

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds,
partly cloudy and colder, followed by
snow or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, mostly cloudy and colder, with
snow.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantomime—Kitty Gordon.
Royal Victoria—Douglas Fairbanks.
Variety—Pauline Frederick.
Dominion—Mac Marsh.
Columbia—"The Ne'er Do Well."

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ALLIES' SUPREME WAR COUNCIL MEETS; PLAN FOR NEXT CAMPAIGN

Britain, France, Italy and United States Represented To-day at Versailles; Sessions Most Important; New Operations Being Planned

Versailles, France, Jan. 29.—Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States were represented at to-day's session of the Supreme Allied War Council, which was convened here presided over by Georges Clemenceau, the French Premier. The meeting is regarded as one of extraordinary importance because the plan of operations during the coming campaign is expected to come before it for determination.

The United States is represented by General Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of Staff of the American army. Arthur H. Frazier, secretary of the American Embassy in Paris, is attending as a diplomatic officer to report the proceedings, but not to participate otherwise. The other participants in the conference are: For Great Britain, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George and Major-General Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, Sub-Chief of the British General Staff; for Italy, Premier Orlando, Baron Sonnino, the

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE SPLIT; MAJORITY URGE HOLY WAR AGAINST GERMAN NATION

London, Jan. 29.—The Bolsheviks have split on the question of peace, a majority being against the conclusion of peace on the German terms and in favor of a holy war, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says. As the present Government is unable to carry on war, the formation of a coalition of all the Socialist factions was proposed.

London, Jan. 29.—Contradictory advices from Petrograd throw doubt on the Russian attitude towards the continuance of the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations. A semi-official statement declares that Leon Trotsky had not returned to Brest-Litovsk as reported, and adds that M. Kameneff, one of the Russian delegates to the conference, is going to Stockholm, London and Paris to lay before the Entente Governments the progress of the peace negotiations.

Another circumstantial report from Petrograd was to the effect that Trotsky had returned to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference armed with a vote of confidence from the Bolsheviks.

Early Report. Petrograd, Jan. 29.—Via London, Jan. 29.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, and M. Kameneff left Petrograd to-day for Brest-Litovsk to resume negotiations with the Central Powers.

The Congress of the Councils of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, while deploring the imperialistic tenor of the German peace terms, approved all the actions of the Bolshevik delegation and charged the Government to continue the negotiations. The Congress adopted a resolution to this effect: "A minority made up of Minimalists and Social-Revolutionists of the Right and south vainly to persuade the adoption of a policy flatly against a separate peace."

During the debate Foreign Minister Trotsky declared he could not give a guarantee that he would not sign a separate peace, saying: "To call a separate peace a disgrace is blasphemy in the sight of blood-covered Europe." (Concluded on page 4)

ITALIANS MEAN TO KEEP ARMY FED

No Pastry in Restaurants in Rome Province; Warnings in Canada

Washington, Jan. 29.—Italy's food situation has become so serious an official dispatch from Rome to-day said, that the restaurants in the Province of Rome are prohibited from serving pastry and noodles. This is an indication, the dispatch said, of the sacrifices to which the Italians are obliged to submit in order that the necessary rationing of the troops may proceed.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Commission of Conservation urges the tapping of every maple tree possible in Canada when the spring comes to conserve the sugar supply. The Commission also has issued a note of warning in connection with the lack of coal. "Unless all signs fail," it states, "the coal shortage next winter will be more acute than this winter, and every effort should be exerted to provide a supply of dry hardwood."

Blood Transfusion Grows in Extent in British Army Cases

London, Jan. 29.—The practice of blood transfusion in the cases of badly wounded men in the British army is growing in importance. Out of thirty-five wounded men who could not have survived otherwise, twenty-two were saved by this process.

Steel Vessels For U. S. to Be Built at Fort William Plant

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 29.—Contracts have been closed by the Canadian Car & Foundry Company for the construction of steel boats for the United States Government at its plant here. Sufficient boats have been contracted for to give the company two years' steady work.

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS REORGANIZES FOR SPRUCE ACTIVITIES

Following up the recent Provincial Order-in-Council, which placed the entire spruce timber resources of the province, whether vacant Crown timber or held by private owners, at the immediate disposal of the Imperial authorities, the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, has effected changes in the organization of the Provincial Forest Service so that every possible delay may be eliminated from official procedure during the national emergency. From now on the prompt handling of all spruce problems has been made the first duty of the Department. Officials in charge of the various branches of timber work are now especially assigned for duty in this connection, while the staffs of the three coast districts, Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Vancouver Island, are to be pooled to meet the changing demands of rush business in different localities. The shifting of large numbers of logging engines, camps and woods crews from the scene of present operations to the heaviest and most quickly accessible stands of spruce timber, will likewise necessitate many corresponding changes in the disposition of the Forest Service personnel during the next few months.

Warm Support From Loggers. The stand taken by the Minister is being strongly supported by the various branches of the logging and lumbering industries. The sawmills cutting fir timber are concentrating a strong effort upon obtaining the maximum possible quantity of aeroplane fir from all logs sawn by them, one mill vying with another in the patriotic work. That the daily output of lumber from each mill—the keeping up of which to maximum capacity is normally a matter of pride and test of efficiency among mill managers—will thereby be lowered to some extent, is a matter that each foreman and superintendent has been specially told to disregard and all are vigorously co-operating to secure the two things needed—aeroplane fir and shipbuilding timbers.

Valuable Official. The Minister states that the Loggers' Association, of British Columbia, has responded handsomely to the demands for sacrifice of personal and business convenience in the interests of speedy production of aeroplane material to support the Allies' extended program. (Concluded on page 4)

Vancouver Soldier Gets D. C. M.; Killed Nine Enemy Soldiers. Vancouver, Jan. 29.—For attacking and killing a party of nine Germans who were holding up a group of Canadian soldiers in charge of an officer in No Man's Land at the point of the gun and rescuing all his comrades at great personal self-sacrifice, Pte. Uriah Nurse, of this city, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal on Christmas Day, according to private advices received by his wife. Pte. Nurse enlisted in Prince Rupert with the 48th Battalion in 1915 and went into the trenches in September of that year.

SUCCESSFUL RAID IN UPPER ALSACE

French Troops Destroyed German Shelters and Took Some Prisoners. Paris, Jan. 29.—French troops penetrated German lines in upper Alsace, destroying defence works and bringing back prisoners, the War Office announces. The statement follows: "There were severe artillery actions in the region of Four-de-Paris and Hartmanns-Wellerkopf. In upper Alsace French detachments, after brief artillery preparation, penetrated deep into the German positions southeast of Sepoy-le-Haut. Our men destroyed a number of shelters and brought back prisoners. There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

"On Sunday one German aeroplane was brought down and three others fell damaged in the enemy lines. On the same day French squadrons threw down 6,000 kilograms (13,000 pounds) of explosives on the railway station at Contans, factories in the region of St. Flivas and various aviation grounds in the enemy sector."

British Report. London, Jan. 29.—Notable activity by the German artillery is reported in the vicinity of Monchy-le-Preaux, on the Arras front. To-day's official statement also announces the driving off of a German raiding party and the disappearance of a British patrol which had been sent out to the northeast of Ypres. The statement follows: "A hostile party was driven off in the night in the neighborhood of Arleux-en-Gobelle. The hostile artillery showed great activity in the Monchy-le-Preaux sector. One of our patrols northeast of Ypres has not returned."

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FORTY-SEVEN WERE KILLED BY RAIDERS

169 in England Injured by German Bombs; Enemy Lost Machine

ONLY SIX MACHINES GOT ABOVE LONDON

London, Jan. 29.—Forty-seven persons were killed and 169 injured in last night's air raid, it was announced officially to-day.

About fifteen German aeroplanes, of which four or five reached London, took part in the first of the two air raids last night, it was officially announced this morning. Only one of the raiders engaged in the second attack penetrated as far as the city.

The announcement follows: "The latest information shows that two groups of enemy air raiders crossed the Essex coast and one group the Kent coast practically simultaneously at about 8 p. m. The two former detachments proceeded toward London on parallel courses across Essex. The capital was approached from the east and northeast shortly after 9 p. m. Across Essex. "Of the machines which crossed the Kent coast two dropped bombs on the Isle of Thanet and Sheppey. The remainder, crossing the Thames Estuary, approached East London through Essex."

"Apparently about fifteen machines took part in these attacks, of which four or five reached the capital and dropped bombs in various districts between 9 and 10 p. m. "Some time after the first attack had terminated other enemy aeroplanes crossed the Essex coast. Only one of these reached London, being it entered from the north, bombs being dropped between 12.15 and 12.30 a. m. "A number of machines of the Royal Flying Corps went up. Two of our scouts encountered an enemy aeroplane over Essex. After a brief fight at close range the raider took fire and fell in flames to the ground, 10,000 feet below. All three members of the crew were burned to death.

"Several other engagements with enemy machines were reported by our pilots, one of whom pursued a raider across the coast and fought an indecisive engagement over the sea. All our machines returned safely."

Moonlight. London had been expecting an enemy raid during the past week of moonlight nights but nothing had happened and the residents began to think they would escape altogether when about 8 p. m. last night the arrival of enemy aeroplanes was announced.

The anti-aircraft guns were soon in action and continued firing intermittently for more than five hours, while the populace passed an anxious time indoors or in underground shelters.

Great satisfaction was expressed when it was announced officially that one of the raiders had been brought down in Essex.

The loss of life in last night's raid was the heaviest caused by any of the new series of German aerial attacks which began early this winter after a period of several weeks in which no such ventures had been attempted. The casualty list is the largest since the raid of June 13, 1917, when ninety-seven persons were killed and 437 were wounded. The last previous raid was on December 18, when ten persons were killed and seventy wounded.

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THRUST BY ITALIANS ON ASIAGO PLATEAU SUCCESS, ROME SAYS

Troops Stormed Enemy Positions on Heights and Broke Through at Several Points; Took 1,500 Prisoners; Held Mastery of the Air

Rome, Jan. 29.—Italian troops made a heavy attack yesterday on the northern mountain front and broke into the enemy lines, the War Office reports. Reinforcements which the enemy was hurrying down the Nos and Campomulo Valleys were dispersed by the artillery of the Italians and their allies.

Twelve enemy aeroplanes were brought down. The Italians held mastery of the air everywhere.

The Italians took more than 1,500 prisoners. They stormed enemy positions on the heights east of the Asiago basin and broke through at several points, resisting violent counter-attacks.

London, Jan. 29.—Italy has furnished a military surprise by launching an attack of apparently considerable force on her mountain front in midwinter. The blow came on the Asiago Plateau, where the Austro-German invaders were halted early in the winter in their effort to push down to the Italian plains west of the Brenta River.

Berlin heralded the attack yesterday in reporting the breaking out of a violent artillery duel in the Settivolunt region, in the Asiago sector. Its force was reported to have reached a climax at dawn on Monday in the vicinity of Col Del Rosso, which height stands about midway between Asiago and the Brenta. "The Italian effort seems to be one somewhat similar to that of the French troops a few weeks ago east of the Brenta, which resulted in a penetration of the Austro-German line for a considerable distance and the subsequent withdrawal of the enemy from a rather extended area, improving the Allies' position notably."

German Statement. Berlin, Jan. 29.—Italian forces which attacked the Teutonic positions in the Col Del Rosso region and between the Frenzola ravine and the Brenta River on the northern Italian front, were thrown back by Austrian troops, a German official statement announces to-day.

Air Raids. Berlin, Jan. 29.—A German aerial squadron dropped twenty-one tons of bombs last Saturday on Castel Franco, Treviso and Mestre, in Northern Italy, the War Office here states. Large fires, the statements add, were seen from a distance.

The Italian War Office announced last Sunday that the enemy on the preceding night had carried out raids between the Brenta and Piave Rivers, especially on Treviso and Mestre. Among the victims were six women, three of whom were killed and three wounded. Three hospitals in Mestre were damaged.

Washington Points Out Enemy is Violating Truce With Bolsheviks. Washington, Jan. 29.—A charge that Germany is violating the terms of the truce with the Bolsheviks by withdrawing troops from the Eastern front and transferring them to the Western battle line was made to-day by the War Department here in the following statement: "The General Staff of the United States army announces that the German military authorities are evading those terms of the Russian truce which provided that German troops were not to be withdrawn from the Eastern front for use in the West during the peace negotiations. German troops in Russia are being allowed to go home on furlough. These soldiers are then transferred to recruiting stations and sent to the Western front. The troops are being taken in this way, man by man, for two reasons, first, because it deceives the Russians, and, secondly, because the troops have been so influenced by the Russian revolutionary propaganda that the German military chiefs have decided to separate the men and scatter them in unaffected Western regiments."

SWISS CONSUL FOR PART OF DOMINION. Montreal, Jan. 29.—Charles G. Faister, manager of Parrish & Heimbecker, Ltd., grain merchants, Toronto, has been appointed consul of Switzerland for the Province of Ontario and the Northwest Territories, with residence at Toronto.

Turks Claim Battlecruiser is at Constantinople, Little Damaged. Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—The Turkish battlecruiser Selma-Yavuz-Selma, formerly the German battlecruiser Goeben, according to a telegram from Constantinople received here by way of Berlin, entered the harbor at Constantinople on Sunday quite fit for service. Numerous air attacks by Entente airmen, it is added, inflicted only unimportant damage to the funnels and the armored plating, only two small bombs having struck the ship.

Fleeing from two small British warships a few days ago, the Sultan Yavuz Selma was beached at Nagara Point, in the Dardanelles, shortly after the Midullu, formerly the German cruiser Breslau, had been sunk by striking a mine. Immediately British aviators took up the task of bombing the stranded warship, tons of bombs being dropped on her during the days which followed. A tug which was alongside the battlecruiser, trying to refloat her also was bombed.

Last evening the British Admiralty issued the following report: "Since the last communication, bad weather has hampered our operations against the Goeben, but several raids have been made and bombs dropped on the Goeben and on gun positions at Gaba Tepe. "At noon Sunday the Goeben's position was unchanged."

An official statement issued in Berlin yesterday said that the battlecruiser had been refloated and entered the Dardanelles.

FRENCH TRANSPORT AND TRAWLER SUNK; FORTY LIVES LOST. Paris, Jan. 29.—Forty lives were lost through the sinking of the French transport Drome and the trawler Kerbihan, which struck mines January 23 within sight of Marseilles. The Drome first came into contact with a mine and the Kerbihan shortly afterwards struck one near the same place.

Aviators later discovered other mines in this region, which immediately was swept in an effort to clear them away.

TWO MORE CANADIAN AIRMEN ARE KILLED AT CAMP IN TEXAS. Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 29.—Second Lieut. W. F. McDonald and Cadet Flier W. J. King were instantly killed, Second Lieut. J. J. Hickey received injuries which may prove fatal, and Cadet Flier Simpson was seriously hurt to-day in an aeroplane collision in a cloud bank 2,000 feet up during gunnery practice. All were members of the British Royal Flying Corps and came to Fort Worth from Toronto.

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AUTHOR OF "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" DIES IN FRANCE

Brandon, Man., Jan. 29.—Lieut.-Col. McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields," died yesterday in France from pneumonia, as reported by cable from London.

Col. McCrae was a distinguished physician of Montreal and on the professional staff of McGill University. At the beginning of the war he entered active service with the First Brigade of Canadian Artillery on the staff of Brig.-Gen. Morrison, and during the

early period of the war up to and through the Second Battle of Ypres served with his brigade in the double capacity of staff and medical officer. Later he was appointed to the command of the medical side of Canadian Hospital No. 3, the McGill unit, at which post he continued until his death.

