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WARSHIPS SENT TO QUELL REBELLION

Will Try to Re-Take Riga From Revolutionaries--Cossacks Massacred While Asleep.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 15.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Sun, dated December 15th, says:
"Warships have been sent to Riga from Libau to quell the rebellion there and to capture the town."
"This action was taken in response to an urgent dispatch from Governor Sveginstoff, who asked for a cruiser and two torpedo boats beside troops. He declared it was imperative that strong reinforcements be sent immediately. They can be sent by sea. Communication by land is interrupted. Couriers are stopped."
"According to unofficial reports the anarchy at Riga continues."
"The troops are powerless or unwilling to attack the rebels."
Plot to Seize Witte.

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BOXING CONTESTS

Herman Defeated Hanlon in Twenty-Fourth Round Fight at Los Angeles.
(Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Kid Herman of Chicago, last night beat Eddie Hanlon, of San Francisco, in a fierce 20-round fight. There was not a moment from start to finish of every round that the two lightweights were not in action, and the going found them fighting. Hanlon forced the pace and made it a terrific one from the start, and never for an instant gave ground. To a great extent he gave up his crouch and stood up and boxed with Herman. At this style of fighting Hanlon was at a disadvantage, as Herman was far the cleverer of the two, and his blows were nearly all clean and well-timed. The eighth, ninth and eleventh rounds were the best, Hanlon appearing to have the advantage in strength. In the twentieth round Hanlon had Herman very tired, as the Chicago man lost his guard for his stomach. Hanlon pounded him about the body, and had him staggering at the finish. Hanlon was the favorite at 10 to 8, but Herman was strongly supported.
In One Round.
Stockton, Cal., Dec. 15.—Kid Grant, of Seattle, last night knocked out Young Choyinski, of San Francisco, in the first minute of the tenth round with a right swing to the jaw. The men are lightweights.
Kid Bell, of Denver, knocked out Hook Moralis in the first round.

JOIN THE RED MOUNTAIN ROAD

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN
OBTAIN PERMISSION
Grand Trunk Pacific Make Slight Change
in Their Route—E. & N. Plans
For Island.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The railway commission has issued orders permitting the Columbia and Western to connect two short branches in Roseland, and to connect with the Red Mountain Company's line by way of Third avenue.
G. T. P. Plan.
The minister of railways has sanctioned a change in the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific through Port Arthur and Fort William. By the change the road will run alongside the C. P. R. tracks from Port Arthur to Fort William and touch the lake front also on the Indian reserve south of the Kamistiquia river.
The E. & N.
The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. will apply next session for an act extending the time for commencing and completing the extension of the main line to Comox, and the branches referred to in its incorporation, and also empowering the company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to a point near Campbell river, also a branch from its main line near Duncan via Cowichan valley to Alberni, also a branch from a point near Englishman's river to Alberni canal, and a branch from near Comox via Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni canal.

DISASTER IN ROSSLAND MINE

(Associated Press.)
Roseland, B. C., Dec. 15.—145 p. m.—A terrific explosion on Red Mountain, at one of the mines. Plate glass was smashed all over the town. No details yet. Great excitement prevails. Heavy loss of life.
Roseland, B. C., Dec. 15.—155 p. m.—A load of injured has passed up the street from the mines. The loss of life is reported to be very heavy.
TAKEN FROM RUSSIANS.
Gun Which Originally Belonged to the United States Has Arrived at San Francisco.
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San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The transport Thomas, just arrived from the Orient, brought home a piece of artillery which originally belonged to the United States, but which was found in the possession of the Russian forces at Port Arthur when the Japanese captured that stronghold. The government of Japan, when they discovered the ownership of the gun, turned it over to United States Minister Griscom, who shipped it from Nagasaki consigned to the arsenal at Benicia. The piece was stamped inside the barrel "Waltwell, arsenal, 1888, 35 pounds, number 299, J. W. J." The military authorities here are now wondering how this particular gun got into the possession of the Russians.

WINNIPEG AND FREIGHT RATES

ANOTHER INTERVIEW
WITH W. GEORGESON
Says the Prairie Capital Has No Advantage in Rates Over Any Point in Canada.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The following interview with Mr. Wm. Georgeison is published in this morning's Free Press:
"The Vancouver World takes exception to the substance of my statement in your issue of December 9th, that Winnipeg has neither asked for any advantage (in freight rates) over any other point in Canada to do business in the territories, and asks me to explain away if I can the following rates: 'The rate from Japan to Vancouver of certain classes is \$1.50 per measurement ton. The rate from Japan to Winnipeg on the same goods is \$2.00 per ton. These same goods can be sent from Winnipeg to Edmonton 57 cents per hundred cheaper than from Vancouver to Edmonton; from Japan to Calgary direct, especially, as the rates from Japan to Calgary are the same as from Japan to Winnipeg. To ship the goods back from Winnipeg to Calgary would cost from 77 cents on 5th class to \$1.56 first class. However, it is much fairer if the rates for the actual commodities carried were quoted instead of some general rate, which means nothing. On the lines of goods with which I am most familiar, viz: rice, sugar and tea, Vancouver has a decided advantage over Winnipeg."
"Rice—Japan to Vancouver, 25c; Vancouver to Calgary, 91c; total, \$1.16. Japan to Winnipeg, 75c; Winnipeg to Calgary, 70c; total, \$1.45. Difference in favor of Vancouver, 29c."
"Sugar—Japan to Vancouver, 41c; Vancouver to Calgary, 91c; total, \$1.32. Japan to Winnipeg, 90c; Winnipeg to Calgary, 70c; total, \$1.67. Difference in favor of Vancouver, 35c."
"Tea—Japan to Vancouver, 70c; Vancouver to Calgary, \$1.34; total, \$2.04. Japan to Winnipeg, \$1.25; Winnipeg to Calgary, \$1.66; total, \$2.91. Difference in favor of Vancouver, 81c."
"If the intention is to suggest that Winnipeg is given special consideration in the transportation of Oriental goods, that idea is a wrong one. On Oriental goods and all goods taking the trans-continent route the freight is the same to Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and even the lower provinces. Winnipeg has no special return rates, but pays the regular mileage charge. She has no advantage in freights over any point in Canada, and if Vancouver desires to make any arrangement with any other point, it should do so on its own merits without misrepresentation of the position of Winnipeg. Beyond this, Winnipeg has no interest in the controversy."
"I still adhere to the original proposition that in any event it will only be a very short time before the wholesale houses of Calgary and Edmonton will control the business in their respective districts. If Vancouver expects to do any considerable proportion of its business with the West, it should do so on its own merits, and not on the basis of that trade, it is probably reckoning without its host."

FACILITIES FOR BIG GAME HUNTING

PROPOSED STATION
AT QUESNELLE LAKE
W. G. Manson Promised Sufficient
Funds to Carry Out His Proposal
—Will Build Steamer.

The establishment of a hunting station at Quesnelle lake from which visiting Nipmora may be introduced to the finest game country of British Columbia has been undertaken by W. G. Manson, of Lillooet, one of the most capable and best known guides of the West. He is receiving necessary financial backing for the purpose of the project. The project is an expenditure of at least \$20,000, from a number of New York capitalists, among whom are George Lavee and Parker Cornhill. These gentlemen spent some time in the province this summer, and under the guidance of Mr. Manson, visited unexplored wilds and Rocky Mountain fastnesses and returned with excellent bags. So pleased were they and so much impressed with the possibilities of the country that Mr. Manson's proposal to extend the scope of his business met with their approval. They immediately volunteered their assistance, and now Mr. Manson is in Victoria for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for carrying out the project.
One of the principal features of the proposal, Mr. Manson pointed out in conversation with a Times reporter this morning, was the construction of a small steamer to ply upon the waters of Lake Quesnelle. This vessel would be from 60 to 75 feet in length, and would be fitted up comfortably for the accommodation of the parties expected to accord it their patronage. For those who didn't wish to travel far inland in search of regular hotels, there had been scarcely any hunting done in that locality, and the game, consequently, showed very little fear of man. But the fishing was perhaps even better than the hunting. Manson exclaimed enthusiastically, "upon which a fly has never been cast. The fish, too, are plentiful and of an exceedingly sporty variety."
This, however, is not the full extent of Mr. Manson's intention. He hopes to open up a district hitherto untrodden by the foot of white man and bearing every indication of the presence of game in large quantities. This tract lies between Quesnelle lake and the head waters of the Fraser river. Before coming to this point, Mr. Manson went about fifty miles inland from the former point and describes what he saw in glowing terms, which betrayed in him the spirit of the inveterate Nimrod. Heavily wooded in spots, plateaus frequently rising to the mountains, the mountain side, and occasionally, snow-clad mountains projecting skywards apparently almost into the heavens. This in itself was sufficient indication of the presence of the big game of whom habits Mr. Manson had made a study. He concluded that the forests hid the sleek but formidable grizzly and his less dangerous brothers, the black and brown bears, on the plateau the caribou, and in their favorite haunts in the most inaccessible parts of the mountains, the mountain sheep, a variety of game very much sought after by hunters. Not content with such a cursory glance, Mr. Manson made a closer investigation and was rewarded. Barkless trees, with bunches of black hair clinging to the chips betrayed the bear, broken branches of trees, not to mention innumerable hoof-marks, showed that his conjecture regarding the caribou had not been ill founded. This is the section Mr. Manson has chosen to



THE VACANT SADDLE—WHO WILL BE UP?

PLAINTIFFS' CASE WELL ADVANCED

MOST OF EVIDENCE
IS PUT IN BY THEM
Hearing of Application For Injunction
Respecting Goldstream Water Will
Be Resumed on Monday.

The Goldstream water case has been adjourned until Monday morning. The case for the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in its application for an injunction against the Victoria Power Company has almost been completed. In large measure the evidence has covered very much the same ground as that of the previous case, where it was sought to restrain the city from obtaining a record.
Yesterday afternoon S. Lubbe's cross-examination was continued by A. E. McPhillips, K. C.
The witness gave the annual precipitation at Goldstream for various years, ending June 30th. In 1894 it was 72.86 inches; 1895, 65.4 inches; 1896, 82.43 inches; 1897, 74.17 inches; 1898, 64.93 inches; 1899, 68.29 inches; 1900, 70.41 inches; 1901, 73.41 inches; 1902, 65.41 inches; 1903, 67.07 inches; 1904, 72.71 inches; and 1905, 68.81 inches. The witness said, was the total precipitation including snow and rain.
Witness said that in England engineers agree to take 15 inches from the precipitation to arrive at the amount of water capable of being evaporated. He had found, however, that here 15 inches should be deducted for loss from evaporation, etc.
The maximum daily precipitation for the winter months of 1902-'03 was then given. It was as follows: In September, 1902, the heaviest fall for any day was 2.02 inches; October, 2.36 inches; November, 3.03 inches; December, 3.41 inches; January, 1903, 1.31 inches; February, 2.33 inches; and March, 2.59 inches.
In reply to a question of Mr. McPhillips witness said that one inch of rain on an acre of land would give a total of 1.50 miner's inches.
Further questions were directed by Mr. McPhillips along this line, but it was pointed out that it was impossible at any time to tell what water would be gathered, as the amount of loss from evaporation or seepage would not be estimated.
It was admitted that about 2,479 miner's inches of water fell on the Goldstream watershed. Of this only about 40 per cent. was gathered or 988 inches. To supply the tramway company 562 miner's inches were required, leaving 426 miner's inches, which Mr. McPhillips contended was waste.
"Mr. Lubbe, however, contended that it was not wasted as it might be required at any time."
After further cross-examination Mr. Lubbe was allowed to leave the witness stand.
Other evidence was then taken, the witnesses giving practically the same testimony as in the previous case.
The witnesses were A. Peatt, T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., Thos. Astle, J. Henrick, McGregor, J. A. Seward and Thos. Earle.
The evidence of F. S. Barnard, taken on examination for discovery was also put in.
The court then adjourned until 10.30 Monday morning.

SEALING COMPANY CLEAR BIG PROFIT

OBTAINED RECORD
PRICE AT FUR SALE
Believed as a Result that One Hundred
Thousand Dollars Will be
Netted.

For the second time since its organization the Victoria Sealing Company will this year be in a position to pay dividends, and these, judging from the result of the sale held in London yesterday, will be of a substantial character. There were 19,000 skins belonging to the company sold, and it is estimated that the price will allow a clear profit over and above working expenses of a hundred thousand dollars. This for one year's operations seems very large, but when covering several years is not so large, for, as stated, only once before was the company in a position to pay a dividend, and then it was four per cent.
Approximately there were 13,000 skins sold yesterday. The Coast pelts averaged \$5 1/2, and the Behring Sea \$5 1/2. The highest price realized was \$2 and the lowest \$2. Landed in London, it is said that the skins cost just \$13 a-piece, in addition to which there are the expenses of the sale, which do not exceed \$2 a skin. The rest is profit. It is the biggest catch that has been seen in the business since the early days when there were no restrictions handicapping the work of the fleet. The average price obtained yesterday was a good five dollars in advance of that secured a year ago.
At this distance it is difficult to give all the reasons contributing to the firmness of the fur market, but doubtless the fact that the world's catch of seal skins was considerably reduced this year in consequence of the year had a great deal to do with the result as shown. The Japanese prosecuted the industry on the Asiatic side, but a smaller catch came from that part of the world than for many years. The Victoria Sealing Company operated fifteen schooners during the season. In addition, there were three independent schooners. There were six of the Cape Horn fleet operated by Victorians, but the skins taken there are of a poorer quality. They are not included in the quotations given above. They brought only \$3 a skin. In view of the large catches which schooners in that vicinity were able to get it is believed that all well-repaid their owners.

FIRE IN COLLEGE

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 15.—Barton Hall, the American college for girls, in the suburb of Scutari, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The students, including a number of boarders, were in bed when the flames were discovered. All the inmates were rescued.

BROKER'S CAMPAIGN

Will Devote His Time to Fighting Practice of Trading in Privileges.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—John J. Hill, Jr., who has led in the fight of the Chicago Board of Trade against bucket shops for the last ten years, resigned his position yesterday with the announcement that he would devote his time to fighting the practice of trading in privileges which now goes on daily in the smoking room of the regular session under the aegis of the directors. When trading in privileges was reformed last October under cover of a favorable decision by Judge Gary, Mr. Hill opposed it, but so much pressure was brought to bear upon him by the market report committee that his activity in the matter was curbed. Mr. Hill now purposes to give up the position to have a free hand in opposing the trade in privileges.

PRINTING TRADE STRIKE

Employers Taking Steps to Continue the Struggle.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Action was taken yesterday both by the Chicago Typographic and the International Typographic Union looking towards an extension after January 1st of the printers' strike, which has been in progress since September. At a meeting of Chicago Typographic a conference of the 30 independent employing printers was called for today, when the independents will be asked to join the Typographic in the struggle against the eight hour day by abrogating their present eight hour contracts and informing their 1,700 union men they will be obliged to work nine hours a day after January 1st.

THE MOROCCAN CONFERENCE

Will Be Held in Madrid—Session on January 20th.
(Associated Press.)
Rome, Dec. 15.—Italy has accepted the proposition of Spain to hold the Moroccan conference at Madrid instead of at Algiers. It is now expected that the representatives of interested powers will meet at the Spanish capital on January 20th.

N.W. BILLS

Measures Providing for Fines on Persons Receiving Rebates From Railways—Proposed Head Tax.
(Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Representative Parker of New Jersey, has introduced a bill providing that persons receiving rebates from railways may be compelled to pay to the government twice the amount of such rebates. Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill imposing a head tax of \$40 on immigrants. The bill will not apply to the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii or Guain.

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HIGHEST UPRAISE

The Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company Makes Record.
News of the completion of the mines; upraise known in the history of mining has been received by the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company, of New York, who is in Vancouver. This company has large and valuable properties near Juneau, Alaska, where extensive development work has been carried on and much money spent.
In September last K. A. Lamert, one of the editors of the Financial News, of London, England, visited the mines of Southeastern Alaska. Mr. Lamert devoted considerable time in examining the Alaska-Treadwell mine on Douglas Island and the other mines worked and controlled by the Treadwell Company on the island and on the Mainland in Silver Bow Basin. He was greatly pleased at the work done in these mines, as they are all low grade mines and large dividend payers, some of them having been worked for a great many years. In his article he stated that the mine which attracted his attention most was the Alaska-Perseverance mine, owned and operated by the Alaska-Perseverance Mining Company of New York. He described the mine-like way in which the work had been done in the mine and the first-class machinery and buildings which were erected at the works. He described also the Alexander tunnel which was run cutting the various bodies and bodies of the mine, and described the great upraise being made between the Alexander tunnel and the surface, 929 feet up of the perpendicular.

W. J. SUTHERLAND

W. J. Sutherland, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is in Vancouver on a visit to various mining properties in which they are interested.

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SOLDIERS USED MACHINE GUNS

DURING FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF RIGA

Conditions in Province Growing Worse - The Trouble in the Manchurian Army.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Evening via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 12.—It seems to be beyond question that bloody collisions have occurred between troops and the united peasants and workmen in the streets of Riga, during which machine guns were used. The situation is most serious in the country which is practically abandoned to the revolutionary bands owing to the concentration of the troops in the cities and towns.

Against some of the estates where the landlords, aided by a few faithful adherents in protecting their properties, the revolutionaries are conducting regular military operations. They reduced the garrison of the estate of Baron Van Looms to submission after a majority of the defenders had been killed, and

Plundered and Burned the buildings and carried off the baron. The survivors were made prisoners.

The law and order element are now the principal hope of averting the cataclysm which the revolutionary parties are organizing.

Upon the early convocation of the national assembly, the pressure for which is constantly increasing, it is generally believed that Premier Witte will dispense with the services of Interior Minister Durnovo and appoint M. Guchkoff, a prominent member of the Moscow zemstvo. People here continue to talk of the probable ceremonial attending the issuing of the constitution December 15th, and much is being made of the report that the golden state carriages used at momentous ceremonies will be sent to Tarskoo-Selo.

An investigation of the rumor seems to show that it is baseless, as the Emperor is going to Moscow to proclaim the constitution.

The budget of 1906 is cut to make the best possible showing to the national

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Sudden Death in Winnipeg Street Car - Indian Executed For Murder.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—O. Duhamel, the Massey-Harris agent at St. Ann's, Man., was fobbed off \$200 while asleep in a hotel.

Sudden Death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Engineer H. Scott dropped dead in a street car tonight as he was passing through the C. P. R. subway. He was the oldest fireman in the city.

Indian Hanged.

Brandon, Dec. 15.—Joe Bennet, who murdered Peter Jacob, an old woman, was hanged at 8:15 this morning. The crime for which Bennet paid the life penalty was a most brutal one. On July 9th last, with her head badly bruised and marks of murderer's fingers on her throat, Peter Jacob, an Indian about 29 years of age, living alone on one of the Oshweken reserves in Brant county, was found dead. Bennet was at once suspected, a letter which he had received the night before having been found beside the dead woman's body. Bennet skipped out, but after a chase lasting several days was captured in a bush about 50 miles from the scene of the murder. There were no valuables in the house, and Bennet's motive for committing the murder remains unsolved.

Calgary and Exhibition.

