Alsace-Lorraine had been broached in a public meeting since the lost provinces were wrested from Germany two years ago.

"The neutralist movement, so-called, is due to German propaganda," Dr. Hackspill continued. "But the good sense of our people has resisted the blandishments of Berlin agents."

"The plan is assured in the extreme. Our history and our traditions lead us to France, which is our true motherland. If we were to be neutral—our position as a political pawn between the nations of Europe would be certain. Independence would lead us to economic disaster. We would find it impossible to operate our railroads without enormous losses."

30,000 Germans Expelled.
Dr. Hackspill's speech has caused a sensation in political circles of Alsace and Lorraine. Following recent revelations of the Metz newspaper Le Messin, showing that Germany is still financing the neutralist movement, the majority of the people have indignantly rejected every imputation that German propaganda has succeeded in making any headway. The leader of the movement is said to be Count F. Rapp, a native Alsatian, who left the country after the expulsion of the Germans. He and his adherents, using the funds provided by the Heimatsdienst (home service) have made several futile attempts to distribute their pamphlets. They are using Baden as their base of operations.

More than 300,000 former German residents of Alsace-Lorraine have been expelled since the French have taken possession of the two provinces.

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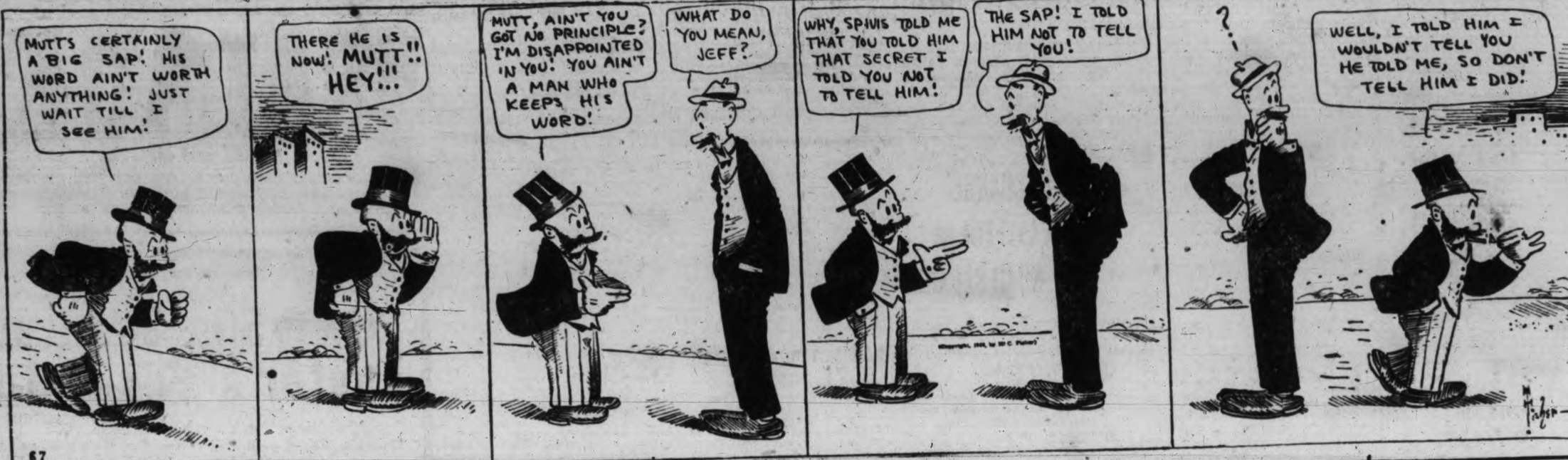
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ROCKLAND AVENUE DISTRICT. \$12,000—CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW design of 3 rooms and bathroom, hardwood floors, hot water heating, electric light fixture, reception hall and open parlour; dining room in white enamel, electric large kitchen and storeroom, one bedroom downstairs; upstairs 2 large bedrooms with closets, separate bath and toilet, plenty of cupboards and closets, full cement basement. Property beautifully situated and commands about half an acre, commanding fine view. House newly painted and redecorated throughout. Terms and further particulars on application. Price \$12,000.

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—An attractive 4-room bungalow design, containing 3 rooms and den. Living room with open fireplace, dining room with paneled ceiling, kitchen, bookcase, etc., kitchen finished in white enamel with built-in buffet, paneled walls and beamed ceiling; two open fireplaces with first-class mantels; bedrooms; cement foundation, hot air furnace; lot nicely laid out and attractive. Price \$1,200, on terms.

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SWINERTON. Here is a List of First-Class Properties to Suit Every Taste. \$850—ON WILKINSON ROAD, near B.C. Electric Railway, good 3-room house on large lot, 50 x 150, tile soil; small fruits; no plumbing, but there is a dandy well. This is very cheap.

\$2000—NICE little 5-roomed bungalow on a good lot, near Cloverdale car line. House just been redecorated and in A1 condition. Can be had on very easy terms.