Col. McCrae was a son of Lieut.-Col. David McCrae, of Guelph, Ont., and a brother of Mrs. J. F. Kilgour, of Brandon. The deceased was forty-five years of age and unmarried.

It doesn't pay to bunko a woman whose only asset is a gift of gab.

COMMANDER WYATT WAS SUPERSEDED

Disclaimed Responsibility Because He Had "Seen Accident Coming" at Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—Commander Wyatt, who was chief examining officer at the port of Halifax when the fatal collision between the Mont Blanc occurred in Halifax Harbor December 6 last, but who according to naval orders has been superseded in that post, was re-examined at yesterday's session of the court of inquiry into the circumstances and causes of the collision.

Richard Price, secretary to Capt. Martin, superintendent of H. M. C. dockyard here, informed the court that he had searched Capt. Martin's files and had been unable to find any trace of the letters said to have been written by Commander Wyatt to Capt. Martin. Charles McGeann, typist for Commander Wyatt, told Mr. Henry, Government counsel, that he never saw the letters before.

Commander Wyatt, recalled, said that he could not say who typed the letters, but that he probably typed the last one himself. The witness said that "for months and months he had seen an accident coming and did not want 'to be the goat.' That was why he said he used the expression 'disclaiming responsibility' in one of his letters. Witness told Capt. Demers that he sometimes made suggestions to Capt. Martin, but that usually such suggestions were not well received.

Lieut. Adams, who was on duty on the guardship, December 5 and 6, said that the Imo was cleared and had permission to sail on December 5, and so far as the imperial naval authorities were concerned there was no necessity for her to obtain further permission.

Edward Beasley, youthful clerk at the pilot office, part of whose duties had been to report to the "C. X. O." the inward and outward steamers, said that for six or seven weeks after the order was issued, he followed it faithfully, but after that the "C. X. O." office did not seem to be taking down the reports. Persons there, he said, laughed at him.

VANCOUVER SOLDIERS IN LINE FOR HONORS

Vancouver, Jan. 29.—Private information received here is to the effect that six more Vancouver soldiers, Major S. E. Birds, M.C.; Lieut. Tempest, S. E. de Wolf, Captain James Hamilton, Lieut. Rupert Orme, Pte. David Davidson and Pte. N. Nurse, have been recommended for decorations as a result of their brilliant and daring fighting in the Battle of Passchendaele Ridge.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS AT DUNCAN MEETING

Plans for Conservation Discussed at Gathering Held Yesterday Afternoon

Duncan, Jan. 29.—A meeting called by Mayor E. F. Miller, of Duncan, was held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon, to consider the advisability of forming a local committee on food production and conservation. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mesdames Elkington, Peterson, Miller, Leather, Holt-Wilson, Whiddon, T. Pitt and Hamish Morton and Messrs. Peterson, Cheske, Savage, Mutter, Halhed, Peterson, Major Mutter, McKay and Dickie.

J. W. Gibson, outlined the nature of the organization, which would control the local situation. He advised the formation of a committee to include representatives from all the local societies already interested in food conservation work such as the Board of Trade, the Women's Institute and the United Farmers. He announced that Miss Hayes, Provincial Demonstrator of War Cookery, would be free to come to this district on Monday, February 4. Miss Hayes would discuss the fundamental principles of dietetics and food substitution. Her demonstrations and suggestions would be exceedingly practical and incidentally she would consider the economic side as well as the patriotic side of the situation.

Major Mutter suggested that the Provincial Government should give some idea of what should be planted in vacant lot gardens. The United Farmers (Somenes Branch) said that owing to labor conditions farmers cannot cultivate or gather in the crops. A scheme had been suggested that men in offices from Victoria and school children might be organized to help.

Mr. Peterson suggested that no deal should be allowed to be killed less than a year old. The farmers could not carry all his calves and the Government should take them and use the experimental farms and vacant lands. He complimented the ladies of the Food Conservation Committee of the Women's Institute on their diligent work. The machinery for the working out of the plan suggested by Mr. Gibson was already in order.

Mr. Gibson strongly advised a closely organized committee in case of worse days to come, to prevent needless duplication of effort. In order to make it to the Government. The whole question is not free from difficulties, as the extension of the present Civil Service Act or the proposed new bill to all branches of the outside service involves careful consideration. Provision has to be made for the selection in a territory half as large again as Europe, of employees, both temporary and permanent, on a standard of merit. This involves a careful test, by examination or otherwise, and the present arrangements for examination in various parts of Canada will require to be considerably extended. Possibly it may be necessary to establish a local board in each province, and the exact relation of any such board to the central Commission must be determined.

Railways.
The employees of the Government system of railways have organizations of their own, and definite arrangements as to employment and dismissal for cause have been in existence for many years. These arrangements cannot be lightly set aside without danger of serious divergence, and careful consultation with the management of the Government system of railways and with the executives of the various organizations is thus essential. However, recent consultation with the members of the Civil Service Commission have led to the conclusion that pending the enactment of new legislation and the more careful consideration of the difficulties alluded to, it is possible in the immediate future to establish certain suggestions under the provisions of the present Civil Service Act, which will largely carry out the proposals set forth in the Government's policy as already made public.

SPY'S EFFORT TO SINK SHIP FAILED

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Jan. 29.—A steamship now in port here was one of a convoy of ships which left a United States port recently. When a few hundred miles at sea, the ship began to settle, and it was quickly discovered that a deliberate attempt by someone aboard had been made to sink the vessel by opening the sea-cocks. The steamship, loaded with supplies for the Allies, was compelled to leave the convoy, and with all speed hasten to this port, where she arrived none too soon to save her from going to the bottom. It was evident that there was an enemy spy aboard, perhaps more than one, but there the story ends, for if there was a capture it will never be known to any but the authorities.

FOOD RIOTS TAKE PLACE IN CRACOW

Washington, Jan. 29.—Food riots in Cracow have become serious, according to an official dispatch from Switzerland, that the authorities have appealed to the Austrian Premier for aid in quieting the disturbance. Martial law has been proclaimed and the houses of public eating houses cordoned off. Thousands of women and children are reported parading the streets daily demanding food.

WALLIS ELECTED FOR ALBERNI CONSTITUENCY

Nanaimo, Jan. 29.—The final count in the by-election in the Alberni district shows that Wallis, the Opposition candidate, has a majority of seventeen, the total vote being Wallis 694, Bledsoe 577. Big Qualicum gave Wallis five; Bledsoe, three; Holberg, Wallis four; Bledsoe, five; Cape Scott, Wallis nine, Bledsoe, nine; Quatsino, Wallis eleven, Bledsoe twenty-one. The figures for Stranby and Lake Erie are included in the total though particulars are not yet to hand as to how vote was cast.

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NEW CIVIL SERVICE ACT FOR CANADA

Measure Will Embrace Outside Service; New Regulations Until Bill Passed

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Reforms in the civil service are announced. The Civil Service Commissioners have reported in favor of a new Civil Service Act for submission to Parliament next session, if possible, and they have received instructions from the Government to prepare such legislation as they think necessary. In the meantime certain new regulations are to be established under the present Civil Service Act, and these it is stated will very largely carry out the proposals set forth in the Government's statement of policy before the recent election.

Extension of the Civil Service Act to all branches of the outside service is the main reform under consideration. Official Statement.
An official statement just issued here deals with the proposed reforms. It reads:

"At the time of the announcement by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government, that civil service reform would be carried out, the Civil Service Commissioners were asked to make a report outlining the steps and measures which in the judgment of the Commission would be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the policy then set forth. During the general election it was impossible for members of the Government to take up the subject, but during the absence of the Prime Minister for about three weeks after the election, the subject was taken up by Hon. A. K. Maclean with the members of the Civil Service Commission. Since the recent return of the Prime Minister and of Mr. Maclean there have been further conferences with the members of the Civil Service Commission, and it is found that in the opinion of the Commission the proposals of the Government already made public will require further examination.

New Measure.
The members of the Commission are of the opinion that a new civil service bill should be prepared and submitted to Parliament at the next session if possible, and they have received instructions to prepare such legislation as they think necessary in order to submit it to the Government. The whole question is not free from difficulties, as the extension of the present Civil Service Act or the proposed new bill to all branches of the outside service involves careful consideration. Provision has to be made for the selection in a territory half as large again as Europe, of employees, both temporary and permanent, on a standard of merit. This involves a careful test, by examination or otherwise, and the present arrangements for examination in various parts of Canada will require to be considerably extended. Possibly it may be necessary to establish a local board in each province, and the exact relation of any such board to the central Commission must be determined.

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The employees of the Government system of railways have organizations of their own, and definite arrangements as to employment and dismissal for cause have been in existence for many years. These arrangements cannot be lightly set aside without danger of serious divergence, and careful consultation with the management of the Government system of railways and with the executives of the various organizations is thus essential. However, recent consultation with the members of the Civil Service Commission have led to the conclusion that pending the enactment of new legislation and the more careful consideration of the difficulties alluded to, it is possible in the immediate future to establish certain suggestions under the provisions of the present Civil Service Act, which will largely carry out the proposals set forth in the Government's policy as already made public.

This Week.
"F. H. Osborne, K.C., Parliamentary counsel, to whom has been entrusted the formulation of these regulations in consultation with the members of the Civil Service Commission, expects that the draft regulations for submission to the Governor-General-in-Council will be ready during the present week.

"The members of the Government are fully impressed with the vast importance of the proposed reform, which will be fully and unhesitatingly carried out."

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY FRENCH TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 29.—The War Office here reported last night:
"In the Champagne we carried out two raids on the German trenches. Our detachments penetrated as far as the third enemy line, bringing back prisoners, one of them an officer, and one machine gun.
"There was quite lively cannonading on both sides in Alsace in the region of Hartmanns-Werkkopf."

London, Jan. 29.—"Hostile artillery was active during the day northeast of Ypres," said an official statement from the British Headquarters in France and Belgium issued here last night. "There is nothing further of special interest."

NO MESSAGE ABOUT IRELAND.

London, Jan. 29.—Mr. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House yesterday that no message, official or semi-official, emanating from high quarters in Washington and pointing out the urgency of a settlement of the Irish question, had been received by Mr. Lloyd George.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The following casualties have been announced:
Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. G. Girling, St. Lanich, B. C.
Presumed to have died—Pte. J. H. Clark, Victoria.
Prisoner in Turkey—Lieut. E. N. Bailton, Yale, B. C.
Wounded—Pte. D. G. Deacon, Victoria.
Mounted Rifles.
Seriously ill—Pte. R. Cooley, Victoria.
Artillery.
Wounded—Lieut. I. F. Simpson, Toronto.

BRITISH AVIATORS' SUCCESS IN ITALY

London, Jan. 29.—The War Office last evening issued a statement on the operations of the British forces in Italy. It said:
"Owing to better visibility our artillery has carried out much successful counter-artillery work and bombardments.
"Our aircraft have been active in aerial combats and reconnaissance work. Sixty enemy machines and two balloons were shot down in the last week. The total hostile aircraft destroyed since the end of November, when our machine commenced operations are thirty-seven enemy machines shot down and two brought down out of control; four balloons were burned. Only five of our machines are missing."

NO CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR BERLIN GOVERNMENT.

Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—A Berlin dispatch says that the Government desired a vote of confidence by the Reichstag, but at a joint meeting of the various parties on Friday the proposal was wrecked by Socialist opposition.

WATER FOR WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—The Winnipeg Water Board yesterday afternoon let the contract for the pipe line from Deacon to this city. The pipe will be of reinforced concrete, the Canada Lock Joint Pipe Company being awarded the contract for the pipe at \$190,311, while Thomas Kelly & Sons have been awarded the contract for the laying of the pipe at \$292,215.

ARABS ATTACKED TURKS.

London, Jan. 29.—Further particulars of the operations by the Arabs of the Kingdom of the Hejaz in the last ten days, says an official statement, show that several miles of track on the Hejaz railway were destroyed and heavy losses inflicted on the Turkish posts south of Maan (Syria) in two days' fighting. The Arabs subsequently withdrew with few losses."

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REFRIGERATOR CARS NOT USED FULLY

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—A Railway Board judgment issued yesterday expresses the opinion that such economy as possible should be practised by packing houses and other shippers in the use of refrigerator cars. Commissioner D'Arcy Scott, who wrote the judgment, expresses the opinion that "if the shippers wish to insist on the use of these cars in the future, as they have been used in the past, the railway companies are entitled to an increased revenue from them." In his opinion it would be fair to allow the minimum to be increased to 12,000 pounds. The proposal of the railways which was before the Board was to increase the car minimum for refrigerator cars from 9,000 to 15,000 pounds. The railway companies, in justification of their desire to increase the minimum, said it was necessary because of the increased demand for car service throughout the country.

STATES HAS MANY MEN READY FOR BATTLELINE

Washington, Jan. 29.—While many of the facts disclosed by War Secretary Baker in his statement before the Senate Military Committee yesterday impressed the committee, it was frankly amazed when told that the men of thirty-two National Guards and National Army divisional camps are ready to go to-day at need to the Allied front. When members wanted to know why such things had not been given publicity before, Mr. Baker spoke of the reluctance of military men to reveal their war plans, and quoted German remarks about this country's advertisement of its war preparations.



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LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on February 15, 1918.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

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Clause 2, dealing with taxpayers in arrears, was amended by making the rate as to rate of interest to read "at five per cent."

Many Disagreed. James Forman, president, who occupied the chair, stated that many disagreed with the clause "if relief be granted to taxpayers, no distinction should be made between those who received compensation and those who did not."

The Situation. This report is as follows: In accordance with your instructions, your committee has given earnest consideration to the tax situation in Victoria.

Proportion of Taxes Paid. 1912-97 per cent. 1915-69 per cent. 1916-36 per cent. 1917-81 per cent. 1918-82 per cent. 1917-62 per cent.

Local Improvement. 1915-52.20 per cent. 1916-47.8 per cent. 1917-37.74 per cent.

Among these causes your committee has given special attention to the following: (a) Over-assessment of some properties so that the general taxes more than absorb the equity.

The Recommendations. Your committee makes the following recommendations, which they believe will remove the principal causes of the non-payment of taxes: 1. Arrears of taxation to the end of 1917.

(1) That arrears of taxation, both general and local improvements, subject to any relief which may be granted as hereinafter provided, should be made payable in fifteen yearly instalments covering the net amount of the taxes when originally due, with in-

terest at the rate of 7 per cent computed annually. (2) That all taxpayers paying the first instalment before June 30, 1918, should be entitled to the benefit of this extension, which should not imply any further personal covenant than at present exists in respect to taxes.

(3) That all taxpayers in arrears to the end of 1917 should be allowed the privilege of paying the net amount of the taxes, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, on or before June 30, 1918. (4) That there should be a tax sale this year of all properties in respect to which the taxes for 1914 or earlier have not been paid, unless the arrears of taxes have been extended or paid as provided above.

(1) That powers should be obtained to fit the aggregate assessment of all land within the city at a figure which shall be approximately that of the aggregate assessment for 1913. (2) That an independent commission be appointed to readjust the relative assessment of all lands within the city so that the aggregate assessment so made shall be within 5 per cent of the pivot assessment above mentioned.

Local Improvement Charges. Roads, sidewalks, etc.—That a charge per front foot should be made against all properties, with assessments for roads, sidewalks, etc., representing the charge which such properties should pay for the benefit received from the improvement.

