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## SEEK IMPERIAL AID IN P. G. E. PROBLEM

### MOSUL DECISION FAVORS BRITAIN

Reported League Council Will Continue Most of Area Under Mandate

Investigation by League Investigators Proves Turkish Atrocities

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As conditions, it was reported the decision directed that economic treaties favorable to Turkey be negotiated, and that Great Britain formally engage to extend her mandate over Iraq for twenty-five years.

This report, issued to-day, presents a picture of messengers of Christians by Turkey.

The report was prepared in Mosul by three assistants of General Laidlaw, of Spanish, Italian and Estonian nationality.

### BULLETS END LIFE OF "BATTLING" SIKI

Senegalese Who Defeated Carpentier Murdered in New York Street

New York, Dec. 15.—"Battling" Siki, Senegalese pugilist, whose real name was Louis Phal, was found murdered early today on the Lower East Side.

Death had been caused by either a gunshot or knife wound in the back. The body was found lying face downward on the sidewalk about 100 feet east of Ninth Avenue, in the district known as "Hell's Kitchen."

Identity of the establishment from where the body was found a little after midnight, and that they had exchanged greetings. Siki, Meehan said, shouted he was on his way home. Siki lived on West Forty-second Street with his wife and a pet monkey. Meehan found Siki's body four hours later.

A revolver was found in the gutter a short distance away from which two shots had been fired, and it is believed by the police the weapon was used to commit the murder and was then thrown away.

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### FIFTH REGIMENT SWEEPS IN HEAVY ARTILLERY CONTESTS, TAKE ALL TROPHIES OFFERED

Victoria's heavy artillery are the champions of all Canada.

The two Victoria batteries of the Fifth B.C. Coast Brigade Canadian Artillery have garnered all the prizes, cups, trophies and cash awards offered in Canada for Coast Artillery competition in 1925.

Primacy in this attainment goes to the Fifty-fifth Battery, (No. 1 Company Fifth, C.G.A.) under the command of Major M. Kirkpatrick-Crockett, which has won the following:

Baron Byng's Cup for general efficiency, the highest award offered in Canada; first prize and cup for efficiency of personnel; first place and Turnbull Challenge Shield for gun practice.

The remainder of the awards offered for Coast Artillery competition have been won by the Fifty-Sixth Battery, (old No. 2 Company Fifth, C.G.A.) which secures second prize and cup for gun-practice, second prize and trophy for efficiency of personnel.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CUT APPLIES GENERALLY; CHANGES IN OTHER TAXES ARE PLANNED

Taxation changes more extensive than those announced in the Budget Speech were proposed to the Legislature this afternoon when Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, introduced his bill to amend the taxation act.

Dr. MacLean's proposals were summarized as follows: 1. The rate of taxation on Crown granted timber is reduced from three per cent to 1 1/2 per cent as a result of the assessment now completed, which gives such an increased valuation that even with the reduced rate the crown revenue will be increased by \$125,000 a year.

2. The proposed ten per cent deduction on personal property tax will apply to all who pay this tax, except where the levy is less than \$25.

3. A new tax of fifty cents a ton is imposed upon every ton of fish used by the growing fish meal and fish oil industries of the Province.

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### THURSDAY BIRTHDAY OF PREMIER KING

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Premier King will celebrate his fifty-first birthday next Thursday.

### French Opposing Higher U.S. Tariff

Paris, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the French clothing and textile industries today decided to petition the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the United States Congress from carrying out its reported intention of raising the duties on their products.

### RUSSIA TO REPAY DEBT TO CANADA

Paris, Dec. 15.—French and Russian delegations will soon meet in Paris to resume negotiations for settlement of the Russian debt to France, it was announced today.

### PLAN TESTS FOR B.C. NOTARIES; WORK RESTRICTED

Compromise on Claims of Lawyers is Reached by House Committee of Laymen

Lawyers' Bills to be Withdrawn But Bar Given Limited Extension of Privileges

Legislation designed to restrict the work of notaries public in British Columbia will be withdrawn in the Provincial Legislature by Capt. Ian Mackenzie, Liberal, Vancouver, its sponsor.

This announcement was made today when a committee of lay members of the House, after hearing representations on the legislation, decided that the Mackenzie amendments to the Legal Professions and Notaries Act were too sweeping.

The committee recommends to the House that the status of all existing notarial commissions be reviewed and that any found inactive be cancelled. It further recommends that in future notarial commissions be issued after the examination of applicant, and that the drawing of wages and chattel mortgages be excluded from the functions of the notaries and confined exclusively to the bar.

### STARVATION CLAIMS MANY IN NORTH CHINA

Access to Sea from Peking Still Remains Blocked, Says Reports

London, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to The London Daily Express from Peking says that the sea from the capital still remains blocked.

As a consequence, the poor are suffering and many persons are dying from starvation.

General Feng Yu-Hsiang's wife is working as head of the Red Cross. BATTLE AT PAIKIPIU

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—Reports from Japanese sources say the fate of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, Manchurian warlord, probably will be decided by a battle now raging in the Paikipiui sector, forty miles west of Mukden.

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### DEALS WITH ULSTER POLICE PROBLEM; PREMIER CRAIG

Belfast, Dec. 15.—Members of the "A" special constabulary today seized the five city barracks in Belfast, declaring they would hold the buildings pending a satisfactory reply to their demands for compensation for their new Irish agreement.

In Derry, 3,500 "A" special constables placed armed guards over their stores and arms to prevent the authorities from removing them.

The Ulster authorities take a serious view of the situation, but feel a way will be found to settle the difficult situation without resort to drastic measures.

The special constables are demanding a bonus of \$200, free of income tax, for each man because of the disbandment. If granted it must be borne by the exchequer of the Northern Irish Government.

The men were surprised by the decision to disband them almost immediately, and the prospect of being thrown out of employment so suddenly was responsible for their present action.

### ULSTER POLICE SEIZE BARRACKS AS PROTEST AGAINST DISMISSAL

Extend scope of compensation in B.C. industries

Manson Asks Changes in Law to Wipe Out Three-day Exemption in Long Disabilities

Compensation for Orphans Raised; Foster Mothers to Receive Mothers' Benefits

Changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act introduced in the Legislature to-day by Attorney-General Manson provide:

1. That compensation shall be paid to injured workmen for the full period of their disability provided that it lasts fourteen days. This removes the previous three-day waiting period for which no compensation was payable, except that where the man is laid off for less than two weeks he still suffers the three-day loss.

2. That the compensation payable to orphans shall be raised from \$125 to \$150 per month. This is in line with the scale of compensation in other provinces.

3. That foster mothers shall be entitled to aid on the same basis as real mothers in respect of orphaned children until these children are sixteen years of age and provided that she actually care for them.

### Capital Levy Plan Prepared in Spain

Premier Rivera Says Impost Throughout Country Will be Less Than One Per Cent

Madrid, Dec. 15.—Revealing for the first time his plan for a capital levy of less than one per cent, Premier Primo de Rivera gave the details of the scheme with which he hopes to balance the budget of Spain, which task constitutes the most serious obstacle confronting the country.

"My plan," said Primo de Rivera, "consists of the following: 'Every owner of real estate, country or city, as well as every industrial, merchant, banking institution, mine owner or owner of transport—in fact, everybody who owns something, will be asked to declare voluntarily the value he places on his property, the goodwill, or the capital he has invested in the enterprise. The Government will then fix a rate of taxation, which will certainly be less than one per cent. No tax will be imposed on salaries and profits, regardless of their size.'"

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### CHICAGO WHEAT PRICES RISING

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### FOOTBALL CUP GAME

London, Dec. 15.—An English Football Association cup replay to-day resulted as follows: Grimsby 3; Kettering 1. Grimsby is to meet Birmingham in the third round.

### B.C. Indians Must Fish Under Rules of White Men

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—For the first time in the history of Canada there has been a court decision on the powers of two Federal departments, that of Marine and Fisheries and that of Indian Affairs, to regulate fishing by Indians on their reservations.

Judge Cayley, in county court here, decided a Fisheries Department regulation, which prohibited the catching of salmon by other means than angling, was applicable to Indians and they were not exempt because the infringement occurred on their reservations.

Dominick Charley, who had been acquitted in the North

### Locarno Name For Point Grey Park

Kerrisdale, Dec. 15.—Trimble Beach Park, acquired by law on November 7 by the ratepayers of Point Grey, will in future be known as Locarno Park, commemorating the new famous peace pact.

### Ireland-to-U.S. Flight Planned

London, Dec. 15.—The London Star's Dublin correspondent says the Irish Free State air force contemplates a flight to the United States next April.

### Ss. West O'Rowa Steams to Japan

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 15.—The steamship West O'Rowa, which lost her rudder and part of her stern in a storm on the North Pacific Ocean December 1, was reported in many radio dispatches received here today to be proceeding toward Japan.

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### HEAVY ATTACK BY FRENCH ON DAMASCUS AREA

Jerusalem, Dec. 15.—The French used artillery, machine guns and aeroplanes in repulsing a Druse attack last night in the Chagour quarter of Damascus, doing great damage, dispatches received here to-day said.

### OLIVER ASKS HUGE LAND GRANTS TO AID DISPOSAL OR COMPLETION OF LINE

Will Request Imperial Federal and Alberta Governments to Co-operate in Making Extension of P.G.E. Into Peace River Possible; Seek Immigration Into Railway Lands From Britain; Sale Must be Ratified by Legislature Under New Railway Policy.

Aid from the British Government, the Canadian Government and the Government of Alberta will be sought by the Provincial Government of B.C. immediately in a definite effort to solve the Pacific Great Eastern Railway problem.

Premier Oliver announced in the Legislature to-day when he brought down his long expected railway legislation.

In brief the Government's legislation sets aside huge tracts of land to aid in the disposal of the P.G.E.; to assist in increasing its revenue, if a sale of the line proves impossible, and to bring about the completion of the line into the Peace River country.

The Legislature would have to be consulted before the line could be sold under any conditions, the Premier stated.

For the purpose of the new railway policy the P.G.E. is divided into two main sections, one from Vancouver to Prince George, and the other from Prince George to the eastern boundary of the Province in the Peace River valley.

The legislation provides for a grant of public lands to the P.G.E. Railway Company to the extent of 28,000 acres of each mile of road. These land grants will be selected within certain prescribed areas which are included in four enormous blocks of land contiguous to the railway and including 16,975,000 acres.

One of these blocks lies to the west of Fraser River and south of the Chilcotin. Another lies to the west of the Fraser and north of the Chilcotin. A third is to the east of the Fraser around the Quatval Lake area, and the fourth to the south and west of the Peace River block.

The land in these areas will be free from taxation except in regard to school taxes. Where school districts exist, or are created, the land will become taxable for school purposes.

If any lands in the selected areas are under lease all rentals and fees will go to the railway company. In the case of timbered country within the areas the timber, when cut, will be subject to the usual royalties except when it is used for purely railway purposes.

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### BREWMASTERS TO BE HALED BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

At least two brewmasters from two of the breweries supplying beer to the Liquor Control Board, Liquor Commissioner Hugh Davidson, and the man responsible for the operations of the B.C. Amalgamated Brewers, are to be brought before the public accounts committee of the Legislature this week to explain the methods used in this Province in the making of beer, what safeguards there are for the public and what arrangements exist between the breweries and the Liquor Board governing the supplying of beer.

### ASKS GOVERNMENT TO MOVE TO OPEN STEEL INDUSTRY

Mrs. Smith Urges Premier: to Make Good His Offer to Assist Operations in B.C.

Definite action by the Provincial Government to give British Columbia an iron and steel industry is demanded in a strongly worded resolution filed with the clerk of the Legislature to-day by Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, Liberal, Vancouver.