\$2600—ATTRACTIVE 3-roomed bungalow in good repair. Nice lot, laid out in lawn and garden.

\$2450—OFF FINLAYSON STREET, 4-roomed bungalow on two large lots. Exceptionally good soil, all under cultivation. Fireplace and built-in effects.

\$3500—FULLY FURNISHED 5-roomed bungalow, in excellent condition, well constructed house of 7 rooms. Lot well kept and in lawn. Attractive reception hall with a splendid granite open fireplace, large living room with paneled walls, breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, large light kitchen, pass pantry, built-in buffet, etc.

\$3750—6-ROOMED fully modern house on nice quiet street, near the sea. House particularly well built and has been redecorated. Large lot, good garage.

\$4000—A VERY FINE 6-roomed house on car line at Esquimalt, with over 1/2 acre of land. House stands high and has beautiful view, ground nicely treed and laid out in garden and lawn. Good chicken house, shed, etc. This is a bargain.

\$4200—A LOVELY fully modern 7-roomed residence, on a car line and near the sea. Situated on outside of beautiful Esquimalt, two fireplaces, large lot, attractive, etc. This is a most attractive property and a genuine bargain at this price.

Also many others that we will be glad to show you. Call and see us to-day.

SWINERTON & MUGRAVE. 610 Fort Street.

FURNISHED HOUSES. OAK BAY DISTRICT. JUST OFF CAR LINE. MODERN 7-ROOMED HOUSE, with basement and furnace, built-in features, choice location. For quick sale (terms to arrange) \$5,000.

JAMES BAY DISTRICT. 7-ROOMED HOUSE, with pipeless furnace. Save car fare. Lot 60x120. Furniture includes: Heintzman piano, vacuum cleaner, ball-bearing sewing machine, large writing desk, 3 fine Wilson carpets. Full particulars given on application at our office.

H. G. DALBY & CO. 624 View (Opp. Spencer's). Phone 3729.

PLUMBING AND HEATING (Continued.) A. DOBNEY, the People's Plumber, 1242 Fort St. Phone 182.

HAYWARD & DODS, LTD. Plumbing, Heating. Phone 1554 and 3905.

HAIRDRESSING. WIGS and toupees, ladies' transformations, hair cutting, hair waving, hair dyeing, etc. Speciality, 25 years' practical experience. Hanson's, 251 Jones St. Phone 1715.

HOTELS. BORDEN HOTEL—First-class rooms, with hot and cold water. \$1.00 per night; \$1.50 per week. 1212 Douglas St.

CHILDREN'S OUTFITTERS. CHILDREN'S AND LADIES' OUTFITTERS—Best quality goods, corner Broad and Johnson. Phone 4128.

DENTISTS. DR. G. J. WALKER, Dentist, 3008 St. George St. Telephone 1198.

DETECTIVES. B. C. DETECTIVE AGENCY—Legitimate detective business only. Phone 2411.

DYEING AND CLEANING. CUT DYE WORKS—The most up-to-date dyeing and cleaning works in the city. We call and deliver. Geo. McCann, proprietor, 844 Fort St.

DRESSMAKING. "IRENE" Dressmaking, suits a specialty. Reasonable prices. Phone 1436, Room 3, 1211 Langley Street.

ELECTRICIANS. WE SPECIALIZE in house wiring and repair work; get our price on your next job. Murphy Electric Co., 692 Seward Building, Phone 3385.

REAL ESTATE. INSURANCE. BEECHWOOD AVENUE. Close to Car and Beach. ONE AND A HALF STORY HOUSE, containing seven rooms and bathroom; hardwood floors in hall and rooms; fireplace; dining room; built-in features; three bedrooms with large fitted closets; constant basement; furnace. Newly painted outside and redecorated throughout. This house is well built, excellent condition and is the best buy in the district.

ROBERT S. DAY & SON. 629 Fort Street. Phone 30.

LOANS. RENTS. Suburban Shopping Basket. OAK BAY AND JUNCTION. DRY GOODS. B'G ASSORTMENT of toys and Christmas gifts and novelties, etc. Christmas. 1844 Oak Bay Avenue.

ESQUIMALT. DEPARTMENT STORE. O. WHAT A RELIEF when you slip on your Kosey Corner slippers. Price from \$1.00. 1255 Esquimalt Road, Phone 5247.

FAIRFIELD. STATIONERY AND HARDWARE. STATIONERY, china, toys, hardware and notions. 221 Cook Street. T. Z. Adney, Phone 5122.

HILLSIDE. BOOT REPAIRS. CEDAR Hill Road Shoe Store, J. Parker, in addition to repairing shoes and boots, repairs rubber boots reduced.

HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT. HOLLWOOD GROCERY and Meat Market. "Quality and service." Phone 1422 and 1125. Fowl Bay. Free delivery.

MATWOOD BUTCHER. MATWOOD BUTCHER—W. A. King, proprietor, 1184 Douglas, Phone 1266. Fresh meats and fish. Free delivery.

