

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, mostly cloudy and colder.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria, The White Feather, Dominion, The Auction Block, Variety, Man From Painted Post, Pantages Theatre, Vaudeville, Columbia, Laurier-Liberal Meeting, Margaret Jenkins School, Labor Meeting

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MINOR ACTIONS CONTINUE ALONG WESTERN LINE, SAY OFFICIAL REPORTS TO-DAY

Austrians Talking About Troops of Dual Monarchy Assisting Germans on West Front; Say They Can Not Go Beyond Spring Without Peace

London, Dec. 12.—"A local attack by enemy troops yesterday afternoon against our positions north of La Vacquerie was repulsed," says an official communication issued here to-day.

Paris, Dec. 12.—German parties felt out the French lines at points northwest of Rheims last night, according to an official statement issued here this afternoon.

Austro-Hungarian Battleship Was Sunk; Struck by Torpedo

London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk on Sunday night, according to a Vienna official statement received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Central News.

MACHADO AND COSTA ARE HELD IN JAIL

Costa, Who Was Premier, Had Majority in Portuguese Parliament

Paris, Dec. 12.—"It is common talk in Vienna and throughout Austria," says a letter from Berns, "that Austrian troops will take part on a big scale in the operations that the Germans are preparing against France in order to obtain a definite result in the West before the American army is ready to prevent the realization of such an enterprise."

GOODS FOR RUSSIA IN UNITED STATES ARE TO BE SOLD

Washington, Dec. 12.—Much of the material purchased here for account of the Russian Government will be sold in this country and the proceeds applied to the payment of bills incurred on contracts at present in operation.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN REMAINS IN HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 12.—Sir Robert Borden is touring King's County, Nova Scotia, where he was nominated by the Unionist party.

ARMY ACT IS NOT OPERATIVE IN PARTS DISASTER AFFECTED

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Military Service Council has instructed the registrar of the Halifax military district to suspend the operations of the Act in the localities affected by the catastrophe.

CONDITIONS IMPROVE IN STRICKEN HALIFAX

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Progress in the relief work at Halifax was reported to the Department of Railways and Canals to-day by C. A. Hayes, general manager of the eastern lines of the Canadian Government Railways.

Panama Now at War With Austria; Canal Zone Is Made Safe

Panama, Dec. 12.—Panama has declared war on Austria-Hungary. The Government, co-operating with the canal zone authorities, is intercepting Austrians. The zone has now been cleared of Germans and Austrians, in accordance with President Wilson's recent order.

Entente Subjects in Australia to Be Summoned to Serve

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, announced in a speech yesterday that negotiations were proceeding whereby Allied subjects of military age in Australia would forthwith be liable for military service.

Full Inquiry Into Recent Operations on Cambrai Front

London, Dec. 12.—There will be a thorough investigation of the recent operations on the Cambrai front in which the Germans broke through in the southern sector, Major-General F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office, stated to-day.

Forty-Four Leading Kingston Liberals Issue a Manifesto

Kingston, Dec. 12.—Forty-four leading Liberals of this city have signed a manifesto calling upon all the electors to put party issues aside and rally to the support of the Union Government.

ALLENBY ENTERS JERUSALEM GUARDS SET AT HOLY PLACES

London, Dec. 12.—Mr. Lloyd George announced in the Commons to-day that General Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot on Tuesday.

Guards have been placed around the holy places, the Prime Minister said. The Mosque of Omar has been placed under Mohammed control.

The Prime Minister said General Allenby's proclamation insured maintenance and protection of all sacred buildings and holy places.

OUTLOOK IN GREAT BRITAIN RUMOR AN ELECTION COMING

London, Dec. 12.—Rumors have been in circulation of an impending political crisis and the decision of the Government to appeal to the country by means of a general election.

Among the politicians, however, there is, according to rumor, a strong current against the Government, and although Mr. Asquith is understood to be opposed to any cabal against Mr. Lloyd George, there is an idea that at any moment certain discontented sections of Parliament may unite to oust the Government.

British Government Generously Assists Halifax Sufferers

London, Dec. 12.—The British Government has donated \$5,000,000 for the relief of Halifax, it was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Rt. Hon. A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

NEGOTIATE AGAIN WITH THE GERMANS

Bolsheviki Representatives at Brest-Litovsk Talking Peace With Enemy

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—Delayed.—Representatives of all the Russian fronts started to-night for Brest-Litovsk to resume the armistice negotiations with the Germans.

BONAR LAW ASKS A VOTE OF CREDIT

States Britain's Average Daily Expenditure of Late Has Been £6,794,000

London, Dec. 12.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—Rt. Hon. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced in the Commons to-day a vote of credit for £50,000,000, making a total of £2,450,000,000.

GROUND REOCCUPIED BY ITALIAN TROOPS

Effort of Enemy Ended in Failure, Rome War Office Reports

Rome, Dec. 12.—The enemy has resumed the attack. To-day's official statement says that the Italians resisted stubbornly yesterday throughout the day and night and that a few positions which were abandoned in the beginning of the fighting were reoccupied in nearly all cases.

FIRE AT NELSON

Nelson, Dec. 12.—Fire in the Nelson courthouse early this morning did some damage to the interior of the structure but was got under control before any serious loss was caused.

PATIENT WOULD BLEED WHILE CANADA SOUGHT REFERENDUM BANDAGES

Premier Brewster Enthusiastically Greeted on Unionist Platform; Capacity House at Pantages Heard Eloquent Appeals on Dr. Tolmie's Behalf

UNIONIST GOVERNMENT AMMUNITION. "This is not a time for a referendum; your patient will bleed to death while you are going after the bandages."—Premier Brewster.

At Pantages Theatre last night the Union forces of Victoria brought out their heavy artillery and renewed the "barrage" commenced in the same edifice just a week previous.

Rally to Support of Motherland Says Bishop MacDonald

The following letter from Bishop Alexander MacDonald, of the Catholic Cathedral, Victoria, was read at the Unionist meeting in Pantages Theatre last night:

"I have all my life kept out of politics. But in this election politics, as such, plays no part. The issue is patriotic duty. Three years ago last August the Parliament of our country decided by a unanimous vote that we should rally to the support of the Motherland in her fight against German injustice and aggression.

"ALEX. MACDONALD, Bishop of Victoria."

TROTZKY DISMISSES ALL AMBASSADORS

Russia's Representatives Disobeyed Him; Senate Dispersed; Tribunals Set Up

Petrograd, Dec. 10 (Delayed).—Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, has issued a decree dismissing all the Russian Ambassadors and their staffs because they ignored the Bolsheviki demand that they denounce the Kerenski Government.

Ten Sons From One Home in Vancouver Killed in Action

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Ten sons from the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ball, Vancouver, have been killed in action during the war.

SEATTLE PEOPLE ASSISTING HALIFAX

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Yesterday's subscriptions to the fund being raised in Seattle for the Halifax sufferers brought the total to approximately \$10,000.

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PURPOSE IS TO WIN, DECLARES CHURCHILL

British Still Have Righteous Aims Which Drew Them Into War

London, Dec. 12.—Speaking at Bedford on the subject of the Allies' war aims, Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, said that the present situation was more serious than it had been reasonable three months ago to expect. The country and the Allied cause, Colonel Churchill added, were endangered.

"When I say the country is passing through a time of danger," Colonel Churchill continued, "I mean there are people who wish to bring about a premature peace. They are listening to the sophistries and dangerous counsel of certain politicians. People who say 're-state your war aims,' really mean to make peace with the victors."

"The British do not mean to put up explanations. We have the legitimate, righteous aims with which we entered this war, and if such an issue as this were seriously raised it could be decided only by the whole nation. I cannot see that there is the slightest danger in submitting that question to the free decision of the whole nation."

"President Wilson's statement of war aims is good enough for me. We mean to win the war, however long it may take. If Russia has fallen out of the ranks the United States has fallen in and is coming to our aid. The longer Great Britain and the United States are fighting side by side, the closer they will be drawn together. That is a tremendous fact, and it will make amends for what we are now suffering."

400,000 PROSECUTIONS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The North German Gazette, of Berlin, states that nearly 400,000 prosecutions for infringement of the food regulations were instituted in Prussia during the year ended September 30 last.

FOOD PURCHASING BOARD IN STATES

Appointed to Co-ordinate Buying for States and Allies

Washington, Dec. 12.—The creation of a general Food Purchase Board to co-ordinate the buying of foodstuffs for the army and navy of the United States and for the Allied Governments was announced last night by Food Administrator Hoover. The members of the board were named by Mr. Hoover with the approval of the Secretaries of War and the Navy. They are: Paymaster-General Samuel McCowan, of the navy; chairman; Major-General Henry G. Sharpe, Quartermaster-General of the army; W. V. B. Thorn, chief of the Food Administration's division of co-ordination of purchases and representatives of Allied purchasers; and F. J. Scott, of the Federal Trade Commission.

"The functions of the board," said Mr. Hoover, "are far-reaching. The board is to co-ordinate the purchasing as to place it strictly on an official basis and to disturb as little as possible market conditions, having due regard for the interests of the producer and the consumer as well as our fighting forces and those countries dependent on us for their supplies of food."

"At its first meeting to-day the board drew up the following principles of organization: 'The demand for certain food commodities by the army, navy, neutrals, Allies and civil population is greater than the supply of such commodities. One of the fundamental purposes of the Food Administration is to protect these groups from exorbitant prices. The shortage of supplies and the aggravation of buying in such units has effectively suspended the law of supply and demand as an effective regulator of fair prices and stimulates speculation. The normal purchases of these commodities in such large units under these circumstances by bid and contract not only is impossible in some cases, but in any event raises the general price level of the country and fosters speculation. It is considered that it is vital to the general welfare that these large purchases of commodities shall be made by plans of allocation among sellers at fair and just prices. The Federal Trade Commission's efforts are to be directed to see that cost statements are not inflated. The Food Purchase Board will first decide what commodities are to be bought under the plan of allocation and then call into conference the trade convention concerned. After a plan of purchase is agreed upon the Board will turn to the Federal Trade Commission for a determination of the cost of producing the commodity and then the Board will recommend a price.'"

A RAID BY BRITISH TROOPS; NAVAL ARMEN CARRIED OUT RAID

London, Dec. 12.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"The Sherwood Foresters carried out a successful raid west of Bulch, capturing a number of prisoners. Early this morning a hostile raiding party was repulsed south of Armentieres."

The Admiralty issued the following report last night:

"Several patrols were carried out yesterday by some of our naval aircraft in the course of which three of our machines attacked and drove back enemy scouts and seven large seaplanes. Two enemy machines were destroyed and kite balloons attacked. Enemy trenches and an active anti-aircraft battery were attacked by machine gun fire. At noon a bombing raid was carried out at the Varsenare aerodrome. Many bombs were dropped and two direct hits were observed. Bombs were seen to drop close to and among the sheds in the aerodrome. None of our machines are missing."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"Both artilleries were moderately active along the greater part of the front. There was no infantry action."

"Belgian communication: For the last two days the artillery activity has been comparatively light."

GERMAN AIR SERVICE ABOUT 2,500 MACHINES

On the French Front in France, Dec. 11, via London, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—What are considered approximately exact figures of Germany's air strength which have reached the correspondent show that the German army possesses 273 squadrons, comprising about 2,500 aeroplanes.

The squadrons are divided as follows: 190 of artillery spotters, 89 of scouts, 23 of bombers, 49 of chasers and 39 battleplane squadrons for the protection of the bombers.

SOLDIERS AT HALIFAX.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Militia Department has received a message from Major-General Benson, commanding officer of Military District No. 6, in which Halifax is located, stating that there were no serious casualties among the men of the 72d, 73d, 74th or 75th artillery drafts, the A. M. C. drafts or the 27th railway construction drafts at the time of the explosion.

General Benson has requested that no more troops be dispatched to Halifax, as more than half the barracks accommodation has been destroyed.

ASQUITH STANDS BY COURSE HE TOOK

Britain's Part in War Worth While If Peace Be Durable

London, Dec. 12.—Mr. Asquith, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, speaking in Birmingham yesterday, declared that if he had to live the time over again he still would take the same position he had arrived at with regard to Great Britain entering the war. He added that he unhesitatingly believed it had been worth while, provided the war ended in a peace which secured the original purposes for entering upon it and contained the elements of permanency.

Mr. Asquith said he thought little more would be secured from the enemy on the question of freedom of the seas. He strongly endorsed President Wilson's message as clearly expressing the intentions and desires of the Allies.

"The former Prime Minister said: 'I cannot forget that with my friend and colleague, Sir Edward Grey, I have a greater responsibility than any other living man for Great Britain's entrance into the war. I may deprecate that with all the knowledge we now have of the horrors of the world-wide war, if I had to live that time over again, I should make the same decision. Has it been and is it worth while?'

"My answer is, without doubt or hesitation, yes, subject only to one condition, that the war end in a peace of security, the attainment of our original purpose, which would contain in itself the safeguards of its own permanency. Such a peace is the world's dominating need, and there is no greater enemy of the human race at this moment than the man, if there be such a man, who by word or act makes it more difficult to achieve."

"I must confess that much criticism of Lord Lansdowne's letter appears to me to arise from reading into it meanings and intentions which I do not understand the letter to convey. I take the stress of Lord Lansdowne's main argument to be that the Allies, while pursuing the war with vigor and purpose, should endeavor to make increasingly clear to both belligerent and neutral peoples that our aims are rational and unselfish, and that by their attainment we are convinced we may look for a durable peace, safeguarded by the conjoint authority of an international league."

"To use President Wilson's latest words, the aim is to bring into effective existence partnerships, not merely of Governments but of peoples, which must henceforth guarantee the world peace."

NET LOSS TO ARMY OF CANADA IN TWO WEEKS WAS 17,572

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A total wastage of 19,529 men as against 1,958 enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Force for the last two weeks of November is revealed by a return from the Militia Department made public yesterday afternoon. The net loss for the half month ended November 30 is, therefore, 17,572 men. Casualties overseas, 16,278; discharged in Canada, 674; returned to Canada for discharge, 2,440; discharged in England, 128. The total wastage of infantry during the half month period was 15,139. The return estimates that 45 per cent. of the total casualties will again be fit for general service within six months.

Of the recruits obtained during the two weeks, 1,425 enlisted in Canada, 530 in the United States and two in England. The infantry secured 1,508 of the new men, 372 went to artillery units, 23 enlisted in railway construction and forestry battalions, and the remainder went to miscellaneous units.

REPORTED CZERNIN CONSULTED LEADERS IN GERMAN CAPITAL

London, Dec. 12.—The Rotterdam correspondent of The London Daily Telegraph sends a report that Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, arrived in Berlin on Sunday.

(A Vienna message by way of Amsterdam on Monday said Count Czernin's visit to Berlin had been cancelled because of his sudden illness.)

The Telegraph's correspondent alludes to Count Czernin's visit as one that may have tremendous consequences as regards the whole course of the war. The correspondent alludes to show from Count Czernin's arrival at the German capital, his recent speech to the Hungarian delegation and from other news, that Austrian divisions freed from the Russian front are to be used on the Western front.

PAYMENT OF NEW CANADIAN PENSIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Announcement is made by the Board of Pensions that it is hoped that all cheques adjusting pensions to soldiers and their dependents under the provisions of the Order-in-Council increasing pensions and allowances will be sent out by the end of the present year or shortly thereafter.

The changes authorized have involved an enormous amount of detail work, as more than 20,000 pensions have had to be considered and readjusted. Not only is there a change from six classes of disability to 21 classes, together with a general increase of 25 per cent. and over, but in addition allowances have been authorized for the wives and children of married disabled pensioners of all classes, whereas formerly allowances were paid to children only in the event of a disability of 60 per cent. or over.

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INTEREST STATES GETS ON LOANS TO ALLIES

New York, Dec. 12.—Of the \$2,324,129,750 in loans actually advanced to the Allies by the United States Government, out of a total of \$2,883,990,000 credits extended, approximately \$1,100,000,000 has been lent at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. About \$2,200,000,000 was lent at rates varying from 3 to 3 1/2 per cent.

It is not generally known that the United States Government is now lending money to the Allies at a higher rate of interest than it is paying for money borrowed from the American people. It was generally supposed that the Allied Governments were obtaining accommodation at the same rate of interest.

This was the case in the first few months following the entrance of the United States into the war. The Bond Issue Act of April 24, providing for the first Liberty loan, expressly stipulated that the loans made to the Allied nations should bear the same rate of interest as the public issue. Under the terms of the Act of September 24, providing for the second bond issue, the loans made to the Allies were "to bear such rate or rates of interest as might from time to time be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury."

FEMALE ALDERMAN.

Calgary, Dec. 12.—To Mrs. J. W. Gale, one of the successful candidates in the municipal election here, belongs the honor of being the first female alderman of any city in Canada. Mrs. Gale has been associated with many public institutions in Calgary, obtaining much valuable experience in civic affairs. She is an English woman, and holds the office of president of the Ratepayers' League of Calgary.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL CALLED ON TROTZKY

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—(Delayed.)—A representative of the British Embassy called in an unofficial capacity yesterday on Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, and attempted to reach an agreement in regard to the situation which resulted from the detaining of Russian extremists in England and the action of the Bolsheviks in refusing to permit Britishers to leave Russia. It was said at the British Embassy this afternoon that no definite arrangement has been made.

See the New Dolls at The Beehive.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

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LAURIER ADDRESSED CROWDS IN REGINA

Visit Caused Three Overflow Meetings in Capital of Saskatchewan

CONSERVATIVE CABINET BUT VENERED, HE SAID

Objects to Unionists Taking Title "Win-the-War" for Themselves

Regina, Dec. 12.—Regina turned out in thousands last night to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Besides the main meeting in the Metropolitan Methodist Church and the overflow meeting arranged for the First Baptist Church, it also was found necessary to secure the City Hall and Westminster Church to accommodate the crowds who were clamoring for tickets. The meetings were largely made up of Laurier supporters, and there was an absence of disorder.

Mr Laurier said: "Last night I was in the capital city of Manitoba; to-night I am in the capital city of Saskatchewan, and to-morrow I shall be seen in the largest city of Alberta. Then I shall go to the Pacific Coast, where I shall speak in Vancouver. Do you know why I have come all this distance? It is a long distance, you will admit. It is a long distance to Tipperary, and just so it is a long distance from Ottawa to Regina. I have come here to Regina to give answer to some accusations which have been hurled at me from press and platform."

Thick of Fray. "My foes say that if Laurier is elected Canada will quit the war. Some of the men who have so nobly stood behind me have answered this question, but I came myself to tell you more, for it has always been my principle to be in the thick of the fray. You know it does not frighten me to be called a traitor. I have been in Canadian public life for upwards of 40 years, and this epithet has been hurled at me from all quarters of Canada. Six years ago I was denounced as a traitor to my race and religion. To-day I am traitor to Canada and the Empire. One is as true as the other," said Sir Wilfrid, and the crowd laughed approval.

Dealing with the Union Government. Sir Wilfrid said that it was the "same old Conservative party with some veneer upon it." "I do not object to them saying they are Unionists, but I do strenuously object to their filching the title 'Win-the-War,'" he said. "I also want to win the war. To win this war is not an easy matter. We need the soldiers, it is true, but behind the soldiers we need the toilers, and we must take care of the widows and orphans, not by the cold charity of the Patriotic Fund, but by the Government."

Cost of Living. In speaking about the tariff upon goods imported from Britain, he said that this was one of the causes of the high cost of living. He paid a tribute to the Canadian soldiers, but "of all the heroes, the noblest are the sailors of the merchant fleet who face danger unprotected and unarmored. When they are torpedoed, they go to the bottom of the sea still cheering for Old England."

Dealing with the conscription problem. Sir Wilfrid said that Britain defeated the greatest colossus of all—Napoleon—with voluntary enlistment. He said Sir Robert Borden had favored voluntary enlistment all along, but suddenly changed his mind. He took issue with the Prime Minister when he stated that recruiting had fallen off during last winter and spring. The speaker read from a statement made by Sir Edward Kemp to prove his assertion. He charged the Borden Government with being responsible for Quebec falling to send its quota of men and said that not a single Conservative Minister, with the exception of the late Mr. Casgrain, ever had made a recruiting speech in Quebec. On the other hand he showed where he himself and other Liberals had done so.

Continuing in his oratorical vein, the speaker drew applause when he said: "Above all things of party or of creed, I am a Canadian." Sir Wilfrid contradicted the statement that Bourassa had joined hands with him and said that neither Mr. Bourassa nor any one else will dominate Laurier. "The Nationalists to-day were the same as they were in 1911. He 'too, was the same." "If Canada wants to succeed we must have unity of all races," he said. "We must make the people who come to us study the public questions from the broad basis of Canadianism. The lesson of 1911 was won by appeals to passion and prejudice. To-night I am appealing to reason and sentiment."

Regarding Calder. Turning to the Union Government, the speaker said he was sorry that Mr. Calder had joined that Government. "If he had taken my advice he would not have done so," he said. "I can not understand how a man who calls himself a Liberal can enter a Government which is guilty of the War-Time Election Act. Such an act is quite worthy of a Tory Government, but it is unworthy of Liberal support." He said that according to the strict interpretation of the Minister of Jus-

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Presumed to have died: Lance-Sergeant G. Cusack, Pte. Frank W. Adams, Vancouver.

AMERICAN NAVAL WAR PREPARATIONS Washington, Dec. 12.—One single printed page constitutes the annual report, made public yesterday by Rear-Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repairs, although that officer is carrying out the largest naval building programme ever entered upon by any nation.

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PLEDGE SIGNED IN THE DUNCAN AREA Over 200 Households Conserving Food; Money for Halifax Sufferers

Duncan, Dec. 15.—At a well attended meeting of the Women's Institute here yesterday afternoon the report of the committee on food conservation showed that over 200 food pledge cards had been signed by households ranging from 1 to 22 members.