Expropriations. That a commission should be appointed to decide what relief, if any, should be granted in respect to cost of expropriations, taking into consideration the desirability of restoring an equity to properties now overburdened by local improvements.

(5) That where by-laws are held up owing to disputes, the commission dealing with the expropriation questions should be authorized to draw up a settlement fair to all parties. (6) That if assessments for local improvement are reduced, those taxpayers who have paid instalments of the original assessments should receive credit for any excess over what they would have paid on the reduced basis.

Your committee would recommend that legislative power be obtained to bring a comprehensive scheme into force, as your committee feels that no good results will follow an attempt to deal with the difficulties in a piecemeal manner.

"J" UNIT OFFICES MOVING TO CITY (Continued from page 1.) Unit "Strength" Doubled. During the last eight months the strength of the unit has practically doubled in number.

Still another important and more ambitious scheme is understood to be afoot for British Columbia. While matters at the moment are more or less in a very tentative state, representatives of the Commission and members of the administrative staff of "J" unit have during the past two weeks made a careful survey of conditions in the dry belt of the province with the object of reporting to Ottawa upon the practicability of establishing a thousand-bed institution for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Tranquille. While no authoritative report is obtainable as yet giving any hint of the location most favored by the representatives of the Commission who have lately looked over the field, it is understood that either the Kamloops or Okanagan districts will be recommended. It will be remembered that the Provincial institution is situated at Tranquille, at the east end of Kamloops Lake on the South Thompson

River. As to whether any possible merger plan would be evolved, in the event of the scheme now being tentatively sponsored by the Military Hospitals Commission materializing, is not known since such an outcome would require co-operation between the British Columbia Government and the Federal authorities.

EXPECT TO RECOVER REMAINING BODIES IN N. S. MINE AT ONCE

Halifax, Jan. 29.—It is expected by the management of the Acadia Coal Company that by Wednesday all the bodies of the victims of the explosion in the Allan shaft will have been recovered from the pit.

The rescue began at 2 o'clock today before Coroner Dr. Kennedy.

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San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 29.—Jose de Diego, Speaker of the House of Delegates and chief advocate of Porto Rican independence, announced his resignation as Speaker of the House yesterday, and also his retirement from the Unionist party and politics, at the Unionist convention, which the night before adopted a platform calling for self-government in Porto Rico, but under the American flag.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Food Controller attended a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, when methods of further conserving foodstuffs were under consideration. Limitation of the use of certain essentials, with a view to increasing the quantity available for export, is receiving special consideration.

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MUNITIONS WORKERS WARNED BY JUDGE

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 29.—Dr. H. H. Hanselman, of Brantford, who was found guilty some days ago by a jury on a charge of fraud on the War Office in connection with the plugging of shells at the factory of Gould, Shapley & Muir, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday.

STANDARD FLOUR IN CITY OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 29.—That the Vancouver price of the new standard flour, the manufacture of which has been started, will be forty-five cents per barrel lower than price of the patent flour now on the market, is the statement made by leading flour dealers here.

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WILL GET TOGETHER.

The City Council has acted wisely in deferring action on the tax delinquency problem until it has investigated the solution offered by a special committee of the Board of Trade.

To the three proposals which originated in the City Council, with which the general public is familiar, a fourth has been added by a special committee of the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade proposal conflicts with the Mayor's alleviating programme in regard to the period of extension, the rate of interest and the arrears to be covered by a tax sale.

THAT INCREASE.

No doubt we shall have from the School Board a full explanation of the increase of \$37,355 in its estimated expenditure for 1918.

There is, besides, the exigency of local finance. The city is confronted with a distracting tax delinquency problem. The arrears of taxes are about \$2,500,000, and heavy obligations must be met in the near future.

UNCLE SAM'S ARMY.

The secret is out. Under the stress of criticism Secretary for War Baker has given the first official intimation to the public of the number of men Uncle Sam has in France.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Civil Service Commission has recommended the adoption by Parliament of a new Civil Service Act with a view to the complete reform of the public service of the Dominion.

The Civil Service Act of 1908 prescribed for admission to, and promotions in, the "inside service," or the administrative departments at Ottawa, the test of examination under the supervision of a Civil Service Commission.

Under the Laurier Government the Act was administered by the Commission with satisfactory results; patronage was practically eliminated from appointments to the Departments at Ottawa and promotions within them.

With a sympathetic Government the present Act would serve the purpose in regard to the inside service and regulations might be made to extend it to the outside service.

The outside Civil Service is the happy hunting-ground of the patronage shark. It is there that 21,000 appointments to 10,000 vacancies were made between 1911 and 1914.

The Commission sees difficulties in the way of bringing Government railroads under a Civil Service Act.

The chief feature of the Kaiser's birthday message is its appeal to the German people to preserve their union in the "serious decisive year" which has begun.

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS REORGANIZES FOR SPRUCE ACTIVITIES

(Continued from page 1)

gramme of aerial warfare. Mr. Pendleton, a director, and Mrs. Armstrong, the organizing secretary of the Association, have already taken up important work with the Imperial Munitions Board and announcement of a number of other co-operative measures is expected shortly.

Chief Forester Grainger explains that the scaling and grading of timber is at all times a very responsible duty of the forest service and which has, as an arbiter of measurement, to maintain a fair and equitable balance between the interests of sawmills and loggers, vendors and purchasers of logs, as well as protecting the Government revenue involved in all transactions in logs.

Par higher prices will have to be paid than were customary in normal times, because merely the cream of a timber birth is now being taken instead of a clean cut of all merchantable grades.

In view of the pressure that will thus be put with particular force upon the scaling staff and the need for having as many fully qualified men as possible engaged in the work it has been arranged for Mr. Bryant to return to his former position as Supervisor of Scaling.

The Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Albert will leave Vancouver this evening direct for the Queen Charlotte Islands. She will carry aboard her a full complement of experienced loggers and their outfits, replete with all the paraphernalia necessary and incident to the rapid production of the demanded commodity.

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE SPLIT; MAJORITY URGE HOLY WAR AGAINST GERMAN NATION

(Continued from page 1)

London, Jan. 28.—The report that M. Trotsky and M. Kamenoff are on the way back to Brest-Litovsk is denied by the semi-official Russian news agency. A dispatch sent out by the news agency says that M. Kamenoff is going to Stockholm, London and Paris, with the object of informing the Allied Governments concerning the progress of the peace negotiations.

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—Via London, Jan. 28.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, addressing the Congress of the Councils of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates on the question of peace last night, declared that the Germans had deceived their real intentions with fine words, could give.

When the nation has become exhausted and when all the efforts that have been made have proved unsuccessful, then it might be possible for the nation to conclude an undemocratic peace, but the present Government has not yet reached that stage.

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—Via London, Jan. 28.—The Bolshevik Government, says an announcement from the semi-official news agency, decided to break diplomatic relations with Rumania when temporary detention of the Rumanian Minister here failed to stop "the Rumanian offensive."

The chief feature of the Kaiser's birthday message is its appeal to the German people to preserve their union in the "serious decisive year" which has begun.



VACCINATION AGAIN.

To the Editor.—In reply to the question re Japan, which a correspondent asked, I submit the following: According to Kitasato, smallpox was introduced into that country in 123 B. C., at which time it caused widespread and fatal epidemics.

There was a severe epidemic in 1885, lasting three years, a reappearance in 1892, when it again lasted three years, and a third outbreak, lasting two years, beginning in 1895. In each one of these epidemics there were thousands of cases and thousands of deaths.

The first vaccination law was passed in 1874, and this was revised in 1885, and more recently in 1909. Two years after the epidemic, the most recent law provides that each new-born baby shall be vaccinated within ninety days after birth, and before June of the next year.

The difficulty in Japan has been to secure widespread successful vaccination, but there is a great deal of smallpox both in China and Korea, and the disease is being constantly introduced into Japan, so that in the past there have been epidemics from time to time.

The conclusion of the matter, the verdict of modern science: 1. Up to the present time, who introduced vaccination, smallpox was the most common and deadly of all diseases. 2. Vaccination successfully produces immunity to smallpox when properly done.

Let us be fair and give credit where credit is due, and Dr. Hall must know that sanitary conditions as we have them to-day have done more to eliminate smallpox than vaccination without the aid of sanitation.

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To the Editor.—The ignorance that prevails on this and kindred subjects is indeed deplorable and the pity is that no one seems to be responsible for that.

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In his work on "Public Health in European Capitals" (1899) Dr. J. M. Legge observed (p. 28) that prior to 1871 the drainage in Berlin was of the most primitive description: "privies were in nearly every house; open drains, badly built, and with insufficient fall, ran through many of the streets and discharged their contents into the Spree, the pollution of which became well-nigh intolerable."

On page 10 he states that between 1871 and 1882 the Corporation of Berlin spent on buildings connected with public health, including waterworks, drainage, hospitals, asylums, almshouses, infirmaries, night shelters, etc., £1,000,000, or on an average about £2,200,000 a year.

Nowadays a stubborn people deny that cowpox and smallpox are identical. They point to the facts that the symptoms are entirely different, that a person may be successfully vaccinated almost any number of times and still be attacked by smallpox, that a person suffering from vaccination has no infection about him as must have been the case, that trouble was the same as smallpox, as smallpox is of all diseases the most infectious.

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These people account for the decreased virulence of the disease in Europe from the well-known fact that those most liable to attack from such fatal diseases are gradually being eliminated, so that each successive attack becomes less harmful; besides they point out that it was largely favored by unsanitary conditions of living which have been largely removed, and also to the fact also that the medical profession have by experience been rendered better able to handle the disease.

Many readers would not credit the contention that immunity from attacks of typhoid, gastric, or enteric fever enjoyed in the present war, as compared with that suffered from it in the South African campaign, should be ascribed to the virtues of inoculation. Any veteran who went through that campaign could soon convince us that the conditions under which soldiers lived there as compared with those now prevailing, were sufficient to account for the difference.

January 28, 1918.

ALSO VACCINATION.

To the Editor.—According to Dr. Ernest Hall in last night's paper, the anti-vaccinationists are a class of people easily deceived and should be pitied more than blamed, and dealt with as one would deal with the ignorant and gullible wherever found.

I would like to ask the doctor if he classes such men as Professor Crookshank, M.D., of King's College, London, Eng., and Dr. Crighton with the above class? Both these men made deep and thorough investigation of vaccination and have expressed themselves decidedly opposed to it, in works whose scientific facts and arguments have not been disproved, according to E. M. Foote, M.D. These are not the only men by any means who are against vaccination, and it is because people nowadays think for themselves and want to know the why and wherefore of things, that they do not belong to the gullible type, as the doctor calls us, or they would at once run off and get vaccinated.

I lived in Montreal for a number of years and know quite well the conditions in which such diseases as smallpox breed and thrive. Seven and eight and sometimes more, people living in two or three-room shacks, up dark alleys, where the sunlight seldom penetrates; cooking, living and sleeping practically in the same rooms. Sanitary conditions—had also—Put any number of us to-day under similar conditions, vaccinated as most of us are, and it would not be long before we bred diseases as filthy as smallpox, if not worse.

Let us be fair and give credit where credit is due, and Dr. Hall must know that sanitary conditions as we have them to-day have done more to eliminate smallpox than vaccination without the aid of sanitation.

Take the conditions in Germany where the law in 1853 was: "Every child is required to be vaccinated before it is a year old. Parents who do not obey are fined."

No one is admitted to any school, or any public employment, or allowed to marry, without a certificate of vaccination. 2. Soldiers are re-vaccinated on entering the army. (Law dated from 1850).

In 1871 Dr. Seaton informed a committee of the House of Commons that he knew Prussia was "well protected, and was as a consequence enjoying immunity from smallpox." Scarcely had these words been uttered when Prussia was visited by the full force of the 1871-72 epidemic, in which she lost 134,548 of her citizens, the majority of whom were males.

In his work on "Public Health in European Capitals" (1899) Dr. J. M. Legge observed (p. 28) that prior to 1871 the drainage in Berlin was of the most primitive description: "privies were in nearly every house; open drains, badly built, and with insufficient fall, ran through many of the streets and discharged their contents into the Spree, the pollution of which became well-nigh intolerable."

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The Housewife's first order on her grocery list is Royal Standard Flour

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Since the occupation of same by the United States, and no vaccination alone? In dealing with these things we have to deal with causes; prevention by means of improved sanitary conditions is much better than trying to cure them by the use of such questionable nostrums as vaccination.

To the Editor.—Will you allow me to remind your correspondent, Miss Beatrice Moulton, and all whom it may concern, that the police have ample powers by a law still in force in England, etc., to arraign before a magistrate "any person who shall cruelly beat, ill-treat, over-drive, abuse or torture any domestic animal."

To the Editor.—There has been much correspondence, recently through the press relative to increasing the production of hogs, as being the quickest way of supplying the shortage of meat in the Allied countries and for the feeding of our forces overseas.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 28.—Fourteen employees of the Michigan Central Railway were injured late last night when a passenger train ran into a work train near the roundhouse here.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—T. J. Chadwick, a prominent business man of Hamilton, was found guilty to-day by a jury in the sessions here on a charge of criminal negligence. While driving his automobile here on November 14 he ran down Edward Anderson, a pedestrian. Sentence was deferred.

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—Mantles, First Floor

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A big range of very dainty Neck Pieces which we are offering to-morrow and Thursday at bargain prices. All the new shapes and materials are represented and the assortments allow ample room for satisfactory choosing. Pieces worth 75c clearing at 39c Pieces worth to \$1.50 clearing at 69c —Neckwear, Main Floor

Three Clean-up Offerings in Men's Shirts



On Sale Wednesday Morning

Men's Flannelette Shirts 58c
—About three dozen to clear, in neat fancy stripes; finished with turndown collar and pocket; band cuffs; in sizes 15½, 16, 16½, 17 and 17½ only. Regular 75c grade, Wednesday, each 58c

Men's \$2.75 Union Flannel Shirts Wednesday \$1.75
—About 1 dozen Shirts only, English make, of heavy union flannel, finished with collar band and band cuffs; good fancy stripes. Sizes 14½ only.

Men's \$1.50 Flannelette Shirts Wednesday \$1.00
—About 1 dozen only, of heavy English Flannelette, in medium and light stripes; finished with neck band and band cuffs. Size 14½ only. —Shirts, Main Floor

Take Advantage of These Closing Out Prices on Men's and Boys' Clothing

The plans for the new store, to occupy the present site of the old Victoria Theatre and Imperial Building, have been approved and already the builders are occupied with the work. We must therefore close out the balance of Men's and Boys' Clothing, and the following low prices will do it. Why not take advantage of these wonderful savings? The following offerings are limited in quantity, so early selection advised:

Boys' Norfolk Suits at \$4.50 and \$5.50
—Latest style Yoke Norfolk and Pinch-back models, smartly tailored in brown and grey tweed mixtures. Each suit finished with bloomer pants. Sizes 6 to 10 years; worth to \$6.50. Now \$4.50 Sizes 11 to 16 years; worth to \$7.50. Now \$5.50

Boys' Mackinaw Coats Clearing at \$5.75 & \$6.75
—A limited quantity of these Coats only, so shop early if you need one for your boy. Splendidly tailored coats, finished with stitched backs and big pockets. Sizes 22 and 23 clearing at \$5.75 Sizes 26 and 27 clearing at \$6.75

Men's Cloth Pants \$2.50 and \$3.75
—Strong, serviceable tweeds and worsteds, in stripes, check effects and mixtures; suitable for dress, street, business and work wear. Values to \$5.75 clearing at, a pair \$3.75 Values to \$3.75 clearing at, a pair, \$2.50

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—Warm, Serviceable Coats for all men who have out-of-door employment; well made garments in colored plaid effects; belts and big pockets.

