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PROPOSE TO TAX ALL FOODSTUFF

TARIFF REFORM LEADERS MAKE POSITION CLEAR

John Burns Breaks Silence and Vigorously Denounces Proposal.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—A cablegram from London says:
"Leaders of the tariff reform propaganda in their speeches are now announcing that they intend, if the election results in the defeat of the present government, to tax all food stuffs and all manufactures, colonial or foreign. They have been forced into this explanation of their position owing to insistent demands of an unequivocal statement as to the revenue side of their proposal. Not only are they now frankly stating these views, but they are making appeals for the support of workmen on the strength of them, particularly those having relation to taxes on manufactures."
"In brief, they propose a tax of two and a half per cent. on all colonial food stuffs and a tax of five per cent. on foreign food stuffs. All colonial manufactures, it is proposed, shall be taxed five per cent. and all foreign manufactures ten per cent."

"John Burns, president of the local government board, at a mass meeting in Battersea, denounced the proposals with vigor. He said there was one factory in Battersea employing men working foreign goods into more finished products. That factory, he declared, would be compelled to close within a few weeks after the adoption of such a tariff. This did not apply to one constituency alone. Similar conditions extended all over the United Kingdom."
"Mr. Burns also took advanced ground on the liquor question. His language was strong and incapable of any misunderstanding. Not only did he express his own personal views, but he plainly pledged the government to do everything possible to lessen the evil of intemperance and to curb power of the liquor interests."

Lloyd George Speaks.
"Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lloyd George, speaking at a Watworth's meeting, said:
"Neither the colonies nor foreigners would buy our goods except for two reasons: either their quality is better or the price is cheaper for the same quality. They are not buying them because they love us. You go to the colonies with any article, wherever it comes from—French, Russian, German or American, and if it is a better article for a cheaper price they are not going to buy a British article which is inferior at a bigger price. They would be fools if they did it. That is not the way to do business. Our goods are beating them all. Why we are able to put them in every market in the world more cheaply than any other country."

Unionists Confident.
Montreal, Dec. 20.—A London cablegram says:
"There are signs that the feverish rush of Lloyd George and Churchill is spending itself. This is inevitable, human nature being what it is. It has been a week of stupendous speech-making. Apart from thousands of smaller meetings in all parts of the kingdom, there have been thirty-one big speeches from peers, who certainly proved amid excited heckling that they are not fools, knaves or cowards, thirteen from Unionist ex-cabinet ministers, twenty-four from radical cabinet ministers, winding up with great lashing from Lloyd George and John Burns. It is plain fireworks alone counted, the ministers must win easily."
"Nobody on the Unionist side compares with Lloyd George, Churchill or Burns in mad oratory, but it is significant to note that the shrewdest Unionist election workers, remembering that the result after all lies with a residuum of say, 20 per cent. of the quiet kind of middle-class and working men, still express confidence in a Unionist victory. Mr. Chamberlain himself adheres to his prediction, made some weeks ago, that the Unionists will have a hundred majority. The secretary of the tariff reform league expects a majority of 80 to 90. A leading member of the political committee of the Constitutional Club, who is also proprietor of a leading Unionist popular weekly journal, gives the estimate of a Unionist majority as 30 to 40."
"After consulting Radical experts, I should say that if the election were next week the Radical whirlwind would probably sweep enough of the annually excited, restless, and the Radical camp to secure a small Radical majority, but the interval of nearly a month before polling will likely reassert the sway of tariff reform with the electorate, which has been continuous since the general election four years and persisting even in the bye-elections, such as in Warrington, since the budget was introduced."
"This interval will likely also strengthen the uneasiness caused by the continued disclosure of Germany's unprecedented naval preparation and the Radical ministers' disinclination to make a strong counter naval programme."

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARRESTED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Colonels Zinovits and Stratov, of the quartermaster's department, have been arrested as a result of the recent investigation of the department, when irregularities involving more than a million dollars were discovered.

REPORT MAY BE NON-COMMITTAL

NO DECISION YET ON DR. COOK'S CLAIMS

Explorer is Now Believed to Be Visiting Friend in Norway.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—That the committee of scientists which is investigating the polar data of Dr. Frederick Cook will return a report neither favorable nor adverse to the claims of the explorer, was the prediction today of a member of faculty of the university of Copenhagen, who is cognizant of the deliberations of the committee.

The general impression prevails that Dr. Cook's paper as submitted does not constitute proof that he discovered the north pole.
Dr. Cooke's close friends declare that the doctor, previous to dispatching his polar data to the university of Copenhagen, had written in private to Rector Torp informing him that in the event of an adverse decision, he, Dr. Cook, would not appeal from the findings of the committee. His instruments and three documents, important to the case, Dr. Cook pointed out in his letter, are still at Etah.

Believed to Be in Norway.
New York, Dec. 20.—Intimate friends of Dr. Cook, who are on pins and needles pending a decision on the data at Copenhagen, said today that in their belief Dr. Cook is at the home of a friend in Christiansam, Norway, within easy call of Copenhagen. They thought that Dr. Cook left this country on the steamer United States on Thanksgiving Day. Walter Lonsdale, the explorer's secretary, is known to have sailed on the vessel.

Travelling on Carmania.
Naples, Dec. 20.—A rumor spread here today that Dr. Cook was aboard the steamer Saxonia and a crowd formed at the dock to greet him. The captain said he had been notified that Dr. Cook had intended to cross on the steamer, but asked the company to transfer his ticket to the Carmania.

TWENTY-SEVEN DROWN IN RIVER IN RUSSIA

Fall Among Blocks of Ice When Wooden Bridge Collapses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were drowned by the collapse of a wooden bridge across the Pripet river, Minsk province, according to reports received today.

The victims fell into the river, which was filled with great blocks of ice and rescue was impossible.

STORMS ON ATLANTIC

Liners Eastward Bound Are Delayed by Hurricanes.

London, Dec. 20.—Incoming Transatlantic liners report having encountered terrific weather. The Carmania, New York and America, arriving at Queens-town and Plymouth respectively today, were both greatly delayed. Four days out the liners met hurricanes from the eastward, with mountainous seas, which continued until Saturday night.

FLIGHTS IN BI-PLANE

Aviator Covers Approximately Eleven Miles in Twelve Minutes.

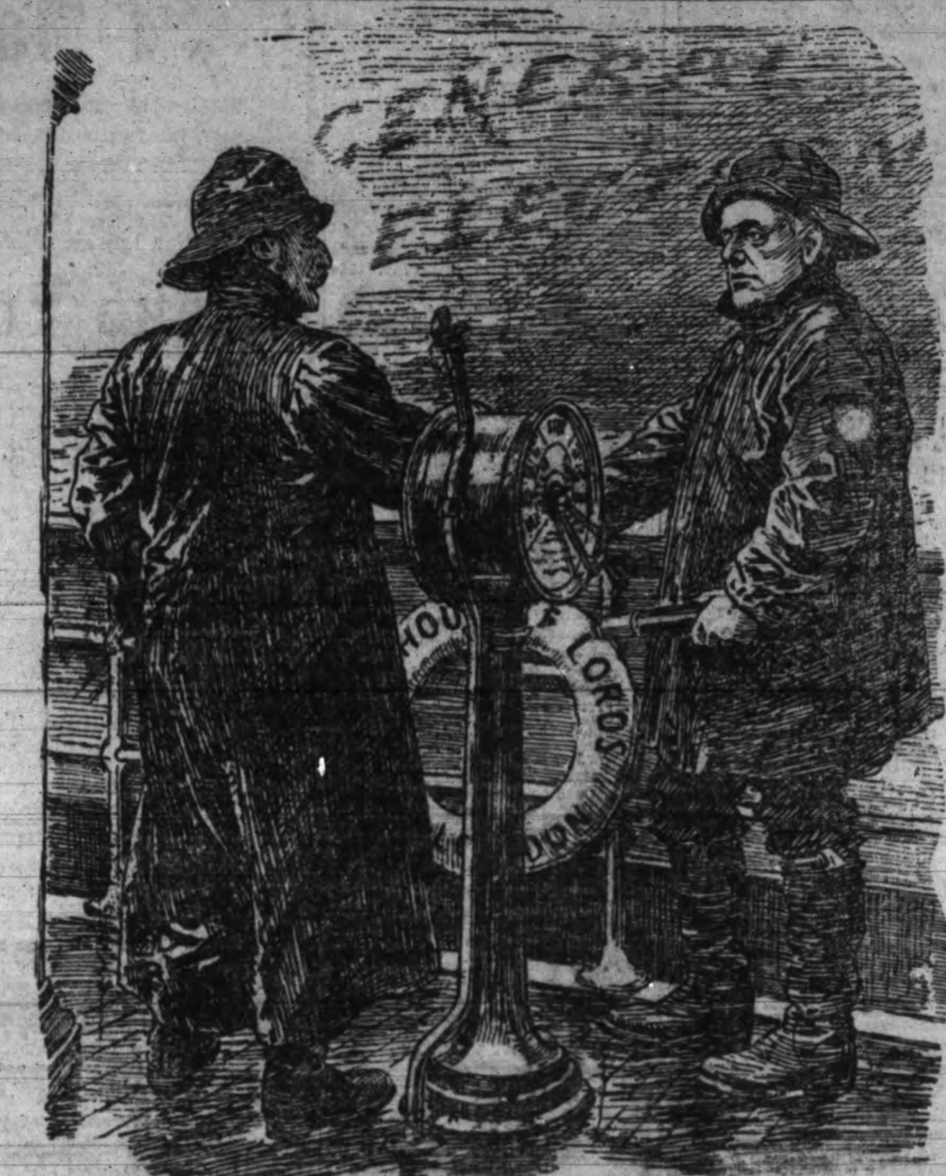
St. Joseph, Dec. 20.—Charles J. Hamilton, who has just concluded a series of flights in his Curtiss bi-plane here, today made a flight of 12 minutes in which he circled Lake Country eight times and covered approximately 11 miles.

ROADS HAVE TROUBLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET

James J. Hill Declares the Cost of All Materials Has Advanced.

Portland, Dec. 20.—In discussing the general railroad conditions of the country, Mr. James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, contended that with the advance in cost of all materials required for the construction and maintenance of railroads, the large railroad systems of the country are having trouble to make ends meet.

"Engineers and treatment," said Mr. Hill, when asked concerning the agitation in the East for a general strike among railroad employees, "are among the best paid laborers in the country, and their wages have been increased more in the last few years than those of any other class of workmen. The recent strike by the switchmen employed on the Northwestern railroads was more the effect of rivalry between the two organizations of these employees than of any other cause. It required only three days to place this strike where it failed to prove troublesome to the railroads. As a result, the strike costs in name only."



TAKING THE RISKS.

Pilot Lansdowne—"Full speed ahead!"
Ex-Pilot Rosebery—"Looks a bit thick, doesn't it? Speed ahead!"
Pilot Lansdowne (cheerfully)—"Can't help that—full!"

THREE DROWN AFTER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Teacher and Two Girls Perish While on Their Way Home.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 20.—Laura Curran, who had just received the prize "for the prettiest girl in the school district," and Alma Utterback and W. A. Johnson, the girl's teacher, were drowned last night as they were trying to reach their homes from a school "social."

RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE DEAD.

Cannes, France, Dec. 20.—Grand Duke Michael Nicolaievitch, grand uncle of the Emperor Nicholas, died here on Saturday. He was 67 years old. Grand Duke Michael was the oldest representative of the imperial house, having been born in 1832, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself during his long military career. He entered active service at the age of fourteen as a lieutenant, and at twenty had attained the rank of general in nominal command of the ordnance department of the empire.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Chatham Ont., Dec. 20.—Thos. Ryan, a hachelor, has been found frozen to death near a strawstack on the Graham farm in Raleigh. He is thought to have fallen asleep and died from exposure.

TWO CRUISERS TO BE BUILT ON THAMES

Contract for Dreadnought Has Not Yet Been Awarded.

London, Dec. 20.—It is understood that the admiralty has decided to give orders to the Thames Iron Works for the construction of two cruisers of this year's programme.

MAY SUCCEMB TO WOUND.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Jos. Russo was shot yesterday and may die. He declared he had been doomed by members of a secret society in Italy and gave the name of an Italian who had followed him.

STATE FUNERAL FOR LEOPOLD

KING TO BE BURIED WITH SOLEMN CEREMONY

Late Monarch's Will Leaves Sixty Millions to Baroness Vaughn.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—Although King Leopold requested that the funeral services be characterized by the utmost simplicity and attended by none but members of the royal family, it was announced today that the authorities have decided upon a state funeral to be conducted with the usual pomp and ceremony.

This decision is said to have been reached after an application by Brussels merchants, who undoubtedly will profit largely by the crowd attracted by the obsequies.

It was stated authoritatively that Baroness Vaughn will not attend the funeral. Many rumors concerning her whereabouts are being circulated. Many of her acquaintances declare that she adhered to her announced purpose and has gone to Paris. Others believe her still to be at her villa here.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Lary, six years old, Charles four, and James two children of John Paromia, were burned to death in their home today while a little girl was attempting to get breakfast for her parents.

TRAIN ROBBERS SENTENCED.

Marnett is Given Seven Years, While Rowe Gets Three.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Police Magistrate Daly on Saturday sentenced the two self-confessed mail robbers, Marnett and Rowe three years. Marnett broke down on Friday and confessed he was the author of the plot, and that Rowe was only an accomplice.

E. L. Howell, for the crown, asked for a severe sentence on Marnett, who was a post office employee and a shorter term for Rowe who was not in the post office service, having been discharged after one month. It was on his homestead in the Springdale district near Yorkton that some of the money was hidden.

WANT AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL ACT

Deputation of Trustees is Waiting on Ministers To-day.

A deputation representing the B. C. School Trustees' Association is waiting upon the members of the government this afternoon to present a series of resolutions passed at the recent convention in Chilliwack. In the deputation are J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack president; Captain McIntosh, Victoria; C. E. Hope, Vancouver; E. Peebles, New Westminster; W. E. Flumerfelt, Vancouver; and J. J. Dougan, secretary.

MORGAN'S LATEST MOVE.

Secures Control of Six Additional Telephone Companies in Indiana and Ohio.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—It is officially announced that J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased the controlling interest in the six additional independent telephone companies of Indiana and Ohio. The system thus acquired includes 101,500 telephones and 49,000 miles of long distance lines, covering Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

DIVIDING INDIAN COAST DISTRICT

Three Agencies Have Been Created to Facilitate Work.

In order to improve the administration of the Indian department in British Columbia, what is known as the Coast District, has been divided into three agencies, an agent having been appointed for each. Formerly, this large district was attended to by one man, Mr. Lorenz, whose headquarters were at Metlakatla.

BOARD OF TRADE WANT LOW RATES

TO MEET CITY MEMBERS REGARDING THE C. N. R.

Points Which They Think Should Be Covered by Contract.

Several matters affecting the proposed Canadian Northern Railway extensions, and legislation generally, will be laid before Premier McBride and his colleagues in the representation of Victoria—Messrs. Davey, Behnen and Thomson—by the council of the board of trade to-morrow morning.

The points which the council will place before the members include the following:

That in view of the promise made by Mr. Mann to the railway committee of the board of trade that he believes that a five-tenths grade can be secured on the proposed railway, and that freight and passenger rates will be reduced accordingly—the board—argues that the contract provide for the lowest possible grades and for freight and passenger rates based on the low grade contemplated.

That complete transcontinental trains be made up at Victoria and conveyed by express ferry to the mainland.

That Victoria be the company's headquarters for British Columbia.

That the car shops, etc., for the Vancouver Island system be located at Victoria.

In regard to connection with the mainland C. H. Lugin has been asked to furnish the board with any information he may have in respect to car-ferries existing elsewhere.

While the city members and the council are together, it is likely that some general matters of legislation will be taken up.

DECORATION FOR AVIATOR.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Count de Lambert, the well known aviator, has been nominated for the Legion of Honor.

EX-PREMIER SEMLIN VISITING THE CAPITAL

Pioneer Legislator, Hale and Hearty, Here on Holiday Visit.

C. E. Semlin, of Cache Creek, Cariboo, one of the pioneer legislators of the province, and who was premier about ten years ago, is in the city, a guest at the Empress hotel. Despite his three score years and ten, Mr. Semlin is in vigorous health, and can look forward to a long term of life yet.

Chatting with a Times man this morning, Mr. Semlin said he saw many signs of improvement in Victoria. He predicts a great future for the city, of which he has long been an admirer. Mr. Semlin is no stranger to Victoria, having spent, as he says himself, many pleasant years here in attendance on his legislative duties. Mr. Semlin recalled that it was in 1871, in the first legislature after British Columbia joined the Confederation, that he entered political life in this province.

Mr. Semlin said that conditions in his section of the province were most satisfactory. Last season, from an agricultural standpoint, was somewhat disappointing, but better things were hoped for next year. The people of Cariboo, he says, are looking forward to the advent of the Canadian Northern railway to do much towards the development of a section of the province, which has long been in need of transportation facilities. Very little snow has fallen so far at Cache Creek, and the settlers there are looking forward to an open winter.

Mr. Semlin will be here for several days.

PROGRESS OF THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

W. E. Oliver Opens Committee Rooms—Another Aldermanic Aspirant.

Though it is improbable that any public meetings will be held for the discussion of the issues of municipal campaign until after the holidays, the three candidates for the mayoralty will nevertheless continue their active canvass for the support of the electors. W. E. Oliver has opened committee rooms in the building next the McGregor block, and to-morrow evening a meeting of the general committee will be held for the purpose of receiving the reports of the various canvassers who have been working in his interests.

A meeting of the Voters' League will be held in the North Ward school this evening for the purpose of nominating aldermen for ward two. It is anticipated that during the week the league will name its candidates for mayor. A list of questions to be submitted to each candidate before election day has been prepared.

W. H. Smith, of Fairfield road, with it is understood, is a candidate for alderman for ward five.

UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES

MAYOR HALL RETURNS FROM NORTH VANCOUVER

Some Important Resolutions Placed in Hands of Execu- tive Committee.