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AN INQUIRY BEFORE MR. JUSTICE DUFF

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—An inquiry was opened before Mr. Justice Duff, Central Appeal Judge, yesterday, in the Simard-Gobeil case. This case is one which has aroused considerable interest. A. H. Simard and Jules Gobeil were members of a local tribunal under the Military Service Act at Base St. Paul, Quebec. Simard charged Gobeil with impropriety in accepting fees for the preparation of claims for exemption, and resigned his seat on the tribunal. In defence it is claimed the fees were accepted by Gobeil before he was a member of the tribunal, and that in preparing claims he was merely performing perfectly legal work. Simard was on the stand yesterday. The inquiry is being held in camera.

LUXBURG IN SANITARIUM. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 12.—Count von Luxburg, the dismissed German Minister to Argentina, entered a sanitarium yesterday, to undergo treatment for a nervous disease. This probably will further delay his departure from Argentina.

GERMAN REVIEW OF DEALINGS WITH RUSSIANS Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—A Berlin semi-official review of the armistice negotiations with Russia, says that Russian conditions for an armistice were "astonishingly far-reaching" for her military situation.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Via London, Dec. 12.—In reply to a question what form of government in Russia the Allies would consider as recognized and supported by the people, the British Ambassador said in an interview to-day that Great Britain's position was that such a Government must naturally come from the Constituent Assembly, although it might come from some other source.

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WHY THE CHANGE?

During the Session of 1904, while Sir Wilfrid was in power, Parliament revised the Militia Act. One of the purposes of that revision was to remove every uncertainty that existed in the old Act relative to the power of the Canadian Government to dispatch Canadian troops overseas in a war in which the vital interests of Canada were at stake, a sharp controversy having arisen in Quebec on this point during the Boer war. Compulsory military service had been prescribed in the statutes since pre-confederation days, in the provision which stated that "all the male inhabitants of Canada, of the age of eighteen years and upwards, and under sixty, not exempt or disqualified by law, and being British subjects, shall be liable to service in the militia;" but the matter of overseas service and Canadian control was not sufficiently clear, so the law was revised by the Laurier Government to read as follows:

"The militia, or any part thereof, or any officer or man thereof, may be called out for any purpose, other than drill or training, at such times and in such manner as are prescribed. The Governor-in-Council may place the militia, or any part thereof, on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada, for the defence thereof, at any time when it appears advisable to do so by reason of emergency."

Another section provided that within fifteen days of the placing of the militia on active service Parliament should be called in Session, presumably to discuss ways and means in connection with war. The Act also states that if a sufficient number of males do not volunteer to complete the quota required for service they "shall be drafted by ballot."

Thus the Government of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the head not only ratified the law providing for compulsory military service, but made its terms more drastic. Nobody arose in the House in the Session of 1904 and demanded the insertion of a clause calling for a referendum before the powers given the Government by the Laurier Act should be enforced.

Not even Mr. Bourassa suggested provision for a referendum. Indeed, the present Nationalist leader, who then represented Yarmouth in Parliament, complained that the law of 1885 was objectionable because it limited the authority of the Government of Canada to send Canadian troops overseas. Mr. Bourassa said that under the old law, "not only could not the militia of Canada be sent abroad to defend the Empire, but if the Empire had been at war with Mexico it would have been impossible for the Commander-in-Chief to send troops to defend Canada against an attack from Mexico. Under the working of the new clause there is ample room to send the militia anywhere for the defence of Canada."

Discussing the revision by the Laurier Government, Mr. Bourassa said it would clear up this uncertainty, and observed:

"I do not think we should frame a law so narrow that the Canadian Government should not be free to send our militia beyond the borders of Canada for the defence of Canada."

Now, if Sir Wilfrid has always been against compulsory military service on principle, as he says, why, when he was in office, did he put through legislation providing for a much more drastic form of compulsory military service than the present Military Service Act prescribes? Why did he not provide for a referendum, in any case? Undoubtedly the Militia Act should have been enforced at the commencement of the war; the reason why it is not enforced now, the Prime Minister says, is that it is too drastic especially in its provision of the balloting system instead of the selective draft. But, according to his present declarations, Sir Wilfrid would have opposed the enforcement by the late Government of the very legislation which he himself passed to meet the very emergency that had arisen.

Why is Sir Wilfrid against the principle which he himself confirmed in the legislation enacted by his Government in 1904? The reason simply is that the Sir Wilfrid of to-day is not the Sir Wilfrid of 1904. The Laurier of 1904, like the Laurier of 1896, would not have been deflected from his course by the pressure of his native province. Nor would the Laurier of other days have listened to a demand for a referendum when the nation was engaged in a life-and-death struggle. Even in 1911 he would not adopt the sugges-

tion—made within his own party—that the reciprocity agreement be submitted in the form of a referendum, his judgment being that it would sweep the country as an election issue. Curiously enough, many of Sir Wilfrid's followers who are now attacking conscription, voted for the revision of the Militia Act in 1904.

MR. ASQUITH STANDS FIRM.

Mr. Asquith's speech at Birmingham shows that he stands to-day precisely where he stood on that fateful day of August, 1914, when his Government in the name of Great Britain declared war upon the violators of Belgium. Shortly after that epochal event Mr. Asquith announced that the sword which had not been lightly drawn would not be sheathed until France and Belgium had been restored and Prussian militarism finally destroyed. He repeated that statement of war aims in the next year, and included Serbia, which had been overrun in the meantime.

Yesterday he repeated those views, explaining, however, that the destruction of Prussian military domination did not mean the destruction of the German people. This explanation is hardly necessary. It is impossible to destroy a people. Even Montenegro and Serbia have not been destroyed by Germany and Austria. But what can be destroyed is Prussia's military ascendancy, the system under which a few men can make of Germany a continual menace to the peace of the world and civilization. It is useless to talk about peace until that system has been overthrown; until there is some authority set up in Germany which can be trusted to honor its covenants and which will substitute the law of right for the law of might.

"Mr. Asquith's understanding of his country's war aims coincides with the war aims set for the United States by President Wilson:

"I believe that I speak for them when I say two things: First, that this intolerable thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force, which we now see so clearly as the German power, a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for conventional peace, must be crushed, and if it be not utterly brought to an end, at least shut out from the friendly intercourse of the nations; and, second, that when this thing and its power are indeed defeated and the time comes that we can discuss peace—when the German people have spokesmen whose word we can believe, and when those spokesmen are ready in the name of their people to accept the common judgment of the nations as to what shall henceforth be the bases of law and of covenant for the life of the world—we shall be willing and glad to pay the full price for peace and pay it ungrudgingly. We know what that price will be. It will be full, impartial justice—justice done at every point and to every nation that the final settlement must affect, our enemies as well as our friends."

THE SUPREME ISSUE.

At the Unionist meeting last night it was stated that the real issue in the election is "whether Canada shall continue or withdraw her effort in this war, whether our troops shall be supported or abandoned."

There is no extravagance in that statement. It is a grim, unalterable fact, and the proof of it can be seen in the trend of the present campaign. Candidate after candidate opposed to the argument that voluntarism will meet the demands of the war situation. Rodolphe Lemieux, whose influence is not a little to blame for Sir Wilfrid's present stand and who expects to be the next leader, says Canada "has done enough in the war." In various forms that legend has passed from platform to platform, but all the variations mean the same thing. Even Sir Wilfrid seeks to excuse his policy of delay and uncertainty by an attempt to show that the Canadian corps is not in need of reinforcements and, by implication, that the men who are on the spot know less about their own needs than he does.

Early in this campaign The Times predicted that the line upon which the anti-Unionists would retire and make their fight would be "that Canada has done enough in the war," which means, of course, that Canada should henceforth adopt an attitude of benevolent neutrality. They are driven to that line by the logic of their position and the pressure of those elements which dominate their party in the East. The Hon. W. S. Fielding foresaw this when he broke with his leader; so did Frank Carrell, A. K. McLaugh, the Hon. G. H. Murray, N. W. Rowell, Fred. Pardee, E. M. Macdonald and Dr. Michael Clark, and, in fact, the great majority

of Sir Wilfrid's most prominent English-speaking support. They saw that Canada could not be half in the war and half out of it; that once she turned her back on the front the incentive to organized war effort at home would disappear. And that precisely is what Sir Wilfrid does not see. He believes he can meet all exigencies of the war by making appeals instead of by strong, resolute action. It cannot be done and an ever-increasing proportion of his followers know it cannot be done, and being partisan above everything else, are not worrying about it. That is why they now stand upon the line that Canada has done enough in the war. That is why they make the demand that we do nothing more because the United States is now a belligerent and will take over Canada's obligations; that the republic will give priority to Canada, which has recruited less than six per cent. of her population, over France, which has enlisted fifteen per cent., or Great Britain, which has enlisted twelve per cent.

To those who, honestly and conscientiously supporting Sir Wilfrid, indignantly deny that the supreme issue is what we have stated it to be, we suggest in all kindness this proposition: What would be the attitude in Sir Wilfrid's caucus, if he were returned to power, of the numerous representatives from Quebec and certain districts in Ontario who were elected on the platform that Canada had done enough in the war? There probably would be enough of them to overthrow the Government. Is there anybody so guileless as to imagine that with such formidable influences at work in its ranks a Government, be it ever so earnest, could make headway with any strong war policy? Would not those elements, commanding the balance of power, try to impose their will on the rest of Canada in regard to war policy, with or without Sir Wilfrid's consent, as they are trying to do now? Think it over.

WHAT SHE WOULD DEMAND.

The terms which Germany would submit to Russia in peace negotiation are the terms of a conqueror over the conquered according to the most approved Prussian idea. She would keep Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Volhynia and the islands in the Gulf of Riga; Russia must give her control of the Russian wheat market for fifteen years and all German goods must be admitted into Russia free. Germany would not stipulate for an indemnity for two excellent reasons. One is that the Bolsheviks have nothing with which to pay an indemnity, in actual money, and the other is that the free admission of Russian goods into Russia and the control of the Russian wheat market for fifteen years would be better than any indemnity. Under those conditions Russia's subjection to Germany would be complete. Republican, democratic or revolutionary Russia, whatever it may be called, would cease to exist, for Hohenzollernism would hold it in economic chains from which it could not divorce itself except to its ruin.

Trotsky, real name Bronstein, has uttered a terrible threat against Germany. He says that if she tries any of her tricks the Bolsheviks will distribute millions of proclamations among the German ranks, telling the German soldiers how wicked their Government is.

We are informed that local anti-Unionist canvassers are trying to influence women's votes by saying that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is elected he will withdraw Canada from the war and her soldiers will be brought home. That base appeal is an insult to the womanhood of Canada. Not only is the honor of this Dominion dear to the women who already have made such heavy sacrifices for it, but they know that if reinforcements be not sent to the battlefield the greater will be the burden of those now there.

Says Rodyard Kipling: "If reinforcements are not forthcoming Canada, after all her sons' mighty sacrifice in the last three years, must gradually go out of the war. That means half a million devoted men will have been coldly repudiated by their own people. The enemy will be encouraged, the war for liberty will be prolonged, the world's misery will increase. Therefore, upon the Canadian armies in the field, and upon the wounded in the hospitals, to-day is laid the burden not only of actual fighting, pain and disease but also from their trenches and sick beds of saving their nation's honor in the present, and perhaps its very existence later. I do not believe the greatest Dominion within the Commonwealth of free peoples can be led to fall at this hour, or that her armies, who have proved their faith with their bodies, will suffer any influence whatever to turn Canada from the hard road of safety and renown among mankind."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

—*Victoria Times, December 12, 1892.*

The Board of Licensing Commissioners will hold their quarterly session at the City Hall on Wednesday. There are two applications for new licenses, and several for transfers.

A by-law to close the old Craighflower Road in Victoria West will be introduced into the City Council at the next meeting.

The United States revenue cutter Wolcott arrived in port on Sunday. The Wolcott is looking after a sloop known to be smuggling. The Wolcott has recently been engaged hunting smugglers on the Columbia River.



WIN- THE WAR.

To the Editor, I hope to give my vote to the man who intends to use his influence to finish the war. But I would like to know how the candidates feel as to which part of these two vital items they will support—winning the war by building boats at \$6 a day for every foot 65 lbs soldiers, or paying soldiers \$1.10 a day for killing the Huns, or would they conscript both?
VOTER.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER.

To the Editor, Kindly favor me with a short space in your paper for just a few lines on behalf of the very sad affair in old Halifax. As I am a Nova Scotian and lived in the city about 25 years I have the deepest sympathy for the bereaved ones, many left without a house to shelter them.

I expected our Ministers would appeal to their people for some assistance. Some have done so, and very generously. But I was disappointed at the church I attended Sunday evening, where there was no mention made of the sad disaster, not even a prayer in behalf of the sufferers.
A NOVA SCOTIAN.

A MEMORIAL FOR OUR SONS.

To the Editor,—So many of our boys gave up all they had to give for the Empire. What are we going to do? Listen; mothers and sisters, lend me your ears and hearts. You saw the lads; during the last hours they spent at home before they left for overseas, lay aside all their little treasures and nicknacks—the little trifles they valued so much, gifts from friends they loved—you saw them put aside their books and photos they had so often gazed upon, in their bureau drawers and chests. Then with a smile and cheerful voice they left all those who were dear to them to do their duty.

"Stern Daughter of the Voice of God! Oh Duty! If that name thou love Who art a light to guide, a rod To check the erring and reprove! Thou art Victory and Law!"
"Thus they went to check the erring and reprove the Huns, nobly did they die."

"These boys were not conscripts. They did not have to go. Many went for righteousness sake and they paid the price of your liberty and mine. Do not think this a figure of speech it is plain unvarnished truth. "Our boys saved the day for the British Empire." These are the words of the Commander-in-Chief. Now what are we going to do? We must have a fitting memorial. It must be such as will go down along the ages and tell the tale to all who come within our gates. Can we do better than erect in Stanley Park a Memorial Hall, such as we may be proud of. In this building we may have a library and reading room, and a British Columbian Museum. A worthy building. The boys' names, cut in marble, or bronze, inside the building. Such a building will require some sacrifice, friends. Our boys paid the price. Why not we? It must be for all the boys of British Columbia. And the records of the brave deeds of the boys will teach those yet unborn how to keep Canada's shores free and inviolate.
FRANK RICHARDS, J. P.

INDIANS AND CONSCRIPTION.

To the Editor,—In an article from your Duncan correspondent which appeared in Tuesday's issue, I notice the name of Tate being used, as having signed a telegram to Ottawa against conscripting the Indians. At the commencement of the article this individual's name is spelled Tate. Permit me to explain that the gentleman who signed the telegram spells his name Teit, and is well-known both at Ottawa and Victoria as the author of several volumes on Indian folk-lore; and is at present writing a book on Indian Basketry. Mr. Teit never does anything rashly, and as he is a tried and trusted friend of the Indians throughout the province, you may rest assured that whatever he did was perfectly in order. Moreover, I have a copy of said telegram by me, and no mention is made of the Cowichan, or any other individual tribes.

Now, sir, I do not know who your correspondent at Duncan may be, but this I do know, that at the request of the Indians, whose names appear in your correspondent's article, I went with them to the office of Eberhart & Taylor, of this city, as interpreter, and that they did protest against their young men being conscripted. Personally, I advised them to comply with the law, and record their reasons why they should be exempted, which many of them have done.

In closing, permit me to say that the name of Kelly, which appears on the telegram to Ottawa, with that of Mr. Teit, is that of an Indian who belongs to the Skidegate tribe of Queen Charlotte Islands. Besides being an Indian he is an ordained clergyman of the Methodist church, and is well-known and respected by all the Indians throughout the province. Mr. Kelly, in signing that telegram, did so in the interests of his own people in the north, and at the instance of the Nainano tribe, where he is stationed as missionary.
Respectfully yours,
—C. M. TATE,
General Secretary of the Indian Rights Association of British Columbia.

THE PRESENT ISSUE.

To the Editor,—The deaths to which the Laurier-Liberal candidates are stooping here and in Vancouver are appalling. If their utterances are correctly represented in the press, it seems that the stamp of party hatred is so firmly affixed to them that even the present national crisis, a crisis in-

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volving the ultimate existence of the people, is made the tool for political preference. How these persons can reconcile their words with their honor is, fortunately, no concern of mine; but that which is my concern, and the concern of all loyal persons, is to see to it that these candidates, on the day of election, are relegated to their proper place. Imminently defeat should be the lot of any person who seeks to heap shame upon his countrymen by enticing them to believe that the blood of Vimy Ridge and of kindred battles in this great war of civilization against barbarity has been shed in vain. Let there be no deception. The electorate should realize that there are quitters in Canada who are only too ready to assist Laurier in his attempt to impose upon the people the will of French Catholic Canada. It is useless to confound the matter with other issues. The outstanding question is—French Catholic Canada against the remainder, and it is greatly to be hoped that none of the electors will be duped by the utterances of Henderson and MacInnes. Let them remember that the parting of the ways between Laurier and true British Canadians arrived the instant Laurier pronounced his views against conscription and in favor of leaving in the lurch the volunteers at the front. Let them remember that the best blood of the Liberal Party in Canada has deserted Laurier even as he deserted his country and countrymen in the hour of trial, and that all who remain with him are persons of the ilk of the candidates who are running under his auspices in British Columbia to-day—politicians whose uttered sentiments are too nauseous for consideration.

Also let the people not be deluded by the cry of profiteering and political patronage. Profiteering and patronage are to a certain extent concomitant facts with every Government, it matters not what nation or age, for it is impossible to control the activities of every person. The most that can be done is to check the evil as far as possible, and this was one of the objects largely in the view of Premier Borden when he associated with himself the best of the Liberal Party. Let the people not delude themselves into thinking that if placed in power, Henderson or MacInnes or other Laurier-Liberals will stop profiteering and patronage.

We have heard such promises before. The present local Provincial Government (and the members of which, I am told, to a man intend to support Laurier in this election) howled at the woefulness of patronage as it existed before they took office, and promised to remedy the evil. The people were impressed and placed these vaunted reformers in power. The result is that there never has been in this or any other Province of Canada such rampant patronage as exists in British Columbia to-day. But I contend this is no time for party politics, and I have mentioned these political matters merely to point out that the candidate (particularly an old politician dyed in the wool) who raises such issues, is merely a wolf in sheep's clothing, and that his honesty of purpose is a delusion and a snare.

The best of the political parties in Canada have joined forces, have sunk political differences, and are striving with all energies to win the war. These comprise the Union Government

and Party. Let us then remember that as in unity we stand, and in division we fall, so a united people must have a united Government, or else must fail.

Your truly,
C. F. DAVIE
December 11, 1917.

Since writing the above, I note with pleasure that Premier Brewster is personally in favor of the Union Government, and appeared yesterday on Dr. Tolmie's platform. The position taken upon questions of national importance by public men can be gauged only by their public utterances, and I believe that yesterday was the first occasion upon which the Premier appeared upon the hustings in this campaign.

I am glad, however, that the opportunity has arisen to enable me to express my regrets and apologies to the Premier of British Columbia for having erroneously included him as a Henderson supporter.

C. F. DAVIE
December 12, 1917

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 12—5 a. m.—Cold weather is spreading southward over this province and zero temperatures prevail in Cariboo and Kootenay, while in the prairie provinces temperatures range from 30° to 40° below zero. Intense cold continues in the Southern States, even to the Gulf of Mexico.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 27; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Yanover—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo (Entrance Is)—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, minimum yesterday, 36; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 46; weather, snow.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, 30; weather, rain.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.29; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 61; minimum, 49; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 55; snow, 5.

—Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Barkerville	30	10
Trail	28	12
Penticton	42	22
Cranbrook	25	10
Grand Forks	35	20
Edmonton	25	10
Qu'Appelle	16	-34
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—Selling Main Floor

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Bibs of fine linen, hand-embroidered, each, \$1.00.

Bibs of fine embroidered lawn, each, 50c.

Blue Bird Feeding Bib, with sleeves, each, 75c.

Blue Bird Diaper Bags, rubber lined, \$1.50.

Safety Pin Holders, made of hand-painted satin ribbon, 65c.

Hand - Painted Powder Boxes, each, 50c.

Brush and Comb Set, hand-painted, each, 75c and \$1.25.

Hand-Painted Pin Trays, each, 35c.

Celluloid Toys of all descriptions, 15c to \$1.25.

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—Infants', First Floor

Dainty Tea Aprons Always Acceptable

Women always appreciate dainty Tea Aprons at Christmas time, especially such pretty pieces as are represented by the following items. Come in and look the assortment over while the selection is large and at its best.

Handsomely Embroidered Voile Aprons, trimmed with filet and Val. lace; also ribbon bows and rosettes. Prices range, each, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

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Especially a grade of this description. It is made in a fashionable style, finished with a large square collar, side pockets and sash, from a nice quality all-wool, in shades green, brown, saxe, Alice and rose. Splendid value at \$3.75.

Another model, guaranteed 100 per cent. all wool, and in latest style and shades, \$10.50.

—Selling First Floor

Final Price Reductions Have Been Made and Stocks Re-sorted

This extraordinary sale of Men's Clothing comes to a close Friday night at 9.30. There is, therefore, but two full days left in which you can take advantage of these exceptional price reductions. There are some 200 Suits and Overcoats on the racks left to be cleared. These have been re-sorted and further price reductions made to make sure of an immediate clearance.

The Further Price Reductions Are as Follows

The Balance of Suits Selling at \$20.00 Have Been Put on the \$15.00 Rack

The sizes are somewhat broken up, but if you can get fitted—and you can if you shop early—you stand the chance of saving from ten to fifteen dollars a suit. These savings are nothing short of sensational—they are not likely to occur again, especially in connection with such quality merchandise.

These reductions should encourage every man in Victoria to secure a new Suit, and without delay. Some men will be buying two.