Men's Cloth Caps clearing at 25c
Hats—Clean-up of surplus lots at 50c
—Men's and Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

Boy's Heavy Worsted Hose

Sizes 7 to 10½, a pair. 85c to \$1.00 —Hose, Main Floor

Children's Flannelette Kimonas, 75c

A clean-up of serviceable Flannelette Kimonas in grey shade with fancy kindergarten designs; sizes 6 to 10 years only. Regular \$1.25. Clear at 75c —Children's, First Floor

Children's Middies 95c

In plain white, also white with colored collars in cardinal, navy, green and rose; sizes 2 to 6 years only. Special at 95c —Children's, First Floor

Knit Undergarments for Women

Hygeian Plush-tex Vests, in heavy fleec-lined cotton; high neck and long sleeves. A garment \$1.00

Zenith Vests and Drawers, in good quality cotton and wool mixtures. Vests mostly high neck and short or long sleeves. Drawers open or closed. A garment \$1.25 O. S. sizes. A garment \$1.50

Veiva Combinations, in light weight cotton and wool mixtures; low neck and short sleeves; high neck and long sleeves; all ankle length. A suit \$1.25

Directoire Knickers, in a very fine woven cotton; splendid value; in colors saxe, grey and navy. Finished with elastic at waist and knee. A pair 65c —Underwear, First Floor

Football Boots for Boys Clearing at a Pair \$5.00

—Only a limited quantity, so we clean up the lot at a low price. Strong, durable quality, with studs or bars. Sizes 3 to 6. —Boys' Boots, Main Floor

Military Style Leggings for Men \$3.50 a Pair

Made of strong brown leather and a most serviceable quality. Specially suited for military-officers; also for farmers and business men who are out in wet, dirty weather. —Men's Boots, Main Floor

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—Is a very low price for such quality. It's a smart, stylish model, too, finished with square convertible collar, girdle and side pockets. In colors Copenhagen and rose. A quality and a value you will appreciate. —Waists, First Floor

Australian Eucalyptus Oil

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2-oz. bottle 25c
4-oz. bottle 45c —Drugs, Main Floor

All Leather Boots for Men at a Pair \$3.95

—A nice, medium weight Boot for men who cannot wear a heavy boot. They are specially suitable for wear in Spring and Summer, also in wet weather with rubbers; made of Box Calf and Gunmetal, in Blucher style; good all-leather quality. A Big Special at, a pair \$3.95 —Men's Boots, Main Floor

High-Grade Silk and Colored Satin Undermuslins

—Priced very low for the January White Sale. The following garments are all beautiful grades, well made and finished and the styles are very new and dainty.

Underskirts, of good quality washing satin, hemstitched flounce, trimmed with ribbon rosettes. January White Sale \$6.75

Underskirts, of heavy Jap silk, finished with two flounces of shadow lace. January White Sale, each \$6.75

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

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

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

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

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

MESSALINE WAISTS, 3.75
—Made in semi-tailored style, with 2-way collars; in shades navy, brown and black. —Waists, First Floor



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Sizes 11 to 13½ years, a pair \$3.50 —Boys' Boots, Main Floor

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In these days of high-priced Blankets, you will prove a Comforter economical in every way.
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Cotton-Filled Comforters, in sizes suitable for all beds, and in all weights and quantities from a minimum covered to a fine art pattern covered in the panelled effects. A full range of designs and colorings to choose from. Priced from as low as, each, \$1.95 to \$7.25

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Snap Hand Cleanser, 2 tins	25c
Pumicine Hand Soap, 5 for	24c

California Head Lettuce Each	10c	Swede Turnips 15 lbs.	25c
Celery, nice heads	8c		

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Roberts' Cough Syrup, reg. 35c for	25c
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Large Writing Tablets, reg. 20c for	14c
Mennen's Fine Talcum Powders, reg. 20c for	15c

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DIVING GIRLS WILL BE PANTAGES HEADLINERS

A programme of exceptional features will again grace the boards at the Pantages Theatre with the opening of the new bill of vaudeville to-morrow afternoon.

The last installment of the popular "Fatal Ring" serial will also be a feature of the offering as a whole. Hundreds of persons in this city have followed every episode of this fascinating serial picture-story, for each chapter disclosed something new in the interest of the piece, and something novel in the capability of Pearl White to sustain the attractiveness of a picture of the kind. Arrangements have been made by the Pantages management to commence a new serial as soon as this is finished. It is entitled "The Hidden Hand," and co-stars Doris Kenyon and Sheldon Brooks.

The headline attraction will be furnished by America's aquatic champion, Lottie Mayer, and her own company of diving nymphs in "Frolics Under the Sea." An immense tank is used for the divers and the gracefulness as well as the ability of these young mermaids will be a spectacle worthy to behold.

Brooks and Powers, two colored gentlemen, will offer a combination of singing and comedy entitled, "A Little Noise from Dixieland," which is full of laughs and bright features. Mr. Brooks is the writer of "Some of These Days," "All Night Long," "Walking the Dog," "Darktown Strutters' Ball," and other well-known song successes. Joseph Greenwald and Company will present a comedy sketch entitled "Lots and Lots of It," which has to do with the trials and tribulations of a real estate operator. Needless to say the situations are ludicrous.

Beatrice McKenzie and Company will offer a novel singing and whistling novelty called "Birdland," producing some very pretty scenic effects and many surprises.

Johnny Singer and his debs, very lively dolls, will offer a series of dances in a most finished manner. A novelty in the person of Tai Ling Sing, a Chinese violinist, will add interest to the bill. He will introduce some startling effects, and even dancing to show that he is an adept at Occidental accomplishments as of those of the Orient.

"The Brat," the finest comedy stage production that has left New York in years, will come to the Pantages on Monday and Tuesday of next week. This is the second of the road show attractions.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS' LATEST PRODUCTION

"Reaching For the Moon," Douglas Fairbanks' latest production for Artcraft, now at the Royal Victoria theatre, written by Anita Loos and John Emerson, expressly for the noted star, who fairly revels in the part of Alexis, a youth, occupying a humble position in a button factory until he discovered he was the missing heir to a European throne. Artcraft has been lavish with this production, which is crammed full of humorous situations and thrilling incidents.

The adventures of Alexis are extremely trying, and Fairbanks is afforded ample opportunity of displaying the extraordinary athletic skill for which he is noted. Alexis learns that the royal road is a rocky one. He is beset at every turn by assassins, who constantly hatch plots against him. Terrific encounters take place, and he escapes with his life only by virtue of his physical prowess. While abounding in humorous situations, the play is philosophical in its theme, analyzing the psychology of happiness, and discussing in an able manner the serious question of what constitutes success.

Fairbanks is supported by a notable cast, including Frank Campana, Eileen Percy and Eugene Ormonde.

RED CROSS WORK

Hollywood Branch. Under the able management of Mrs. Harris, the playlet, "Johnny Doubter," which was so successfully presented at the Christ Church, Cathedral School, recently, will again be staged at the Margaret Jenkins School Hall on Friday, February 1, for the benefit of this branch. Tickets, which are limited to 25c, are selling rapidly, and it is advisable for those wishing to witness the performance to arrange for same without delay.

From the date of organization, January 25, to December 31, 1917, the following report is made by Treasurer D. A. McNaughton:

Life memberships	612.50
Annual memberships	55.00
Donations	52.41
Entertainments	53.45
Raffles	109.12
Sales	292.63
Donations	195.23
Comfort and Kit Bag Funds	94.13
Donation from Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday-School	59.56
Total receipts	\$2,577.33
Disbursements	267.85
Net receipts	\$2,309.47
Turned over to headquarters	\$2,274.01
Cash on hand, December 31	35.46
Total	\$2,309.47

Summary of work turned over to headquarters from January 25 to December 31, 1917:

Socks, 789 pairs; pyjamas, 412; shirts, 365; abdominal bandages, 296; chest bandages, 237; bandages, 136; sleeveless sweaters, 3; dressing gowns, 4; trench caps, 5; stretcher caps, 5; mitts, 8; comfort bags, 69; kit bags, 26; filled kit bags, 2; bed socks, 4 pairs.

Cloverdale Branch. A military five hundred tournament will be held in Cloverdale, Red Cross room, on February 1, Mrs. H. H. Watson and Mrs. Provis are in charge of the arrangements and Mr. Wilby has kindly consented to manage the play, which will commence punctually at 8 o'clock.

To make glassware glisten wash the glass in hot water, and then plunge into cold water into which a handful of starch has been dissolved. Drain the glassware on towels until perfectly dry, after which polish with a dry cloth.

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RUSH FOR TICKETS

For Godowski Recital on February 5; Pianist Has Strong Appeal to Students.

Yesterday the sale of tickets for the Godowski recital opened at Fletcher's music store and there was quite a rush for seats on the part of music-lovers anxious to hear this pianist of pianists on February 5.

A number of students have expressed their intention of attending the recital, and to the student of the arts of the piano, especially Godowski appeals with sovereign force and charm; for in him they find not only an exponent of finish, power, energy and polish, who exalts his instrument as a vehicle of intellectual as well as intense emotional expression but as composer of scrupulous and zealous care, an untiring activity, and one who has enriched the output of other composers in innumerable ways undreamed of by their creators and afforded to a grateful world the enjoyment of the fruits of his genius as a composer.

NEW NURSES' HOME

At Jubilee Hospital Completed and Staff Installed in Commodious Quarters

Yesterday afternoon saw the completion of the furnishing of the new wing of the Nurses' Home at the Jubilee Hospital, and to-day the nurses have taken up their quarters in the building, which has been erected at a cost of about \$14,500, in a thoroughly modern and up-to-date four-story structure, and has been so designed that the corridors of the old building run at right angles into the corridors of the new, thus making one large establishment for the housing of the large staff of nurses. The second and third stories of the new wing are devoted exclusively to bedrooms, the third floor being especially arranged for the use of the night staff, who have to obtain their sleep in the day. In addition to small sitting rooms on each floor, there is a large general reception room, where the nurses may entertain their friends.

A new feature of the establishment, and one which will supply a long-felt want is the demonstration room situated on the fourth floor. Here practical demonstrations will be conducted, of those things which form part of the curriculum of nursing training. A sewing room and a commodious trunk room have also been provided, and altogether the new quarters will be a great boon and comfort to the nursing staff in their leisure hours.



AT THE DOMINION THEATRE TO-NIGHT

Social & Personal

Miss Margaret Macdonald, R. N., has arrived in the city from Vancouver, and will spend a few days with friends here.

Hugh Haggie, of Vernon, has returned to Vancouver en route to his home in the Okanagan after a short trip to Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cotton have returned to their home at Grand Prairie after a ten-days' vacation spent with friends in this city.

Baroness d'Anethan, sister of Sir Rider Haggard, is to address the Women's Canadian Club, of Vancouver to-morrow on the subject, "Sidelights on Belgium and Its History."

Two Vancouver physicians, Dr. E. J. Gray and Dr. B. E. Elliott, have joined the Army Medical Corps for service overseas and will report to the training headquarters in this city on February 1.

Mrs. Robert Hughes, of Esquimalt, returned from Vancouver on Saturday. While in the Terminal City the Woman's Missionary Society at Kerrisdale presented her with a life membership certificate in memory of the late Gwladys Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. Ford (nee Louise Muriel Grant) arrived in the City during the week-end, by automobile from Nanaimo, where their marriage was solemnized on Saturday. After a honeymoon spent in Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Ford will return to Nanaimo where they will make their future home.

The Indian women of Northern British Columbia have been working energetically on behalf of the Canadian troops overseas. In a large consignment of socks sent to a patriotic organization at Prince Rupert recently, by these Indians, were a number from a koochman who has now completed 219 pairs for the men at the front.

Lieut.-Col. Duff-Stuart has received from the authorities in Germany the note book carried by his son, the late Major J. Duff-Stuart, at the time he met his death in action on March 6, last year. The pocketbook, which was pierced by a piece of shrapnel, the one that caused his death. The hole shows quite plainly in the pocketbook and through the photographs and letters which it contained.

THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 29-4 a. m.—A cold wave is spreading southward over this province and may continue for several days. Snow has fallen in Cariboo and Kootenay, and this may extend to Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. The temperature is 10 below in the Yukon and ranges from 30 to 40 below in the prairie provinces.	Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.9; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles N.; rain, .35; weather, cloudy.	
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .26; weather, clear.	
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.9; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 41; wind, 8 miles W.; snow, .02; weather, fair.	
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22; minimum, 10 below; wind, calm; rain, .00; weather, clear.	
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .50; weather, cloudy.	
Penticton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; rain, .99.	
Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; snow, 2 in.	
Grand Forks—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 25; snow, 1 1/2.	

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	18	20
Cariboo	30	30
Calgary	4	29
Edmonton	18	28
Apples	24	35
Winnipeg	2	34
Toronto	15	15
Ottawa	4	4
Montreal	4	2
Halifax	4	4
Halifax	30	30

WAR MENUS.

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the Men at the Front.

Cheese Relish:
 1 cup stale bread crumbs
 1 cup milk
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 cup grated cheese
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon salt
 Few grains cayenne

Soak bread crumbs fifteen minutes in milk, melt the butter, add soaked crumbs, cheese, egg slightly beaten and seasonings. Cook three minutes, and pour over toasted crackers which have been spread sparingly with butter.

War Cake:
 2 cups brown sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 2 cups hot water
 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 4 tablespoons lard
 1 cup raisins
 1 teaspoon salt

Bolt together for five minutes. Then cool and add 3 cups of flour, and 2 teaspoons soda dissolved in 1/2 teaspoon of hot water. Bake two loaves in slow oven an hour and a quarter.

(When meat saving recipes by Domestic Science Experts on the staff of the Food Controller's Office.)

BRITAIN WILL HOLD JERUSALEM FOREVER

Professor Odium Addressed Crowded Auditorium at Cloverdale

"Thank God, Allenby dismounted and walked, hat in hand, through the gates of the Holy City. The Union Jack is over Jerusalem; it is there for ever. That city will never be taken from our hands. Queen Victoria, the late Lord Kitchener knew these events were to come; many of Britain's Generals privately hold what I am teaching publicly."

To a crowded auditorium of the Douglas Street Baptist Church Prof. Odium last evening spoke eloquently for two hours on the subject, "Jerusalem in Relation to the War and Prophecy." The speaker, a student of many years' standing, approached his subject from the viewpoint that the Anglo-Saxon peoples are the ancient Ten-tribed House of Israel, both in a national and official sense. For more than an hour the Professor spoke of what he termed "my introduction," the foundation of his conclusions on modern developments in world events.

"Jerusalem has fallen." From Basra to Baghdad and then triumphantly on to Jerusalem had come the forces of Britain. The Professor referred his audience back to a period three years ago when the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia had been called from the Russo-German frontier to seemingly repel the Turk in the Caucasian Mountains. Such was the word heralded by statesmen and patriots; such was the cry of the masses. But that Russian expedition did not succeed; it did not reach the Tigris and Euphrates. That great conquest was left for the British. The land bordered by a line from the mouth of the Nile to the Caucasian Mountains and from the head waters of Africa's river to the Persian Gulf is ours," declared the speaker. "The heritage of Israel, God's chosen people."

Continuing, Professor Odium asserted that in the future, Russia would enter Palestine. For the present, he said, the present conflict would amount to a thousand considerations set forth that the Jews should be established as a nation. Britain, with possibly another power, would control Palestine and the Jewish people would thus be fulfilled that which would return to Israel to live under Israel's flag, the Union Jack.