Mayor Hall and Ald. Henderson, who were delegates from the Victoria city council to the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities, held at North Vancouver, returned home on Sunday evening. Much good work was done in the interests of the municipalities throughout the province. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Salmon Arm.

The various recommendations submitted by the legislative committee of the Victoria city council received consideration and were placed in the hands of the executive committee who will see that the necessary recommendations are made to the legislature. The necessary changes in respect to the act for the creation of a board of control were laid before the executive committee. No suggestion was made respecting the system of recall, as it was felt that such provision will require an amendment to the B. N. A. act.

Mayor Bell, of Enderby, was elected president; Ald. Plinta, of Nanaimo, vice-president; and Reeve Rose, of Surrey, secretary-treasurer. The following were chosen as the executive committee: Mayor Robinson (Kamloops), Reeve Byrne (Burnaby), Reeve Evans (Salmon Arm), Reeve Kleibush (Chilliwack), Reeve McNaught (North Vancouver), and Reeve Quirk (Saanich).

W. McKay, secretary of the Union of Municipalities of Ontario, wrote suggesting that the Union of Canadian Municipalities should be dissolved and an association of provincial municipalities formed instead. This aroused a spirited discussion and Mayor Hall, of Victoria, moved that the secretary reply that the British Columbia Union could not occur in his view, but would support the Canadian Union of Municipalities. This was seconded by Ald. MacMillan, of Vancouver, and carried.

Other resolutions which were passed were as follows:
That a committee be appointed to secure all the necessary data dealing with the cement merger question.

That the Municipal act be amended so that householders may vote on rental.

That the legislation be amended to compel owners in subdividing properties to leave lanes for public use.

That local improvement by-laws be simplified.

That the Dominion government be asked to contribute to roads and bridges in the railway belt, where they draw a revenue from timber lands and water powers.

That the government be asked to appoint a committee of three men familiar with municipal legislation to assist the government in its efforts to simplify and codify the municipal laws of the province.

That the Municipal Clauses act be amended to allow any municipality to incorporate a telephone system within its boundaries and to connect with adjoining municipalities.

That cities and municipalities should be dealt with in separate acts referring to each.

That the government in its agreement with the Canadian Northern railway company should provide that the railway should run into the city of Kamloops instead of to a point near the town as at present proposed.

That the convention urge on the provincial government the necessity for establishing on the lower mainland a home for aged and indigent persons.

A motion was introduced asking the minister of justice to amend the Indian act, so that any white man put under the "Swish" act should be punished just the same as if he were an Indian.

Mayor Bell, of Enderby, said that a white man "swished" at present could get drunk the next day and be punished for ordinary drunkenness, where an Indian got the limit. He thought both should be treated alike.

Mayor Hall, of Victoria, said it should go further. A year was not long enough to keep a man "swished." He thought also that the photograph of such a man should be placed in all the bar-rooms of the district.

Mr. A. E. Kealy said he recognized the difficulties of enforcing the act. He thought the suggestion of Mayor Hall about photographing was a very sensible one. The executive should thresh it out thoroughly, and bring it before the minister of justice.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

Montreal Property Owners Will Vote on Proposed New Electric Light Plant.

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PLEDGES HOMES AS BAIL FOR STRIKERS

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Appears in Night Court on Behalf of Shirtwaist Workers.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont demonstrated early yesterday morning that she has the interest of working women at heart. Three o'clock found her in the night court awaiting the disposition of the cases of four women shirtwaist workers charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the strike. Several lawyers were retained by Mrs. Belmont to defend the strikers, but with the approach of morning they disappeared, and when the girls were called to the bar no one was present to appear for them. Mrs. Belmont pledged her home as bail.

BALANCE OF POWER.

Views of Former French Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Hanotoux, in an article appealing for public support of the economic and social relations of the two countries, and of which he is president, predicts that the United States, which now holds the balance of power in the Pacific, is destined some day to intervene in the quarrels of the great nations of Europe.

H. Hanotoux in part says: "Every clairvoyant European statesman now foresees the probability of German imperialistic action. It is the constant preoccupation of the Emperor William."

The former minister argues that France's position in Europe is analogous to that of America, and that it is virtually necessary that there should be no possibility of a misunderstanding in the future, recalling that, during his own ministry, at the time of the Spanish-American war, France was driven almost to a rupture over an insignificant blockade incident.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAYS.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 20.—The extension of railroads in the colony will be the principal business to come before the next parliament. It will convene on January 20th, under Premier Morris.

QUEER HOSPITAL PATIENT.

A most unusual patient was successfully treated at the London hospital one day recently. When a pet hen, belonging to two little East End children, had a broken leg set. While scratching for food in a back yard, "Polly," who was the pet of the family, caught her leg in the fence and broke it. The patient was wrapped up in an apron and conveyed to the hospital. The door-keeper shook his head and explained that the hospital was not a "fowl run." The children—brother and sister—were turning away when one of the house surgeons who was going off duty, learning the nature of their visit, invited them inside, and proceeded to set the broken limb. "Polly" is not yet able to dig for worms, but is doing as well as could be expected.

In chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Gregory an application for leave to file plans in re Sonley was granted.

R. H. T. Drake, registrar of the Supreme court; J. K. Worstead, provincial assessor; and Wm. Dalby, Justice of the Peace, are engaged to-day in selecting lists of jurors for the ensuing year.

At the family residence, 1214 Gladstone avenue, the death occurred this morning of John Gray Jamieson, the infant son of Matthew W. Jamieson. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence. Interment will take place in Ross Bay cemetery.

At this holiday season residents of the city are asked not to forget the Old Men's Home at the Willows. There are twenty-eight inmates of the institution at present, and those who take an interest in the institution have suggested that those philanthropically inclined might remember these at the Christmas time.

TWO AGED SPINSTERS END THEIR LIVES

Bodies of Women Found in Home Where They Lived Alone.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 20.—Two aged spinster sisters, Frances and Isabel Ritchie, were found dead yesterday in their home. They had lived alone twenty years. Their source of income was mysterious.

Frances was found lying on the floor, while the body of the sister dangled from a piece of clothes line made fast above a door. A small box was found in the dining-room on the cover of which had been written: "Frances hung herself at 2:30 Saturday." Me too."

In the local divorce suit of Cuppage vs. Cuppage Chief Justice Hunter this morning granted a decree absolute. The petitioner was the husband, who was represented by A. P. Luxton, K. C. In this case the wife, it will be remembered, went across the line some four years ago, secured an American divorce and remarried. The suit was not contested and under all the circumstances the decree was made absolute.

The big film, "Boer and Briton," will be shown at the Majestic Theatre to-night and to-morrow night. It is a great drama and shows many incidents in this great war, which took place in South Africa. The Canadian troops are shown in the picture which is a notable feature. Throughout the pictures shown are most exciting and undoubtedly there will be a full house to greet the first showing of the pictures to-night.

Word has been received in this city announcing the death at Port Hope, Ont., on the 19th inst., of Abram Ellis. Deceased was a native of Rawcliffe, Yorkshire, Eng., and was 90 years of age. He arrived at Toronto in 1849, and was associated with his brother, William, in the construction of the Grand Trunk railway. He is survived by the following sons and daughters: William Harrington and Abram C. Ellis, of this city, and Mrs. A. E. Goodman and Mrs. J. N. Ellis, of Vancouver, while three other daughters and the widow are residents in Port Hope and Toronto, Ont.

SUICIDE AT THIRTEEN.

"Aren't they best who get dead and are out of the road?" Such was the query addressed to her step-mother by Ellen Vickers, a little Preston girl of thirteen, on whose body an inquest was held recently. The child had committed suicide by hanging herself in her bedroom.

The evidence showed that the girl was kindly treated by her step-mother and had no trouble of any kind. At school, however, she frequently behaved in a strange manner, and, although never despondent, she occasionally made peculiar statements to her step-mother, of which the one quoted above is an example. Her family always thought her remarks

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| NICE NAVAL ORANGES, per dozen | 25¢ |
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| C. & B. CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS, each, \$1.65c | 35¢ |
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Two Hundred Men are Thrown Out of Work—Ice Hampers Efforts of Firemen.
Newark, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Fire to-day caused \$150,000 damage at the Jewett car works here. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment as a result of the partial destruction of the plant. Firemen fought the flames effectually, stopping the efforts of the firemen, who were forced to stand by and watch the blaze burn itself out.

COBURG DOCTOR ACQUITTED.
Coburg, Ont., Dec. 20.—Dr. Stinson, a practicing physician of Coburg, has been acquitted on the charge of performing a criminal operation.
FALLS FROM CAR.
London, Ont., Dec. 20.—Ernest Glenn, a Grand Trunk brakeman, fell off the cars while his train was passing through London and was instantly killed. He belonged to Sarina Tunnel.

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LEOPOLD'S BODY TAKEN TO PALACE

SOLDIERS ESCORT
HEARSE TO BRUSSELS

Reconciliation of Members of Royal Family in Progress.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The body of the late King Leopold was transferred from the Pavilion at Laeken to the Palace at Brussels Saturday night by the light of torches carried by troopers. The hearse was covered with crepe and drawn by eight black horses with black draperies. It was surrounded with black plumes, and bore the national coat-of-arms and the coat-of-arms of the nine provinces. The car was surrounded by Leopold's grooms and servants. On either side rode the general officers, and the court carriages which followed contained Prince Albert and the court dignitaries. As the body was conveyed to the hearse, the batteries fired salutes and bells tolled.

According to the Gazette, Princess Louise's counsel has notified the principal banks that she will oppose the payment of any deposits they may have received in the name of Leopold or the Baroness Vaughn, and has forbidden the executors of Leopold's will to destroy any papers.

Prince Albert is believed to have made a master stroke in sending the royal train to the frontier to give a welcome to Princess Louise. Both Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie are held in high affection by the Belgian people, who consider them the victims of misfortune. The reunion of the separated family is accepted as a good omen for the opening of the reign of the already popular Albert.

King Leopold in his will declared that he possessed but \$3,000,000, which he left to his children. His Majesty expressed the desire that no autopsy be performed, and said that "apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and the members of my household, I forbid anyone to attend my funeral. My papers shall be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert."

Albert, the new King, will take the name of Albert I.

Reputation by Vatican.
Rome, Dec. 20.—It is stated officially that the Vatican had nothing to do with the morganatic marriage of the late King Leopold and the Baroness Vaughn.

New King a Socialist.
Paris, Dec. 18.—An intimate friend of Prince Albert told the Matin's Brussels correspondent to-day that the new Belgian King's ambition would be to be useful to the workingman. He is, in the good sense of the word, a Socialist. He is an adept student on social questions and will astonish the world, according to the correspondent, with his modern tolerance. "Albert will be King of a republican monarchy," said the Matin's informant, "or, if you prefer it, president of a monarchial republic."

JAPANESE MURDERED.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Reports reached the city Saturday night of the brutal murder of a Japanese laborer near White Rock yesterday evening. No details were given, but it is surmised that two of them had a drunken fight in which one was killed. Provincial Constable Wilkie of New Westminster left for the scene of the affair. The man suspected of the deed has fled. White Rock is near Boundary Bay, and is the first station this side of Blaine, Wash.

FIREMAN KILLED.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—The north-bound Winnipeg flyer on the Great Northern railway went into the ditch four miles east of Monticello, Minn., Saturday evening. The train was crushed to death beneath his engine. No passengers were hurt. The cause of the wreck was a split rail.

CENTENARIAN CARTAKER.

Although she is 109 years old, Mrs. Peggy McGurk still acts as cartaker of the Carrickmore (county Tyrone) courthouse and dispensary. The King has sent to Mrs. McGurk a present of £2 from his private purse. The gift was accompanied by a letter from Lord Knollys (his Majesty's private secretary) wishing her lengthened days.

Equal parts of turpentine and kerosene applied with flannel make an effective and cheap furniture polish.

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- LADIES' FRENCH KID, black, white and tan, per pair \$1.00
- LADIES' FOWNE'S, splendid quality, all shades, per pair \$1.25
- LADIES' FOWNE'S, extra quality, all shades, per pair \$1.50
- LADIES' DENT'S, medium weight, per pair \$1.50
- LADIES' JONVIN SUEDE, all shades, per pair \$1.50
- LADIES' EVENING GLOVES, in kid and suede, all Fowne's, per pair, \$3.75 to \$1.75



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- Ladies' Kitchen Aprons, in butcher linen, at 50c, 40c and 25c
- Nurses' Aprons, of heavy white linen, 90c, 75c and 30c
- Maid's Aprons, in white lawn, trimmed with embroidery, at 90c, 75c, 50c and 35c
- Afternoon Tea Aprons, of white lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace, at 65c, 50c and 35c
- Children's White Muslin Pinafores, at 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c



FURS

- Children's Sets—Muff and Boa—in Foxline \$3.75
- Children's Sets, suitable for a child of two years, \$3.75 and \$2.25
- Ladies' White Fox-line Furs, with heads and tails, very stylish, \$10.50 to \$2.75
- Ladies' Brown Furs, \$15 to \$4.75
- Grey Squirrel, \$14 to \$9.75
- Moleskin, \$7.50 to \$6.75



FANS

- Fancy Colored Paper Fans, 50c, 35c and 25c
- Fans, with ivory sticks and trimmed with sequin and lace, in black, white and other light shades, \$9.00 to \$1.00

HAT PINS, extra length, fancy tops, at 90c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c and 10c

COMBS—Barrettes, plain and fancy, at 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c

BACK COMBS, plain tops, 50c. 25c

SPANISH LACE SCARVES, cream and black, all hand run, very beautiful. Would make an excellent Christmas Gift, \$15 to \$4.75

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- CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS, 90c and only 75c
- LADIES' UMBRELLAS, very good value at \$5.75 to \$1.25
- LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS, fancy gold and plain handles, \$9 to \$6.50

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- FRENCH FLANNELETTE ROBES, in cardinal, sky, mauve, purple and navy. At \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$4.50
- EIDERDOWN ROBES, in cardinal, old rose, purple, sky, pink, navy and mauve, at \$15, \$12.75, \$9.75, \$9, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.75 and \$5.75
- EIDERDOWN ROBES, in fancy stripes, red, grey, pink, sky and navy, at \$8.50 and \$6.50
- SILK KIMONAS, floral designs, \$10.75 and \$9.75
- FLANNELETTE DRESSING SACQUES, in fancy patterns, at \$1.50 and \$1.25
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, in plain colors, cardinal, grey, sky, and pink, 36 to 42 bust, \$2.75 and \$2.25
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, in fancy stripes, in pink, cardinal, reseda, mauve and rose, at \$3.75, \$3.25, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$1.75
- FRENCH FLANNELETTE DRESSING SACQUES, in cream, cardinal, mauve, pink and sky, at \$3.75 and \$2.50
- CASHMERE DRESSING SACQUES, in sky, pink, cream, trimmed with lace, at \$3.50

More and better holiday Handkerchiefs than we have ever had. Ladies who see our display of handkerchiefs are free in expressing their enthusiasm.

- 6 fine White Lawn Handkerchiefs, neatly enclosed in pretty and attractive box, at \$9.00
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- Plain hemstitched, lawn, each 5c
- Plain hemstitched, colored edge, each 5c
- Plain white lawn, each 10c
- Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each 10c
- Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each 12 1/2c
- Fine lace edge, lawn, each, 25c, 20c, 15c and 12 1/2c
- Embroidered handkerchiefs, hemstitched, lawn and linen, each, \$1.25, down to 25c, 20c, 15c and 12 1/2c
- Initialed handkerchiefs, colored edge, each 10c
- Initialed handkerchiefs, plain, white linen, each 25c
- Colored embroidered, corner in holly mistletoe and heather, each 35c
- Hemstitched, fancy colored handkerchiefs, 50c, 35c and 25c



BAGS! BELTS!

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THE BRITISH BATTLE AND ITS LEADERS.

According to sacred history there was one brief period when the affairs of the universe stood still. That was at the command of one Joshua, a leader of the people. Ever since then events, like time, have gone marching on. There may occasionally have been appearances of standing still, but those were only breathing spells preparatory to still more rapid progress.

History records many movements which appeared to be merely personal in their genesis and to have for their object the gratification of vaulting ambition. Doubtless such periods of individualistic predominance served their purpose in the great plan of human progress. It may even be that the most ruthless tyrants and intolerant dictators justified their courses in their own minds by the argument, plausible at the time, that the nations were incapable of managing their own affairs. Providence raised men to rule them.

That day has passed away forever as far as the people of the progressive nations are concerned. The battle for popular rights has lasted for centuries. It has not yet been won. Points of vantage have been gained, and when gained other positions quite as necessary for the well-being of all the people have appeared invitingly in the political foreground. In such a movement there is no ultimate goal. The people must continuously march forward, fighting for equal rights and equal opportunities.

For a considerable number of years Great Britain has been marking time, getting ready for a strong forward movement, political, social and economic. During the period of apparent inactivity forces have been at work preparing the way for an advance all along the line. The extension of the franchise means the enlisting of the masses of the people under the banner of the army of progress. And just when all things appear to be ready for the advance, leaders arise and place themselves at the head of the popular forces.

Some pessimistic souls have been telling us of late that Britons have lost their power as public speakers—that the mantles of John Bright and of William Ewart Gladstone have fallen upon the ground instead of upon shoulders worthy to wear them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Bright at the zenith of his powers as an orator never made more impassioned appeals to the people and Gladstone never struck a more popular note than the present Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lloyd-George, is doing as he traverses the country denouncing the action of the House of Lords. There is a passion, a conviction, a sincerity and an earnestness behind the utterances of this Welsh son of the common people which inspires an enthusiasm such as has hardly ever been known in the history of British public life. And back of all these qualities of soul there are intellectual gifts of an unusual order which combine to mark Lloyd-George as a real leader. Nor does the gifted Chancellor stand alone at the head of the progressive forces. Never before, probably, in the political history of Great Britain has a Prime Minister been surrounded by such an array of talent of the first order as that which is at the command of the cool, calculating, logical and the masterful Asquith. The strength of the cause has brought forth the strength of the men, and their names will undoubtedly go down in history as the strongest leaders in the most momentous evolutionary movement of the twentieth century.