SAANICH ROAD. SAANICH ROAD GROCERY. SAANICH ROAD GROCERY, J. McE. Patterson, prop. Phone 2943X. Cheapest groceries, food, hardware and school supplies.

VICTORIA WEST. VICTORIA WEST MEAT MARKET. 2 local blood, butter, eggs, smoked meats, fish. Free delivery.

PARADE. ALFRED CUREL, butcher, Choicest meats at reasonable prices, 2321 Douglas, Faircliff. Phone 4426. Free delivery.

TILLIUM AND GORGE. BUTCHER. TILLIUM Meat Market, just opened. Choicest meats. Cor. George Road.

LAND ACT. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND. In North Saanich Land District, Recording District of Victoria, B. C. and Situate in North Saanich District. Take notice that GENOA BAY LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED, of Genoa Bay, Vancouver Island, B. C. intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land. In North Saanich Land District, Recording District of Victoria, B. C. and Situate in North Saanich District. Take notice that GENOA BAY LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED, of Genoa Bay, Vancouver Island, B. C. intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: 1. A portion of a post planted at the N. W. corner of a 31-100 acre part of Subdivision "B" part of Section No. 11, R. 1, W. N. Saanich, thence north 33.2 W. 400 feet, thence at right angles to the westerly boundary of said Canadian Northern Pacific R. application 715.0 feet more or less to the northeast corner of said 3.61 acre, thence following the shore line westerly to the point of commencement, and containing 5-19 acres more or less. 2. A portion of a post planted at the N. W. corner of Block J, Sec. 11, west, North Saanich, thence N. 53 deg. 20 min. W., 2,100 ft., thence north 460 ft., thence S. 67 deg. 30 min. E., 1,125 ft., thence east 800 ft., more or less to high water mark, thence southerly following high water mark to point of commencement and containing 42 acres more or less. CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS. FRANKS A. DEER, B. C. L. S. Agent. Dated Nov. 4, 1920. No. 1118.

CHARITY OBJECTIVE IN SIGHT, BUT MORE MONEY IS REQUIRED

Rotarians Striving to Secure Further Relief Contributions

The \$5,000 objective set by the Rotary Club in its drive for funds to relieve Victoria poor this Christmas was in sight at noon to-day, but the Rotarians are not slackening their efforts. A much larger sum than that which so far has been collected can be used to relieve distress, they state, and they intend to keep the subscription lists open for several days yet. With the number of children who must be taken care of this Christmas, they declare the \$5,000 fund is proportionately less than the much smaller funds collected in previous years.

Subscriptions received since yesterday noon were as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$4,178.57
O. M.	3.00
Ketchup	1.00
Biscuits	1.00
Sympathy	2.00
Friend	1.00
Friend	1.00
Harry Harris	5.00
L. M.	2.00
Leslie F. Jeeves	1.00
Wm. Rowlands	1.00
Mrs. Geo. H. Maynard	5.00
C. A. Steele	5.00
Samuel Greenhalgh	5.00
F. C. Carey	1.00
Auction of Miss Ringshaw's doll's bed	51.00
Clarke Advertising Service	5.00
E. C. Electric Railway Office Staff	13.25
Carter Electric Co.	5.00
H. M.	5.00
C. R. Gary	4.00
Employees, Shelly Bros.	20.00
J. H. Beatty (additional)	5.00
Vancouver Milling and Grain Co.	10.00
Walter B. Anderson	2.50
Mrs. A. M. Bowen	2.00
H. E. B.	5.00
Mrs. A. Stuart-Robertson	10.00
E. A. Gallup	5.00
Cash	1.00
Cash	1.00
E. M.	3.00
Sandy Cochran	1.00
Marion Wilson	5.00

E. F. M.	2.00
Philip Heal	1.00
J. Genge	20.00
F. A. E. Smith	2.00
Geo. W. Mitchell	5.00
L. H. N.	1.00
Thomas Shotbolt	5.00
G. W.	1.00
W. S.	1.00
H. Stephenson	3.00
Merchants' Bank Staff	21.00
Diversagh	2.00
A. D. Rankin	1.00
Lover of Kiddies	1.00
A. Friend	2.00
A. N. Other	2.00
I. Friend	2.00
E. W. Whittington	5.00
O. C.	10.00
Dr. H. B. Robertson	5.00
Friend	4.00
E. C. Arthur	5.00
Rennie & Taylor	10.00
Margaret and Mrs. White	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
W. H. H. H.	1.50
R. S.	5.00
C. H. P.	2.50
Pupils Girls' Central School	20.00
Friend	1.50
Wynne H. Evans	1.00
A. Friend	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. H.	5.00
Post Office Employees	55.00
Mrs. Knapp	2.00
F. A. Willis	2.00
E. C.	1.00
William Olliphant	10.00
A. Friend	1.00
Jack Munsey	1.00
Harris Munsey	1.00
Bettie Munsey	1.00
Bobby Day	1.00
Wynne Day	1.00
Ann Brown	1.00
Edwin Johnson, R.C.	10.00
Sybil and Marjory	10.00
J. R. McIlree	5.00
Miss E. P. Baxter	5.00
Wellwisher	5.00
W. M. Allan	5.00
Strathcona Hotel	25.00
Employer of ditto	25.00
Miss Lucas	2.00
King's Road School	7.33
Cook Street School	5.00
Gordon Eastward	1.00
Jim and Bunty	2.00
Oaklands School	45.80
Moresby, O'Reilly & Lowe	10.00
Sir James Douglas School	20.00
F. Baylis	10.00
Mr. Gray	2.00
Westholme Inn	5.50
North Ward School	1.00
Monterey School	55.00
Dr. H. Keown	5.00
Sir James Douglas School	43.50
Spring Ridge School	19.40
Fernwood School	5.00
Miss Maxwell	3.00
A. E. Jones	1.00
Mrs. M. Wardle	2.00