At time of going to print the quantity and sizes in this offering are as follows:

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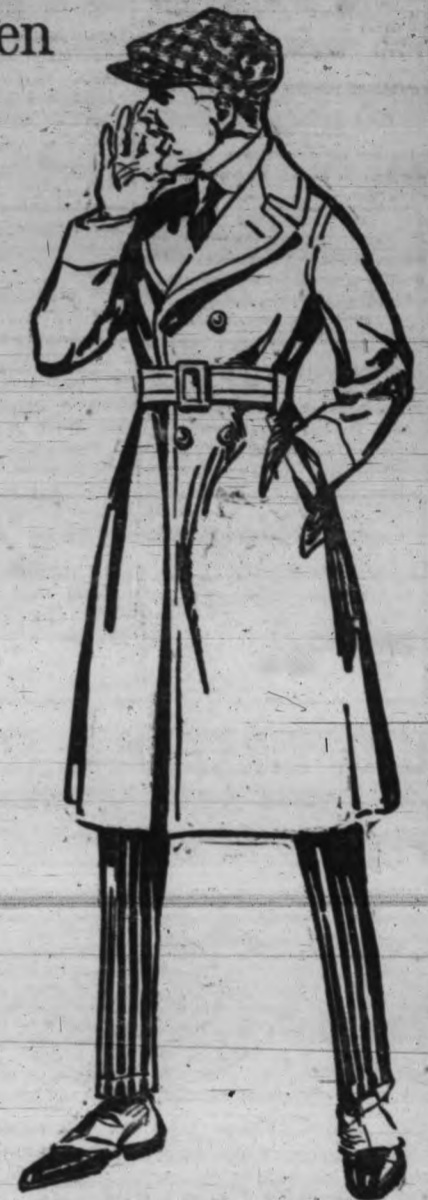
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Our \$15.00 offering in Suits now reduced to \$10.00. The balance of \$10.00 Suits reduced to \$8.00.

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No need to tell you that these are the greatest Overcoat bargains in the city. It's like giving them away to sell them at these prices. But there's only a limited quantity. So to clean up the lot we offer them at \$10.00 a Coat. They are in smart, stylish broken plaid effects. Some finished with velvet collars and slashed pockets. Nice medium weight, smart for business wear.



Important Notice

Our Men's and Boys' Clothing Departments Will be Closed All Day Saturday.

We shall be re-marking and re-arranging our Boys' Clothing ready for a Big Sale to start on Monday morning. It's to your interest to watch for full details.

"Model" Tea Kettles Specially Priced

Beautifully nickel-plated on copper. This is the favorite style Tea Kettle, and every housekeeper delights in using one on the kitchen range. Made in two styles, with top or side filling. One will make a handsome and useful Christmas gift. Offered at special prices to-morrow and packed in a pretty holly box.

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Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Stanfield's Underwear for Men at the Old Prices

On December 1st Stanfield's Underwear advanced in cost 25 to 35 per cent., but we shall continue to sell our present stock until the end of the month at the old prices. Men who know the quality of this Underwear and know what the advanced prices mean will have an opportunity here to buy in a stock for next season at the old price.

Stanfield's Heavy Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, cream color, sizes to 42. New price, \$1.75. Our price, a garment, \$1.50.

Similar garment to above, but heavier weight. New price, \$2.00. Our price, a garment, \$1.75.

Stanfield's Natural Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, in medium weight. New prices, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Our price, a garment, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Heavy weight, as above, in all-wool. New price, \$2.75. Our price, a garment, \$2.50.

Silk and Wool Shirts and Drawers, medium weight, New price, \$3.75. Our price, a garment, \$2.50.

Combinations at double the above prices.

—Selling Main Floor

Practical Gift Suggestions From the Staple Department

The following items are useful pieces that make most acceptable and practical gifts at Christmas time. Read the list over, then come and see the goods. The styles, the designs and colors, as well as the prices, will suit you.

Eiderdown Comforters, ventilated, quilted and panelled. Each, \$3.75, \$9.75, \$10.50 to \$19.00.

White Wool Blankets, priced, a pair, \$7.25 to \$11.25.

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Six Suits, value up to \$29.50, at **\$19.70**

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Social & Personal

Mrs. R. J. Gurney is spending a few days in Vancouver.

T. H. Campbell, of Edmonton, is in the city staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Pte. Sidney Earle Heald left Victoria, Sunday to rejoin his battalion in France.

D. C. Macfarlane, of Victoria, paid a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Edwin Franklyn, in Vancouver, last week.

W. T. McDonald, Provincial Livestock Commissioner, is on a visit to Seattle, where he is a guest at the Frye Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. H. Gowen, who recently left for Vancouver, have taken up their residence in the Cambridge apartments in the mainland city, for the winter months.

Miss Eileen Hughes, younger daughter of Sir Sam Hughes, is leaving early in the New Year for France, where she will take up duties as driver of a motor-ambulance.

Mrs. Allington, who has been residing in Victoria with her two children for the past two months, has returned to her former home in Duncan. She was accompanied by her brother, Private H. Parker, who is on a ten weeks' furlough, after twenty-five months' service at the front.

Mrs. Whillans has received word from her husband, Capt. H. A. Whillans that he is being transferred to convey duty in the New Year, and expects to reach Victoria in February. Capt. Whillans left with No. 5 Base Hospital for Saloniki, and since that unit's return to England has been on the medical staff at the Duchess of Connaught's Hospital, at Taplow.

Miss Elsie Newburn, Miss Lillian Thomson, Messrs. W. B. Whitfield, A. W. Semple, and A. J. Chalk, of the Amateur Players Society of Victoria West, will present the three act comedy, "A Gilded Youth," in aid of the French Red Cross on Saturday next. The performance will be given both afternoon and evening in the Semples' Hall, Langford Street, Victoria West. Singing and dancing specialties will be given between the acts, and a dance held after the evening performance.

The children of the West Saanich Day School gave an excellent entertainment before a large audience in the West Saanich hall on Saturday evening, under the direction of Miss Bisset, the principal, and Miss Anderson, the junior teacher. A. Petch, who trained the children in their musical numbers acted as conductor, Mrs. Stewart officiating at the piano. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by Mr. Petch on behalf of the pupils and parents, of an umbrella to Miss Bisset, of an umbrella to Miss Anderson, who is severing her connection with the school. Refreshments were served at the close of the concert. A collection taken up on behalf of the Red Cross resulted in the sum of \$25.50.

The Hippodrome Hall was last night the scene of one of the fullest affairs of the season, when the returned men of "Resthaven" Military Convalescent Hospital, held a dance in aid of their recreation fund. Several hundred dancers took the floor and tripped merrily to the strains of Miss Kham's orchestra. The hall was effectively decorated with the flags of the Allies, and patriotic bunting. The guests included Miss Maraden, matron of Resthaven, the nursing staff, and officers, also several naval officers of the visiting warship. Dainty refreshments

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CABARET PROGRAMME
Splendid Entertainment Arranged by Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., for Saturday Next.

Following is the programme arranged by Mrs. David Doig to be given at the Cabaret of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., which is to be held in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel on Saturday evening, December 15, at 8.30:

Chorus by "The Naval Decoys"; song, Miss Lillian Haggerty; duet, Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Mrs. D. C. Hughes; Oriental dance, Miss Emma Wald, of Seattle; duet, Mrs. Douglas McConnan

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and Miss Mabel Fraser; whistling solo with mandolin obligato, Mrs. Joseph Hinton; song, Mrs. Harry Poolley; duet, Miss Haggerty and Lee-Corp. Hale; quartette, Messrs. H. J. Davis, Petch, D. C. Hughes and Lee-Corp. Hale; solo, "Rule Britannia," with chorus of Naval decoys. Mrs. J. R. Gibson will act as accompanist.

The room is being beautifully decorated for the occasion, and tables may be reserved by phoning Mrs. Sidney Child, 1692L.

Dancing will take place between the various acts, for which Professor Turner's orchestra has arranged a programme of popular dance music.

Miss Emma Wald, of Seattle, who is participating in the programme is a native of Victoria, and has been studying dancing in New York and San Francisco. This occasion will mark her first public appearance in this city.

ST. JOHN'S SALE OF WORK.
Bishop Scheffold opened the annual sale of work of the St. John's Ladies' Guild on Friday afternoon at the premises of the Victoria Furniture Co., Yates Street, kindly lent for the occasion. The various booths had been arranged very artistically to represent the various seasons of the year, besides which there was the "Bunnies' Banqueting Hall" and "The Fairies' Treasure House." The ladies were kept busy throughout the whole afternoon and evening disposing of their wares, and the "Tea Room" kept up a constant business. At the close of the day's work it was apparent that this had proved one of the most successful sales ever undertaken by the guild.

Those in charge were as follows: Reception Committee—Rev. Mr. Chadwick, Mrs. Ker and Mrs. B. W. Perry; "Summer"—Messdames Pearson, Gellard and Hawkins; "Autumn"—Messdames Chadwick, Fulton, Wood, Fitzpatrick and Stemler; "Winter"—Mrs. E. C. Richards, Mrs. E. H. Gwynne and Mrs. Bryant; "Banqueting Hall"—Messdames R. H. Walker, Gass and Henderson; "Fairies' Treasure House"—Messdames Moore and G. Penketh; "Tea Room"—Messdames J. H. Townsley, Ager, Kirk, Chaston, Francis, Coulter and Miss Sutton, assisted by Misses Ker, Wilson, Purdy and McEwen.

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HUSBAND-HUNTING
AIM OF SPINSTERS
Princess Theatre Rang With Laughter at "Spinners' Convention" Last Night

Bustles, crinolines, "spring-side" boots, represented but a part of the weird galaxy of costumes assembled at the Princess Theatre last night, when the members of the Young Ladies' Single Blessedness Society met at a "Spinster's Convention." Man with all his frailties and his charms coupled with his illuiveness of the matrimonial noose, was the subject of a conference which bubbled with humor and sly topical allusions.

Much amusement was caused by the initiation of two new members into the magic circle of husband-hunting spinsters. The ceremony included the introduction of three awe-inspiring charms—a pair of braces, cuff-links, and a tobacco pipe, while the oath of allegiance to the aims of the order was sworn upon the head of a goat.

A debate upon the subject of dress, in regard to its part in the subjugation of the bachelor, was carried on between a dress reformer, in the conventional "blonnet" suit of the "new woman," and a lady of the "dancing vine" type, in which the latter won.

Balanced Cast.

With such an excellently-balanced cast as appeared last night, it is invidious to mention names, but owing to their unique position as the only males in a sea of femininity, reference must be made to Professor Make-over (Clifford Smith) and his ebony-faced assistant, Mr. Bailey.

The introduction of the professor's "remodelscope" caused the apparent changing of various arch spinsters into the "Rejuvenates" who gave an excellent vaudeville programme.

The entertainment which has been organized by the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., in aid of the Halifax sufferers, will be repeated to-night, and all who are seeking to forget the worries and anxieties of the day could find no better place to achieve that aim than at the "Spinster's Convention."

TAGGERS NEEDED
Members of I. O. D. E. Asked at Yesterday's Meeting to Assist Lady Douglas Chapter.

At the meeting of the Lady Douglas Chapter I. O. D. E. held yesterday, the agent, Mrs. R. F. McMiching appealed to the members for assistance on Friday, the Halifax relief "tag day." So many of the regular taggers will be assisting in the old gold and silver shower for the Red Cross, that volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the collection on behalf of the Halifax sufferers. Mrs. Whillans was appointed convener of the Tag Day Committee.

The meeting opened with a standing vote of sympathy to the Misses Toivie in their recent bereavement.

The following members were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women in February: Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. McIlree, Mrs. Colin Cummins, and Mrs. W. H. Holmes.

Miss Sorby for the Field Comforts' Committee, reported the turning in of 57 pairs of socks and 4 trench caps during the month. Mrs. J. D. Gordon, convener of the Military Hospitals' Committee, reported the receipt of the following donations: a sack of sugar, Mrs. Brady; two boxes of apples and sack of sugar from Mrs. Puckle, jam from Mrs. R. L. Drury, and the usual donation of fruit, early and smokes from the chapter. Money donations were made by the chapter to Mrs. Billinghurst and Mrs. Gordon, for Christmas cheer for the bed-patients of the military hospitals, and to Mrs. Stewart Williams for Patriotic Service work. Five new members were received into the chapter.

It was stated before the Brighton Tribunal recently that a hairdresser who worked voluntarily at a local military hospital had given 56,000 free shaves and hair-cuts to wounded soldiers.

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1½ inch wide, 17½¢ per yard.
2½ inch wide, 25¢ per yard.
3 inches wide, 30¢ per yard.
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Pure Irish Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs For Women at 30c Each

For neatness and practical service the hand-embroidered initialed handkerchiefs are among the most popular lines that we are now showing. As a Christmas suggestion we could not offer anything at equal cost that would prove more acceptable. The initial is in a very effective design and is beautifully worked, while the quality of lawn is specially fine. Sold singly or in boxes of three or six.

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PATIENT WOULD BLEED WHILE CANADA SOUGHT REFERENDUM BANDAGES

(Continued from page 1) the-war policy is now engraven on all sections of the riding...

Uncontrollable Chairman. Describing himself as a one-time uncontrollable Liberal, Joseph Patrick who ably presided over the proceedings...

Rev. George Dean. "With the thousands of Liberals and other men of every political stripe I had hoped that in this year of strife...

From this point the Rev. Mr. Dean went on to a eulogy of the Liberals who had joined Sir Robert, contending also that there were Conservatives in the Cabinet...

gentleman's sigh and "I'm a Liberal: God help me."

Laurier-Liberalism Mismiser.

The speaker failed to see anything new in the argument of the big interests and he went on to show how in the various notable changes of policy there had loomed up the same powers...

Dear Allies. A retentive memory possessed by the speaker would not allow him pass over that reference in Sir Wilfrid's speech, dealing with the Franchise Act...

Never Given. "But why the cry of disfranchisement?" queried the speaker. "Has there ever been a federal franchise extended to women?" he asked again with feigned perplexity.

Democratic and Necessary. In conclusion Mr. Dean said: "It is necessary to have conscription; conscription is fair; conscription is democratic."

Bourassa he was the real ruler of Quebec and Laurier could never be Premier of Canada without a solid Quebec. "And I ask you, is that the sort of company you want to travel with?"

Premier Brewster. The arrangement of the seats on the platform was reminiscent of the old days, said the Premier, as he noted that he had been placed to the left of "Mr. Speaker."

Down in Harness. The Premier pointed to the example of the fathers of Confederation, the magnificent stepping down and the shaking of hands in unison for the common weal.

Time For Individualism. "It is your duty then and my duty to lay aside partyism and step right out into the open. I am not one of those," he proceeded, "who believes that because a man differs with me politically that he has an ingrowing cussedness; for he has his rights just as much as I have, and a perfect license to hold whatever opinions he chooses."

Looking Backward. "I am not going to call any man a traitor," continued the Premier. "A man who calls me a traitor has got to be in a fairly good position."

The Broad View. Proceeding to a mental analysis of the personnel of the new cabinet Mr. Brewster told his audience that he was well acquainted with them all. "I think I am a fairly good judge of human nature and when anybody tells me about it, it was a great relief for them to do."

The Split. The Premier reiterated his disagreement with Laurier purely on the question of the Military Service Act. It had been said that the Act was not democratic, he believed, however, that it would be proved to be more democratic than many other measures.

you could not afford to send any hundred thousand or two hundred thousand and that was where conscription came in; it enabled the men to be picked. The Premier went on to show how unequal was the burden without conscription. There would always be the patriot and the indifferent. From this point Mr. Brewster recapitulated the conditions under which Sir Wilfrid had planned to recruit, if returned to power, and that was the exact spot at which the Liberal chieftain and the Premier of this Province found themselves at the parting of the ways.

U. S. Will Assist France. "The cry has gone forth," continued the Premier, "let the Americans do it, Canada has done enough." It is a comfort to know that the Sammie to the south are putting on their fighting clothes, but do you imagine for one moment that they are going to France to relieve Canadians? No."

It was a fine sentiment to talk about further Canadian assistance only in the matter of production, but that was leaving out the psychological phase of the situation. The moment you stop the stream of recruits that ties Canada to the firing line you are taking the first step to remove her from the firing line, and you surely will not do that until Canada has had something to say in the peace settlement.

Hon. Martin Burrell. Describing the election as the most momentous since the days of Confederation, Hon. Martin Burrell pointed out to the large audience that it was their duty to say on Monday next what course Canada should take. From his tour throughout British Columbia he had gleaned with a good deal of satisfaction that the thoughtful people would vote in support of the Unionist cause.

Yale's Attitude. Some had said that it was not a Union Government, and he would answer that in a perfectly correct position he had chosen to take. He had been told that some able speeches had been made from the same platform on the previous evening, but that they had been characterized in the main by a good deal of looking backward.

The Differences. To the Secretary of State, Quebec was a tragedy, and it was still more a tragedy to the gallant soldiers of Quebec who had fought so valiantly in France. Had the young men of Quebec been encouraged instead of discouraged they would have given in the same ratio to British Columbia. Place the blame where it belonged, suggested the Minister. It had been said that the recruiting methods of the last Government had been faulty.



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the last three years," iterated Mr. Burrell. "Sir Wilfrid Laurier had gone out with his wonderful eloquence and striking personality and appealed to the French-Canadian there would have been a great difference to-day. But now he stands against the Act, so what chance can he possibly foresee to get one man under the voluntary plan?"

More Hogs and Less Hell. The Minister went on to devote a little attention to ex-Judge McInnes and other Laurier-Liberal candidates and their supporters. He had seen in that night's paper references to the present cabinet as the "same old gang" and the "same old bunch."

Many Topics. From a eulogistic appraisal of the cabinet members Mr. Burrell dealt at length with the question of wealth conscription, describing it as one of the most effective systems in vogue in any other civilized country, and that it was the intention to carry out the plan to the limit. He pointed out the position of Sir Joseph Flavelle as being one entirely out of the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government.

Government was returned. "The only way to get the men back from the front is to get them back with honor by sending other men to take their places," concluded the Minister.

Sir Robert's Telegram. Hon. Mr. Burrell read the following telegram from Sir Robert Borden dated Halifax, December 11, 1917:

"It is my deep regret that in the pending election so needlessly forced on Canada during this awful war, I am unable to visit British Columbia and address the people of the Province who have given so inspiring a response to the call for service. Men and women alike, by effort and by sacrifice, have shown themselves conscious of the future of our Dominion, of the Empire, and of humanity itself will be decided in the last act of the tragic drama now being enacted in the world's theatre."

"Whether Canada shall continue or withdraw her effort in this war, whether our troops shall be supported or abandoned, is the one supreme question. The honor and good name of Canada is vitally and eternally involved. There is no escape from this issue and upon every man and every woman lies a direct and personal responsibility for its determination. Compared with it, the fortunes of individuals and the future of parties shrink into utter insignificance."

Private Luxton, a returned soldier paid a tribute to the valor of the French Canadian soldier in France. There had been no better battalion than the 22nd. "My God! are you going to desert us?" was the question from the trenches, he said. "What was to be the answer?" He took occasion to refute the

statements made by E. T. Young on Saturday night last regarding the welfare of soldiers in England. The men were well looked after, did not want for money, tobacco or means of entertainment.

Dr. Tolmie. Dr. Tolmie, who was the next speaker, said he had been asked by the City Council of North Vancouver as to whether he would support the development of the steel industry in British Columbia. His answer was to the effect that he would support the fostering of any industry in British Columbia.

The paramount topic was the war and how to win it. There were two plans before the people. The one had been tried and had worked itself into a state of dangerous exhaustion. The other meant an intelligent application of method to secure more men for the firing line without dislocating the nation's business. He stood for the latter. Conscription was the only process by which the burden could be equalized. He would not stop at men. He would take the whole resources of the country if need be for the one sole object of bringing the Hun into subjection. The question of the returned soldier, immigration, the increased development of Canada's natural resources, as a means to help discharge the obligations of the war, were dealt with by Dr. Tolmie, his views on the subject being by this time well known. As a candidate totally unfettered by party record or affiliation he concluded his address thus: "If I can be of any service to you, elect me on the seventh. If you don't, well, I've got a good place to go to."



Five Months on an Ice-Floe

Bovril saves life of Shackleton's Men

Sir Ernest Shackleton wrote:—

"When the Endurance sank in the Weddell Sea, we had to seek refuge on the shifting ice. Most of the stores had to be scrapped, as the avoidance of weight was of great importance. It was then that the Bovril rations were of such splendid help. During our five and a-half months' drift on the floe, the Bovril rations formed one of the staple diets; and after the ice broke up, and we took to the boats, they were our mainstay. I think it is not too much to say that without them, few, if any, of us would have survived."

The following is an extract from the published official cable relating to the party left on Elephant Island under Mr. Frank Wild:—

"When Sir Ernest left there were rations for six weeks, but, realizing that rescue might be delayed long beyond that period, Wild determined to exercise most stringent economy.

"He decided to husband the Bovril ration, which was to form the staple sustenance. The stocks of tea and coffee having been exhausted months before, this was, too, the only form of hot beverage they possessed, and it was issued in this form once a day. Twice weekly it was given out to each man without water as a meal."

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STORM KING REACHES NORTHERN B. C. EARLY

Mining Engineer Galloway Here; Says Season in North Has Been Busy

"The winter has set in early in the North, and has made mining rather difficult on account of creating additional transportation problems," said J. D. Gal-

loway, mining engineer for the northern district who is in the city. He states that the early setting in of winter has rather curtailed his activities in the field. On the whole, mining has progressed well in 1917 throughout the ridings forming his division. The Rocher Deboile, he says, is shipping higher grades of ore. The New Hazelton Gold-Cobalt Co., whose claims are situated on the west side of the Rocher Deboile mountain, have good promises of gold and molybdenite, and some of the silver lead properties, tributary to the Hazeltons, all have shown considerable activity during this past season. In addition to the opening up of two roads tributary to Telkwa, for giving accessibility to various mining properties, the activities of the Public Works Engineer and himself have been largely directed to the examination of properties which at present have no transportation, to ascertain whether the prospects are

such as to warrant the construction of road facilities. The Northern division is so large that there is still a great deal to be done, and some parts of the country have not even yet been examined. Mr. Galloway fully appreciates the great opportunity which lies before the Government in aiding mining development in this section of the Province. The Cariboo riding is also in his division. He states that while the hydraulic concerns have been operating as usual during 1917 there was a little excitement with regard to quartz mining near Barkerville, but the properties appear to have been held too high to warrant any transfer looking to development on an extended scale. When he came down in September, he brought specimens of molybdenite from a prospect in the Lac La Hache district, which aroused considerable interest among Coast mining men. The property, however, is too far from transportation for anything to have been done hitherto towards development.