Mrs. Smith asks the Government to make good Premier Oliver's pledge of August 4, 1922, that the Government would provide assistance for the establishment of a steel industry on condition that private interests and the Federal Government co-operated in this broad scheme. It is proposed that legislation fulfilling this principle be passed at this session of the House and that British steel interests be invited to send representatives to British Columbia immediately to investigate possibilities of development here.

Mrs. Smith's exhaustive steel resolution recites in full the memorandum given out by the Premier on August 4, 1922, promising conditional aid for a steel industry, and asks the House to recommend now to the Cabinet that:

1. Representatives of the British ironmasters be invited to send to British Columbia their most eminent experts and engineers to make a survey of our ironstone, limestone, coal and other resources;

2. That the terms of the memorandum of the Premier of August 4, 1922, be proceeded with and the necessary guarantees given at this session of the Legislative Assembly; the proposed act to be so worded that no obligation is incurred unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

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### BLIZZARD VISITS NORTH OF FRANCE

Worst Early Winter Storm of Ten Years; Traffic Greatly Delayed

Paris, Dec. 15.—Paris and all of Northern France this morning lay under a mantle of snow. After a brief period of mild weather, the country has been struck with the worst blizzard in ten years.

The snow, which still is falling intermittently, has so delayed the traffic so greatly that telegraph and telephone communication is interrupted.

The weather prophets hereby announced a continuance of ill-fated weather, in the shape of the Paris City Council, which will be obliged to produce 5,000 francs from its already depleted treasury in aid of clearing away the greatest blizzard.

### TWO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—It is probable a holiday will be given the civil service on Saturday, December 26. Christmas is always a holiday and the Saturday would be a half-holiday.

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# LOUIS LOUCHEUR RESIGNS AS FINANCE MINISTER OF FRANCE BECAUSE PROPOSALS REJECTED

Paris, Dec. 15.—Finance Minister Loucheur resigned to-day following definite rejection of his fiscal projects by the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

The vote of the committee to-day, with one dissenting voice, confirmed a vote taken yesterday.

The keynote of M. Loucheur's projects were the two bills providing for a sinking fund and new taxes.

**LEADERS CONSULTED**  
At a meeting this morning the Cabinet had decided that the committee's adverse vote yesterday had been passed under conditions not reflecting the opinion of the majority of the members and M. Loucheur was then instructed again to consult the President and secretary of the committee, respectively M. Malvy and Lamoureux, in an endeavor to reach an accord.

The franc continues to fall and there is a corresponding rise in the public anxiety, which is being fanned by extremely daring articles in the newspapers.

Some of them demand and others plead for changes in the governmental regime, ranging from the establishment of a dictatorship or a committee of public safety to the more constitutional proposal that Parliament sit in secret while the financial bills are being discussed and voted.

A dispatch from Paris yesterday said:

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pany got into financial difficulties and could not complete the contract, forcing the Government to take over the work, the Government got legal advice that it could not force the company off the work altogether without running risks of heavy costs and besides that the experience of the officers of the company in dealing with the peculiar sand and other conditions was regarded as invaluable in carrying on the work.

**TOO MANY WOULD BE COOKS**  
"All that country is full of amateur engineers and so to avoid trouble and delay through a lot of outside advice, we felt that we should carry out our plans with the least discussion," Col. Davies replied. "We held that attitude ourselves as the board, and more strongly than Mr. Barrow and the Premier. We had had a great deal of trouble with people interfering with their ideas of how the work should be carried out and we wanted to get on with the work. If we had begun to hold meetings and say that there was something wrong there would have been created in the country sort of a panicky condition that would not have been in the interests of the work. The undisturbed prosecution of the work is what we considered the primary consideration. The members of the advisory board met and discussed the situation and were just as much against public meetings as we were."

Col. Davies told how the farmers kept coming around and telling the engineers how the work should have been done and what they would have done, when the engineering staff was trying to put in a dam in the Fraser River.

**100 PER CENT FERTILITY**  
Mr. Pooley asked about the sand in the Sumas area.

"After the 1894 flood, the deposit of sand that was then brought down grew the best crops they ever had," Col. Davies replied. "There seems to be fertilizer in the sand."

**U.S. AIDS PEACE BUT IS AVOIDING EUROPE'S QUARRELS**  
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Characterizing the security conference at Locarno as "Europe's sincerest effort to free itself from the chains of a policy of power supported by military alliances," he said it had been "the settled policy of the United States not to interfere in purely European questions, certainly not unless there was no reason to invite the United States to attend the Locarno conference."

## MEMBERS PROTEST LAST-MINUTE RUSH IN SESSION WORK

But House Decides on Close Division to Hold Three Sessions a Day Until End

Two Liberals Vote With Opposition Against Government Plan

No desire to change the pace at which business is transacted or to prevent proper discussion which the Government persuaded the Legislature to adopt yesterday, that hereafter three sittings of the House shall be held each day, Attorney-General Manson declared when Opposition would not agree.

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING SPECIALS

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**500 Pairs of French Kid Gloves**

Special at, Per Pair \$1.50

Sizes 51 to 74

**Knitted Shetland Wool Cardigans for Gift Giving**

Special at \$2.50

Fine quality Knitted Shetland Wool Cardigans in white, rose, lemon, purple, champagne, grey and black. A sensible Christmas gift. Special at \$2.50

**Pretty Gift Handkerchiefs at 3 for \$1.00**

Included in this special line of Gift Handkerchiefs are all pure linen hand-embroidered, initial and novelty colored handkerchiefs that will make acceptable Christmas gifts. Special, 3 for \$1.00

**Women's All Pure Wool Unshrinkable Vests at \$1.19**

Fifteen dozen of Women's All Pure Wool Vests with short sleeves, strap shoulders or opera top style; guaranteed unshrinkable. Special value at \$1.19

**Fur-trimmed Coats**

A Bargain At \$13.95

Smart Styles For Women and Misses

**Umbrellas for Gift Giving Special at \$3.75**

Smart Pigmy style Umbrellas with strong frames and good quality cloths tops. Have been specially priced to sell at \$3.75. There are numerous styles of handles to select from and they are wonderful value at \$3.75

**100 Pairs of Fur-trimmed Fabric Gauntlets, Very Special Value at \$1.50 Per Pair**

A special Christmas selling of 100 pairs of Fur-trimmed Fabric Gauntlets in the popular "pull-on" style in the wanted colors and sizes. A really splendid glove for Winter wear at per pair \$1.50

**Sale of Silk Hosiery at \$1.00, \$1.49 and \$1.79 Per Pair**

Every pair perfect, and you may choose from the following makes—Holeproof at \$1.00 per pair, Penman's at \$1.49 per pair and Harvey's at \$1.79 per pair; in black, white and all the most fashionable shades. Buy your Gift Hosiery at these special prices.



# Contact Heat Puts the Speed into SPEEDIRON

WHEN a boy pokes his finger into a pie hot out of the oven, he is instantly made aware of the meaning of "contact" heat, just as you would be if you put your finger on a hot iron.

When you put your hand near a hot iron you feel "radiated" heat.

When you set a kettle or pan on the Speediron Element in a McClary's Electric Range you get contact heat.

There is no air space to waste or radiate the heat. The heat can't go anywhere but upward into the bottom of your pan or kettle, because the bottom of the Speediron Element is specially and thoroughly insulated, preventing heat from going down and forcing it to go up through the bottom of the cooking utensils.

That flat, even top surface and the insulated bottom of the Speediron Element forcing the heat up, put the speed into Speediron—the speediest protected element ever designed.

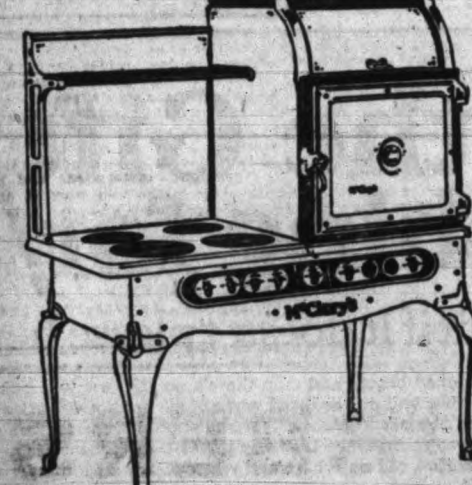
## It Lifts Out

McClary's New Element, Speediron, is made in three parts held together by one bolt. The whole unit lifts out almost as easily as you lift a stove lid—no screws or bolts or wire connections to unfasten. With the unit out it is a simple matter to unscrew the bolt and lift off the iron protector. The burned out heating coil is then easily and quickly replaced with a new one. Then you drop the unit back into place and the Speediron Element is ready for service again.

No liquids, forks, dirt or anything else can get into the coils of McClary's Speediron Element—the electric range element without an "if."

## Come and See It

McClary's new Element—Speediron—was originated, developed and perfected in McClary's Electrical Engineering Department—is patented and registered by McClary's, used exclusively in McClary's Electric Ranges. It is the greatest achievement in Electric Ranges ever brought out and makes McClary's Electric Range the absolute leader of all Electric Ranges.



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# McClary's Electric Range SPEEDIRON—the Element without an "if"

For Sale by Fox & Mainwaring, Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B.C.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX C-U-T APPLIES GENERALLY; CHANGES IN OTHER TAXES PLANNED

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**CHANGES COMPREHENSIVE**  
These changes in taxation are probably the most comprehensive that have been made at any one session of the Legislature for many years. They cover in one way or another almost the whole field of taxation change that has been discussed by the House in the past year or two, except the proposed change in the Amusement Tax.

**DEBENTURE TAXES**  
The change in regard to debenture tax arises from representations repeatedly made by the Vancouver Board of Trade. The claim was made that when there were no deductions allowed on account of interest paid on debentures by any industry it added materially to the burdens of those who had borrowed money for productive enterprises and was hindering the development of new ventures. The proposal now is to revert to the conditions that existed prior to 1921 and collect the interest tax in the hands of the corporation at the reduced maximum rate of four per cent, instead of the former maximum of ten per cent.

**DEBENTURE TAXES (continued)**  
The change in the Gold Mine Tax is a reversion to pre-war conditions. During the war the cost of mining increased greatly, but gold, having a fixed value, did not enhance, as a result of which gold mines found it difficult to operate at a profit. In order to encourage gold mining, the gold mine industry was taxed only on their net income and were relieved from imposition of the two per cent mineral tax. This tax is being reserved except in the case of the small mines, which are protected by a provision that the first \$5,000 production is exempt.

## GENEVA INVITATION REFUSED BY RUSSIA

Paris, Dec. 15.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Soviet Russia, who is visiting France, regards the Locarno security pact as "preparation for a crusade against the Soviet Republic," he told the press to-day.

M. Tchitcherine made known that the Soviet Government would refuse the League of Nations' invitation to take part in the work of preparing for an international disarmament conference.

"The Soviet can not accept the invitation to the preparatory disarmament conference, because we fear it will prove only a dilaatory intervention," said the Foreign Minister.

"We hold that disarmament should proceed at once. We have already expressed our willingness to take part in a real disarmament discussion. We are against years of security discussion as a preliminary to disarmament."

Opposition members in the Legislature last night criticized Hon. T. P. McEwen, Minister of Lands, for appointing Americans on the committee of timbermen which advises the Government on raw log exports. The Minister explained that the members of the Advisory Committee are nominated by the lumber industry.

"The representatives are selected by the industry and are not an official body," Mr. Pattullo explained.

Attorney-General Manson declared when Opposition would not agree.

Hon. J. E. MacLean presented the motion for morning sittings beginning to-morrow. R. H. Pooley, Opposition Leader, announced that the Opposition would not agree.