But with her return to Jerusalem, Jewish would make a mistake, save the ocean, and did not Britain hold these? Was not her power over them her salvation in 1917?

The speaker touched on the fact that Israel was to be the colonizer. Britain stood alone in the world as the accumulator of that feat. Rome had never been a colonizer, save in the military sense. Prophecy had testified that Israel's name should be great, and did the world not have perfect evidence of that Divine truth in "Great Britain."

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Christ had ruled Israel, the Anglo-Saxon peoples, Judah, that had disregarded His teachings, had held to the old laws, but she was about to return. Jerusalem was once more in Israel's hands and the return of the Jew would be hastened.

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VANCOUVER AGAIN TAKES THE LEAD

Portland Makes Fast Beginning, But Has No Ginger to Finish

SCORE OF 4-3 IS MADE IN LAST NIGHT'S GO

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—The Millionaires worked their way back to first place in the Coast hockey race last night when they defeated the Portland Rosebuds by a score of 4-3 at the Arena here. The players were all of one mind; they were glad when the game was over. According to all reports the only place where the Buds were defeated was on the scoring sheet. Considering the general play of the game there was an even break.

The Portland team had all the going during the first and a part of the second periods. The team tried to get a lead, but only succeeded in tying itself out. Stan Martin did not put in an appearance. Fred Harris was not on the ice, and Johnson with a broken shoulder was out of the game. It thus came about that when Taylor, Scott, Vancouver, and the Buds were all in, and Tommy Dunderdale was left pretty much to fight it out alone. He played a great game.

Shook the Hoodoo.
There was a lot of the sensational net tending that the fans are beginning to take as a matter of course these days, both Lehman and Murray outdoing themselves half a dozen times with great stops. And then Barney Stinley shook the hoodoo and scored a goal, a goal clean one, and played about 20 per cent better hockey afterward as a result.

Portland suffered from the lack of substitutes plainly, and while there was only one substitute on for the locals it was the one that turned the tide of the game toward home. After staying right with the flying Portland forwards for twelve minutes of the first period, Moyne began to will with Tom, the Harbour rick shoved in Ban McDonald, who promptly pushed across the goal that was needed to perk up the locals.

Taylor did not put up the game he played last time out, but he and Mackay were as usual the outstanding Millionaires. Mickey was a bad boy, getting two penalties, one for ten minutes that was later marked down to five.

Got in the Way.
As for the visitors they all played good games except that young Mr. Uklesia was prone to get in other folks' way and nearly ended the earthly career of Charles Tobin by so doing. Harbour and Loughlin put up a most brilliant game that had the number of the Millionaires several times, and Dunderdale, Tobin and Oatman worked together with all sorts of speed and combination. If Dunderdale showed up the most brilliant, Oatman was the old fox of the bunch and outgassed the local defence three or four times in a way that brought cheers.

Lineup.
Vancouver. Position. Portland.
Lehman Goal Murray
Lloyd Cook time out Harbour
Griffis C. F. Loughlin
Mackay R. Dunderdale
Taylor C. Oatman
Moyne B. W. Tobin
Stanley L. W. Uklesia
Referee, George Irvin; timekeeper, H. Fowler.

SIX NATIONS RAN IN BIG RELAY RACE

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The recent thirty-one-mile relay race held on the island of Hawaii, in which a message was carried from the rim of the crater of Kilauea volcano to the nearest city of Honolulu, thirty-one miles away, was an international in every sense of the word. Six teams competed, made up of Hawaiians, Americans, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and Koreans.

The fact that the team made up of native sons of the island carried off the honors has been a big feather in the cap of the Hawaiians. The Hawaiian who ran the last lap of the race crossed the finishing line one minute and two seconds ahead of his nearest competitor. The runners were well bunched over the greater part of the distance. The course ran, for the

most part, through dense forests of giant ferns and past fields of sugar cane. The roads were lined with spectators who cheered the representatives of their respective nations as they went by.

YPRES TOOK FIRM GRIP ON LEAGUE

Defeated the Vimys Last Night at Winnipeg, Six Goals to Two

Exhibiting real class in the pinches, the Ypres took a firmer grip on the leadership of the Winnipeg senior military hockey league here last night when they downed the speedy Vimys 6 to 2. The Ypres had the edge for most of the way, leading at half time, 2 to 0, and though the Zebras pressed them for a considerable time in the second session, the Irvin crew were always good for a goal when needed and sustained their lead, getting four tallies against two.

The lineup: Ypres—Winkler, A. Irvin, Bostrom, Darnell, D. Irvin, Marples, C. Irvin.
Vimy—Morrison, Ensson, Laughlin, Browne, Scott, O'Meara, Abbott.
Referee—W. Green. Judge of play—W. Noble.
First Half: 1—Ypres, D. Irvin, 2:20. 2—Ypres—C. Irvin, from Marples, 11:40.
Second Half: 3—Vimy, Scott, from Laughlin, 5:40. 4—Ypres, C. Irvin, from Marples, 6:40. 5—Vimy, Scott, from Browne, 4:05. 6—Ypres, D. Irvin, 5:20. 7—Ypres, D. Irvin, from Marples, 5:55. 8—Ypres, A. Irvin, from D. Irvin, 9:05.

BILLIARD MATCH IS SPORTING PROSPECT

Provincial Champion May Meet Boys of Vancouver, Before Long

Among the prospective sporting events for the near future is the possibility of a billiard match between Jack McMillan, of this city, the provincial champion, and Boys of Vancouver. Boys has been playing a good game on the Mainland of late, making some large breaks. Since November last he has chalked up such figures as 184, 150, 153, 140, 135, 125, 121, 120, 191, 117 twice, 110, 108 four times, 102 twice, 101 and 100 unfinished. It is now some time since the provincial champion has been seen in action against a player of his own calibre and the proposed match would thus hold many features of interest.

The first round in the Empress Hotel New Year handicap tournament has been almost completed. The results so far are as follows:

Switzer (owes 100) plays McNeill (owes 50).
Warden (owes 50) plays McNeill (owes 50).
Frost (owes 50) plays Spencer (owes 50).
Petch (scratch) plays Claridge (owes 100).
F. C. Smith (receives 25) plays Topp or Anderson.
Murray (owes 50) plays Fletcher (receives 50).
Hutton (receives 100) plays Idiens (receives 100).
Vincent (receives 100) plays George (receives 100).

PLAYERS PARADED TO PENALTY BOX

Toronto Defeated the Canadiens Last Night in Eastern Hockey

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The Blueshirts put it over the Canadiens in the N. H. A. game at the Arena last night by a score of five to one. The entire tally was made in the first period, both the second and third being barren of goals. It began well, with good combination play by both teams, became ragged in the second and rough in the third period, ending in a mixup between Hall, of the Canadiens, and Skinner, of the Toronto, as a result of which Hall got his face lacerated and Skinner was carried off the ice in an unconscious condition. Both players were arrested on a charge of common assault.

Two in Five Minutes.
On account of the train bearing the Canadiens which left Montreal Sunday night and did not get in until 8 o'clock Monday evening play did not begin till 8:10 o'clock. The Toronto got off to a good start, getting two goals in the first five minutes. Noble counted for the first in one minute of play and Randall put the second one in the net four minutes later. Then Hall passed the puck to Malone, who scored the only goal the Canadiens were able to put through, after three and one-half minutes of play. Shortly after this Hall was sent to the penalty bench and Couture went on. Malore also was penalized just after Hall came on again.

Long Shot From Corner.
A half-minute later Randall again scored for the Blueshirts and ten minutes later, Meeking, of the Toronto, got in a beautiful long shot from the corner and half a minute later Cameron scored again, putting the score where it stood for the rest of the game.

Mumery, of the Toronto, was elected to the penalty bench before the period ended. Yezina, the goal keeper of the Canadiens played a good game, stopping many hot ones, and but for his work the score would have been much heavier against the Montreal puck chasers than it was.

Constant Procession.
In the second period, Hall, of the Canadiens again decorated the penalty bench. He took a hook at the puck and caught Randall in the face. In the third period it was a constant procession to the penalty box, Mumery, Skinner and Noble, of the Toronto, all being put off the ice.

The lineup—Holmes, Mumery, Cameron, Randall, Skinner and Noble. Substitutes—Dennehy, Meeking and Marks.
Canadiens—Yezina, Corbeau, Hall, Lalonde, Pitre and Malone. Substitutes—Couture, Laviolette, Berliquette and Bell.
Referee—Lou Marsh. Judge of play—Steve Valr.

COAST LEAGUE WILL OPEN ON APRIL 2ND

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—The schedule of playing dates of the Pacific Coast Baseball League for the 1918 season has been made public here by President Allan T. Baum.

The season will be opened on Tuesday, April 2, at Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Senators will open the season's hostilities with the Vernon club, Oakland will meet the Seals, while the Angels take on the Salt Lakers.

October 22-27 will be the closing week, the final battles for the pennant being listed as follows: Salt Lake City at Sacramento, Vernon at San Francisco and Oakland at Los Angeles.

In the game of life a good deal depends on a good deal.

Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

AUSTRALIAN LINE WOULD BERTH SHIPS AT GOVERNMENT DOCK

Inquiries Instituted Regarding Availability of New Ocean Terminals

Now that the new Government docks at Ogden Point have been brought to a state of completion the steamship companies are beginning to institute inquiries regarding the probable date the new shipping terminals will be available for the accommodation of ocean vessels.

J. C. Irons, British Columbia representative of the Canadian-Australasian Line, with headquarters at Vancouver, has communicated with the Victoria Board of Trade with a view to finding out when the new terminals here will be available for the docking of the company's passenger liners, it being explained that the wharfage accommodation offered the company's ships at the old docks, at times, was not altogether satisfactory for the accommodation of larger passenger liners.

At the present time the Canadian-Australasian Line is operating here the steamships Niagara and Makura, the former a 14,000-ton ship.

In connection with the above inquiry it is interesting to note that Messrs. Grant Smith & Co. and McDonnell, contractors for the Government piers, have also written the Board of Trade with reference to the possibility of erecting a shed on Pier 3. Both matters have been referred to the Harbor Committee, who, after investigation, will report on same.

The new Government piers are known as Nos. 2 and 3. For some months, at least, Pier No. 2 will not be available for ocean shipping, as the shed now under construction there will be utilized by the Imperial Munitions Board in equipping with machinery the fleet of wooden steamers building on the coast.

There is nothing, however, to hinder the immediate utilization of Pier No. 3 for the docking of ocean liners making Victoria a port of call, should the Dominion Government authorize the immediate construction of the proposed shed on this pier.

SEVERAL TYPES OF STANDARDIZED SHIPS

Economy of Operation and Speed Are Main Essentials

The standardized steel ships being turned out in the United Kingdom under the British Government's specifications were originally designed with the idea of providing a serviceable type of cargo carrier in the shortest space of time, with the minimum expenditure of material and involving the question of speed.

There are two types of standardized vessels of 5,000 tons deadweight carrying capacity, and are classified A and B—single deck and double deck ships. The Government also has under consideration the construction of two smaller types—Class C, of 3,000 tons deadweight, and class D, of 2,000 tons. The machinery and engines, as well as the hull, are standardized, so that the engine goes into the hull complete. Special attention has been devoted to the question of speed with a view to attaining the maximum number of knots.

Large Hatchways.
Features of the general equipment are very large hatchways, which make the ship as nearly self-trimming as possible. This greatly facilitates loading and discharging of cargo. In fact the central idea is that such vessels not only should be built quickly, but also should be capable of being worked economically and speedily.

The accommodations provided for the crew have been given special attention with the result that the provision made marks a big advance as compared with warlike quarters in ordinary cargo steamers, and particularly those of the tramp class.

Berths For Crew.
The crew are berthed aft in the poop, instead of in the forecabin, and separate apartments are provided, each being fitted with two berths. Messing quarters are, entirely separated from the sleeping compartments, a smoking room is provided for general use, and provision is made for steam heat in the mess quarters.

JACKSON CUP SOCCER

The 5th Regiment will play the C. A. M. C. in a league soccer game tomorrow afternoon at the Oak Bay Park. The game will be refereed by P. C. Payne and the 5th Regiment team will line-up as follows: Kent, Dick, Henstock, Martin, Rutledge, Bester; Caskie, Unwin, Grant, Hardy, McMilloy. The ball will be kicked off at 2:30 o'clock.

IS VISITING COAST



HOWARD G. KELLEY

Howard G. Kelley, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Service, with headquarters at Montreal, and W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of Western lines, with headquarters at Winnipeg, are due to arrive in Vancouver from Prince Rupert on Saturday aboard the steamship Prince Rupert. They will be met at Prince Rupert by Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of G. T. P. steamships on this coast.

This is the second coast tour of President Kelley since he was elected to the presidency of the company.

WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., Jan. 29.
Point Grey—Overcast; W.; 29.90; 30; sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.90; 27; sea smooth.
Pachega—Cloudy; N.; light; 29.84; 23; sea smooth.
Heceta Bay—Overcast; N. E.; fresh; 29.85; 29; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.74; 26; sea smooth.
Triangle—Cloudy; N. W.; moderate; 29.12; 26; sea rough. Spoke str. Prince Royal, 11:15 p. m., off Ivory Island, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W.; light; 29.82; 27; sea smooth.
Heceta Bay—Overcast; N. E.; fresh; 29.85; 26; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.95; 22; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.95; 35; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.93; 33; sea smooth. Spoke str. Latouche, 10 a. m., abeam, southbound.
Pachega—Cloudy; S. E.; light; 29.84; 23; sea smooth.
Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.69; 49; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.77; 36; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince Rupert, 11:20 a. m., off Boat Harbor, northbound.
Triangle—Hazy; N.; strong; 30.20; 32; sea rough.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. E.; light; 29.10; 21; sea smooth.
Heceta Bay—Overcast; N. E.; strong; 29.70; 35; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Clear; N. W.; strong; 29.95; 32; sea moderate.

SCHOONER ANNIE LARSEN MADE PORT WITH JURY RUDDER

The three-masted schooner Annie Larsen, known as the "wolf of the sea," which was used by enemy commandos to convey a cargo of arms, ammunition and explosives to Jensen's mysterious steamer Mavrick some months ago, a voyage that failed to materialize as the craft was intercepted by an American warship and her cargo confiscated, is reported to have reached San Francisco from Port Allen in distress.

The schooner experienced trouble soon after getting clear of the Hawaiian Islands and was blown from her course by heavy gales until January 6, when, 230 miles northwest of Hawaii she lost her rudder. A jury rudder was rigged by Capt. Verzon and the vessel ultimately succeeded in making the Golden Gate.

STRUCK BAD WEATHER

Mate and Carpenter of Jessie Norcross Hurt Off Flattery.
Vancouver, Jan. 28.—First of the fleet of auxiliary schooners built here last year to return to her own home port, the Jessie Norcross, Captain McIntyre, arrived yesterday morning from Ell with sugar for the Vancouver refinery, and she received a boisterous welcome off Cape Flattery, for strong northeast winds and seas gave her a rolling and a Second Mate Powers and Carpenter Corcross were slightly injured. She was due here about January 20.

UMATILLA BRINGING CHINESE PASSENGERS

The Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Umatilla is due on this coast with a full cargo and several hundred Chinese steerage passengers. The vessel is completing her first round voyage in the Oriental trade. After discharging her cargo the Umatilla will load at a Pacific coast port for a return voyage to the Orient, terminating the run at Singapore.