Opposed to this array of capable leaders there appears to be only Arthur J. Balfour, a man of most winning personality, but lacking the strength which only conviction can give. The Conservative leader practically admits that such reforms as have already been inaugurated by the Liberal government, such as old age pensions, measures for the relief of the unemployed, etc., are necessary and must be maintained by any future administration. He opposes the methods by which it is proposed to raise the revenue for the maintenance of the system. He has been forced against his better judgment to accept taxes upon food as a substitute for taxes according to the ability of the people to be taxed. The tariff reformers have made him an unwilling convert to their policy, because Mr. Balfour cannot convince his intellectual part any more than he can satisfy his better part that placing a tax upon the food of a people a very large percentage of whom already lack the necessities of

life can be in the true interests of such a people.

The struggle in Britain is therefore the most momentous of half a generation. It excites so much interest in Canada that all the great newspapers of the country have sent their ablest writers and most capable observers to watch it and set down their impressions of its progress and of the men who are leading it.

There ought to be no doubt of the result. The Times cannot conceive of any possible result but a great triumph for the forces of progress over the armies of reaction. As far as the people of Canada are concerned, we do not believe that they have any desire to profit materially at the expense of the masses of Great Britain whose lot could not but be affected detrimentally by an increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

The following from the Calgary Daily News is copied for the purpose of proving that reservoirs which will hold water can be constructed in this country: "One million gallons of water is flowing into the gravity reservoir daily, and according to City Engineer Child about fourteen feet of the 21 feet is filled so far. He has been carefully watching to ascertain whether there is any seepage since the water was turned into the reservoir, but states that the bottom is absolutely impervious, and that there is no fear of the water running away which was at first thought to be likely."

FIVE KILLED AND MANY MISSING

PANIC FOLLOWS OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN STORE

Several Persons Are Believed to Be Buried in the Debris.

London, Dec. 20.—Five persons are known to be dead, fifty are in hospitals suffering from injuries, and many are missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the great Arding & Hobbs store in the Clapham suburbs at noon to-day.

Three hundred persons were in the store when the fire started. A scene of confusion, bordering upon a panic, ensued when the shoppers and clerks rushed for lifts and stairs.

Several clerks and patrons leaped from the third and fourth story windows to the pavement. Others jumped from an interior balcony to the main floor, which already was burning fiercely.

Within an hour after the fire was discovered the great dome collapsed, carrying adjoining stores with a mass of burning debris.

The entire block in which the store was located soon was a mass of uncontrollable flames.

It is feared that many of those who leaped from the balcony into the burning court lost their lives.

When the dome collapsed this section of the store was buried in the blazing ruins. The firemen believe that many who are missing lie beneath the debris.

The fire is said to have started from a defective electric light wire. The extent of the damage has not yet been estimated.

YACHT CLUB DESTROYED.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The luxurious club house of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club was completely destroyed by fire this morning, originating from some unknown cause. The frame structure was situated on Coal Harbor, near the bridge, and although the fire department was summoned, failed to arrive in time to be of assistance. Many cups were saved from the building in the nick of time.

GOLD FOR MINT.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Joseph Boyle, of Ottawa, who has been in the Yukon since '98, retires to the city to-day bringing a gold brick valued at \$50,000, which will probably be coined at the mint here, being the first Yukon gold minted.

LOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE.

Declares Budget is Growing in Popularity at Enormous Rate.

London, Dec. 20.—Chancellor Lloyd George, author of the British budget, to-day gave out the following Christmas message to the United States: "The budget is gaining in popularity at an enormous rate. The outlook for victory in the January election is becoming more sanguine daily. There is no possibility that the budget will be defeated."

Lloyd George and his fellow supporters of the budget are more than optimistic concerning the approaching election. They claim increasing strength in every locality, and predict a sweeping victory for the measure.

BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—A cablegram from London to the Star says: "While Liberals privately admit that they will sustain some losses, Liberal politicians on the platform declare they are going to sweep the country from sea to sea."

The Liberal newspapers are following very closely certain indiscreet peers who are on the stump, reporting in full their least advisable utterances. Some of these noble lords will quit the platform in disgust by Christmas.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK.

Over Two Score of Others Sustain Injuries in Railway Accidents.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Two men were killed, thirteen persons seriously injured and forty others cut and bruised when the Golden State Limited eastbound on the Southern Pacific was wrecked near Benson early on Sunday morning. Those most seriously injured were brought to St. Mary's hospital at Tucson.

The train was running 30 miles an hour and Southern Pacific officials ascribe the wreck to striking a curve at too high a rate of speed. The engine, baggage car, mail car and two tourist sleepers toppled from the rails, the engine and mail car rolling down a forty-foot embankment. Engineer Walker and Fireman Bauer met instant death in the cab of the engine.

Two Killed.

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—Westbound passenger train No. 3 on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha road, collided with a freight train at Blackley, Minn., at noon yesterday. Fireman Joe Zinnel and Mail Clerk E. Torgerson, both of St. Paul, were killed. None of the passengers was injured seriously.

Hose Wagon Wrecked.

Dayton, O., Dec. 20.—The Pennsylvania flyer, westbound, struck the fire department hose wagon at Wayne ave-

nue crossing last night. Four firemen were seriously injured. The train a few blocks further jumped the track, but no one was hurt.

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| Four only at \$4.50 | Five only at \$3.75 |
| Three only at \$4.00 | Nine only at \$3.00 |
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As will be seen in our advertising columns, Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co. will hold a sale of Japanese goods at the Driad hotel on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock. At the same time they will also sell a quantity of electric-plated ware. As all these goods are absolutely new there will be a grand opportunity for picking up Xmas presents at a reasonable figure.

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—Ladies and gentlemen who are appreciative of the work of Local Option thus far and can assist financially to clear off \$100, are asked to send contributions to Dr. Spencer, Flack block, Vancouver, or to Mr. Frampton, Mahon block, Victoria, B. C.

—Don't miss the inaugural ball, given at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, Christmas eve, December 24th. Tickets, \$1.50 a couple, including supper, good music and a splendid enjoyable evening insured. Tickets can be secured at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, or Elife, 1214 Douglas. Unpleasant characters not admitted.

—For the convenience of members of the Alexandra Club who are doing their Christmas shopping, it has been decided to keep the club rooms open until 3 p.m. for the first four days of this week.

—A social dance under the auspices of the Ladies of the Maccabees will be held in room 3, A. O. U. W. hall, on Tuesday of next week. A cordial invitation is extended to members and their friends.

—The Sisters of St. Ann, of Nanaimo, wish to extend their most sincere thanks to all the generous ladies and gentlemen of Victoria who within the past two months have contributed many articles of clothing and toys.

—All members of L.O.L. No. 1425, are requested to attend a meeting of that order to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, when the conferring of degrees and other important business will be transacted.

—The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church will hold their regular weekly meeting on Monday evening. The literary committee has charge of the programme, and an interesting lecture will be given by Mr. Mowat. All are very cordially invited to be present.

—The First Presbyterian church Club intend holding a pound social on Monday evening. Each lady is requested to bring a pound of some appetizing delicacy. All club members and their friends are requested to be present, as this is the closing meeting of the present session.

—A special meeting of the board of health has been called for this evening, prior to the regular weekly meeting of the city council, for the purpose of further considering the situation at the Isolation hospital, arising out of the request of the medical health officer that Mrs. King, the present matron, be relieved of her duties.

—To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock the B.Y.P.U. of Emmanuel Baptist church will hold their annual Christmas social in the school room of the church. A good programme has been provided and all friends of the union, old or young, are cordially welcomed. Refreshments will be served by the ladies at the close.

—Contributions towards the Christmas tree to be held at the Royal Jubilee hospital in the way of toys, books, candies, berries, holly and evergreens will be most gratefully received on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at the workroom under the new Pemberton chapel, where several members of the committee will be on hand to receive them.

—The funeral of the late Robert Murray took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Hanna parlors, where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The members of the local Bartenders' Union attended in a body. The following acted as pallbearers: W. J. Sharp, R. Shields, J. Marshall, Geo. Stokes, J. Baynes and H. M. Harper.

—The remains of the late William Richards were laid to rest in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the Hanna chapel, Yates street. Rev. A. N. Miller conducted the services, both at the parlors and the graveside. There was a very large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: G. Fraser, R. C. Davies, C. B. Jamieson, G. H. H. Ed. Vandy, J. C. Sproule and G. S. Byrson.

—The new officers of Court Columbia, C. O. F., have been installed by Bro. D. Stewart, a veteran of the order, as follows: Chief ranger, William Pergstrom; vice-chief ranger, F. L. Mimmaek; chaplain, J. H. Schoeder; financial secretary, Arthur E. Haynes; recording secretary, R. W. O. Savage; honorary treasurer, Garret Smith; senior woodward, Alfred Tripp; junior woodward, John Ewing; senior leader, R. N. Brown; junior leader, James McEwan; physician, Dr. Ernest F. G. trustees, Thomas J. Evans, F. G. Wyatt, Alexander Eeden; conductor, F. G. Wyatt; auditor, R. W. O. Savage.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE.

Dr. Spencer Believes It Will Be Near 50 Per Cent.

Dr. Spencer, superintendent of the Local Option League, furnishes the following information regarding the local option vote, so far as reports have been received:

There are still seven places to be heard from and complete reports to be received from others. The figures in favor of local option have improved during the week. The Okanagan has 15 votes short of the 50 per cent, but it has 132 spoiled ballots, many of which are "for" local option. Grand Forks had a majority at every polling booth and 78 to spare over the 50 per cent. Rossland's final is 50 per cent, and three to spare. Quite a number of places had no local option ballots at all. This fact, with the many spoiled ballots in favor and some other irregularities to be looked into, all indicate that the local option vote is near, if not over, the line required by the government's handicap. I hope by December 30th to be able to announce the final result.

ST. ANDREW'S DANCE.

Monthly Concert to Be Given To-morrow Night By Society in A. O. U. W. Hall.

To-morrow evening St. Andrew's Society holds its monthly concert and dance in the A. O. U. W. hall. The following excellent programme has been arranged:

Bagpipe selection, Pipe Major Wishard
Song..... John Fairley
Highland Fling..... Miss Murray
Solo..... Mrs. Butler
Song..... James Taylor
Piano selection..... Miss Pio Angus
Violin selection..... Mrs. Nixon
Song..... Peter Gordon
Recitation..... Miss McDonald
Will Brown, the Scottish comedian, appears in character.

GOOD BUSINESS APPEALS.

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PANTAGES THEATRE.

All will like "The Barnstormer," that exceedingly clever and most laughable creation of Mr. Moore and his engagement at the Pantages this afternoon. The sketch is of the unconventional class, replete with bright lines, funny situations, excellent singing and dancing—all done in a manner so natural that an audience is impressed with a feeling of partnership in the production rather than as a mere spectator.

Mr. Fred Edwards, Italian character actor, is an added feature on the new bill and will delight Victoria with a decided novel monologue which is described as "The Gallan of the Day."

The Misses Jaulifer and George Spanish, musicians; the Barnum Trio, musical comedians, and the regular Pantages attractions complete a superior programme.

R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C.P.R., with headquarters at Vancouver, is in the city on a brief visit in connection with some routine business. Mr. Marpole is accompanied by H. J. Cambie, divisional engineer, who has been giving his attention to the repairs made necessary on the E. & N. because of the recent floods. It is stated that it has been decided to build a section of lay track around the break in the vicinity of the Silex brick works.

To the Electors for School Trustees

I beg to offer myself as a candidate at the forthcoming Municipal Elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WILLIAM H. P. SWEENEY

BASKETBALL GAME IS TO BE PLAYED

J. B. A. and Victoria West Meet in City League To-night.

The basketball game in the city league between Victoria West and J. B. A. will take place to-night, contrary to a previous announcement. The basketball players got together this morning to see what should be done in regard to the action taken by the B.C.A.A.U. in suspending the players of Victoria West who played against Ladysmith Saturday in the soccer league contrary to the ruling of the B.C.A.A.U., and the basketball players decided that, rather than have the league disbanded or broken up, they would play the game to-night, and then wait and see what action will be taken by the union afterwards. The J.B.A.A. five will enter the game after having handed in to the secretary a formal protest. Just what this protest will be it is hard to say at present, but the J.B.A.A. five apparently want to protect themselves against any action the union may take against them.

It was decided on Saturday night when the secretary of the local branch of the B.C.A.A.U. announced that all the forty-four players who took part in Saturday's soccer games were suspended from the union, that the basketball league would hold a meeting and discuss the situation with the object of forming a new league in which it was said, the Y.M.C.A. and J.B.A.A. five would play under new names, but this action has now been postponed as the Bays have agreed to fill the date against the Victoria West and await what action is taken by the union.

The terms as they will probably line up to-night are as follows:
J.B.A.A.—Hughes, Russell, Todd, McDougall and Peden.
Victoria West—Okell, Brown, Corkie, Jenkins and Bailey.

BOOTA SINGH AGAIN IN AN ASSAULT CASE

Hindu With Taste for Litigation Has Four Countrymen Arrested.

About a year ago the time of the police court was taken up for days at a time listening to assault and robbery charges in which a group of Hindus figured, revolving round Boota Singh. It was almost impossible for the court to arrive at a decision in any of the cases, so diverse were the stories told. The only thing that was made plain was that Boota Singh was unable to get on with his countrymen and resorts to the law to get even with them.

For some months the same men have been living at Port Moody and apparently on the same terms, for Boota Singh showed up here last week on the hunt for four Hindus whom he claimed, had committed an assault on him on Sunday, December 5th. The men were said to have come here and the provincial police were asked to look out for them.

Santa Singh, Rajah Singh, Mam Singh and Maramah Singh were arrested in an old shack at the foot of Constance street, where they used to live, by Sergeant Murray and Constable Dockstader. On Saturday night the four prisoners and Boota Singh were taken over to New Westminster, where the case was to be heard to-day.

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

For the Christmas week at the New Grand theatre there will be a bill of specially suited for the holiday season, each act being as dissimilar as possible from the others and forming a variety of amusement that is seldom found in a vaudeville performance.

For music and melody, Gardner, Rankin and Griffin will open this afternoon with an act of exceptional worth, performing on the cornet, saxophone, banjo, slide-trumpet and piano. Their musical selections are as varied as their instruments and for twenty minutes they entertain in the most approved vaudeville style.

Leo Cooper and Rose Zalska, who delighted Victoria audiences sometime ago in a dramatic play, are here again playing this time in "The Operator," an intense and thrilling drama in one act, that has an abundance of pathos and sensation and has had many columns of favorable newspaper report written about it. The story is highly dramatic being that of a telegraph operator's mistake and the consequent crash of passenger trains going at full speed.

"The man with a magnificent voice," is the title that has fallen to J. C. Francis, who appears for the first time in-day with his partner, a Dutch comedian. In a clever act called "Wireless Telegraphy" and Edgar Berger, the equilibrist, brings an act composed wholly of hand-balancing, in which work he is very proficient and will, it is expected, be a favorite here.

Thomas J. Price will sing "We're Growing Old Together," in his well-liked baritone voice, and Mr. Jamieson has the usual moving pictures to end the show, these being specially applicable to the Christmas season.

MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria to different points or Vancouver Island:

| Place | Miles |
|------------|-------|
| Alberni | 112 |
| Colwood | 8 |
| Cowichan | 36 |
| Remains | 62 |
| Duncan | 40 |
| Goldstream | 21 |
| Ladysmith | 35 |
| Nanaimo | 73 |
| Shawnigan | 87 |

While banners were being read at St. Mary's church, Pittwell, Eng., the father of the bridegroom stood up and forbade them, declaring that his son was too young to marry.

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The death occurred on Saturday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Carroll Linlithgow Livingston, after an illness of several months. Deceased was born in England and was 36 years of age. He was the son of the late Clermont Livingston, and for some time had resided in Duncan, where his mother still lives. The late Mr. Livingston was an assayer by profession and was well known in Duncan and also in this city. The remains will be forwarded to Duncan to-morrow morning, where they will be interred.

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ISLAND LEAGUE OPENS SATURDAY

MEN WHO TOOK PART ARE NOW SUSPENDED

A. O. F. and Nanaimo Draw—Ladysmith Wins From Victoria West.

SOCCER RESULTS ISLAND LEAGUE

Table with soccer results: A. O. F. 2, Nanaimo 2, Ladysmith 2, Victoria West 1. Standing of Teams: W. L. D. Pts. Ladysmith 1 0 0 2, A. O. F. 0 0 1 1, Nanaimo 0 0 1 1, V. W. A. 0 1 0 0.

The Island league opened on Saturday at Ladysmith, where the team of that town beat Victoria West 2 goals to one, and at the Canteen ground, Esquimaux, where the Foresters and Nanaimo played to a draw. The opening of this league was the most momentous event in British Columbia sport for many years, carrying as it does the suspension of forty-four players from the Amateur Athletic Union of British Columbia. All players who took part in the games have been suspended according to an announcement made on Saturday night by the secretary of the local branch of the B. C. A. A. U.

A. O. F. and Nanaimo.

At the Canteen ground the A. O. F. team played in hard luck and should have obtained the decision over the Nanaimo team. The score was two goals all at the call of time, but there was a goal scored which the referee was not close enough to the goal to discern, therefore it did not count. The Foresters also had some very close shots on the Nanaimo goal, two of which should certainly have been scored. At the end of the game the referee missed the ball in the centre of the goal mouth by a few inches and three A. O. F. men had the ball well in goal at the other end during the second half, but became confused and lost the chance.

Nanaimo this year is not as strong as last season's team, and the familiar old faces on the local City line-up were missed.