Calgary, Dec. 15.—The city council and board of trade will at once commence a vigorous campaign with the object of bringing the Dominion exposition of 1907 to Calgary. Charles W. Peterson, secretary of the board of trade and manager of the Inter-Western Pacific Exposition, has already communicated with Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, in reference to the Dominion exposition of 1907.

Destructive Fire.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 15.—Fire started last night in the second story of the Crawford block, over the store occupied by the Consumers' Paper Company, and before it was extinguished did damage to the extent of \$15,000, which is partially covered by insurance. The Consumers' Paper Company is the heaviest loser. The Thompson Electrical Company and the Singer Sewing Machine Company suffered loss from water. Guests in the Crawford House were forced out by smoke. They ran out into the cold air in their night clothes, but returned when they found there was no danger.

Merchants Bank.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—E. F. Hebdon was to-day appointed general manager of the Merchants Bank. He is replaced as chief inspector by T. G. Merritt, now manager of the New York branch. William Ramsay, succeeded Merritt, and is replaced as manager of the Montreal branch by D. C. MacKerron, assistant manager.

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HARRIMAN'S EVIDENCE.

Tells of Interview With Ryan Regarding Insurance Affairs.

New York, Dec. 15.—E. H. Harriman was called to the stand when the insurance investigation committee opened its session to-day. Mr. Harriman said he learned of the sale of the Hyde stock on the day that Mr. Ryan bought it. Continuing, Mr. Harriman said:

"I went to Mr. Ryan's office. He told me he had decided to buy the stock and said it was time for him to make a name for himself. He said he had decided to buy Hyde's stock, provided he could get his nominee elected chairman of the board. He said he had made a good deal of money and never had done anything to make a name for himself.

"I told him," said Mr. Harriman, "that if I was satisfied that he was acting from a pure and unselfish motive in the interest of the Equitable I would help him. He told me his plan. I did not tell him then that I would share in the Hyde stock. I assisted him to get his nominee elected."

"Why did you if you were not satisfied as to the purity of his motives?" asked Hughes.

"I became satisfied that Mr. Ryan was sincere in the affairs of the Equitable would be safe. I was not convinced that Mr. Ryan was sincere. I did not then think Mr. Ryan would share the stock with me," said Mr. Harriman. "At the next interview Root and Cravath were present. I said to Ryan 'You want my co-operation?' He said 'Yes.' I said 'I will take half of your stock, if you will let me name two trustees.'

"Ryan refused and told me I had promised to help him if I was satisfied. I said this was my way of being satisfied. I do not remember what else I said. I may have said that these gentlemen say I did. I intended, unless I was satisfied of his motives, to oppose his control of the society, and thought it ought to be stopped. I know whom he had selected as trustees, but did not know his plan to divest himself of control of the stock."

Mr. Harriman said he was instrumental in preventing bills from being introduced in the legislature to aid one faction in the Equitable to get control of the society.

"It has been openly charged," said Mr. Hughes, "that you got your political influence through your relations with Mr. Odell."

"I should say that Mr. Odell gets his political influence through his relations with me," responded Mr. Harriman.

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Green Room

"The Prince of Pilsen" which is perhaps the most popular and successful musical comedy of American authorship produced within the past decade, will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Monday next. In the organization are many who have taken part in its production; others have been taken from the various companies that have played the piece, being chosen for the superior character of their work. The company—under consideration is the only one now playing this popular comedy in this country. It includes Jess Dandy, who has played the role of Hans Wagner, the brewer from "Zingst" more than 500 times. Arthur Donaldson, Ivar Anderson, Louise Willis, Marguerite Ferguson, Pauline Huntley, Marie Walsh, Marie Louise Gribben, and Ida Stanhope. The chorus contingents have been carefully chosen to secure the rare combination of good voices and good looks.

Rocian Company.

In "El Capitán," which will be presented by the Rocian Comic Opera Company at the Victoria on Wednesday, December 20th, Claude Armand will play the title part, and his work is stated to be not one whit inferior to the celebrated original in the part. De Wolf Hopper, Miss Hazel Daynesport will take the part of Estrella, while Lucie Holtz appears as Isabel. Frank Walters, Count Hernandez, J. Rowley, Hillard Campbell, Scaramba, J. Dewey, Don Luiz Cazzaro, Jack Lee, Joe Pozzo, and the chorus are seen in a number of Sousa military marches and groupings which are said to be characteristic and pleasing. The prices are \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c, and the reserved seat sale is at Watt's music store.

Watson's Theatre.

The big double bill, "The Deserter" and "Dora Thorne" will be presented for the last time to-night by the Watson players, and a capacity house will greet the company. The past week's repertoire has given entire satisfaction, and big business ruled all week at the Watson theatre.

Two very strong plays have been selected for the week preceding Christmas. Starting on Monday night, the greatest laugh production of the age, "Charley's Aunt," will be the bill. This will be the magnet that will draw the crowds to the Watson theatre the first half of the week. A good clean comedy is always pleasing and "Charley's Aunt" stands at the head of its class. The Watson company can be depended upon to give an excellent performance, and for the three nights and Wednesday matinee the Watson theatre will be headquarters for merriment galore.

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Green Room

The usual three Saturday night performances will bring the present week's excellent bill to a close. The three comedies, "The Deserter," "Dora Thorne," and "Charley's Aunt," the great Richards, Zaino, Miss Alice Willdermere in illustrated song, and an amusing line of moving pictures all contribute to a most satisfactory programme.

One of the greatest novelties yet booked at the Grand, or in fact anywhere else in the city, is Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Deaves and their company of four, who will present next week their merry makings. This will prove one of the cleverest turns ever seen in Victoria. In this act the curtain goes up and shows the stage set to represent a miniature theatre. A little stage with a fold curtain is shown in the centre, with small private boxes on each side, and an orchestra of dolls, holding in their wax hands all sorts of musical instruments, below the tiny footlights. In the boxes are wax figures which clap their hands, and give other evidence of approval during the progress of the performance on the little stage, and all the while the dolls composing the orchestra appear to be animated, and playing the instruments they hold. Mr. and Mrs. Deaves' marionettes work on invisible wires, and give a performance pleasing to the old as well as the young. The curtains are drawn aside and a street scene is shown, and in rapid order, dancers, harlequins, clowns, countrymen and a donkey and wild bull come on, and cut fancy capers. A balloon ascension is shown and a clown's experience with a bucking donkey and a wild bull, which tosses him about on his horns as though he were a rubber ball.

There will also be Figaro, premier electrical club singer; Kittle Walsh, the Irish cuckoo, a singing, dancing and talking comedienne; Patsy Doyle, in tonique; Miss Alice Willdermere in illustrated song, and the moving pictures will illustrate the summary justice meted out to a Kentucky horse thief.

There will be no matinee Monday, as most of the actors will come from the Sound on Monday afternoon.

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Organ—Meditation..... Flagger Venite and Psalms—As Set..... Cathedral Psalter Te Deum..... Second Set Benedicite..... 309, 304 and 307 Organ—Fugue..... A. Redhead Evening.

Organ—Reverie..... Flagger Psalms—As Set..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat..... Turner Nunc Dimittis..... Turner Hymns..... 271, 282 and 283 Doxology..... A. Redhead

Services: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and ante-communion, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. Preacher, morning and evening, Canon Beauland. The music set for the day follows:

Voluntary—Allegretto..... Gullinart Venite..... Cathedral Psalter Psalms for 17th Morning..... Cathedral Psalter Te Deum..... Woodward Benedicite..... Langdon Kyrie..... Harpley Gloria..... Harpley Hymns..... 284, 288 and 293 Voluntary—March..... Mendelssohn Evening.

Voluntary—Aria..... Dethier. Processional Hymn..... 218 Psalms for 17th Evening..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat..... Harpley Nunc Dimittis..... Thorne-Harris Hymns..... 271, 282 and 283 Vesper Hymn—Jesus, We Pray, Armitage Recessional Hymn..... Hammerl Voluntary—Fantasia..... Hammerl

There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m. matins at 10.30, choral eucharist and sermon at 11, evening at 7. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher for the day. Morning subject, "The Supernatural Power of the Soul"; evening, "The Ministry." All seats are free. The musical arrangements are as follows:

Organ—Pastorale in G..... Smart Communion Service..... Sniper in D Hymns..... 57, 322 and 53 Nunc Dimittis..... St. John Offertory Anthem..... Barnby Organ—And He Shall Purify..... Handel Evening.

Organ—Andante in G..... Their Psalms..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat..... MacFarren Nunc Dimittis..... Felton Hymns..... 306, 50 and 13 Litany..... Burnett 462 Organ—Postlude in F..... Rink

Preachers: Morning, Rev. Percival Jenks; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley. Ard. The music follows:

Organ—Comfort Ye..... Handel Venite..... Croch Psalms for the 17th Morning..... Cathedral Psalter Jubilate..... Maender Hymns..... 50 Kyrie..... Burnett Gloria Tibi..... Burnett Hymns..... 483 and 258 Organ—Let All the Angels..... Handel Evening.

Organ—Meditation..... Dubois Psalms for the 17th Evening..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat..... Battishill Nunc Dimittis..... Felton Hymns..... 53, 40 and 23 Vesper..... Burnett Organ—Postlude..... Mally

Director, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8; matins, ante-communion service and sermon at 11; evening and sermon at 7. The music follows:

Organ Voluntary..... Cathedral Psalter Venite and Psalms..... Skedington Benedicite..... Langdon Kyrie..... Sullivan Hymns..... M. S. Organ Voluntary..... Evening.

Organ Voluntary..... Cathedral Psalter Canticum..... Woodward Deus Misereatur..... Lyttleton Hymns..... Lyttleton Metrical Litany..... 463 Vesper Hymn..... M. S. Organ Voluntary..... M. S.

Pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The preacher both morning and evening will be Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver. Sunday school, 2.30. Bible class, 3. The music for the day is as follows:

Voluntary—Andante in G..... Bache Psalm..... 21 Anthem—O, Come, Let Us Worship..... Hummel Soprano Obligato, Miss Bishop. Hymns..... 15 and 17 Voluntary—Offertoire..... Barnby Evening.

Voluntary—Chant Seriphage..... Maender Psalm..... 24 Anthem—The Sun Shall Be No More..... Hummel Woodward Hymns..... 77 and 396 Solo—Beat..... Sheldon Miss Bernice Sowercroft. Voluntary—Triumphal March..... Merkel

Dr. Campbell, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service, with Rev. Dr. Reid assisting. Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 9 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Music as follows:

Psalm..... 28 Hymns..... 21, 42 and 43 Solo..... Mrs. Wm. Gregson. Anthem—I Wait for Thy Loving Kindness..... Radford

The services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Thompson. Morning subject, "The Power of God Into Salvation"; evening, "To Seek and Save the Lost." Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Musical service as follows:

Psalm..... 28 Hymns..... 21, 42 and 43 Solo..... Mrs. Wm. Gregson. Anthem—Te Deum..... Woodward Evening.

Missionary Sunday, Rev. W. E. Pascoe, B. A., the popular pastor of Wesley church, Vancouver, will preach the annual missionary sermons at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. A splendid musical programme will be given by the choir. Classes, 10 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p. m. Spring Ridge Sunday school, 2.45 p. m. Everybody welcome to all the services.

Services as usual on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. R. J. McInyre, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock, and one of the local Preachers' Union will have charge of the service at 7 o'clock. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Stringers welcome.

Services will be held as usual on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning Wm. Marchant will have charge of the service and will preach. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. J. McIntyre, will be the preacher. Subject, "Decision." Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

will preach. Morning subject, "Reclaiming the Erring Brother"; evening, "Talents and Opportunities." Monday evening prayer meeting. Thursday evening—Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30.

Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The subject for the day's consideration are "Christ and the Children," a special Sunday school service, and "The Joy of Heaven," a talk with our own hearts. All welcome.

Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A. Morning subject, "The Power of a Great Enthusiasm"; evening, "Five Living Forces—A Living Sacrifice." Sabbath school and Bible classes at 2.30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 8.15 p. m. All seats free. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Bible lecture in A. O. U. W. hall at 7 p. m. Subject—"Salvation. What is It?" All welcome.

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, Centre No. 57, holds a public meeting at 28 Broad street every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, when short addresses are given and questions answered.

"Wanted—A Man" is the title of the address to be delivered by Rev. R. J. McIntyre to-morrow, C. A. Steele will sing. Meeting at 8 o'clock. All seats welcome.



OVER THE TEA TABLE

her father, who was assisted by Mrs. Vernon, his sister-in-law, in receiving the large number of guests that assembled after the wedding.

The bachelors of Victoria will give a ball on St. Valentine's Day. Good for the bachelors, and better still if they would only get married.

The remaining dances of the Invitation Dancing Club will be held in Assembly hall.

Mr. Harold Robertson left last night for Peterboro, where Mrs. Robertson with her babies, is now visiting her old home. They will all return after the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Cartwright, who until recently has been practicing in Rochester, is in the city. Dr. Cartwright is a son of Sir Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheagreen, of Vancouver, are spending a few days in Victoria.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. H. A. Goward gave a most enjoyable tea at her cozy home in Regent's Park in honor of her friend, Miss Flo Gowen, who will leave on Thursday next for Mexico, where she will be married to Mr. Tom Patton early in January.

The drawing room was draped with white silk streamers interwoven with lilacs of the valley and carnations and suspended from the streamers was a picturesque Mexican hat trimmed with orange blossoms, and in the hat were handkerchiefs which had been brought by the guests as gifts for Miss Gowen, whose head the hat with its contents was tumbled at an opportune moment.

Amongst the guests were Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Machin, Mrs. S. McE. Smith, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Doughton, Miss Gowen, Miss Austin, Miss Knox, Miss L. Wilson, Miss Nelson and Miss Flo Gowen. In the evening the gentlemen friends of the coming bride presented her with numerous pairs of gloves in the same way. Mrs. Goward was assisted in the evening by Mrs. E. McGill, Smith, and the guests included Mr. L. York, Mr. N. Gowen, Mr. Courtney, Mr. H. Austin, Mr. Sippell, Mr. Frank White, Mr. A. Belyea, Mr. S. McE. Smith, Mr. J. McArthur and Mr. B. P. Schwengers.

Mr. J. P. Raebuck left on the last steamer for San Francisco, where he will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dockrill, of Chemainus, visited Mrs. Butchart during the week.

Miss Muggan, who for the last month has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, has returned to California.

A large number of people assembled at the "Laurels" last night for the closing exercises of the scholars at the Collegiate school. The first part of the entertainment was presented by Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, and after that part of the programme was concluded a short play was put on by the boys, assisted by some old boys, and a musical drill wound up the performance.

The performance evoked great amusement, and enthusiasm amongst those in the body of the hall, and after the usual cheers for Sir Henri, Mr. Laing and the Masters the guests repaired to the house, where coffee and refreshments had been provided by Mrs. Laing, who was the kindest of hostesses.

The entertainment provided by the boys and their young friends. A few of those present were Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Pauline, Canon and Mrs. Beauland, Mr. and Mrs. Ambury Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Captain and Mrs. Parry, Dr. Laing and Mrs. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Lupton, Mr. and Mrs. Holley, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mrs. Macallum, Mrs. Blakecock, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Combe, Mrs. Raxwar, Mrs. Mortimer Lamb, Miss Williams, Miss Pitts, Miss Keefe, Miss Bell, Miss Todd, Miss Eberst, Miss Taylor, Miss Olive Mackay, Miss Wigley, Miss Mason, Miss Montoith, Miss P. T. McInyre, Miss Alice Bell, Miss T. Montoith, Miss Eva Holman, Miss Helen Peters, Miss F. Drake, Miss Dupont, Miss Heyland, Miss Nellie Dupont, Miss Walker, Miss Gladys Perry, Miss Lorna Eberst, Miss Nora Combe, Mr. Eberst, Mr. Fred Peters, Mr. Lovelock, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Muskott, Mr. Harvey, Mr. W. Todd, Col. Holmes, Mr. K. Gillespie, Mr. E. Bell, Mr. R. Montoith, Mr. Wilnot, Mr. R. Garnett, Mr. L. Crease, Mr. Jack Heyland, Mr. Barnacle and Rev. Mr. Ard.

Mr. Harold Daly and Mr. W. E. Burns were two society men of Vancouver who were in town during the week. The former was here to act as best man for Mr. Jones, of Brockville, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Isabel Mackintosh, daughter of Mr. C. H. Mackintosh at one time governor of the N. W. T. The family are now living in Victoria, where they expect to remain for the winter.

Mrs. Holmes is back from a flying trip to Winnipeg.

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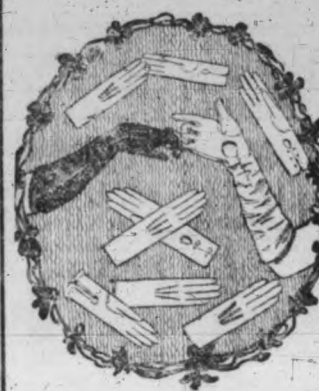
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THE COAST C. P. R. CONFLICT

Touching this sensational set-to between the C. P. R. and the Vancouver Board of Trade, it occurs to us that matters are verging dangerously close to the hysterical stage. Our sympathies are, naturally and inevitably, almost wholly with the merchants.

It does seem an outrage that the merchants of the province which has dealt so liberally with the C. P. R. should be discriminated against in the keen competition with the merchants of the East for the trade of the said province.

We say the C. P. R. has been dealt with most liberally by the province of British Columbia. The present officials of the company may have forgotten or may never have acquainted themselves with the nature of the assistance we gave towards the construction of the C. P. R. The officials of the railway company may have forgotten or may never have acquainted themselves with the fact that British Columbia was the only province of the Dominion that as a province gave any contribution towards the construction of the C. P. R.

In view of their possible ignorance we desire to call their attention to the fact that twenty-mile strips (we think it was) of territory on each side of the main line of the road were set aside for the benefit of the company, presumably as an offset against the difficulty of constructing and operating the line through the "sea of mountains."

The promoters of the C. P. R. were not satisfied with that grant. Presumably they knew that in those days all they had to do was to ask for a thing of the government and it was theirs. They thought the land set aside in British Columbia for their benefit was not altogether a desirable possession. And so they made an exchange with the Dominion government for an equal amount of territory belonging to the federal government and situated on the prairies.

That is the manner in which the Dominion acquired a railway belt in British Columbia. As we have said, that grant was made to compensate for the difficulties of railway construction and operation in British Columbia. No other section of Canada made such a contribution.

Therefore we hold it is unreasonable on the part of the C. P. R. at this time to claim that it cannot afford to transport goods through the mountainous regions of British Columbia at rates approximating the rates charged east of the Rockies. We take it that the land grant was made with the view of equalizing conditions, and that this is an opportune time to draw attention to the fact. It is possible that an entirely new generation of railway men has come into active control of the C. P. R. since the date when that arrangement was made. They may not be familiar with the facts, while their elder brethren may have forgotten it.

Then again we understand that on branch lines which have been acquired by the C. P. R. in British Columbia, branches which were heavily subsidized, the subsidies passing to the company with the roads, the merchants of British Columbia are being

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We contributed of our means to build these lines, our taxes are being doubled, and in some cases trebled, to meet the obligations we incurred in order to secure them—and the merchants of Winnipeg and other places in the East are invited to come in and utilize them at preferential rates to put us out of business.