"There is an idea abroad that we must get home to our Christmas dinners," he said, "but our plain duty is to attend to the public business regardless of where we spend Christmas. This resolution usually comes in the dying hours of a session in order to speed up business. We have not yet reached that stage this session. There is much committee work still to be done in the mornings. We hear rumors of P.G.E. legislation to be brought down and I warn the Government that no P.G.E. bill is going to be ratified over night. We intend to take the fullest time necessary to consider and discuss that measure. Members on our side from the further parts of the Province are prepared to stay here until the work of the session has been properly done."

**NO DELUGE PLANNED**  
"There is no great deluge of new legislation to come in," he said, "although one or two bills will be of an important character. If the present week proved insufficient to accomplish the work in hand the members had in their own hands how long they should remain on the job, and declared that the Government had no intention of speeding matters up."

"I agree with the Leader of the Opposition," declared Mr. Woodward. "This is crowding legislation too fast. The Government takes ample time to prepare legislation and understand it, but it is hard for the members to get it into their heads in a day or two. Discussion of the P.G.E. proposition should take two weeks. Why can't we come back after Christmas if we do not get it finished before?"

Mr. Perry stated that as a member from one of the most remote ridings in the Province he was in sympathy with Mr. Woodward.

"I am prepared to come back after Christmas," he said. "The duties of this House require our attention to the matter how long it takes." He added that the morning session resolution had not been caucused and he felt that he could speak as a free lance.

**SHOULD USE MORNINGS**  
F. A. Browne, Labor, Burnaby, protested that he had nothing to do in the mornings and while he was prepared to come back after Christmas, he thought the House could very well fill in the morning hours with a sitting.

Premier Oliver expressed surprise at the opposition to the resolution, stating that the question came up every session. The resolution merely authorized three sittings daily "unless otherwise ordered."

"If at any time the question comes up as to whether we should adjourn until morning or not the House can decide it at the time we are adjourning each day, but without this resolution no matter how urgent the necessity may be, we can not, under the rules, hold a morning sitting," said the Premier. "This is more for

the convenience of our-of-town members than for the Government and if the members feel it is inexpedient to sit in the mornings the Government will not force them to do so."

**COMMITTEES BUSY**  
J. W. Jones, Conservatives, Okanagan, said that neither the Public Accounts nor the Sumas Committees were finished with their work. H. F. Kergin, Liberal, Atlin, as a member from a distant riding, said that he had been compelled to waste six Saturdays, one Friday and one Monday for the convenience of nearby members who were spending their week-ends at home and he intended to have his Christmas at home no matter what anybody else did.

Major R. J. Burde, Independent, Alberni, claimed that front bench members on both sides had wasted a lot of time this session and contended that every effort should be made to wind up this week.

W. A. McKenzie, Conservative, Similkameen, said that there was

more than debating to be done with important legislation. Members had to study and digest it and they could not do this if they were compelled to be sitting in the House fourteen hours a day. He hoped this incident would bring about a return to the old custom of calling the House together in January instead of November.

Mr. Pooley demanded a division on which the vote was twenty-three to nineteen. Messrs. Uphill, Newlands and Brown of the Labor Party, Major Burde, Independent, and D. A. Stoddard, Provincial, voted with the Government. Messrs. Walkem and Creery, Provincials, and Messrs. Woodward and Perry, Liberals, voted with the Opposition. There were two pairs and one Liberal member absent.

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GETTING DOWN TO CASES

ONE OF THE MOST ENCOURAGING pieces of news which the people of this country have received for some considerable time past is yesterday's announcement that new and much more vigorous efforts are about to be made to attract immigrants from Europe.

The scheme is an ambitious assisted-passage scheme, with the governments of Canada and Great Britain undertaking to pay what will amount to considerably more than the difference in the transportation charges which were in effect before the war and the charges at present imposed by the various steamship lines belonging to the North Atlantic Conference and the railways of this country, for it will now be possible for the newcomer to make the journey from his home all the way to this Coast for something like forty-five dollars.

In commenting on this new proposal in Winnipeg yesterday, Hon. Charles Stewart, acting-Minister of Immigration in the Dominion Government, declared that Canada could quite easily absorb 200,000 settlers a year, and it is taken to mean that under the scheme about to be launched the Department will comb all territory likely to produce prospective Canadian citizens in the hope of reaching this annual mark.

Mr. Stewart points out that it is the Government's intention to settle about ninety per cent. of the newcomers on the land as compared with twenty-five per cent. so settled in the days of heavy immigration.

C. N. R. CAPITALIZATION

IN A RECENT STRIKING EDITORIAL The Manitoba Free Press pointed out that of the total capitalization of \$2,056,181,518 charged against the Canadian National Railways, less than one-half is made up of bonds, stocks and debentures held by the public.

Our contemporary predicts another large deficit on the system this year on account of its huge capitalization. This will have to be met by the Government, which in turn will charge the amount against the capitalization of the system, thereby swelling it to further impossible dimensions.

There should be a revaluation, and the capitalization written down to a reasonable figure. If that were done the system would cease to be a burden of any magnitude. It is understood that an expert railway valuator has been making a survey of the Canadian National system with a view to revaluation and will make a report in a few weeks.

The Free Press sharply points out that the people of Canada have no idea of allowing the Canadian National Railways to be sold for a song to some private interests. To do this would merely be giving away the property but retaining the huge debt on which interest would have to be paid by several gener-

ations of Canadians. The people of Canada are right in insisting that the ownership of the Canadian National Railways remains in the hands of the nation. Its present difficulties are not due to public ownership. The reason the Canadian National Railways exist as a publicly-owned utility is because the public, through the Government, had to step in to save a situation that had been brought about by a series of mad adventures in railway building by private interests.

DR. ANNA STRONG AND THE SOVIETS

ONE OF THE MOST PUZZLING features of the Soviet enigma is that few of the ardent communists on this continent seem inclined to leave their native land and repair to this social and economic eldorado. At the Community Theatre on Friday an engaging lecturer in the quite entertaining personality of Dr. Anna Louise Strong, an American lady direct from Moscow and recognized by the Soviet Government as thoroughly sympathetic towards the cause, elicited applause from her audience as she painted verbal pictures of present day life in Russia.

Question time, after the lecture, produced several statements which furnish the reason why no liberty-loving person from this continent is likely to dash off to Moscow as a result of Dr. Strong's visit. For instance, a member of the audience asked if the press of Russia is censored. The reply was to the effect that constructive criticism of the Government is encouraged, but destructive comment is not permitted.

What about the impartial view of conditions in Russia? Mr. G. C. Dixon, a prominent Australian journalist with an original prejudice in favor of the Bolsheviks, has just written a book entitled "From Melbourne to Moscow," in which he reveals his recovery from his first opinion and gives the reason for the change.

Whereas socialists implies equality and liberty within legal limits acceptable to the majority, communism as practised in Moscow involves ruthless suppression of the individual's liberty, frank recognition of the principle of inequality, and acceptance of the irresponsible, autocratic, and essentially class rule which is called the dictatorship of the proletariat.

No doubt some of the Soviet's experiments have promise of value, but it is obvious at this distance that their scope is so narrow and there are so few of them that they do not illuminate the gloom and the depression of the general survey. And in spite of Dr. Strong's eulogy of industrial conditions in Russia, not forgetting the glaring anomalies, it is fairly certain that Russia's rebirth, signs of which are already apparent, will take the form eventually of a great peasant democracy.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

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Other People's Views

LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL. To the Editor:—The board of management of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital would permit me to express their thanks to the judges and the large number of people who in various ways helped to contribute to the great success of the children's fancy dress ball given in aid of the funds of the above hospital.

HINDOO SETTLEMENTS

To the Editor:—The immediate vicinity of my humble dwelling, adjacent to a city park, a Hindu has for some while past rented a single city lot, on which he has built a barn, stabling fourteen cows, running a dairy in the neighborhood, and incidentally supplying milk at five cents a pint. Passages in the case have been frequent, the Hindu has, however, vacated the house, for other rented houses nearby.

The law only allows seven to a city lot, but I understand it said nothing about boarders. The herd by day wanders peacefully as city cows are wont to do on the streets usually in the morning, but should be at school, but is better employed. So accustomed are these cows to city life, that when a motorist runs into the herd, all stand and look on, to see what is going to happen.

Now we know that cheap vegetables, by peddling Chinamen, cheap groceries from a Chinese store, or by cheap fish from the Japanese, cheap milk, five cents a pint from Hindoos, cheap wood from a lumber yard in the park, are doubtless very desirable things for the consumer.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 15.—Lee Walker, a negro, fired the shot that killed Ira M. Hudson, El Dorado lumberman and oil operator, after he and another negro, James Walker, had held up Hudson and robbed him of a \$750 payroll, according to the confessions the negroes dictated to prison officials here. The negroes, who are cousins, were brought to the penitentiary here yesterday by the sheriff of Union County for safekeeping.

FAMOUS FRENCH

New York, Dec. 15.—Sir Galahad II, famous five-year-old French race-horse, arrived yesterday on the Minnetonka and will be shipped to Paris tomorrow. The horse is insured for \$23,000. He was recently purchased from Jeff Cohn by A. B. Hancock for \$40,000.

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CITY MIGHT SUFFER IF FIRE EQUIPMENTS GO OUTSIDE LIMITS

Council Warned Against Making Policy of Present Courtesy

Provincial Fire Marshal Thomas objects to any tendency towards special recognition of the practice of sending the city's fire fighting equipment to fires in Esquimalt or Saanich. At last night's session of the City Council, Alderman Marston read a letter from Mr. Thomas wherein he makes protest against such recognition.

Lax Protective Measures in Municipalities Encouraged, Fire Marshal Fears

The Provincial fire expert points out that such a policy, recognized by establishment of a scale of fees per run, as suggested by the city fire warden, would result in the city's citizens of Victoria of fire protection they have paid for, should an outbreak of fire occur following a call from outside the city.

Blame For Disaster

Alderman Woodward pointed out that a serious reflection would be cast on the city if a call being ignored as a result of council instructions, leading to the death of a person or a fire which could have been controlled.

Alderman Brown showed that the number of calls in the past five years have ranged from one to six annually. Alderman Woodward remarked, "We have attended these fires in the past, with the approval of this Council, upon exactly the same lines."

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Invisible Writer

Stirs Aldermen

Spirit messages were last night unwittingly discussed by the City Council, and the revelations of a disturbed soul, unknown to this world, were actually placed before the aldermen.

When a letter signed L. D. Smith was laid before the council last week, Alderman Woodward doubted ability to find the writer. The alderman ardently desired to make personal acquaintance with their correspondent, who detailed the inefficiency of the service rendered the city by one W. G. Pillar, and outlined the law-breaking propensities of this party.

Last night City Engineer Preston reported that no such name was to be found on his payroll. Alderman Woodward joyously chanted the familiar chorus "I told you so" when reports were presented as to the invisibility of the letter writer, but none realized that the address given, 1823 Macdonald Street, is located in the middle of Ross Bay Cemetery.

COUNCIL GLAD OF INDUSTRIAL RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Will Seek Accord With Provincial Government on Road Construction

Expenditure of \$8,700 by the city, next year, on surfacing extensive new roadways on the Industrial Reserve, was well thought of last night by the City Council, when considering what to do to meet proposals of new work offered by the Provincial Public Works Department.

Final decision will be made by a committee composed of Mayor Pen-dray, Aldermen Blair and Brown and City Engineer Preston. They will investigate the possibility of asking the Government to undertake part of the work at this time and follow with the full programme if the City Council possible to guarantee completion of the full programme. Alderman Dewar obtained accord when he protested against this work being prosecuted at the expense of other sections needing betterment.

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TUBERCULOUS VETERANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

C. J. Campbell Named President at Annual Meeting Last Night

The tuberculous veterans held their annual meeting and election of officers last night in the clubrooms, P. H. Brown Block.