The following statement was given out to-day by Rotarian H. P. Johnson, who is directing the Rotary Club's charitable efforts:

"As chairman of the Rotary Club committee I wish to emphasize again the fact that a large number of business men of this city are giving freely of their time and money for the benefit of their less fortunate fellow citizens, more especially the children of these families."

"It is indeed hard to hear the way that these men are misunderstood. One of the committee heard remarks yesterday from a party who said a large amount of this fund was going in salaries and expenses. Let me again say that the work is being done by the members of the Rotary Club, many of whom are giving days of their time, using their cars for hours visiting these families, sitting up late at night to put a good work over, and they expect nothing in the way of reward other than the fact that they have done something for the good of the community. Last year the expense in administering this fund was nothing at all, and while it will involve small expenditures this year owing to the proportions the fund has assumed, these expenses will be so small that they will not be worth considering."

"This work is a pleasure to the members of the Rotary Club, and in doing it they are endeavoring to live up to the motto of that club which is 'Service not self.'"

QUEBEC HONORS SIR LOMER GOUIN

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"The other particulars in which regard for constitutional government has found significant expression in this province is the attitude assumed by the leading French-Canadian Liberals towards representation in the compromise cabinet at Ottawa, whether it be in its first or its last instalment, the old Union is the Government, or the present so-called National Liberal and Conservative administration. It is an open secret that nothing short of frantic efforts have been put forward by those in power to secure Sir Lomer Gouin as a member of the Federal administration. It is equally well known that like overtures were made to more than one member from this province formerly in the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. All have consistently and persistently refused to violate the reverent regard in which constitutional procedure is held in the province of Quebec, by lending the prestige of their names and high position as a cloak for subterfuge and usurpation of rightful authority in matters of government."

Isolation.

"We now hear some, who formerly assailed Quebec, deploring its isolation. Isolation from what? Not from Canada, for the general sentiment towards Quebec is friendly and relations are steadily improving. No such 'isolation' as exists from a Government, which is itself isolated from Canada, which has lost touch with the electorate of Canada, not only in Quebec, but in Ontario and the West, which maintains a precarious hold upon power through a House of Commons which has ceased to represent the people if, indeed, it ever did represent them, in any true sense of the word."

"Shall we say that the refusal of Liberal Quebec to have anything to do with the Government means a refusal to take part in the working of the institutions of the country?"

"By no means. On the contrary, by that refusal, the Liberals of Quebec are asserting their determination to uphold the constitution of keeping aloof from usurpers. They are remaining true to representative and responsible government. When these are restored—which will not be long hence—Quebec will be found once more represented by responsible Ministers and its citizens doing work for our common country worthy of the traditions of Lafontaine, Dorje and Laurier. Canada will once more have the benefit of the political genius of the French-Canadian race, and of Quebec's regard for constitution and our free political institutions."

The HOME OIL CO.

will open ground-floor offices Monday, December 20



In order that the public may have the opportunity of coming into direct personal contact with the practical management of the Home Oil Company's affairs at Abbotsford, B.C., a downstairs office will be opened up on Monday next in 1106 Douglas Street.

THIS office will be under the direct supervision of Mr. F. H. Kiff, General Manager and Field Superintendent of the Company, during the coming week, and in addition to his attendance during certain hours of the day for the purpose of meeting those in search of first hand information regarding the petroleum industry in general and the Home Oil Company's activities in particular, he will give two 40-minute talks during the week on the scientific and practical phases of the geological structure of petroleum fields, their development and production.

THIS step is being taken so that the public may have every facility to thoroughly investigate this company and to determine for themselves its merit as an industrial organization and a legitimate force for the development of one of the most valuable of this Province's natural resources, perhaps more valuable and extensive than either timber, coal or agriculture.