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COMMON ERRORS IN SPEECH Who does not make errors in everyday speech? As a matter of fact it is very unusual to find any person whose use of the English language is absolutely correct. The following are examples of some very frequent errors or faulty expressions often heard: "Let us and I go"—should be "you and me." "I am as good as her"—should be "as she." "You are younger than me"—should be "than I." "Come to dinner with John and I"—should be "John and me." "Between you and I"—should be "you and me." "Where are you going? Who? Me?"—should be "Who? I?" "Who do you see?"—should be "whom." "If I was her?"—should be "If I were she." "Was it him?"—should be "Was it he?" "Who was it by?"—should be "whom." These examples of "Faulty Diction" are so common that many people look upon the improper form as being the correct one, and Thomas H. Russell, L.L.B., editor-in-chief of Webster's Imperial Dictionary, has done the public a great service in having written the new book, entitled "Faulty Diction, or Errors in the Use of the English Language and How to Correct Them," which the publishers have, by printing it on thin Bible paper, succeeded in getting into what may be called Vest-Pocket size. Illustrating the comprehensive treatment that has been given the subject by the author, there are 1,017 headings treated in the book, under some of which—"plurals" for instance—over fifty errors that are not at all unusual are to be found illustrated and corrected. It is rarely one's good fortune to become possessed of so valuable a book.

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The usual social dance will be held in Semple's hall next Tuesday evening instead of Friday. It is expected that a large number will be present as this will be the last social dance before the New Year.

The W. C. T. U. will hold an entertainment in the new mission hall this evening. A good programme has been prepared. Mrs. Staneland and other local singers will assist at the entertainment.

The latest contributions to the sufferers from the Russian massacres include the following: Rev. C. E. Cooper, \$5; Mrs. C. E. Cooper, \$2; Campbell & Co., \$3; Melrose Company, \$5; Mihner Bros., Nanaimo, \$10; Mr. Downs, \$1.

Capt. Wallace Langley in a message to his wife gives the information that he was yesterday at McCarthy City, Alaska. He and a party were "mushing" out from the interior. He expects to reach Victoria early in January.

Members of Queen Alexandra Hive No. 11, E. O. T. M., are reminded that the postponed meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, December 15th, at 3 o'clock, in the Knights of Pythias hall. A full attendance is required. One candidate will be initiated to membership.

Thos. Cunningham, fruit inspector, is arranging for the fumigation of Japanese oranges at the outer wharf. A building has been secured which will be fitted up for the purpose. At the present time experiments are being conducted in Vancouver looking to the best preparations for fumigating them.

A meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be held on Monday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall, when officers will be elected and other business will be considered. As matters of great importance will be discussed, all members and those interested are earnestly requested to attend.

The Metropolitan Methodist church has been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. W. E. Prescott, B.A., who is having such a successful pastorate in Vancouver, as the preacher of the annual missionary sermons to-morrow. Many will be delighted to have the opportunity of listening to the forceful eloquence of Mr. Prescott. The choir of the church has made special preparation for the musical services, and a rich treat is anticipated.

Alfred Fullerton has given notice of his intention to move at the next regular meeting of the council a resolution which will prove of unusual interest in view of the prominence of the water question, it receiving at the present time. It is to the effect that the city solicitor be requested to give the council an opinion as to the legality of the acts of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in charging residents within the city limits an excess of water rates over those charged by the city of Victoria.

The band concert which was to have been given in the drill hall this evening has been postponed until after the holidays.

Steamer Hapt Dollar is expected from San Francisco, to-morrow with 150 tons of sulphur for the Victoria Chemical Works.

The funeral of William Wilkers, formerly mate on the steamer Thistle, took place this morning from the Hanna parlors. The Rev. Mr. Thompson conducted the services.

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The remains of Capt. Rupert Cox will arrive from Vancouver to-night. They will be laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery, the funeral taking place from Hanna's parlors to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A dispatch from Dawson says that Capt. Amundsen is about to leave for San Francisco. His intention is to return in the spring to King's Island, when he will join his sloop Gja and complete his Arctic voyage.

To puzzle Victorine W. Acton, grocer, Yates street, is giving away during Christmas week with every purchase of \$1.00 and upwards the great checkerboard puzzle. Winning number of drawing, December 15th, 1545.

Two forgery cases were dealt with in the police court this morning. One was that of the Chinaman who is alleged to have forged a money order. He was remanded. The other was William Reid, who was committed for trial. Wm. Moresby is prosecuting the case, and Frank Higgins is acting for the defendant.

When leaving for northern British Columbia ports last night the steamer Tees met with a slight accident, which necessitated her remaining in port. As she was leaving the harbor her propeller struck a pinnacle of rock, breaking several blades. The vessel was taken to Esquimalt this morning and placed on the ways of the B. C. Marine railway, where she will receive a new propeller.

This morning the steamer Amur arrived from Skagway and points on the Skeena. She had 24 passengers on the voyage, many having come south to spend Christmas. The list included Dr. Scharschmidt, manager of the B. Y. N. Company at White Horse and Mayor Wood and wife. The latter departed at Vancouver. The Amur reports that the northern trails are in excellent condition.

A gallery practice of the High school cadets was held at the drill hall this morning, when out of a possible score of 25 the following results were obtained: Sergt. Walter, 20; Sergt. Major Hartman, 19; Cadet Boggs, 18; Cadet Godfrey, 16; Capt. Macrae, 15; Corporal Boyd, 14; Cadet Carter, 14; Cadet McArthur, 14 and Cadet Banner, 14. The total attendance was 32. The scores were poor, because of the sights not being properly marked, and to there being no lights behind the targets. Trustee Mowat was present, and manifested a keen interest in the shooting.

Arrangements are being made for closing exercises in connection with the junior gymnasium classes of the Y. M. C. A. They will be held on Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 8 o'clock at the rooms, Broad street. An excellent programme has been prepared. All attending are expected to bring a stocking with some small gift. These will be pooled and after being distributed. In addition there will be some athletic exercises and exhibitions of gymnasium work for the benefit of older members and outsiders who may wish to attend.

The pupils of the High school have started a paper to be called the Camosun. It will be issued next week. The staff in charge are as follows: Editor, G. Irving; assistant editor, L. P. Macrae; sporting editor, O. Finch; science editor, W. Wilby; literary editor, Miss Gladstone; society editor, Miss C. Green; artist, W. Rensella; business manager, H. Rogers; advertising manager, E. Sprague, and reporters, Miss Baxter, Miss Sommerville, Miss Starn, Miss Easlet, Miss Weir, Miss Crook, Miss Schweigert, Miss Carme, H. Angus, S. O'Kell, J. Dee, M. Thomas, B. Green, R. Hartman, H. Corbett. The enterprising staff intend to have five hundred copies struck off for the first edition, and have already secured sufficient advertising to pay the expenses for the same. Copies will be sold at 10 cents each. The size of the paper will be limited to sixteen pages. It will be published in pamphlet form, and will have a neat cover designed by E. H. Tussell, M. A.

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A Rich Region, Awaiting Adequate Transportation Facilities--Something About Its Industries and Possibilities.

Trail a thread from Cape Beale to Uluisset Arm and you locate approximately the entrance to Barkley Sound. Many islands lie at the entrance of the Sound, but the greater part of the conglomeration are west of the middle channel, and offer no obstacle to navigation; for it is confidently expected that before many years have elapsed, when the claims of this fast-way shall have obtained recognition, that the waters of the Sound will be dotted with all manner of craft, including deep sea carriers of vast tonnage plying between a terminal point on Barkley Sound and the farther ports of the Western Pacific and beyond.

The middle and eastern channels converge into a natural arm of the sea known as the Alberni canal, which properly begins between the opposite shores of the canal with Copper Island directly across. There are countless smaller arms, harbors and creeks debouching to the main channel, but these are insignificant compared with the main thoroughfare, whose bold waters are ample enough to float the combined navies of the world without one single impediment, reef or islet, obstructing the channel between Copper Island and the head of the canal. The magnificent inland sea will surely present a wonderful spectacle for another generation to marvel at. Terminal facilities there will be, the natural outlet of at least two trans-continental railways, and two towns will arise and grow to the same proportions as the present mainland terminus, Vancouver, and huge ocean ferries will carry the people from one continent to another.

With slight compulsion the earth will yield minerals for value and constructive purposes, the waters their harvest in almost perennial season, the forests, too, will send their Anaks.

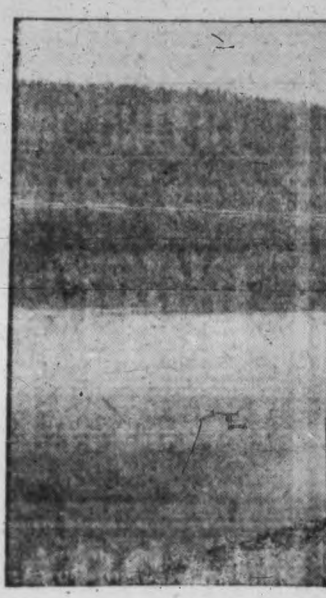
Along the slopes and in the gentler valleys beneath the hills another formation shapes itself, an undulating country, well watered, and no drought, refreshed by copious showers, settlements will come into existence and spread out until they touch the fringes of the townships on the eastern side, whose selections have been filled, planted and belted into a semblance of those patterned acres which prevail in an older country, whence a majority of the owners originally came.

No need to raise the eyes and drag on the imagination in order to conjure up just such scenes of pleasing fancy as the pen so easily depicts, 'tis no idle dream. Neither can it be allowed that the forecast of the future is a cunningly devised fable, sufficiently hand-painted to furnish pleasant reading. To the man of practical mind and steadfast bent, there can be but one concluding to wit, that the entire section of the Island, beneath a line drawn, as the crow flies, from Alberni to the eastern shore, will not only support, but must ultimately possess a

Learn a few things, not necessarily in the order given, for they are set down as they occur to me.

Travel in light marching order, practise with an axe and eschew strong drink as you would the devil himself, prepare the stomach to assimilate one kind of coarse nourishment for prolonged periods, a competent knowledge of rough carpentering is necessary, learn how to sail a boat—anything from a dug out canoe to a sloop. Can you split and clean a fish without spoiling the alignment, or successfully ignite a charge of dynamite.

I have taken my time to post the unwary. All who contemplate exploiting the field (although I do say it myself) can clip out the formula and stick it in their hats for ready reference, feeling they are cognizant with a title of the conditions imposed, why even the



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English can apply, provided the morning tub can be dispensed with and he gives up making a horse's necktie of himself and squarely starts out to make Pike's Peak or die in the attempt.

The country has been travelled, men have been listened to, provincial blue books examined. In some places the area traversed was hard going, the rocky road to Dublin being a regular, "Unter Der Linden" in comparison. Some individuals proved themselves to be champion liars, and in many instances the official data was sparsely and inaccurately dealt with, and often

damp to the water's edge—distance, 500 yards.

At Sechart, on Broughton Heights, back of the whaling station, magnetic iron of the highest grade exists in large quantities. Anderson and others own this property. It was hoped that Homer H. Sweetser, who was interested, and to whom the property was bequeathed, would start things going. Unfortunately the last named gentleman perished in the Chilian disaster. The property has reverted to the original owners, and there is no talk of development. It is said, I don't know how true, that the three-above-mentioned properties are controlled by the Pacific Steel Company. As far as location goes, they are all admirably situated. The ore can be sent down grade into vessels lying in deep water and at secure anchorage, but the develop-

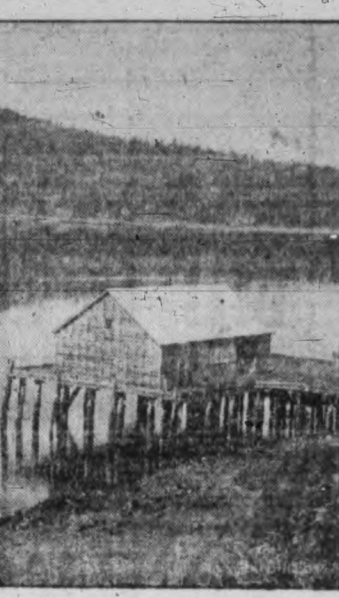
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The above synopsis dealing separately with every known property, without interest or bias of any sort, plainly shows that none of the copper mines along the Alberni canal or in its near vicinity are doing business. They may be substance of better days in store, but at the present low ebb it is impossible to put a different complexion on the existing state of affairs. A canal copper strike. To pretend to do so would simply mean to represent things as they are not.

The five copper properties first mentioned in my list form a conglomerate within gunshot of each other, and yet not one of them can be termed a paying proposition. They are all in the development stage.

The report of the minister of mines says: "The indications are that the Great Central Lake country, in the interior of the Island, will receive considerable attention from prospectors during the coming year."

This temperate and non-committal statement has been amply qualified.

placer mines of Alberni district may interest a few. The mines were all located about China creek.

Some years ago the Chinese made more than a living; at times a profitable business, washing the black sand. The Celestials gave way to the capitalists, who tried to make a good thing out of it and failed.

The people behind the Duke of York mine invested \$50,000, but the claim only yielded a few hundred dollars, and the company shut down. The plant of the Duke of York was shipped away to do duty in the Atlin country.

The Constance and Cataract ventures struggled for a while and were abandoned.

On Mineral creek, near old man Debeux's camp, a company floated as the Alberni Consolidated tried quartz mining for the yellow metal. The ore handled near the surface paid expenses while it lasted. A shaft sunk to a depth of 70 feet was unsuccessful, the ore became barren and got a sign of gold.

Common rumor has it that an enterprising Philadelphian will take over the Alberni Consolidated and probe for a find.

I know one man who occasionally takes a run out to China creek for the alternative purposes of recreation and light labor. The last time he tried it he remained four days, and the total amount of his exertions amounted to \$65. This man is confident there are strikes to be made, but there is valuable time lost between strikes, and it does not pay any man earning steady wages to constitute himself a walking delegate as far as China creek, and abandon a sure thing for an uncertainty, hence the echoes of China creek respond only to the night hawk and the toot of an occasional passing steamer.

There are two Albernis—New Alberni and Old Alberni. Some forty years ago a sawmill did a thriving business at what is known to day as New Alberni, but a fire came along and destroyed the mill and most of the houses comprising the settlement, and swept a grimy centre of the map.

Old Alberni, two miles distant from New Alberni, on the Somas river, began to build up after the holocaust, and is to-day a compact little town, and the chief centre of an agricultural district. The government office is located there, also the Indian agency. There are two places of worship, two doctors, a telegraph office and a comfortable hotel—the Arlington.

The local coasting steamer used to run up to Old Alberni but could only do so with safety at high tide, and then not without risk.

It is chiefly owing to the latter disability that New Alberni was born again, and promises to eclipse the old town before long, for steamers go on further than the Waterhouse wharf and discharge there, the freight being hauled to Old Alberni.

New Alberni boasts of an up-to-dateemporium, and the Rollin house is a snug retreat for travellers and the mining custom of the canal, so the hotel trade of the two places is evenly divided.

Both places are growing, and the date is not far distant when the Montagues and Capulets will be welded into one harmonious whole, and be known as "Alberni," without invidious distinction.

Before long Alberni will be the terminus of a railroad and a deep water terminus at that, for the canal waters at this point are bold, and there is room enough and depth for vessels of large tonnage.

Concerning Alberni there is a general to be said, and a casual visit of inspection serves to convince any practical man that a supreme future in its ultimate and fortunate is not misplaced. This statement only adds to previous testimony already recorded, that for health, sport, farming and residence, Alberni is one of the most charming spots on the North American continent.

The climate is delightful, and helps to atone for the chief complaint amongst the farmers the lack of a con-

In the past, the farmers around Alberni have averaged a fair living, and no doubt there were some lean periods to undergo; the opening up and developing property of the West Coast is changing the aspect, and the season of depression if it ever actually existed is over. There is good grit in the farming folk of Alberni for in spite of exorbitant freight charges by steamer, which prohibited the idea of profits in the Victoria market, and the alternative traverse roadway across the island to overcome, they stuck to the land and derived a living from it.

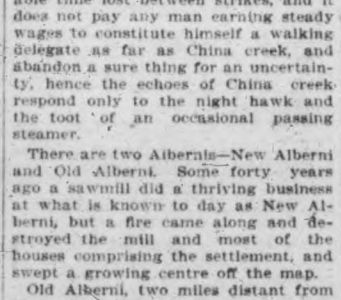
One account appearing in a government report would almost indicate that the section as far as farming was concerned was an unprofitable venture. No doubt there were dark moments such as always exist before dawn, and no doubt self-reliant spirits might have thrown up the sponge and migrated to other parts. Your Alberni man is built of other lines, force and his prominent characteristics, and these men stuck doggedly to their livelihood and refused to be turned back after having set a hand to the plough. In Australia they might have raised Cain and threatened the government, but around Alberni they kept on raising wheat for chicken feed, oats for hogs and barley for the pig trough. They lived off the land, and managed to make both ends meet. Times are brighter now, cattle are sold for slaughter purposes, great quantities of potatoes are shipped up the coast, and to many places along the Sound, in fact the demand exceeds the supply. The farmers did not whine, but helped themselves, and the result was the Alberni creamery, which cannot begin to supply the demand for the excellent brand of butter it exports to Victoria, and sells at 20 cents a pound.

In Alberni, this article is sold at 30 cents. Then, again, the statement: "Indians, about 200, all dead broke," is a palpable contradiction of the truth. The Indians may pull a long face, but they managed to subsist and get along very well. They raise fruit and vegetables, catch salmon, act as guides and carriers to sportsmen and prospectors, and to all outward appearances are a happy self-contented lot. There is always work for them, and they do not have to strive to exist, and if circumstances were ever so bad the Indians would be the last thing to go under for as long as a bark canoe floats, or a Birmingham gun can be shouldered, the adept native will stock his larder from the stream and the forest. In fact if it comes down to mere living the Indian has his white brother skinned to a finish.

Nor are industries in a falling way. Bird's sawmill (New Alberni), is never idle, and the enterprising owner will fill any sort of estimate. Lumber from this mill finds a market at Clayoquot, Sechart, and to many concerns doing business on the canal, the Indians are steady buyers. In fact, the enterprise is remunerative and proved its usefulness, and another company of local organization has started in to do business.

Alberni badly needs a cottage hospital with a trained nurse in charge. Sickness is rare, but accidents happen, especially along a coast where fresh mining and lumber enterprises are constantly being inaugurated. At present, the ailing or injured must find their way to Victoria, and this invariably means a long wait until the return of the steamer. It is all smooth sailing along the placid waters of the Sound; but outside the seas often get the strongest frame into a state of collapse, so it can be imagined the disastrous effects such a process would have on an impatient typhoid case or crippled limb.

No doubt the citizens would do all they can to help out the cause if a hospital was erected, but a few of the merchants of Victoria who derive their profits from sales effected along the coast, may notice these lines and take the matter up, after enquiry has been instituted. To return to the farming section of my subject, it is doubtful if there is room in the Alberni valley,



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large population, and the garden country of the eastern townships will be equally, if not surpassed, by the agricultural settlements which will spring up and mature between the region of the Cowichan lake and the Alberni canal.