The following were elected to serve the local unit in an official capacity for the ensuing six months: President, Comrade C. J. Campbell; vice-president, E. Keon; Dominion representative, J. Waterston; secretary, treasurer, R. Smith.

Five members were elected to serve on the executive. The retiring officers and members of the general body tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which they have worked in the interest of the association.

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## Women's Hosiery

Good Qualities for Christmas Gifts at Moderate Prices

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, with hemmed garter tops; sizes 8½ to 10. In white, black, brown, beige, log cabin, camel, peach, cameo, golden pheasant, pearl grey, Oriental pearl, treader, cheri and hoggar. A pair \$1.59

Women's Good Quality Silk Hose, with fine lisle garter tops, hemmed or elastic rib; spliced heels and toes; sizes 8½ to 10. In black, white and all colors. A pair \$1.25

Women's Hose, knitted from silk yarn mixed with fibre silk. A splendid wearing hose with mercerized lisle tops and reinforced heels and toes; sizes 8½ to 10. A pair at \$1.00  
Silk and Wool Ribbed Hose, Mercury brand, with heavy garter top, wearing parts doubly reinforced; sizes 8½ to 10, in shades of nude, pongee, fawn, with white and fawn with blue, green with fawn and clerical grey. A pair \$1.75  
Silk and Wool Hose, double garter tops, reinforced foot; all good shades; sizes 8½ to 10. A pair 98¢  
—Hosiery, Main Floor

## Girls' Pleated Skirts

Wednesday Specials at \$1.29

Pleated Skirts, in sizes for 8 to 14 years, made from plaid woolen material in light and dark colors, attached to white cotton bodices. Excellent values at \$1.29  
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Bandette Brassieres, back hook style of pink broche with tape shoulder straps. Nice quality. Very reasonably priced at 50¢  
Brassieres, made of lace and fancy pink cotton, back hook style, medium length, with tape shoulder straps. Very dainty for Christmas gifts. At \$1.19  
All Lace Brassieres, exceptionally nice and dainty for Christmas gifts, back hook style, very neat fitting. Excellent values, at \$1.95  
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## Women's Fleece Cotton Underwear

Special Values

"Velva" Fleece Cotton Vests in all styles. Special, each at 90¢  
"Velva" Fleece Cotton Drawers, knee or ankle length. Special, a pair 90¢  
Odd Lines of Women's Fleece Cotton Combinations to clear at, a suit \$1.95  
—Knit Underwear, First Floor

## Children's Flannelette Pyjamas

Regular \$1.75. Special Wednesday Morning for 98¢

Pyjamas of plain white or striped flannelette, one-piece style with colored stitching on the collar. Odd sizes for 4 to 14 years; regular to \$1.75. Clearing for, a suit at 98¢  
—Children's Wear, First Floor



## Children's Leggings For Christmas Gifts

Tan Leather Leggings to buckle over the knee. Misses' sizes, 11 to 2. A pair \$5.00  
Children's sizes, 6 to 10; a pair \$3.25  
Blanket Cloth Leggings to buckle over the knee; sizes 6 to 10, in beaver or camel shade. A pair \$1.95  
—Children's Shoes, First Floor

## Children's Kindergarten Sets

Children's Kindergarten Sets, finished in red. Hardwood table and two chairs. Very neat, well made, and only 12 sets at this price. Special Wednesday at \$4.75  
—Furniture, Second Floor

## Two Exceptional Values Wednesday in Women's Coats

Coats in tailored styles, designed from excellent quality cloths. Full belters with inverted pleat or half belters with plain backs. They have set in or Raglan sleeves, turn back cuffs and tailored collars. Green, grey and brown mixtures. On sale for

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Mechanical Walking Doll; special at \$5.75  
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—Mantles, First Floor

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Pretty Hug-me-tights, made in vest effect, with elbow sleeves, "V" shaped neck and finished with two ties and bordered with contrasting shades to blend; pink, blue, white and mauve. Special, each \$1.95  
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## Brushed Wool Cardigans \$2.95

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## Indian Moccasin Slippers

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Women's All Black Fur Moccasins, best quality. A pair \$3.50  
Women's Hair Seal Moccasins at \$3.50 and \$2.50  
Women's Elk Moccasins, beaded trimming, fur or beaded collar. A pair, \$3.00 and \$3.50

Women's Buckskin Moccasins, moosehair trimming with fur collar. Shown in 3 colors, a pair \$2.50

Women's Grey Suede Moccasins with fur collar and bead trimming. A pair, at \$1.45

Children's Elk Moccasins, very superior quality, a pair, \$2.50 and \$2.00  
Children's Grey Suede Moccasins with fur collar and beaded vamp. A pair, at \$1.00  
—Shoes, First Floor

## Special Dainty Gifts for Men

Collar Bags, made to hold a half dozen collars. Offered in grey and brown suede; some with stud pocket on side. Six dozen to sell on Wednesday morning. A chance to secure a useful gift for a man for 95¢

St. George's Wire Arm Bands, gilt or silver finish. Regular, a pair 25¢. Wednesday at 10¢

Silk Covered Wire Arm Bands, plain colors or fancy cheeks and stripes. Regular a pair 35¢, for 25¢

Elastic Web Braces; each pair packed in a neat presentation box. Special, Wednesday morning, at a pair 50¢  
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## Bed Socks

For Children, Special At

98¢

Nice Warm, Cozy Bed Socks of good quality yarn, in all colors. Special at 98¢  
—Children's Wear, First Floor

## Gift Gloves for Women

Newest Styles, Great Values

Novelty Kid Gloves, featuring the new flare and turn-back cuff styles. Some in the high color effects, others in the two-tone eyelet work design. A large choice in all the popular shades. A pair \$2.50

Washable Chamois Gloves, in regulation wrist length with two pearl button fastening, pique sewn. A beautiful quality in white or natural. A pair \$2.75

Gauntlet Gloves of fine quality chamois, in comfortable pull-on style with elastic at the wrist; shown in white or natural. At, a pair \$2.75  
Hand-sewn Washable Chamois Gloves, two pearl button fastening or slip-on gauntlet style in natural and white with black. At, a pair \$3.75



## Down-filled Comforters Greatest Values Wednesday, \$12.75

Pure, Well Filled Down Comforters, covered with high-grade sateen in floral designs and paneled with satin in contrasting shades. Fully ventilated. A great Christmas bargain, each \$12.75  
—Staples, Main Floor

## Men's Forsyth Brand Royal Broadcloth Shirts \$2.95

Royal Broadcloth Shirts, every shirt guaranteed. Shades are cream, blue or white. They have soft, separate collars to match, double soft cuffs and starch neck-band. Shirts put up in presentation boxes. Special value Wednesday morning \$2.95  
Men's Fine Shirts, in guaranteed brands; sizes 14 to 16½. Broken lines, including printed repps, woven stripe zephyrs, woven madras, silkline, etc. Regular prices to \$2.75, for \$1.95  
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

## Gift Ties for Men

Two Special Wednesday Values

Men's Narrow Silk Knitted Ties, patterned with fancy stripes on a dark ground. About five dozen to clear. Regular price, each \$1.00, for 75¢  
Men's Silk Ties, with wide ends, all new patterns and designs. Each tie put up in box presentation. Special values Wednesday morning, each 50¢  
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

## Men's Flannelette Pyjamas A Suit, \$1.65

Men's Soft Finish Flannelette Pyjamas, pink, blue and grey fancy stripes, finished with silk frog loops and pearl buttons. Special Wednesday bargains, a suit \$1.65  
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

## Men's Pure Wool Sports Sweaters, \$3.95

Men's Heavy Knit Pure Wool Pullover Sports Sweaters, made with shawl collar that may be buttoned up to neck or worn turned down. Shades cardinal with black stripes around chest. On sale for \$3.95  
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

## Men's Silk and Wool Socks 85c

Men's Silk and Wool Mixture Socks, 6-and-1 rib, two-tone shades, reinforced heel and toe. Five or six shades to select from. Special, at a pair 85¢  
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Specials for Wednesday Morning

- Robin Hood Flour, Wed. morning 49-lb. sack... \$2.45
Crystallized Ginger, very special, lb. 30c
Pitted Dates, reg. 30c pkg. for. 22c
Desiccated Coconut, medium cut, per lb. 18c
Nabob Berried Holly, lb. 50c
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Nabob New Raisins, seeded or seedless, 2 large pkts., 25c
New Zealand Butter, lb. 49c, or 3 lbs. for. \$1.45

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TO-MORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kemble WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 Although there may be found some adverse figures in this day's astrological chart, yet the influence may not make for a downright failure of well directed efforts.

TORONTO GIRL IS BRIDE OF PRINCE

London, Dec. 15 (Canadian Press Cable).—Miss Beatrice Sapley, of Toronto, was married to Prince Constantine Nikolaevich, of Georgia, in London on Saturday.

YOUR LACE CURTAINS For the Holidays

There is much satisfaction in CURTAINS that go up just right, hang evenly and drape gracefully. When done the "NEW METHOD WAY" they are returned to you without hook or pin marks, edges and scallops true and even—just like new.

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Altar Society Nets \$1,000 by Successful Bazaar Saturday

The Altar Society of St. Andrew's Cathedral held a very successful bazaar on Saturday, netting nearly \$1,000. The various stalls were well patronized, and the following contributions were received: Mrs. Baines; plain sewing, Miss Dickson; miscellaneous, Mrs. Bridges; fancy, Children of Mary; fish pond, Mrs. McManis; No. 152; fourth, box of apples, Father Dealey, No. 482; dressed doll, Mr. Sangster, No. 213; basket of candy, Mrs. E. Hynes, No. 237; ham, Mrs. Devereux, No. 37; oil painting, Mrs. Nyland, No. 17; engraving, Mr. Hurst; china tea set, Mrs. O'Leary, No. 44; box of candy, Mrs. Allen, No. 21; picture, Mrs. Goytre, No. 22; vase, Mrs. O'Connell, No. 2; baby doll, Mrs. Allen, No. 5655; cut glass dish, Mrs. Raymond, No. 4569; cake, Mrs. G. Hartnall, No. 4688; plant, W. Regan, No. 5019; necklace, Mrs. E. Watkins, No. 691.

Municipal I.O.D.E. To Hold Shower For Hampers Thursday

On Thursday of this week the headquarters of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., will keep "open house" for the reception of donations of cash or kind for the annual shower for the Christmas hampers. These hampers are sent out each year by the order to deserving and needy cases among the families of ex-servicemen, and money or any tinned goods, fruit or other articles of Christmas cheer will be gladly welcomed.

Just Like a Home

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IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

LUXURY TAX AFFECTS WOMEN M.P.'S DRESS

Proposed Imposts Subdues British Women's Gowns in Parliament London, Dec. 15.—Since Chancellor Winston Churchill began advocating a luxury tax to increase the state income, women's dress in the House of Commons has taken on a pronounced subdued effect. This is considered as an indication that the women members are opposed to taxing any fancy goods which are made primarily to meet requirements of women's whims.

Royal Oak Scouts Entertained Their Mothers Saturday

The Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Pack of Royal Oak entertained their parents and friends at a mothers' party on Saturday in the Royal Oak Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Quick. The boys made most excellent hosts and during the afternoon presented each mother of a scout or cub with some small gift made by themselves.

W.C.T.U. HOME TAG COLLECTION NETS \$641

In response to the public appeal for funds for the W.C.T.U. home Saturday, the sum of \$641 was collected, and considering the few taggers available and the inclemency of the weather, it is most gratifying.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. J. W. Woodley and Dr. Brown, both of Vancouver, are visitors in Victoria. Mr. Charles Thurlin of Campbell River, is spending a short time in Victoria. Mrs. Harold Corik of Vancouver is visiting at Metchook as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jordan.