The game commenced with Victoria on the alert, and it was but five minutes before J. Young sent the leather into the net and scored the first goal for the home team. The play from that till half time was about even, although the A. O. F. sent the ball into the goal where it just crossed the line according to the spectators and players around the goal. Mossey, of Nanaimo, however, running into goal turned the ball down the field with his foot, and the referee, occupying a position near the centre line was unable to judge the position of the ball, and could not be blamed for not awarding the goal.

At the beginning of the second half Malcolm of the A. O. F. left the field to change his boots, and with the half back line weakened by the loss of one man, Nanaimo ran through and beat the back division, equalizing the score. The loss of Malcolm at that stage meant the loss of the game. Nanaimo's second goal was the direct result of a mistake by the linesman, who gave a goal kick when appealed to by the referee, for what should have been a corner. From the goal kick the ball was carried up the field crossed over to the left and shot through into the net in about four kicks by Mossey. Had the corner been awarded the ball would not have travelled up that end of the field. Dakers and Stewart were both on the ball near the back line on the Nanaimo linesman's side, when a Nanaimo player came between them as the ball was nearing the line and took it across. The referee was unable in the dim light to distinguish the action and very properly appealed to the side line man, who being the Nanaimo representative gave it as a goal kick, maintaining

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that Dakers had took it over. From that to nearly the finish of the game Nanaimo pressed the home goal, but A. O. F. men rallied strong towards the close, and a few minutes before time Stewart aided by the dim light shot a neat goal which the Nanaimo custodian was unable to stop, and the game was pulled out of the fire after as bad a hard luck story as has been seen on a local field for some time.

The teams were: Nanaimo—Goal, Sheppard; full-backs, Killeer and Rotherford; half-backs, Murray, White and Massey; forwards, Dardill, Massey, Leigh, Brown, Sutherland.

A. O. F.—Goal, Miller; full-backs, Lorimer and Wilson; half-backs, Clegg, Malcolm and Telford; forwards, Stewart, Gowans, Pearson, J. Young and Dakers.

AT LADYSMITH. In the same league Ladysmith with the best of the score, but not the best of the play, won from the Victoria West team by two goals to one. The game was played at Ladysmith and was a hard fought contest. The result gives Ladysmith the lead in the Island league.

SECOND DIVISION. Express beat Y. M. C. A. 7 to 1. Fifth Regiment drew with Victoria West 2 all.

North Ward beat Esquimaux 6 to 2. Beacon Hill beat Baraca 4 to 0.

SECOND DIVISION STANDING. P. W. D. L. Pts. Beacon Hill 5 0 1 16, North Ward 7 0 1 12, Victoria West 7 5 1 11, Express 3 4 0 5, Esquimaux 1 4 7 2, Fifth Regiment 3 1 2 5 4, Baraca 3 1 2 5 4, Y.M.C.A. 3 1 0 7 2.

SOCCER GAMES IN THE OLD COUNTRY

Results of Matches in English, Scottish and Southern Towns.

London, Dec. 20.—The following are the results of soccer games played on Saturday:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division. Aston Villa 3, Liverpool 1, Blackburn Rovers 3, Bury 1, Bolton Wanderers 3, Preston North End 1, Chelsea 2, Tottenham City 1, Everton 1, Bradford City 1, Middlesbrough 1, Manchester United 2, Nottingham F. C., Bristol City 0, Sheffield United 4, Newcastle United 0, Sunderland 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0, Notts County 2, Woolwich Arsenal 2.

Second Division.

Bradford 3, Glossop 2, Clapton 0, Fulham 0, Derby City 2, Bromwich Albion 1, Grimsby Town 2, Gainsborough Town 1, Hull City 4, Oldham A. 0, Leicester Fosse 4, Leeds City 2, Manchester City 6, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Stockport C. 1, Birmingham 1, Lincoln City 1, Burnley 0, Blackpool 0, Barnsley 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Brentford 4, North Brompton 1, Brighton and H. A. 1, Crystal Palace 2, Bristol Rovers vs. Queen's Park postponed, Coventry City 1, Millwall 0, Watford 1, Croydon City 0, Exeter City 2, Leyton 1, Portsmouth vs. Luton 2, Norwich City vs. Northampton postponed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 2, Kilmarnock 1, Dundee 2, Ardrononians 0, Motherwell 1, Celtic 3, Clyde 0, Falkirk 0, Queen's Park 2, Hamilton Academicals 0, Morton 3, Herts 3, Hibernians 2, Port Glasgow 1, Glasgow Rangers 2, Patrick Thistle 1, St. Mirren 1, Third Lanark 1.

WOLVES BEAT LIONS FOR BOWLING TROPHY

Final Games on Tuesday Night at the Fort Street Alleys.

The Wolves succeeded Saturday night by beating the Lions three straight games at the Fort street alleys in being with the Bears for first place in the Fitzpatrick & O'Connell cup. The leading team will meet on Tuesday night next and settle their differences.

The score of the Wolves vs. Lions, match.

Table with bowling statistics: Wolves vs Lions. Columns: Name, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, Total.

ATHLETICS NEW INDOOR RECORD.

London, Dec. 20.—Pietro Dorando, the Italian runner, collapsed in the 2nd mile of his marathon race against B. W. Gardiner, a local runner, at Albert hall Saturday night. Gardiner's time for the 23 miles was 2 hours, 12 minutes 2-5 seconds, a new world's indoor record. His time for the full distance was 2 hours 27 minutes 12 seconds.

Australia holds the record as wool producer; the Argentine is second, and the United States third.

VICTORIA RUGBY TEAM DEFEATED

VANCOUVER WINS TWELVE TO THREE

McGuigan, the College Boy, Gets Notice for Fine Game.

The Victoria Rugby team met defeat by a score of twelve points to three at Brockton Point, Vancouver, on Saturday at the hands of the Vancouver representative Rugby team, which, according to the score and the Vancouver reports of the game, outplayed the locals at all points.

Victoria was best in the kicking of the backs, Lowry, McGuigan, Newcombe and H. Gillespie giving a great display of kicking, and saving the situation time after time with kicks into touch. Elsewhere Vancouver was superior, the team since Jenkins has taken a hand in it showing marked improvement. Sparks was compelled to retire from the Victoria team, having twisted his knee again, and Ambrey took his place. The News-Advertiser describes the play as follows:

Victoria came through with the first score, Newcombe caught the local backs napping and worked a long throw from touch and Gillespie got over for a try. Five minutes later Vancouver evened up; Bryant and Rhodes making a great run down the field and carrying the ball over together. The end of the half found the teams tied. Up to this stage Victoria had an even break with the champions, but upon resuming play the Vancouver started off with a rush and for thirty-five minutes every man was on the move, sweeping the Victorians off their feet. McLorg was the most conspicuous player on the field in the second half, getting through the Victorians several times. All place kicks failed, but a penalty kick from the field by Thomas brought the total points up to an even dozen. All through the last half the locals were in Victoria territory, and the whistle sounded the end of the game, with the locals still pressing hard.

McGuigan, who went into the second game after playing with the Victoria University school, proved to be a find. This youngster more than held his own, his tackling and punting being a feature of the Victoria team's play. Heb Gillespie held the back division together, and proved the most dangerous man in the Victoria back line. Lowry made one good run in the second half, evading several local players, but good tackling by Owen Shewers brought him down on Vancouver's twenty-five. Billy Newcombe played a useful game. He got away several times, while his kick while on the defense helped his team mates out. In the forwards Arbuckle, Sweeney and Hopgood were the most conspicuous.

The Teams. Vancouver—Full back, B. Sowers; three-quarters, McLorg, Fyson, O. Sowers, Wilson; half-backs, McKinnon, Byrne; forwards, Thomas, Rhodes, McKechnie, B. Gale, McDonald, Scott, Bryant, Stacey. Victoria—Full back, Lowry; three-quarters, Meredith, H. Gillespie, Young, McGuigan; half backs, Newcombe, Mason; forwards, Sweeney, Henniker, Arbuckle, Hopgood, Robson, Ambrey, Sparks, S. Gillespie. Mr. Hepburn refereed to the satisfaction of both teams.

SCHOOL TEAMS MEET.

Prior to the senior match the Vancouver High school and Victoria University fifteenes treated the spectators to an interesting exhibition, which ended in a scoreless draw. When the teams played in Victoria a few weeks ago Vancouver succeeded in winning a score of 8 points to 3, but the Victorians came over in full strength and put up a splendid game against the locals. Play was very even, and while the local backs got away with an occasional rush, Victoria's defence was sound and the visitors managed to keep the local High away from the goal line.

Mr. J. S. Tait refereed. The teams follow: Vancouver—Boak, Muir, Macken, Jamieson, Seymour, H. Smith, Gil-mour, Patterson, DesBrisay, E. Smith, Perry, Ney, Cook, Kennedy, Ryan. Victoria—McDonald, McKay, Sparks, McGuigan, Wyld, Rich, Otter, Irwin, Rand, Thorsen, Ambrey, Eamanick, Kavanagh, Halley, Leslie, Reserve, Fagshawe.

GARRISON HOCKEY WINS FIRST MATCH

North Vancouver Defeated by Five Goals to Two.

HOCKEY RESULTS. Garrison 5, North Vancouver 2. Victoria won by default from Vancouver.

Hockey Standing. W. L. Pts. Garrison 1 1 2, Victoria 1 1 2, North Vancouver 1 1 2, Vancouver 1 1 2.

The Garrison played its first match in the hockey league for the prior cup Saturday at Work Point and beat the North Vancouver team by five goals to two, having the best of the play in both halves and demonstrating their superiority all the time. North Vancouver started with a big burst of speed, but was not able to maintain it, and after ten minutes the Garrison players had them guessing, and in twelve minutes Williamson registered the first goal. Garrett scored

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the second just ten minutes before half time with a splendid shot the goal keeper of the North Vancouver team had no chance of saving.

During the second half, while the play was a little more even, the Garrison was able to add three goals while the opposing side scored twice. Garrison, through Garrett, scored the third home goal before the others registered their first through Ward. Elyson scored the Garrison's next, and Jones scored the fifth, while later in the play Bay-bird scored the second for North Vancouver. There was a good attendance, and the match was refereed by W. Mason and C. J. Paget-Ford.

The Victoria team went to North Ward Park to meet the Vancouver team, which failed to appear. The Victoria team then went on the field and scored a goal, and had the match awarded them by the referee.

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Clarence Hall, expert in charge of the explosive section of the United States Geological Survey in Pittsburg, has just perfected an emergency breathing apparatus which promises to be of great use to miners in the event of an explosion or the sudden closing up of a section of a mine by a fall of coal, thus shutting off the oxygen necessary to life. Mr. Hall's pocket air tank is so constructed that the miner can carry it in his pocket and when necessary call adjust it to his face, release a stopcock, thereby starting the generation of sufficient oxygen to keep him alive for thirty minutes. The device, however, is not designed to be used by rescuers.

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mensions of the different parts of the apparatus are such that with a full tank of water and a full tank of sodium peroxide, the needle valve being released, there will be generated two and two-tenths cubic feet of oxygen.—Technical World Magazine.

BURGLARS HAD TEA TOGETHER.

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DEED.
CODY-JOHNSON—in this city, on the 19th inst., at his residence, 565 John St., Edward Cody-Johnson, aged 80 years, a native of Inistague, County Kilkenny, Ireland. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, at 2 p. m., from the residence, and 2.30 at St. John's church. Friends will please accept this intimation.
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WELLINGTON ASHORE.

Collier Struck Reef Off Ballinae Islands Yesterday Morning.
Steamer Wellington, Captain Cutler, went on a reef just off the Ballinae islands yesterday morning early. When the tide rose she floated off. She came on down to Nanaimo, where she is being examined. She was taking a little water, but there was not much damage done, it is believed.
Capt. Cutler was in the city at the time the vessel went ashore, and had telegraphed twice to the mate to take no risks in bringing her down.

PERSONAL.

G. T. Boulding and Mrs. Boulding, of Oak Bay, have gone to California, and will spend the winter at Los Angeles.
Mr. McCallum, of the Bank of B.N.A. staff of this city, leaves for Vancouver in a few days, where he will spend the next six or eight months. Mr. McCallum is relieving Mr. Godfrey, the manager of the bank there, who is taking a trip to the Old Land.

KILLED AT VANCOUVER.

James S. Hurst Run-Down By Street Car in Fog.
Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The dense fog which has enveloped this city off and on for the past four days exacted a deadly toll last night when James S. Hurst, a well-known resident and business man of Vancouver, was run over and instantly killed by a street car on Pender street west. Death was instantaneous, some sharp projection of the car having entered the man's brain just over the left eye. Hurst was 64 years old, a native of England, and has resided in Canada for 40 years.

RECORD MAIL.

St. John, Dec. 20.—The steamer Tunitian landed a record mail here, consisting of 2,092 bags of letters and 1,400 parcels post packets.

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SEWING MACHINE AILMENTS skillfully doctored. Waites Bros., 64 Fort street. d20

ALFRED JONES, carpenter and cabinet maker, Yates and Vancouver, makes and repairs chests of drawers and all kinds of furniture. d20

EXTENSION TABLE, a bargain for some one, at Kerr's, 710 Yates. d20

NOTHING BETTER than a good book for a Christmas present. Try The Exchange, 715 Fort street. d20

FOR SALE—Incompleted 7-roomed house and lot for only \$50. Owner must sell at once. This is your chance, \$20 cash, bal. easy. Apply L. W. Bick, 1104 Broad street. d20

A REMINDER—That 9 roomed house, corner Menzies and Niagara, you can buy for \$1,200 on easy terms. Small cash payment. This house is in splendid condition. All new plumbing and is cheap at the price asked. Lot 48 x 135. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d20

A GOOD BUSINESS LOT on Fort street, for quick sale, \$7,500. Bringing good rental at present. G. L. Powers, Room 5, Bowness building, Broad st. d20

A SIX ROOMED HOUSE for sale—With bath, pantry and electric light, 3 blocks from car, on a fine corner. \$1,500, easy terms, only \$200 cash. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d20

KING'S ROAD—Half a block from car, a fine 7 roomed house, well built and finished, on splendid lot. \$3,000. Small cash payment, bal. \$2 monthly. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d20

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT on Charles street, off Rockland. Lovely outlook. Three lots, 62 x 123. Price \$1,100 each, terms. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d20

LADY WHO HAS A FEW BOARDERS has a large front room to rent. Apply 59 Menzies street. d20

LOST—Pointer dog, black and white. Finder please return to C. P. Dawson, 2029 Chambers street. d20

WANTED—A teacher for the William Head school. Apply Secretary, William Head, B. C. d20

FLASHLIGHT PHOTOS taken of home festivities. Send to Blair & Cuming, 126 Government street. d20

WANTED—Girl to assist nurse with two children during daytime. Apply to Mrs. Henry Martin, 959 St. Charles st. d20

A DRAWING for lot 60 x 120 with 2 cottages on Frances Ave., will take place January 15th, at Maynard & Sons' auction rooms. T. Brooks. d20

A SNAP—Douglas street, 120 x 120, near Frances Ave., \$1,000. Terms. Apply tel. R152. d20

WANTED—Men and women earn good pay copying and checking advertising material at home, spare time, no canvassing. Enclose stamp. Simplex Mfg. Co., London, Ont. d20

50 LADIES' RAIN COATS, from \$1. At Davies & Sons, 745 Fort street. d20

WHEN IN NEED OF REPAIRS—The Market Building Repair Shop. d20

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R. F. Taylor, Manager

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E. C. POULTRY FARM

Steamer Belleophon, of the Blue Funnel line, Captain Bartlett, arrived here yesterday and is to-day loading 700 barrels of oil and 2,500 cases of salmon. When this is completed she will move over the Sound and call here for a number of Chinese before crossing to the Orient.

WINDJAMMERS ARE CHANGING OWNERS

Many Libel Claims Recently Filed in Ports Across Line.

Ship St. Francis has been purchased from the California Shipping Company by the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, for \$19,000. The barque Kaitiaki has been sold for \$45,000 and the ship Governor Robie has been chartered to load lumber on Puget Sound for New York, where she will be converted into a cargo ship.

Ship Elwell, which recently arrived at Seattle from Nome, has been heavily libeled. Members of the crew claim \$5,123.00 alleged to be due for wages and overtime, and a firm of Puget Sound ship chandlers have a bill of \$1,600 against her, a claim for which they have filed.

Six French ships have been wrecked this year, the French barque Armen, which was recently lost in the Indian Ocean, being the last.

British ship Potlatch has been libelled at Portland for the sum of \$10,350, the claim being for pilotage, stores and wages.

Steamer Cassiar, which went ashore in Vancouver Narrows during the fog of last week, was not badly damaged, the propeller being the only part of the vessel to suffer. She was hauled out for repairs at North Vancouver.

BESSIE DOLLAR INSIDE HARBOR

SUCCESSFULLY DOCKED YESTERDAY MORNING

First Large Steamer to Use New Wharf at Chemical Works.

Steamer Bessie Dollar, Captain Gow, arrived early yesterday morning and was safely docked at the new wharf recently constructed by the Victoria Chemical Company inside the harbor. Captain Cox brought her in, but there were with him Pilots Thompson and Luckman.

The Bessie Dollar was turned after she got in the harbor and backed into the wharf in order that she might get out easily no matter what time of night or what the weather might be. She at once commenced discharging her 300 tons of sulphur, and will probably complete the work to-morrow. The wharf is 300 feet long but not very wide, and it will test its capacity a good deal to stow the 300 tons.

The sulphur was taken on at Hakodate, over 4,000 tons being loaded at that time. Nearly 3,000 tons was discharged at San Francisco and San Pedro, and about 500 tons will be taken to the new chemical works at Barnett, Burrard Inlet. The steamer also has 300 tons of salt for Nanaimo, which was brought from San Francisco.

Besides the sulphur the steamer brought 2,000 tons of oak logs from Japan to San Francisco and 1,000 tons of general cargo. A much larger cargo than most of the Pacific liners have been bringing this way.