ACCORDING to the opinion of noted geologists and practical oil men who have visited this field, the Home Oil Company's holdings at Abbotsford present a prospect more promising than any of the great producing oil fields of the United States offered before oil was brought in. It cost the State of California more than \$70,000,000 to prove commercial production. So far British Columbia has spent less than \$2,000,000 in oil development. The management of the Home Oil Company is firmly of the opinion that with the completion of their present plans which require the expenditure of but a few thousand dollars more, actual petroleum production will be accomplished on the Abbotsford anticline in the Fraser Valley.

BECAUSE of the unfamiliarity of the people of British Columbia with the oil situation and oil production, it is the purpose of the Home Oil Company to facilitate in every way the acquisition of such information. General Manager Kiff, a practical geologist and field superintendent of lifelong experience, is at their command and there is no obligation of any kind implied in asking for information. He is glad to be of service to the people and to the industrial advancement of the Province.

A DAILY window bulletin service will be inaugurated at the Douglas Street office. This will give tabloid information and statistics, progress of the developments on the Abbotsford anticline, interesting charts and other intelligence. This feature will be worth watching for and following.

IN "Answers to Correspondents" column will be conducted in The Times every day and matters of public interest relating to oil or the Abbotsford field will be taken up. This will be called "Kiff's Kolum." Personal questions will be answered by mail.

IN short we are here to meet you face to face and to assist you to assist us to assist British Columbia to become one of the great oil-producing sections of the globe.

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Daily News Bulletins

Kiff's Kolum

FARMER PARTY IS LINED UP SOLIDLY BEHIND T. A. CRERAR

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Majority Expected.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The seventh annual convention of the U.F.O. came to a close this morning. Perhaps the most important result of the convention was the expression of confidence in the Drury Government.

The success of the agrarian movement in politics in Ontario has impressed in all the members of the U. F. O. the hope that the next Federal Government will be in the control of the Farmers. This was apparent, at least, from the voluminous applause that greeted the remarks of W. L. Smith this morning that a friend of his estimated there would be no less than 150 farmers returned at the next Dominion election.

"But suppose we deduct 40 from that number, we still would have 110 and that would give a majority in the House, said Mr. Smith."

BREAK ON IRISH HOME RULE BILL IS AVERTED

(Concluded on page 26.)

Developments Awaited.

The developments are being awaited with curiosity and anxiety. The action of the Lords in amending the Home Rule Bill was tantamount to rejection of the measure and the insistence of the Commons on the original bill seems to have placed the fate of the legislation in the balance. Parliamentary writers gave widely different statements in London newspapers this morning as to what might happen.

Many members of the Upper House object to the inclusion of the Bill for the Council of Ireland and oppose the clause providing that if Ireland declines to accept the form of Government established by the measure, a crown colony government will be imposed. Some writers declared the irreconcilable peers will recede from their position and that when the House of Lords meets at noon Saturday, it will hear Royal assent given the measure and see it placed in the statute books as a law.

This orderly ending of the long-drawn-out discussion and manoeuvre of the rival parties accords in no way with assertions made in other quarters, where it is asserted that the Peers whose votes carried the amendments in the House of Lords, will absolutely refuse to accept the bill in the form to which it has been restored by the Commons.

ITS ONE ATTRACTION

Captain Waters was once called to try a lawsuit in a small town not so very far from Topeka. There wasn't much doing and Cap got very lonesome. When his business was finally attended to and he was settling his hotel bill he said to the landlady:

"I intend, if possible, to come to this town to end my days. I wish to die here."

The landlady was flattered and said: "Indeed, Captain, I am glad that you like our town so well."

"You have me wrong," said Cap. "The reason I want to end my days here is because it seems to me that after a man had lived here a spell death would be a welcome relief. I never saw a town I could leave with as little regret as Kansas Farmer and Mail and Breeze (Topeka)."

TRUE CAUTION

"What is William crying about?" asked Mrs. Smith of the new nurse.

"Well, ma'am, he wanted to go over to Tommy Brown's."

"Why didn't you let him go?"

"They were having charades, he said, ma'am, and I wasn't sure as he'd had 'em yet!"—Harper's Weekly.

A Woodstock amateur wireless telephone operator picked up a message sent 1,800 miles away on the Atlantic seaboard.

KING EDWARD HOTEL

is now open under new management; has been thoroughly renovated and up-to-date. Rooms at moderate rates, single or en suite. Special family rates.

H. T. FITZSIMMONS, Prop.

IMPORTANT SALE OF TOYS, FANCY GOODS, ETC.

MAYNARD & SONS AUCTIONEERS

Instructed, we will sell at Salesroom, 727-733 Pandora Avenue

To-morrow Night

(Saturday) 8 o'clock.

A large assortment of Toys, Fancy Goods, etc., including: Dolls, Teddy Bears, China Tea Sets, Folding Beds, and Swings, Children's Books, Building Blocks, Games, Planes, Children's Purses, Mechanical Toys, Balls, Celluloid Dolls, all sizes; Porcelain Dolls, Sport Dolls, Dressing Dolls, Large assortment of Platedware, Chinaware, etc. On view Saturday afternoon.