STASIA MAY LOAD PART CARGO HERE

Motorship for Berth as Soon as Transfer Formalities Are Completed

When the auxiliary schooner Beatrice Castle goes on berth during the next few days she will be registered as the Stasia and will fly the French flag. The necessary formalities in connection with the transfer of registry are being put through and it is anticipated that by the end of the week everything will have been fixed up and the motorship in a position to begin taking on cargo.

Capt. Svensen has been appointed to the command of the Stasia and the rest of the crew will shortly be signed by the shipping master.

It is reported in a dispatch from Vancouver that the Stasia has been chartered by the Overseas Shipping Company to load lumber at the main-land port for the Far East.

W. G. Winterburn, of this city, who purchased the Stasia on behalf of Gulliver & Co. of Paris, says this is partly true, as the vessel is likely to complete at Vancouver, but under the present arrangements there is every likelihood that the motor schooner will first load general cargo at the Outer Docks here. Her deckload will consist of lumber.

After she has delivered her cargo in the Orient the Stasia will proceed to the Dutch East Indies and subsequently will continue on her voyage to France.

The vessels the last of the auxiliary schooners to be turned out by the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd. Her Bolinder engines have been tested out and with the completion of some details relative to the transfer the vessel will immediately go on berth.

GERMANS RAIDED DEPOTS

Stores of Provisions for Shipwrecked Mariners on Kermadec Group

The Kermadec Islands, off where Count Felix von Luckner was recaptured following his escape from Auckland, are a small group of hilly islands in the South Pacific, situated roughly 600 nautical miles northwest from Auckland. They were annexed to New Zealand in 1857. The principal island of the group is Raoul, or Sunday Island, about 20 miles in circumference. Macaulay Island, 10 miles further to the southeast, is the second in area. In the same direction and 12 miles from Raoul Island is L'Esperance, the most southern of the group, but only a barren rock. About 20 miles from Macaulay Island is Curtis Island. There are two provision depots, one on the northern point of Macaulay Island and the other on the southern side of Curtis Island.

Each depot consists of a small iron shed, fitted with spouting to catch water, and containing a supply of clothing, provisions, medicine and tools. The depot raided by the Germans was that on Curtis Island.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns: Date, Time of High Water, Time of Low Water, etc. for February.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Table with columns: Date, Sunrise, Sunset, etc. for the month of January 1918.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred late last night, of Isaac Skidmore at his residence on Carey Road. The late Mr. Skidmore was 50 years of age and came to Victoria nine years ago. He was born at Sheffield, England, and was a ship carpenter by trade. He was a member of the Greenwood Lodge, A. F. & M. The funeral will be held from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Company on Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Flintoc will officiate.

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MASTER OF VALDEZ IS COMMENDED FOR SKILL DISPLAYED

In exonerating Capt. M. J. Taaffe from blame in connection with the mishap to the steamer Valdez, the American officials investigating the case went a step further and commended him in the highest terms for the seamanship, skill and judgment he displayed at the time of the accident.

The Valdez mishap occurred on December 17, when the vessel was steaming down Chatham Strait. The vessel was overtaken by a blinding snowstorm and howling gale. In allowing for the ebb tide running out of Peil Strait, Capt. Taaffe went as far as he dared, heading his ship almost into the tide, which, nevertheless, was so strong that the vessel continued on down Chatham Strait.

The Valdez crashed on rocks near Point Caution late at night. In the night the steamer pivoted on her bows. When morning came a rift in the snowstorm exposed an enormous rock almost at the side of the vessel. Tremendous waves broke over both rock and ship, but good fortune stood with the vessel and she did not strike the jagged menace. The blizzard continued, making it impossible to see the length of the ship.

It was the seamanship displayed by Capt. Taaffe in getting his ship clear of the rocks without serious damage, that brought about the commendation of the investigating officials.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—The demand for cash grain was somewhat easier to-day. The offerings were light, but prices remained fairly firm. Cash oats demanded were slow and spreads practically unchanged from yesterday.

NEW YORK STOCKS WERE ERRATIC TO-DAY

Many Cross Currents Were Met During the Trading Session (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) New York, Jan. 29.—Although there was underlying strength apparent on the stock market here to-day, traders were inclined to move cautiously and after early advances stocks in most instances were unchanged within fractions of the opening prices.

AUSTRIAN SCHEME

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Austria-Hungary is fooling the United States with peace talk inspired from Berlin in the opinion of Dr. Milenko Vesnich, head of the Serbian War Mission to the United States, who has left here for the Eastern States.

LABOR FEDERATION UPHOLDS "DRY" LAW

Proposal to Oppose Act Voted Down by British Columbia Body Vancouver, Jan. 29.—The prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors in British Columbia has been of benefit to the workmen, improving their physical, financial and social status and causing them to take a deeper interest in problems connected with the life of the wage worker, according to opinions expressed by a number of delegates at the annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, in session here to-day.

My Limbs Would Twitch

And Waken Me—Unable to Rest or Sleep, I Walked the Floor in Nervous State—When Specialists Failed I Found a Cure Windsor, Ont., Jan. 29.—This is the kind of cure that has set Windsor people thinking and talking about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

IMPROVEMENT TO-DAY IN ONTARIO WEATHER

Toronto, Jan. 29.—To-day dawned clear and calm here, with an ideal winter temperature, and the weather conditions east and west are reported similar to those obtaining here.

MERSEY SHIPBUILDING WORKERS' DEMANDS ON BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Liverpool, Jan. 2.—The Mersey District Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades adopted a resolution yesterday calling for all possible resistance to any further call upon the country's man-power unless the Government immediately declares its willingness to adopt the Labor Party's aims, promises to facilitate an international workers' conference and agrees to the conscription of wealth.

SENATE OF FRANCE IS TRYING MALVY ON TREASON CHARGES

Paris, Jan. 29.—The French Senate, organized as a high court of justice, which yesterday began the trial of Louis J. Malvy, former Minister of the Interior, on charges of high treason, after a long secret session announced that it had rejected the plea that it was not competent to act in the case.

CONGDON LEADS IN YUKON; SOLDIERS' VOTE IS AWAITED

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—A private telegram from Dawson City received here states that when all the returns are in from the outgoing districts F. T. Congdon is likely to lead Dr. Alfred Thompson, the endorsed Unionist candidate for the House of Commons, by 129 votes.

BREAD RATION FOR PEOPLE OF FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 29.—A bread ration of 300 grammes (slightly less than 11 ounces) per day per person, was approved by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by a vote of 385 to 72, after an intervention by the Socialists, who held the quantity as insufficient for a laborer.

TWO FIRES TO-DAY IN CITY OF MOOSE JAW

Moose Jaw, Jan. 29.—This city was visited by two disastrous fires this morning, the first being at 4-a. m., when the Walter W. Shaw candy factory was completely gutted.

OLIVER'S MAJORITY IN WEST EDMONTON

Edmonton, Jan. 29.—The official declaration of the returns in West Edmonton give Griesbach 6,999 and Oliver 6,779, a majority of 220 for Oliver. This is without the soldier vote.

NEARLY ALL VICTIMS OF AIR RAID WERE IN THE LONDON AREA

London, Jan. 29.—All of the forty-seven persons killed and 169 injured by the raiding German aeroplanes last night, injured, were in the London area itself. No serious material damage was done.

WOMAN APPOINTED

New York, Jan. 29.—The appointment of Mrs. Allen O'Grady, a widow with three daughters, as the fifth deputy police commissioner of New York was announced yesterday. She is the first woman ever to hold such an office in this city.

THREE KILLED

Leominster, Mass., Jan. 29.—Three carpenters on their way to work at Camp Devens were killed and four injured by a Boston and Maine freight train which crashed into a street car at Lunenburg Depot, near here, to-day.

STOPPED OPPONENT

New Orleans, Jan. 29.—Frankie Burns, of Jersey City, stopped "Dutch" Brant, of Brooklyn, in the tenth round of their scheduled fifteen-round fight here last night. Burns had all the better of the fighting when referee Goldmann announced it would be unfair to continue the bout.

Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1917. REVENUE: Balance on hand 1st January, 1917, \$2,476.59. Provincial Government Grant, Salaries, \$10,536.70. School Rate, Total Levy, \$4,474.25. Agricultural Grant, 1917, \$123.81. Credit Note, 2.00. Total Revenue, \$27,536.75. EXPENDITURE: General Expenses, \$4,592.81. High School, \$3,430.00. Salaries, \$99.89. School Supplies, \$296.04. Lampson Street School, \$12,702.12. Salaries, \$1,795.00. Janitors, \$294.00. Light, \$296.00. Insurance, \$243.36. Water, \$945.54. Fuel, \$211.20. Building and Grounds, \$41.32. School Supplies, \$1,602.56. Manual Training School, \$1,599.80. Salaries, \$99.89. Supplies, \$50.39. Domestic Science School, \$79.00. Salaries, \$79.39. Supplies, \$50.39. Total Expenditure, \$27,574.69. Balance, L.E., Revenue over Expenditure, \$61.06.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

Alaska Gold, 21 1/2; Alaska-Chalmers, 20 1/2; Am. Bell, 19 1/2; Am. Sugar, 77 1/2; Am. Can. Co., 38 1/2; Am. Car Foundry, 72 1/2; Am. Cotton Oil, 30 1/2; Am. Locomotive, 57 1/2; Am. Nickel, 52 1/2; Am. T. & T., 105 1/2; Am. Wool, 48 1/2; Am. Steel Foundry, 61 1/2; Anaconda Mining, 52 1/2; Agr. Chemical, 85 1/2; Atchafalaya, 84 1/2; Atlantic Gulf, 104 1/2; Baldwin Loco., 62 1/2; B. & O., 129 1/2; Bethlehem Steel, 73 1/2; Butte Sup. Mining, 19 1/2; Brooklyn Transit, 45 1/2; Canadian Pacific, 145 1/2; Central Leather, 32 1/2; Crucible Steel, 57 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio, 53 1/2; Chic. M. & St. P., 46 1/2; Chic. R. I. & Pac., 42 1/2; Colo. Fuel & Iron, 27 1/2; Cons. Gas, 90 1/2; Chino Copper, 43 1/2; Chile Copper, 166 1/2; Corn Products, 52 1/2; Distillers, 38 1/2; Erie, 15 1/2; Do. Int. pref., 25 1/2; Gen. Electric, 129 1/2; Goodrich (B. P.), 42 1/2; Gt. Nor. Ore., 27 1/2; Gt. Northern, pref., 300 1/2; Hide & Lea, pref., 54 1/2; Inspiration Cop., 45 1/2; Int'l Nickel, 52 1/2; Int'l Mer. Marine, 25 1/2; Do. pref., 22 1/2; Illinois Central, 96 1/2; Kennecott Copper, 172 1/2; Kan. City Southern, 17 1/2; Lehigh Valley, 57 1/2; Midvale Steel, 44 1/2; Mex. Petroleum, 25 1/2; Miami Copper, 22 1/2; Missouri Pacific, 22 1/2; N. Y. N. H. & Harl., 29 1/2; New York Central, 70 1/2; Norfolk & Western, 102 1/2; Northern Pacific, 84 1/2; N. Y. Ont. & Western, 18 1/2; Nevada Cons. Copper, 18 1/2; N. Y. Air Brake, 124 1/2; Pennsylvania R. R., 52 1/2; Prop. Steel, 22 1/2; Pressed Steel Car, 62 1/2; Reading, 74 1/2; Ry. Steel Spring, 52 1/2; Ray Cons. Mining, 52 1/2; Republic Steel, 70 1/2; Southern Steel, 33 1/2; Southern Ry. com., 23 1/2; Stand. Baker, 22 1/2; The Texas Company, 132 1/2; Union Pacific, 114 1/2; Utah Copper, 32 1/2; U. S. Ind. Alcohol, 118 1/2; U. S. Rubber, 56 1/2; U. S. Steel, com., 93 1/2; Do. pref., 104 1/2; Virginia Chem., 42 1/2; Western Union, 91 1/2; Wabash R. R. Co., 3 1/2; Wabash R. R., 41 1/2; Westinghouse Elec., 40 1/2; Am. Fr. Loan, 38 1/2; Amer. Tob., 113 1/2; Tob. Prod., 55 1/2; Gen. Mo., 120 1/2; Int. Paper, 29 1/2; Col. Gas, 34 1/2; Tenn. Copper, 16 1/2; Cub. Cane Sugar, 31 1/2; Un. gr. Sto., 95 1/2; Del. & Hud., 110 1/2; Lib. Loan, 87 1/2.

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Notice to Compensation Board and others. After you move, shine up your furniture with Nurfurac Polish. It takes out the marks and makes your furniture look like new—25c for eight ounces. R. A. Brown & Co.

The Liberal Study Club will meet at 8 p. m., Tuesday evening, the 28th, at Odd Fellows' Hall. All invited.

Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. O. F. Dance, Hippodrome Hall, Tuesday night, January 29. Good floor. Refreshments served. Tickets—Gentlemen, 75c; ladies, 50c.

Parents Objecting to Vaccination can have forms and declarations completed by W. H. Price, Notary Public, next Bank of Montreal (Upstairs).

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

Revenue to Municipalities.—The Council of the Board of Trade yesterday passed a resolution in favor of the Government taking steps to provide further facilities in the way of revenue for outside municipalities in this district. The matter has reference to moving picture shows, etc.

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

Board of Trade.—The question of the desirability of the Board of Trade securing new quarters where it could be more easily discovered by the general public was brought up at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Council of the Board, but no action was taken.

Civic Retrenchment Association.—A letter was read from the Civic Retrenchment Association last evening in the City Council to recommend that in giving an appropriation to the Victoria and Island Development Association, attention should be concentrated on industries rather than on tourist traffic.

Pacific Great Eastern Railway.—In response to an invitation from the Vancouver Board of Trade for the Victoria Board to co-operate with the special committee from Vancouver who are touring here to-morrow to take up with the Government the matter of the completion of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the Council of the Board of Trade has notified the Vancouver Board it will meet and confer with them on their arrival here this afternoon.

House Furnishing Week

This week we are making a specially good display of items that every housewife will find interesting. New things for the home.

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Don't Forget Masquerade Ball at Hippodrome to-morrow night.

City Tax Sale.—A tax sale for 1914 and subsequent delinquencies would represent a really valuable of \$2,267,000. This report came to the City Council last evening from the City Comptroller, his figures including local improvement assessments of 1915, which are payable by May 31 of the present year.

Condition of Colwell Road.—Jas. Forman, president of the Board of Trade, at yesterday's meeting of the Council of the Board, referred to the disgraceful condition of the road from Craigflower Bridge to Colwell, and J. L. Beckwith stated the Automobile Association was making strong representations to the authorities on the subject.

May Probably Visit.—Negotiations looking to a visit of the Pacific Northwest Stationers' Association during the coming summer have been commenced, a letter having been received from Tacoma to-day making preliminary inquiries from the Victoria and Island Development Association as to engagements to occupy the party in case they should come.

Missionary Day.—Missionary Day was observed at the Naval and Military Methodist Church on Sunday, when the Rev. D. M. Perley, B. A., B. D., preached an able and very interesting sermon in the morning. The open session of the Sunday school was addressed by Miss Smith, of the Orphan Mission, the girls from this institution singing several numbers with great acceptance.

Series of Addresses.—A series of addresses by prominent local businessmen will be given to night school students attending the class in salesmanship at the Victoria High School. The first of the series will be given by P. M. Linklater, tailor, Broad Street, who was recently elected Police Commissioner. This will take place to-night at the High School at 7.30. The subject to be dealt with will be "Dress."