"HOUSE CONTEST" IS AROUSING INTEREST

Fifty-One Firms Are Now Co-operating; One Ballot for Each Dollar

Although The Times "house contest" is hardly under way, it was evident yesterday that the interest in it during the next three months will be extraordinarily keen. The jar containing the automobile parts was placed in position in The Times business office window on Monday afternoon, and all day yesterday it was the centre of attraction. The jar, it may be mentioned, was filled in the big workshop of the Best Motor Co., through the kindness of Mr. Flayfair, the jar itself being kindly loaned by the Masters bakery and confectionary establishment. The lid of the jar is sealed, and the seal will not be broken until after the last ballot is cast.

Forty-one firms are now co-operating in the unique contest, an addition being made to the list yesterday by the inclusion of the Fletcher music establishment. The first ballots were cast yesterday on account of goods purchased at the store of Hawkins and Hayward. All ballots must be placed in a big box in The Times office. These ballots, by the way, must be properly filled out, or they will be disqualified by the judges.

A ballot is given for each purchase of one dollar. In reply to several inquiries yesterday, contestants were informed that for a purchase of \$1.99 for example, only one ballot is obtainable, so that the amount of a purchase should be made up to an even dollar, if possible, the alternative being to keep the receipted sales slips until others are secured in order to make the even amount.

Purchases of White Swan soap and washing powder, Pacific Milk, Nabob specialties, and Royal Standard flour may be made at any grocery store in town, irrespective of whether the store at which the purchase is made is represented on the two special pages, but all other goods must be obtained from one of the forty-one stores taking part in the contest.

Old accounts that are paid within the contest period may be used in making application for ballots. Further particulars may be obtained at The Times office.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL

Capt. W. O. Campbell Receives King's Medal in Hospital at Hands of Maj.-Gen. Leckie, G. O. C.

Seriously ill with the after-effects of shell shock and gas poisoning sustained during the winter of last year, Capt. W. O. Campbell was yesterday presented with the King's Medal for twenty-one years' continuous service in the Colonial Auxiliary Forces. The presentation, which was made by Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., G. O. C., took place at St. Joseph's Hospital.

After Capt. Campbell had sufficiently recovered from his injuries he was returned to Canada to assist in the organization of the 194th Battalion, but had a relapse, and had to spend another eight months in hospital, leaving which he was sent to this city by a medical board. Ten months ago, he suffered another setback, and although his condition has now improved he is still seriously ill. He is a native of Chatham, Ont., and a grandson of a former Chief Justice of that Province.

ENGAGEMENT CLOSED.

Robinson: "Halloo, old boy! How are you? Glad to see you. By the way, I heard you were engaged to Miss Bondclippner."
Jones: "No, Robinson; I was engaged to her, but that is past."
"Well, Jones, between you and me, now, you are a lucky boy. She's rich, of course, but that is all she has to recommend her. And then her money is only prospective, you know. Her father might lose it all before the daughter got to handle it. But tell me how you managed to break off the engagement."
"I didn't break it off."
"Oh, she did it herself, did she? But perhaps I ought not to say anything about it. I supposed, of course, you broke it off yourself, as she was so anxious to marry; everybody knows that."
"Oh, you needn't apologize. I'm not worrying at all about it."
"That's good. I like to see a man keep up his spirits. Might I inquire what made her break it off?"
"Oh, she didn't break it off either."
"Then how did you manage to get out of the engagement?"
"I married her last week."

CHARACTER IN LEAD PENCILS.

Scientific investigators of child-life tell us that in no way does a boy or girl reveal their traits more than in the manner in which they sharpen their lead pencils. Here is seen whether a child is impulsive, destructive, wasteful, impatient, criminal, or easygoing, artistic, considerate, economical, thoughtful or careful. The child who gouges out great pieces from the sides of his pencil shows impulsiveness and generosity. If he breaks off a chunk with his finger-nails he shows destructiveness and an utter disregard of the feelings and rights of others. Should he smooth his pencil down to a long point, he shows an artistic temperament and a considerate disposition. If he cuts his pencil off in a stub he shows economy, carefulness and quickness. In fact, the way children sharpen their pencils is a clear indication of what sort of men and women they are likely to be.—TIT-BITS.

AGAIN ON BATTLELINE



PTE. W. STUBBS Who left with the 13th Field Ambulance in June, 1916, was gassed on October 28, and has now returned to duty.

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Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 6 in box, per box.....	\$2.00	Stamped Gowns, embroidered, each, each, \$1.25 and.....	\$1.00
Gents' Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, each, 50¢, 45¢, 40¢, 35¢ and.....	25c	Stamped Pillow Cases, fine patterns, per pair.....	\$1.00
Oval Scalloped Tray Cloths, each.....	55c	Hemmed Table Napkins, large size, per dozen.....	\$2.50
Fine Plain Hemstitched Pillow Cases, per pair.....	\$1.00	Hemstitched Damask Cloths, size 60 x 60, each.....	\$1.50
Embroidered Hemstitched Pillow Cases, per pair, \$1.75, \$1.50 and.....	\$1.25	Hemmed Damask Cloths, all sizes, each, \$2.00, \$2.50 and.....	\$3.00
Hand Embroidered Madeira Doilies, each, \$1.00, 75¢ and.....	65c	Bleached Table Damask, 60 and 72 ins. wide, yard, 75¢, 85¢ and.....	\$1.00
Hand-Embroidered Madeira Centre Pieces, each, \$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.50 and.....	\$3.00	Plain Hemstitched Pillow Cases, per pair, 65¢ and.....	75c
Embroidered Linen Baby Pillow Covers, each.....	\$1.00	White Turkish Towels, per pair, 65¢, 85¢, \$1.00 and.....	\$1.50
Embroidered Irish Linen Tea Napkins, 6 for \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and.....	\$4.00	Large Embroidered Bedspreads on sale, each, \$6.50 and.....	\$7.50
Hand-Embroidered Madeira Tea Napkins, 6 for \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and.....	\$5.50	Bath Mats, thick heavy quality, each, \$2.00, \$1.75 and.....	\$1.50
Embroidered White or Natural Cushion Covers, each.....	\$1.00	Colored Border White Turkish Towels, per pair.....	\$1.50
Embroidered Linen Tray Cloths, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and.....	\$2.50	Irish Linen Tablecloths, each.....	\$6.50
Irish Linen Guest Towels, per pair.....	\$1.00	Irish Linen Table Sets, cloth with napkins to match, \$6.50, \$8.50, \$12.50 and.....	\$14.50
Plain Hemstitched Linen Tray Cloths, each, 50¢ and.....	60c	Nottingham Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long, per pair, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and.....	\$3.00
Embroidered Tea Cloths, size 36 x 36, each.....	75c	Best English Sheeting, 72, 80 and 90 inches wide, per yard, 65¢ and.....	75c
Ladies' Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 6 in box, per box, \$1.25 and.....	\$1.00	White Marcella Bedspreads, medium or large size, each, \$3.50, \$4.50 and.....	\$5.00
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PROVOST-MARSHAL

Col. G. Godson-Godson, D. S. O., Late of Vancouver, is Appointed to Position

Military orders issued by Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., G. O. C., announce that Lieut.-Colonel G. Godson-Godson, D. S. O., has been temporarily appointed provost-marshal for the Dominion of Canada, with the rank of temporary colonel.

For over a year Col. Godson-Godson has been in command of the London Canadian district in England, prior to which he was camp commandant at Canadian Corps Headquarters in France, a position to which he was appointed on recovery from the very serious wounds he received while fighting with the 16th Battalion at the second battle of Ypres, when his throat and lower part of his face were so badly smashed by bullets that he had to undergo three operations before becoming again ready for duty.

Col. Godson-Godson, before the war, lived at Vancouver, where he is well-known.

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THIRD TIME WOUNDED

Pte. B. N. ("Scotty") Morley is Now at Texteth Park Military Hospital, Liverpool.

Wounded for the third time on November 7, Pte. B. N. ("Scotty") Morley, who left the city with the 88th Battalion, afterwards becoming at-

tached to the 28th Battalion, and who, previous to enlisting, lived at 665 Niagara Street, is now in the Texteth Park Military Hospital, Liverpool. His last wounds were sustained at Passchendaele, and consisted of six hits in the back, his right foot also being rendered useless through the effects of a bursting shell. While here he was a pupil at South Park School and Corrig College.



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 Queen Alexandra Hive, L. O. T. M.—Election of officers to-night in K. of P. Hall.
 To Help Halifax Fund.—The proceeds of the police dance next Monday will be devoted to the Halifax Relief Fund.
 Opium Case.—Paraphernalia seized at an opium joint was ordered to-day by Magistrate Jay to be confiscated and one Chinaman was fined the usual penalty of \$15 and costs for being a frequenter.
 A Troublesome Dog.—A report has been filed with the police by a Vancouver Street resident about a white Spitz dog which bit a child yesterday. A number of the people in the district know the dog and will not miss his departure when the police run him to earth.
 Deer Skins for Red Cross.—The season for deer shooting ends on December 15, and hunters in this district are again reminded that the Red Cross Society can use deer skins and will be glad to get as many as possible delivered during this month to Pichon & Lenesty on Johnson Street, who are caring for them for the Society and keeping a record of all the skins turned in. This is another case where the Red Cross has been able to find a means of using for its great work an article that has heretofore, on account of the prohibitory law, been of no value.
 Xmas Will Soon Be Here.—Isn't it time you called at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates, and arranged for your sitting, Phone 3161.

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DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE WILL HELP HALIFAX
 United Effort to Be Made; Jams Appreciated in Old Country

Steps are being taken by the Daughters of the Empire in British Columbia to offer a united sympathy and assistance to the stricken city of Halifax. A fund has been opened with the provincial treasurer, at the headquarters, Temple Building, Victoria, B. C., and the president has instructed that the chapters be circulated, informing them of this arrangement, and forwarding an appeal.
 A resolution has also been received from the municipal executive, Vancouver asking that the national executive be petitioned to make this appeal Dominion wide within the order, and further suggests that the moneys thus collected be devoted to the needs of the children of Halifax, and be administered by the Municipal Chapter—I. O. D. E. in that city, to whom a telegram of sympathy will be immediately forwarded in the name of the order in British Columbia.
 Visit to Comox.
 The provincial secretary has just returned from a visit to the 192 Regina French Chapter, Courtenay, where she was the guest of the regent, Mrs. Kilpatrick. A splendid meeting of the chapter was held on Thursday evening in the Opera House, where many matters of interest and importance to the working of the order were discussed. This chapter, although only formed last June, now has a roll of 146 members. Owing to distances, a committee of the chapter, under an able convenor, will hold working meetings in Comox, where the Red Cross, and other patriotic work has ever been loyally maintained.
 In Nanaimo a visit was paid to the Christmas Fair rooms, where the Bastion Chapter was busily engaged in preparation for this event; and to the Malespina Chapter, which was holding a real Christmas party in St. Paul's schoolroom. The secretary felt it a great privilege to be present at such a happy gathering, and was more impressed than ever with the importance of the work of the I. O. D. E. among the young. The enthusiasm of the regent, Miss Duff Peto, and her officers, and the real service rendered by the committee in charge called to mind the touching words addressed many years ago by a great English writer to an audience of young people, "Work while you have the light, but especially while you have the light of the morning."
 Want Billiard Table.
 The chapters, both at Courtenay and Nanaimo, are busily interested in adding to the Christmas cheer at the M. C. Hospital at Qualicum. A billiard table is very badly needed for this hospital, and this request was brought to the attention of the chapters.
 The following letter from London will be of general interest to the Order and to the many friends who again so generously contributed to the January gift. They will be glad to learn that their efforts are very really appreciated:
 Dear Mrs. Hasell.—We have just received 15 splendid cases of jam sent in by the I. O. D. E., British Columbia.
 I am directed to convey through you our great gratitude for this most welcome and generous gift. Jam is now becoming as great a luxury as hot-house fruit used to be, and I hear that by the early spring there will not be a pot left in the country. The sugar shortage, of course, prevented much fruit being preserved last summer.
 Will you please say to the members of your Order that no gift is more welcome to-day than jam.
 With very grateful thanks,
 Sincerely yours,
 (Sgr.) ELEANOR McLAREN BROWN,
 Hon. Sec. Ladies' Committee, Canadian War Contingent Association.
 Eggs Marks Act.—The evidence against J. W. Gillis, of the New England Meat Market, was completed in the City Police Court to-day and a fine of \$5 was imposed for a breach of the Eggs Marks Act.
 8th Regiment Fusiliers.—There will be no parades of "A" and "B" companies of the 8th regiment after Thursday, December 12, 1917, until Thursday, January 19, 1918, on which date it is ordered that all officers N. C. Os. and men must be on parade.
 Wage on Platform.—Besides the speakers the following occupied seats on the platform at Dr. Tomlin's meeting at Pantages Theatre last night: Senator Barnard, Messrs. George Bell, M. P. E. J. R. Warricker, Robert J. Forster, H. W. Davies, R. W. Perry, Alderman Andros, J. O. Cameron, H. E. A. Courtenay, Captain Macdonald, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, Mrs. F. Andrews, Mrs. G. L. Foulkes, Mrs. Palmer, Miss McGraw, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Ackroyd, Messrs. J. L. Beckwith, William Manson, A. C. Flummerfelt and Bishop Schofield.
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 Hugh Gilmour Learns of Progress Made in Neighboring States
 WILL FRAME RULES FOR OPERATION IN PROVINCE

From a fourteen day trip to San Francisco on business connected with the "Safety First" branch of the Workmen's Compensation Board's operations, Hugh Gilmour, one of the members of the Board, has just returned to the city. The major portion of his time down south was spent in the California city called at Portland on his return journey, and while in Seattle visiting the factories, machine shops, and saw-mills, at both places.
 The object of Mr. Gilmour's trip was to afford himself an opportunity of getting into close touch with the many safety devices now brought to a state nearing perfection by the older and more experienced Boards. Upon the information secured by him the Board will proceed to draw up certain fundamental rules governing protective measures to become operative in the Province of British Columbia. While it will be understood that volumes of information on this particular subject have been in the hands of the Board for some time past, the members have hesitated upon action until satisfied that a plan contemplated would be a purely practical one.
 American Thoroughness.
 Every courtesy and facility to get to the kernel of the subject was extended to Mr. Gilmour by the directorate of the California Board at the head offices in San Francisco. To act more or less as an educational measure both with employer and employee a museum has been established in connection with this particular American Board. The "accident primer" consists of a series of photographs showing a varied, if somewhat gruesome, series of accidents caused in devious manner and by many means, and improperly protected machinery.
 Each accident picture has its antidote alongside. That is to say there is an ocular demonstration of the precise manner such could have been prevented. In addition to this pictorially educative branch many manufacturers have loaned parts of machinery, in some cases identical with the pictured component, with the safety device attached. The value of this excellent system of education is further enhanced by exemplification by experts in the service of the Board ever ready to demonstrate and satisfy all questions.
 Throughout the state of California first class results have followed in the wake of this programme.
 Accident Clock.
 As a further means of bringing home to the general public the seriousness of the whole question of "safety first," the street windows of the San Francisco offices are devoted to unique tell tales. One of these is a large clock so regulated that precisely every fifteen seconds a steel ball, three-eighths of an inch in diameter, is released into a pyramidal contrivance, which is inclined to occur to the passer by that an accident occurs in the United States every fifteen seconds. A similar mechanism, but with a steel ball one inch in diameter, proclaims in like fashion that every fifteen minutes a fatal accident occurs in the United States. The two clocks are constantly in motion and continue their mute appeal to the public to heed the slogan: "Safety first."
 Work to Be Done.
 Since July 1 of the present year over six hundred inspections of plants in British Columbia have been carried out by the Board and while some of the mills of the Province are now safeguarded with the latest devices, leaving nothing to be desired, there are quite a number concerning which theoretical and practical education is still necessary before even the fundamental rules are complied with. Generally speaking, however, when it is taken into consideration that the Board has not yet passed its first birthday much useful work along the "safety first" line has already been accomplished. Moreover, the new regulations will enable uniformity of principle to be achieved in a very short space of time.
 Mr. Gilmour declares that the magic words British Columbia were open sesame to him in San Francisco and no matter where he went in search of information there was an immediate inclination to give everything up to attend to his wants.

ANNUAL MEETING OF B. C. ORPHAN'S HOME

Good Reports of Year's Work Submitted; Management Committee Elected
 The annual meeting of subscribers to the B. C. Protestant Orphanage was held in the Council Chamber, at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. In the absence of Charles Hayward, the president, who is lying ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, A. R. Wolfenden was appointed to the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Hayward and family in his illness, coupled with an expression of pleasure at the news of his progress towards recovery.
 Ladies' Committee.
 Mrs. David Miller, in presenting the yearly report of the ladies' committee, stated that there are now 69 children in the Home—35 girls and 34 boys. Fifteen have been received during the year, several placed at services, or in private homes, and one death occurred in October. Reference was made to the loss sustained by the passing of the late Mrs. J. M. Langley, a valued member of the committee.
 Notwithstanding the anxiety of the times, the children had not been overlooked by benevolent citizens. Grateful acknowledgment was made to Mrs. W. C. Todd, Masters—Roydon and Arthur Morris, and the Misses McTavish, Heimcken, Morley and Master Ainsley Heimcken for brightening the children's Christmas, and to Mrs. F. S. Barnard and Mrs. Andrew Wright, who entertained the little ones during the summer. So generous was the response on the "Found Day" held in June, that the temporary shortage of supplies was quickly replenished. Particular reference was made to the generous gifts from "Cloverdale," and the invaluable assistance received from the "Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters," which every month supplies a parcel of new clothing, and to Mrs. Suttie and the staff and pupils of St. George's School for a well-filled Thanksgiving hamper. The sum of \$23.29 was received from the Daughters of the Empire, representing a share of the proceeds of "Alexandra Rose Day," a gift which was greatly appreciated.
 Gardens Valuable.
 Miss Johnson, the matron, and her assistant, Miss Brown, Miss Hanna, the teacher, and Mr. Pollard, who teaches the children singing, all came in for words of praise from the committee for the kindness, coupled with efficiency, displayed in their work at the institution. It was stated that the gardens cultivated by the children during the summer had proved of practical value, the potatoes grown having been sufficient to supply many meals. Thanks were tendered to the directors and staff of the Jubilee Hospital for assistance rendered; to Dr. Bryant and Dr. Lewis Hall for professional services, and to the many others who had in sundry ways rendered assistance during the year.
 Financial Report.
 In the absence of the treasurer, A. W. Bridgman, J. W. Speck read Mr. Bridgman's report of the finances as follows:
 Receipts:
 Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce, current account, Dec. 8, 1916 \$1,688.51
 Balance at Canadian Bank of Commerce, savings account 1,688.94
 Interest on mortgages and debentures 246.75
 Donations 1,522.19
 Maintenance fees 2,996.87
 Rent from Esquimalt property 84.90
 Shawinigan Lake property, payment on account of purchase money 275.00
 Discounts on tradesmen's accounts 65.33
 \$8,642.08
 Expenditure:
 Salaries and wages \$1,923.15
 Taxes 291.12
 Shawinigan Lake property, commission on sale 25.00
 Commission on collections of maintenance fees, subscriptions and rent 172.60
 Fire insurance premiums 26.20
 Postages 26.25
 Fuel 653.25
 Light 85.24
 Telephone rent 45.85
 Funeral expenses 49.50
 Gifts and presentations (usual at Christmas) 28.15
 Furnishings for the Home 422.95
 Repairs inside Home 778.21
 Repairs outside Home 33.10
 Advertising 22.90
 Expressage and hack hire 10.20
 Sundry tradesmen's accounts 3,438.29
 Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce current account, Nov. 29, 1917 372.37
 \$8,642.08
 Audited and found correct,
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 Victoria, B. C., December 8, 1917.
 Mr. Speck pointed out that the above statement included the period from December 8, 1916, to November 30, 1917, since which date nearly \$700 has been received in subscriptions. Several requests were left to the Home during the year, from estates now being wound up, and from which it is anticipated moneys will be received in the New Year. Following the receipt of the reports, Dr. Clay suggested the waiving of the usual practice of printing the reports in booklet form, in view of the shortage of funds, but after some discussion it was decided to follow the usual custom, and the reports will be printed for distribution.
 Board of Management.
 The election of the committee of the Board of Management for 1918 then took place, with the result that last year's committee was re-elected. The personnel follows: A. J. W. Bridgman, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Lawrence Goodacre, T. W. Hawkins, Charles Hayward, T. H. Laundy, Arthur Lee, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. A. B. Owen, G. J. Porter, Wm. Scofield, and A. R. Wolfenden.
 Dr. Bryant was re-elected hon. physician; Dr. Lewis Hall, hon. dentist; Thornton Fell, K. C., solicitor, and W.