MAYNARD & SONS Auctioneers.

Christmas Sale of New and Shopworn Goods

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES AUCTION ROOMS

Corner Fort and Langley

To-morrow, Dec. 18

2 P. M.

Ironing Board on Stand, Curtains, Round Pedestal Extension Table, Two very old Colored Prints, Large Child's Rocking Horse, 12 x 12 Axminster Square.

Round Pedestal Table, Mahogany Finish Oval Plate Mirror Dresser, Walnut Dresser, Large Plate Mirror, Fir Dresser, four 3-4 and two full size Beds, New Mattresses, Massive Oak Dining or Board Room Extension Table, Sleepy Hollow Chair, Grass Chair, Mission Chairs, Gentleman's Chiffonier, Bevel Plate Mirror, Crystal Liquor and Champagne Glasses, Crepe Tissue Paper, 6-stop Organ, Mission Hall Seat, Copper Electric Heater, Ebonized Gate Leg Table, Occasional Tables, Kitchen Tables, 10x12 Brussels Square, 6x9 Grass Mat, Domestic Drophead Sewing Machine Oil Heater, Child's Swinging Cot, Camp Grill, Metal Meat Covers, Toys, Wagons, Engines, Carts, etc., Large Platters, Clark Jewel Gas Range, Airtight Heaters, 2 Gas Water Radiators, Pots, Pans, Tinware, etc.; Player Rolls, Roll of Siding Roofing, Trunks, Brass Lamps and Angle Lamps, and other articles.

CRAWFORD COATES Auctioneer

Have the old Furniture Re-upholstered with Craftsman Fabrikoid

SPRING or Fall and its house-cleaning bring the question of refurbishing the old furniture. The price of furniture has advanced 100 per cent. in the last ten years, so why not save the old and make it look like new. Upholstery gone? Fabrikoid is the answer—an attractive covering that looks like leather, costs less and wears longer.

Fabrikoid gives a richness to furniture that cannot be obtained in any other covering at the same cost. It is the one satisfactory furniture covering in the home where there are children. Greasy fingers leave no stains on Fabrikoid, spilled water will not penetrate it—it does not scratch, tear, pull or stretch, still it is as pliable as the softest of leather.

Get Fabrikoid in a shade that will match your furniture. It will fit nicely with the surroundings in any home. And it is all of uniform thickness and texture—you take no chance on Fabrikoid.

When you send your furniture to be re-upholstered, tell your dealer to show you his samples of Fabrikoid. Select the color you need—you cannot go wrong on the quality, if you insist on Fabrikoid. Write today for our free booklet "Fabrikoid in the Home" and learn what can be done at home with Fabrikoid.

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Most of the motor cars in Canada today are upholstered or topped with Fabrikoid.



PRACTICAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Give a Pair of Perrin's or Trefousse Kid Gloves

Perrin's Fine French Kid Gloves with heavy embroidered points in self or contrasting colors; two dome style, in navy, brown, tan, taupe, black and white; all sizes. Price **\$4.50**

Perrin's Smart Gauntlet Gloves made of soft leather with flare cuffs and contrasting gusset, finished with neat strap; brown, beaver and tan; all sizes. Price, pair **\$6.75**

Trefousse Fine Suede Gloves in oversewn seam style, with fine stitched points; beaver, grey, brown and black; all sizes. At a pair **\$3.75**

Trefousse Dress Gloves of fine French kid, in self white or with black embroidered points; all sizes. Price **\$4.50**



Glove Bonds—If you are in doubt as to color or size give a Glove Bond. Issued for any amount at Glove Department.

SATURDAY—STORE OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M.

The Special Christmas Offering of Table Linens Continues Saturday

Damask Cloths
Full bleached damask cloths, hemmed all ready for use; in assorted patterns and sizes; 45 x 45, regular \$2.50. Sale price, each **\$1.50**
54 x 54, regular \$3.00. Sale price, each **\$2.30**
58 x 58, regular \$3.50. Sale price, each **\$2.70**
68 x 68, regular \$5.75. Sale price, each **\$4.40**
68 x 68, regular \$6.75. Sale price, each **\$5.30**

Union Damask Cloths
Very fine quality, in beautiful designs; size 72 x 90; regular \$12.50. Sale price **\$9.50**

Pure Linen Cloths
Absolutely all pure linen, full bleached, in assorted designs; 45 x 45, regular \$4.95. Sale price, each **\$3.70**
72 x 72, regular \$11.50. Sale price **\$8.50**
68 x 81, regular \$12.50. Sale price **\$9.50**

All-Linen Table Damask
Beautiful all-linen table damask, satin finish, in very attractive patterns; 70 inches wide, regular \$3.75. Sale price, yard, **\$2.70**
72 inches wide, regular \$4.75. Sale price, yard **\$3.70**

Bleached Table Damask
Good heavy quality, which will give very serviceable wear; attractive patterns; 70 inches wide, regular \$2.75. Sale price, per yard **\$1.95**

Bargains in Tray and Tea Cloths and Fancy Squares, Etc.