School Board Committees.—The standing committees of the City School Board were appointed last evening by Trustee Jay as follows: Finance, Mrs. Jenkinson; Trustee Perry, Trustee Clark; buildings and grounds, Trustee Deaville, Trustee Riddell and Mrs. Andrews. The first named in each case are the chairmen of committees. The estimates, based on a figure of \$269,325, were finally approved for submission to the Council to be included in the Expenditure by-law.

Street Contributions.—Applications for street collections were made by the Esquimalt branch of the Red Cross Society and the Blue Cross Society to the City Council last evening. The former asked for an opportunity to sell primroses on the street on April 19, the latter for a tag day on the third anniversary, May 4. Both were approved, but on examining the entries' book it was found there was a clash for the former date with another organization. An adjustment will accordingly be recommended to the society in question.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT

Late H. W. Murray Lived in Victoria for Twenty-Nine Years.

The death of Harry W. Murray, which occurred at the family residence, 1624 Quadra Street, on Sunday morning, was the passing of one who had been a resident of this city for the past twenty-nine years.

The late Mr. Murray was at one time a member of the Fire Department of Victoria. For a period he conducted a blacksmith's shop on Johnson Street, and ran a cigar stand in the Matson Block on View Street. At the time of his death he was employed at the Esquimalt Navy Yard. The late Victoria had been ill for about six weeks prior to his death.

The funeral will be held under the auspices of the K. of P. Lodge on Wednesday at 3 o'clock from the family residence.

PROSECUTOR REPLIES

Mr. Harrison Answers Prohibition Commissioner's Comment on Local Administration.

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"I may add that the statement that I made remarks as to who drew the legislation is absolutely incorrect. No such statement was made by me to the Board of Commissioners, in fact I do not yet know who drafted or drew this Act. As far as difficulties are concerned in the Act, I will tell you that I drew the attention of the Board chiefly to certain difficulties in procedure in working the Act in certain directions, which is the case. The Act certainly can stand amendment and I am sure will be amended to cover the most of the matters I mentioned."

ESQUIMALT SCHOOL BOARD

No Reduction Made in Estimates for Coming Year; Trustee Resents Implication.

Estimates for the coming year were considered and approved by the Board of School Trustees of Esquimalt, B. C., at a meeting held last night at the Lamson Street School. The Board after going carefully over every item in the estimates found it impossible to make any reduction from last year, and at the same time maintain the efficiency of the schools. Hence the amount approved will be practically the same as last year.

Trustee P. D. Johnston called the attention of the Board to a letter appearing in The Times over the signature of E. B. Thompson, Princess Avenue, Esquimalt, in which he or his election agents were charged with making certain specific pre-election promises. Trustee Johnston declared that he neither made nor was asked to make any such promises, and further, that he had not employed any election agent to speak for him in any way. So far as he could ascertain there was no such person as E. B. Thompson or any such address as that stated, and he was of the opinion that the signature was not that of the person who wrote the letter, which had the evident intention to embarrass him before the ratepayers of Esquimalt.

The audited statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ending December 31, 1917, was placed before the Board, approved and ordered to be published in the press. In his covering letter Mr. Floyd, the municipal auditor, renewed his offer made last year to frame such books, that the various payments can be properly and efficiently allocated, and form a ready and useful reference for comparisons. The Board will avail itself of Mr. Floyd's offer.

NEW VETERAN BODY ISSUES CIRCULAR

Sets Out Aims and Hopes With Full Particulars of Qualification

So that all those eligible may be thoroughly acquainted with the aims and hopes of the Victoria branch of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, a circular letter has been issued over the signatures of Admiral Story and Capt. Croddock, in their capacities of president and secretary of the local branch.

The aims of the organization are to provide for the immediate necessities of the veterans and their families, to aid discharged veterans of good character in the matter of employment, to take in hand generally and assist the returned man in every way possible as soon as he reaches the stage for return to civil life.

In order that the complete plans of the organization may not miscarry for the want of funds arrangements will be made as soon as practicable for holding smoking concerts and social gatherings. The provision of suitable quarters will also provide an avenue for the application of considerable funds. Hearty invitation is extended to all those who are eligible, and the letter likewise points out that the club is strictly non-political and non-sectarian.

Membership qualifications are as follows: One year's service in the regular forces, Imperial or Colonial, or Royal Northwest Mounted Police; six years in the auxiliary forces; Ally service if the applicant wears a medal for such service; Ally officer or man who has served overseas in present war; men of the R. N. C. V. R. whose names appear on the books of one of H. M.'s ships or Canadian Ships during the war.

FARMERS OF SAANICH WILL HAVE NONE OF INDENTURED LABOR

Voice Their Stout Objections With an Overwhelming Vote Last Night

DR. S. F. TOLMIE AND MR. M'INTOSH SPEAK

Any proposal directed towards the importation of indentured coolie labor into British Columbia will be combated by the farmers of Saanich. Their attitude was made perfectly clear at a large and representative gathering held in the Royal Oak Hall last night. The meeting was called for the express purpose of hearing the views of Dr. Tolmie and J. C. McIntosh on this much-debated question.

Liked British Columbia.

Mr. McIntosh spoke first and referred his hearers to the condition which had followed the adoption of the scheme of Oriental labor on a large scale by the Canadian Pacific Railway. In the early days of the railway the company had brought in 5,000 Chinamen under a contract to return them to their native land as soon as it expired. Many of them had been repatriated, but just as soon as they reached home practically every man translated himself into an impromptu immigration agent and the result of their labors was a very large influx of their compatriots into British Columbia.

What Would Soldiers Say?

In the opinion of Mr. McIntosh there was virtually no need of Oriental labor, particularly on the wholesale scale. If Oregon and Ontario had been able to do without it then there was no reason why white labor was not capable of meeting the situation of land clearing and development in this province. It was invariably the case that the man who tilled the soil was the man who eventually owned the land and he was the individual, who, after all, governed the country. It was scarcely to be expected the men away fighting would care to return to their native province only to find their places filled with thousands of foreigners.

Shipping Difficulties.

Dr. Tolmie, who followed Mr. McIntosh, said that one of the conditions incident to the importation of Chinese labor in any quantity into Canada was the provision of ships to transport them. That was, however, by the way; but even could it be argued that the quality of the labor would solve the difficulty here, the question of bringing the Oriental to this coast was scarcely capable of solution unless passage were to be withdrawn from more important channels.

Personally, his experience had taught him that "green" men from China were of little use on the farms. There was no comparison of circumstance with the men who were continually going through the country to Europe. They were under military control, destined for a specific duty within a given area and continually under strict discipline. That was a vastly different matter to a more or less indiscriminate scattering over the agricultural communities of this or any other province.

Dr. Tolmie's Slogan.

F. A. Pauline, M. P. P., was of the same opinion. Reeve Borden was unshaken in his faith of the white man to do all that was expected of him. His father before him and he himself had cleared land with his own hands and he expected his own son to maintain the family tradition. Chairman Crisp placed the resolution before the meeting endorsing the scheme of indentured labor, but two lone votes only were cast in its favor, the balance of the gathering voting their stout objection.

Councillor Tanner then submitted a resolution calling upon the two Federal members to use their influence

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SERIOUS CHARGES

Prisoners Are Both Sentenced; One of Grave Nature With Exemplary Punishment.

Two serious cases which have engaged the attention of Magistrate Jay recently are now completed and the accused convicted and sentenced. Both were offences against the person. William Sullivan was sent down this morning for six months for an assault on a girl aged 5. Mistaken identity was the defence set up. Kee Sing was sentenced yesterday afternoon to four years' imprisonment for offences with boys.

ON JOURNEY SOUTH

Question of Transferring Vancouver Island Fire Ratings to Eastern Schedule Will Be Taken Up.

J. L. Noble, Secretary of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association, left this afternoon for San Francisco, via Seattle, to attend the convention of the Fire Underwriters' Association of the Pacific Coast.

A matter of considerable importance to Victoria insurers will be taken up there. It is the proposal to transfer the rating on Vancouver Island from the Pacific Coast to the Eastern schedules. The proposal is in response to requests from a number of merchants and as a sequel to the recent report by Eastern experts on Victoria and Nanaimo conditions.

The managers have to be consulted before any change can be brought about because the whole of the Pacific Coast is directed largely from San Francisco in its relation to fire insurance matters. This control dates from the days when business relations with this section came entirely through the commercial metropolis of California.

Makes Statement.—City Solicitor Hanningford made a statement at the meeting of the City Council last evening with regard to Patriotic Fund relief towards municipal taxes, in line with Major Nation's letter already published.

Pay Visit to Hospital.—A municipal delegation paid a visit this afternoon to the Royal Jubilee Hospital and were received by representatives of the Board of Directors. The members of the Council were received and conducted over the building, one new feature being the Nurses' Home wing, just opened for service.

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Revenue to Municipalities.—The Council of the Board of Trade yesterday passed a resolution in favor of the Government taking steps to provide further facilities in the way of revenue for outside municipalities in this district. The matter has reference to moving picture shows, etc.

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

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School Collections—Results of collections and subscriptions at Langston Street School to patriotic funds, etc. during 1917 follow: By pupils, to Prisoners-of-War Fund, \$124.50; Halifax Relief Fund, \$66.54; paper sold for Red Cross, \$65.70. By teachers, Prisoners-of-War Fund, \$54.40; Halifax Relief Fund, \$12; Red Cross Funds, \$20.

Accidental Death—An inquest was held to-day into the death of the late Edward Kermode, who was killed early yesterday morning when struck by a motor car. A verdict of accidental death was given by the jury with a rider that no blame was attached to the driver of the automobile.

Information Concerning Island—Literature with regard to Vancouver Island and has been sent by the Victoria and Island Development Association to the Woman's Club of Bay City, Mich., which is making a special study of the Islands of the West Coast, from Cape Flattery to the Bering Sea.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN GENERAL MEETING PASSES RESOLUTION

Regrets I. O. D. E. Not Recognized by Military Hospitals Commission

MANY REPORTS SHOW EXCELLENT WORK DONE

Over forty members of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, representing chapters throughout the province assembled in the ball-room of the Alexandra House this morning on the occasion of the general meeting of the Provincial Chapter. Mrs. Henry Craft, Provincial President, was in the chair and other members of the Provincial executive supporting her on the platform were Mrs. E. S. Hasell, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Wallace Gilme, Mrs. Dennis Coy, all of Victoria, and Mrs. A. H. McNeill and Mrs. Boyle, of Vancouver.

The meeting opened in the usual way with prayer, salutation of the flag and the singing of the National Anthem. After the reading and adoption of minutes and roll call, considerable correspondence was read, including a letter from the London Committee of the Alexandra Rose Day appealing for the order's participation in the 1918 "Rose Day." Mrs. Hasell explained that a two-fold charity is accomplished by this annual institution inasmuch as 240 cripples were employed for twelve months in making the artificial flowers by the sale of which so many deserving institutions are materially assisted. Transport difficulties, however, may prevent the importation of the flowers from England, and the flowers will perhaps have to be made here. The matter, however, has been referred back to the various chapters for their consideration.

For Returned Men.

Excellent reports were handed in of the splendid work accomplished by the order throughout the province. In Vancouver the I. O. D. E. Committee, who, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Herbert Drummond, looks after the welfare of the men in the Military Hospitals Commission, has spent between \$15,000 and \$20,000 on the returned men. The long list of "comforts" provided include such things as billiard tables, pianos, a piano-player, games, etc. The Welcome Club of that city has met over 800 returned men at the C. P. R. depot and ministered to their comfort irrespective of the hour of arrival. The Khaki Club established by the members has also been of immense benefit to the men of the training camps in the mainland city.

Regret Expressed.

Mrs. Hasell referred to the request sent to the Military Hospitals Commission in Ottawa in October last, that the Commission authorize the I. O. D. E. to undertake all work in connection with the Military Convalescent Hospitals, and stated that a reply was received promising an early conference with officials of the Order, but the members still await the prompt conclusion. In view of the excellent results achieved by the I. O. D. E. in Vancouver Hospitals despite this handicap, Mrs. Hasell moved and Miss Long seconded the following resolution carried by acclamation: "This meeting wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the splendid work done by the Vancouver Chapters for the returned soldiers and regrets that the Military Hospitals Commission has not yet taken any definite action with regard to the recommendation of the Provincial meeting in Vancouver last October."

Chapters Thanked.

Nor have the other Chapters of the province been lacking in support of soldier patients. Much good work has been done by the Daughters in Victoria, through the medium of the Women's Auxiliary to the M. C. H., while throughout the Island and the province generally the members have devoted much time and money on behalf of the convalescent veterans, and a standing vote of thanks was moved to these Chapters on the motion of Mrs. Hasell, seconded by Miss J. Crease.

Primary Chapter.

Mrs. Hasell read a report of the amounts subscribed by the various Chapters to Halifax relief, showing that \$200 had been sent from Vancouver alone, and the other Chapters of the province had sent \$1,294.82. Mrs. A. H. McNeill, as organizing secretary, chronicled the formation of six Primary Chapters and two Junior Chapters since October, 1917. In addition a Provincial Primary Chapter, which does not come under the Victoria Municipal Chapter, was yesterday formed in the Alexandra House. This new Chapter is in memory of the Canadian who have fallen and will be called the Lady Alderson Chapter, Lady Alderson having consented to be the honorary regent, while Mrs. Hasell will be acting regent pro tem.

Mrs. Dennis Cox in her financial statement showed that the Provincial Chapter has a balance in hand of \$796.78. Receipts from September to December 31, were \$5,727.34, and disbursements for the same period \$5,427.58. Mrs. Gatewood's report as "Echoes" secretary was received and adopted.

For Sailors' Homes.

During the meeting Mrs. Nervatos spoke of the work of the newly organized Navy League of Canada, which is seeking the co-operation of the I. O. D. E. The League is still in process of organization, and at present the plan of work is undecided, but the idea is that the League unites with the I. O. D. E. to raise money to maintain the present sailors' homes in Canada, the balance to be sent for the assistance of minesweepers and kindred seafaring men in the overseas service. Vice-Admiral W. O. Story, who was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. A. Haggard, D. S. O., and Capt. "Crabbe," addressed the meeting and explained the aims of the Navy and Army Veterans' Association which is being reorganized throughout the Empire.

BRITISH AIR BOARD APPRECIATES ACTION

Gratification, Re Spruce Plans Expressed in Wire to Premier Brewster

ANTI-VACCINATION LEAGUE ASKS ORDER BE NOW WITHDRAWN

Two Hundred Victorians Heard Speakers at First Baptist Church

In connection with the Order-in-Council recently passed by the Provincial Executive, directed towards the speeding up of spruce production in British Columbia, and to which reference is made elsewhere in this issue, Premier Brewster has this morning received a telegram from Sir Joseph Flavelle, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board in Canada.

The message reads: "I am directed by the Imperial Air Board in London to express their great appreciation of your action in passing the recent Order-in-Council and in tendering to this Board your full support in their effort to secure an adequate supply of spruce and fir timber suitable for aeroplane production.

"I am also directed by the Air Board to state that they were unaware until quite recently that the Admiralty had taken up with your Government in July last the question of the supply of spruce for aircraft purposes. They express great regret if there has been any appearance of lack of courtesy by reason of their not following up the Admiralty proposals. Being unaware of these they proceeded with their plans without consultation with the Government.