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Curtis Sampson, auditor. The election of the executive will take place at a meeting of the Board of Management some time within the week.
 In Arrears.
 Mrs. Todd asked if steps could be taken to ensure more prompt payment of maintenance fees by delinquent parents. During the course of the ensuing discussion it was mentioned that the city of Nanaimo is in considerable arrears with regard to the support of some children sent to the Orphanage by that body. It was finally moved by Rev. E. G. Miller, seconded by Mrs. McCulloch, that the matter of the collection of maintenance fees be taken up by the Finance Committee.
 Underwriters' Meeting.—At a meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association of Victoria on Monday at the Dominion Hotel, the vacancy in the Executive Committee caused by Wm. Haight's transfer to Vancouver in the interests of his company, was filled by Mr. Lewis, district manager of the Confederation Life. The president, F. M. McGregor, in an able manner thanked the members for the splendid support rendered to him during the Victory Loan Campaign, and also for the splendid results attained. Several discussions took place on matters pertaining to the business of the association which as F. M. Kilner, the secretary, reports is making rapid progress.
 Dr. Rochester Bereaved.—Word has reached the city that Sgt. Ernest Rochester, son of the Rev. Dr. Rochester, of Toronto, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was killed in action on Nov. 28. The young soldier was one of three brothers serving with the overseas forces.
 Oak Bay Christmas Party.—A Christmas party in aid of the Oak Bay Red Cross will be held in the Oak Bay Hotel on Thursday, December 29, from 2 till 6 p. m. A musical programme has been arranged by Mrs. R. W. Hanington. Fancy work, dolls and other articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be on sale, in addition to home-made candy and cooking.
 Girls' Re-entrainment.—At the public meeting to be held this week under the auspices of the Civil Re-entrainment Association, a subject important to all who have relatives fighting at the front will be brought forward. The Association invites all relatives of those of His Majesty's forces who are ratepayers in the city to attend, as the matter for discussion will be the delinquent civic taxes upon the homes of absent soldiers, and how they may obtain relief and not visionary relief as now proposed by the Soldier's Relief Act. A recommendation to the executive of the Provincial Government will be submitted for full discussion; and the chair will be taken by the president of the Association.

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BOYS' CLASSES WILL PLAY AT BASKETBALL

Canadian Standard Efficiency Test League Will Soon Commence Games

A basketball league composed of teams entered from Sunday School Boys' Classes taking the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test Programme will be started at the Y. M. C. A. in the near future.

As soon as the entries have been received schedules will be drafted and the games commenced. It is probable that the contests will be carried right over the Christmas season.

NEW SCHEME ON FOOT FOR PLAYING OF THE NEXT WORLD CLASSIC

New York, Dec. 12.—Magnates of both big leagues are willing to have tried out a scheme which Barney Dreyfuss has had in mind for many years.

It was just such a project as was arranged between the American Association and the International League last winter, and which fell through because President Hickey of the association got a case of cold feet after the season was well under way.

This interleague series between the two big minors would have satisfied the majors as to the advisability of such a scheme for the world pennant.

COURTS WILL DECIDE

New York, Dec. 12.—Legality of boxing bouts under the club membership plan in New York has been put up to special sessions court.

VICTORIA ATHLETES IN FRANCE



CAPT. OKELL AND MAJOR NICHOLSON, D.S.O.

The above picture, reproduced from a photograph taken "Somewhere in France," will be of considerable interest to Victorians, as it is that of two local men who have become as distinguished soldiers as they were athletes before donning the khaki.

SCHEDULE DRAWN FOR MILITARY HOCKEY GO

Fifteen Games Called for Says Dispatch Reporting Recent Meeting

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—At yesterday's meeting of the Winnipeg Hockey League, the schedule for the season, 15 games, 10 for each of the three teams, was drawn up, commencing December 27 and finishing February 21.

FOOTBALL MEETING AGAIN TO SUBMIT OFFER FOR MATCH

The Victoria and District Football Association will meet this evening when several matters of importance will be dealt with.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL VS. RUGBY IS ISSUE WITH UNIVERSITIES

Stanford is Prepared to Play Both Games; Awaits California's Decision

An attempt has been made recently by representatives of Stanford and California to bring the two universities together again on the football field, but without result.

If the matter is ended, it is a most unfortunate situation. The big game between California and Stanford has always been the "sporting" event of the year for San Franciscans.

With Stanford ready and willing to play both games, it would then be up to the old grade to show their hand in support of the one they liked the better.

WATER NYMPHS MUST SECURE CHAPERON

Australian Girls Must Be Accompanied by Guardian Coming to Coast

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Australian girl swimmers who visit the United States in the future must be accompanied by chaperons.

This ruling was made recently by Australian amateur sporting authorities, according to word reaching here.

On account of the ruling Pacific coast swimming promoters figure that it will cost over \$2,000 to bring Miss Durack here for the series of meets in which it is intended to enter her.

In beating eggs take care there is no grease of any kind on the whisk, or it will prevent the eggs from frothing.

EIGHT-CLUB CIRCUIT FOR "NORTHWESTERN"

Higher Rating Will Be Sought by Ball Magnates Next Season, is Report

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—If Portland is kicked out of the Coast League, this city will immediately become a member of the Northwestern League.

Such was the definite announcement by Judge McCredie, following a conference in Seattle with Northwestern League heads.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Formal application will be made by Sacramento for a Coast League franchise when the annual meet of the league magnates is held in Los Angeles next week.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 12.—Cal Ewing, owner of the Oakland Coast League Club, said that deals he has pending for the sale of Rod Murphy, "Speed" Martin and Billy Lane to major league clubs have been held up by the war.

Yes, Max Carey is a great little retiree. If his "fine business opening in California" doesn't pan out, he can retire from that and sign up again with the Pirates.

GOLF COMPETITION HAS REALIZED \$186

Oak Bay Branch of Red Cross Society Benefits as Result of Event

The Committee of the Oak Bay Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society have received from the Victoria Golf Club the very substantial donation of \$186.

Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, of Tyee Siding, the Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, is a lumberman with large interests in the district.

BE A CANADIAN AND SMASH THE PROFITEERS AND THE POLITICAL MACHINE

For Canada and the Empire To the Electors Nanaimo Federal Riding

As Unionist Candidate for this Riding, duly selected by Convention as representative of the Liberals and Conservatives, Labor, Win-the-War League, Returned Soldiers, and Farmers, I call upon you in the name of Canada for your wholehearted support.

NANAIMO FOOTBALL PLAYER IS KILLED ON WESTERN FRONT

Sergt. W. C. "Billy" Mitchell is dead. He was killed in action October 20. His wife, Mrs. W. C. Mitchell, of Nanaimo, has been notified that her husband has paid the supreme sacrifice and is mourning his loss with four little children.

HAS SUBMITTED A NEW PROPOSITION TO TEAM

Montreal, Dec. 12.—President Frank Calder, of the National Hockey League, announced to-day that he had submitted a proposition to the Wanderers relative to the strengthening of their team.

MAY BE REINSTATED

New York, Dec. 12.—Golfing circles are interested in a report that the United States Golf Association may reinstate Francis Ouimet, the former champion, to full amateur standing on patriotic grounds.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NANAIMO FEDERAL RIDING

Advertisement for Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding. Includes a portrait of Mr. Stewart and text detailing his background and political stance.

Advertisement for Shoe Polishes, featuring the brand name 'SHOE POLISHES' and 'BLACK WHITE TAN' with a price of 10¢.

Advertisement for Thorpe's Wines and Cordials, listing various products like Puro Fruit Wines, Sloe Gin, and Ho-Ke tonic.

Advertisement for Telegraph Bowling, reporting scores from Calgary, Lethbridge, and Youngtown.

Advertisement for Salary Goes On, discussing the cost of living and the impact on wages.

Bank of Montreal Receives Centenary Balance Sheet

Annual Meeting Also Marked Completion of Fifty Years of Uninterrupted Services in the Bank by Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.—Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor Draws Attention to the Developments That Have Had Special Effect on Canada's Economic Position During the Past Year—Tribute to Men Overseas.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The 100th Annual Meeting of the Bank of Montreal proved one of the outstanding historical events in the long career of the Bank.

The reports presented indicated that the Bank is in a stronger position today than perhaps it has ever been.

Coupled with the celebration of the 100th anniversary was the completion of fifty years of uninterrupted service in the Bank by Sir Vincent Meredith, the President.

The high esteem in which Sir Vincent is held by the shareholders was manifested by the warm tributes made to him by the shareholders present.

Mr. Nelson, one of the oldest shareholders, in drawing attention to the 100th anniversary, referred particularly to the stalwarts of to-day at the head of the Bank, mentioning particularly Sir Vincent Meredith, R. B. Angus, and Lord Shaughnessy, and hoped that when the history of another 100 years was ended that they would be included among the stalwarts.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor referred particularly to the great number of men the Bank had already sent overseas and made the statement that at the present time 42% of the staff of the Bank were women clerks.

The members of the staff overseas have established a most honorable record and in conclusion Sir Frederick referred particularly to the great loss both the Bank and Canada had sustained through the death overseas of Captain David Jellett Barker, who had been assistant to the General Manager of the Bank. His loss has been a deplorable one.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal always attracts a good deal of interest owing to the important announcements made at it regarding commercial and trade conditions in Canada. This should be particularly so this year, as it is recognized that the Dominion has been thrown on its own resources almost entirely as a result of the developments in connection with the European war.

Owing to the 100th anniversary, Sir Vincent Meredith, the president, drew attention to some of the features of expansion the Bank had enjoyed, and expressed the view that he was warranted in stating, that never during the Bank's long course was its prestige higher, its business in sounder or more elastic condition, and its earning power greater than he believed them to be to-day. He also expressed pleasure in believing that the Bank had never enjoyed a wider measure of public confidence.

Business Conditions in Canada, Sir Vincent referred particularly to the general conditions in the country, stating that business conditions in Canada continue buoyant.

There had been no recession in the great wave of industrial and commercial activity of the past few years, and trade in all lines is highly prosperous. Sir Vincent pointed out that Canada's chief concern was to prepare for the period after the war, and recommended that Canada's trade should be extended in all directions during the period of the post-bellum reconstruction, either through commercial intelligence acting directly for the Government or a board approved by the Government.

Canada to Meet New Conditions, Sir Vincent, in concluding, took an optimistic view regarding the outlook in Canada, saying in part:

"Our country is one of the most productive in the world. Our gold holdings per capita almost equal those of the United States. Our natural resources are unbounded, and our credit is irrefragable. There are no doubt difficulties and anxieties ahead which we shall still have to face, but I think you may look forward with confidence to providing without undue strain for the burden of our patriotic endeavor."

Taking Optimistic View of Future.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in referring to the great privilege that was afforded him to present to the shareholders the centenary balance sheet, drew attention to the fact that it was also the anniversary of the President, Sir Vincent Meredith, who had completed fifty years of uninterrupted service in the bank and it was therefore, opportune that they should extend to both heartfelt congratulations.

Sir Frederick referred particularly to the developments during the year that had affected the business of the Bank and the country. He pointed out that above all other events the entry of the United States of America into the war stood paramount, and bore upon the Canadian economic and banking position with a force, the effect of which is only now commencing to be felt.

"Shortly after the outbreak of war," said Sir Frederick, "Wall Street took the place of the London market for our country's public loans, and continued in that place until a few months ago. Now the influx of American capital is scanty, the inflow of borrowed money from the United States—which we had come to look upon as a matter of course—is suspended, it may be until the end of the war; and Canada is 'or her own.'"

Sir Frederick took the view that such developments would be regarded too seriously by some and not seriously enough by others. On the one hand, industrial developments would be checked, but on the other hand the inability to borrow may prove a blessing in disguise, once we have adjusted our affairs to the changed conditions.

Policy of the Bank Fully Justified, Sir Frederick drew attention to the necessity of the banks of the country to keep themselves in particularly strong shape owing to the difficulty there was to raise the future. This permitted Sir Frederick to draw attention to the position of the Bank of Montreal, when he said:

"Thanks mainly to the soundness of our banking system and to the healthy condition of our banks, Canada can still hold up her financial head. Our own Bank's ratio of quick assets to liabilities is 75 1/2 per cent compared with 75 per cent a year ago, and 64 per cent the preceding year."

"We have heard it remarked by certain friends that the Canadian banks are too strong, and your own Bank particularly so, but permit me to ex-

Building operations are restricted. Labor is fully employed at high wages and there continues to be a deficiency in the supply.

In the ten-year period, 1906 to 1915, the amount of capital employed in manufacturing industries in Canada increased from \$246,585,000 to \$1,984,103,000, or by 135 per cent, while the value of the products of these establishments rose from \$718,552,000 to \$1,407,900,000, a gain of 95 per cent. The output of munition plants has doubtless been a factor, though it is obvious that the industries of Canada are steadily enlarging the volume of their business and finding new markets.

Bank loans have been augmented in consequence of the high prices paid for all merchandise. These high prices are the cause of some uneasiness to merchants carrying large stocks, and while I would counsel prudence, it is not apparent to me how there can be any material reduction in the cost of commodities in the near future.

No one can tell how long the war will last. The imperative need, therefore, for efficiency and increased production, together with economies in all public and private expenditures is obvious.

As for our splendid contingent with the Colors, they are above praise. We follow their future in France with anxious pride, and will welcome them back when the war is won. Many have been wounded. No less than 100 lie under the reeking sod of shattered Flanders. The names of these splendid patriots will stand forever both in the records of our Bank and of our Empire, which they have served so well. It would be remiss not to refer to the great loss we have sustained in the recent death at the front of Captain David Jellett Barker. I can find no words with which to express my personal regret, while to the Bank and his country the untimely closing of a career such as his is deplorable indeed.

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SIR VINCENT MEREDITH, BART. President Closes 50 Years of Uninterrupted Service With Bank of Montreal

press my clear conviction that the sheet anchor of our Canadian national ship is the Canadian bank, and that the anchor must be strong to hold against wind and tide. The Banks have kept strong in an endeavor to prevent currency inflation, while at the same time they have made war advances to the Canadian and Imperial Governments to an amount that would have been regarded as impossible three years ago. Such advances are naturally included among liquid assets. The loans made by the banks to the Canadian and Imperial Governments have enabled the business of the country to be carried to an extent otherwise impracticable."

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, In his address to the shareholders, dealt more particularly with the many problems that Canada had overcome during the past year. He expressed a confidence in the future, and took occasion to congratulate the people of the Dominion on the great success that had attended the Victory Loan just closed. He expressed a view that the large amount obtained would look after all necessary financing till well on towards the close of next year. Sir Vincent said, in part:

"The year, like the preceding one, has not been free from difficulties and anxieties, but we have been successful in avoiding large losses and are in a position to meet the legitimate demands of all commercial needs in addition to doing even more than our full share in financing both the Imperial and our own Government's requirements."

"In this connection, it may not be out of place to say that the banks of Canada have recently loaned the Imperial Government \$100,000,000 to assist in the purchase of the Northwest wheat crop, and they are carrying further loans of \$100,000,000 in connection with the purchase of munitions. The advances to the Dominion Government for war purposes now aggregate \$147,450,000."

"The patriotic response of the banks and our people to the demands of the Imperial and Canadian Governments for funds to enable them to carry on, and the adaptability of the Canadian banking system in meeting the ever-growing strain of war finance, are matters of gratification. That we shall continue our efforts to the utmost limit of our resources, always having in mind our liability to depositors, there can be no question."

Trade Conditions in Canada, Business conditions in Canada continue buoyant. There is no recession in the great wave of industrial and commercial activity of the past few years and trade in all lines, including what are generally known as luxuries, is highly prosperous. There is little or no movement in real estate and

NO MORE THRILLS LEFT FOR POOR TOM POWERS

Versatility is really the middle game of Tom Powers, who plays Bob Wharton in "The Auction Block," the big feature of the Rex Beach Pictures Corporation, which is running at the Dominion this week.

All the time Mr. Powers was playing the dissolute young millionaire in the picture, he was singing and dancing his way into the hearts of scores of matinee girls nightly at the Princess Theatre, New York, in the musical comedy hit, "Oh, Boy," although he is now working in serious problems with the U. S. Aviation Corps.

Although a young man Mr. Powers has had wide experience both in the screen and spoken drama. He was in the first Vitaphone Company to be sent to the Coast when that concern started to take pictures in Los Angeles. Powers was the cowboy hero of scores of the short Western dramas which at that time furnished thrills for movie audiences. Then he went into vaudeville and headed his own act for several years.

He went to England at the end of his vaudeville tour to do "Barnaby Rudge" in a picture version of the famous Dickens novel. After this picture had been filmed Mr. Powers traveled through England and Scotland lecturing on Shakespeare, and to round out his experience he joined a Scotch circus.

Since his return to this country Powers has been busy with theatrical engagements. During the season just past he was seen in "Mr. Lazarus" with Henry E. Dixey; "Mile A Minute Kendall" and "Oh, Boy." His role in "The Auction Block" is that of a young millionaire who is hitting the pace on Broadway but is finally reformed and made over into a respectable citizen by the right girl.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Ladies' Musical Club Will Give Attractive Programme at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Gideon Hicks has arranged an attractive programme for the Christmas recital of the Ladies' Musical Club that will be given next Thursday evening in the Empress Hotel.

Two concert artists who, although comparative newcomers, have made many friends in musical circles will make their formal debut before a Victoria audience. They are Madame Evelyn Bennett-Brock and Pte. Tyndall, of the Willows Camp.

WEST COAST FERTILITY

A. R. Sherwood, President of Natural History Society, Tells What He Saw.

Two crops of potatoes in a season from the same ground were grown at Banfield by Mr. Nielsen, and each crop was heavier than the average in this part of the island. That was the interesting statement made by A. R. Sherwood at the meeting of the Natural History Society Monday night.

Mr. Sherwood has been living at Banfield for some months, and he says the potatoes, sown by Mr. Nielsen, which the gentleman declared were planted in July. Previous to that he had taken off an early crop.

Carrots and parsnips sown also in July were almost too large for domestic use. Other vegetables were equally fine. What is better still, Mr. Sherwood said was that aphids and cutworms were conspicuous by their absence, and insects were few in number.

"The absence of drying winds after rains accounts to a large extent for the rapidity of the growth. The ground never dried up like it does here, and the grass is always green. After rain the sun would shine out and the damp mist rise and everything would grow at a rapid rate."

J. W. H. King, gave an interesting talk on the fisheries, and there was a good deal of discussion by the members.

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NOTE—While Parmitin is widely used for the relief of ear troubles, people who have a hard of hearing or who have daily hearing should be certain to get it in the special double strength form especially designed for treating such cases.

Smith, the hotel manager, and Jones, a manufacturer's agent, were talking one day about their respective business interests.

"I say," remarked Jones, "how ever do you use such an enormous quantity of pears and peaches?"

"Well," replied Smith, "we eat what we can, and what we can't eat we can."

"Indeed," said the other, "We do about the same in our business."

"How is that?"

"We sell an order when we can sell it, and when we can't we cancel it."

CRIES OF "SHAME" AND HISSES AT "REDEMPTION"

It is not often that one hears hisses and cries of "Shame" at a motion picture entertainment, but that is just what happens at every performance of "Redemption," with Evelyn Nisbitt and her son Russell Thaw.

"Redemption" will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria for two days, Thursday and Friday, with a Saturday matinee only.

The story of "Redemption" is a wonderful moral lesson fearlessly drawn from the heart of a great tragedy.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE OF "WHITE FEATHER"

"The White Feather," which will be at the Royal Victoria to-night for the last time, is one of the most interesting plays that have been seen here for a long time. There is not much of the "legitimate" drama seen in Victoria and when it does come it is usually of a light order.

One of the interesting features of this drama is while its topic is war there is no sanguinary conflict in any of its scenes. It is simply a battle of wits between English and German secret service agents for the upper hand in a plot to raid the English coast with German submarines. The principal agent of the British War Office is a young fellow who pretends to be both a coward and a "silly ass" in order to avert suspicion as to his real mission. It is an unusually clever character drawing which proves most effective in outwitting the wily Teuton. Albert Brown, who presents the play, will be seen as the English secret service agent, a role he originated in New York. "The White Feather," under the name of "The Man Who Stayed at Home," is now in its fourth year in England.

WORKERS LOAN SAVINGS

Cowan Company Helps Its Employees to Invest in Bonds.

In addition to the \$100,000 subscription to the Victory Loan made by the Cowan Chocolate Company itself, the firm has instituted a novel scheme by which it hopes to help its employees subscribe another \$25,000.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the employees, the majority of those present being young girls, over \$20,000 worth of Victory Loan bonds were signed. Mr. Bert Cowan, of the company, told the employees that they could purchase \$50 bonds on the basis of having "fifty cents and upwards deducted weekly from their wages from December 1. He advised the workers to purchase the bonds, as they would not only bring good interest and help the country, but would start them saving.

The good features of the scheme were readily recognized and many young girls between the ages of fourteen and twenty subscribed to the country's loan.

COULD REMEMBER

A lawsuit had arisen out of a dispute about a right of way, and the counsel for the landlord, who was the defendant, was cross-examining a venerable laborer who had testified that to his personal knowledge there had been a right of way over the disputed land since he was a boy five years old.

"And how old are you now?" asked the lawyer.

"Eighty-five."

"But surely you can't remember things which occurred when you were a boy of five, eighty years ago?" said the lawyer, in affected incredulity.

"Deed, an' I can, sir! I can mind a year afore that, when your father—sind skintlin', as we used to call him—"

"That will do. You may go," said counsel, reddening, as a titter ran through the court.

"Got an awful wollopin' frae Joan Macintosh—"

"That'll do!" roared the lawyer, wrathfully.

"For cheatin' her two-year-old lassie—"

"Do you hear? You can go, I say!"

"Oot o' the change of a thrupenny-bit!" concluded the venerable witness, triumphantly, as he slowly left the witness-box.—"Trit-Bits."

To remove brown marks from china, put the articles in a saucupan with cold water and a lump of soda. Put the pan on the stove and let it boil for fifteen minutes. Then rinse the china well, and you will find that the marks will have disappeared.

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PUBLIC MEETING of the Civic Retrenchment Association to be held in the Oddfellows' Block, 1323 Douglas Street on THURSDAY, DEC. 13th at 8 p. m. sharp.

Business: Financial position of the civic taxes as they affect the military forces and the question of relief from arrears.

All ratepayers, especially returned soldiers and their families, are cordially invited to attend.