When the steamer has discharged the rest of her freight she will take a cargo of coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco, and returning to Greys Harbor and Portland will load a full cargo of lumber for China.

The Bessie Dollar is one of the three regular Dollar liners plying between this coast and the Orient. They usually go direct to San Francisco and then come north calling at one of the Island ports. The other two vessels of the line are the M. S. Dollar and the Hazel Dollar. They have a capacity of from eight to ten thousand tons.

The docking of the Bessie Dollar in the inner harbor is an important event in the history of this port. Since the recent dredging work has been completed it has been possible for any large steamer to enter the harbor, but none have hitherto ventured. There has not been docking accommodation for them inside. Some of the old-timers who know how shallow the entrance to the harbor was formerly were very sceptical of the possibility of a ship of the size of the Dollar liners coming inside. Some prophesied all sorts of dire results if the attempt was made, but yesterday morning the work was quickly and easily done by the local pilots, and from this time on vessels will enter the harbor regularly.

According to advices received by Captain David Baird, port superintendent for Andrew Weir & Co., the new steamer Miner, launched in October on the Clyde, was turned over by the builders on November 22nd. The Miner's first voyage will be out to Calcutta via Cape of Good Hope. Capt. Thomson, formerly master of the Bessie, has been appointed to command the new vessel.

Steamer Glenaffric sailed September 15th from Port Louis, Mauritius, with a cargo of sugar for Vancouver. Steamer Sandown has also been fixed to load sugar at the same port. The Clan McFarlane was the last sugar steamer sailing from that port to British Columbia.

SUNLIGHT SOAP



ALL OVER THE WORLD thousands of housewives use Sunlight Soap in preference to any other, because it cleanses the clothes more thoroughly, and at half the cost without injury to hands or fabric. Follow directions.

PRINCESS BEATRICE FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S

Promise of Boom at Islands During Coming Year.

Steamer Princess Beatrice arrived yesterday morning from Queen Charlotte Islands. She reported very little movement there at present, but that preparations were being made to boom that part of the province in the spring. The oil factory at Skidegate has been purchased by a Vancouver syndicate, and a townsite is being surveyed which will be placed on the market early in the spring. The coal properties in that neighborhood have been bonded, and it is expected that they will be opened up during the coming year. This and the general development of the islands is bound to make the place very busy.

The Beatrice will sail for the North to-night.

BOILERS REPAIRED.

Lonsdale Received Necessary Patches While in Vancouver Recently.

While in Vancouver recently the steamer Lonsdale, of the Canadian-Mexican line, spent some time in having repairs made to her boilers. Two new crown sheets were put on the starboard boiler and the combustion chamber of the port boiler received a huge patch. The whole of the work occupied thirteen days. She underwent the necessary inspection before removing to New Westminster to load shingles.

SHIPPING REPORT

(By Dominion Wireless.)

Pachena, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; bar., 29.95; temp., 30; sea smooth.
Estevan, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; bar., 30.11; temp., 40; sea moderate; Leebro arrived and anchored at 5.40.
Tatoosh, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy; wind, east 24 miles; bar., 30.07; temp., 42; sea smooth; in, barque Marchal de Noailles.
Stanley Dollar, 4.30 p.m.; in, Harold Dollar 6.30 a.m.
Cape Lazo, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 30.06; temp., 30; sea smooth.
Point Grey, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.—Overcast; calm; foggy seaward; bar., 30.94; temp., 31.
Cape Lazo, Dec. 20, noon.—Drizzling; calm; bar., 30.96; temp., 35; sea moderate; steamer Bertha south-bound 9.45 a.m.; Camosun north-bound 11.15.
Point Grey, Dec. 20, noon.—Overcast; calm; foggy seaward; bar., 30; temp., 38; sea moderate.
Tatoosh, Dec. 20, noon.—Part cloudy; wind, east 24 miles; bar., 30.01; temp., 43; sea moderate.
Pachena, Dec. 20, noon.—Cloudy; wind, east; bar., 29.91; temp., 40; sea moderate.
Estevan, Dec. 20, noon.—Clear; calm; bar., 30.05; temp., 31; sea moderate.

SLACK WATER, ACTIVE PASS, B. C.

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CHANCE FOR LAZY MAN.

Wife Can Keep Boarding House, and Husband Hang Around.

The Montreal Court of Review decided that a woman who started a boarding house of her own because her husband could not prevent the husband, coming and living at the house according to the law of Quebec. One of the judges was of contrary opinion.

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NOTICE

"NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT."

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Lumber Company, Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Harbor known as Selkirk Water, between Point Ellice bridge and Halibut Island, being on the lands situate, lying and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered and described as Lot "D," Gabriel Estate, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

Dated this 14th day of December, A. D. 1909. CAMERON LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED. Per D. O. CAMERON, Secretary.

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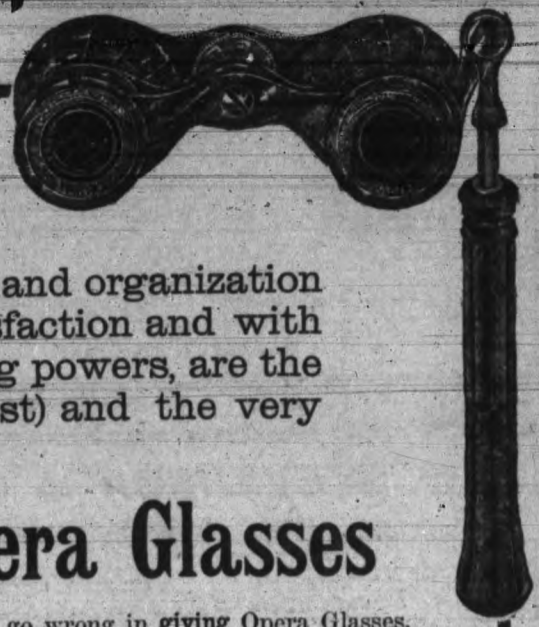
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BIG SENSATION IN OIL WORLD

PEOPLE FLOCKING TO CALIFORNIA FIELDS

H. H. Blood, the Famous Geologist, Says Looks Like Days of '49.

H. H. Blood, the noted geologist and oil expert, arrived from San Francisco this afternoon and will spend several days in Victoria. The guest of Andrew Gray, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, Limited. Mr. Blood is the field manager of this corporation and comes north to tell the people of this city and Vancouver something about the wonderful industry of California.

"Great excitement prevails throughout the oil belt of California," said Mr. Blood. "The promise of dollar oil has served as a stimulus to the industry and more interest is being taken in oil to-day than ever before. I have watched the growth and development of the California fields for the past fifteen years and am free to say that in my opinion the dream of all men is about to be realized—I mean dollar oil at the well."

Mr. Hush E. Springer asked Mr. Blood if there is any danger of over-production of oil.

Blood smiled.

"Over production! Nonsense. The supply to-day is scarcely keeping pace with the demands and as oil is being put to a myriad new uses, you can readily see why there is no chance for oil becoming a drug on the market. California is producing one-fifth of the oil of the entire world right to-day and next year she will produce a quarter if not a half of the total supply. The fields are just being opened up, still this year the state will have produced \$30,000,000 worth of crude petroleum."

Mr. Blood spoke enthusiastically about the properties of the Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, Ltd. He says this corporation cannot help striking it rich.

Mr. Blood and Mr. Springer will be guests at Andrew Gray's for dinner to-night.

TEA-GROWING IN NATAL.

Natal, next to Ceylon and India, is by far the most important tea-producing colony of the British Empire, and the industry is one of considerable value. The most productive tea gardens are at an elevation of about 1,000 feet, the land at this altitude being generally of an undulating character, well watered, and the climate sufficiently humid to encourage leaf-production. The plucking season commences in September and lasts until the following June, during which period each bush is picked about sixteen times.

MIRAGE TO ORDER.

Johns Hopkins Professor Reproduces Illusion—Pool of Water on the Sand.

It is no longer necessary to travel the deserts of Africa or the burning wastes of Arizona to see a real mirage.

Dr. Robert W. Wood, professor of experimental physics at Johns Hopkins University, recently showed his classes and other Hopkins students who were interested a miniature mirage that showed as perfectly as is possible in a laboratory experiment the realness and vividness of this hallucination.

Prof. Wood produced the desert with a sheet of iron 36-feet long, covered with sand which he heated with gas burners. A mirror reflected the sun upon a white sheet of paper at one end of the artificial desert, which paper served as the clear skyline.

When the sand got fairly hot and one looked along its surface at some little distance a pool of water on the sand appeared. A mirror reflected the sun upon a white sheet of paper at one end of the artificial desert, which paper served as the clear skyline.

INDIGESTION.

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(Signed) "H. P. ECKFORD."

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TWO ARE SHOT BY NEGRO HOLD-UP MAN

Street Car Bearing Dead Motorman and Wounded Conductor.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 20.—An uncontrolled street car, bearing a dead motorman and a dying conductor, ran wild through four miles of city streets here Saturday night. The men were shot by a negro highwayman, who escaped with a small sum from the conductor.

According to P. O'Brien, the conductor, who was badly wounded, the negro boarded the car in the southeastern part of the city. The conductor refused to obey the highwayman's orders to hold up his hands, and a struggle ensued. E. A. Goody, the motorman, is supposed to have started to O'Brien's assistance. From the position of the bodies in the car, it is inferred that he was shot while still some paces from the negro. No passengers were in the car, and with its motorman dead and its conductor helpless, it dashed on its wild run through the streets. Several times as it rounded corners without warning from its gong pedestrians and vehicles were missed by narrow margins. The car kept on to the downtown terminal, where employees of the street car company stopped it.

THE SMART SET FOR JANUARY.

The ancient legend of the Lorelei appears in new and even more romantic form in the novelette bearing that title in the January Smart Set. Willard French has woven the legend and the song into the story of a young painter. This story is a delightful piece of work, the scenes being laid in Florence, Paris and the Rhine country.

One of the prominent pieces of fiction in this number is Mary Glascock's "The Out Trail," a story of Alaska and the gold fever. It recounts the love of a strong man for a brave woman who did not care enough, and the tremendous sacrifice he made for her. "Ford's Chance" is a newspaper story, which Newton A. Fuesell works out to a rather unexpected conclusion. Jeanette I. Helm presents an interesting picture of gay life in her story, "The Road to Rebellion." "A Painter of Dead Women," by Edna Underwood; "Fate," by S. Ten Syck Bourke; "The Cuthbert Case," by Alice Hathaway Cunningham; "A Man's Right," by Edith Barnard Delano; and "The Prime Essential," by Paul M. Rosenwey, are all excellent stories.

In "The Washington Way," Spencer Harley has drawn a delightful interesting picture of the social striving and pretense that characterize the "official set" at the national capital. A one-act play, "The Vampire Cat of Nabalima," is a unique contribution from the pen of Fuji-Ko, the well known

Japanese actress. Other writers represented in this number include Arthur Stringer, Jessie McNeal Sweeney, Carolyn Wells, Blanche Wainstaff, John Kendrick Bangs, Rosalie Arthur and W. J. Lampton.

What Other People Think

THE G. T. P. WHARF.

To the Editor:—The proposed extension of the G. T. P. wharf should receive the most careful consideration. Taking the plan printed by Mr. Sorby, the watchful and assiduous secretary of the Inner Harbor Association, as my guide, I should say that the proposal is dangerous and destructive. If adopted it seems to me it will interfere seriously, if not close entirely, ingress and access to water properties, the owners of which have enjoyed their rights for more than fifty years, and damage the harbor irremediably. As a landsman I can only speak from one standpoint. If there is another I should like to hear it. The company may have a good case, but it does not present itself to my mind at present. If Capt. Troup were here he might clarify the situation with one of his lucid explanations; but as he is in Europe the public must look elsewhere for light.

LANDSMAN.

1909 MUNICIPAL MONUMENT.

To the Editor:—Yesterday I heard talked about in the city that parties interested in fruit lands in the upper country were endeavoring to make a deal for the Smith Hill reservoir for the purpose of storing water for irrigating a large tract of land. It would be too bad for the city to let go this municipal monument of 1909, but if they should it would be a heavy burden off their shoulders. Besides it would not be a square deal for others than the ratepayers to be "stung." I have been expecting daily for some enterprising individual to apply for a water record on the leakage, but then that might cost litigation, but that's nothing. The oratorical efforts of these great men that preside around the council board and the wisdom they expound is so convincing that it is very much out of place for anyone not to believe that the reservoir is right. The taxpayers have no business anyway in enquiring about municipal affairs, or have the newspapers any right to criticize the questions that come up at this red chamber gathering. Well, I hope for the sake of the tourist and sightseer that the council will not entertain any proposal for the disposing of the reservoir to this up-country syndicate until the C.N.R. is completed, as they may then command a better price and the purchasers may also be able to have cheaper transportation facilities.

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Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 524A and 524B, Victoria City, in the Province aforesaid, with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar-General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

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A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, \$2.00 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands on either side of even numbered sections south of Township 6, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 25, and west of the third Meridian and the South Railway line. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$500 an acre. Not more than 1,500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

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**WOMEN IN NICARAGUA
APPEAL FOR PROTECTION**

Reign of Terror, Exists in the Central American Republic.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Former American Ambassador Creel denies that Mexico is upholding former President Zelaya of Nicaragua.

The American officials having taken the necessary precautions to protect American interests by surrounding Nicaragua with warships, the marines have relaxed their vigilance in a measure. It is now believed that the United States government will sit back and wait for the tangle to unravel itself. Secretary Knox will take no further steps until peace has been declared, unless American interests are again threatened.

Reign of Terror.
Managua, via Corinto, Dec. 20.—For weeks the associates and adherents of Zelaya have been conducting a reign of terror. The chief victims have been the best people in the country. Property has been confiscated, fathers and sons imprisoned, wives and daughters forced to submit to unspeakable outrages, dragged off to jail or cruelly injured.

So appalling were the conditions that large numbers of women met together and finally decided to submit their plea to the representatives of the governments whose ships are close at hand. It is not only their own protection they seek, but the safety of those who in the last few days have had courage enough to rise in the public places and denounce Zelaya and his administration.

The agitation became so strong against the holding of hundreds, and perhaps thousands, in prison, that the officials deemed it advisable to take steps to release at least some of those against whom crimes had only been alleged. Most of the political prisoners, therefore, were released to-day, but there are still many others behind the walls.

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WENT ASHORE IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

Vessel Broke Back When Tide Went Out—220,826 Bushels of Wheat Gone.

Another grain carrier from the North Pacific has become a total loss, a cable from Punta Arenas stating that the German steamer Utgard has gone ashore at high spring tide at Boca point, in the Straits of Magellan, and broken in two. The loss of the Utgard, on top of the loss of the British bark Matherhorn, both of which were under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., will practically cancel any income to the underwriters on grain cargoes from this coast this season.

The Utgard was built of steel in 1906 at the yards of the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company, Newcastle, Eng., for the Midgard Deutsche Seeverkehrs Akt. Ges. of Bremen, Germany; was 260 feet long, had a beam of 48 feet and a depth of 20.3 feet. Her net register was 2,777 tons. The vessel was rated as a twelveknot steamer and was regarded as an exceedingly good vessel.

The Utgard, Capt. E. Wurthmann, came to Puget Sound, in ballast from the West coast of South America, seeking cargo.

The vessel got away from the Columbia river on October 29th, with 220,826 bushels of wheat and took on bunker coal at Nanaimo, B. C., sailing from there November 3rd. The vessel again loaded bunker coal at Coronel, where she arrived December 5th.

The advices received do not state when the vessel went on the beach, but say that it was at first expected that she would be floated, the expectations being dispelled by the breaking in two of the steamer when the tide went out. The Utgard was of specially strong steel construction, but with a heavy load of grain aboard it is presumed that the pressure was too great, and she broke her back on a ledge as the tide receded.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 20.—5 a.m.—A low pressure ocean area has moved down the American coast, causing rainfall in California and light snowfall in Oregon and Idaho. The high area which has been the controlling factor in the present spell of fair weather is now central over the middle west states and is making southwestward throughout the Mississippi valley. Light snowfall has occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but fair cold weather prevails in almost all districts back to the Pacific slope and in the Canadian provinces.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

Reports.
Victoria—Bar., 30.15; temperature 34, min.; 34; wind, north 8 miles; weather, clear.
New Westminster—Bar., 30.10; temperature 28, min.; 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Bar., 30.55; temperature 20, min.; 15; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Tatoosh—Bar., 30.10; temperature 42, min.; 42; wind, east 25 miles; weather, clear.
Portland, Ore.—Bar., 30.04; temperature 30, min.; 30; wind, northwest 12 miles; weather, clear.
Seattle—Bar., 30.16; temperature 22, min.; 22; wind, northeast 8 miles; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Bar., 29.65; temperature 42, min.; 42; wind, northeast 8 miles; rain, .02; rain.
Edmonton—Bar., 30.24; temperature 6, min.; 6; wind, southeast 6 miles; snow, trace; weather, clear.
Winnipeg—Bar., 30.14; temperature 4, min.; 4; wind, northwest 18 miles; snow, .08; weather, snowing.