Tea Cloths, hemstitched and embroidered; assorted sizes; regular \$1.25 to \$2.75. Sale price, each, **98¢ to \$1.50**

Tray Cloth, hemstitched and embroidered; assorted sizes; regular \$1.50 to \$1.50. Sale price, each, **39¢ to 98¢**

Fancy Squares, size 45 x 45; hemstitched and embroidered; regular \$3.75. Sale price, each, **\$2.70**

Battenburg Squares, size 36 x 36; regular \$1.95 and \$2.30. Sale price, each **\$1.50**

Are Hand Bags or Purses on Your Gift List?



Silver Mesh Purses in a big range of styles and sizes. Attractively priced at **\$1.95 to \$5.50**

A Splendid Assortment of Lucille Bags with top straps; made from pla seal and fancy ostrich grain. Prices **\$6.00, \$6.50 and \$8.50**

New Shapes in leather boxes with colored moosea linings; nicely fitted. Price **\$6.00**

Back Strap Purses in seal and fancy grain. Very special values at **\$3.50, \$4.00 and \$6.50**

Canteen-Bags, nicely fitted and attractively lined. Price .. **\$6.00**

Stylish Bags of chiffon velvet, fitted with inner purse, pocket and mirror; finished with filigree mount and tassel ends. Prices **\$9.50 and \$18.50**

Gift Bags for children; made from silk or velvet and lined with fancy silk; some have mirror. Prices **59¢ and \$1.95**

Interesting Bargains from the Children's Dept.

Children's Winter Coats made from warm wool coatings in smart styles and serviceable colors; sizes for six, eight and ten years; regular **\$13.95** to \$25.00. For **\$9.95**
Sizes four to eight years; regular to \$15.00. For **\$9.95**

Girls' Smart Sweater Coats, "Universal Brand"; made from 100 per cent wool; six to fourteen years; regular to **\$7.95**
Six to twelve years; regular to **\$5.95**
Two to four years; regular to \$5.00. For **\$3.95**

Silk Hosiery is a Worth While Xmas Gift



Women's Pure Thread Silk Hosiery with plain and ribbed tops; all sizes; in black and cordovan; also Venus and Holsproof in all shades; regular \$2.50 quantities. At per pair **\$1.55**

Radium Pure Thread Silk Hosiery in cordovan and black; all sizes; formerly \$3.50. At, pair, **\$2.00**

Radium Drop-Stitch Silk Hosiery in cordovan, navy, grey, black and white; all sizes. Pair, **\$3.00**

Panman's Silk Lustré Hosiery in cordovan, wren, smoke, pigeon, Palm Beach, silver, black and brown; all sizes. Pair, **\$1.25**

A Silk Muffler is a Practical Xmas Gift

A silk muffler always comes in handy—that's the reason they make such acceptable gifts. One chosen from our stock is sure to please; attractively packed in dainty Christmas boxes. Silk mufflers in a splendid range of plain colors or two and three-tone stripes.

Plain colors; prices, each, **\$2.50** to **\$5.75**
Fancy stripes; prices, each, **\$4.50** to **\$8.75**

Fancy Diagonal Knit Silk Mufflers, suitable for boys; four good colors and white. Prices, each, **\$3.50** and **\$4.75**

Saturday Specials from the First Floor

Regular **\$4.50** and **\$5.00** Underskirts, **\$3.50**
Well made from good quality English moire, in black, navy, taupe, Paddy, Copenhagen and rose; women's and O.S. sizes; regular \$4.50 and \$5.00. Very special at **\$3.50**

Regular **\$7.50** Waists **\$5.98**
Smart tailored waists made of warm Clydella flannel in a variety of colored stripes; all sizes; regular \$7.50. Special at **\$5.98**

Attractive Art Jewelry

Dainty Earrings in drop or stud styles, in amber, pearl, turquoise, coral and jet effects; packed in fancy boxes. Prices **\$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00**

Necklaces in many novel combinations of jade, amber, coral and pearl effects. Prices from **95¢** to **\$1.75**

Long Chains in pretty jet effects; some finished with tassel ends. Prices **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75** and **\$3.00**



Saturday Specials in Santaland

Big Doll Values
Regular **\$2.50—Special Each, \$1.50**
Beautiful dressed dolls with hard-to-break composition head and hands, well stuffed body, movable arms and legs, white shoes and stockings that take off; regular \$2.50 value. Special at, each **\$1.50**

Laundry Sets
Regular **\$3.00—Special Each, \$2.30**
Children's toy laundry sets, strongly made, nicely finished, and the color combinations are very attractive; regular \$3.00. Special, each **\$2.30**