University School for Boys

Recent successes at McGill University. Second place in Canada in 1915 at the Royal Military College, Kingston. Canadian Navy, R. C. Surveyors' Preliminary, Cadet Corps and Shooting. Separate and special arrangements for Junior Boys.

BOYS TAKEN FROM 8 YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS

Half Term commences Thursday, November 1, 1917. Warden—Rev. W. W. Dolton, M.A. (Cantab.). Headmaster—J. C. Barnack, Esq. (London University). For particulars and prospectus apply the Headmaster.

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Liner Katori Maru is About Last Word in Japanese Shipbuilding

The Katori Maru, the latest vessel to be placed in the trans-Pacific trade by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has a gross tonnage of 10,300 tons, with triple screw engines, a speed of 17 knots, and accommodation for 112 first class, 56 second and 186 third class passengers.

The Katori Maru was the first of a series of five new ships built in Japanese shipyards to replace a similar number of smaller vessels in the European service. She has now been transferred to the North Pacific run, and will operate in conjunction with the Fushimi Maru and other vessels of the fleet.

Decorations.

Among the chief features on the Katori Maru are a very fine social hall, a series of six suite rooms, large paneled smoking room and children's room. The social hall is paneled with South American satin-wood, while all the decorations, including the stained-glass doors, represent the Japanese music of the Fujiwara period. All the silks used in the furnishings are from Japanese looms.

The smoking-room is one of the most interesting parts of the ship. The paneled ceiling is of the famous Nara wood, and the carved design is associated with one of the most sacred shrines in Japan, dedicated to a god of war. The helmet, bow and arrow, which surmount the open fireplace all represent the military spirit; while the iris, which predominates in the stained-glass skylight, is also synonymous with militarism in the Japanese language.

The Cabins.

The cabins en suite, consist of bed-rooms, sitting-room and bath-room. The sitting room is fitted with stained-glass windows, with allegorical pictures representing Play, Happiness and Peace in the form of dandelions and butterflies, plum blossoms and mandarin ducks, and the maple tree and doves.

In the bedroom the windows represent the three lucky omens in Japan, Mount Fujiwara, the hawk, and the egg plant—those who dream of these are said to have good fortune.

Children's Room.

The charming children's room has been fitted on the upper-deck, with padded walls, tiny cushioned chairs, and decorations representing the life of small boys and girls in Japan.

The dining saloon, which is very spacious, is lit by a large ornamental dome skylight, in addition to a number of stained-glass windows. Tables of various sizes to accommodate from two to ten people have been provided.

Many of the cabins are single-berth, and the double-berth rooms are arranged with beds on each side, and not over one another, so that there are no "lower berths."

The promenade deck is 145 feet long on either side, and additional promenade space is provided on the boat deck.

CRACK N. Y. K. LINER IN PORT



STEAMSHIP KATORI MARU

In honor of the initial call of the Katori Maru at Victoria a dinner will be given aboard this evening at which a number of prominent citizens and shipping men have been invited to attend.

MAY GIVE CLUE TO MISSING SHIP

Bottle Picked Up Off Japan May Clear Up Mystery of Hitachi Maru

A bottle message picked up off the Japanese coast which may give a clue as to the fate of the missing steamship Hitachi Maru, is being investigated by the Japanese Government and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, owners of the vessel. Bound from Japan to Liverpool via the Cape of Good Hope, the Hitachi Maru sailed from Colombo September 14 last, and since that time nothing has been heard of her.

Recently two fishing boats off the coast of Japan netted a glass bottle fastened with red-painted wood tape. The bottle contained a letter written in Japanese and dated October 22.

The letter, now in the possession of the Japanese Government, reads as follows: "Sir—My name is Gishi Sato, having from Gunma Prefecture, and I am a member of the crew of the N. Y. K. liner Hitachi Maru. I sincerely beg that any person who finds this bottle, at his first chance, will be kind enough to promptly communicate to the Japanese Government the fact that on the above mentioned date we are at a point of 132 degrees and 15 minutes of east longitude, and 12 degrees and 15 minutes of north latitude; also that we are now in a pitiful condition and looking anxiously for a speedy rescue. Thanking you cordially in anticipation of your most kind and early attention. (Signed) Gishi Sato."

The letter indicates that on or about October 22 the Hitachi Maru was between Guam and the Philippine Islands. There is a strong ocean current from the Philippines to Japan.

The Japan Government has since sent out a steamer in search of any trace of the Hitachi Maru.

KATORI MAKES NEW SPEED RECORD FOR JAPANESE LINE

N. Y. K. Liner is Fully Equal to Fushimi Maru in Magnificence

The advent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Katori Maru to the trans-Pacific trade was marked by a speedy run. The actual steaming time of the Katori Maru from Yokohama was 12 days 4 hours. Thus the latest addition to the North Pacific fleet has established a new record for Japanese ships, beating the previous performance of the liner Fushimi Maru by two hours.

The Katori Maru is one of four passenger liners of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to be transferred from the European service to the trans-Pacific route. Of 9,315 tons register, she is but 1,000 tons smaller in tonnage than the Fushimi Maru, but as regards luxurious furnishings she is fully the equal of the latter steamship. Capt. I. Noma, formerly of the liner Shidzuka Maru, a skipper who has seen many years of service on the North Pacific route, is in command of the Katori Maru. Under the policy of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha the British Columbia-Fugate Sound service can now boast the largest, finest and most speedy ships under the Japanese flag.

Save Big Ships.

The immediate object of the company in transferring these vessels to this run was the danger of the loss of its best ships in the submarine zone, but at the same time the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is taking full advantage of developing its North Pacific trade, which has already reached large proportions. The company is now extensively advertising this route with a view to making a strong bid for the tourist travel of the Pacific. The company has long established connections with Thos. Cook & Son, Raymond Whitcomb, and other large tourist agencies, and tours de luxe are now being widely advertised. Other companies will have a very strong rival in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha operating such magnificent ships as the Fushimi, Katori, Suwa and Kaishima.

On her maiden voyage in the North Pacific service the Katori Maru carried 52 saloon, 21 second class and 235 steerage passengers, in addition to a cargo of 10,000 tons.

INDICTED SKIPPER IS GERMAN BORN

Actions of Capt. C. Granzow Master of Churchill, Aroused Suspicion

Capt. Charles Granzow, who, according to cable advices from Honolulu published yesterday, has been indicted on a charge of wrecking and burning the American schooner Churchill on French Frigate Shoals, is German born. The arrest of Granzow was brought about as the result of affidavits made by John Wessick, carpenter of the Churchill, Otto Anderson, able seaman; M. Munch, cook, and Lieut. Ferris, of the American navy, indicating that Captain Granzow deliberately destroyed his ship. Granzow asserted that he was a naturalized American but was unable to show any papers to that effect.

Bored Hole in Hatch.

Some of the affidavits assert that Capt. Granzow was warned of the presence of land but made no attempt to avoid it. Others declared that Granzow ordered Second Mate Wilson, just before the ship was abandoned to bore a hole in the forward hatch, pour paraffin below and set fire to it.

Lieut. Ferris, who took a trip with Capt. Rice, on the sampan which rescued the crew, confirmed the report that Wilson bored a hole in the forward hatch. The ship's carpenter, in his affidavit, stated that every day for a week before the wreck the captain took a bottle, put a written message in it, and threw the bottle into the sea. It is believed that this was done in order to give an idea of the location of the Churchill if wrecked.

Contradictory Stories.

Contradictory stories told by Granzow aroused suspicion. He is said to have told certain people that the vessel was not afloat when he left her. But in spite of this he signed an affidavit at the Bishop Insurance Company that the schooner was burning when abandoned. The firing of the ship prevented any attempt to salvage the cargo.

By a strange coincidence the Churchill was owned by the owners and operators of the Maverick and Annie Larsen, two vessels which have been shrouded in mystery. Both the latter ships have figured in conspiracy cases.

PICKED UP CREW OF ABANDONED FORBIA

VESSELS TORN FROM MOORINGS IN GALE

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WHOLE POWER OF COSSACKS AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI

Stockholm, Dec. 12.—A proclamation of General Kaleidins, the Cossack leader, declaring that the Cossack Government has taken over power in the Donetz region of Southern Russia, was published in The Yusha Ykral, a newspaper of Kharkov, a copy of which has reached Stockholm, having escaped the Bolsheviki censorship. General Kaleidins declares that the Cossacks have the means of maintaining order and intend to use their whole power to oppose the Bolsheviki. The newspaper publishes sharply-worded protests against the Bolsheviki from seven different army corps. Turkistan is regarded to be mobilizing all men between the ages of 16 and 45, who will be sent to Tashkent, capital of that Government, to fight the Bolsheviki, who now control the city.

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M. Bourtzeff's Appeal on Behalf of Russia

The appeal recently made to the Allies on behalf of Russia, through the French press, by Mr. Bourtzeff, the Russian revolutionary, is a remarkable document, but then Mr. Bourtzeff is a remarkable man. At the outbreak of the war, Vladimir Bourtzeff, who had been living in exile in Paris, assumed that the Russian Government in the face of so great a national crisis, would be willing, and more than willing, to let bygones be bygones. He accordingly issued an appeal to all his sympathizers, in Russia and elsewhere, to rally to the assistance of their country, whilst he himself, without waiting for any assurance concerning his own personal safety, set out at once for Petrograd. The story of how, immediately on his arrival, he was arrested as a matter of course, tried, condemned and banished to Siberia, was one of the minor concerns of Europe in the early days of the war. International public opinion, in this case, however, was too strong even for the old Russian Government. A vigorous agitation was carried on in favour of Mr. Bourtzeff's release, and the effort was ultimately successful. Not only was he reprieved so far as his sentence of exile to Siberia was concerned, but he was permitted to live where he pleased in Russia. So he came back to Petrograd a free man, and when the Revolution was accomplished, last March, he threw all his strength into the movement, and has always represented one of its most stable elements. His views, therefore, are worth hearing and are indeed sure of attention.

In these difficult times, when the people of the allied nations may be tempted to lose patience with Russia, to lose sight, to some extent, of her many exceptional difficulties, Mr. Bourtzeff comes forward with an appeal for patience and confidence. With his instinct he goes straight to the point, and places his finger on the crux of the whole matter. "Unfortunately," he says, "the Revolution came late in the day. The state of war prevented the revolutionary elements from organizing the country internally and the enemy profited and is profiting by the situation. The Germans have always held Russia in a sort of secret domination, but our suddenly re-acquired liberties have allowed them to spread a network of espionage and to extend the limits of their odious influences. One of the greatest crimes committed by them against humanity is to have poisoned, with their pernicious propaganda, one of the finest actions of humanity, namely, the Russian Revolution." And so he appeals for confidence in spite of everything, and for patience. "Whatever the cost may be, Russia will overcome anarchy."

It may not be easy to see things, at this moment, as Mr. Bourtzeff sees them, but those who know Russia best will be the first to admit that he is right. Few people grasp fully, even yet, the extent to which Deutchum has established itself in Russia, especially in the Baltic provinces, and the allied peoples need constantly to remind themselves that the vast network of the Okhrana did not disappear with the Russian Conservatives—overnight. When the truth regarding the present chaos in Russia comes to be known, it should surprise no one to find that its chief instigators, and the most ardent upholders of the ultra-democratic idea in Russia received their inspiration and funds from sources well west of Peking; and that the conditions against which all that is best in Russia to-day is striving are due to the old network of the Okhrana captured by Berlin and manipulated by the Deutchum.

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40,000 MAY STRIKE

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Only federal intervention, union leaders indicated to-day, could prevent a strike involving approximately 40,000 men in Minneapolis and St. Paul to-morrow in sympathy with the Twin City street car men who demand the right to wear union buttons despite the ruling to that contrary by the Public Safety Commission.

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LOOK FOR 190,450 FROM FIRST CLASS

Calling Out of Married Men Not Considered at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Col. J. Moss, chairman of the Military Service Council, in a statement last evening said: "The total number of men who had reported for service or claimed exemption up to December 1, was 402,595. Of these 241,545 had been medically examined, 117,812 are Category A men, and 123,733 in lower classes. This left 164,948 men still to be examined and if the same ratio of Category A men to others is maintained—a reasonable expectation—it will give an additional 72,582 in Category A, or 190,455 men in all. The tribunals may exempt nearly 50 per cent and still have the 100,000.

"In view of the figures, the Military Service Council has not considered the idea of calling out the married men, as it is evident Class A—first class, will furnish the required quota."

SIR WILFRID LAURIER WILL SPEND TWELVE HOURS IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will spend less than 12 hours in Vancouver on Friday, but in that time he will address four meetings of the electors. He will arrive from the East in the morning and leave on the evening train, and will arrive in Winnipeg on the morning of election day. Sir Wilfrid will address a women's meeting in the Hotel Vancouver, and general meetings in two local theatres, all three being due to begin at 4 o'clock. At 5:30 he will attend a meeting especially for labor men in the First Presbyterian Church.

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EARNINGS OF THREE CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Montreal, Dec. 12.—For the first week in December the traffic earnings of the C. P. R. aggregated \$3,289,000, against \$3,139,000 for the corresponding week a year ago, an increase of \$150,000.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Canadian Northern Railway earnings for the week ended Dec. 7 totalled \$916,000, a decrease of \$1,900 from the total of the corresponding week last year. The total from July 1 to date is \$19,495,600, which is a decrease of \$435,600.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Grand Trunk earnings for first week in December, \$1,218,135; in 1916, same week, \$1,151,296; increase, \$66,832.

WEYBURN ELECTION.

Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 12.—The results of the municipal elections here are: Mayor, F. E. Moffet; Aldermen, W. H. Rose, George Walker, A. S. Crittenden and H. McGowan.

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14	10:54	14:36	12:32	22:58	0:8	14:48	12:31	23:07	0:8
15	11:07	14:44	12:39	23:07	0:8	14:57	12:38	23:16	0:8
16	11:20	14:52	12:46	23:16	0:8	15:06	12:45	23:25	0:8
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\$1,000 TO HALIFAX.

Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 12.—The city council here last night made a grant of \$1,000 for relief of sufferers in the Halifax disaster.

FREIGHT COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO LOCAL BOARD OF TRADE ON SUBJECT OF FREIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION

The following is the full report of the Freight Committee of the Board of Trade on the subject of the freight and transportation problem, read by C. Schwenger, chairman of the committee, at the Board of Trade Council meeting held on Tuesday, and which was briefly summarized in The Times yesterday:

December 8, 1917.
The Council of the Board of Trade, Victoria:

Your freight committee deem it advisable to submit for your consideration the present situation in this city concerning the freight and transportation problem.

Many questions have been dealt with by us during the past year, some successfully, others, unfortunately, not so, but the whole trend of the developments which we shall outline here are so diametrically opposed to the commercial interests of Victoria that we feel the matter is one that is beyond the means of this committee to cope with, and should be dealt with by the Board of Trade or by the entire mercantile interests of this city as a whole. We believe that only by taking strong and active measures and working in complete unison, will it be possible to bring about conditions which are necessary to enable us, not alone to increase, but even to maintain our present business interests.

As there may be some members of your Council who are not engaged in commercial enterprise, we will deal somewhat exhaustively with the entire situation so that all may understand as far as possible the views we have.

Privilege Denied.

Victoria's geographical situation commercially is unique. Right across the continent there has been developed at certain distances, distributing towns which receive certain special freight rates enabling them to distribute within a given radius of their city. This has had the effect desired of encouraging wholesale merchants to open business and carry large stocks, thereby building up at regular intervals across the continent prosperous wholesale mercantile communities.

Victoria is the only mercantile community which does not enjoy this natural privilege. There is no distributing area either to the west or to the south. The business tributary to us on the northern part of this island has either been already lost or is precariously held and to the east, Vancouver would have formed before now a natural barrier to our enterprise but for the conditions about to be set forth.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway was first projected, Victoria, or more properly Esquimalt, was decided upon as the terminus. When the Canadian Pacific Railway instead established Vancouver as their terminal point the just claims of Victoria for consideration were recognized in being given equal terminal rates with the former on all incoming freight. This was, no doubt, partly due also to the protection of the water competition which this city enjoyed. Victoria's status was further recognized at a later date by being given the same outgoing rates to the mainland of British Columbia as the city of Vancouver on all points east of North Bend.

Large Commercial Community.

It has been upon these conditions, established by the Justice of Victoria's claims, for the reasons set forth above that a large mercantile community has been developed in this city. Merchants have carried very large and complete stocks, and they have reached out by means of their travellers and the other usual methods to all parts of this province for business.

The Canadian Pacific Railway for many years treated the commercial interests of Victoria with great impartiality as compared with Vancouver. At a later date, however, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway passed into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, which gave Victoria a most excellent freight service, also passed into their hands, thus giving the Canadian Pacific Railway the absolute control of Victoria in a commercial sense, not alone on the mainland but on our own island and along the entire coast of British Columbia. But for the advent of the Great Northern Railway in taking hold of the Victoria & Sidney Railway our rail communication with the outside world to-day would be entirely in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Now, unfortunately for this city, the policy of the C. P. R. Company as relating to Victoria and Vancouver Island is dictated by their officials in the city of Vancouver. They are in continuous and close contact with the commercial interests of that town, and many of their actions taken for the purpose of facilitating its trade are almost bound to be detrimental to us, however unintentional it may be.

Resist, or Dwindle.

We do not believe that the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or his executive officers in Montreal, have the least desire to discriminate against this city in any way, but we feel bound to state that many things have transpired during the last eight or ten years which show conclusively that unless Victoria unitedly resists this tendency, that we shall dwindle into an insignificant centre, when the whole of British Columbia should be open to us on an equal footing with the mainland towns.

Having explained as above the reasons why Victoria at one time received favorable consideration with Vancouver on the basis of which large commercial interests have been developed here, we will now proceed to mention some of the various actions which have taken place from time to time and which are so numerous that some active should be taken to stop the present trend.

Change of Policy.

Following what was known as the

"Western Freight Rates Case," in which Victoria joined in opposition to the then projected increases, the next change that was made in the class rates throughout Canada, we were, for the first time in our history compelled to pay higher rates than Vancouver city. The Board of Trade had under advisement the advisability of appealing to the Railway Commission against this action of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and a meeting was held with Mr. Lannigan and Mr. McInnes. It was, however, pointed out by them that practically no merchandise came to this city under the class rates and that all shipments were governed by the commodity tariff, which gave us still equal rights with Vancouver.

It is, at the time, was more or less of a fact, and in view of this it was decided not to make a protest. Since that date, however, each new commodity tariff that has been issued has had excluded from it a number of staple lines. This means that, the lines left out in these new tariffs had to come under the class rates, so that there has been an insidious action for a long time which has gradually removed from Victoria the benefit of equal rates with Vancouver and compelled us on all such goods to pay the class rates, which, as stated above, are higher than Vancouver. If this policy is continued it means that we shall gradually be compelled to pay higher rates on a very large number of our imports.

Dividing Point.

At the same time that the C. P. R. took this action in regard to the class rates they also cancelled the arrangement whereby Victoria had always had the benefit of receiving the same rate as Vancouver on all shipments from North Bend east. The dividing point of North Bend was cancelled and was made Revelstoke. This meant taking away from Victoria the opportunity of competing on equal terms with all that large distributing territory between North Bend and Revelstoke, comprising the Lillooet and Cariboo road districts, the Nicola, Similkameen and Okanagan Valleys and the Kamloops district.

A strong protest was made to the C. P. R., and after a great deal of pressure, a compromise arrived at, namely, Spences Bridge as the dividing point. This was not restoring to Victoria its old privilege, but was a compromise which still gave us access to the larger part of the territory which an attempt had been made to remove from us.

When the Kettle Valley Railway line was completed, a schedule was put in by the Canadian Pacific Railway officials in Vancouver which practically eliminated Victoria as a factor in competing for that territory. The trains were arranged to leave Vancouver half an hour before the arrival of the boat from Victoria, and they were timed to arrive from Kootenay about half an hour after the Victoria boat had left. The result was that letters or passengers either going or coming from Kootenay took double the length of time that the same service would be rendered to a Vancouver merchant or traveller, and we think that anyone studying the timetable arrived at would say that its object appears to be fairly obvious.

Strong protests were made to the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Vancouver and on two occasions we were informed most definitely that no change could possibly be made. When, however, the matter was referred to Mr. Grant Hall, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, it did not take him half an hour to arrange for an adjustment to be made, and we think the rapidity with which he dealt with this matter clearly indicated that the many objections reiterated from Vancouver were not of a nature that should have had any weight in dealing with our complaint.

E. N. Train Service.

For some two or three years your freight committee has at various times lodged complaints with the E. & N. Railway in regard to its freight service to Nanaimo. We cannot explain the situation better than to append herewith and submit to you a copy of the letter of complaint which was last sent to the superintendent of that line. In conjunction with this complaint a letter was written to Baron Shaughnessy by one of our merchants, and assurance was given by him that he would take it up with the officials in Vancouver and ask them that no injustice be done to Victoria.

In spite of this we have now been advised by the Canadian Pacific Railway officials that they can do nothing at all to afford us relief. The letter submitted speaks for itself and further comment as to the discrimination we are laboring under is unnecessary. The service to Nanaimo has been further aggravated by the taking off of the C. P. R. boat which ran from Victoria to that point, with the exception of the weekly trip now made by the "Charm" which service is not sufficiently frequent to be of much assistance.

Gulf Island Service.

At one time the steamer "Iroquois" ran from Sidney, having a connection between here, via the V. & S. Railway, and the Gulf Islands, and Nanaimo, which gave Victoria a service that enabled us to get a large share of the business at that and other points and also made freight rates that encouraged the development of this business. After the wrecking of this steamer, the

Canadian Pacific Railway took over the route, Nanaimo was taken off the schedule and added Vancouver city substituted. This took away this most valued connection of ours with Nanaimo, which had heretofore handled most of our heavy freight to that point at very low rates and also gave Vancouver steamship access to the Gulf Islands, thus enabling them to compete with Victoria in a territory we had heretofore completely controlled. This was done in spite of the fact that our Board of Trade has been instrumental in increasing the Government subsidy from \$4,000 as allowed to the "Iroquois" to \$7,500, and again increased at a later date. The Westminster Boat Connection.