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RUSH FOR TICKETS FOR TURKEY GAMES

Big Gobblers Are Prizes at C.P.R. Card Party Everything is in readiness for the grand turkey card game to be held under the auspices of the C.P.R. Bowling Club on Tuesday evening, December 22, in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel.

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SANTA CLAUS DIES IN NEW YORK CITY

Collapsed While Appealing For Christmas Dinners For Poor Newark, N.J., Dec. 15.—Santa Claus fell dead in New York Saturday. For four years the Volunteers of America have hired Christopher Zabel at Yuletide. Saturday he put on his white and scarlet coat, his baggy red pantaloons and his tasseled cap. He picked up his jingling handbell and his staff and stood in front of a big store in Market Street.

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**Sooke**

Special to The Times  
Sooke, Dec. 15.—There were two of the most exciting ball games played in Charters Hall on Saturday, December 12. The "Kitchen Gang" versus Sooke "B" first took the floor. There was terrific checking on both sides. E. Shade and C. Knott doing splendid work for the visiting team. Baker starred for Sooke. The home

team showed weakness in the shooting, but was otherwise effective. The Kitchen Gang came out on the long end of the 27-29 count.  
This was followed by a hard-fought game between "The Old Men's Home" versus Sooke "A." The visitors had poor luck with their shooting, but otherwise showed up well. Tommy Wright and Cliff Charteris of the pick of the home team, both making high scores. Sooke played a splendid game. Their combination, dribbling, shoot-

ing and checking, being beyond criticism. Red Smith acted as umpire.  
Kitchen Gang—E. Shade 8, G. Horn 4, C. Knott 10, G. Eden, M. Cameron, Red Smith 5. Total 27.  
Sooke "A"—George 2, Macdonald L., Poulson I., Baker 15, Hower, McIntosh 4. Total 20.  
"Old Men's Home"—Muttice 8, Stretcher, Hodimeter 1, Guder 2, Wadlington 4, A. N. Other 4. Total 28.  
Sooke "B"—R. Aceman, C. Charles 15, C. Pillar 2, H. George, T. Wright 15, Mugford 10. Total 48.

**BEDTIME STORY**

**Uncle Wiggily's Welcome Home**  
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By Howard R. Garis

Happily twinkling his pink nose, Uncle Wiggily hopped over the fields and through the woods. The day was clear and cold. Jack Frost had frozen the ground hard and soon there would be white flakes of snow sifting down to cover the earth with a beautiful cloak of ermine.  
"And though snow is good for the animal children to coast on," thought Uncle Wiggily as he hopped along, "it isn't good for me, because the fuzzy fox can so easily see my tracks in it and follow me. So I hope it doesn't snow before I get home."  
However, there seemed to be no danger of that just now, for the sun was shining. But Uncle Wiggily hurried on, for not only did he want to keep away from Fuzzy Fox, but the rabbit gentleman was anxious to see his wife and little bunny, from whom he had been absent many days. He had been visiting his other animal friends.  
"Where are you going in such a hurry, Uncle Wiggily?" asked a voice at the side of the road.  
"Goodness, are you the Bob Cat?" cried the bunny, for he saw no one.  
"Hah! I should hope not. So I hope it doesn't snow before I get home."  
"My tail is like a dusting brush, not like the Bob Cat's—just a

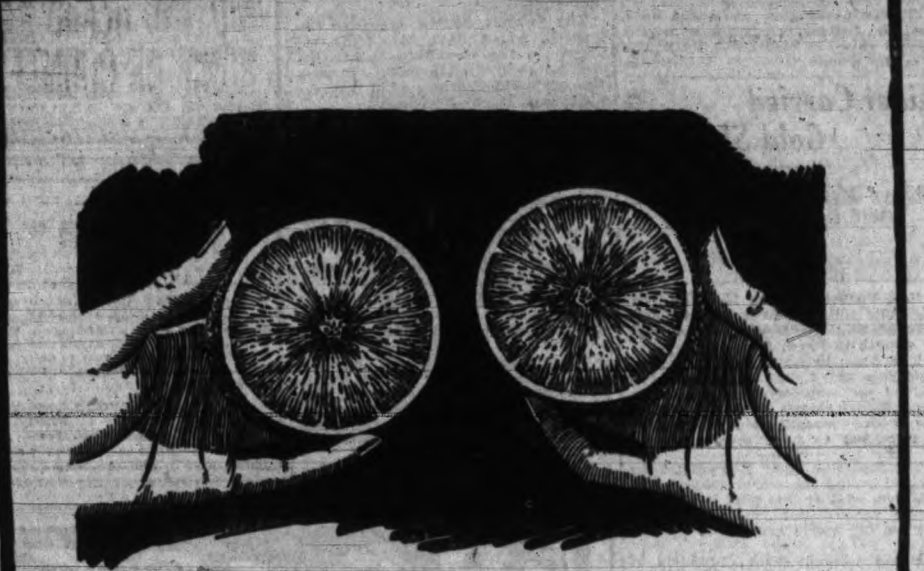
little round knob of fur. But why are you in such a hurry, Uncle Wiggily?"  
"I am going home, Billie."  
"Oh, I'm sure there will be a warm welcome for you there," chattered the squirrel boy, politely.  
"Thank you," replied the rabbit gentleman. "I hope there will be," and he twinkled his pink nose again as he hopped on.  
While yet some distance from his hollow stump bungalow, Uncle Wiggily was seen by his lady rabbit wife, who had gotten up early to make breakfast for all the little bunnies.  
"Oh, Wiggily!" she exclaimed, hopping toward him. "Welcome home! I am so glad you have come back! The children missed you so, and they feared you would not be on hand to help set up the Christmas tree!"  
"I'm here all right!" laughed the bunny, and then as he and his wife hopped toward their hollow stump bungalow home, all of a sudden there was a loud yelling inside.  
"What's that?" asked Uncle Wiggily.  
"Oh, just Scooter and Tooter having fun, I guess," said Mrs. Longears. "Or perhaps it's Jingle and Jangle jumping up and down. They have grown quite wild since you have been away. I'm glad you have returned. You will teach them better manners!"  
Uncle Wiggily twinkled his pink nose for the third time and hopped into his bungalow. Such a sight met his eyes! There was Hmper trying to tie together the feet of his brother Jumper. There was Jingle with the molasses pitcher, trying to let some of the sticky sweet stuff slide down the back of his sister Jangle. Tooter was throwing a sofa cushion at Scooter—oh, such a time as there was!  
"Children! Children!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "You must not act this way! Have fun, but be polite about it!"  
For a moment there was a silence and then rose a wild yell.  
"Oh, Daddycums is home! Daddycums is home! Now we can have some fun! Welcome home, Daddycums!"  
With a rush all the little bunnies jumped at Mr. Longears together. They upset the breakfast table with a crash. Down on the floor fell the dishes. And down on the floor fell Uncle Wiggily, slipping in the molasses. And for a moment there was one merry mixup of rabbits.  
"Dear me! What's going on here?" barked the Police Dog who came running up as he heard the crashing noise.  
"Oh, nothing much!" laughed Mrs. Longears. "The children are just welcoming home Uncle Wiggily!"  
"Oh, then it's all right!" barked the Police Dog, and he, too, laughed as he ran along. Mrs. Longears helped Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy pick up the dishes, only a few of which were broken, and then they washed the molasses from the bunny gentleman's fur after the little rabbits had gone to school.  
"It was a warm welcome home all right!" laughed Mr. Longears. "But I liked it." And if the slices of apple pie doesn't get lonesome for a piece of cheese and cry, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the snow marks.



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**Two Royal City Men Were Hurt In Motor Car Smash**  
New Westminster, Dec. 15.—Major J. S. Matthews, general manager, and Capt. F. C. Brown, sales manager of the Canada Western Cordage Company, were seriously injured yesterday afternoon when their automobile was struck by a C.P.R. east-bound freight train on a crossing near the cordage plant. Both men are in hospital.

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Well tailored from blanket cloth, velour, zibeline and the other popular fabrics. Straight line and flared skirt styles, with collars of thibetine, French seal and beaverine; some having cuffs to match, side trimmings of heavy stitching or buttons. Shown in grey, rust, sand, taupe and rose. Well lined throughout; sizes 16 to 42. Values to \$25.00. Special at, each

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**Women's Rubber Aprons 49c**  
Strong Quality Rubber Aprons with neat check piping. Shown in grey, green, orchid, corise and blue. Special at... 49c  
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**Half-day Specials in Children's Wear**  
Children's Novelty Rubberized Aprons  
Shown in mauve, blue, yellow and white with nursery patterns in contrasting colors; value 75c. Special at... 69c  
Children's English Voile Dresses  
Neatly embroidered yoke, sleeves and skirt trimmed with fine tucks, white, also... 1.25  
Special at... 98c  
Children's Wool Mitts  
Plain knit in 100% pure wool, with thumb. Shown in grey, brown and scarlet. Special at... 39c  
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Reed and seagrass arm chairs and rockers in attractive designs, strongly made. Special at... \$2.79  
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**Cowboy Suits for Boys**  
If he is interested in cowboy stories he'll surely like to have one of these suits. Complete with hat, red handkerchief, shirt, pants, gun, holster, belt and lariar; sizes 3 to 10 years. Special at... \$2.29  
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**Drug Department Specials for Half-day Shoppers**  
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Purse Perfumes, 25c values, 17c  
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Swansdown Powder Puffs with long handles, \$1.50 and \$1.25  
French Ivory Brushes, Combs and Mirrors, including Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets at 20% off.  
Vegetal Shaving Lotion, \$1.00 value... 87c  
M. and L. Florida Water, \$1.00 value... 83c  
Selditz Powders, 25c value, 17c  
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Sizes 4 to 7½. Special at, per pair, 49c  
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**Junior Wagons, Special \$1.00**  
Strongly constructed wagons with metal bodies and disc wheels, suitable for small children; regular \$1.50. Special Wednesday Morning... \$1.00

**Folding Doll Cabs Special, \$3.95**  
Four-wheel Folding Doll Cabs, with rubber-tired wheels. Complete with hood. Special Wednesday Morning... \$3.95

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Made just like the one mother uses. A gift that's sure to please any little girl. Special... 35c  
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Built on the drum principle, like an upright oil stove. They give quick heat at the minimum of cost. Special... \$5.50  
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**Hand Embroidered Irish Linen Tray Cloths**  
These will make ideal Christmas gifts and at this low price are exceptional value. Made from a fine linen of close texture and beautifully embroidered in many charming designs; size 20x30; value \$2.50. Special  
at... \$1.25

**Pure Linen Damask Tablecloths**  
An exceptional offering in pure linen damask cloths in popular designs. Suitable for everyday use.  
Size 72x72. Price... \$4.95  
Size 72x90. Price... \$6.95  
Napkins to match, per dozen... \$6.95

**Fancy Turkish Towels in Holly Boxes**  
A wide range of sizes and qualities to choose from all neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Prices 79¢, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Women's Gift Hosiery**  
Special for Wednesday Morning  
Rayon Silk Hose with hemmed tops and reinforced heels and toes. Shown in apricot, shell, sunburn and black; sizes 8½ to 10. Special at, per pair... 45c  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Set of Six Butter Spreaders, \$1.98**  
English-plated Butter Spreaders with white handles. Six in a leatherette plush lined case for... \$1.98  
—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Half-day Specials in the Grocery and Fresh Meat Sections**  
California Seeded Muscat Raisins, per packet... 15c  
Choice California Light Bleached Sultana Raisins, per lb... 30c  
Choice California Dark Sultana Raisins, per lb... 15c  
Sun-maid Three Crown Lower Muscat Raisins, per lb... 15c  
Finest Quality Reclaimed Filianas Currants, per lb... 14c  
3 lbs. for... 40c  
Mixed Peel, comprising equal quantities of imported lemon, orange and citron, per lb... 25c  
Shrublet Steak, per lb... 15c  
Loin Mutton Chops, per lb... 45c  
—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Tokenobowls and Vases, 50c**  
Special clearance of 100 Tokanobe Bulb Bowls and Flower Vases suitable for Christmas Gifts. Wednesday Morning, 50c  
—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Bissell's Carpet Sweepers for \$4.69**  
The standard Bissell's Carpet Sweeper, in mahogany finished case, with the newest adjustment. Would make a very useful gift for the home. Special at, each... \$4.69  
—Third Floor, H.B.C.