Reference to the delay is explained by the fact that since July last the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands, through the energy of Chief Forester Grainger, has been in constant touch with the Admiralty in London, who apparently failed to co-operate with the Air Board in this particular connection. The action of the Government and the co-operation of the Munitions Board is, however, now assured and British Columbia spruce will contribute a great part towards Allied supremacy in the air.

SENSATIONAL TURN TO LIQUOR PROSECUTION

Woman is Charged With Attempt to Defeat Course of Justice

Two exceptional developments marked the trial of Dominick Pallentiere on a charge of illicit selling of liquor, when he came before the Police Magistrate to-day on remand.

One was the withdrawal of counsel from the case, the other the arrest on a charge of attempting to defeat the ends of justice of the woman, Celeste Nanni, with whom accused is stated to live.

F. C. Elliott, who had acted for accused in a previous trial, made an application for an adjournment on the ground that he had parted company from Pallentiere in the relation of lawyer to client that morning. Though pressed by the Magistrate to indicate what the line of difference was, he declined to state the cause of the trouble, and said he appeared to ask for an opportunity to be given accused to secure another lawyer.

City Prosecutor Harrison opposed, and stated that since the previous hearing the woman accused lived with had been to the home of the chief witness for the prosecution, a woman who had been held in the lock-up pending the trial, and begged her little girl to go down to the police station, see her mother and urge her not to give evidence against Pallentiere. If she refused to aid the police then "it was to be fixed up with her all right. On the other hand, if she aided the prosecution she was to be fixed."

Mr. Elliott, failing to get an adjournment, withdrew.

Meanwhile the Court was adjourned while officers went out, found the accused Nanni, and apprehended her on a warrant for attempting to prevent the course of justice.

Later the case was continued against Pallentiere and all the evidence for the prosecution was put in, including an array of bottles of liquor, the contents of which are to be analyzed.

Both charges were then remanded till Thursday, when the cases will be continued.

APPEAL DISMISSED

Result of Action, Royal Bank vs. McLennan Before Court of Appeal

The appeal in the action, Royal Bank vs. McLennan et al., in which Sir Charles H. Tupper, K.C., appeared for plaintiff, and C. M. Woodworth for defendant, was yesterday afternoon dismissed by the Court of Appeal.

This morning the Court was occupied with the hearing of the case, Sawyer vs. Millett, which is an appeal from the decision of County Court Judge Thompson with reference to a promissory note in connection with the purchase of hotel property.

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Pte. Michael J. O'Rourke, V. C., Returns to Vancouver To-night

There was in the city this morning a very distinguished arrival, who went to Esquimalt to look up "old pals" this afternoon, and proposes to return to Vancouver by to-night's boat. This was Pte. Michael J. O'Rourke, V. C., who returned to Vancouver from the front on January 11.

This very gallant Irishman was a visitor this morning at military headquarters, in company with Sgt. W. J. Gowenlock, who wears three "wounded" stripes, the object of his visit being to report to Lieut. W. H. Robertson, district casualty officer. There, The Times representative managed to get a short conversation with the Victoria Cross hero and his gallant companion.

Characteristically modest and unassuming to a degree Pte. O'Rourke was not to be drawn out to say even the least detail of the splendid act for which he was awarded the most coveted military distinction in the gift of the Empire. What he had done, himself, was a mere nothing, but he was not silent as to what had been done by Sgt. Gowenlock.

Tribute to Comrade.

"The sergeant, there, has sure got me bug-house as far as doing anything at all," said Pte. O'Rourke, who intimated that what he had accomplished faded into nothingness beside the work done by his companion.

At headquarters there were many who were proud to shake him by the hand, and before he got through "the little business" which brought him here he had been taken in to see Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, G. O. C. He now has leave to March 3, and if it were not for the fact that he has to return to Vancouver to undergo a slight operation for asthma, he said he would very much have liked to put in three or four days in the city. If the slight ailment for which he is to see the medicals does not get itself cured before the expiration of his leave it is probably quite safe to say that additional leave will be granted.

Twice Decorated.

Pte. O'Rourke is wearing the V. C. ribbon and the miniature cross which is attached to it. When the King pinned this great award on his chest it was the second time he had received a war decoration. He won the Victoria Cross on August 16, 1917, for his magnificent work at Hill 70, at Lens. For what he did at Mouquet Farm down the Somme in September, 1916, he had previously received the Military Medal.

For twenty-eight months Pte. O'Rourke has served with the 7th Battalion at the front and has been busy with that gallant battalion in the "scrap" in which it has been engaged, another recognition of his good work having come, last June, when, in company with half-a-dozen other men from the 7th, he was given two weeks' furlough, which time they

WOMEN ADVISE THAT RATIONING SYSTEM BE ADOPTED AT ONCE

Final Meeting of Advisory Board of Women's Institutes Passes Resolution

"We the Advisory Board of the Women's Institutes of British Columbia strongly recommend that an official system of rationing be immediately enforced in this province particularly in such commodities as beef, pork, flour and sugar." The above was the wording of a resolution passed at yesterday's final session of the Women's Advisory Board to be forwarded to the Dominion Food Controller.

Among matters of importance discussed by the Board were the question of national service for women. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, stated that the recently formed Department of Labor, under Deputy Minister of Labor J. D. McEwen would co-operate with the women's institutes in this matter, each institute to form a labor bureau in its locality, and work under the Provincial Department. Hon. John Oliver, confederated with the Board on the question of labor shortage, but in answer to requests for the importation of Chinese indentured labor, stated that this matter was outside his jurisdiction and belonged to the Federal Government.

In reference to the matter of increased production Mr. Scott urged the raising of hogs by school children and communities, and stated that bran was now \$34.30 per ton and shorts \$39.30 per ton. Steps had been taken to ensure that the profit of retail corporations selling sacks from the warehouse must not exceed ten cents per sack over the price paid by them at warehouse; and when selling at the point of landing, as from car to wharf, the profit must not exceed five cents per sack.

The Board was informed that the Department of Agriculture does not intend to send out lecturers to the institutes during 1918, but where a speaker is necessary a member of the department office staff would be sent when possible, or an outside speaker recommended.

The members of the Women's Institutes have been promised the same privileges with regard to the Agricultural Journal as the Farmer's Institutes, i. e., copies will be sent free provided no member of the same household already subscribes. In future six pages of the organ will be devoted to the interests of Women's Institutes.

Mr. Bonavia gave a brief outline of the finances of the Advisory Board.

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DUMPING GARBAGE

Medical Health Officer Wants Care Exercised in Doing It.

With regard to the dumping of garbage on city lots, Dr. A. G. Price, Medical Health Officer, reported to the City Council last evening that sanitary authorities usually protested against such a proposal in case buildings were

to be erected later, but he did not see any objection to using the ravines on the Seagraves Reserve and at Ross Bay cemetery for that purpose. If dumping grounds near buildings were to be used for surplus dumping it should be hard material segregated from decayable garbage.

The subject will be further considered at the Streets Committee.

INVITE SEED GROWERS TO MEETING TO-NIGHT

Subject of Increasing Production Will Be Discussed This Evening

A number of invitations have been issued for the meeting of the seed growers this evening under the auspices of the Victoria and Island Development Association. It is the result of an invitation extended by the new Food Controller to this district to participate in the demand for seed of all kinds in 1918.

It has been impossible to secure Professor Stevenson, as he is engaged in the agricultural course of the University and is lecturing in Vancouver. Invitations, however, have been extended to other representatives of scientific agriculture to be present.

Apart from organization, protection to producers in the grading of seed and similar matters will engage the attention of the meeting. Something has already been done in a similar way in this district, and the results have been good, but it has lacked organization to secure the fullest benefit. In California the seed business has become established and is an important branch of industry, but the supply is not up to present demands. When the matter was taken up some months ago and an expert sent out by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, attention was chiefly directed to vegetable and root seeds. Now the Controller's Department recommends flower as well as vegetable seeds to be grown.

A thorough exchange of ideas on the subject will be of advantage and the Development Association hopes for a good attendance, and a frank discussion of the subject.

One of the leading British seedsmen, when in Victoria in 1916, declared he could take all the seed which was offered owing to the fact that before the war districts in Southern Germany supplied the world's trade in some lines, and he did not expect there would be any restoration of the business.

RECOMMENDS TAX MODERATION WITH TIME EXTENSION

Corollary to Private Bill is Filled by Alderman Sargent Proposing Remedies

A lengthy statement from Alderman Sargent, with the special object of explaining how the scheme would work in detail, prefaced the presentation in the Council last evening of the report of a special committee on local improvement delinquency.

After hearing various arguments and discussing the subject at some length, the Council deferred action for a week, until after the meeting with the Board of Trade committee on Friday.

The Proposal.

Accompanying is the scheme as outlined in the statement:

1. Where, in the opinion of the city engineer, the probable lifetime of any local improvement heretofore undertaken or carried out in whole or in part, or of the substantial portion of the construction thereof, is or will be substantially longer than the time fixed by the corresponding Local Improvement Assessment By-law for payment of the debentures issued or to be issued in respect of such local improvement; and it is decided that the annual charges or rates against the lots assessed or to be assessed for the cost of such work are or will be oppressive, the Council may, by by-law, extend the period during which such annual charges or rates are or would be payable so as to correspond approximately with the probable lifetime of such local improvement; provided, however, that in no case shall such period be extended so as to exceed in the aggregate fifty years.

Special Assessment Roll.

2. (1) In case the special assessment roll in respect of such work shall not have been confirmed, a special assessment roll shall be made up in all respects as if such extended period had been the period originally provided or fixed for the lifetime of the local improvement, and the annual rate per foot frontage and the annual instalments by which the assessment is payable shall be fixed in conformity with such extended period.

(2) If in any such case the special assessment roll shall have been confirmed, the assessor shall amend the same by making the annual payments thereunder to be extended over such extended period and by reducing proportionately the annual rate per foot frontage and the annual instalments by which the assessment is payable in respect of each lot shown on such special assessment roll.

New Debentures.

3. In case debentures shall have been already issued in respect of the cost of any such local improvement, the Council shall, before any such extension shall take effect, provide by by-law for the issue and shall at or before the maturity of such debentures issue further debentures of an amount sufficient to realize for the holders of the original debentures the difference between the original debentures and the amount required to be levied or collected during the original lifetime in accordance with such amended assessment roll.

4. Any such readjustment may be made at any time during such original term and may be operative as from the coming into force of the original by-law and may apply to the whole or any part of the properties affected by the original by-law as the Council may determine.

Provided that such readjustment shall apply to every property the owner of which shall not have objected thereto within one month after written notice of the intention to make such readjustment shall have been given to him.

5. Where payments of levies have been made under the original assessment in excess of the sum due under the readjusted assessment, at the time of such readjustment such excess payment will be credited to the property with respect to which the payments have been made and will be applied in payment of future levies.

6. Any by-law for the purpose of carrying out such readjustment may be of a consolidating character and may include the readjustment of any number of oppressive local improvement assessments or by-laws.

7. Every such readjustment by-law must receive the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council before taking effect.

The Schedule.

Attached was a schedule, taking as an example a lot on Shelburne Street, which was worked out on a four and a half per cent. basis. The alderman dealt with a complicated situation logically, and then was forced to reply to Alderman Andros, who said it was useless to advise the Council to adopt a proposal when in practice it would have to be carried out on a basis of seven to seven and a half per cent. Alderman Andros said it was waste paper so far as practical advantage was concerned, and recommended the committee to revise its plans.

Alderman Walker, a member of the committee, and the City Comptroller, came to the defence of the chairman, and after further discussion the matter went over for subsequent consideration.

BIG DANCE PLANNED

At Alexandra House on February 6 Under Auspices of L. Co., R. C. R., and Esquimalt I. O. O. E.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement of a dance to be given at the Alexandra House on February 6, and which promises to be one of the most enjoy-

able affairs of the season. The affair is to be under the joint auspices of the Esquimalt Chapter, I. O. O. E., and the band of L. Company of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

By kind permission of Major Verstrume, Esquimalt, B. C., No. 6 Station, R. C. R., the music for the dance will be furnished by the fine twelve-piece orchestra from the R. C. R. band, a circumstance which in itself is sufficient to assure an enjoyable evening for lovers of the "light fantastic."

There will be a buffet supper in the cafe and the R. C. R. has undertaken the decoration of the hall and cafe.

Vice-Admiral W. O. Story and Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, D. S. O., have accorded their patronage to the undertakings, and expressed their intention of being present.

The coffers of the Esquimalt Chapter, I. O. O. E., recently suffered considerable depletion by reason of a donation of \$50 to the Halifax orphans' relief, and the members hope to raise a substantial sum for their regular work, as the result of the dance. The chapter has devoted much time and money to the Esquimalt Cadets Corps, an organization which has held a premier place among the Cadet Corps in the province for the past three years, an ample justification for the interest taken by the chapter in its well-being.

PROTEST COMPOSITION OF CIVIC COMMITTEES

Alderman Sanster Considers He Has Been Neglected in List

For five years there has not been any challenge of the panel of committees struck by the Mayor under the power of the Municipal Act. However, at the Council meeting last evening Alderman Sanster lodged a protest against the fact that he had been left off some of the principal committees, while Alderman Harvey had been put on several important ones. Some minor committees such as the Labor Bureau and the Harbor Committee, the latter of which did nothing, has his name on the list. The only important committee to which he was named was the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee, and that was by motion of the Council, not by the Mayor.

Too Much to Do.

Alderman Sargent thought his complaint would rather be that he had too much to do, and as chairman of the Increased Production and Food Conservation Committee he thought the better course would have been for the Mayor to retain the chairmanship that he had held in 1917, however he would do the best he could in the position.

Alderman Porter remarked that the Mayor would adjust any grievances, and no intention of prejudice had occurred in striking the committees.

Alderman Andros thought it would be better not to change the committees now, but to alter the method of appointing. In other cities, the choice was left with the Council, and not the Mayor.

Should Adjust.

Alderman Dinsdale did not think it was too late to right the wrong, and an adjustment could be made.

Mr. Mayor observed that he had appointed Alderman Sargent as Chairman of the Increased Production Committee because of his active work last year, and his desire to relieve himself of more work than he could reasonably carry out. As to Mr. Harvey's name, he might merely say he had altered Mr. Patrick's name to that of Mr. Harvey's when the latter was declared elected. He believed he had done full duty to all Aldermen, and he read the list to show that there had been equitable distribution. In his opinion the Harbor Committee would have a great deal to do to protect the harbor, and see that they did not lose such industries as they had, as freight handling facilities were lacking in many cases under existing conditions.

Eventually, Alderman Harvey agreed to retire from the Legislative Committee, and Alderman Sangster was nominated to take his place.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

Nanaimo Would Like Them Placed Under Federal Commission.

"I understand this resolution is going to the wrong parties. It should go to the Provincial Governments. Also we should be careful not to antagonize the underwriters when we are expecting some reduction," said Alderman Fullerton in the City Council last evening. The discussion followed the presentation of a resolution from the Nanaimo City Council asking the Victoria Council to join in a petition of municipalities to the Prime Minister to place the insurance companies under a Commission similar to that which now controls the railway companies. The resolution is a sequel to the criticism of the Wilson-Stanton report concerning that city's fire and water supply.

Alderman Porter pointed out that the underwriters had used similar tactics here a few years ago, and the reduction given had been very small.

On Alderman Walker's suggestion, the resolution was tabled in order that the Legislative Committee may look into the situation.

Alderman Fullerton objected to the Victoria Council going on record with regard to the Nanaimo Fire Department affairs. He wanted to see the Council restrict itself in the principle of an insurance commission.

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