Up to the time of the selling out of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, a steamer service was maintained between Victoria and Westminster and vice versa which gave us access to that city and part of the farming community around the C. P. R., however, cancelled the New Westminster service, and there has been no direct connection between us and the third largest city in British Columbia for some years now.

Lumber Freight Rates.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has at all times, on lumber products originating on Vancouver Island, made an arbitrary charge over the Vancouver rate on shipments to prairie points, or to be more exact, to all points west of Fort William, Ont., and which arbitrary charge for some years past has been 1 1/2 per hundred pounds.

The island mills have always felt that this charge was an imposition on the part of the C. P. R. and notwithstanding repeated efforts on the part of the Victoria Board of Trade, supported by the island mills, Mr. Lannigan has refused to amend the lumber tariffs so that Victoria and other island shipping points could have the benefit of the same rates as those which Vancouver now enjoys on carload shipments to the prairie provinces.

It is not generally known that the mills on Vancouver Island have a daily output of approximately one-third of all the sawmills in the British Columbia Coast district, and for this reason the island branch as a feeder to the main line of the C. P. R. is worthy of mere consideration. In support of our claim for equal rates with Vancouver, the following is respectfully submitted:

Rate on Lumber.

The present rate on lumber in carload lots, Vancouver to Winnipeg, is 40c per 100 lbs. From Victoria 41 1/2c per 100 lbs. The distance from Vancouver is 1,465.7 miles and from Victoria 1,560.4 miles. The rate from Seattle to Winnipeg is 40c per 100 lbs., the distance being 1,607.7 miles. Part of the earnings on a car originating at Seattle must be paid to the Northern Pacific Railway for hauling same to Sumas, the nearest junction point on the C. P. R. The local rate, as charged for this haul by the Northern Pacific, is 3c per 100 lbs. In fact, the bulk of shipping points in Washington and some points in Oregon, including Portland, can ship into the Canadian Northwest at rates at least 1 1/2c per 100 lbs. less than any of the island mills.

It is pointed out that the proportion of earnings on a car originating at a Columbia River shipping station would have to be divided so that the proportion which the C. P. R. would earn would be very small as compared to the earnings on shipments originating in British Columbia. This one point in itself clearly demonstrates that the C. P. R. have no good reason for maintaining the arbitrary charge which is now assessed against island mills over the Vancouver rate. We would point out another peculiarity of the tariff and that is the rate from Vancouver to Calgary is 26 1/2c, a distance of 541 miles, while the rate to Winnipeg, an additional distance of 528.7 miles, is only 40c. On shipments for Calgary from most Vancouver Island mills we must pay, on the present tariffs, 1 1/2c per 100 lbs. over the Vancouver rate. When the shipments move to Calgary, a 26 1/2c point, or to Winnipeg, a 40c point. In other words, the proportions are not equitable.

Freight on Coal.

We are advised by the coal dealers of this city that the freight rate on coal from Comox to Victoria, a distance of 55 miles, is \$1.10 per ton, whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway bring coal down from the mines at Princeton and Colman to Vancouver at a rate of \$1.19 per ton, the distance being a haul over the Howe Mountain of some 250 miles. In shipping coal from Princeton to Victoria an additional charge for hauling the coal from Vancouver to here is only 50c per ton. In shipping blacksmiths' coal out of Victoria to, say, Vernon, there is a differential in the water haul of \$2.20 per ton.

West Coast Freight Rates.

The Canadian Pacific Railway recently put in a freight rate from Vancouver to Quatsino of \$5.00 per ton, at which rate many shipments went forward from Vancouver. No notification of this change was made to Victoria merchants, and it was found out quite by accident that shipments from here had gone forward at the higher freight rates owing to failure of notification by the Canadian Pacific Railway officials.

After complaints had been made the freight was advanced from Vancouver to \$5.50 and made to apply equally from Victoria, so that the C. P. R. are to-day carrying goods from Vancouver down here and up to Quatsino at the same rate as they carry them from Victoria to Quatsino. It is possible at the through rate of 27c per 100 lbs. to absorb the local freight from Vancouver to Victoria amounting to 20c per 100 lbs. in order to assist the Vancouver commercial community, the same measure of equalization if accorded to Victoria would enable us to reach many points we are now excluded from.

Closing Wharf at 4 o'clock.

A notice has just been issued that no freight will be received by the steamship companies after 4 o'clock in the

afternoon. This applies to Vancouver as well as here.

A new regulation was also put into force a short time ago closing the wharves for the receipt of West Coast freight at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Quite often the West Coast mail does not get in until the day of shipment, and it is almost impossible at times, with so many telegraphic orders coming down at the last minute, to get the goods down to the wharf in time. There is every indication of a big commercial development on the West Coast, and Victoria should be alert to see that nothing is done that will prejudice its interests in that district. We understand the reason of the new regulation is to prevent the necessity of overtime pay to the billing clerks and longshoremen. We should, however, remark that transportation companies are utility corporations and if the necessity of the merchants demands later hours be allowed for delivery of goods we should ask that it be accorded.

Delay in Transfer.

Serious complaints have been made from time to time at the delay in transhipping freight to Victoria at Vancouver which is in transit from the East and also in reforwarding from Vancouver shipments that are made on the E. & N. Railway for the upper country.

We believe that arrangements should be made with the Canadian Pacific Railway either to receive reports as to the arrival in Vancouver and time of departure on all shipments coming to or going from Victoria, or else that the Victoria merchants should maintain a man at that port for the purpose of seeing that no unnecessary delays occur in this regard.

Freight on Flour.

The freight rate from the flour mills in the Middle West to Victoria is 66c per 100 lbs. higher than it is to Vancouver, thus necessitating a higher fixed price by the millers and jobbers in selling here.

This information came out in the newspapers, and we believe there is no worse standing advertisement against the geographical position of this city than this difference in the price of flour occasioned by the higher freight rate. On other staple commodities coming from the Middle West the Canadian Pacific Railway gives the same rate to Victoria and Vancouver. This was, no doubt, occasioned in the first place by water competition, but, unfortunately, flour cannot be brought from this point on other than by the railway. We think, however, that on a staple article like this that a strong effort should be made to secure equal freight rates with Vancouver. If the Canadian Pacific Railway can absorb the whole freight from Vancouver to here on shipments going to Quatsino, then it certainly should be able to absorb a 66c per 100 lbs. difference in the rate on flour.

Ask Action Be Taken.

We would ask that immediate action be taken along the following lines:

1. An assurance should be asked for that the commodity tariff should not alone be further depleted for the benefit of the class rates but that it be restored to the status at the time of the assurances given us by Mr. Lannigan and Mr. McInnes.
2. The freight service asked for in

the special letter to the E. & N. Railway be granted or in lieu thereof a tri-weekly steamer service be given, leaving Victoria at night and arriving in Nanaimo not later than 5 a.m.

3. That the former service to the Gulf Islands be restored, running on the old schedule.

4. That the arbitrariness on lumber be removed.

5. That the rate on coal be made to harmonize with the charges from Princeton to Vancouver, taking the mileage and cost of haul into consideration.

6. That the hour for receiving freight at all wharves be fixed at 5 p.m.

7. That the C. P. R. arrange for the prompt handling at Vancouver of all through freight destined for Victoria, and that consignees here be notified at date of arrival at that point.

8. That Victoria be given the same rate as Vancouver on flour from prairie points.

Insist on Compliance.

We submit the foregoing demands are not out of harmony with Victoria's commercial importance and the support the C. P. R. received from the community on its transcontinental line is sufficient for us to firmly insist on its compliance with our request. We believe if our case was properly presented to Baron Shaughnessy that he would personally see that the discriminations referred to were removed. Failing this, steps should be decided on which will indicate to that concern that the overwhelming preference and support which has been accorded them in the past can only be continued by our requirements receiving that measure of consideration which we are entitled to.

We believe also that steps should be taken to inaugurate a locally supported steamer, or steamers, to develop our water trade with coast points such as Nanaimo, Comox and the many islands abounding on this coast. It was the mosquito fleet that originally gave Seattle and Vancouver their commercial start.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Letter to C. P. R., 20th August, 1917.

W. H. Gardner, Esq., D. F. A., Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,—Acting upon the suggestion of yourself and Mr. H. E. Beasley, the shippers whom you met on Monday last to submit in writing some of the reasons they advanced why your company should improve the freight service between Victoria and Nanaimo.

An exceptional situation has arisen by your company operating the S.S. Patricia between Vancouver and Nanaimo thus providing for the express carriage of ordinary freights at ordinary freight rates.

The situation became further aggravated because at one time the steamer Iroquois gave Victoria an excellent boat service to Nanaimo, taking freight on certain days a week in the evening and delivering it at Nanaimo the first thing the next morning.

When your company took over this island route by which Nanaimo was served they cut out that point, depriving us of our only means of rapid communication with that city, and substituted a trip to Vancouver which enabled Vancouver merchants to

operate in the Gulf Islands, a territory heretofore not accessible to them.

A Nanaimo order can be placed in Vancouver by telephone at 8 a.m., shipped on the steamer sailing at 10 o'clock and the goods would reach Nanaimo two hours later. Mail orders go out of Nanaimo on the 2:15 p.m. steamer and the goods can be shipped at Vancouver for delivery at destination at noon the next day. Allowing warehouse at Nanaimo, the time required for delivery of telephone orders is five hours, and for mail orders 22 hours.

The best mail order time provided by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo is 48 hours. Mail leaves Nanaimo at 8:30 a.m., delivered in Victoria at, say, 1 p.m. Goods delivered at station, Victoria, at 3 p.m. same day, en route to Nanaimo all the next day, and obtainable in Nanaimo at 8:30 a.m. the day following. By use of the telephone a saving of four hours can be effected. The conditions named are the most favorable under which Victoria freight can be handled at the present time.

The result is that Nanaimo business is diverted to Vancouver and although the total volume of Nanaimo business has increased, Victoria houses have less of it to-day than they had some years ago. Trade follows the course of least resistance and in this case, prices being equal, transportation is the governing factor.

Diversion to Vancouver.

There are no complaints in regard to transportation at other points on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway. But it must be pointed out that the diversion to Vancouver of Nanaimo business is reflected all along the line.

Victoria business with Nanaimo has been a live question for some time, and the organization, in November last, of the Victoria business men's excursion was a result. Mr. Beasley will remember that the disability under which Victorians can compete for Nanaimo business was emphasized by the merchants of Nanaimo when they expressed their desire for closer cooperation throughout the Island, and incidentally increasing traffic on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway. Those sentiments were echoed at every station the excursionists stopped at, and it was very disappointing, at a subsequent meeting with Mr. Beasley, to find that he could give no hope for the expectation of any early improvement of the Victoria-Nanaimo freight service.

The situation is acute, and apparently can be alleviated with the least expense to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway by carrying Nanaimo freight in a car attached to the afternoon train from Victoria, say, five days in the week. It can be frankly stated that in the event of not obtaining the necessary relief in a very short time the business now enjoyed by Victoria merchants will be lost, and entirely due to present adverse transportation facilities. It is believed to be the policy of your company to allow Victoria to participate in Island business on as favorable conditions as are provided for competitors, and here is a case requiring exceptional treatment.

Policy of C. P. R.

We take the liberty of suggesting that our request should not be considered by your officials from the viewpoint of the interests of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, but rather upon the basis of the whole policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway towards Vancouver Island, and particularly towards the Victoria mercantile community.

This suggestion is made because of the very close and cordial relations that have existed between your company and this city, particularly since the incumbency of Lord Shaughnessy as your president. This condition, which has almost become traditional, is being constantly emphasized by our importance in the routing of their freight, which is conveyed from the East almost exclusively over the lines of your company. It has also been referred to here on several public occasions by your leading officials, including your president himself. More than once it has been clearly intimated that it was the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway to in every way possible assist Victoria in the benefits to be derived from the commercial development of Vancouver Island.

We feel sure that if the present discrimination is brought to the attention of the chief executive officers of your company that, for the reasons set forth herein, they will endeavor to make arrangements which will at least give us an equal opportunity to secure the business offering at Nanaimo.

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BORN MERCER—At St. Joseph's Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Mercer, of Woodford Lodge, a daughter.

MARRIED GLASSER-McCULLOCH—On December 11, at Minnewaukan, N. D., the home of Captain J. L. and Mrs. Richmond, daughter of the bride, Nelle Grant McCulloch, elder daughter of the late Wm. F. McCulloch and Mrs. McCulloch, of 100 Linden Avenue, Victoria, B. C., to First Lieutenant C. H. Glasser, 88th Division, U. S. Army, formerly of Victoria, B. C. (Stratford, Ont., papers please copy).

DIED SPEARS—At 2558 1/2 Avenue W., Vancouver, B. C., on 11th inst., passed away Annie E. Spears, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, and for the past six years resident with her brother, Thomas Spears, at Vancouver, B. C.

DIED DICK—On the 11th inst., at his home, 1014 McCaskill Street, passed on suddenly, Andrew Dick, aged 61 years, a native of Scotland and a resident of Victoria for 2 years. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, of this city, also Mrs. Dewar, of Sooke, and five sons on active service.

Friday, December 14, afternoon and evening, handkerchiefs and aprons, also candy and fancy cooking; Queen Alexandra Macneaves at Standard Furniture Co., 711 Yates St.

Laundry By-law.—The laundry by-law will be ready, in its amended form, for introduction to the attention of the Council next Friday afternoon.

Soldiers Returning.—Two returned soldiers arrived in the city this afternoon on the boat from Vancouver. They were Sergt. McDonald and Pte. Conroy.

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ARMY SCANDALS ARE THEME OF SPEAKERS

Mr. Henderson in Victoria West; Bad Management of Recruiting Charged

Stuart Henderson, Laurier-Liberal candidate for Victoria, denied absolutely last evening at Semple's Hall, Victoria West, that Sir Arthur Currie had endorsed the Military Service Act as the only way to keep the "Canadian Army up to strength." "That statement is an emphatic lie," Mr. Henderson observed. "Sir Arthur Currie never mentioned the Military Service Act in any letter published in any paper in Canada. What he claims is that he has not enough men. But these men are in England, and they won't send them to the front. It is not conscription of men that he is working for, but impressing into service now of office seekers. Conscription and 'law' are separated as far as they are in the dictionary." "Had the Government shown a proper endeavor to secure recruits in Quebec, Prince Edward Island and in Quebec, with the island's small population? The candidate claimed that the situation in Quebec had been badly handled, the Government hoping that the war would be over before the French Canadians would be wanted, so that the French speaking population would get neither the credit nor the profits out of the war. He stated that an Orangeman had been sent recruiting in Quebec, and asked what was to be expected? "There are reasons why favoritism and graft have been going on in Canada, since the war broke out. The Government took the war as an opportunity that wasn't to be lost," he commented. Speaking of the shortage of men, he stated: "The trouble is that there are men who are office seekers as officers with the regiments, officers who will not upgrade to the ranks but are bolstering up the military and civil lists."

Army Scandals. The other speakers were H. Whittle, and W. C. Anderson, of Vancouver. Mr. Anderson dealt with the horse scandals, and pointed out that it had been necessary to erect a large slaughterhouse at the point of debarkation to destroy the animals. He next passed on to speak of Sir Joseph Flavelle's association with contracts, and said: "Every workingman's wife and every soldier's wife pays munificently into the Flavelle treasury. Sir Joseph Flavelle is the man who with one hand waves the flag and says to hell with profits and with the other dips down into a cool \$5,000,000 from pork into which he pumps salt and water and sells it at 40 cents a pound." "You have in Mr. Henderson a man who won't go into the feast of the profiteers no matter how savory the smell of the pudding or how juicy the melons they are going to eat." Mr. Anderson pointed out that the depletion of men had been directly provoked by discouraging voluntary recruiting for some time, and now that men had to be secured British Columbia, which had given the largest per capita supply of men, was having to find the highest percentage of the draft.

Former Soldier. Mr. Whittle, who was overseas with the Fifth Battalion, dealt with war grafting, and stated that through the omissions and commissions of the Government many men's lives had been lost at the front without any justification. He dealt with the Ross rifle contracts, and the discarding of equipment at Valcartier, and claimed that some of the horses sent over with his battery were diseased and dying, and charged that thousands of recruits were ordered but that when the shipment arrived overseas there were just the ammunition holsters left. "I believe," he said, "that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the saviour of this country. He is going to throw down all this corruption, and Sir Joseph Flavelle and his bacon and the salt and water with it." The opinion of the speaker was that if a man was well up in politics in the right way he would soon have a D. S. O. behind his name.

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HALIFAX RELIEF FUND PASSES \$2,000 MARK

Figures to Date Show That \$2,292.74 Has Been Subscribed by Victorians

The committee undertaking the collection of subscriptions for the Halifax Relief Fund announced satisfactory progress this afternoon. Figures issued this morning by Secretary Rowley gave the total already received at \$2,292.74. Until 2 o'clock this afternoon additional figures aggregating \$11 had been taken at The Times office, which are not added to the list. The following list of subscribers to date was issued by the committee today:

- Previously acknowledged \$1,159.49
Colonist collections 200.75
Times collections 207.00
F. G. Forbes 25.00
W. E. Crossdale 1.00
Mrs. H. C. Ringland 5.80
Anonymous 25.00
E. F. Sproul 2.50
E. M. M. 5.00
E. W. Hogan 2.00
W. Middleton 1.00
C. J. Clarke .50
G. P. Hemstock 10.00
W. E. Scott 5.00
Florence Liddale 2.00
A. Montzambert 25.00
H. E. Beasley 10.00
Yarrows, Ltd. 25.00
Anonymous 25.00
J. Kingham 25.00
Capt. E. P. and Mrs. Hannington 25.00
J. J. Gannon 1.00
G. H. Dawson 10.00
Ed Stewart 2.00
Young People's Society and Friends, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 25.00
Friend 5.00
Miss M. MacDonald 5.00
A. C. Fraser 10.00
A. Gard 3.00
R. W. Hibbertson 1.00
Miss E. Crowther 5.00
Mrs. S. G. Crowther 5.00
R. W. Fowler 5.00
M. MacEachern 5.00
James Wornley 20.00
Miss A. Nornberg 3.00
Friends 5.00
A Soldier's Widow 5.00
S. O. Bailey 10.00
N. P. Gibson 2.00
Friend 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and family 7.00
H. T. S. 30.00
\$2,292.74

RED CROSS HALIFAX RELIEF

- Already acknowledged \$1,048.21
Mrs. J. B. McKilligan 10.00
Anon. 5.00
Household, St. George's School 7.54
Mrs. R. White 1.00
Mrs. L. Michaud 1.60
Sergt. Brogan 2.00
S. I. Potts 1.60
Miss Phipps 2.50
Shawnigan and Cobble Hill 100.00
Miss Agnew 15.00
Total \$1,218.27

THE REGIMENTAL PET.

Spud Murphy was being entertained right royally in the regimental canteen, and Ginger Jones was watching the revels jealously. "Wot are they makin' sich a fuss o' that sandwich-cheested son of a doormat for?" he asked of a comrade. "E's a 'ero, 'e is," said the man: "that's why. There's bin a cricket match this afternoon, and 'e's bin bowlin'. 'E's a great bowler, is Spud. 'E got 'em out quick; did 'e a 'trick, eh?" "No, 'e didn't. 'E never hit the wicket nor once." "Thought you said 'e could bowl?" "So 'e can. Wv, man, alive, 'e knocked out four of the sargeint-major's teeth first ball. The boulder won't be able to say: 'Shun! As you were! 'Shun! till he gets a new lot!'"—Tit-Bits.

WHAT THE MINISTER NEEDED.

Sermons are commonly supposed to be medicinal to the mind of both compounder and congregation; but there was one which, if the minister's servant was right, was an exception. One Sunday morning the late Rev. Deuchart, of Connecticut, arose feeling decidedly ill. After a futile attempt to eat breakfast he called an old and favorite colored servant to him and said: "Sam, go around and tell Simmons—the sexton—to post a notice on the church door that I am too ill to preach to-day." "Now, massa," said Samuel, "don't you gib up that way. Just gib him a trial; you get 'jong all right." The argument resulted in the minister's determination to try it. He preached as usual, and after service returned to the house looking much brighter. "How you feel, massa?" said Samuel as he opened the door. "Better; much better, Sam. I'm glad I took your advice." "I knew it, I knew it," said Samuel, grinning from ear to ear. "I knew you feel better when you get dat sermon out o' your system!"—Tit-Bits.

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REPORT ON COST OF BREAD PRODUCTION

October Figures Given by Commissioner on Cost of Living

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Acting Commissioner on the Cost of Living has submitted to the Minister of Labor the regular monthly report on the cost of the production of bread in all the larger cities of Canada for the month of October.

Only three cities showed any considerable increase in the cost of bread during October as compared with September, namely, St. John, Winnipeg and Calgary.

The average cost of bread in the bakeries in Canada was practically the same as for the month of September, says the report.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The cost of bread in Montreal is justifiable, the cost of bread having increased three-quarters of a cent a pound, due to the fact that two of the largest bakeries in that city still were using October contracts.

AIMS SAME AS AT BEGINNING OF WAR

Perpetrators of Crimes Must Not Profit by Them, Says Churchill

London, Dec. 12.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the course of a speech at Bedford, yesterday, Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, after frankly dealing with the present unfavorable war situation, said this was entirely due to the fact that Russia had been thoroughly beaten by German intrigue and gold no less than by German steel.

PROCESSIONS FOR RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY

Banners in Petrograd; Clashes Between Anti-Bolshevik and Bolshevik Troops

London, Dec. 12.—A number of processions in which banners supporting the Constituent Assembly were carried, converged on the Tauride Palace in Petrograd on Tuesday, according to a Reuter dispatch.