Automobiles
Children's automobiles, complete with windshield, steering wheel, self starters, fender and tool box, etc., rubber tires, beautifully enamelled. These are high grade toys.
Regular \$20.00 for **\$10.00**
Regular \$30.00 for **\$15.00**
Hiker Autos for **\$14.50**

Toy Wagons
Regular **\$1.25—Special Each, 98¢**
Well-made and nicely painted in two colors; splendid value; regular \$1.25. Special each, **98¢**

Structo Auto Builder
Consists of parts for building automobiles; very instructive for boys; regular \$7.98. For **\$5.00**
Regular \$12.00. For **\$9.00**
Regular \$17.50. For **\$13.98**

Gilbert's Toys at Special Prices

New Wheel Toy
Regular **\$2.75—Special Each, \$2.40**
This outfit builds the slider, flat-topped wheelbarrow, coaster, flat topped wagon and many others; comes in hardwood cabinet **\$8.49**

Larger Wheel Toy
Regular **\$15.00—Special, Each \$12.75**

This outfit will build all the models of the smaller set, and in addition the geared speedster and many others; a boy can have fun all the year round; comes in hardwood cabinet. At, each **\$12.75**

Tool Chests
These tool chests contain real tools; regular \$5.25. For **\$4.25**
Regular \$7.50 for **\$6.30**
Regular \$8.50 for **\$7.30**
Regular \$9.75 for **\$7.95**

Designer and Toy Maker
Regular **\$2.25** for, each, **\$1.70**
Regular **\$3.75** for, each, **\$2.98**

Clock Sets
Regular **\$2.25** for, each, **\$1.50**
Regular **\$2.50** for, each, **\$1.98**

Mutt and Jeff
Regular **\$2.50** for, each, **\$1.70**

Soldering Outfits
Regular **\$2.50** for **\$1.98**



Phone Sets
Regular **\$8.00** for **\$6.70**

Wireless Outfits
Regular **\$10.75** for **\$9.50**

Nurses' Outfits
Regular **\$2.75** for **\$2.00**

PUZZLE PARTIES
Regular **\$2.00** for **\$1.30**

Dainty Underwear for Gift Giving

Silk Underskirts with elastic waist and accordion pleated or ruffle flounce; shown in a variety of bright colors. Price **\$5.95**

Dainty Envelope Chemise made of crepe and mull, trimmed with fine lace and prettily embroidered in novelty designs; all sizes. Extra special **\$2.98**

Slip-Over Gowns made from mull and witchery crepe; a variety of styles with novelty trimmings. Prices **\$2.25 to \$5.95**

Dainty Camisoles in many pretty styles; made from satin, crepe de Chine and silk, trimmed with fine laces and touches of embroidery; colors navy, maize, sky, flesh, white and black; all sizes. Prices **\$1.50 to \$3.95**

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Newest Styles in Coat Collars, embracing long roll and stand-up styles; made of net, Georgette and organdie. Prices, **\$1.25 to \$3.00**

Vestees in frilly styles; made from fine net and lace. Prices **\$1.25 to \$1.75**

Pretty Vestees of Georgette in flesh and ivory shades. Price **\$2.00**

Organdie Collars in round or roll shapes; some have plain hemstitched edges; others are nicely finished with lace. Prices, **85¢ and \$1.00**



Pretty Christmas Ribbon and Ribbon Novelties

Narrow Ribbon for Christmas parcels; in holly, berry or poinsettia designs. Price, four yards **25¢**

Lingerie Ribbons in all dainty shades. Up from, yard **4¢**

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Handsome Brocade and Moire Ribbons in extra wide widths for camisoles; navy, brown and many light colors. Price, yard; **\$4.00** and **\$5.75**

New Christmas Ribbons in Dresden, Roman stripes and tartans. Price, yard, **\$1.25 to \$2.75**

Ribbon Hair Bows in silk, brocade, Dresden and tartan; nicely made up and finished with clasp. Price, each, **75¢ to \$1.50**

Novelty Bags of light and dark ribbons. Prices **\$3.25 and \$5.00**

Coat Hangers of fancy ribbon. Prices **\$1.75 and \$2.25**

Powder Kewpies daintily dressed. Prices **\$1.00, \$1.35 and \$1.50**

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Ribbon Powder Bags with nurrou. Prices **\$1.25 and \$1.50**

Ribbon Sandals, price **\$3.50**

Flower and Lingerie Sets, prices, **75¢ and \$1.00**

Boudoir Caps in many new designs. Prices **\$4.50 and \$5.50**

Sashes and Girdles of tartan and chene ribbon. Prices **\$2.25, \$3.50 and \$6.95**

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Special in Pure Silk Umbrellas in shades of mulberry, navy, purple and green; regular price, **\$12.75**. Special at **\$9.95**

Smart Umbrellas with good, serviceable covers and neat handles; colors blue, brown, amber, black and white. Prices **\$3.50 to \$5.75**

Kiddies' Umbrellas with stout frames and crook handles. Priced at **\$2.25**