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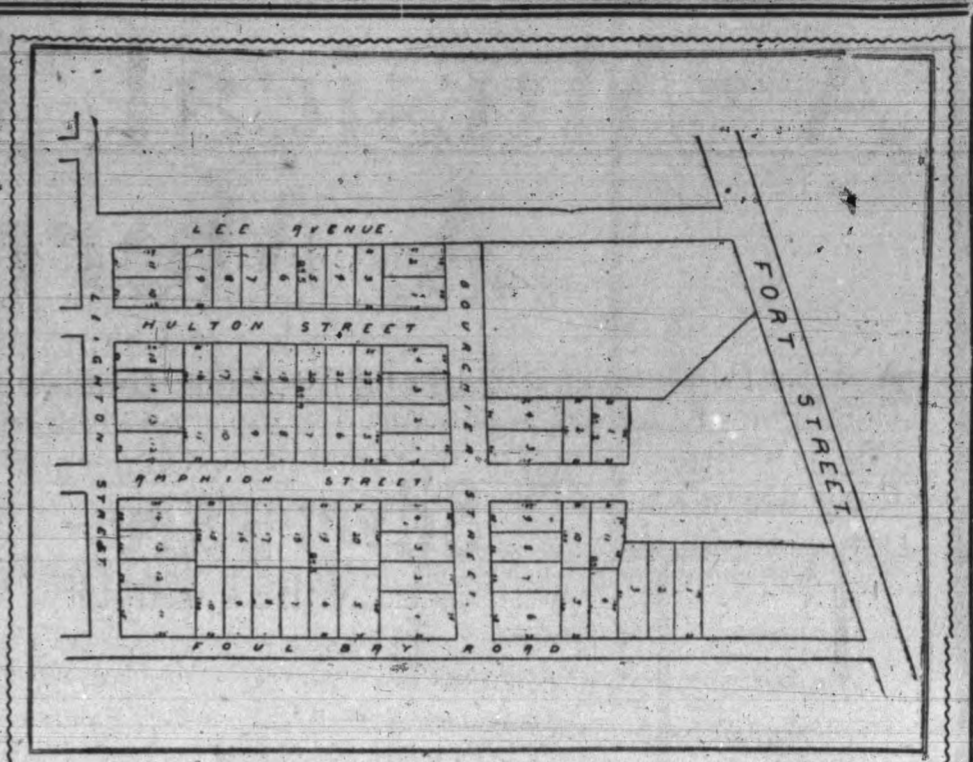
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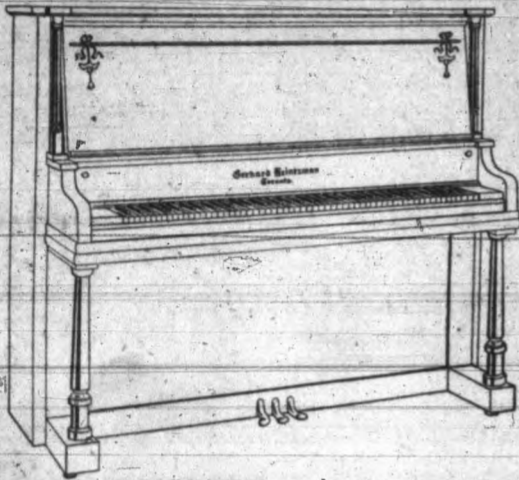
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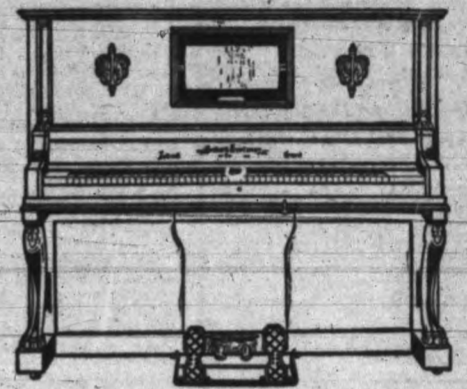
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**JOHN N. WARK DIED
THIS MORNING**
Pioneer of City Passed Away at Advanced Age.

Another old-timer passed away this morning in the person of John N. Wark, who died at his home, 308 Simcoe street, at the ripe old age of eighty.

Mr. Wark was one of the pioneers of Victoria, coming here at the same time as Hon. J. Helmecken and Senator Macdonald. He came out from the Old Land, having been born near Londonderry, Ireland, on the same vessel with Senator Macdonald, Robert Porter and Mrs. Ella. He was for many years a trusted employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, retiring some years ago to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Mr. Wark is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Vernon Creighton, City of Mexico, and Miss Charlotte Wark. The sons are John H. and C. L., both of this city.

The funeral arrangements will be made later.

OFF TO SEALING GROUNDS.

Schooner Jessie Gone South—Pescawha on Way.

Schooner Jessie has gone to the sealing grounds off the coast of California. It was thought she would not leave until after Christmas, as her crew objected to spend the festive season on board. Captain Munro promised them that they would be given a good time so they agreed to leave.

Schooner Pescawha is on the way of the Victoria Machinery Depot being painted and overhauled in readiness for the long cruise. She will leave early in the new year.

ENJOYING LIFE.

L. W. Bick, real estate agent, has issued an attractive illustrated booklet on Gorge View Park, the new subdivision. The book is most attractive and is a good advertising medium of Victoria and its natural beauties, many handsome residences and beautiful opportunities for those desiring to build homes.

The book contains many fine views and maps of the subdivision, as well as useful information to the purchaser of building land. It is entitled "Enjoying Life."

—Steamer Belle of Spain, which brought mails from Cape Breton to Prince Rupert and since that went in to Comox to fill her bunkers, passed out to-day bound for Ocean Island where it is understood she will take a cargo of phosphates. It was rumored on the sound that she was going to Christmas Island for guano, but this was not correct.

**ANOTHER PIONEER
HAS PASSED AWAY**
Edward Cody Johnson, Well Known Victorian, Died Yesterday Afternoon.

There passed away yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 565 John street, an old pioneer of this city, in the person of Edward Cody Johnson, after a lingering illness. The deceased was 80 years of age. He was born in Inistague, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

In the year 1858 he came to this province, having been attracted here by the reports of its mineral wealth, and for some time he resided in the Cariboo district, where he followed the work of miner and contractor. His mining enterprises were for the most part about Big Bend, Cariboo. Among the large works carried out by him was the construction of the big Yale water ditch. About 20 years ago he came to Victoria to live, taking the management of the Heathorn tannery. Later he retired from that position to enter into business for himself, being the active partner in the firm of Johnson and Magill. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends. He was identified prominently with the Pioneer Society of this city, the members of which organization will feel keenly his death.

Over a year ago he retired from active business and since that time has been in declining health. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Frank D. Ellis, of Calgary, and two sons, E. E. C., and A. F. C., both of whom reside in this city.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence and at 3:30 o'clock at St. John's church.

ALLAN LINER AGROUND.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Lighters and additional lines have been sent to-day to the assistance of the stranded Allan liner Corinthian, and preparations are being made to land the passengers pending the release of the steamer.

**FRANCO-CANADIAN
TRADE CONVENTION**
Regulations Regarding Importations Being Prepared by Customs Officials.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Franco-Canadian trade convention is expected to come into force on January 1st. The ratifications which constitute the final step are now being exchanged between the French government and the British authorities on behalf of Canada. The regulations are being prepared by the Canadian customs officials, requiring declarations of origin accompanying goods which are entered into Canada under treaty rates.

TEMPLE OF SOLOMON.
British Israel Association Will Take This as Subject of Discussion.

Attention having been called to the project of a temple being built in Jerusalem, as reported in the Illustrated London News of August 23rd, it has been chosen for the closing address on "Our Unique Empire" by the British Israel Association, Victoria branch. The fact that material for building a temple in Jerusalem was being prepared in Italy and England, reported in the Pall Mall Gazette about eight years ago, will be considered in the prophetic light on "The Resurrection of Israel," the return of the Jews and the occupation of the Holy Land and places.

As it is believed that true Freemasons and Christians of every denomination can no longer shut their eyes to these significant "signs of the times"—a term increasingly impressed upon leaders of thought—a hearty invitation is extended to all to participate in the above "up to date" Bible study of the outlook in the near East. The date set for this meeting is to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the No. 1 hall (first floor) of the A. O. U. W. building, Yates street.

—Steamers Harold Dollar and Katanga both passed up this morning. The latter is taking coal at Comox.

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EXPERT ADAMS WRITES AGAIN SENDS ANOTHER LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Smith's Hill Reservoir to Be Discussed Again This Evening.

James L. Raymur, water commissioner, has received another letter from Arthur L. Adams, of San Francisco, relative to the Smith's Hill reservoir and the suggestion of the city council that he come to Victoria and make a report on that piece of civic work, which was built to his plans and under his direction. Mr. Raymur will submit the letter—which is the third from Mr. Adams on the same subject within the past three weeks—to the council this evening.

Asked by the Times this morning if Mr. Adams intended to come to Victoria, Mr. Raymur replied: "Ultimately." This is taken to mean that Mr. Adams is not entirely in accord with the proposal of the council that he should pay all his own expenses, and that his recommendation that Mr. Kemp be given the task of effecting repairs be refused; and he will probably make some alternative proposition. It was felt by some members of the board that Mr. Adams would object to act at all, now that the council has rejected his suggestion that Mr. Kemp be employed.

At this evening's meeting also the streets, sewers and bridges committee will recommend that an effort be made to avoid a lawsuit with Wm. Oliphant relative to the damage done by the floods on his property on Park boulevard. It is likely that an arbitrator will be appointed to try and effect a settlement.

The city solicitors will report that all claims of property owners on Government street, between Toronto and Niagara, in connection with the local improvement scheme for the widening of that thoroughfare, have been settled without recourse to arbitration. The street, besides being widened, is to be tar macadamized, but this work will not be undertaken until the spring.

BABMINTON CLUB PROPERTY IS SOLD Choice Business Site Near the Empress Hotel Brings \$75,000.

Despite the intrusion of the holiday season, the activity which set in about a month ago in real estate transactions in Victoria continues with unabated vigor and almost daily deals are being completed. Properties suitable for business sites in the central part of the city seem to possess the greatest attractions to speculators, though not a few residential properties are changing hands.

The property known as the Babminton Club estate, situate on Gordon street, with frontages also on Broughton and Humboldt, is reported to have been sold by the owner, Senator Macdonald, to a local syndicate for the sum of \$75,000. A portion of the property fronting on Humboldt street, sold for \$50,000. This property is considered amongst the choicest prospective business sites in the city, the street improvements in that vicinity having greatly advanced its value. Then, again, it is close to the Empress hotel and there is a certainty that the fine lot on the corner of Humboldt and Government, which was recently sold, will ultimately be utilized as the site for a handsome block.

Another very interesting transaction is pending in respect to the St. John's church property on the northeast corner of Douglas and Pignard streets. It is reported that the warrens have received a flattering offer for the property which, besides the church, also contains the fine rectory building.

St. John's church is one of the historical edifices of the city. It was erected in the early days of iron plates which were shipped around the Horn from England. For a long time it was known as "The Iron Church." The church was presented to the diocese by the late Baroness Barrett-Coutts. Waterfront property in the James Bay district is changing hands. On Saturday a lot only 60 x 80 feet near the Raymur estate was sold for \$16,000 cash.

The recent improvements on Cook street have enhanced property values on that thoroughfare. One owner was offered \$6,000 for property which cost him but \$4,000. There are numerous small transactions in various parts of the city.

TUG EDNA GRACE HAS BEEN SOLD

G. McGregor, Owner of Sadie and Spray, is Purchaser.

Tug Edna Grace has been purchased by G. McGregor for use in the general towing business in this coast. She was the property of the Clayoquot Cannery Company, of which H. C. Brewster, M. P., is manager, and has been used by the company in connection with their cannery during the fishing season, and in the general towing business during the rest of the year. She is slightly smaller than Mr. McGregor's other tugs, the Sadie and Spray, and will be used by him for the smaller work.

The Edna Grace was built about six years ago in Turpel's shipyards and the engines from the mission steamer Chas. Tidings were put in her at that time. She is a fine little tug with a speed of 8½ knots, and will be a decided addition to Mr. McGregor's fleet. The deal was concluded this morning and the tug will be transferred on New Year's day.

G. McGregor has a fleet of scows which he uses in connection with his tugs, doing a good deal of the coal towing to this city. The tugs also do some log towing and general work and are always busy.

TO LOAD GUANO.
Belle of Spain Going to Christmas Island and Thence to Europe.

Steamer Belle of Spain has been chartered to load guano at Christmas Island, for Europe. This is the vessel which recently discharged a cargo of rails at Prince Rupert and since that coasted at Comox. The place at which she is to take cargo is a lonely island in the Pacific where the ill-fated steamer Aeon was wrecked.

Dr. Sippell, principal of Columbia College, New Westminster, lectures this evening in the Metropolitan school room on "Sight and Sight Sensation." The lecture is of a scientific character, and is illustrated with lantern slides. The lecture is under the auspices of the men's club, but is open to both ladies and gentlemen.

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Rumor That Company Will Use Steamer Puri to Inaugurate Run.

Captain C. H. Nicholson, the new general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company's steamships, has announced in Vancouver that he will make Vancouver his headquarters. He will be here, however, in the near future to look over the ground before making any definite plans for the future of the business.

There is a persistent rumor in the city that the Puri is to be used by the Grand Trunk Pacific on the run to this city and Seattle from Vancouver in connection with the Prince Rupert until the steamer Prince George arrives. It is stated that the Grand Trunk mean to take a leading part in the transportation between these cities and that they will commence this year in order to have the business properly established before the opening of 1911.

The regular review of Baxter Hive, L.O.T.M. will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in Semple's hall, Victoria West. All members are requested to be present as business of importance is to be transacted. The election of officers will also take place.

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POPULATING OF THIS ISLAND

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY ERNEST MCGAFFEY

Secretary of Development Association Takes Up Important Question.

Recently Ernest McGaffey, Secretary of the Vancouver Island Development Association, delivered an interesting address in the First Congregational Church. The address was as follows: The subject given me this evening is "This Island of Ours." By a mistake of the printer, the letter, the "y" was inadvertently omitted from the final word, which should really be "yours."

You have heard about Vancouver Island from a climatic and scenic standpoint; from the industrial viewpoint; from the point of its mineral and timber wealth; from its outlook as an agricultural and manufacturing country; from its position as an outpost of Empire, guarding the western coast of a great nation; and these various views have been pictured and written and heralded in glowing terms and true.

Suppose, for the sake of variety, and variety is the spice of life, that we consider the island tonight from a racial standpoint. Given a country where the extremes of winter do not numb into savagery of ice-bits, and the chase as a means of existence, or, on the other hand, a land where the tropic languor does not smother into a life of enervating sloth and lotus-eating barbarism, and you have what is known as the temperate zones. Given a temperate zone, then, and it is invariably the men that make the country, and not the country which makes the men.

This being undeniable, does it not follow as the night the day that Vancouver Island leads for its highest and most enduring development that race of men which, spanning its entire length, has proven by history that it stands foremost in the annals of human achievement? That race which at its best has given a civilization unsurpassed, not even denying "the glory that was Greece, and the grandeur that was Rome." That race which has most fully demonstrated its ability to give the greatest good to the greatest number in the matter of a government, and which holds character as the true test for all men, I refer as a matter of course to the Anglo-Saxon race.

Great men there were before Agamemnon; and since. Great men in many races; geniuses and patriots, soldiers, statesmen, poets, law-givers, martyrs, and heroes. No man of Anglo-Saxon heredity but what cheerfully gives them all their dues. Christopher Columbus discovered the North American continent; or may be Leif Erickson, Italian or Scandinavian, what does it signify. Behind the race was the man. In the realms of art and literature, and in many other ways, the Latin races, the Hebrew, Teutonic, Slav and the other races have won imperishable distinction; and so have the far North people. Here in this island and in Victoria are men of other than Anglo-Saxon race, who by sheer force of individuality have won and deserved rank in the community. But given every possible credit for all that can be claimed for nations and breeds of men, and still the Anglo-Saxon stands paramount as to race, and masterful as an individual.

It has been claimed for him that he is inclined somewhat to arrogance; and even to high-handed methods in some of his dealings. As if he should be occasionally inclined to "The good old rule, The simple plan, That they shall take who have the power And they shall keep who can."

If that was a symptom of his early trend he has conquered it. No man, no race is keener for even-handed justice than the Anglo-Saxon. No man willing to go to such extreme lengths to secure it. At the same time he is a law-abiding man, and neither revengeful nor hot-blooded. He has in his make-up patience, courage, tenacity, honor, faith, and an instinctive hate of treachery and untruthfulness. This is not, obviously, to say that there may not be and are Anglo-Saxons as despicable as any men on earth, but it is to assert their collected superiority over other races, in what are sometimes termed the "old-fashioned virtues."

To come to the marrow of the argument, Vancouver Island should not only be a "white-man's country," it ought to be an Anglo-Saxon country. The need is not to deprecate this stand; the necessity is to emphasize it. Whatever else may be said, whatever else proposed, let the island stand fast to its integrity, and determine that this shall be its present desire and its future position.

Not that a certain number of other

race of white men will not come here and be welcome; nor that a ban be placed rigidly against the Latin, the Teuton, or the Scandinavian, but that both by law and custom, precedent and politics, the Anglo-Saxon race be dominant in this country in every branch of public and private life or the land, whether civil, religious, political or commercial, or what you will.

And why? Because the island will fulfill a higher destiny if this be so; because if you let down the bars and allow the country to overflow with the ignorant and brutal of the European nations, men whose only notion of liberty is unbridled license, then Vancouver Island, and Canada herself, will have unheeded the bitter lesson which the United States has learned. The United States was heralded once as the "asylum of the oppressed." As a result of this downpouring of the Goths and Huns of later days the States are over-run with a mixed conglomerate of lawless foreigners which has no more conception of law and order than the hordes of Attila.

The sending of Federal troops to curb lawlessness in different states has become a habit with the national government. The bomb of the anarchist destroys alike the governor of a state or dozens of non-union workmen. The sinister stain of the Black Hand, imbued with blood, is the latest example of old world brigandage and assassination. In Chicago a "murderer's court" springs away on a murder case month in and month out, to the exclusion of other causes. There is a continual strife between capital and labor in the States, and it is a toss-up which are the most unscrupulous in their warfare.

And why? Because the United States in its anxiety to get population, or its carelessness in accepting immigrants, or both, allowed the country to become civilized by thousands and hundreds of thousands of semi-civilized creatures, endowed with the unbridled ferocity of the average Bengal tiger, and the normal intelligence and reasoning powers of the average orang-outang.