Had there been no railway, Duncan and a score of other village settlements might to this day have remained an undiscovered country, with the advent of the railway across the appropriate centre of the Island, with a terminus in the vicinity of the Sarita lake, the outlying sections will develop to the fullest extent of every latest possibility; tardy justice will be rendered to a neglected region, and the prejudiced and adverse speculators will wonder at the short-sightedness which led them to suppose that the just beyond was a land of no account.

These intonatory paragraphs may not sound practical talk, but to save cast-aways, let me first preach to others, especially those endowed only with a small proportion of this world's goods in the form of spot cash, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. What are you going to do with it? Buy a hazardous claim in a wild outfit, or a slice of a timber limit, without any previous knowledge of what a timber limit is, simply because you have heard tell of some chap who purchased and sold out at a big price across the line, transactions of rare event? It may form the scope of conversation in front of the saloon bar, under the influences of an artificially illuminated vision—for the serpent that links in every glass never allows the mental dioptric media to become speckled or biased, and assesses material things with an optimistic temperament.

With past experiences to go on, and the last declaration to substantiate, it is up to the reader and writer alike to—"Prepate for the worst and proceed."

In the matter of mines, I shall first deal with the iron locations on Barkley Sound, for some of them abut on the canal proper.

Six miles north of the Bamfield cable station we have the Sarita property situated a mile above the mouth of the river, after passing the second bend.

The iron outcrops all along the ridge—magnetic iron of the highest grade. The quality of the ore is fully equal to the deposits which exist in large quantities, and it is passing strange why the place is now deserted.

A shaft was sunk to some depth, chiefly through the ore, on the ridge, and a tunnel was driven into the base of the bluff at the western end of the ridge, and considerable ore excavated. Some four or five years have elapsed since the property was touched; at that time a tramway was about to be constructed to the salt water, an easy matter, for it is fairly level country, but the idea was given up, and the place has been abandoned ever since.

Copper Island lies directly opposite to Sarita, easily distinguished, as it looms upon all sides above the waters of the Sound.

Considerable excavation was done on Copper Island, and thousands tons of ore, solid magnetite, bear witness to the quality. Should serious work take place on this property the shipping of the ore is an easy thing, and it only requires the construction of a perpendicular tramway from the ore

al or more accounts. Low grade ores can be treated and made to pay, but not by any low grade process.

Hayes, or Nahmint Mine.

The property has not had a day's luck since it started operations, fair ore but not above the average. One shipment was by no means a poked lot—too much rock helped to swell the selection.

This mine sent one of the principals to the penitentiary, and a man to heaven last Christmas.

A caretaker is in charge, but are leased by the A. R. Johnston-Plesh Company, the best lead the company every struck, and there is a great body of ore in sight.

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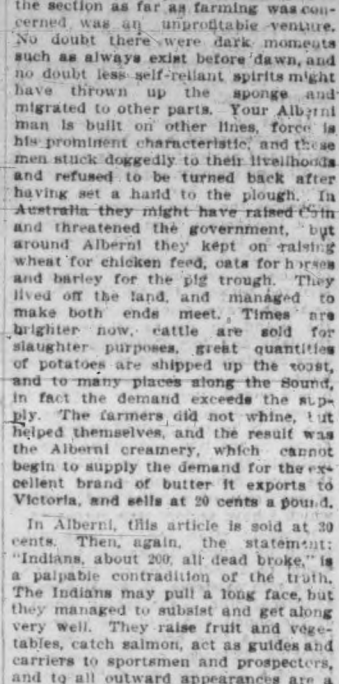
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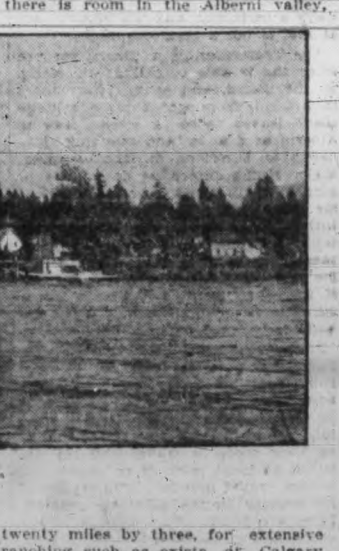
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mine makes shipment to the water impossible.

Four years have elapsed since exploitation, and no person in the Alberni district can be found to furnish information as to the likelihood of work being done in the near future.

Golden Eagle.

Godman Syndicate.—Valuable copper property nine miles east of the mouth of China creek and twelve miles from New Alberni by macadamized road.

Capital has been expended in developing this property, but there have been no shipments.

Work was discontinued in the past two or three years, but it is expected that development will commence again in the near future.

quota for its highways. The Beaver Creek road runs out for some seventeen miles, and if an additional eight miles were built it would join with the thoroughfares extending from Cumberland, it would provide a short cut across the island.

This is a much needed piece of work, because it would open the way for the farmers to send their live stock and produce to additional markets, and it is a work the local government ought not to delay in accomplishing. A great many Alberti people say they would be satisfied if the future railway—so long expected—was built between these two points. It is a logical and reasonable view of the situation for rumor has reached Alberti that the railroad will be extended to Cumberland. A branch to Alberti would only require an additional twenty-five miles of track, to satisfy the desires of a community left out in the cold too long. The railway would undoubtedly pay, moreover with Alberti as a branch terminus it would be within measurable striking distance of the Great Central lake country, which within a decade will attract the attention of the capitalist and be peopled with a growing population.

It is all very well to extemporize so sweetly about Alberti, but under caption "The Lay of the Land" is a fair to attend to do justice to other portions of the country, especially that section between Cowichan lake and the Alberti canal.

As far as this area is concerned the local government has been culpably tardy and neglectful of this section. It is all good country, especially that part known as the Sarita valley, which embraces the country north and south of a line drawn from the Sarita to Cowichan lake. It is only fifteen miles between these two points, there are no obstacles to overcome, and a road constructed between the two lakes would establish travel communication across the island, by means of steamer on the lake and join Cowichan to Dunsmuir by stage road. If this road were built, hundreds of sportsmen and others would open the country, for at certain seasons of the year the elk run freely in the Sarita valley, the fish in the lake and Sarita river is probably the best on the island, and the river fishing includes the taking of sea trout of a size and quality which has seldom seen surpassed.

It would mean that a large hotel would be erected at Sarita, the land would be speedily cleared, and farms come into existence, it would give an additional fillip to the fishing industry on the Sound, and it is safe to predict that Sarita thus brought within easy reaching distance of Victoria would become a populous centre. The country is not a barren land, it would support an agricultural population, and the railway as a local extension cannot be considered as a remote possibility. Considering what has been done for less favored sections, considering the needs of Barkley Sound, the construction of a few miles of road from the Cowichan lake to the Sarita shore is a necessary work, which ought to have been accomplished long ago.

Money for the renewing of useless trails has been frittered away as a token of remembrance for the casting of a few favorable votes, and it is doubtful if the amount has exceeded the line because of the possibility of a word is very much in use along the canal just now, and it leads from the nearest point on the eastern side of the canal to the Cowichan lake.

People in Dunsmuir have complained of the fact that the want of a few miles of road shuts them off from a view of the western side of the island. If the two sections would only cement in united appeal perhaps the government would not long delay the construction of a road in this section, which it has so long elected to desert.

This is only an instance where the lay of the land intersected by a natural waterway is valuable testimony on behalf of a modest piece of work which would prove of an incalculable benefit to the entire population who dwell anywhere along the shores of Barkley Sound. At this point, it is worth while to note what individual enterprise is doing in promoting communication and shortening distances. I refer to the purchase by Major Hunt, of K. P. the steamboat Tasmanian, which he has refitted entirely, and is now running on the Alberti canal, and to all points along the Sound. Communication with Victoria is tri-monthly per Queen City, and in the winter months the quality, owing to stress of weather is not always a certainty, and the voyage, out at sea, is not a comfortable one.

The Tasmanian is a timely venture since she is able to call at all points on the Sound, and convey passengers to Alberti from which she will probably touch leaves twice a week, leaving Alberti at 6 a. m. and reaching Nanaimo at 5 o'clock in the evening. Major Hunt's enterprise deserves support, and will receive the patronage of the public. The Tasmanian is sufficiently commodious to give comfortable accommodation to twenty or thirty passengers, and the inauguration of the new service is proving to be one of the most useful and timely movements in favor of the public along the Sound, attempted by one individual.

The advent of the Tasmanian in these waters to be followed by the construction of a stage road from the eastern end of the Cowichan lake to the Sarita shore, would mean that hundreds of tourists desirous of changing their mode of travel and yet not be out of touch with more convenient entries, would inundate this section of the country in the summer months. There are points of interest in every direction. Innumerable fishing streams, cut across to the whaling station at Sechart, a visit to the British government cable station at Bamfield, the mining factories, copper properties, a run to Alberti, all could be covered in one day. Not so long ago a Victorian, an ardent sportsman, expressed an opinion that the construction of this society of thoroughfare would simply repay the government, and do more to divert the local industry, interior of the island and the many possibilities of Barkley Sound, than ten times the amount spent in advertisement.

With the co-operation of the Tasmanian it would mean a daily or tri-weekly mail service on the Sound, for it is scandalous to have to say that for the greater part of the year the Sound and growing centres

on the West Coast have to endure a tri-monthly mail service. Little has been said about the fishing business on the Sound, and if time and space allowed it volumes could be written on the subject.

The Johnston Fish Company are doing a large business in the dog salmon for export to Japan. The order is for ten thousand tons, in fact as much as they can supply. Fish of all kinds swarm in the waters of the Sound. For the last two years pilchards have scarcely been absent; newspaper reports point to the fact that this fish is much sought after, notwithstanding the catching and shipping of pilchards on the Sound is confined to a few individual fishermen who make a comfortable living out of it, but complain they are unable to find a market at all times for the commodity.

Stock out abound, and a short distance from the mouth of the Sound extends a halibut bank which is a ground for as many vessels as choose to go there. Salmon are seasonally inexhaustible. In the early months of this year Messrs. Wallace and Brewster were curing salmon at Sechart by a special secret process. The salmon were split and cleaned and underwent a mild cure of some secret preparation and were then shipped to New York and Germany, where they are smoked and put on the market. The salmon prepared in this way commanded a good price and the business proved to be an excellent venture. The tug Edna Grace travelled round the Sound every day purchasing the fish and returned to Sechart, where they were at once treated and stocked in large barrels specially constructed for the purpose.

It is not unlikely, owing to the requirements of the whaling people at Sechart that Messrs. Wallace & Company will have to find another suitable location, and in the event of a change of base, Bamfield may be selected, provided a sufficient force of fresh running water can be found and utilized for all purposes. Bamfield is in direct touch with Vancouver by telegraph and would in every way prove a suitable spot.

The fishing business on Barkley Sound is only in its infancy, each year it is assuming larger proportions, and it will not be long before several establishments will be driving a profitable business at separate stands. It is the opinion of the experts that the real gold mines of Vancouver Island are to be found beneath the surface of the waters, and they will grow in size until the fishery returns of the province equal those of Nova Scotia.

How many scoffed at the idea of the whaling industry becoming a paying proposition, but almost in a day this enterprise has proved that it will be a source of wealth to the founders and furnish employment to a large and various class of labor and artisans. The extract derived and manufactured for fertilizing is the very best soil enricher placed on the market, and will prove to be a side line worth its weight in currency.

An electric light plant is now being installed at Sechart and when it is completed work will continue night and day. At Bamfield several bungalows are being erected, fitted with all modern appliances for the married officers, and quite a settlement is growing up along the shores of the creek. Bamfield is a convenient harbor of refuge for vessels in stormy weather; there is plenty of room for several craft and the creek being close to the ocean, but magnificently sheltered is a favorite anchorage for vessels compelled to find shelter.

The recent local election in the county attracted a considerable amount of attention throughout the province and the result seems to have surprised a great many people. If the successful candidate's majority requires any explanation it can be said at the outset that Mr. Manson was a popular man. It was a bye-election and the government was in power, the date of the contest was kept secret as long as possible, the government had settled on their man, whilst Hugh Allison never thrust himself forward or tried to influence any of his friends to work on his behalf, and when it was announced that he was the unanimous choice of the delegates he did the best he could at a late hour. The man was modest in all his statements and waged an honest campaign against a good man, and accepted his defeat with good grace.

The government, when it next appeals to the province, is going to be overwhelmingly defeated, and it is safe to say that Alberti county will redeem itself, and return to its old allegiance. The government cannot find a stronger candidate than Mr. Manson and will sacrifice him, along with themselves. The Liberals will have a strong candidate in the field who will probably have a majority in every polling district. It is safe to say the outside and west coast districts will have something to say in the matter; they proved the old guard in the last contest, and will prove a solid phalanx in the next fight.

The Liberals of Alberti in local politics are not violent partisans, they stand by their party, and will show in the next contest, as they have demonstrated before, that they cannot and vote never gave, and never will give, a majority for a Conservative candidate. Both Albertis have regretted the indifference and apathy they displayed in the last election and will give a very different result when the figures are counted at the next closing of the polls.

The increase of trade on the West Coast has been phenomenal during the past three months and has surely taxed the resources of the Queen City. To meet all requirements. On one or two occasions she has left Victoria leaving behind her some forty or fifty tons of freight, with her passenger accommodation crowded to the utmost capacity. The Queen City, chiefly due to her most efficient master, Captain Townsend, has done good service on the coast, but the recent increase in freight and passenger has shown clearly that it is high time she is taken off the run and a swifter and more commodious boat take her place. For instance, to qualify the substance of my remarks, let it be said that the boat left Victoria on October 20th, carrying 101 white passengers, 26 Indians and two Chinamen, a total of 129 souls. I do not know what the ship's company amounts to, but they must be added to this total. Fourteen staterooms (two of which carry three passengers whilst the others allow for two in each room)

provide sleeping accommodation for thirty persons. A stateroom beneath decks holds two more, making thirty-two in all. The smoking room on deck has limited space for ten persons, so it will plainly be seen that a great many persons on this particular voyage suffered a great deal of discomfort. On this trip I heard a great many passengers complain of the limited space, and the pressure at meal times, the East Coast is rapidly growing into importance and a large and varied class of people travel up and down, also at times some very nasty weather has to be encountered, and to be overcrowded on a small boat causes a great deal of discomfort. The C. P. R. cater excellently everywhere for the benefit of their patrons, and it is to be hoped that the claims of the West Coast will not now be long overlooked. The West Coast is full of attractions for tourists and these would comprise both sexes, people no doubt of refinement accustomed to a bath every morning. The Queen City has no bathroom, and the run to Cape Scott and back in summer weather, a delightful trip, would be robbed of half its enjoyment if one is to be daily deprived of the pleasure of a splash down "all over."

The incident I refer to happened once, and may not happen again in the century, but there is no doubt that the West Coast demands a better boat with better appointments. It is only a question of time for the company which provides such palaces as the Empress and the Princess Victoria, will no doubt and shortly provide a better water vehicle for their patrons on the West Coast. I feel that I have not adequately covered the whole field of the West Coast, but anyone wishing to see for themselves cannot do better than do the round trip to Cape Scott and back to Victoria.

Or if they wish to confine themselves to the ground I have covered, call from Victoria to Alberti, take the stage to Nanaimo and return via the East Coast by rail. It is a delightful experience and cheap at the price. One word of advice, especially to bad sailors, take your seat before pudding, that is, get the sea journey over first; moreover, if you reverse the itinerary and come out from Victoria by Nanaimo, you spend two days on the road, as the stage says overnight at the halfway house; whereas the trip from Alberti to Nanaimo is accomplished in one day.

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CHAPTER II.

We were preceded by about thirty Japanese, who had captured a Russian torpedo boat which had ventured out of Vladivostok and skidded along the Siberian shore, then crossed the Gulf of Tartary and interested two fishing schooners which were bound to the Ochotsk sea.

The Russians were after larger game but any old capture was better than going back to port laurels. Next morning the commander or governor of Vladivostok, together with the captain and officers of the Argoon made a tour of the ship and through the entreaties of the former we were given separate apartments. The captain of the Argoon, a very corpulent old gentleman who found great difficulty in breathing, did not take kindly to us and would not have extended any favors had it not been for the intercession of the governor. We were allowed to go on deck in daytime, and during the fine weather we spent most of our spare moments in the open. The city of Vladivostok and surrounding hills we could view with pleasure and also inspect the fortifications, but of course at a distance. Almost every day there would be some little happening to break the monotony. I remember seeing a balloon one day, which was being towed from the outer harbor apparently to be inspected by the admiral and officers of the cruiser Russia. They spent the greater portion of one day in experimenting, using the deck of the warship as a starting and landing place. Towards evening the small tow-boat which acted as escort in the morning again took hold of the tether-line and headed out the harbor. When about one mile had been traversed the hawser suddenly snapped and the two balloons took a very unexpected rise. They evidently encountered a different current of air when an altitude of about fifteen hundred feet had been reached, for the balloon slowly veered its way toward us and when directly overhead remained stationary for a few moments, then suddenly shot off over the town and descending rapidly (for it was by this time only half inflated) was soon lost to view behind a hilltop. The occupants, I believe, were killed. Every day ascensions were made from the different fortifications, but with the exception of the



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one just mentioned no other accidents occurred to my notice. The hospitals of Vladivostok were filled with wounded soldiers, which necessitated a large staff of nurses, some of whom paid visits quite regularly to our ship and often would take excursions around the harbor accompanied by their brilliant naval friends, who did not seem to be concerned about the war when ladies were present. The chief engineer, a young man of twenty-seven years of age, proved friendly toward us. He had attended school in England when a boy, which accounted for his liberality. The day after our arrival he volunteered information, the substance of which was that our stay at Vladivostok would not be more than six days. Alas! it proved to be four times six, for such is Russian disposition. There is no to-day with them. It invariably is *zaftra* or *post-zaftra*, which means to-morrow or next day. Our engineer friend no doubt heard conversations relating to the prisoners and his sense of feeling compelled him to communicate to us that which he would like to have been the recipient of had our positions been reversed. He handed us some reading matter one day which consisted of two C. P. R. folders, the only English literature at his disposal, no doubt. The descriptions of the beautiful attractions along that railroad were read and not spoken of again possibly be avoided, but a knowledge of German or French will in most cases bring showers of blessing. Should Russia again become involved in war with Britain's ally I would much prefer to spend my

summer outing in some other country. They might possibly be led to think well of Englishmen in the distant future.

During our stay on our floating home we fared badly. Still, I suppose it was as good as prisoners could expect. The only looked for meal of the day was served at 11 a.m. morning and evening repasts not being worthy of mention. They consisted of tea and bread only. The one which was always welcome, however, I will describe briefly. The soup tureen being placed on the table we would take our stations and proceed to regale ourselves, all sharing equally. There would be a small piece of beef for each, which was considered a relish; we could always obtain an extra supply of liquid, but only once on the beef. Our waiter, whom we nicknamed "Che," was very attentive to us and really I believe he was sorry when the time came for parting; his daily task would be harder than when he had nothing to do but attend to the six Amerikaniks. There was no variation in the food during our stay. And not wishing to speak disparagingly of the captain, I think the government appropriation was not extended to us.