GERMAN AGENTS IN ITALY BEING CAUGHT

Government Taking Drastic Measures Against Those Spreading Propaganda

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Italian Government and police at last have awakened to the necessity of taking drastic measures against the German propaganda.

ENTENTE SUBJECTS IN AUSTRALIA NOT TO BE EMPLOYED

Melbourne, Dec. 12 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—A regulation has been issued prohibiting the employment in Australia of Allied subjects of military age.

MONTANA STRUCK BY A COLD WAVE

Helena, Mont., Dec. 12.—Along with the eleven inches of snow that fell here last night during a blizzard, there was recorded a minimum temperature of 33 degrees below zero, the coldest spell so far this winter and likewise the first time the temperature here went that far below zero.

AIM IS TO CRUSH OUT PRUSSIANISM

That Remains Great Purpose of Allies, Declares Mr. Asquith

London, Dec. 12.—The ungrudging sacrifices made by the British people, Mr. Asquith declared in an address in Birmingham yesterday, proved that the ancient and ingrained spirit of the British people had not been sapped by luxury nor staled and withered by defeat.

As to the Allies' war aims, the former Prime Minister said: "Even now, there is abundant evidence that the peoples in enemy countries are kept artificially in the dark concerning our real purposes."

Germany must learn that the enforcement of force is bad business. We do not desire to quarrel perpetually with the German nation, but an enduring pact can only rest upon a real proof that the German people are as ready as ourselves to enthrone common and equal rights as the controlling authority in the world.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FIX CORRECT FIGURES

Wiping Out of Whole Families Complicates Tally at Halifax

Halifax, Dec. 12.—The trouble with the casualty figures issued here the past few days has been that identification of one body would be counted several times. The relief workers are careful to explain that their figures are not final and to explain that it probably will be impossible to arrive at definite totals, because in many cases whole families are gone and nobody remains to report their loss.

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PAES NEW PREMIER OF PORTUGAL; OTHER CABINET MINISTERS

Lisbon, Dec. 12.—Dr. Sidonio Paes, leader of the revolution, has been named Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

BELGAN RELIEF SHIP DETAINED AT HALIFAX

The Hague, Dec. 11.—The Netherlands Overseas Trust was informed today by the British legation here that the Dutch steamship Nieuwe Amsterdam, with a cargo for Belgian relief, is being detained at Halifax, having been provided with no safe conduct or distinguishing mark, and also having passengers on board.

FARRIS SUPPORTS LIBERAL POLICY

Speaks in Kitsilano for Candidate; Says Conscription Not Necessary

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Attorney-General Farris and C. A. Calkins were two new speakers on behalf of the Liberal candidates who appeared in the campaign last night. Mr. Farris spoke at St. Mark's Hall, Kitsilano, with Patrick Donnelly, candidate for Burrard, and G. G. McGeer, with A. B. Duckworth in the chair.

Mr. Farris said he felt it was his duty to enter the campaign as the election was of serious importance. He could not by any stretch of the imagination see the matter in the light of the Unionists in that they had any monopoly of loyalty.

Mr. Farris said it was very regrettable that the Unionist were using such signs as "Who would the Kaiser vote for?" These were an insult to the people of Canada and showed that partisanship had run riot, he said.

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CORN UNCHANGED AT CHICAGO; OATS ADVANCE

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) Chicago, Dec. 12.—Corn started steady with very little trade. There was some scattered selling by commission houses which was well taken.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) Montreal, Dec. 12.—There was a slight increase in business on the local exchange today notwithstanding the weakness in Wall Street and the prevailing pessimism in all security markets.

HEAVY LIQUIDATION IN NEW YORK STOCKS Military Situation Continues to Be Talk of the Street

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The demand for cash oats was again excellent here today, with offers only fair.

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SOLOIST—MR. L. A. KNIGHT MEN ARE INVITED

"Why" by B. J. Perry

There is but one issue in this election:

Shall the thin khaki line on the Western Front be left un-reinforced to continue the task, taking a ten-fold toll for everyone that falls, but gradually dwindling away, till none is left to raise the Maple Leaf marked Union Jack, save those, who know of Canada, nothing but the glory of her dead—

Or

Shall the Canadian forces on the Western Front receive assistance man for man for everyone that falls or is disabled, until when the final battle is fought—the last great victory won, Canada can say to the Empire and her returning heroes, I have done my duty to you both.

The only way that the necessary reinforcements can be obtained is by the continuous and full enforcement of the Military Service Act, 1917.

The Union Government is pledged up to the hilt to enforce that Act.

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MANY CASES BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Several Producers State Their Case Others Declare Physically Unfit for Service

H. Robinson, farmer, Duncan, who appeared before the Appeal Tribunal this morning, was admonished by the Court for not hurrying, but the admonition had no effect, and at the end of the case Mr. Justice Gregory, when stating that he had, perhaps, been a little "short" with applicant, said he had spoken in the endeavor to get him to talk a bit faster, but had found the effort to be useless.

In this case Mr. Justice Gregory expressed surprise that the local Board at Duncan, knowing all the circumstances, did not exempt claimant if he was doing necessary work.

Mr. Justice Gregory's Court was the only one sitting this morning, and expeditiously got through no less than 15 cases between 10 and 1 o'clock. Both Appeal Tribunals will be sitting tomorrow. Other cases which came before the Tribunal today were the following:

R. Strang, a driver of the fire department, whose claim was based on his departmental work, asked for consideration as part support of his mother and two sisters. The Court stated exemption could not be granted on the ground of occupation, but the case would receive consideration.

Thomas Dunn, 1531 Amphion Street, who was described as a munition worker, did not appear, but his mother, who mentioned that her son had joined the Royal Naval Forces, nevertheless asked for his exemption. The Court pointed out its inability in the circumstances, to do anything in the matter.

Indian Claim. "Take the toothpick out of your mouth," said the Court to Percy B. Ross, ranch hand, of Beaumont, an Indian native who claimed exemption as the sole support of his grandmother. Claimant bears some personal trace of his nationality, but talks English like a college graduate. Word of Percy's fate is to be sent him in due course.

W. I. Gibbs, Shawinigan Lake farmer, claimed exemption as a food producer. Fall to appear.

W. M. Matheson, 1115 Meares Street, stated to be "of no occupation," and A. Dussault, Strand Hotel, carpenter, both failed to appear.

W. S. Fawcett, 174 Second Street, milk retailer, whose work was stated to be his parents' only means of livelihood, said his father looked after five head of stock out at a ranch, but obtained no money towards the support of the home. His mother corroborated. Medically unfit.

G. Spence, Melchosh, who works on a farm, had joined the army last year, but had been discharged "medically unfit." The Court sent claimant to the Medical Board for another examination.

"Not to Worry." Wm. Elliot, 1277 Walnut Street, grocer's driver, was stated by his widowed mother's sole support. After the mother had given testimony the Court told claimant to tell his mother, who was very deaf, "not to worry," as full consideration would be given to the case.

G. D. Taylor, Duncan, said he had varicose veins, and was sent to undergo a further examination by the Medical Board, the same course being pursued in the case of S. A. Tibbets, blacksmith's helper, 123 Olive Street.

Saanich Irrigation.—The expectation of the City Engineer is that the report will be ready for the Councils of the City and Saanich with regard to the irrigation scheme of the district around Gordon Head about next week. The Assistant Engineer, Mr. Rust states, is now in consultation with the Saanich authorities, and advantage is being taken of the Canadian Underwriters' representatives in the City to borrow from them pressure gauges to take certain readings.



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FIFTY THOUSAND CASH FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Sum to Be Made Available Immediately for Halifax Sufferers

The Province of British Columbia passed an Order-in-Council at its morning's sitting of the Provincial Executive voting the sum of \$50,000 in aid of the sufferers of the stricken city of Halifax.

In the absence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice J. A. Macdonald, in his capacity of administrator, will be asked to sign a special warrant so that the money may be available immediately.

The sum will be placed at the disposal of the Central Committee in whose hands the whole of the relief work has been entrusted. Advances have been sent to the Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, so that immediate allocation may be made for the purchase of necessary comforts. The strictest cash donation was decided upon by the Cabinet as the most practical way of lending aid in the quickest possible manner. In the province of Alberta and Saskatchewan the machinery used for the Victory Loan canvass has been started while the Provincial Government in each case will implement the sum raised by a cash grant.

IS CANVALESCENT

Sapper J. Robertson is Now in Hospital in England; is Doing Well.

Mrs. Robertson, of 24 Simcoe Street, has received word that her husband, Sapper J. Robertson, of the Royal Engineers, 2nd Canadian, who was reported recently in the casualty lists, has been removed from the Stationary Hospital, France, and is now at a convalescent home in England doing very well. Sapper Robertson left here on January 8, 1917, with a draft of the Inland Water Transport. As a resident of Victoria for some thirty years he is well-known by old-timers.

Sapper G. Robertson, a son, who went overseas at the same time as his father, is still on duty in France.

Sergt. R. Robertson, another brother who went with the 103rd Battalion, was wounded some time ago in the shoulder. He is now in England recovering from the effects of shell shock. Prior to going to France he attended school at Aldershot and passed his examinations as a bombing instructor with distinction.

A third brother, Pte. Daniel Robertson, has just returned from England, not having been permitted to cross to France on account of his age.

LOCAL NEWS

To Meet Sir Wilfrid.—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, will go to Vancouver to-morrow night in order to be present at the reception to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who arrives there on Friday morning. The Minister of Lands will in all probability take the platform with other Laurier Liberals at Sir Wilfrid's meeting.

Underwriters Leaving.—Having completed their investigation in this City, it is understood that the representatives of the Canadian Underwriters' Association, who have conducted investigations into the water service for Victoria and Nanaimo, while on the island, complete their work this week and leave for the East.

Laurier Not Coming.—Advices by wire have been received this afternoon at Stuart Henderson's Committee Rooms to the effect that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not be able to visit this city on his present trip to the West. It is understood that the veteran Liberal chieftain intends to reach Winnipeg Monday which necessitates his leaving Vancouver on Friday evening.

Invited to Tacoma.—Mayor Todd has been invited to attend the Remount depot display, at Capt. Jackson's invitation at Camp Lewis on Saturday and Sunday next. There will be displays by the different units of the 91st Infantry Division, and others. His worship is doubtful whether he will be able to accept the invitation. The Captain was here at the time of the Victory Loan Ball.

"Yummy" McGregor Recovers.—Mrs. W. McGregor, of 1725 Fourth Street, has received a letter from E. E. Blair, of Kaling, stating that her son, Private Roy ("Yummy") McGregor, has made excellent progress towards recovery after an attack of trench fever. Before leaving for overseas with the 67th Battalion, the young soldier, who has been twice wounded, was well-known in local sporting circles as a baseball pitcher of no small merit.

Red Cross Ships Holly.—The first shipment of holly was sent to Calgary by the Red Cross last night, and included seven crates of fifty pounds each. It is expected that another ten crates will be ready for shipment to-day. The cutters are busily engaged, and the Red Cross will be glad if intending donors will send holly to the Belmont Block as soon as possible. Those requiring the services of the cutter are requested to phone the Belmont Block.

Old Gold and Silver Shower.—On Friday next, the Red Cross will conduct its shower to provide a Christmas gift for the boys at the front, when it is hoped everyone will contribute some item, no matter how old or broken. Souvenir spoons, old silver cutlery, gold-filled teeth, old umbrella handles, in fact anything which will produce some gold or silver when placed in the melting pot, will be acceptable to the fair guardians of the barrels.

WORK OF PENINSULA BEACHES DISCUSSED

Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee Meets to Organize Formally

Formal organization of the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee under the by-law recently passed by both councils, was completed yesterday afternoon, hitherto the work having been done as a voluntary body. Now it has definite statutory power. The meeting appointed H. S. Cowper, Clerk and Treasurer of the Saanich Municipality, as treasurer of the funds, J. S. Floyd as auditor, and the Finance Committee will be composed of Mayor Todd, Reece Borden, and the Treasurer, J. B. Titcher was elected secretary. The expenditures on the lands at Cudboro Bay, and Cordova Bay by the city and Saanich authorities were reported, and approved, and the Committee decided to ascertain exactly how it stood with regard to taxes, which Victoria Council had agreed to contribute to the funds of the organization. So far expenditures have been made out of 1916 receipts, and it was thought desirable to clear up 1917 taxes before the year expires.

Island View. The Saanich representatives secured the approval of the expenditure made on the Island View Beach at Saanichton, where the District Council has fenced, and erected floodgates on the addition to the property already acquired. Mayor Todd stated that in his opinion, in spite of the inaccessibility compared with other beaches, it was the best on the Saanich peninsula, and the members all agreed.

Councillor Tanner mentioned that the Victoria people did not generally know that Saanich had some public land on Saanich Arm, which could be improved for camping purposes next summer.

Scope of Work. That brought up the question of what lands should be treated as being controlled by the committee, and Alderman Fullerton recommended an inventory early next year, a course which will be followed after the new council takes office.

Plans for next year's programme were discussed, and the sketches of the pavilion at Cordova Bay presented. No definite action was taken, however. The meeting was attended by the following members: Mayor Todd, Aldermen Walker and Fullerton, Reece Borden, Councillors Somers and Tanner.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred suddenly yesterday at his home, 1014 McCaskill Street, of Andrew Dick, aged 67 years, a native of Scotland and a resident of Victoria for the past nine years. Dr. Haynes was summoned and it was decided to call the attention of the coroner, Dr. Stanier, to the case. Mr. Dick is survived by besides his widow, five sons, all of whom are on active service overseas; three daughters, two at home, and Mrs. Dewar, of Sooke. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2.30 from the Thompson Chapel.

At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, 111 Cambridge Street, the death occurred at midnight last night of Mrs. Mary McDonald, relict of the late Alexander McDonald. Born at Oban, Scotland, 84 years ago, she lived for a time at Orillia, Ont., before coming to Victoria in 1887, when she took up her residence at 209 King's Road. Five years ago she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, and for the past four years has been confined to her bed. She is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Gilchrist, of King's Road, and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Vancouver; also a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 from the residence, where the Rev. J. G. Inkster will conduct the service.

Prizes Awarded.—The Cudahy Packing Company having awarded three prizes for drawing in the entrance classes of the graded schools of Victoria, the awards were issued last evening, as follows: 1. Orion McCarty, North Ward School; 2. Cyril Tomlinson, Oaklands; 3. Alex. Martin, South Park School. The competition was set by Miss Mills, Supervisor of Drawing, and was a model drawing of a cylinder. The first prize is a handsome watch, and the other two are pairs of cuff links.

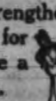
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—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

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—Neckwear, Main Floor

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AMID MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA

Dr. Hardy Passes Through Victoria; Discredits Story of Tibet's Entry Into War

Seventeen white people, half of them young children, isolated nearly ten thousand feet above sea level, and forty-three days from a railway. In such conditions Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Hardy have been living for the past four years. They passed through Victoria yesterday with two young children, one of them a baby in arms. They left Batang, in Eastern Tibet, on September 5, and travelled according to the custom of the country, Mrs. Hardy and children being in charge of gear, while the Doctor rode on horseback and the baggage of the cavalcade was sometimes borne by yaks, sometimes by mules, and by other beasts of burden.

Into Mediaevalism.

Dr. Hardy himself is in the medical missionary work of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the other residents of this outpost of civilization in this high plateau of Central Asia are missionaries and teachers, including one French Father, the remainder being Americans.

"Life out there," he said, "is like stepping back into mediaevalism. The agricultural operations are carried on in a most primitive form, most of the work being done by hand and the threshing with flails. What an opportunity for the agent of farm implements and machinery, provided always that the people could ever get enough money to purchase them, and could ever get them up there! Two crops are harvested annually, wheat or barley, and when the ground has been cleared it is followed by buckwheat. Simple in habits.

"The people are very simple in their habits and very hardy in physique. The reason for the open air rough life they lead, and the coarse food upon which they live. It has been the practice of travellers to describe the Tibetans as a race of hardy, strong people. The reason is that the weak children do not survive the coarse fare in infancy, the percentage of infantile mortality being exceptionally high. This fact was brought home to me in my hospital work there on many occasions.

Destory Lamaseries.

"In that section of Tibet, Chinese influence is strong, the policy having been adopted of breaking up the semi-independent power of the priesthood by destroying lamaseries and persecuting the priests. There are some magnificent ruins of lamaseries destroyed within the last decade and, like the monastic ruins of the old world, much of the material has been carried away to be used in buildings elsewhere. The Chinese troops in the vicinity of Batang were two years in arrears in receipt of their pay when we left, but are able to live on the grain which is paid as a tithe or tax by the native community. There has been a good deal of disturbance to the east and south of us, armies being engaged on the bordering provinces of Yunnan and Szechuan, whose provincial authorities have been constantly quarrelling since the revolution of 1911. We were obliged to come out after the Revolution of that year and some of the buildings in the compound were looted."

Asked as to the story wired from San Francisco a few days ago that the Grand Lama intended to send troops to support the Allies, Dr. Hardy was somewhat sceptical on account of the condition of the country.

The party proceeded home to Lexington, Kentucky, on furlough.

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Waiting for Counter Attack is More Exciting Than Advance

The following excerpts from a letter received by a local man from his brother, who is fighting in France with the Royal Scots, give a vivid picture of what the boys are enduring:

"It was on August 24 that we left billets to give battle to the enemy. That night we slept in a picturesque little wood. It would have been all right if it had not rained all night, and with only a waterproof sheet wrapped round one it was infernally cold and uncomfortable.

"We stayed there all next day and at night we marched out on the great adventure. Three hours brought us to the scene of operations. It was at the town of Hargicourt, on the Peronne front. The Colonge Farm ridge was regarded as an important point and it was up to us to take it. We marched out into 'No Man's Land' in the darkness and took up a position within a stone-throw of Johnnie's lines—a rather daring and delicate operation—and somewhat trying to the nerves.

Barrage Opened.

"As a signaller I was with headquarters, a small group of about half-a-dozen. We lay in the long grass for over two hours, grinning at one another and trying to whisper jokes. Our lines were shivering with the early morning chill—and perhaps something else. Johnnie's shells were flying overhead all the time and many of them landing devilish close. It was something of a thrilling wait and I think we were all glad when, exactly to the minute—just when the light was beginning to show in the sky—our barrage opened.

"You can have no conception of the mathematical accuracy of the British barrage. It was simply splendid. We seemed to walk forward surrounded by a perfect tornado of fireworks. The machine-guns sounded like a heavy hailstorm, the rattle never ceasing for a second.

Carried Pigeons.

"I walked forward swinging a small basket with a pair of carrier pigeons—rather admiring the whole affair and wondering when that bullet or piece of shrapnel was going to come against me. When I reached Fritz's barbed wire it was pretty well broken, but still one had to move gingerly and slowly while Henny at my side was hacking away with a wire-cutter. As I worked my way through, carrying one leg slowly after another I was asking myself the question: 'Well, Jock, will you be hanging on the wire in a minute?' But I got through all right. The earth all along here resembled the surface of the moon—all gigantic crumbling craters, which made progress a nightmare of uncertainty and slowness. Keeping on, however, I arrived at the Hun trenches without a scratch.

"The Germans had all the pluck knocked out of them and I believe only at one point was there any hand to hand fighting. There were plenty of dead men lying about and dozens with ghastly wounds. It is all grim, horrid hell. The senses become so blunted that the horror of it is not realized at the time. Men become changed while the excitement of fighting is on, and strange, unspeakable things happen. Bodies lie about the trench unregarded, kneeling or twisted or straight out, cold and stiff, while our boys work hard to consolidate the trench—building a breastwork and parapet on the other side, for Fritz may counter-attack at any moment.

Waiting is Exciting.

"The waiting for a counter-attack is far more exciting even than the advance. I was kept busy sending lamp messages across the valley or running up and down to the C.O.'s quarters. Frequently I had to crawl across dead men, for in places the trench was completely blown away so that there was no shelter from snipers. The the

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ONLY CONSIDERATION IS REINFORCEMENTS

Clear Issue Put Before Saanichton Electors by J. C. McIntosh Last Night

Only by endorsing the candidates of the Union Government can the people of the Dominion receive a guarantee that reinforcements will be sent to the Canadians at the front, and thus save the everlasting stigma on the fair name of Canada that her soldiers were deserted in their hour of need.

This was one of the statements made for the consideration of the electors by J. C. McIntosh at a very representative and well-attended meeting held at Saanichton, at which F. J. Staupole, K. C., also addressed the audience, together with R. G. Duggan and A. Tait, of the Great War Veterans' Association, the former president association also clearly pointing out that only by the people supporting the Union Government would there be any certainty that the men at the front would receive the assistance of which they were so sorely in need.

Holding Liberal principles all his life, declared J. C. McIntosh, the idea of a union government, composed of the best men of all parties, appealed to him as an ideal form of carrying on the affairs of the nation, and well worthy of being instituted at any time, but now nothing less than a necessity in this great crisis of the country. Personally, he meant nothing to the electors, but the principles he advocated were of vital interest to all Canadians, and because of that, he asked their support in order that he might help the Union Government to put those principles into action.

The Only Consideration.

The only consideration to be thought of at the present time, said F. J. Staupole, K. C., was the securing of reinforcements for the troops at the front, and if the people of Canada did not want to do this, and did not wish to have conscription, all they would have to do would be to vote for the Laurier-Liberal candidates, for this election was the best possible referendum on the subject that could be had.

As a life-long Liberal he regretted he should have to take issue with his old leader, but in the undoubted interests of and for the good of the country he had been compelled to bury his political feelings. Therefore he was supporting the Union Government, entirely convinced that, with the inclusion of the type of men who had recently joined the cabinet a stop would be put to the scandals which had been prevalent in the last administration.

In Mr. Duggan's speech this latter note was also similarly emphasized, the ex-president of the Great War Veterans' Association being satisfied that the protesters, because the cabinet ministers would be critically watching each other, and seeing that only this thing that were best for the interests of the Dominion were done.

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