**Cocoa Door Mats Special, 65c**  
Heavy Quality Cocoa Door Mats with diamond back; sizes 14x24. Splendid wearing rugs and exceptional value. Special at, each... 65c

**50-Smoker Stands at \$1.00 Each**  
Made from metal with stand three feet high. Complete with removable glass tray. Special at... \$1.00  
—Third Floor, H.B.C.

**Special Turkey Luncheon at 50c**  
Will be served to-morrow morning from 11:30 to 12:45, in our Victorian Restaurant, Fourth Floor

**Women's Gift Scarves Special, \$2.29**  
Fine Quality Cashmere Scarves, in stripes and checked designs, finished with fringed ends. Shown in sand and brown, grey and Copen, pencil blue and grey, fawn and orange. Special at, each... \$2.29  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**An Exceptional Offering in Women's Gloves**  
Women's Chamoisette Gloves, with silk embroidered points, and two-dome fasteners; shown in heaver, grey, mode, pastel, cocoa, sand, mauve and black; sizes 6 to 8. Special at, per pair... 49c  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Gift Suggestions for Men**  
Togo Towel Bathrobes  
Made from heavy Turkish toweling with blue, orange or helio stripes. A new ideal checked service-as-bathrobe and towel in one. Quantity limited so shop early. Price... \$4.95  
Pure Silk Knitted Ties  
Welch Targeton's Pure Silk Knitted Ties in beautiful color combinations. Neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Price... \$2.49  
Auto Gauntlets  
An ideal gift for the man who drives a car. Made from black chester-leather. Neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Price... \$1.95  
Pyjamas  
Made from good quality English flannelette, in an assortment of novelty stripes. Cut good and roomy, with silk braid button holes, sizes 36 to 44. Boxed for Christmas giving. Per suit... \$3.19

**Men's Gift Slippers Special at \$1.00**  
Woolen Felt Slippers, in dark plaid pattern. Everest style, with felt and leather soles, low heels; all sizes. Buy now for Christmas gifts. Special at, per pair... \$1.00  
No phone orders.  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Bead and Pearl Necklets, 89c**  
Long, medium and choker styles in an assortment of designs and colors. Also indestructible pearl necklets, 20 inches long, graduated and finished with brilliant-studded safety fastener; values to \$1.95. Special at... 89c

**Chinese Baskets to Contain Candies or Sewing Supplies**  
Large size, suitable for work baskets, candy baskets, etc. Covers trimmed with Chinese coins, beads and silk tassels, finished with double glass ring handles. Special at... \$9c  
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

**Remnants of Curtain Fabrics at Half Price**  
In this assortment you will find remnants of acrimis, marquisettes, nets, volles, muslins, cretonnes, casement cloths, etc. Suitable fabrics for many purposes. Wednesday, Half Price  
—Third Floor, H.B.C.

LABOUR LEADERS SEEK DAMAGES

Walsh and Johannsen Filed Claims For Arrest Mrs. Walsh, Formerly Adele Pankhurst, Asks \$25,000

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 15.—Tom Walsh and Jacob Johannsen, president and secretary of the Australian Seamen's Union, whose appeal against the Government's order of deportation was upheld last week by the high court, have brought suits against the Government and Premier Bruce for \$100,000 each.

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Norwegian Craft at Seattle Latest in Diesel Equipment

Seattle, Dec. 15.—While the Norwegian motorship L. A. Christensen was in port loading flour and general cargo Monday, she was visited by more than 100 Seattle shipping men and ship designers, for the vessel is said to be of the most improved diesel type.

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BUSY WEEK AHEAD FOR LOCAL DOCKS

Nine Sea-going Craft to Call and Clear in Scheduled Runs

Nine deep sea vessels are scheduled to pass through the port between now and Saturday. The O.S.K. liner Africa Maru, making port at Sunning late owing to heavy weather off the B.C. coast.

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LUMBER SHIPMENTS VIA PANAMA FELT IN EASTERN MARKET

Output From British Columbia and Pacific States Making Inroads

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Eastern Canada lumber trade has not had such a successful year as in previous years, according to a report made to the annual meeting of the Montreal Lumber Association yesterday by its president, D. H. McLennan.

SPOKEN WIRELESS

Spoken by wireless: December 14, 8 p.m., shipping: MINA BREA, abeam Tatoosh, for San Diego.

BARGES HOISTED WITHOUT CRANES

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BRITISH FREIGHTER LOST FUNNEL AT SEA AND IS RETURNING TO THIS PORT

Ss. Artemisia, Cleared From Victoria at 3.30 a.m. Sunday Reports Mishap 200 Miles Off Coast and is Returning to Victoria Under Own Steam; Had Grain Cargo for Orient.

With her funnel carried away in heavy weather outside the Cape the British freighter Artemisia, which cleared from Victoria at 3.30 a.m. Sunday for the Orient is now reported headed about and running for port here.

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A male passenger who required the presence of a doctor every twenty hours gave the Ruth Alexander a somewhat restless voyage from San Francisco to Victoria on the last run. The Ruth Alexander docked here at 1.30 a.m. to-day three hours late.

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Inspection Before Shipment Means Saving Here

In accordance with the negotiations between Canadian and Japanese authorities respecting the fumigation of all kinds of straw used in packing, the Japanese Government has appointed special officers who will fumigate cargoes previous to their departure from Japan, says an official announcement from the Japanese consulate at Vancouver.

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VESSEL MOVEMENTS

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MILL BAY FERRY

Table listing ferry schedules between Mill Bay and other locations, including times and fares.

C. & C. NANAIMO STAGE

Table listing stagecoach schedules between Nanaimo and other locations, including times and fares.

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO.

Table listing shipping schedules for Puget Sound Navigation Company, including ship names and routes.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART: OCEAN VESSELS TO ARRIVE and OCEAN VESSELS TO SAIL. Lists ship names, agents, and arrival/departure times.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS: Canadian Freighters, Canadian Highliner, Canadian Rover, etc. Lists ship names and destinations.

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS: For Vancouver, For Seattle, For Victoria. Lists ship names and routes.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET: Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1926.

TIDE TABLE: December. Time of high and low tides at Victoria, B.C.

THE GREAT EAST: The Historic and Picturesque Route. Through car service to Kansas City-Denver. Union Pacific System.

CHRISTMAS IN OLD COUNTRY: Travel to the Old Country is again made convenient for passengers this year through the special Yuletide train-to-ship service.

CANADIAN NATIONAL STEAMSHIPS: Steamship Princes' party will leave Vancouver every Monday at 8 p.m. for Stewart and Anxox.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS: "Continental Limited" leaves Vancouver 9:50 p.m. daily. Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal.

HEAD-FIX: SICK AND NERVOUS HEADACHES. No opiate or narcotic drugs. Vancouver Drug Co., Ltd., Special Agents.

NOW THE PLANE IS STAPLE MERCHANDISE—This Ford all-metal aeroplane flew from Detroit to the national air meet at Mitchell Field, Long Island, and became the central figure in the opening of the first aeroplane sales department in the history of department stores, becoming the property of the John Wamsnaker store. Its huge size is shown by comparison with the Sperry silver plane under its wing.



Established 1885 Closing Out Skating Outfits Hockey Boots \$4.95 to \$2.95 Skates \$3.95 to \$1.00 For the Whole Family MAYNARD'S SHOE STORE 549 Yates Street Phone 1232

Why Pay High Rates for Fire and Auto Insurance? See the Independent Agency and Save Money The National, Paris, Established 1890 Assets \$11,392,548 Provincial Limited, England, Established 1903 Assets \$2,605,000 The Cornhill Limited, England, Established 1905 Assets \$1,400,000 Northwestern National, Established 1869 Assets \$11,870,000 National-Ban Franklin, Pittsburgh, Est. 1861 Assets \$4,400,000 The Fire Insurance Company of Canada, Est. 1914 Assets \$ 801,148

JOHNSON & CO., General Agents Phone 1062 610 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C. Established 1903 December-Recital—Ladies' Musical Club EMPRESS HOTEL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8.15 P. M. Guest Tickets at Fletcher's and at the Door, 50c

Radio Fans Ask for Burgess Batteries Because They Are the Best. We Carry a Full Stock MURPHY ELECTRIC COMPANY 722 YATES STREET PHONE 120

717 YATES ST. FURNITURE ON EASY TERMS STANDARD FURNITURE CO. FIVE FLOORS OF FURNITURE

OBITUARY The remains of the late Alexander Ritchie, who passed away in Vancouver on December 13, reached the city this afternoon and are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel pending funeral arrangements. The late Mr. Ritchie was the youngest son of late James Ritchie, formerly of the City Waterworks Department, and was born in Cabotville, Quebec, forty years ago. He was service overseas during the Great War.

PRODUCERS ROCK & GRAVEL CO., LTD. Sand and Gravel For all purposes, graded and washed with fresh water. Largest Capacity in Canada 1902 Street Phone 505

EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FIR WOOD \$4.00 Per Cord Load Lemon, Gonnason Co. Ltd. Phone 77 234 Government St.

Shawnigan Lake Fir Wood In 4-foot lengths. Cheaper and Better than Cordwood. Cameron Wood and Coal Company Limited Phone 6000

SALE CHRISTMAS GIFTS GIVE SOMETHING USEFUL Select Your Grass Chairs Right Now! LEE DYE & CO. 715 View Street Phone 134

NEWS IN BRIEF The Spanish Conservative Association will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the Conservative rooms at the Campbell Building. A surface drain will be laid on Tolmie Avenue at a cost of \$1,350. The City Council last night authorized the work.

Eight per cent average increase given city staff Council Raises Almost All Permanent Employees' Pay Men Handle Responsibilities and Large Funds For Small Pay, Says Mayor

Ward Four Ratepayers Association of Saanich will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Tolmie school. Officers and candidates for municipal honors will be the programme.

Ernest Harris was fined \$10 in the city police court this morning for driving his motorcycle without a license. Harris pleaded that he owned two machines and that, one being out of commission, he had used his license plate on the other. He had lost his plate. He pleaded ignorance of the necessity of having a motorcycle registered.

Annual Meeting of Life Underwriters Work of Col. Lorne Ross Recognized by Presentation The Victoria and Island Life Underwriters' Association held its annual meeting at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday, when twenty-seven members sat down to dinner. A general discussion was held and nomination of officers took place for the coming year.

ISLAND FOXBREEDERS Take Prizes in Competition With Best Animals in West Vancouver Island foxbreeders firmly established the reputation of the island as a rapidly developing industry by their successes in the show held at Vancouver. Three island breeders carried off premier honors. W. W. Doyle, of the All-Star Ranch, Winnipeg, declined \$7,500 for a valuable male. Other island breeders also carried off prizes. The Hon. Douglas Bruce won honors for the best female silver black on Vancouver Island. W. Stephens of Courtenay also won a prize for Vancouver Island silver black.