Torpedo and submarine boats daily manoeuvring, together with thousands of workmen going to and from the government works, presented attractions which helped to while away the hours. One day a boiler explosion was witnessed by a number of prisoners who happened to be looking in that direction at the time. It occurred on board a small steamer which was being got in readiness for scouting or some such duty. The government dockyard was just adjoining, where large gangs of men who were working on the cruiser Bogatyr seemed not to be at all put out by a little happening like that. However, there were three men short on the pay roll as a consequence.

The warship just mentioned must have been pretty well shot to pieces, for she had been in drydock over one year, but was supposed to be about ready when we left the great Trans-Siberian's eastern terminus. There did not seem to be any shortage of fuel at Vladivostok judging from the heap of coal which could be seen from the deck of the Argoon. There were also twenty-one warehouses adjoining each other which were said to contain coal. A gentleman who paid us a visit one day from shore remarked that Russia was totally unprepared when war had been declared with Japan. Judging from our bill of fare, they were no doubt handicapped in the food line, but they certainly had coal to burn in abundance.

When we arrived at Vladivostok the trees were leafless, not even a sprig of grass to be seen, but one pig was handed over to the army authorities the side hills which presented such a desolate appearance were, on our departure, enveloped in summer

atire and the aroma from the beautiful wild flowers which grew on every hill was inhaled with delight.

Our Japanese friends held wrestling tournaments during daylight hours, which the Russians who had leisure moments filled with eagerness. The navigator of the sailing schooner, Koye Miru proved the victor amongst his own countrymen. It was very amusing and I might say instructive when the science of *ju jitsu* was resorted to. On the morning of the 31st of May two strange craft, were sighted at the entrance to the harbor. An unusual stir among the people on shore and aboard brought forth the query: "Can it possibly be the Baltic fleet so long expected?" Although there was no means of finding out, we however later on knew by the ringing cheers which met the advancing pair that they were the first and last of the once famous Baltic fleet. They consisted of the torpedo boat destroyer *Groozny* and the converted cruiser *Almaz*, which had escaped any serious damage from Togo's guns, but nevertheless both of them were slightly scathed. Their great speed enabled them to run away from Admiral Togo when they saw that it was all day with *Rojestvensky*. After the two warships had been moored the order for us to get ready came, somewhat as a surprise. At about 11 a.m. we bid farewell to our old Argoon and were conveyed to the depot, about one mile away, on a large barge, which was towed by one of the many small steamers which were in-use at Vladivostok. We were placed in the centre and a cordon of fixed bayonets surrounded the entire outer edge. When we put foot on terra firma, once more we were received by large numbers of the populace, which was to be a daily occurrence for the following month, all anxious to see the desperate men who were engaged by the Japanese to defeat the Russians. Roughly speaking there were about five hundred soldiers em-

ployed to escort the prisoners from the depot to the jail, one quarter of a mile distant. After we had spent three hours we were hurried into the cars and at 4 p.m. started on our journey homeward.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS.

The International Sunday school lesson for December 17th is "Preparation for the Messiah." Malachi 3:1-12. The Golden Text is "I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." Mal. 3:1.

By William T. Ellis.

Christmas is but a few days distant. The occasion is opportune for taking a broad view of events leading up to this approaching celebration. The last of the Hebrew prophets looked forward more yearningly than any one looks to-day, across a stretch of four hundred years, with the vision of eager faith, to the coming of the King whose birthday made Christmas. Malachi outlined fearlessly the preparation required for the Messiah's advent.

Strange though it may appear, what those ancient Jews of Nehemiah's day lacked to fit them for the presence of the King is not very different from what the progressive people of our world lack in this twentieth century need to make them ready for the full reign of the Christmas spirit.

Russia's Preparation.

The Prince of Peace often comes along the path of war. By this familiar, bloody route it appears as if the gentle Son of Mary is coming to His own in the present day. For the sound of Christmas bells is almost drowned by the shrieks of the wounded, the roar of the guns, and the rattle of the rifle across the great Empire of Russia. To the most superstitious observer it is apparent that the terrible sufferings of Russia are but the birth throes of a new national life of liberty and justice.

Each breeze that sweeps the ocean, brings tidings from afar.

Of nations in commotion, from what Prepared for Zion's war.

Making Straight the Crooked.

Paradoxically and pointedly the old prophet says, "But who can abide the day of His coming?" Ah, there's the rub! Who really wants the spirit of Christmas fully to come? Does Wall Street? Does Washington or Ottawa, or the lesser capitals where politicians traffic? Does the business man, who keeps his religion and his business in separate compartments of his life? Does the man or woman whose outward respectability cloaks inward corruption? "Who shall stand when He appears?"

Much of our busy desire for goodness might vanish were we to stand face to face with the first consequences of Christ's coming.

Do we really want the world to get right? Are we willing to let God have His way? Even though that way would make sad havoc with dear customs, favorite indulgences, and long entrenched wrongs? The coming of the Messiah is with justice and judgment.

He is like a furnace's fire and will refine and purify of silver.

This is exactly what the Christ has been doing. This old world is a more heavenly place to-day because the long expected Messiah has trodden the mud and cities, and still rules in thousands of humble hearts.

Wherever He goes life is refined and purified and made more precious; while immorality, oppression, ignorance and injustice are driven to cover.

Chiang's Justice.

This is the day of the "square deal." The ethical sense of people is more keen than for generations past. The practical bearing of the lofty truths of Christianity upon the every day duties of life was never more earnestly emphasized.

Such a ruler as Chiang, who "takes money" means fold of the popular mind. What means this but an increase of the spirit of the Nazarene among men?

The latest and keenest editorial that has appeared in any American newspaper upon the subject of current political, commercial or social exposures is not more to the point, more incisive or more relentless, than these words penned by Malachi twenty-four hundred years ago. Note the applicability of this.

"And I will come near to you to judgment, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sentence from His right, and fear not Me, saith Jehovah of hosts." That is what Christmas stands for, as well as for music and gifts and gladness and echoes of peace. There is no happiness for the man who is at odds with his Maker. The whole universe is out of joint for those who are not in harmony with its Creator and King. Nobody gets the most out of Christmas who has not been reconciled to the Father through the Son.

The Way Back.

All that Malachi said was addressed to a nation that had wandered from its plain duty to Jehovah. "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinance, and have not kept them." Even a people, as well as an individual, may offend God. The practical question—vital to everyone, at one time or another—at once arises. What about the nation or the man that has gone astray? Is there a way back

to safety and happiness for him? The answer is clear cut and unmistakable: and fraught with wondrous teachings concerning the long-suffering fatherhood of God. "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts." God's part is sure; there is a light in the window of the Father's house for every prodigal. Only man's unwillingness or perversity bars the door to heaven.

These old Hebrews had failed to make the offerings to the temple which the law required. And this was but a symbol of their spiritual attitude toward God. It is the central duty that chooses the channels of divine favor.

So, in a familiar passage, Malachi cries out: "Bring ye the whole tithing into the storehouse, and prove me now with truth, saith Jehovah of hosts. If I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

On Good Terms With Highest Powers.

That is with Jehovah and He will be generous with you. A true, clean church never lacks for a revival. The most serious fact, from the Christian standpoint, about the recent financial and political scandals that have shocked the world is that so many of the men concerned are active members of the church. These leaders of religious work for years abetted, profited, or at least winked at practices both illegal and immoral. How could any church so unscrupulously expect a blessing from on high. Before some congregations can expect to get in many new members they must get rid of certain of the old. The failure of the church to discipline offending members may account for the way the world is disciplining the church.

The prophet is explicit. When God's people return to Him, and acknowledge His sovereignty by their lives and gifts, as well as by their lips, He will do better for them than they can dream of. Prosperity, he says, waits on righteousness. "Happy is the nation whose God is Jehovah." The Lord yearns for the welfare of His own. He always does the best by them that they will let Him do. And if He must sit as a punisher, it is only that they may be made pure. All the bitter breaking up of the old order is but that the highway of the Messiah may be prepared.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.—Washington.

An empty mind is the unsafe and unholiest thing in the world.—George Adam Smith.

By ourselves our lives are fed, With sweet or bitter daily bread.

Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.—Bishop Brent.

If one is to keep his aim in sight he must not have too many aims.—Edward Everett Hale.

I am a prince, with princely spirit, A ruler, if I truly hear.—Russian Saying.

It is a good and safe rule to solemnize your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.—John Ruskin.

NEWS AND NOTES

A new Jewish society has been formed to discourage intermarriage with Christians.

President Roosevelt sent a letter to the centenary of the United and Foreign Bible Society last month, congratulating it upon its growth.

So widespread has been the growth of religious meetings in shops and factories, that a society has been formed in New York, called the New York Men's Evangelical Association. Local chapters are to be organized, within the factories.

In Denmark when a drunken man leaves a saloon or a cafe he must be at once put into a cab and driven home, and the cabman's bill must be paid by the liquor dealer from whose establishment the man comes.

The Vatican is now compiling a "Blue Book" in this case it is a white one—dealing with the relations of the Roman Catholic church and the French government. This is probably the first time the church ever issued a volume upon a diplomatic subject.

The federation of the societies that exist in twenty-five states of the United States, for caring for homeless children, reports that there are forty thousand applicants yearly for children for adoption, but the supply in the regions is only equal to about one-fourth of this demand.

The insurance question has entered religious circles in a practical fashion. The Presbyterians are considering the question of forming some plan of insurance for their members. They already have a ministerial insurance fund. In New Jersey several denominations are combining to organize a fire insurance society for the insurance of church property.

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FINE DISPLAYS IN STORE WINDOWS

Christmas Goods in Great Profusion—Impressions of Various Exhibits as Seen by Times Reporters.

Christmas decorations will begin in earnest next week. Several of the city stores are already dressed for the holiday trade, and, as usual, the ivy and holly form a conspicuous feature in the arrangement of the goods displayed. In several places excellent taste has been exhibited, particularly in the larger stores where the immense stocks are shown and window ornamentation is of a lavish character.

WEILLER BROS.

Truly it is a formidable task to attempt to describe even superficially the wonders of this Victoria's treasure house. The brilliant exhibition of beautiful bric-a-brac, cut-glass and silverware, that confronts one upon entering the showroom is, to say the least, bewildering. It is a sight worthy of a metropolitan department store. The display of happy holiday gift seekers should find no difficulty here, in the selection of a remembrance for a friend or loved one. Appropriately enough, the first thing to greet one on a visit of inspection was an old familiar friend—one of those dear old grandfather's clocks in its up-to-date coat of mission oak, the handsome brass fingers, a reminder of the fast speeding days to that most joyous of all celebrations—Christmas. One attempts to recall a famous poem which commenced "Half way up the stairs it stands," but the atmosphere of business, the bustling crowds and the evident disinclination of the store to waste valuable time, brought one to earth and a sense of what he had to accomplish. In turn were shown a most interesting collection of Wedgwood plates, which were wonderfully cheap, by the way, and the inevitable Christmas cards, along with the inevitable Sticks, on the shelf of the dining room or "my lord's den."

In view of the recent Trafalgar centenary, some Nelson souvenir pottery in Royal Doulton destined more than a passing glance. On these were some exceedingly handsome umbrella holders in Bretby ware in starting imitation of old time copper and iron, and in the soft warm Minton colors peculiar to this particular maker of art pottery. Hard by were some pretty examples of Japanese cloisonne, hobnobbing with a small, but choice collection of exquisite Worcester china ornaments—good company, indeed. Some of the latter were silver-plated. In another section of this show case may be seen, handled and admired, specimens of hand painted B. M. bonny ones at that.

Beautiful itself and a delightful contrast to the ceramics is a fascinating group of English flower vases, cut-glass spring water, and the tinted glass of that wondrously peculiar only to the highest class of Staffordshire fine glass makers. In this far away land one would hardly expect to find an aggressive and aggressive Wedgwood ware that eclipses many collections in English china shops. The guide stated that, in spite of the apparently high prices, it is one of the most popular of English productions. More glass, what? Another of the famous cut glass designs? Excellent, too; good thing the two show stands are widely separated! These might be a mix-up disastrous to the customer. Unique pieces of Austrian valence in close companionship to some handsome Rembrandt and Dandak pottery received due notice, and then a decided change to an inspection of a very handsome case of Sheffield cutlery which will, no doubt, be sadly depleted ere the king of birds makes his appearance on the Christmas table.

Some artistic floor or piano lamps, in wrought iron and brass, were next pointed out, and with a wave of his hand the attendant, philosopher and guide drew the attention to a pleasing display of vases, jardiniere and sundry novelties in Bretby ware, in all their glory of rich reds, browns, greens, gold and yellow, surely the artist drew considerable on Nature's account in the blending of these various shades. A grand showing of fine French china dinner services, relieved here and there with handsome silver glass flowers or vases deserved a more minute examination than the reporter could afford to give.

Passing quickly over tasteful groups of American bronzes, Austrian brisque

china, dainty Aynley tea services, unique Devonshire ware, with its quaint mottoes, the reporter came to a grand central display of hand painted Saxe china, consisting chiefly of special services for fish, lobster, corn, orange, salad, strawberry dessert. Then the attention was drawn to some exclusive looking dinner sets by Pur-nivals, which, upon inquiring the cost the reporter found were within reach of his own modest purse. On an adjoining stand were two very pretty Austrian china tea and dinner set combinations that were even cheaper. It was truly wonderful what pretty effects in china decoration may be secured for very little money, especially in combination creations. This Bavarian, Monbijou and Montrose, for example. Meese glass, Tiffany time, the lady buyers all around were raving over the iridescent beauty of the various pieces. Some Bohemian vases in rich lustrous green decorated with what the reporter was assured was coin gold, also attracted considerable notice. A striking assemblage of Royal Dux ivory china and some Italian cases of cutlery, electro plated dessert and fish knives and forks, fish carvers, meat and game carvers, handsome turned oak and silver steins, growlers, pitchers, vases, cigar jars and ash trays, beautiful prize trophies in a new combination of copper and white metal. Completing the assortment gathered into one show case, were some handsome combination sets of cutlery and silver ware, furnishing the entire equipment for a household, a regal notice particularly, comprising chiefly, are quite a large selection of pictures, pastels, carbon photos, engravings, oil paintings and photographic reproductions of famous masters.

This brings the reporter to that section popular with everyone, especially the ladies, the silverware department. Weiler Bros., true to their motto of the "best always," have not been content with the very complete stocks of plated goods but carry an immense line of sterling silverware of every description. A new line, just opened, comprises particularly, comprising chiefly, some elegant examples of silverware for "my lady's dresser," toilet accessories and manure pieces; also some lovely writing sets in sterling that will, no doubt, find judgment on someone's Christmas list. After reviewing this assortment of good old English oak and silver biscuit barrels and salad bowls, just arrived, and another grand display of Royal Doulton ware, a flying visit was paid to the rear of the establishment before proceeding to explore the upper floors. Here, in this section, usually devoted to the hundred and one kitchen helps and domestic wares, are gathered a succession of very tastefully arranged tables of pretty silver ware and all kinds of fancy and table glass. An evident attraction are the one priced bargain tables which facilitate buying to a very great extent. This is the housekeeper's preserve, and here she can revel in the "good and many" the kettles and cans, and the thousand and one of the housekeeping class," brooms and brushes, tinware and enamelware, baskets and wickerware, wood and japanned ware, washboards, and various storekeepers' and every other kind of ware. Weiler Bros. issue a useful little folder for the department which is helpful.

On the way up to the second floor the reporter catches a glimpse of a magnificent showing of hearth furnishings, fenders, firetrons, coal boxes, fire guards, etc., in wrought iron, brass and copper. This interesting stock is on the balcony and all visitors should include it on their rounds.

The grand display of Orientals is the prominent feature on the next floor. The carved oak tables and tapestries, Damascus and Egyptian brass goods, Indian hangings, drapes and coverings of every conceivable character, Armenian embroideries, Algerian tapestries, and the large assortment of Oriental

rugs and carpets, prayer and palace strips, all combine to make a most fascinating display. In striking contrast to these surroundings, a few pieces of elegant English furniture, cabinets and curio tables in most beautiful inlaid work, handsome oak coal vases, palm tubs, pedestals and magnificent jardiniere are shown to perfection and well repay the time spent in close inspection.

Brief mention can only be made of the immense stocks of carpets, fine Wilton, lovely Axminster and velvets, hard-wearing and handsome Brussels, and the popular tapestries, pile upon pile of carpet squares, vegetable and holly rugs. The whole display is vividly relieved by some rich silk furniture coverings and drapery materials. From this luxurious exhibition the reporter passes into the Manchester section with its tempting displays of linens of all kinds, table cloths, tea cloths, napkins, doilies, cretonnes, bureau and sideboard cloths, etc. It is surmised that this particular corner will receive more than ordinary attention at this festive season. The stock is quite equal to the demand, be it ever so heavy.

The extraordinary large selections in materials, silks and satins, cretonnes, denims, tapestries, felts, velours, velvets, etc., must be very attractive to the Victorian housekeeper. Liberty fabrics, of course, are a special feature of this store, and they can be seen here in great profusion. Hearth rugs claim an important place in the category of Christmas gifts, especially among the most popular; and the choice here would be hard to excel, extra provision having been made to meet the holiday demands.

The furniture show rooms in this magnificent store make a lasting impression of the possibilities of such a vast stock, row upon row, aisle after aisle, of elegant furniture in the newest and most up-to-date styles, woods and finishes. The Mission Furniture to-day comes in for the lion's share of public favor, especially for the furnishing of the dining room, halls, dens and libraries. One cannot attempt to give even a partial description of the many styles in this elegant furniture; suffice it to say that it is doubtful if the aggregation could be exceeded anywhere on the Pacific coast. The same remarks apply to the different selections in mahogany, quartered oak and bird's-eye maple furniture. The very latest designs, the most modern styles, and the finest finishes will be found in each. Particular mention might be made of the special displays of ladies' desks, secretaries, music cabinets, cellochettes, china cabinets, easy chairs, rockers, bookcases, the dining room and bedroom tables, tea tables, card tables, dressers, wardrobes, Jardenites, Chesterfields, odd pieces, reception chairs, reed and rattan chairs, English willow chairs, and last, but not least, an immense display of children's furniture, including rockers, tables, card tables, etc. Christmas, 1905, exhibition is certainly one every Victorian should see, and feel proud of.

A. BLYGH.

One of the most attractive of the Broad street stores is that occupied by the house furniture merchant, A. Blygh. He received a special shipment of goods from Eastern manufacturers some days ago and has stocked his apartments with handsome bureaus, settees, chairs and other modern designs of the pastels, card tables, dressers, wardrobes, Jardenites, Chesterfields, odd pieces, reception chairs, reed and rattan chairs, English willow chairs, and last, but not least, an immense display of children's furniture, including rockers, tables, card tables, etc. Christmas, 1905, exhibition is certainly one every Victorian should see, and feel proud of.

W. & J. WILSON.

The average gentleman passing along Government street cannot help but notice the windows of W. & J. Wilson, the popular furnishing establishment. They have one of the most comprehensive displays of ready-made clothes and fancy articles to be found in the city. There are vests of all designs, ties that would tempt the connoisseur, gloves with which the most fastidious could find no fault, and, in fact, everything that goes to make up the perfectly dressed gentleman. All are arranged with taste, suitable gifts being given special prominence.