This is no biased statement. Go into the court rooms in any one of several large American cities just before a Presidential or even a municipal election and see the way foreigners are naturalized, as it is called. It being absolutely impossible to civilize them, they are "naturalized" before complaisant judges who are possibly angling for votes in that very election. Asked if they believe in the constitution of the United States they nod their heads stupidly. If asked what the constitution is they are most apt to give the name of the alderman of their ward. Their average English vocabulary is usually about seven words. And after this farce they are allowed to exercise the God-given right of "suffrage," as it is called.

Let none but Anglo-Saxons be put on record here. Merely as a business proposition, even in such a low estimate as taxes, it will pay huge dividends. It was hinted to me, when first coming to Victoria, that there might be a prejudice against "a Yankee." The origin of that term, as you doubtless know, was the efforts of the Indians on the coast of what was afterwards Massachusetts, to pronounce the word "English." They spoke it "Yengese." It was changed to "Yankees" and stuck there. So even in its beginning it meant English. And in the beginning who was it that populated the American colonies, "beyond" the forests, fought the savages, tilled the fields, ploughed the furrows—and even achieved her independence for her?

Whatever stands greatest and most glorious in the history of the United States—whatever she has done on the recorded scroll of Time, and she has done much—has been accomplished in an overwhelming degree by the Anglo-Saxon race. There is a great deal in blood; much in race and pride; something even in tradition, so that a man may look back and say, "I owe something to my race."

There is no prejudice against the American in Victoria nor on Vancouver Island so far as race is concerned, if he is a man. If he be of that painful class of Americans whose money, ignorance, vulgarity and loudness are his hall-marks of breeding, there is just as much prejudice as there is towards him in his own country. The sensible American despises this breed as heartily as the sensible Englishman or Canadian. And so far as America is concerned, speaking for the intelligent and the law-abiding, there is no prejudice against the cousins across the water or over the line, but on the contrary a growing feeling that they must all stand together for the future and the glory of the Anglo-Saxon race.

I believe, I hope, at least that there is a strong prejudice on this island against a settling of the island by any other than the people of the British Isles—and their colonies, and those Americans who can trace their origin to that preferred stock. I trust my meaning is plain. Let the Anglo-Saxon element so predominate that never, as time goes on, and as this wonderful country expands to some of its great possibilities, shall any of other race get even a foothold in the directing of its destinies. Make it if you like peculiarly an Anglo-Saxon stronghold. Weld it into an island of one people. Hold fast to the ancient principles. Cling to the Anglo-Saxon ideals.

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At the beginning of her stage career she was a member of several companies in this city, where she attended the High school and distinguished herself in the classes there. She took a prominent part in school games and was a member of the ladies' hockey team for some time. After completing her studies at the High school she went to McGill university, Montreal, and later to New York, where she was for some time on the staff of Collier's Weekly.

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Social and Personal

W. A. Churton, of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

J. M. Ruffner, the well known mine operator of Atlin, arrived in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. Minto returned home on Saturday night after spending several days at Seattle.

Mrs. Charles E. Wilson gave a delightful "baby" party on Friday afternoon in honor of her little son's second birthday. About twenty-four little guests were present. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion—and the attraction of the tea-table was a large birthday cake surrounded by twenty-four little dolls—one for each baby. Mrs. Wilson was assisted in receiving her small guests by her sister, Miss Sehl, and a most delightful afternoon was spent.

Mrs. Henry Croft, at her residence, "Mount Richmond," entertained a large party of children, Saturday afternoon at a fancy dress ball. Dancing took place in the hall, which was decorated with garlands of evergreens and a profusion of crimson flowers and bells. The dining room, where the children's refreshments were served, was artistically arranged.

The music was supplied by Miss Thain and the following children were present: Miss Mabel Rhodes (Fair), Miss Ethel Rhodes (Japanese girl), Miss Betty Robertson (Red-Riding Hood), Master Nalen Robertson (Scout), Miss Margaret Hollyer (Sweet Thirteen), Master John Hollyer (Chef), Master Bruce Robertson (Indian Chief), Master Jack Matson (Gentleman of the 17th Century), Master Tim Matson (Old King Cole, with his three fiddlers, "Dottie," "Jimmie" and "Winkie"), Miss Vivian Matson (Madame du Barry), Master Joe Jones (Neapolitan Fisherman), Master Russell Ker (Scotsman), Master Somer Ted Burns (Turk), Master Torquille (Prince Charles), Master Frank Holland (Don Pedro), Master Billy Holland (Crown), Master Robin Watt (Fisherman), Master Sholto Watt (Minstrel), Miss Margaret McBride (Dutch Girl), Miss Ruth McBride (Doll), Miss Dorothy Naires (Early Victorian), Master Tom Lampman (Pirate), Miss Eleanor Monteith (Red-Riding Hood), Miss Vyvian Combe (Puritan), Miss Christobel Dunlop (Little Miss Muffett), Master Alured Murgre (A.B. of H.M.S. "Esmer"), Miss Yolande Langworthy (Pink Fairy), Miss Muriel Hinde (Fair), Master Joe Hinde and Master Paul Hinde (Greek Pirates), Master Walter Hughes and Master Gordon Hughes (Red Pierrots), Miss Joy and Miss Betty Phillips (Kate Greenaway), Miss Armine Pemberton (Vivandelle), Miss Mabel Eberts (Fondle), Master Clair Russell (Highlander), Miss Yolande Pemberton (Kate Greenaway), Miss Nora Pownell (Little Red Riding Hood), Master John Helmecken (Gingerbread Man), Miss Cecelia Helmecken (Hydrangea), Miss Mary Wightman (China Girl), Miss Helen Strathfield (Punchinello), Miss Betty Strathfield (Lady of 1666), Miss Betty Kirk (16th Century), Miss Baby Courtney (Empress Josephine), Miss Patricia Burns (Princess Patricia), Miss Inez Kerr (Japanese Lady), Master Bobby Harvey (Pierrot), Miss Maud Scott (Gainsborough Lady), Miss Ivys James (Madame Butterfly), Master Douglas Prentice (Scotsman), Miss Katherine Oliver (Fishwife), Master E. Ridge-Wilson (Knave of Hearts), Master Percy Ridge-Wilson (Page), Miss Emily Hannington (Queen of Hearts), Master Ernest Hannington (Zulu Chief), Master Francis Pemberton (Little Lord Fauntleroy), Miss Tickle Jones (Cherry Ripe), Miss P. Pemberton (Dutch Girl), Miss Patrice (Daffodil), Miss Daisy Wilson (Water Lily), Miss Pannett (Fairy), Master Lily, Miss Stirling (Boy Blue), Master Walter Rebbeck (Bo'sun of Nelson's day), Master Randal Matthews (Peter Pan).

HIGH CLASS PLAY COMES HERE TO-NIGHT

"The Man of the Hour" Will Be Presented at Victoria Theatre.

Of the many plays produced in the past two years, none have attracted such widespread attention or received such warm praise as George Broadhurst's greatest of all American plays, "The Man of the Hour," which will be seen at the Victoria theatre to-night. Its freshness, purity, and real and genuine worth commend it to every admirer of all that is good in play-building. The succession of crowded houses that has everywhere attended this production since its initial performance, and the way press and public have received it, emphasizes unmistakably that it is something more than a good and wholesome play, that it is a transcript from real life.

In writing "The Man of the Hour" Mr. Broadhurst has indulged in a little talk as possible, but that little has been made intensely interesting, powerful and effective; his long experience in play-building having impressed him with the fact that people go to the theatre to witness good acting rather than to hear philosophical discussions. "The Man of the Hour" is full of genuine comedy—of which the characters themselves are unconscious, and which is the more attractive on that account—heart interest, and has a most fascinating love story and a vein of pathos that is honest and sincere. Managers William A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer's special company will be seen here; it includes such well known players as Arthur Mattland, Felix Haney, William Cullington, John Moore, T. S. Guise, Paul Byron, William Lloyd, M. J. MacQuarrie, Edward Dewey, F. E. Warner, Arthur Hewitt, Geo. A. Cameron, Madeline Winthrop, Anna Roeder and Florence Mack.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR TERM

Interesting Programme at St. Ann's Kindergarten—Repeating To-day.

The children of St. Ann's kindergarten and primary school on Blanchard street, gave a very charming entertainment of choruses, drills, tableaux and recitations, to a large and most appreciative gathering of their friends on Saturday afternoon.

The pretty concert hall of the school was gay with Christmas decorations, and all the little folks, including even the three-year-old tots, acquitted themselves admirably, reflecting great credit on the two sisters in charge of the school.

His Lordship Bishop Macdonald, who, with members of the faculty were present, complimented the youthful performers at the close and told them how a year ago he had been in Bethlehem of Judea on the eve of Christ's nativity, and stood in the valley where the shepherds of long ago had seen the angelic host appear while they were watching their flocks.

The programme is being repeated this afternoon for the benefit of the children from other schools, many of whom were present. The programme was as follows: Chorus, "Christmas Chimes"; greetings; song, "Santa Clause is Coming"; recitation, "The Rock-a-bye Lady"; song, "Christmas Morning"; Our Papa's Little Men; drama, "Carrie's Quarter"; dialogue, "Military Discipline"; Good Night Drill; recitation, "Scaring Santa Clause"; song and tableaux, "Christmas Eve"; The Story of the First Christmas; tableaux, "The Holy Night"; Thanks; God Save the King.

MME. PATTI'S JUBILEE

November 24th was the fiftieth anniversary of Mme. Patti's appearance as an opera singer, having appeared at the New York Academy of Music as Lucia. The future diva was then not seventeen, and, even so, was scarcely a boy's age, as she made her actual first appearance at a charity concert under Maretzka, as a child of seven, in 1859. It is interesting to compare the salaries Patti received in the fifties with those paid to the great prima donna to-day. In the year of her operatic debut Strakosky paid her \$9 a week; at her first London appearance in 1861 she received from Frederick Lye \$150 a month, and gave her first three performances for nothing. Previous to her marriage in 1869 her earnings never exceeded \$120 a night, but later, when Nilsson was engaged for \$200, Patti had \$10.

To-day there are many impresarios who would be glad to offer \$1,000 and more for her services, says the London Daily Mail, for the beautiful liquid notes, the perfect phrasing, and the wonderful magnetic charm of her voice have outlasted her sixty-six years—years which sit as lightly upon her that she still retains the slight, girlish figure and the vivacious manner of the seventeen-year-old Amina who took London by storm half a century ago. Altogether it has been estimated that her voice has earned her something like \$200,000.

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THE BRIDAL SONG

A SHORT STORY

By E. Acetuna Griffin, in the Pall Mall Magazine.

"My friend, de Courcelles, has often told me that you are a splendid pianist. Will you not play to us now, madame?"

The Comte d'Arcy was giving one of his celebrated luncheon parties in honor of some new acquaintances, Sir Julian Armitage and his French wife, and it was to Lady Armitage that his request was addressed. The comte studied her with intense interest, for he had heard much of this woman, who had already become something of a celebrity in the London world. She possessed unusual beauty, unusual fascination, and in spite of her youth, had earned the reputation for unbounded coolness and savoir-faire. It was therefore the most surprising to the comte to see her change color as she said hurriedly: "I am sorry. I do not play."

"But surely I cannot be mistaken. De Courcelles raved about it to me."

She remained silent.

"He has heard you in Paris. I will remember his telling me. He said you had extraordinary talent—and he knew."

"Yes," she said moodily, "I did play to him, but since then I have given it up."

"It is ten thousand pities," said the comte warmly, "for he is a genuine music lover. De Courcelles did not indulge in indiscriminate praise, and he predicted a great future for you. Am I indiscreet to ask, madame, but is it Sir Julian who does not care for music?"

She hesitated. "Yes, he dislikes it now. I have never played since the day I married."

"But we must be going, monsieur. Shall we meet again at the embassy to-night?"

"Yes, madame, I believe so. Then it is au revoir."

"But I wonder," mused the comte later, "why she gave it up, and what made her look so strange when I mentioned it."

Three years previously the household at the Chateau de la Tour, which consisted of Madame la Marquise, her grand-daughter and two old servants, had been thrown into a condition of intense excitement owing to the arrival of a visitor. Such a thing had not happened since the death of the old marquis, fifteen years before, for his widow was as poor as the proverbial church mouse and very proud, so she refused the hospitality she could not return, and lived an absolutely secluded life. The man who upset her habits and invaded her privacy was Sir Julian Armitage, who presented himself at the chateau without suspecting the agitation his arrival might create in the inmates. Fifty-five years ago his uncle had known and loved the marquis, and finding himself in Brittany, Julian had come to look up the lady of whom he had heard a great deal, and whose misfortune, taken in a crinoline and side-curls, had now passed into his possession.

Madame de la Tour received him in the great salon, furnished with dilapidated but priceless Louis XV. furniture. If Julian noticed a considerable difference between the stammering beauty of the fifties and the wit-like lady of to-day he did not show it. The marquis thought him charming; he reminded her of the Armitage who had wooed her in her youth, and she electrified her household by asking him to stay.

Julian meant to refuse, for the prospect of a stiff visit to an old lady who would not speak his language was not enticing, but while he searched his vocabulary to find the proper words in which to frame his refusal somebody in the next room began to play the accompaniment of a most haunting little song, whistling instead of singing the air. There was a certain sureness of touch about the unknown player which made Julian, who was an excellent critic, believe that he or she was a performer of no mean order. After all, he thought, it might be pleasanter to stay with the marquis than to spend the night at the village inn, and he accepted her invitation with suitable gratitude.

Apparently the marquis did not share Julian's love of music. "It is my granddaughter," she said with a gesture of annoyance. He had the goodness, monsieur, to open that door, and I will call her."

Julian obeyed, opening the door leading into the adjoining room, while Madame called peremptorily, "Michelle, Michelle!"

"I come, grandmamma," answered a soft voice, and a girl rose from the piano and advanced down the room. She was small and badly dressed, and the first thing that struck him about her was that she had no pretensions to beauty; the second that he had never seen a more interesting face.

Madame de la Tour introduced Julian, and informed her granddaughter of her invitation, after which Julian took himself off into the village to collect his luggage.

The whole life history of Michelle de la Tour was compressed into the following weeks. Her existence up till then had been colorless, so that at the age of 27 she might be said to have had no youth. Her family belonged to the old aristocracy, and in consequence it did not mix with the modern society of France. The absence of a hot had prevented her marrying, and Madame de la Tour determined, in conclusion from the world effectually deprived her granddaughters from any girlish pleasures. Julian found that Michelle had a younger sister, who also lived with the marquis, and was at present on her visit to Paris.

Madame was a meagre, unimaginative, and for this and other reasons decided for the present to adopt English customs, and allow her grand-daughter and Julian to see as much of one another as they pleased; so Michelle and her art were at the young man's disposal for many hours of every day, and he soon discovered that he had the privilege of listening to some one who was very near a genius. It appeared that the great pianist Polowski had once come with an introduction to the marquis, and had spent some time giving gratuitous instruction to Michelle, of whose gift he thought very highly. The old man still made a yearly pilgrimage to the village to stay with the cure, and to

see his pupil, and these visits had hitherto constituted the sole pleasure in Michelle's life. The rest of her days were spent in ministering to the needs of Madame, attending to the wants of the poor peasants, and listening to the outpourings of her younger sister, who was by no means satisfied with their grey lot in life. The dreariness of Michelle's existence was a revelation to Julian, and he marvelled at her goodness and patience under such trying circumstances.

As their friendship grew Michelle diffidently disclosed to him her one ambition. She could compose, and she desired to publish her compositions. Up to the present she had never had the courage to submit them to any one, not even to Polowski, but after much persuasion she consented to play him some of them, and Julian was astonished at the charm and originality of her work.

It was almost inevitable that their friendship should drift into love. He did this so gradually that they scarcely suspected it themselves, although from upstairs the old marquis watched its development with grim approval. She had ascertained that the Armitage estates had not decreased in value.

At last came an evening when, after Michelle had been playing in the dusk, she had turned to him as usual to ask "What next?" and was surprised to find his eyes fixed intently on her face. Something in his gaze made her falter, and, coming across to her, he began to murmur words of love. In spite of the unconventionality of the proceeding according to French ideas, the marquis did not utter a reproach. She joyously gave her consent, and Michelle's glimpse-of-heaven had begun.

Mademoiselle Renee de la Tour received the news of her sister's engagement with un-mixed feelings of dismay. The visit to Paris to which she had so much looked forward had not proved a conspicuous success. Madame de Courcelles, her hostess, was another member of the old aristocracy, and lived in faded, shabby surroundings which belonged, like herself, to a bygone age. This was a great disappointment to Renee, Paris, to her, had meant smartness, gaiety, movement, parties, discreet but ardent admiration, and, as crown all, triumphant marriage. Instead she had the society of elderly ladies, in whose presence she must sit in reverent silence, and for companions a few colorless girls, some of whom were destined for the convent. At first the occasional presence of Raymond de Courcelles, the marquis' eldest son, had aroused Renee's hopes. That he was attracted by the beautiful visitor there was no doubt. Their intercourse had been restricted, but there were unmistakable signs that Renee's charm had not failed of its effect. She was, however, penniless, and Madame de Courcelles, whose gimlet eyes nothing escaped, noted her son's growing infatuation, and summoned him to an interview, with the result that Raymond left the following day to stay with friends in London, and the morning after his departure Renee received the announcement of her sister's engagement to a rich Englishman.

As she sat with the letter in her lap the girl was filled with seething fury. It was almost inconceivable that Michelle, the plain sister of 27, should be making a good marriage, and that Renee, the beauty, should be left to take her place as Madame de la Tour's unpaid maid. So far Michelle had interposed between her and the many unbecoming tasks which waiting on a selfish old woman involved, but for the future, while her sister mingled with the gay world, for which Renee craved she would be at home losing youth and beauty in the service of an exacting and unimagineable. She hated Paris and the de Courcelles; in her unreasoning jealousy she even hated Michelle. If only she had been at home to receive the Englishman! Who could doubt that, under such circumstances, his choice would have fallen upon her? As she mused an idea flashed across her mind. At first she rejected it, but returned. Was it too late, after all? Michelle, she inwardly commiserated herself to Michelle, and as she looked at her smile overpowered her features. That evening mademoiselle wrote dutifully to her grandmother to announce her return in three days' time, as she feared that Michelle's engagement would engross her thoughts, and if that were so the marquis would not be receiving all the attention she required.