EX-SHERIFF RICHARDS LAID TO REST TO-DAY A wealth of beautiful flowers and the attendance of many old friends marked the funeral to-day of Francis G. Richards, for over sixty years a resident of Victoria, and for twenty years its Sheriff. The simple services were conducted at the residence, 1900 Craigdarroch Road, by Rev. A. K. McMinn of the Metropolitan United Church, in the presence of the immediate family and intimate friends. Representatives of the A.O.F., the A.O.U.W., and the L.O.O.F., of which orders the late Mr. Richards was a highly esteemed member for many years, were among the many who followed the flower-covered hearse to Ross Bay Cemetery, where interment was made in the family plot. The pallbearers were: J. D. Yirinec, John Cochran, J. H. Baker, F. C. Patterson, R. Banister and W. H. Bullock-Webster.

DEATH IS TRAGEDY Regina, Dec. 15.—Grave fears are entertained by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strasser, of Regina, that the young man who was killed by a train five miles west of Revelstoke last Saturday. The Regina boy left home about a year ago and word of his whereabouts had not been received for some time.

LEGAL WEDNESDAY FOR COAL FIGHT Hearing in Arbutnot vs. West Coast Coal Mines Case Looms Ahead Four counsels, representing different interests in the many phases of the case of Arbutnot vs. West Coast Collieries Limited, appeared before Justice D. A. McDonald today, and in order to hasten the conclusion of arguments, a speedy hearing was directed.

W. J. Taylor, K.C. and K. C. McRae appeared on behalf of the assignees in bankruptcy of the Pacific Coal Company, and was directed to make issue of a writ in the proceedings immediately. R. P. Stockton, K.C. of Vancouver, appeared on behalf of the present owners of the property involved in the suit, and stated that the statement of claim is in preparation. Mr. McRae asserted, and was brought by W. E. Hodges, assignee.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE SHERIFF OF NANAIMO, in order to test his ability as a public officer, was conducted by Mr. Taylor conducted the proceedings. No helpful information could be given by the sheriff, who was asked that he had acted in the transaction merely as an auctioneer and that he had received no payment for the property, which was sold.

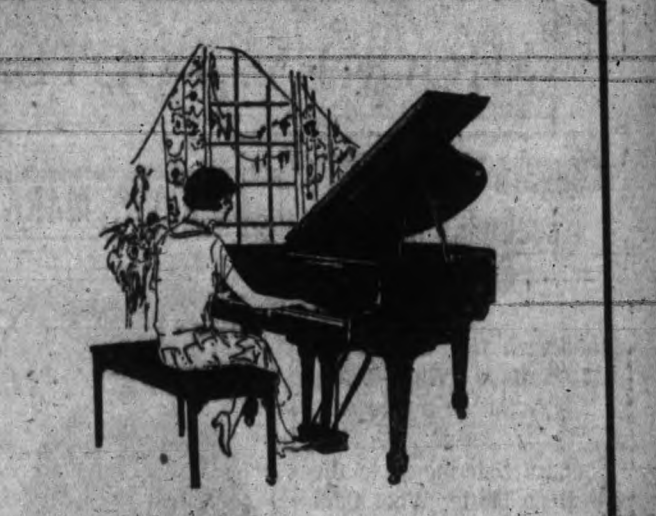
OLIVER ASKS HUGE LAND GRANTS TO AID DISPOSAL OR COMPLETION OF P.G.E. (Continued from page 1) As soon as the Legislature approves the Bill tabled to-day the Provincial Government will apply to the Dominion Government for Federal aid in each of the P.G.E. to the eastern boundary of British Columbia. The Federal Government will be asked specifically to donate the land which is unalienated portions of the Peace River block, and to make them available as subsidies for the P.G.E.

AFRICA MARU RAN THROUGH HEAVY SEA First of B.C.'s Pure Bred Cattle Landed Safely in Orient Dairy Industry in Far East Retarded Through Cattle Scurges

Looking at 12:30 p.m. to-day the liner Africa Maru completed one of the roughest trips of recent voyages with heavy winds and seas for the entire run. On board were 3,399 tons of raw silk and a fair general cargo for the Orient. The O.S.K. liner carried a total of 5,000 tons, including 5,000 pounds of oranges. Her master reported he sighted no vessel during the voyage, nor had any word been heard on the ship of either the West O'Leary or the Artemisia while crossing. The liner backed head winds for most of her voyage from Yokohama and ran something over a day behind schedule in consequence.

WANT IMMIGRATION One of the Government's first steps in handling the P.G.E. problem under its new policy will be to open negotiations with the Imperial Government to secure the lands set aside for the railway's use. Such an immigration movement, it is proposed, would form the real basis for the whole railway scheme. The exemption from taxation granted in respect of the P.G.E. lands applies for only twenty years. After that time the Bill restrains the P.G.E. from disposing of timber at prices lower than those received by the Government in its sales under the Forest Act.

G. A. Hardy of the Provincial Museum, lectured last night to the Natural History Society of this city on "The Urechis and Starfish." His talk was given at the Parliament Buildings before a large audience. The condition of the urechis, a starfish, was abundant on the Pacific Coast from Alaska to California, and in this territory there were over 85 varieties. The urechis, a starfish, was abundant on the Pacific Coast from Alaska to California, and in this territory there were over 85 varieties. The starfish, he said, fed upon hard shelled fish, which was not commonly known here, and the prey of few of the denizens of the sea.



The Ideal Grand For the Small Home What a Wonderful Gift It Would Make See the Brambach Miniature Grand Piano in one of our windows to-day. Step into our music rooms and test the amazing ease of its keyboard action—listen to its glorious tone. The Brambach Miniature Grand occupies only the same amount of floor space as the ordinary upright. Yet in beauty and fullness of tone it is on a par with most instruments of twice its size, at a price half as much again. Price on convenient terms. \$595 FLETCHER BROS. 1110 Douglas Street Open Every Saturday Evening Until Christmas

OVERNIGHT ENTRIES AT TIA JUANA First race—One mile. 91 Wracklane 95 Numamora 99 Stardust 111 Nona 112 Marie K 113 Cockrill 114 Kamehameha 115 Boone Beyer 116 Crossbow 118 Closs Rochester 119 Sixth race—Six furlongs. 82 Clermont Jr. 83 Brother John 84 Miss Emmert 85 Panny Decourcy 86 Jack Fairman 87 Queen Catherine 88 June Grass 89 Four-Overnight 90 Seventh race—One mile and seventy furlongs. 97 Darius 98 Solidmonte 99 Soaracore 100 Brothery Love 101 Cypress 102 Wood Lady 103 Ethel F 104 China 105 Billy Todd 106 Eighth race—Four and a half furlongs. 107 Bill McCloy 108 Little Shasta 109 Billy Dent 110 Llanym 111 Parnell Lad 112 Ballynew 113 Talltean 114 Dick Teppie 115 Queen Beas 116 Quannah 117 Pencie 118 Vanderburg 119 F. T. Churchill 120 Great Finisher 121 Mr. Ruby 122

PRairie WHEAT CROP TOTALS TO 432,529,000 BU. Figures for Three Provinces Are Issued in Government Crop Report To-day Ottawa, Dec. 15 (By R. F. Clark leased wire)—The Canadian government crop report to-day gives these figures: Three prairie provinces' wheat estimates 432,529,000 bushels. For the three prairie provinces the total values of five principal grains are as follows, with the last year's final figures in brackets: Wheat, 482,519,000 bu. (\$85,431,000). Oats, 110,510,000 bu. (\$7,754,000). Barley, 44,845,000 bu. (\$4,885,000). Rye, 1,441,000 bu. (\$1,615,000). Flax, 15,289,000 bu. (\$1,540,300). By provinces the totals are: Saskatchewan, 365,337,000 bu. (\$67,210,000). Alberta, 171,512,000 bu. (\$13,735,000). Manitoba, 113,919,000 bu. (\$18,000,000). Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The grain trade here is a little muted in opinion on the Canadian government crop report this afternoon, but good judges consider it bullish. Branston Violet Ray Christmas Gift with good health and happiness for the future. We will be pleased to demonstrate this Generator. Hawks & Hayward Electrical Quality and Service Since 1876. 1121 Douglas St., Cor. View Phone 610-221



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Bizarre background, pulsing drama, clean-cut characterization make the new Capitol Theatre offering...

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Capitol—'The Lady Who Lied,' Dominion—'The Midshipman,' Coliseum—'The Merry Widow,' Playhouse—'Father Goes to Work,' Columbia—'Ramshackle House,' Crystal Garden—'Sea Water Bathing.'

Physician, resulting in Fay's inclusion in the party also, the reason for Fay's sudden change of heart is revealed...

Your friends will be delighted to have you visit them in photograph if you cannot in person.

USUAL PRICES CAPITOL NOW SHOWING

'THE WOMAN WHO LIED' From Robt. Michens' Famous Novel, 'SNAKE BITE,' with VIRGINIA VALLI, LEWIS STONE and NITA NALDI

DOMINION THIS WEEK Ramon Novarro IN 'The Midshipman' Special Film—First Authentic Pictures Funeral of Queen Alexandra

ROYAL Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dec. 17, 18, 19

BARGAIN MATINEE SATURDAY First Transcontinental Tour of CAMERON MATTHEWS AND HIS DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH COMPANY 'THE DOVER ROAD'

On a Triumphant World Tour COMING SHORTLY William Heughan Unanimously Acclaimed by the World-wide Press

December 31—New Year's Eve Ball. Gent's \$1.00; Ladies, \$1.00; Including Supper and Favors GREAT SWIMMING GALA NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

WILLIAM T. POWELL DASTARDLY VILLAIN IN PLAYHOUSE FILM

William Powell is undecided whether to blame the climate or not, but he notices that California has a purifying effect on his screen performance.

'MERRY WIDOW' PUTS COLISEUM COMPANY ON TOP OF LADDER

The Coliseum Company this week firmly establishes its enviable reputation. 'The Merry Widow' provides scope for their outstanding talents.

YACHT WAS RANCHED DURING FILMING OF DOMINION SEA STORY

There are often more thrills during the filming of a photoplay than are actually seen in the finished product.

'FATHER GOES TO WORK' THE COMEDY EVENT OF THE YEAR

Probably the sincerest praise that can be given a star in that coming from his fellow-workers.

BETTY COMPSON IS POPULAR STAR WITH FELLOW FILM ACTORS

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ENGLISH COMPANY IN 'THE DOVER ROAD' AT ROYAL THIS WEEK

'The Dover Road,' which will be the offering of the Cameron Matthews-English Company at the Royal Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Dividend Night To-night—40 Cash Prizes 'Father Goes to Work' The Comedy Event of the Year

Betty Compson in 'RAMSHACKLE HOUSE' Mystery, Romance, Thrills Also MACK SENNETT COMEDY

COLUMBIA 'The Manicure Girl' Saturday Matinee

MURRAY STUDIO OF SOCIAL DANCING (Member National Inst. Social Dancing, New York)

ARENA SKATING Dec 14 to 19 EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT MONDAY, EVERY EVENING EXCEPT MONDAY AND FRIDAY

School Grounds To be Enlarged

The City Council last night approved the setting aside of reverted lots adjacent to the playgrounds of many of the city's schools.

Wm. Heughan, Actor-Singer, to Appear Here

It is announced that William Heughan, who has been described by the press throughout the world as 'the incomparable singer and actor,' will appear here during the first week in January.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAMMES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 CNRV (28) Vancouver, B.C. 7:30 p.m.—Bedtime stories by Aunt Ruby.

Internal and External Pains are promptly relieved by OS THOMAS' ECLECTIC OIL

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Wall Street

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 15, 1925

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Table of New York Stock Exchange prices for various stocks including Railroads, Industrials, and Bonds.