CHALLONER & MITCHELL.

Very few Victorians need to be told of the fine collection of jewellery and suitable Christmas gifts to be found among the large and varied stock carried by Challoner & Mitchell, Government street. The large plate glass windows of this establishment, the trade, not particularly because of the artistic taste displayed in the general arrangement of the goods—although that is always beyond criticism—but more on account of the wealth of jewellery to be seen there. They literally blaze with diamonds, emeralds and other precious stones, mounted upon rings, in the forms of tiaras, and in the many other fashions popular among the fair sex at the present time. While, however, this well-known firm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Seven Sutherland Sisters
Beg to announce to the ladies and gentlemen of Victoria, that the speciality has been made of a number of other lines for the Christmas trade. One of these is the Austrian fungus, a material which is seldom, if ever, seen in Victoria. It resembles leather to a great extent, and is made into neat little boxes of all sizes and shapes, which, though not expensive, could not be excelled as a small token of esteem from one friend to another during the holiday season. Then there is the oxidized copper, something that is not to be found in any other form, and shows to advantage in many other forms. Any of these articles, and others too numerous to mention, may be seen by a visit to the Chalmers & Mitchell store between now and New Year's day.

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FINCH & FINCH.

It would be difficult to give an adequate description of the splendid array of gentlemen's furnishings to be seen in an inspection of the windows of Finch & Finch, Government street. Particular pains have apparently been taken in arranging the Christmas stock, not to catch the eye of the Christmas shopper. That success has attended these efforts must be acknowledged. Nothing that a gentleman could desire has been omitted in the assortment. Therefore it would be useless to specify. Suffice it to say that smoking jackets of a particularly handsome design, some that would compare more than favorably with those to be found at any furnishing establishment, have been secured, and are offered for sale at reasonable prices. There are other articles worthy of special mention, but the exigencies of space forbid any further extended account.

D. E. CAMPBELL.

D. Campbell, the well-known Douglas and Fort street druggist, has in a Christmas exhibition will worth inspection, a little special display of the efficacy of the Seven Sutherland Sisters' hair tonic he has filled his windows with a bewildering variety of specialties. These are arranged carefully and attractively, and, in fact, one with a little spare cash and a feverish desire to spend it on presents by a beautiful back ground of ivy and other evergreens. It would be useless to attempt to give a detailed outline of the goods shown. They include toilet cases, shaving sets, all kinds of ebony ware. In fact there is such a wide field for choice that the only problem with which the prospective purchaser might be confronted would be making up his own mind as to which was most suitable. In that Mr. Campbell is quite willing to lend his assistance, and extends a cordial invitation to the general public to visit him at his emporium sometime before or during the festive season.

TERRY & MARETT.

One of the brightest little stores in Victoria is that of Terry & Marett, corner of Douglas and Fort streets. Scattered in orderly confusion, in such a manner as to catch the eye of the pedestrian, are many of those pretty little articles so useful, and yet so seldom purchased by the average man. The store has been very prettily decorated, and the genial proprietor, Mr. Terry, will welcome any of his regular patrons and any others who would like to have a look at his wares.

C. H. BOWEN.

The windows of C. H. Bowen, the Government street druggist, are very interesting and generally succeed in securing the attention of visitors. In the evening a myriad of electric lights give the attractive wares shown a particularly fine appearance. The stock is much the same as that usually carried, and it would indeed be surprising if anyone desiring to secure a suitable gift failed to do so by a visit to Mr. Bowen. Every line of goods is of the best possible quality.

HIBBEN & CO.

The most complete grocery in the city is that of Hibben & Co., Government street, and the management will be found this year, as in past years, to be one of the most enterprising in the matter of Christmas decorations. The imported fruits secured for the season's trade, such as figs, dates and dried fruits, is one of the finest assorted and largest seen in Western Canada. In the show cases are all kinds of home-made cake, French bonbons and candies, while the delicatessen department is replete with tempting meats, etc. It is the intention to devote one of the large show windows to a display of liquors, while in the other an elegant exhibit of the fruits referred to will be made. In every department of this big grocery there is a well-ordered arrangement of business, and everything is kept spotlessly clean. In fact a wholesome air pervades the whole atmosphere of the place that makes it a cheerful and attractive store in which to do business.

your stomach is like a mainspring of your watch. When it's all right, you are all right. When it's wrong, you are ALL wrong.

A morning glass of

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

will keep your stomach in "right to the second" condition.

30¢ and 60¢ a BOTTLE AT DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

REALIZATION SALE

Watches, Jewelry & Optical Goods

You Will Save From 15c to 35c on Every Dollar

By making your purchases at this sale. The entire stock must be sold within a few months, and I will spare no sacrifice in getting rid of as much as possible while the Christmas trade is on. A large consignment of goods ordered many months ago will be run out at the same discounts on usual prices.

You Will Save Money By Spending It Here. and make the hearts of your friends rejoice with your liberal gifts.

A. P. BLYTH, Jeweler and Optician

65 FORT STREET, Near Douglas

HINTON & CO.

If Victorians are desirous of securing anything in the way of electric lights or of any fancy articles in that line, the store to visit is the Hinton Company, Government street. Here are to be found an endless variety. They are admirably arranged, and, in the evening especially, the windows present an appearance which for beauty cannot be excelled by those of any to be found in the business portion of the city.

A. SHERET.

At the Sheret establishment, Fort street, are to be found bathroom fixtures of every imaginable design. Mr. Sheret claims to have the most extensive and most modern stock of such ware of any merchant in British Columbia. All that he carries is up-to-date in every particular. This he guarantees. Among other things of interest in his store is the shower-bath connection to the ordinary bath. Anyone intending to fit up a bathroom in the most approved style is invited to visit Mr. Sheret. The latter assures all such patrons of satisfaction.

A. P. BLYGH.

Above the store of A. P. Blygh, the Fort street jeweler, is the sign "Realization Sale." He contemplates going out of business in the near future, and is taking advantage of the demand for such articles as he has in hand at this time of the year to reduce his stock by a material reduction in prices. He states that his gold watches, diamond rings, silver novelties, and, in fact, everything has been cut down to a considerable extent. His windows are a first class criterion of the variety and excellence of the stock. Mr. Blygh invites a visit from all Christmas purchasers.

PATERSON SHOE CO.

Those in charge of the Paterson Shoe Company have prepared a bright window for the purpose of showing their assortment of boots, shoes and slippers. A glance at these is all that is necessary to assure the inquirer that they represent the product of all the best known Eastern Canadian and American manufacturers. They are all artistically displayed and set off by neat and appropriate adornment, the red berry of the holly and the glistening green of ivy being features of the decorations.

ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO.

The A. Campbell Company store, Fort street, is as usual attractive, the profusion of ladies' and children's wares compelling attention. The stock has been personally selected by Mr. Campbell, and it is being heavily drawn upon this year by the customers of this popular emporium.

MUNDAY'S.

Munday's boot and shoe stores at 89 Government and 8 1/2 Douglas streets have in a high class line of footwear. A specialty is made in English boots and ladies' slippers. All is modern and from the stock a good selection in any one line may be obtained. The window displays for Christmas will be quite in keeping with these well-appointed establishments.

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HASTIE'S FAIR "DISHES" UP "DISHES"

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BALMORAL BLOCK, 61 DOUGLAS STREET.

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The E. B. EDDY, CO., LD
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have bought to sell, and are disposing of their stock in quick manner. The comparatively recent improvement to the front of their store has done much to brighten the appearance of the place, and to add to its attractiveness.

HICKS & LOVICK.

At 88 Government street the Hicks & Lovick Piano Company have on exhibition a choice stock of instruments. Here can be seen the pianola piano, an instrument highly typical of the inventive genius of the age. The advantages of the pianola piano are set forth under three heads: first, a standard pianoforte of the highest quality; second, a pianola by which anyone can play without previous practice; and, thirdly, the untrostyle which endows both with an art capable of the finest effects. The pianola is not a music box or anything of that kind, but has been enthusiastically accepted by famous pianists and musicians. Messrs. Hicks & Lovick have one instrument costing \$1,200. In their neatly furnished rooms they have a large stock of the Mason & Hinch Pianos, and various other instruments, which form the most delightful kind of Christmas presents.

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In Dark Blue and Greenish Shades
REGULAR PRICE \$9.50
SELLING FOR \$8.
Each Set Comprises 17 Pieces, as follows:

Dinner Plates	12
Tea Plates	12
Sauce Dishes	12
Covered Vegetable Dishes	12
Cream Pitcher	1
Gravy Boat	1
Soup Plates	12
B. & B. Plates	12
Cups and Saucers	12
Sugar Bowls	1
Salad Bowls	1
Platters—(10, 12 and 18 inches in length)	1

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FOX'S.

There are several special lines of stock on exhibition in Fox's cutlery store, Government street, for the Christmas trade. There are carving sets, table cutlery, plated ware, pocket knives, special lines for boys, souvenir butter dishes in carved oak, also English leather and pig skin pocket books and ladies' purses, razors, "shaving" tin-knives, etc. Even skates have been gotten for that sport yet to come this winter, but which seems still far off, judging by present conditions.

C. E. REDFERN.

One of the prettiest stocks of jewelry carried in the city is that to be seen this year in the well-known and long established store of C. E. Redfern, Government street. There are bargains well worth inspecting, and in jewelry, cut glass, clocks and gold and silver ware, there is ample variety to please the most fastidious. Articles are marked well in accordance with their intrinsic value and the reputation of the store in itself is alone a good guarantee of genuineness when and wherever stamped.

THE WEST END GROCERY.

Cleanliness, spaciousness and a heavy stock of big assortment are always the features of the West End Grocery store, of which Sidney Heald is the enterprising manager. And what is in evidence on the main floor along these lines one has more firmly impressed on their mind after an inspection of the whole store from the basement to the second and third floor. There is everything in the stock pertaining to a thoroughly up-to-date establishment of the kind, and an efficient management. For the holiday trade the store will be dressed in its best, and large plants as big as will stand in the place will be introduced for this purpose. Poultry and fruit will be specialized. The management fatten their own chickens, selling birds that for size and all around appearance discard most of that seen elsewhere in the market. Arrangements have been made for geese to arrive from Otter Point and ducks from Saanich, in addition to the usual complement of eastern poultry. In the matter of fruit a similar policy has been adopted, the crops of several orchards having been purchased outright and packed by the company's

FURNITURE

What is the use paying \$10 for Morris Chairs when you can buy same for \$7.50?

What is the use paying \$15 for Morris Chairs when you can buy same for \$10?

Everything in Blygh's store is new and up-to-date. Come one, come all, and look around. Blygh's, 15 Broad Street.

own labor with the result that prices in this line are down very low.

THE WINDSOR GROCERY.

The Windsor Grocery, Government street, is this year upholding its high reputation for the finest groceries, wines and liquors.

E. G. PRIOR & CO.

There is no Christmas present which is better appreciated by the average housewife or the head of the home, than on whom the duties of carving the Christmas fowl devolve than carvers or similar cutlery.

MOWAT'S.

Mowat's grocery store at the corner of Douglas and Yates streets is enjoying a lucrative holiday trade.

PITHER & LEISER.

Pither & Leiser, wholesale merchants, Yates street, are offering this season a splendid line of wines and liquors.

FLITTON'S.

G. A. D. Flitton, the furniture dealer in the Balmoral block, has a full line of household furniture.

NICHOLLES & RENOUF.

This firm has made a pretty effect in their Yates street window of some of the lines which they handle, and which are so much in demand just now.

HALL & CO.

Hall & Co., prescription druggists, will decorate their windows with the most attractive and artistic display.

The store, located at the corner of Douglas and Yates street, carries a very large and very fine line of ebony cases, etc., brushes, mirrors, perfumes, etc.

JAMES MAYNARD.

A pretty display of useful Christmas gifts are on view in the windows of James Maynard, 55 Douglas street.

JOHN COCHRANE.

John Cochrane, the well known druggist at the corner of Douglas and Yates streets, who is always in the fore rank of Christmas decorators.

WESCOTT BROS.

Wescott Bros., dry goods merchants, Yates street, have laid in for the winter business heavy shipments of staple goods.

WATSON SHOE STORE.

The ornamental and substantial is in evidence in the stock at the Watson Shoe Store, Yates street.

W. H. PENNOCK.

Seasonable attractions in the jewelry, cut glass, silver ware, clocks, etc., are again on exhibition in the window of W. H. Pennock this year.

B. WILLIAMS & CO.

In men's wearing apparel there is no larger stock carried by any merchant in the city than that which fills the store of B. Williams & Co., 68 and 70 Yates street.

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M'CANDLESS BROS.

So well known and reputable a firm as McCandless Bros. hardly need a street number to designate the place in a business catalogue.

M'CANDLESS & CATHCART.

McCandless & Cathcart's shoe store on Johnson street, although recently opened, has been establishing an enviable business.

SAUNDERS' GROCERY.

The Saunders Grocery Company, 39 and 41 Johnson street, have the finest and largest assortment of confectionery, fruits, nuts, dates, figs and novel ties it ever had.

TEAGUE'S.

J. Teague's drug store, 27 Johnson street, is doing a large Christmas trade. He has in a special line for Christmas trade perfumes of very fine assortment.

Sporting News

Billiards, O'Brien Victorious

Last evening one of the District hotel tournament series took place between J. O'Brien (recreative) and J. Cullen (recreative).

ATHLETICS. CLASSES SUSPENDED.

The gymnasium classes in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association will be suspended from Monday next until the New Year.

WRESTLING. CONTESTANT HURT.

A dispatch from Utica, N. Y., dated yesterday, says: "In looking for an advantage in the preliminary of their wrestling match here to-night Frank Gotch, of Iowa, and Charles Rogers, of Buffalo, clinched and went down heavily together.

HOCKEY. MATCH TO-DAY.

This afternoon a match is in progress between the Victoria and Nanaimo ladies' teams.

BASKETBALL. CONTEST POSTPONED.

The match arranged for this evening between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams has been postponed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. PLAYING AT VANCOUVER.

Last evening the local intermediate and junior teams left for Vancouver, where they are trying conclusions with similar Terminal City fifteens this afternoon.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. JUNIOR GAME.

The Victoria West and Central junior teams are trying conclusions this afternoon at Beacon Hill.

TRAINING HARD.

Members of the Victoria United team are practicing this afternoon at Oak Bay.

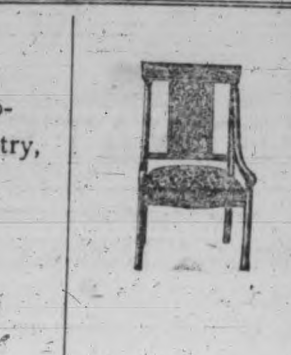
Xmas Smith & Champion 1905

We have a better assortment of useful and appropriate Xmas presents this year than ever, and we cordially invite your inspection



We have a big lot of Lithograph Cushion Tops. Also Tinted Tops for Embroidering. All Reduced to 50 cents each

Mahogany Odd Parlor Chairs, Upholstered in Silk Tapestry, From \$9.00 to \$16.00



Our Morris Reclining Chairs are selling fast, but we still have a good assortment left to choose from. They range in price from \$8.00 to \$30.00



Have You Seen Our Fancy Rockers in Oak and Mahogany. They are the Most Comfortable and Durable Rockers we have ever had. 10 different styles, From \$3.50 to \$21.00

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'Hello! Yes, Until 9.30 Every Evening Before Xmas'



The Permanent Style and Shape of Semi-ready Garments



Everyone wants style in his clothes. Some men say they don't, but they are mistaken. Almost all ready-made clothing has style in it.

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During Christmas Week Only

WE WILL SELL

Table Jellies

4 for 25 cents

MOWAT'S GROCERY

77 YATES STREET.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co.

Will hold a grand sale of Christmas Goods on Saturday night, December 16th, at 8 p.m. consisting of Japanese Tea Sets, Japanese Vases, Japanese Jardiniere, Table Statuettes, Chinese Vases, Dolls, Games of All Kinds, Xmas Tree Decorations, Chrysantheums, and other goods too numerous to mention.

Private sales at slaughter prices during the week.

The Auctioneers L. EATON & CO.

Preliminary

I am instructed by the Rev. A. Ewing, who is leaving the city, to sell at his residence.

115 MENZIES STREET, CORNER OF DALLAS ROAD.

THURSDAY, 25th, at 2 P.M.

Valuable and Well Kept Furniture

Further particulars will be given later.

Wm. T. Hardaker, AUCTIONEER

MANITOBA CROPS

Wheat Averaged 21.67 Bushels and Oats 4.6 Bushels Per Acre.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The final crop bulletin for the year was issued by the provincial department of agriculture this morning, and statistics combined there-in practically confirm the previous estimates given for the province of Manitoba, and show the excellent average of 21.67 bushels per acre for wheat. The figures concerning the grain crop are as follows:

Grain	Bushels	Acres	Ave.
Wheat	5,761,418	2,641,938	21.67
Oats	6,484,055	1,391,239	4.6
Barley	14,094,059	42,236	31.2
Flax	236,964	34,770	13.2
Rye	12,979	623	20.9
Feed	54,732	2,261	24.9

Total value of dairy products is \$96,927.64, the cheese output being worth \$17,366.41, and the butter \$79,561.23.

Liquor and Tobacco Habits

A. McTAGGART, M. D., G. M., Yonge St., Toronto, Canada. References as to Dr. McTaggart's professional standing and personal integrity permitted by: Sir W. R. Meredith, Chief Justice, Hon. G. W. Ross, ex-Premier of Ontario, Rev. John Potts, D. D., Victoria College. Dr. McTaggart's vegetable remedies for the liquor and tobacco habits are healthful, safe, and give permanent relief. No hypodermic injections, no publicity, no loss of time from business. A certainty of cure. Consultation or correspondence invited.

Real Ebony

DRESSING CASES, MANICURE CASES, CLOTH BRUSHES, HAIR BRUSHES, NAIL BRUSHES, And Various Other Articles. The product of the best French house. See our display in Yates street window and let us quote prices.

John Cochrane, Chemist N. W. COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

Selected New Nuts

MIXED NUTS, per lb. 15c.

TEAS

Our chief aim is to please our customers, and to do so we have secured the sole agency of the CHALLENGE CUP TEA

We claim for it above all others: Strength, Purity and Delicacy of Flavor. A trial is solicited.

Windsor Grocery Company,

IN AID OF NEEDY.

List of Contributions Received From One of the Schools.

To-day in the various schools contributions are being taken up in aid of the destitute of the city. The move is an annual one and is undertaken under the auspices of the Friendly Help Society. The results of the call in all the schools are not known, but the showing made by the Girls' Central is especially creditable. The list of contributions received from this source is as follows: 55 packages clothing, 50 bottles preserves, 25 packages toys, 25 lbs tea, 4 sacks vegetables, 1 box apples, 25 packages cereals, 20 tins canned goods, 40 packages miscellaneous groceries and \$4.50 in cash.

MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

Is often a good motto. If you are considering a life insurance proposition and have not yet seen what the Imperial Life can offer you, it will be worth while to call a halt until you have interviewed me.