"So it appears," was Madame's comment after reading the note, "that our beautiful Renee has not enjoyed herself in Paris"; but Michelle took another view, and was touched by her sister's evident solicitude for the old lady's comfort.

During the past weeks Michelle's musical powers had become intensified. Her happiness made her able to create, and this time she produced something in which her lover recognized greatness. They christened the piece "The Bridal Song." She had consulted him about minor points, and had played him alternative endings, but finally they were both satisfied, and it was pronounced complete. She was playing it to him at the moment when Renee returned, and it was thus that she found them. She had driven up unperceived, and come to the door of the music-room, where she stood critically observing her sister's fiancé.

He was tall, distinguished-looking, and his face was handsome though wrinkled. Decidedly Michelle was to be congratulated. A subtle change had come over Michelle's appearance; her nature had expanded, and her face had gained expression. Renee marked this in the same quiet, appraising way and presently her attention turned to what her sister was playing, and she guessed that she had composed it. Renee herself was no mean musician. Unlike Michelle, she had no creative power nor originality, but she had a wonderful ear and retentive memory, and could reproduce anything she had heard, repeating every shade of expression. She had always been jealous of her sister's playing, for she recog-

nized the difference between her own talent and Michelle's touch of genius. If her sister had written this she had done something really good. Renee nodded her head decisively, and came into the room.

The lovers turned, and Michelle sprang up to welcome her, and eagerly presented Julian, who, however, soon withdrew, for he thought that the sisters might like to be by themselves.

"What was the thing you were playing as I came in?" Michelle blushed a little, and Renee went on: "Had you written it? My dear, clever, little sister, it is quite charming! Do play it again!" Michelle hesitated. The piece was Julian's; it had been composed for him, and not for any one else, not even for her beloved Renee. Renee, however, was not accustomed to be denied, and she insisted; so at last, to avoid a fuss, Michelle was obliged to comply.

"It is very, very good," pronounced Renee, when she had finished. "You must publish it, cherie, and then you will be famous."

"Publish it! Never!" said Michelle, adding shyly: "I wrote it for Julian; it can never be for the rest of the world for it is our Bridal Song."

For the next day or two all was harmony. Renee was content to make passive observations, and took her sister's place with the old marquis, who was, however, not at all pleased with her as a substitute for Michelle. At the end of the week Madame de la Tour became indisposed, and for once her illness was real instead of imaginary. Under such unusual and annoying circumstances it was hardly likely that she would put up with the careless ministrations of Renee instead of the attentions of her well-trained slave. She pettishly waved her youngest granddaughter away, and called for Michelle. Michelle came, and after that was not allowed out of the old woman's sight for many days. Renee's chance had come; she was not one to neglect to take it.

Renee de la Tour was unscrupulous, and very beautiful. She possessed all the arts of seduction, and in setting out to fascinate Julian Armitage she was fighting for everything she most desired. She put aside all considerations of pity for her sister, telling herself that a life such as Julian could give his wife meant more to her than it could possibly mean to Michelle, while to take Michelle's place and minister to a garrulous old woman would be sheer waste of herself and her capabilities.



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she loved, but blinded Michelle's eyes, but one evening she was rudely awakened from her dream. She had gone downstairs to bring something for the marquis, and came upon the two. Up till then Julian had resisted the temptation to give expression to his growing infatuation. He had just told Renee abruptly that he must go; her passionate and tearful protest had broken down his last defences, and as Michelle came in he was holding her in his arms.

On a sudden exclamation escaped Michelle, and they both turned. Julian began to mutter some futile explanation and excuse, but Renee stood silent, with a glint of triumph in her eyes. Michelle, who staggered a little, steadied herself. It was difficult to realize the enormity of their treachery in a moment. When she spoke it was to her sister.

"Do you love him?" she asked, and bowed her head when Renee answered "Yes."

After a moment's pause she turned and quietly left the room.

On the following day even Renee was amazed at the simplicity with which everything arranged itself. She had anticipated difficulties, but there were none. Michelle interviewed her grandmother, who was strangely amenable to the change. As she had not yet acquainted her few friends with the fact of Julian's engagement to Michelle she was spared any possible awkwardness in the situation.

Expectations for Renee's marriage were high, and Michelle, who was her grandmother observed with satisfaction, displayed great tact. She did nothing to embarrass the lovers, and when Julian sought her out to make a shame-faced apology, she quietly cut him short, telling him that he would oblige her by making no reference to a past of which she had both seen the mistake. So the harmony was unbroken. Madame de la Tour smiled seraphically, the lovers were selfishly happy, and only Michelle suffered. How much she suffered no one knew or cared. The doctor, who still came to see Madame, ventured a comment on her daughter's altered appearance, but received no encouragement.

Renee was very nearly content. She had a brilliant future before her and a satisfactory lover, but she had one crumpled rose-leaf. In spite of his devotion to her, Julian could not silence his conscience. He was intensely ashamed, and his new fiancée found her power had a limitation. One evening, when she had been playing to Julian in the twilight, she had paused, and, after casting a provocative glance in his direction, had drifted into Michelle's "Bridal Song." He had not up abruptly, and speaking in a voice she had never heard before, had commanded her, "If you have any decency left, do not say a word to me. I have found, unforgivable, but which she had been forced to pass over."

On the day of the wedding the few friends who attended it agreed that the bride's beauty was something out of the ordinary, and commented on the good fortune of Madame de la Tour in securing such an excellent part for one granddaughter, adding that she could not hope to do so well in the case of the plain little elder sister.

A relative of Renee's, who lived about twenty miles away, had placed his chateau at the disposal of Sir Julian and Lady Armitage for the first week of the honeymoon. For once Julian's conscience had ceased to trouble him; he had forgotten everything except the beauty and charm of his bride. As soon as dinner was over they wandered outside, but the evening was oppressively hot, the sky overcast, and the absolute stillness suggested thunder. They returned indoors, and entered the salon, in which the lights had not been lit. Renee was in-terested, and, adding that she could not hope to do so well in the case of the plain little elder sister.

When Mademoiselle Michelle was found dead that evening in the music room the doctor testified that he had tried to draw Madame's attention to her granddaughter's state of health some weeks before.

"Had she any recent trouble?" he demanded. Madame denied this obstinately, shedding indignant tears meanwhile because her slave had escaped her. But Jean, the old servant who had found her, told the doctor that, after mademoiselle had begun to play, he had lingered outside the door, fearing she was ill, for she had eaten nothing all day, and looked so strange. He had recognized the music—"It was the piece she used to play to Sir Julian, monsieur, before Mademoiselle Renee returned from Paris," and at the end he had heard a sound like a smothered sob after that, stillness.

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"I cannot play it, Julian. I have forgotten," she said, and her voice quivered, as if she was frightened. She got up hurriedly, and at the same moment there was a slight rustling, almost as if some one were taking her place, and then the stillness was broken by a new sound. Some body close beside them was softly whistling the air that Renee could not play, to a piano accompaniment which seemed oddly far away. They scarcely dared to breathe as they listened, straining their eyes, but seeing nothing.

Distinct as it was, the music was curiously dim and unearthly. There was an unutterable sadness underlying its joyousness, and as it ended with a last triumphant rush of melody, the final chords mingled with a sound like a hopeless sob. Afterwards there was silence, broken only by a rising wind stirring the trees outside.

"Julian . . . Julian—I am terrified," cried Renee hoarsely, as she staggered towards him, but he made no responsive movement. He was staring past her as if he saw something she could not. A blinding flash of lightning and a simultaneous crash of

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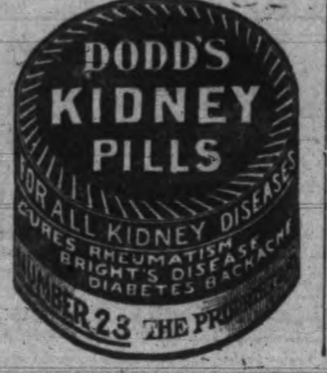
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thunder proved too much for the bride's overstrung nerves. With a cry, she fell fainting against a chair, but even then Julian did not look at her or touch her.

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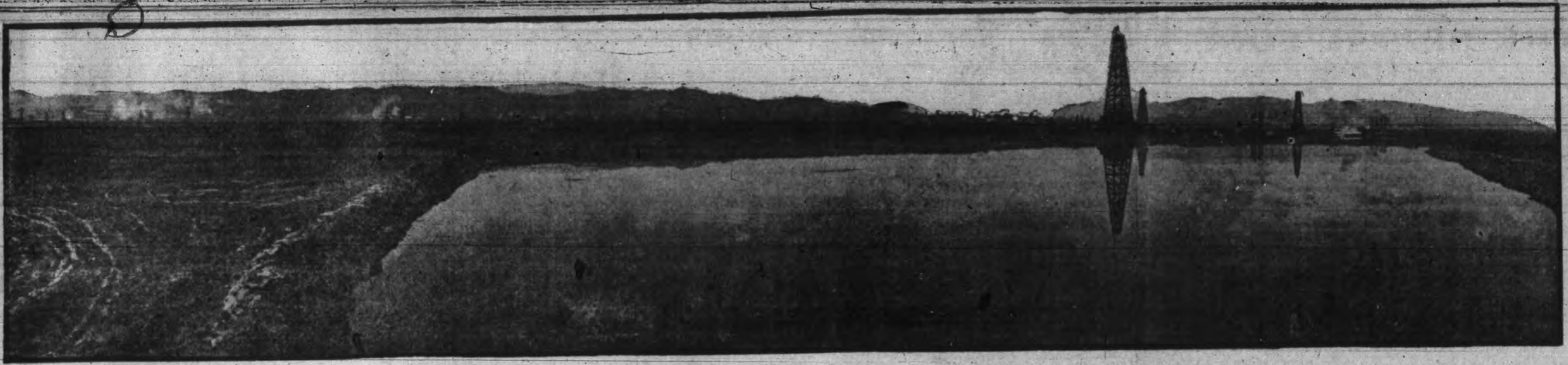
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The California Oil World, the organ of the oil people of the state, under date of December 9 has this to say about a piece of property within **ONE MILE** of our Midway land:

MIDLAND, Dec. 2.—The property of the Midway Crude Oil company, consisting of 160 acres has been sold to Messrs. Walker and Heck, F. N. Scott and Clarence Berry, for \$320,000 or at the rate of \$2,000 per acre. Except for one well producing about 100 barrels daily this land is not developed and the sale probably marks the record for price in lands which are not drilled. The high figure is due to the fact that the land lies between the 2500 barrel gusher of the Santa Fe and the No. 2 well of the Hawaiian Oil company, which it is expected will rank in the same class when it is opened up.

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The quashing of convictions, and the allowance of licenses after the police had recommended their cancellation, were particularly referred to. One instance quoted was that of the Grand theatre, the license of which was restored on a Monday, after it had been taken away on the Thursday previous.

G. H. Henley drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that although it had been recommended that the city changing should not be put to work on the city streets, little was done to remedy the situation.

Objection was also taken to the action of the authorities in handing over the operation of the act to the Children's Aid Society, and the opinion was expressed by Dr. Fraser, among others, that the association might as well disband if it were not allowed to conduct the juvenile work which it had begun. Letters were read from the Dominion Department of Justice, and the Dominion Parole Officer Archibald, that the act would be put into operation upon the provincial attorney-general certifying to the fact that the necessary regulations were being complied with. The Hon. Mr. Bowser had said that he would make this report at once.

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Then there are cattle ranches, hog ranches, silk worm culture, chicken farms, pigeon coots, dog kennels, catteries—an infinite number of good occupations in which women may excel. And on the women's farms there will be telephones, graphophones, books, bathtubs and other mitigations of the isolated life.

"Floating cricket" is sometimes played on board large men-of-war. "Tip and run" is the rule, and innings are short and sweet. There are no overs, and bowling takes place both ends. Seven or eight men constitute a side, and scores range from 20 to 50 runs, each innings lasting about fifteen minutes. The balls are made on board from twine wrapped round a cork, and covered with canvas.

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"Only a few years ago there were very few houses along the trail to Athabasca Landing, but between the Sturgeon and Vermilion rivers as many as ninety houses can now be seen from the trail, and here and there a Greek or Roman Catholic church. The Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have been in the landing for years, and lately a hall has been built by the Methodist church which is used for service on the Sabbath and as a reading room on the week-day. A number of buildings have been added, and telegraphic communication established since last we visited the landing. It is to be hoped that some railway will soon find its way thither, and thus reward the patience and endurance of those who have waited for years.

"On the evening of August 17th we boarded the neat little steamer Northland Sun, which has accommodation for quite a number of passengers. On this trip our fellow-travellers included a doctor's wife, a lady missionary for Peace River, and a judge on his way to hold district court in the north, all of whom proved pleasant and helpful companions. The crew, which is somewhat limited in number, willingly did all they could to make us comfortable. Even the horses received a like attention.

"It was a pleasant sail up the Athabasca river. The second night brought us to the mouth of the Little Slave river, called here Mirror Landing, on account of the clear transparent water. Here passengers and freight are transferred by wheels over a portage of sixteen miles, the rapids preventing the passage of Little Slave river. At Saulteaux Landing we boarded another small steamer which conveyed us to the head of Lesser Slave lake. The Little Slave river is an interesting stream, affording a variety of scenery with occasional glimpses of beauty. Its chief characteristic is its crookedness.

"Another day and we were out on the bosom of the lake. A storm, however, compelled us to take shelter under the cover of a neighboring island and kept us there till the following day. Lesser Slave lake is a fine body of water, extending for seventy-five miles in length and is from eight to twelve miles in breadth. Parts of it are very deep. It contains excellent fish, which are caught in great numbers in the fall and kept frozen for winter supply. One year the Roman Catholic mission drew 17,000 fish from its depths. The head of the lake is the end of the waterway in this direction. Here there is a lively settlement, and we spent two days in it, visiting most of the people. Here, too, the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have been at work among the natives and both have large mission buildings. Lately a Methodist missionary has gone in and holds regular service here and at Prairie River Settlement, twenty miles out.

"To continue our journey we now take the road, a stretch of ninety miles from the head of Slave Lake to Peace River Crossing. This has always been known as a bad road and on this occasion it was equal to its reputation. We stuck in the mud several times, but were fortunate in being in company with the judge and his party who had an escort of the R. N. W. M. P. They proved friends indeed. It is not an easy thing to follow a police team, especially one with an expert driver, but our little team stood it well and at the end of two days and a

half we arrived at the Peace River Crossing just behind them. "One's first view of the Peace river is a sight to be remembered. Standing on the high banks of the river looking west one is struck with the rugged canyons through which flow the Heart and Smoky rivers, while at one's feet at a considerable depth, dotted with beautiful green islands, is the gentle peaceful river. One is well rewarded by a day's rest here after the jolting and anxiety of travel of the previous days.

"Another day and we are across the river and on the trail again. It is Saturday night and we pull into the English Church mission, twelve miles up the river, and receive a hearty welcome from the Rev. Robert Holmes and Mrs. Holmes. Here we spent Sabbath and assisted at the service. Monday morning we were early on the road again, and soon thereafter visiting another old friend whose delight was to speak of old days and hear the old timers on the Sturgeon. It was a pleasant and helpful evening we spent under the Carson roof relating incidents of old days, while at intervals we had as good music as might be heard in the midst of pretentious society.

"The next morning finds us climbing the steep hills and on to the high and flat country beyond. Here the trail is good and stretches towards the west and north, one branch going to Fort St. John and the other to Dunvegan, the latter a distance of seventy-five miles. We cover this in two days easily and at dusk get down the somewhat difficult and dangerous descent, and soon we are in the Hudson's Bay house where we receive great kindness and a memorably good meal. Next day we crossed the Peace river again and twenty miles more brought us to the Spirit River settlement. Here we put up at the house built by our missionary some years ago but how used as the mission house of the Anglican church. A few days' stay there, a visit to all the people of the settlement, arrangements were made with the representatives of the Anglican church regarding mission work and the property, and we are on the road again towards Grande Prairie.

"Two days more over a hard trail, cooking our meals by the wayside wherever water and good grass for the horses can be found, and being obliged to camp in the bush over night, we descend the slope of Saddle mountain. Now the traveller is richly rewarded after his long, difficult, and weary journey hitherto. Stretching far away to the south, east and west, as far as the eye can reach, is beautiful undulating prairie dotted here and there with clumps of spruce, poplar,

willow, and birch as if arranged in an extended park, and a number of clear shining lakes enhance the beauty of the scene. The thought comes to the mind as one looks in surprise, 'This is the promised land.'

"It is an easy run across the prairie and at nightfall we arrived at Flying Shot lake, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the only white family in that part. We remained on the prairie about a week and visited all the settlers who were at home, at Saskatoon lake and Beaver lodge and between. We received untold kindness from everyone, especially the bachelors, and held the first service at Beaver lodge.

"Our homeward journey was full of interesting and exciting incidents, but we returned safely after having covered in the round trip 1,300 miles, 200 of which were by water and fully 1,000 miles by the same team and outfit.

"The Peace River has a future before it. There is good and poor land in places, but the vast majority of it is good, waiting for the hardy settler to take possession. Its disadvantages would soon be got over if there were better means of transportation. With a railway there is bound to be a great rush of settlers, and there is room for many thousands. At present there are one hundred white men on the prairie and twenty white women. Two years ago there were but a handful of white men and one white woman. Settlers are creeping in gradually, but the definite promise of a railway will bring hundreds in the month. The few that are there now are alive to the situation. They are anxious to have their post offices and their schools, and there will be a splendid field for mission work."

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