MARKED SHORTAGE OF JAP ORANGES

On the local wholesale row this morning it was announced that there would be a shortage of Japanese oranges for the Christmas demand.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 15—Confirmation of serious damage to the Argentine crop contained in an official government report, gave the wheat market here an upward swing to-day and a substantial advance was reported, ranging from 5/8c to 5/16c, December leading to close at 153 1/2 after touching a high of 154 1/4.

Retail Market

Table of retail market prices for various commodities such as flour, sugar, and other goods.

To-days Mining Markets

Winnipeg, Dec. 15 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Wheat: The strong cables from Liverpool and the Argentine Government confirming recent damage in the provinces of Santa Fe and Cordoba gave our market a very strong tone to-day.

METAL MARKETS

London, Dec. 15.—Standard copper, spot, 155 1/2; futures, 155 1/2; tin, spot, 277 1/2; futures, 277 1/2.

Cassia Gold Rush Yields \$7,500 Gold For 1925 Season

About \$7,500 in gold was produced, according to W. A. Johnston of the Geological Survey of Canada, from placers on Goldens Creek, Cassiar, British Columbia, during the summer of 1925.

Montreal Stocks

Table of Montreal stock market prices for various securities.

Wholesale Market

Table of wholesale market prices for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

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New York, Dec. 15 (By B.C. Bond Corporation's Direct Wall Street Wire)—The Wall Street Journal's stock market edition this afternoon said that the market was in good many ways since the rally crowded the industrial from the top to the extreme bottom of the industrial list.

Chicago, Dec. 15 (By B.C. Bond Corporation Direct Pit Wire)—Wheat: Opened higher on cables, estimate for Cordoba and Santa Fe. Full figures will be out to-morrow.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Dec. 15 (By R. P. Clark and Company)—Wheat: Extremely bullish crop advices put out by the Argentine Government.

Chicago Grain. Canadian sterling—Buying \$4.85 1/2, selling \$4.84 1/2. Japanese yen, 47.75 cents.

HAMBURG APPLE MARKET PROSPECTS. Prospects for the present season are for a larger total quantity of fruit for a larger total quantity of fruit.

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**The Faint Heart**  
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"Well—go! I'm not keeping you." "I know, but—"

He struck his clenched hands together. He could have fallen at her feet in his despair and wept. He broke out passionately:

"Why don't you say you hate me? I'm not worth a thought of yours. Why don't you tell me what a brute and a cad I am?" An outburst of anger would have been so much easier to bear, infinitely easier, than this quiet tearfulness.

But Babe only looked at him steadily as she answered:

"I told you I loved you, and I cannot change." She gave a half step forward as if to pass him, but Shayle blocked the narrow path, completely. "If you will try to forgive me," he said desperately. "Not now—you can't, I know, some day."

She tried to speak, her face working pitifully, but all she could say was:

"Why did you come back—that night? You didn't have to—and it wouldn't have been so bad—I can't say anything."

She looked at him with desperate eyes. She could not believe it, she simply could not. It was the truth that he had never loved her, he had lied! He had not even been sincere over his dear whispered words: "Good-night, my best beloved."

She had hugged those words close to her heart ever since, a precious possession, and they had just been hollow, empty sounding nothing! Her happiness and dreams were all dead, and yet with one last desperate hope she cried out, almost sobbing in her pain.

"Oh Shayle, Shayle, if there is anything you are keeping back, anything you are afraid to tell me, don't be afraid! I love you well enough to understand or to forgive anything, except when you say you never loved me. Oh, Shayle, I beg of you."

She was crying outright now, quietly and broken-heartedly, as if she were hurt beyond hope of relief. And for a moment Shayle wavered. Why not tell her the truth? They had had a part whatever happened. Why not tell her the truth?

Then, came revulsion of feeling. She would either despise him utterly, or else the knowledge of Lena would make no difference, and if it made no difference she would want to see him still, as he would want to see her. And that way temptation would be, and then perhaps some day—

No, no, far better to let her think he did not care. It would hurt her, but in the end it would help her to forget him. For a little while she would suffer, but in the end she would be glad. So he looked away from her, her heart breaking as he answered:

"There's nothing. It's kind of you, but I can't. Don't make it harder for me than it is." And now his voice rose wildly on a note of despair. "Don't make me hurt you more than I must."

That last cry might have told her a great deal, but she was past trying to understand, or search for hope. She had lost everything; her faith and belief in him were stricken to the ground, and when at last Shayle moved aside she stepped past him and he heard her sobbing as she fled away from the shadowy woods and out into the rain.

have you come here then, if it is not to ask me to kiss and be friends?" "I told you I came to ask what you intended doing?" "For the present, nothing! I am very comfortable here, and at least I shall be when I am entirely straight. That nice Smith boy has been helping me to put up curtains and pictures this afternoon." She laughed teasingly. "His father tells me you had the impertinence to give him my name as a reference of your respectability," Shayle said roughly. She laughed amusedly. "I did! Whom could I give better than my own husband?" Shayle took a threatening step forward, and she screamed in pretended fear. He drew back, breathing hard, his face white. He knew she was doing her best to aggravate him, and he felt it would soon be difficult to control himself. "The dear old colonel," she said, flippantly. "I made quite a conquest of him, Shayle, I can tell you. He is coming to tea to-morrow."

"Is he bringing his son?" Shayle asked with a sneer. She shook her head. "No, I keep that sort of friends apart." She held her hands to the warmth of the fire, and Shayle saw that she still wore her wedding ring, the ring which he had given her.

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Shayle waited till the sound of her light step had quite died away, then he went on, on through a world that had grown suddenly void and empty, tramping endless miles till night came, and the rain ceased, and pale stars blinked sleepily out from a cloudy sky, and another day had passed. Then he turned homeward towards the wet, deserted village, only checking his quick tramp when he came to Ivy Cottage, where Lena lived, his wife, the woman whom he hated with all his heart and soul.

He stood for a moment at her gate, looking up at the lighted windows, his heart burning with shame and aching with thwarted desire.

But for Lena he would have been happy now; but for Lena he would not have suffered the torture of seeing Babe in tears of hearing her appeal to him in vain.

The fault was Lena's, but so far as he had suffered, it was not justice. She, too, ought to share his punishment.

With a quick movement he pushed open the gate and walked up the path to the little house.

In reply to the knock, Lena herself opened the door. She was smoking a cigarette and was wearing a loose wrapper of some pink shade which to Shayle's masculine eye looked expensive.

She stared at him for a moment in surprise, then laughed lightly. "You! My dear Shayle! At this hour?"

He had forgotten the time. He had forgotten everything but his own despair, as he brushed past her at

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## HOUSE OPENS INQUIRY INTO INCREASE IN PRICES PAID BY GOVERNMENT TO BREWERS

**Attorney-General Charged in House With Giving Members False Information on Beer Buying; His Own Admissions Prove Davidson Not in Control of Liquor, Says Opposition; Manson Declares Price Increase Well Justified.**

After Attorney-General Manson had been openly accused of deliberately giving false information to the House, the Legislature last night ordered a complete inquiry by the Public Accounts Committee into the price which the Government is paying to British Columbia brewers for beer. Decision to refer this whole question to the Public Accounts Committee was based on the proposal of Premier Oliver as a compromise on C. F. Davis's demand for a select committee to make the inquiry. Mr. Davis opposed the Public Accounts Committee investigation on the ground that it would not have time to complete the work before the end of the session but the Premier's proposal was carried, twenty-four votes to twenty.

Mr. Manson, next turned to Mr. Davidson's charges that the Government had refused to accept tenders for beer at lower prices than it was paying now. When he began to read tenders from brewers, Mr. Davidson interjected that he was not interested in these as the low tenders he was referring to actually had been submitted by British Columbia firms.

Mr. Manson accordingly turned to the case of the Nanaimo Brewery, which Mr. Davidson had mentioned, and which Mr. Manson called the Lansdowne Brewery. While Mr. Davis had asserted that this concern had submitted beer tenders at lower figures than those paid by the Government, Mr. Manson sought to show that actually the concern had not paid any attention to letters to it.

**QUESTIONS EVASIED**  
In moving at the opening of the afternoon session for a select committee to inquire into the increase in the price of beer to the brewers, Mr. Manson was asked by Mr. Davidson whether the Government was prepared to accept the offer of the Nanaimo Brewery, \$100,000 would have saved this Province?

**EXPLAINS INCREASES**  
Mr. Manson replied to Mr. Davis's charges at the evening session. He gave the following exhaustive figures to show why the price of beer to the brewers had been raised from time to time, as a result, chiefly, of the increase in Federal excise tax.

**BEER PRICES**  
The Cowichan-Newcastle member next turned his attention to the actual price paid by the Government for beer. He said he had asked the Government whether it had made any arrangement whereby the prices paid for beer now had been made retroactive to the prices which were not retroactive. And yet, said Mr. Davis, on May 14, 1924, three months after the present price agreement had been entered into, according to Mr. Manson, the Government had decided to increase the price of beer—this increase to be retroactive from March 1.

**MEMBERS MISLED**  
"When the members of this House are misled they are entitled to have an investigation to show who was the misleader," he affirmed.

**EXORBITANT DEMANDS**  
"After consultation with the purchasing agent," Mr. Manson, "they were demanding an exorbitant price. There followed considerable haggling between them and the purchasing agent. Finally the brewers issued an ultimatum that their lowest price would be \$16.50. I was out of the city for a while at that time and the purchasing agent continued to pay the beer at the price of \$16.50. When I returned to the city the matter was submitted to me by the purchasing agent and by me to my colleagues and the price of \$16.50 was agreed to or rather confirmed."

**ORDINARY TRANSACTION**  
Mr. Manson described the increase in price to the brewers as a "perfectly regular transaction."

sales tax, the excise duties and delivery costs to certain central points in the Province. With these charges deducted from the gross profits the brewers' net receipts amounted to \$14.95 per barrel for pints and \$14.50 for quarts. Thus the actual net increase in price over the price paid when the Liquor Board was formed, he said, amounted to only 30 cents per barrel. The brewers, he added, had agreed to pay the tax and the Government should pay.

**PRAIRIE PRICES LOWER**  
"We found," he said, "that the brewers were paying more for their beer than we were. True, we were doing a larger business and were entitled to a lower price than they. The price that British Columbia is paying is lower than the price paid in any other province except Quebec. I think the price we are paying is reasonable. In Quebec they had the sale of beer in grocery stores like common merchandise. The population there is greater and the volume of business is greater than here. The price paid in Quebec to receive beer at lower prices than we are."

**MANSON CHANGES NEW MOTOR LAW**  
Deletes Clause Placing the Responsibility on Owners of "Drive Yourself" Firms

Conditions in the Motor Vehicle Act making proprietors of "Drive Yourself" establishments responsible for the damage committed by their clients, were deleted at the request of Attorney-General Manson.

Other minor changes were made in the Motor Act amendments which were stood over for further consideration. The point decided involves the disposal of motor fines. Under the amendments, when Provincial police officers secure a motorist for business and buying beer indiscriminately. At present the Liquor Commissioner is buying beer at a fair price.

**DEMANDS PENSIONS FOR B.C. TEACHERS**  
Neelands Wants Older Members of Profession Superannuated

After having quickly disposed of the dozen or more amendments to the Public Schools Act introduced by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education, the Legislature found itself yesterday not so able to deal with an amendment in regard to old age pensions for teachers brought forward by R. H. Neelands, Labor, South Vancouver.

**BEER "POISONOUS"**  
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**NO OBJECTION**  
"If the position of the Government is so very strong what objection has it to a special committee?" Mr. Davis demanded.

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On the subject of old age pensions generally and finally Dr. MacLean asked that further consideration of the amendment be adjourned until he had had time to weigh the merits of the proposed Labor amendment.

is disposed of, Dr. E. J. Rothwell has another on the other paper authorizing retiring allowances of \$600 a year for teachers who have been on the staff of the Province for thirty years.

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