S. P. Saunders, Victoria, manager for Vancouver Island.

PERSONAL

Mayor Barnard and wife, F. S. Barnard and wife, Harold R. Robertson and David Boscowitz formed a party of Victorians, who left last evening on the Princess Beatrice and will travel East on the North Coast Limited. The party will go through to New York, where members of it separate. Mr. Robertson will remain some time in New York and other Eastern cities, returning to Victoria in January. Mayor and Mrs. Barnard and F. S. and Mrs. Barnard will go on to the Old Country to make a tour of the Mediterranean. They will take the White Star liner from New York. Mr. Boscowitz is bound for England.

PERSONAL

R. C. Barclay, of Shawnigan Lake, and L. T. Wood and wife, of Dawson, are in the city. They are guests at the King Edward hotel.

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L. Wason, of Nanaimo; R. Wilkie, of Cumberland; R. Dowell and wife, and Robt. Ward, of Vancouver; Capt. Bloomquist and wife, of Shawnigan Lake; and R. T. Vyvan, of Mount Sicker, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

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J. R. Barker, of San Francisco; Wm. Shaw, of Nanaimo; Thos. Kiddie, of Crofton; P. G. Shallock and W. A. Cutler, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion.

PERSONAL

D. Taylor will leave to-night for Montreal via the North Coast Limited.

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BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER STARTS. That's the time to cast off Catarrh. Easily done with "Catarrhons." No drugs, no cocaine or alcohol—a clean, antiseptic method that cures every time. Absolutely sure in "Catarrhons," and sold everywhere.

PERSONAL

Court Northern Light. A. O. F. held a meeting on Wednesday evening when preparations for membership were received and candidates initiated. Nominations for officers took place. The following officers being elected by acclamation: C. E. Bro, G. W. Sanders, S. C. R. Bro, J. Levy, treasurer, Bro. W. P. Smith, secretary, Bro. W. F. Fullerton, J. B. Bro, J. Trace, trustee, Bro. P. R. Smith. The three city courts, with a membership of over 600, will hold their annual entertainment and dance on New Year's day at A. O. U. hall. The committee are sparing no expense and labor in making the affair a success. The entertainment will be in the form of a Christmas pantomime, entitled the "Sleeping Beauty," some 70 children taking part, under the charge of Bro. J. W. Holden. A part of the programme will be given by the juvenile branch. Distribution of presents and dancing will fill up the rest of the evening, to which a cordial invitation is given to all Foresters, their families and friends.

PERSONAL

A special meeting of the Victoria Builders' Association is hereby called for Monday, the 18th inst., at 8 p.m., in their new office, No. 21 Chancery Chambers Building, Langley street. A full attendance is requested. J. S. SMART, Secretary.

PERSONAL

FOR SALE 930 Shares Victoria Sealing Co. Ltd. (Either whole or in part). Par value of \$2.50 per share. Sealed tenders for the above shares will be received by the Bank of Montreal, Victoria, up till 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1905. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A. J. C. GALLETT, Manager Bank of Montreal.

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A FELINE DITTY ON DIAMOND DYES.



My kittens three, were white and gray, 'Twas hard to keep them clean; No matter how I worked each day, The kits looked very mean.

They'd go out in the morning clad So tidy and so trim; At night, they'd come home looking sad, With clothes so soiled and grim.

I could not keep them tidy, neat, One hour of the day. When they were in the field or street, With other cats at play.

I then procured the DIAMOND DYES, And made a dye bath hot, And to my kittens great surprise, I dipped them in the pot.

To-day, my kittens are all dressed In black so rich and deep; I mourn no more, and now am blessed When'er I roam or sleep.

The moral of my song is plain, To women bright and wise; If you would pleasure, profit gain,

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45 Highest Awards in Europe and America ABSOLUTELY PURE

A perfect food, highly nourishing, easily digested, fitted to repair wasted strength, preserve health, prolong life. A new and handsomely illustrated Recipe Book sent free

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIAL DANCE—In Temple's Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Gents, 50c; ladies, refreshments.

SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED to solicit subscriptions for popular priced magazine, can easily make \$1 or weekly. Canadian Woman, London, Ont.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY—Selling late Dominion map, showing recent Northwest Territorial changes. Each city territory, Liberal commissions. Only those meaning business apply. The Scarborough Company, Hamilton, Ontario.

WANTED—Astrological reading of your life, fortune, and business possibilities for 25 cents. Give your date of birth. Address: Relief, East End P. O., Vancouver.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Jersey cow, will calve in February, price \$40. A. Howell, cor. Cadboro Bay and Foul Bay roads.

SUNDAY'S BREAKFAST—Have some fresh English black puddings made to-day; also English pork sausage. Try 'em. Robert Eccles, Todd Block, Douglas street.

MRS. E. GALE, Nurse, 98 Superior street, first cottage from Menzies.

INVEST 11 PER WEEK for 26 weeks, or \$2 cash, and clear \$20. Solar Purchase Co., 201 Empire Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

ALL SIZES, all prices. Order to-day to be sure. Johnston's Transfer & Fuel Co., 132 Douglas street.

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Sold by all dealers in packages & pouches

Important Announcement

Having recently sold out our Branch Store, we have been obliged to find room at

53 Douglas Street, Balmoral Block

for the large amount of Xmas and other Goods daily arriving, and in consequence are very much overcrowded. To overcome this we have marked down all our Goods at

OVERCROWDED PRICES

5 piece Parlor Suites, upholstered in velour, from	\$35 to \$25	Carpet Squares from	\$8.00 to \$6.00
Morris Chairs	\$8.50	Iron Bedsteads, gilded finish, from	\$4.50
Couches	\$4.50, \$6.50, \$7.50	Extension Tables from	\$6.50
4-ft Curtain Poles complete	25c	Sideboards, with heavy bevelled glass	15.00
Kitchen Chairs	50c	Window Blinds from	25c

Rattan Chairs at All Prices

REMEMBER OUR DRAWING—Keep Your Coupons—They are Valuable One given with every dollar purchase at my store.

G. A. D. Flitton, THE GENERAL HOUSE FURNISHER,

53 Douglas Street, Balmoral Block. 'Phone 633.

Pocket and Pen Knives

300 VARIETIES IN ALL SIZES. SEE OUR COMBINATION KNIFE FOR BOYS. CONTAINS SEVEN ARTICLES. \$1.00 EACH, AND WARRANTED BEST STEEL. A FINE LINE OF BREAD BOARDS JUST ARRIVED AT

FOX'S, 78 GOVT. ST.

A FEW TURNS OF AN ELECTRIC FAN

WILL DISPEL THE UNDESIRABLE MOISTURE FROM YOUR STORE WINDOW. WE SUPPLY THEM. HINTON ELECTRIC CO., LTD. 29 GOVERNMENT ST. 53.

Real Estate Bargains

5-acre block, all cleared and fenced. 7-acre block, mostly cleared and fenced and in high state of cultivation. Only 10 minutes' walk from tram line, at sacrifice prices in order to close an estate. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street

YOUR FOWLS ARE SICK

Moping, sneezing, rattling in their throats, eyes swollen, breathing with difficulty. You are losing them by dozens. "THAT IS ROUP," and it is as infectious as diphtheria. Use Sylvester's Roup Cure. Placed in the water it kills the germ and cures with no effort on your part. Price 50c per pkg. SYLVESTER FEED CO., 87-89 Yates, Tel. 412.

THE HUB

For good, imported, domestic and local cigars and tobacco. Headquarters for Athletic Sports. COR. GOV. AND TRUNCE AVE. PHONE 12.

BYRNE BROS., PROPRIETORS.

Electric Light Treatment

(Recommended by Doctors.) For Rheumatism, Sciatica, Sprains, Malaria, Nervous Debility, etc., followed by Massage. Apply Miss Ellis, Balmoral Block, 74 Port street. Phone 1110.

DIED. COX—At Vancouver, on the 15th inst., Rupert Cox, master mariner, aged 62 years, and a native of Matland, Nova Scotia. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from the Hanna parlors, Yates street. Friends please accept this intimation.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company, with power to carry on within the Province of British Columbia the business of insuring plate and other glass against loss or damage, by breakage or otherwise, whether placed in windows, doors or other parts of buildings, and whether stored or in transit, or on shore or afloat, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf. Filed at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1905. BARNARD & ROGERS, Solicitors for Applicants.

Notice is hereby given that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time for commencing and completing an extension of its main line to Comox and the branches referred to in its Act of Incorporation—and also empowering the Company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to a point at or near Campbell River, also a branch from its main line at or near Duncan's via Cowichan Valley to Alberni, also a branch from a point at or near Comox to Alberni Canal, and a branch from a point at or near Comox to Alberni Canal, and giving the Company general powers to construct branch lines and for other purposes. Dated at Victoria this 14th day of December, 1905. W. F. SALSBUARY, Secretary E. & N. Railway.

WEILER'S SUGGESTIONS

For Christmas Stockings

For Mother

Mother Love Cannot Be Repaid. It Can Be Appreciated.

A new oil-cloth for the kitchen or bath room, 60c. 90c. 50c. square yard.

On the more serviceable linoleum, at 60c. 75c. and 1.00 square yard.

On the unwear-out-able linoleum, 1.25 to 1.50 square yard.

Table linen for new cloths for the Xmas table, 50c. to 1.25 yard.

On a set of napkins at 1.50 to 2.00 per dozen.

Linens table cloths, ready for use, all prices from 1.50 each up.

Tea cloths, plain, hem-stitched, 28 inches square, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 each.

Embroidered, hemstitched, tea cloths, 1.75 to 2.25 each.

Irish linen hand-embroidered tea cloths, 28 inch, \$2.50, \$4.25 each.

Pillow lace doilies, round and square, 25c. to 65c. each.

Pillow cases, linen hand-embroidered, 35c. pair.

Linen sheets, embroidered tops, 55c. each.

Hemstitched linen sheets, 23x35 yards, 47.50 pair.

Linen by the yard, 87 inches wide, 1.50 yard.

Drawn work doilies, 25c. to 50c. centre pieces, 1.25 each.

Tea cloths, Japanese drawn thread, Irish linen, \$2.25, \$3.00 each.

Tray cloths, drawn thread, 11.25, 11.50, 11.75 each.

Sideboard cloths, Japanese drawn thread, \$5.00, \$4.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted cut glass mustard pots, \$5.00 each.

Pastel pictures in handsome gold sweep frames, \$5.00 to \$12.50 each.

Photo reproduction of one of the old masters, \$2.50, \$3.50 each.

Steel engravings, large size, \$10.00 each.

Carbon copies, new frames, \$5.00 each.

"Asti" heads in handsome oak sweep frames, \$7.50, \$10.00 each.

"Auto" pictures, weathered oak frames, \$2.50 each.

"Herald" heads, new variety, 50c. to \$1.00 each.

Biscuit jars in oak and silver, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.

Salad bowls and servers in oak and silver, \$7.50 to \$10.00 each.

Afterdinner tea trays in oak, \$2.00 to \$3.50 each.

Antique oak chests, \$6.00, \$8.00 each.

Pie knives, silver plated, plain, \$2.50; gilt, \$3.00 each.

Sauce or gravy ladles, silver-plated, \$1.50 each.

Plated fruit knives, \$11.00 dozen.

Reullion spoons, Rogers' silver plate, \$2.00 dozen.

Pickle stands in crystal glass-plated frames, \$1.50 up.

Pickle stands in ruby glass-plated frames, \$1.75, \$2.50 each.

Butter dishes, \$2.25 to \$10.00 each.

Celery holders, plated stands, \$2.50, \$3.50 each.

Bread knife, sterling silver, \$4.50 each.

Sterling silver berry spoon, \$6.00 each.

Salt shakers, silver-mounted, \$1.50 pair.

Glass candleabra, 3 branches and centre, 21 inches high, \$10.00 each.

Babies dishes, nickel mounts and covers, \$3.50, \$4.25 each.

Hot water jug, art. brass and copper, \$2.50, \$4.00 each.

Copper writers, \$1.50 to \$2.00 each.

Coffee pots, nickel, circulating, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.

Crumb trays and brushes, brass and copper, \$2.50 each.

Heavy china ornaments, 25c. to 75c. to \$2.50 each.

Dinner and tea set combinations in English, French and Austrian china—a magnificent selection, \$3.00 to \$10.00.

Sets of jugs, a great assortment, 50c. to \$2.50 set.

Toilet sets, very large choice, \$2.25 to \$15.00 set.

Meat sets, 7 pieces in wedgwood ware, \$5.50.

Meat sets, 13 pieces—12 plates and 1 platter in rich fawn blue, \$6.00 set.

Game sets—13 piece wedgwood, \$4.00 to \$10.00 set.

Teaspoons, sterling silver, half dozen in case, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$10.50 each.

Oyster forks, sterling silver, half dozen case, \$8.75.

Fruit forks, sterling silver, half dozen case, \$8.00.

Solid silver salt shakers, \$3.00 each.

Mustard pots, sterling, mounted glass, \$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

For Father

It's Hard to Tell What to Give. But Here Are Helps—

Royal Doulton tobacco jar, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 each.

Match holder for table, Royal Doulton, \$1.00 each.

Liquor frame, 3 bottles, in oak and silver plated, frames with lock, \$5.50, \$12.00, \$15.00 each.

Cigar cabinets, oak and silver, \$4.00 each.

Carving sets in cases, horn handles, \$3.50 to \$5.00 set.

Celluloid handled carvers with steel, \$3.50 to \$5.50 set.

Paper cutters, in carved woods, Oriental, \$2.00 each.

Tobacco jars, decorated china, silver plated mounts, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 each.

Smokers' sets on trays, in silver, \$8.00, \$11.00 set.

Smokers' sets on tray, in antique copper, \$6.50 set.

Cigar boxes in silver, \$10.00, \$12.00 each.

Table runners, Armenian embroidered, \$6.00, \$8.00 each.

Table covers, embroidered sateen and trimmed with ecru lace, \$2.50 each.

Table covers, striped Indian silk Madras, \$2.25 each.

Cushions, in Oriental tapestry covers, \$2.25 each.

Hand-painted Oriental Madras covered cushions, \$1.50 each.

Cushion tops, linen taffeta, rosebuds, 90c. each.

Cushions, made up in sateen covers, \$1.50 to \$2.00 each.

Carpet sweepers, Bissell's, \$3.75, \$5.75 each.

Russian down quilts, art sateen covers, \$5.50, \$6.50 each.

Red chintz covered quilts, \$2.75 to \$7.50 each.

Down quilts, sateen, silk and satin covers, plain and frilled, \$5.50 to \$5.00 each.

Mirapore hearth rug, 3 feet x 5 feet, \$2.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, oak, with cane seat, \$3.50 each.

Bedroom chairs, mahogany finish, cane seat, \$3.00 each.

English brown willow lounge chairs, low wide roomy seats, \$10.00, \$12.00 each.

English brown willow lounge chairs, upholstered, from \$17.50 each.

Arm chairs in fancy split cane, plain or part-colored styles, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00 each.

Parlor tables, quarter-cut oak, fancy shapes, \$2.50 each.

Bedroom tables in elm and oak, \$2.00 to \$5.50 each.

For Sister

(Sue) Your Sister and Another's

Cut glass perfume or Cologne bottles, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$7.50 each.

Sterling silver bon bon spoons, \$1.75 each.

Sewing sets in sterling silver, comprising scissors, pin cushion and thimble, \$3.00 set.

Souvenir bon bon trays, sterling silver, \$5.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 each.

Salve pots, silver mount, 50c. each.

Fruit knives, pearl handle, folding, \$1.25, \$2.50 each.

Sterling silver napkin rings, \$2.00 to \$4.00 each.

Souvenir spoons, sterling silver, \$1.75 to \$3.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted whisks, \$2.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted puffs, 50c. Sterling silver puff box and puff, \$1.00.

Hand mirrors, sterling silver, \$10.00, \$14.00, \$20.00 each.

Desk set, 3 pieces, sterling silver, \$2.00, \$3.50.

Pomade boxes, sterling silver, mounted, \$1.00, \$2.50 each.

Shoe horns, cutlery, bells, darners, seals, glove stretcher, polishers, button hooks and letter openers, 50c. each.

Celluloid tablets, silver-mounted, \$4.00 each.

Sterling sets, shoe horn, button hook, letter opener, \$1.75.

Sterling silver letter openers, nail polishers, erasers, cutlery, darners, nail files, button hooks, shoe horns and tweezers, \$1.25 to \$2.50 set.

Cushion slips in ecru and white, hand made, Connemara lace, \$2.00, \$4.00 each.

Connemara lace cushion slips on Bergin silk, \$10.00 each.

Cushion covers, Liberty art fabrics, Kate Greenway series, 65c. 90c. each.

Cushion covers, Dutch milking and canal scenes, \$1.35 each.

Sterling silver manicure sets, in cases, 5 pieces, \$4.00, \$4.50, 5 pieces, \$5.50, 10 pieces, \$6.50 set.

Sterling silver writing sets, 6 pieces, consisting of ink well, pen holder, roller blotter, paper cutter, eraser and seal, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 set.

Sterling silver Toilet sets, comb, brush and mirror, in handsome response designs, \$7.50, \$12.50 to \$20.00 set.

Sterling silver pomade pots, \$1.00, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver hair brushes, \$6.00 each.

Sterling silver files, button hooks, silver powder puffs, letter openers, blotters, etc., 50c. each.

Sterling silver darners, seals, tooth brushes, nail brushes, shoe horns, bells, files, etc., \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver puff boxes, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.50, \$6.50 each.

Sterling silver mounted tooth powder bottles, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted tooth brush bottles, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver scissors, \$1.25 each.

Sterling silver book markers, 40c. each.

Paper clips, in polished bronze, \$1.00 each.

Letter racks and stationery holders, in bronze, gold plated and antique finish, \$1.25 to \$4.00 each.

Ladies' companions, in silk and plush-lined cases—containing scissors, button hooks, pocket knife, piercers, bodkins, thimbles, needles, etc., \$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 each.

English writing desks, polished walnut, inlaid with brass for table use, \$5.50, \$6.00 each.

Silver plated bureau box, \$6.00 each.

Button boxes, silver plate, \$1.50 each.

Silver plate puff boxes, large size, \$8.00 each.

Perfume sprays, \$3.50 each.

Stationery cabinet, carved sandalwood, \$5.00, \$10.00.

Sandalwood glove box, \$10.00 each.

Cario cabinets, carved sandalwood, \$9.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, Austrian bentwood, mahogany finish, \$2.50 each.

Music cabinets, mahogany finish, brass trimmed, \$8.00 each.

Music cabinets, in golden oak, \$12.00, \$15.00 each.

Music cabinets, in mahogany, \$10.00 to \$25.00 each.

For Brother

(Bill) and Other Brothers

Sterling silver clothes brush, \$5.00 each.

Sterling silver nail polishers, \$3.00 to \$3.75 each.

Sterling silver military brushes, \$5.00 pair.

Sterling silver whisk, \$3.50.

Sterling silver match box, \$1.50 each up.

Sterling silver mounted shaving brush, \$2.50, \$4.00 each.

Bretby ware paper weight, 50c. each.

Ink stands in polished bronze and gold plated, \$1.00 to \$1.50 each.

Double ink stands with pen trays, in silver and gold plate and antique bronze, \$2.25, \$2.75 each.

Bretby ware novelty ash trays, 50c. to 75c. each.

Shaving sets, "Holborn" cup and brush, 75c. to \$1.00 each.

Japanese metal match boxes, 25c. each.

Ash trays in Japanese antimony, 10c. to 25c. up to 25c. each.

Cigar case boxes, Japanese art metal, 75c. and \$1.00 each.

Plated shaving cups with brush, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.

Shaving mugs with brush, solid silver, \$12.00 each.

Pocket dressing combs, sterling silver, \$1.00, \$1.50 each.

Military brushes and comb in case, solid silver, \$12.00.

Ebony military brushes, \$4.00 pair.

Sterling silver mounted hat brushes, \$4.00 each.

Whisks, sterling mounted, \$2.75 each.

Hatchelors cabinets or cellarettes for wine, ice and pipes, golden oak, \$25.00.

Hatchelors cabinets or cellarettes for wine, ice and pipes, in weathered oak, \$35.00.

Macy book cases, sections, \$3.50 to \$5.00 each; tops and bases, \$2.50 each; reducing sections, \$4.75 to \$5.25 each.

Macy sectional cases, without glass, \$1.75, \$2.00 each.

Smokers' cabinets, in weathered oak, \$5.00 each.

Stein racks and plate shelf, weathered oak, \$5.50 each.

Book racks, in weathered oak, 4 shelves, \$2.75 each.

For Wife

Nothing Quite Good Enough For Her. But Here's Suggestions—

Silver plated salt cellars and pepper shakers, \$3.00 to \$5.00 set.

Butter knives, plated, 50c. 60c. 75c. \$1.00 each.

Call bells, silver plated, 75c. \$1.00, \$2.00 each.

Hand bells, 50c. 75c. each.

Platter spoons, plated, \$3.00 each.

Nut crackers, silver plated, 75c. \$1.00 pair.

Sterling silver gravy ladles, \$5.00, \$6.50 each.

Fruit knives, sterling silver, \$10.00 half dozen.

Olive forks, sterling, \$3.50 each.

Sterling pickle forks, \$3.50 each.

Silver tea strainers, \$2.50 each.

Cheese scoops, sterling silver, \$3.00 each.

Jelly knives, sterling silver, \$6.00 each.

Tea infusers, sterling, \$5.00 each.

Soup ladles, sterling, \$15.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted olive wood salad servers, \$7.50 pair.

Sterling silver tea sets, 3 pieces, \$40.00.

Almond trays, sterling silver, \$2.00, \$5.50 each.

Salt cellars, ruby glass, silver frames, \$6.00 pair.

Sterling silver salt cellars, blue glass, \$2.00 each.

Non-hon dishes, sterling silver, \$6.00, \$7.00 each.

Salt cellars, sterling silver mounted, six in case, \$6.00 set.

Toilet set in case, sterling silver, response, handsome rose pattern, mirror, comb and brush, \$35.00.

Sterling silver response, rose pattern, darners, \$2.00; erasers, \$2.00; nail-polishers, \$2.50; curlers, \$2.00; tooth brush, \$2.00; nail brush, \$2.00; book, \$2.00.

Bagón, Turkish portieres, \$4.00 each up to \$10.50 each.

For Husband

Intimate Comfort Giving Gifts

Silver plated coffee sets, three pieces, in antique and Queen Anne designs, \$20.00, \$25.00 set.

Cake baskets, best quality silver plate, in a great choice of designs—round, oval square, in polished antique or French grey finishes, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 each.

Flag stands, silver plate, gilt lined cups, six persons, \$5.50.

Individual and breakfast servers, \$2.75 to \$3.00 each.

Marmalade dishes, crystal and Crown Derby pattern, china dishes, silver mounts, \$3.50, \$5.00 each.

Toast racks, silver plate, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$4.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

Afternoon tea, lettuce and stands, electro plate, \$2.50, \$3.00 each.

Brass and copper afternoon tea kettles and stands, \$3.50, \$4.00, up to \$14.00 each.

Plated tea and coffee sets, 2, 4 and 6 pieces, \$15.00, \$20.00 to \$45.00 set.

Silver plated sugars and creams, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 pair.

Crumb trays and brushes in silver, \$4.00 to \$7.00 pair.

Candiedbra, French grey finish, silver plate, \$15.00 each.

Flower vases, Libbey cut glass, \$3.50 to \$10.00 each.

Cut glass non-hon and olive dishes, \$2.00 to \$7.50 each.

Tumblers, Libbey cut glass, \$16.00, \$24.00 dozen.

Cut glass cream jugs, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 each.

Rose bowls, Libbey cut glass, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00 each.

Cut glass sugars and creams, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 pair.

Coffee percolators in nickel or copper, \$10.00 to \$12.50 each.

For Mother

Mother Love Cannot Be Repaid. It Can Be Appreciated.

Diminutive curtains, striped, \$7.00 pair.

Hazara curtains, hand worked, \$6.00 pair.

Hearth rugs—"Star" Axminster, \$3 each; "Orient" rugs, \$5.50 each; "Earnelle" reversible rug, \$7.00 each; "Wilton" rug, \$6.00 each; "Imperial" rugs, \$10.00 each; "Mecca" rugs, \$12.00 each.

Vestibule rugs, heavy Axminster, \$12.00, \$14.00 each.

Goat skin rugs, grey \$10.00, black \$5.00 each.

Sheep skin rugs, selected and assorted colors, \$5.00, \$5.50 each.

Table covers, Liberty fabrics, in pastel shades, relieved gold thread, \$1.50 each.

Antic, Oriental embroidered linen, \$2.00 each.

Doilies, Armenian embroidered, 30c. to 50c. each.

Tea cozies, Armenian embroidered, \$5.00 each.

Mats, cushion covers and table centres, in Armenian embroidery, 50c. to \$7.50 each.

Table covers, Algerian tapestry, \$4.00 to \$6.75 each.

Blankets, union wool, \$2.50 to \$5.35 pair.

Blankets, all wool, \$6.00 to \$7.25 pair.

Blankets, real Cheviots, \$6.50 to \$9.00 pair.

Quilts, Marseilles, \$3.00 to \$12.00 each.

Honeycomb bedspreads, \$1.00 to \$2.25 each.

Comforters, cotton filled, art muslin coverings, \$2.25, \$3.00 each.

Cotton filled covers, artistic designs in pinks, blues and greens on white, \$4.50 each.

Rockers, richly finished mahogany, \$16.00 to \$20.00 each.

Rockers in golden oak, circular back, \$14.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, white and gold, cane seat, \$4.50 each.

Dining room chairs, weathered oak, upholstered in Spanish leather, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 each.

Arm chairs to match, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$15.00 each.

Reception chairs, mahogany finish and fibre seats, \$7.00 each.

Rockers, mahogany finish and fibre seats, \$5.00, \$5.50 each.

Dining chairs, solid oak, leather seat, \$4.00 each; arm chairs to match, \$6.00 each.

Dining chairs, quarter cut oak, upholstered leather seat, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.00 each; arm chairs to match, each, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00.

Jardinere stands, golden oak, \$2.25 to \$5.00 each.

Jardinere stands, Antwerp and weathered oak, \$3.00 to \$4.50 each.

Jardinere stands, mahogany and ornobe, \$5.00, \$5.50 each.

Parlor suites, walnut, upholstered in tapestry, six pieces, \$45.00.

Bed lounges in tapestry, \$22.50 each.

Sofas, tapestry coverings, \$7.00, \$9.00 to \$12.00 each.

Couches in velour, tapestry, moquette, etc., \$16.00 to \$35.00 each.

Buffets in weathered oak, from \$25.00.

Ruffets in quartered oak, from \$14.00.

Sideboards in golden oak from \$25.00.

China cabinets in oak from \$20.00.

Parlor cabinets, mahogany finish, from \$15.00.

Bookcases in golden oak and mahogany, \$20.00 up.

Secretaires, combination desk and bookcase, in golden oak, 3 styles, at \$40.00 each.

Kitchen cupboards in antique fir, \$6.00 each.

Queen cabinets for the kitchen, \$16.00 each.

Wardrobes, golden finished fir, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 each.

Weir cabinets in golden oak and quartered oak, \$25.00 up.

Plate racks in weathered oak, \$2.75 to \$5.50 each.

Clock shelves, weathered oak, \$4.50 each.

Fur chests in golden oak, from \$18.00 each.

Dressing tables in golden oak, from \$15.00 each.

Magnolia parlor table, \$15.00 each.

Oak and red tea tables, from \$4.00 each.

Parlor tables, quartered oak and carved, \$10.00 each.

Occasional tables, fancy shapes, \$4.50, \$5.50 each.

Parlor tables, mahogany finish, \$2.50 to \$4.00 each.

Sewing tables, mahogany finish, \$15.00 each.

Brass bedsteads, from \$12.50 to \$30.00 each.

Centre tables, birch, mahogany, fancy shapes, \$5.00 each.

Afternoon tea table in quarter cut oak, \$5.50, \$12.50 each.

"Run down Mother's column."

For Baby

"His Very Own—That's the Idea."

"Look over the wife's notes,"

Child's mugs, best quality silver plate, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

Satin engraved "baby" mugs, \$2.25 each.

Silver-plated mugs, repousse designs, \$2.50, \$3.50 each.

Baby spoons, solid silver, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 each.

Knife, fork and spoon, 30c., 50c., \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 set.

Child's rockers, mahogany finish, \$1.75 each.

Golden finish, child's rockers, ornobed seat, \$1.75.

Solid oak cane seat rockers, \$2.25, \$2.50.

Feed rockers, \$2.50, \$2.75 each.

Pretty oak rockers, impervious seat, \$2.25 each.

Food pushers, sterling silver, \$1.50.

Silver set, spoon and food pusher, \$3.25.

Child's sets, knife, fork and spoon, sterling silver with pearl handles, \$5.00 set.

Sterling silver mugs, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 each.

Crib quilts, crepe silk and embroidered "baby," lined with silk and tassel corners, \$4.00 each.

Miniature furniture in stained linen fibre, pretty designs, chairs, \$2.25, \$2.50 each; settees, \$2.50, \$3.00; rockers, \$2.50; tables, \$2.25 each.

Children's sets in hardwood, table and two chairs, finished red or blue, \$2.50 set.

Child's high chairs in hardwood, \$1.50 to \$2.75 each.

Child's high chairs, 2 position, \$4.00; 3 position, \$6.50 each.

For Brother

(Bill) and Other Brothers

Sterling silver clothes brush, \$5.00 each.

Sterling silver nail polishers, \$3.00 to \$3.75 each.

Sterling silver military brushes, \$5.00 pair.

Sterling silver whisk, \$3.50.

Sterling silver match box, \$1.50 each up.

Sterling silver mounted shaving brush, \$2.50, \$4.00 each.

Bretby ware paper weight, 50c. each.

Ink stands in polished bronze and gold plated, \$1.00 to \$1.50 each.

Double ink stands with pen trays, in silver and gold plate and antique bronze, \$2.25, \$2.75 each.

Bretby ware novelty ash trays, 50c. to 75c. each.

Shaving sets, "Holborn" cup and brush, 75c. to \$1.00 each.

Japanese metal match boxes, 25c. each.

Ash trays in Japanese antimony, 10c. to 25c. up to 25c. each.

Cigar case boxes, Japanese art metal, 75c. and \$1.00 each.

Plated shaving cups with brush, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.

Shaving mugs with brush, solid silver, \$12.00 each.

Pocket dressing combs, sterling silver, \$1.00, \$1.50 each.

Military brushes and comb in case, solid silver, \$12.00.

Ebony military brushes, \$4.00 pair.

Sterling silver mounted hat brushes, \$4.00 each.

Whisks, sterling mounted, \$2.75 each.

Hatchelors cabinets or cellarettes for wine, ice and pipes, golden oak, \$25.00.

Hatchelors cabinets or cellarettes for wine, ice and pipes, in weathered oak, \$35.00.

Macy book cases, sections, \$3.50 to \$5.00 each; tops and bases, \$2.50 each; reducing sections, \$4.75 to \$5.25 each.

Macy sectional cases, without glass, \$1.75, \$2.00 each.

Smokers' cabinets, in weathered oak, \$5.00 each.

Stein racks and plate shelf, weathered oak, \$5.50 each.

Book racks, in weathered oak, 4 shelves, \$2.75 each.

For Sister

(Sue) Your Sister and Another's

Cut glass perfume or Cologne bottles, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$7.50 each.

Sterling silver bon bon spoons, \$1.75 each.

Sewing sets in sterling silver, comprising scissors, pin cushion and thimble, \$3.00 set.

Souvenir bon bon trays, sterling silver, \$5.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 each.

Salve pots, silver mount, 50c. each.

Fruit knives, pearl handle, folding, \$1.25, \$2.50 each.

Sterling silver napkin rings, \$2.00 to \$4.00 each.

Souvenir spoons, sterling silver, \$1.75 to \$3.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted whisks, \$2.00 each.

Ink wells, sterling silver, mounted, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted puffs, 50c. Sterling silver puff box and puff, \$1.00.

Hand mirrors, sterling silver, \$10.00, \$14.00, \$20.00 each.

Desk set, 3 pieces, sterling silver, \$2.00, \$3.50.

Pomade boxes, sterling silver, mounted, \$1.00, \$2.50 each.

Shoe horns, cutlery, bells, darners, seals, glove stretcher, polishers, button hooks and letter openers, 50c. each.

Celluloid tablets, silver-mounted, \$4.00 each.

Sterling sets, shoe horn, button hook, letter opener, \$1.75.

Sterling silver letter openers, nail polishers, erasers, cutlery, darners, nail files, button hooks, shoe horns and tweezers, \$1.25 to \$2.50 set.

Cushion slips in ecru and white, hand made, Connemara lace, \$2.00, \$4.00 each.

Connemara lace cushion slips on Bergin silk, \$10.00 each.

Cushion covers, Liberty art fabrics, Kate Greenway series, 65c. 90c. each.

Cushion covers, Dutch milking and canal scenes, \$1.35 each.

Sterling silver manicure sets, in cases, 5 pieces, \$4.00, \$4.50, 5 pieces, \$5.50, 10 pieces, \$6.50 set.

Sterling silver writing sets, 6 pieces, consisting of ink well, pen holder, roller blotter, paper cutter, eraser and seal, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 set.

Sterling silver Toilet sets, comb, brush and mirror, in handsome response designs, \$7.50, \$12.50 to \$20.00 set.

Sterling silver pomade pots, \$1.00, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver hair brushes, \$6.00 each.

Sterling silver files, button hooks, silver powder puffs, letter openers, blotters, etc., 50c. each.

Sterling silver darners, seals, tooth brushes, nail brushes, shoe horns, bells, files, etc., \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver puff boxes, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.50, \$6.50 each.

Sterling silver mounted tooth powder bottles, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted tooth brush bottles, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Sterling silver scissors, \$1.25 each.

Sterling silver book markers, 40c. each.

Paper clips, in polished bronze, \$1.00 each.

Letter racks and stationery holders, in bronze, gold plated and antique finish, \$1.25 to \$4.00 each.

Ladies' companions, in silk and plush-lined cases—containing scissors, button hooks, pocket knife, piercers, bodkins, thimbles, needles, etc., \$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 each.

English writing desks, polished walnut, inlaid with brass for table use, \$5.50, \$6.00 each.

Silver plated bureau box, \$6.00 each.

Button boxes, silver plate, \$1.50 each.

Silver plate puff boxes, large size, \$8.00 each.

Perfume sprays, \$3.50 each.

Stationery cabinet, carved sandalwood, \$5.00, \$10.00.

Sandalwood glove box, \$10.00 each.

Cario cabinets, carved sandalwood, \$9.00 each.

Bedroom chairs, Austrian bentwood, mahogany finish, \$2.50 each.

Music cabinets, mahogany finish, brass trimmed, \$8.00 each.

Music cabinets, in golden oak, \$12.00, \$15.00 each.

Music cabinets, in mahogany, \$10.00 to \$25.00 each.

For Wife

Nothing Quite Good Enough For Her. But Here's Suggestions—

Silver plated salt cellars and pepper shakers, \$3.00 to \$5.00 set.

Butter knives, plated, 50c. 60c. 75c. \$1.00 each.

Call bells, silver plated, 75c. \$1.00, \$2.00 each.

Hand bells, 50c. 75c. each.

Platter spoons, plated, \$3.00 each.

Nut crackers, silver plated, 75c. \$1.00 pair.

Sterling silver gravy ladles, \$5.00, \$6.50 each.

Fruit knives, sterling silver, \$10.00 half dozen.

Olive forks, sterling, \$3.50 each.

Sterling pickle forks, \$3.50 each.

Silver tea strainers, \$2.50 each.

Cheese scoops, sterling silver, \$3.00 each.

Jelly knives, sterling silver, \$6.00 each.

Tea infusers, sterling, \$5.00 each.

Soup ladles, sterling, \$15.00 each.

Sterling silver mounted olive wood salad servers, \$7.50 pair.

Sterling silver tea sets, 3 pieces, \$40.00.

Almond trays, sterling silver, \$2.00, \$5.50 each.

Salt cellars, ruby glass, silver frames, \$6.00 pair.

Sterling silver salt cellars, blue glass, \$2.00 each.

Non-hon dishes, sterling silver, \$6.00, \$7.00 each.

Salt cellars, sterling silver mounted, six in case, \$6.00 set.

Toilet set in case, sterling silver, response, handsome rose pattern, mirror, comb and brush, \$35.00.

Sterling silver response, rose pattern, darners, \$2.00; erasers, \$2.00; nail-polishers, \$2.50; curlers, \$2.00; tooth brush, \$2.00; nail brush, \$2.00; book, \$2.00.

Bagón, Turkish portieres, \$4.00 each up to \$10.50 each.

For Husband

Intimate Comfort Giving Gifts

Silver plated coffee sets, three pieces, in antique and Queen Anne designs, \$20.00, \$25.00 set.

Cake baskets, best quality silver plate, in a great choice of designs—round, oval square, in polished antique or French grey finishes, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 each.

Flag stands, silver plate, gilt lined cups, six persons, \$5.50.

Individual and breakfast servers, \$2.75 to \$3.00 each.

Marmalade dishes, crystal and Crown Derby pattern, china dishes, silver mounts, \$3.50, \$5.00 each.

Toast racks, silver plate, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$4.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

Afternoon tea, lettuce and stands, electro plate, \$2.50, \$3.00 each.

Brass and copper afternoon tea kettles and stands, \$3.50, \$4.00, up to \$14.00 each.

Plated tea and coffee sets, 2, 4 and 6 pieces, \$15.00, \$20.00 to \$45.00 set.

Silver plated sugars and creams, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 pair.

Crumb trays and brushes in silver, \$4.00 to \$7.00 pair.

Candiedbra, French grey finish, silver plate, \$15.00 each.

Flower vases, Libbey cut glass, \$3.50 to \$10.00 each.

Cut glass non-hon and olive dishes, \$2.00 to \$7.50 each.

Tumblers, Libbey cut glass, \$16.00, \$24.00 dozen.

Cut glass cream jugs, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 each.

Rose bowls, Libbey cut glass, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00 each.

Cut glass sugars and creams, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 pair.

Coffee percolators in nickel or copper, \$10.00 to \$12.50 each.</